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A TRIBUTE to DR. BARTON MORGAN

"Birds and Their Haunts" is the title of an illustrated talk to be presented by Dr. Barton Morgan at 7:30 pm. Tuesday, Oct. 29, in South Wing Auditorium of MacKay Hall, ISU. During the past 8 years, while on partial retirement from his long-time duties at ISU, he has actively been engaged in photographing American birds in their native habitat. This quest has led him to travel over 25,000 miles, from Minn. to Texas & Louisiana and from Utah and Arizona to Florida. Dr. Morgan estimates an equivalent of 1 year of full-time work is represented in this program. A number of rare and exotic American birds will be shown, including Whooping cranes, egrets, herons, hawks, and owls, plus many familiar songbirds. A total of 98 pairs of full-color slides will be shown, using 2 projectors, to allow simultaneous comparisons of males and females, young and adults, etc. Most of the photos were taken by Dr. Morgan, and the rest by Mrs. Morgan, who will assist in the presentation. Their equipment is of the highest quality including a 1000 mm. telephoto lens, for the ultimate in detail. He has had about 20 of his photos accepted for international competition, with several top winners. Each picture is truly a work of art. The discussion with the slides will include suggestion on attracting, feeding, befriending, and photographing birds. This is a new program, especially assembled for this occasion. The public is invited, at no cost. Let's try to have a really big turnout to enjoy this fine program and to demonstrate our appreciation to the Morgans for their dedicated efforts in photographing nature subjects for the benefit and enjoyment of all people. Let us make this event a fitting tribute

CALENDAR for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 pm., South Wing Audit., MacKay Hall, ISU. Dr. and Mrs. Barton Morgan will present their slide program on "Birds and Their Haunts". No business meeting.
Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 pm., Am. 124 Kildee Hall, ISU. regular meeting. Mrs. Dwight Brooke, Pres., and Mr. Wm. Boller, Field Trip Chairman of Des Moines Audubon, will discuss their organization and Audubon Bird Counts. Committee reports.
November Outing. To be discussed at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Cooperation with Des Moines Audubon

We are very happy to announce that 2 leaders of Des Moines Audubon have graciously agreed to attend our Nov. 14 meeting. They are Mrs. Dwight Brooke, Pres., and Mr. Wm. Boller, Field Trip Chairman. Mrs. Brooke will discuss the past and present activities and plans of their group. Mr. Boller will relate his experiences with Audubon Bird Counts and offer suggestions for such a project by our group. The Des Moines Society was organized in 1942 and has had a large no. of useful projects. They publish a very fine newsletter, The Warbler, copies of which we hope to have available for our members soon. Last spring, Mr. David Hurd, then Des Moines Audubon Pres., visited Ames to give an inspirational talk at a pre-organizational meeting. We fully appreciate these acts of good will. It will soon be our turn to reciprocate. One good chance will come on Tues., Nov. 19, when Des Moines Audubon is sponsoring a fine (cont'd on page 2) to these fine folks, as they so richly deserve. The Morgans are charter members of Ames Audubon, and he is a Director on the Executive Board.

Des Moines Audubon (continued)
 Program by Pete Peterson Jr., of Davenport, ed. of the Ia. Ornithological Union Publication. He will present an illustrated talk on Birds along the Miss. River. The meeting will be at Friends Meeting House, 4211 Grand Ave. We hope that a number of our members will be able to attend. We will discuss it further on Nov. 14. We hope we can further our cooperation with Des Moines Audubon, as well as with other Audubon groups in Ia. This would enable the Aud. views to be more effectively presented on vital conservation issues at the state level.

Committee Appointments

These were confirmed at the Oct. 7 Executive Board meeting and announced at our Oct. 15 meeting. They include the following: Librarian: Mrs. C.E. Sellers; Historian: Mrs. S. Hanselmann; Nature outings: Mrs. W.J. Miller; Winter Bird Feeding: Dr. and Mrs. B. Morgan; Nature Trails and Native Plants: D.K. Hoffman and Mrs. W. J. Miller; Bird Study and Counts: S. Hanselmann and D. C. Alftine; Conservation: N. Hamilton, K. Hawley, W.J. Miller, R. Pinneke, and G. Robinson; Telephone Publicity: Mrs. D.C. Alftine, Mrs. N. Hamilton, Mrs. S. Hanselmann, Mrs. D.K. Hoffman, and Mrs. C.E. Sellers; Delegates to Ames Conger, Council: Mrs. A. Elwell and B. Bereskin. New members will be assigned to the committee of their choice, if at all possible. The above appointments also were made on the basis of personal preference, except for a couple conflicts. Each committee and task is vital to the operation and continued growth of Ames Audubon. We hope to have several reports of committees at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Overflow Crowd for Dr. Weller

The program of Tues., Oct. 15, The Tundra World, presented by ISU Prof. M.W. Weller was a great success,

attendance-wise. An estimated 150 persons were packed into the inadequate room. An estimated 25-40 others were turned away, but most of these were students who were able to view it at a Zoology Club meeting. Dr. Weller had a most remarkable excursion in the far north and his photos and description were tops. It was one of the best programs of its kind in Ames recently. We are certainly grateful to Dr. Weller for it.

John J. Audubon's Prophecy

As early as 1826 John J. Audubon wrote: "A century hence... nature will have been robbed of many brilliant charms, the rivers will be tormented and turned away from their primitive courses, the hills will be levelled with the swamps... Scarce a magnolia will Louisiana possess, the timid deer will exist nowhere, fish will no longer abound in the rivers, the Eagle scarce ever alight, and these millions of lovely songsters be driven away or slain by man." All that has kept his prophecy from coming true in its entirety was the determination of Americans both in and out of Audubon Societies that they shall not occur. The original Aud. Soc. was formed in 1886 and a great tradition and heritage of dedicated public service to enlightened conservation has accumulated. We of Ames Audubon are proud to be a part of this national effort and are determined to carry on that tradition to the best of our abilities. Won't you help us by joining soon?

Ames Audubon Membership Classes

Adults: \$3. per person per year;
 Family: \$4.50 for all members of a single family; High school students (age 16 or older): \$1.50 per person;
 Junior membership (under age 16): \$1. per person per year.

Bring a friend to the next meeting.
 Ames High Prairie can be saved.