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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 10- 7:30 p.m. room 124 Kildee Hall, ISU. Important business meeting. All members are urged to attend. Door prize.

Thursday, January 16- 7:30 p.m. Kildee Auditorium, ISU. Public Forum on Dove Hunting in Iowa, sponsored by Ames Audubon. For details, see below. It promises to be a lively program. Come early and bring friends.

Tuesday, February 11- 7:30 p.m. room 124 Kildee Hall, ISU. Dr. C. Phillip Cox, ISU Statistician from England will show colored slides and discuss "Nature Trails in Olde England". You won't want to miss this.

Tentative date: Tuesday, March 11- Time and location not yet set.

Mr. Ben Vance, well-known and highly respected ISU Extension Horticulturist, will present an illustrated program on "Selection and Care of shrubs and trees to Attract Birds."

PUBLIC FORUM: SHOULD DOVES BE HUNTED IN IOWA?

On Thursday, January 16, Ames Audubon will sponsor a public forum on a timely conservation topic, on dove hunting. It will feature a panel of qualified speakers who will present a discussion-in-depth on this controversial subject. Robert J. Muncy, Leader of the Iowa Cooperative Fisheries Unit, will serve as moderator and director of the forum. Panel speakers will be Eugene D. Klomglan, Wilmer J. Miller, Robert Pinneke, and Ben Bereskin. Normand Hamilton, Ames Audubon Vice-President, will represent our group by calling the program to order and introducing the moderator.

Dr. Muncy, a native of Virginia, has had a distinguished career in the fields of wildlife and fisheries biology and management. He earned his PhD at Iowa State in 1957 and worked in these fields in Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, and Colorado before assuming his present duties at Iowa State in 1965. He agreed to serve as moderator when Dr. A. C. Haugen, who was to be moderator, was called to Washington on urgent business. Dr. Klomglan earned his PhD in Wildlife Biology at ISU in 1962. He has served with the Iowa Conservation Commission for about 8 years, and is presently directing the state's extensive wildlife research programs on pheasant, grouse, doves, and squirrel. He is the Iowa representative on the Midwest Migratory and Upland Game Commission. He will speak on "Wildlife Research and Regulatory Programs of the Iowa Conservation Commission." Dr. Miller grew up in Oklahoma where he started raising doves at age 12. He earned his PhD in Genetics and Zoology at Wisconsin and is widely known for his research on blood-typing various species of doves and their crosses. He will speak on the "Biology and Natural History of the Mourning Dove." He will also have a display of live doves at the program. Robert Pinneke has been Director of the Story County Conservation Board for 2 years, after work with the US Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and study in Wildlife Biology at Iowa State. Bob is a highly personable and capable young conservationist, and will speak on "Proposed Legislation and Justification for an Open Season on

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Doves." Ben Bereskin, a member of Ames Audubon, will not be acting as spokesman for Audubon but will speak as a private citizen on "Further Considerations on Dove Hunting." Colored slides will be shown by several speakers, including several by Dr. Barton Morgan, Audubon member. Full audience participation in a question-and-answer period also will be encouraged. This promises to be a lively and significant event so you won't want to miss it. If the weather cooperates, a large crowd is expected. So, come early and bring your friends. You won't be sorry.

A Successful Christmas Bird Count

An event of major significance in the Ames Audubon program occurred on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1968, when members of our group participated in the National Audubon Society annual Christmas Bird Counts throughout the country. Despite the miserable weather, a successful count was completed and a report will be sent to the national office for publication. Steve Hanselmann served as chairman of the committee and others who participated were David C. Alftine, Ben Bereskin, Normand Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, and Myron Swenson. Mrs. Steve (Diane) Hanselmann served as phone coordinator and assistant compiler. The areas covered included the University campus, various public parks and wooded areas in and around Ames, and along county roads. This project was a good example of member cooperation in research and recreation and hopefully blazed the trail for much more of the same in the months to come. The species and numbers of each sighted were: one rough-legged hawk, 1 marsh hawk, 7 ring-necked pheasants, 40 rock doves, 1 mourning dove, 7 yellow-shafted flickers, 6 red-bellied woodpeckers, 6 red-headed woodpeckers, 5 hairy woodpeckers, 18 downy woodpeckers, 45 horned larks, 30 bluejays, 28 common crows, 33 black-capped chickadees, 11 tufted titmouses, 17 white-breasted nuthatches, 9 red-breasted nuthatches, 1 brown creeper, 3 golden-crowned kinglets, 7 common grackles, 141 starlings, 23 cardinals, 5 purple finches, 67 American goldfinches, 185 slate-colored juncos, 5 lapland longspurs, 6 song sparrows, 1 fox sparrow, 236 tree sparrows, and 297 English sparrows.

Dr. Landers Launches Rachel Carson Memorial Lecture

The Rachel Carson Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Ames Audubon, had a stormy launching on Thursday, Dec. 12, with an outstanding program by Dr. Roger Landers, Iowa State Ecologist. He spoke on "The Environmental Crisis" and presented a thought-provoking film on the population explosion. His message was that the earth can be considered a space ship in which man and other life can survive if we adopt a more sane approach to our natural environment, including pollution and population control. Otherwise our doom is inevitable. An estimated standing-room-only crowd of 300 packed South Wing Auditorium of MacKay Hall, listened intently to his every word, and responded to the talk with great applause.

HATS OFF DEPARTMENT:

To Otto Knauth and the Des Moines register for the fine coverage of the Rachel Carson Lecture and to Red Riggs and the Ames Daily Tribune for featuring our Christmas Bird Count in an editorial on Jan. 9.

Just in: The National Audubon Society has notified Ames Audubon that we can sponsor 3 programs in the Audubon Wildlife Lecture series in Ames next fall and winter. More details later.