WELCOME. Arkansas Audubon Society, welcome again to Little Rock. Your host society, the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas is glad that you are here. We do not have many opportunities to say hello to our friends from all over the State and to our out-of-state members as well. We will try to show you a good time.

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, November 7, 5:00 p.m.: Meeting of all leaders and participants in the Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Counts at Perk Floyd’s to discuss the counts and to assign areas. Meeting will last two hours and Perk will furnish coffee. To get to Perk’s take the Pine Bluff Highway (U.S. 65) to Woodson Lateral (Exit 12). Turn right (west) on Woodson Lateral for one mile, then turn left (south) into the Lakeside Country Club entrance. Be sure to register at the clubhouse (lodge) as you go by. Follow the blacktop past the lodge and over the dam to the end of the blacktop, then turn left on the gravel road. Perk’s house is in sight, the second house on the right. Floyd sign on the house. Call 888-4252.

Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.: Board of Directors meeting at Chris Granger’s, 3 Holly Springs, Court, Little Rock. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of directors at this meeting.

Saturday, November 13: Field trip, to Lake Hamilton State Fish Hatchery. Meet at the hatchery at 9:30 a.m. All-day trip, bring lunch. Leader, Sam Slagle, 374-4978. Members of the Garland County Audubon Society are invited to attend.

Thursday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.: Annual meeting and potluck supper, in the Matkin Building at Aldersgate Camp, on Aldersgate Road. Bring food, silverware, and plates. The society will furnish beverages. Bring at least five of your best slides for the members’ slide program. Also bring something to hang on the birds’ Christmas tree at the Museum of Science. Directors will be elected at this meeting. To get to Aldersgate, go out 12th Street, which becomes Kanis Road, and turn left on Aldersgate Road, which is just before you cross over I-430; or go out I-630 to the end, turn left, on Shackleford Road, and left again on Kanis. Aldersgate Road is on the right, just after you cross over I-430. Areas will be assigned for the Little Rock Christmas Bird Count. Please make a special effort to bring children.

Saturday, December 18: Little Rock Christmas Bird Count. For information call Perk Floyd, chairman, at 888-4252.

Sunday, December 19: Lonoke Christmas Count, sponsored by the Arkansas Audubon Society. For information write Fred Burnside, 11 Apple Cave, Little Rock 72209.

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.: Board of Directors’ meeting at Chris Granger’s, 3 Holly Springs Court, Little Rock.

Saturday, January 15, 1983: Field trip to Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge. We will have a bus provided that we get 47 paid passengers. Price about $7.00 including children. Make reservations with Florence Mallard, 663-8803. Deadline for payment is January 9. Passenger pickup will be at Park Plaza near First Federal at 8:00 a.m. Other people meet at the headquarters on the refuge at noon. Bring lunch and wear warm clothes. We will be home by dark. We should see eagles, snow and Canada geese, possibly white-fronts, ducks, hawks, and longspurs. No refunds for no-shows.

1983 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES
COSPONSORED BY THE AUDUBON SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Speaker</th>
<th>Film Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday, Nov. 19</td>
<td>Ken Creed</td>
<td>WILD AND WONDERFUL ALASKA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, Jan. 21</td>
<td>Steve Maslowski</td>
<td>BARREN GROUND SUMMER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, Feb. 18</td>
<td>Allen King</td>
<td>ROMANCE OF THE WEST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, Mar. 4</td>
<td>Tom Sterling</td>
<td>VANCOUVER: ISLE OF WONDER</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Season ticket - adult $6.40; student $3.20. Single admission - adult, $2.00; student, $1.00. Groups - scout troops and school classes, 50¢ each. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

The films will be shown in the same place as last year, in the auditorium of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 West Markham Street at 7:45 p.m. Park cars in the State Mental Hospital parking lot (#2) directly across Hooper Drive from the Student Union. From Markham Street drive straight up Hooper Drive to its end, turn right, then immediately turn right again. The open gate to the lot is on your right. We thank the Commissioner of Mental Health Sciences for making the lot available.

No-host dinner with the speakers, at The Villa, 1510 S. University Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Call Henry Halberg at 663-1812 so that we may know how many to expect. The Society is very grateful to the University for cosponsoring the film series and for the use of the auditorium.

OTHER EVENTS

October 29-31: Fall meeting of the State Audubon Society, at Arkansas Four-H Center, Ferndale, just west of Little Rock. The ASCA is the host society. For information about registration call 663-8803 or 227-0528.

November 4-7: Annual meeting (the 100th) of the American Ornithologists’ Union, at Chicago.
December 18, 1982 to January 2, 1983: There will be Christmas Counts at the following places in Arkansas: Arkadelphia, Buffalo Point, Conway, El Dorado, Fairfield Bay, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Hot Springs Village, Jonesboro, Georgia-Pacific (Crossett), Lake Millwood, Little Rock, Lonoke, Lost Valley, Magnolia, Mena, Pine Bluff, Texarkana, Village Creek State Park, and White River Refuge NWR. Information about the counts will be given in the December 15 issue of the Arkansas Audubon Society Newsletter, or look up the leader of last year's count in American Birds.


CHAPTER NEWS

We have a word from our president, Chris Granger:

I know that fall is here. Bluebirds are eating pokeberries in my yard and I have heard geese honking above the clouds. What an exciting time. I hope you are enjoying fall colors and the return of our feathered friends from the north.

Thank you for the support given at the recent Corps of Engineers hearing concerning the Lake Faulkner Drainage Project. Letters were written, many phone calls made and a special mailing sent to members. No decision on whether to issue a permit has come from the Corps of Engineers at this time.

Fall brings special activities too. The fall meeting of Arkansas State Audubon (Oct. 29-31) offers many interesting field trips, workshops and speakers. What a super meeting place too - the 4-H Center at Ferndale. Register now; call 227-0258 or 663-8803.

Also highlighting fall is the Wildlife Film Series. Support these excellent films and have dinner with the speaker at the Villa before the film. Call 663-1812 for dinner reservations.

Congratulations to Jeanne Jackson and Mark Lester on fledgling son Ted (Edward Andrew). Jeanne says that they are working out a schedule - Ted's.

And congratulations to Tory Young who had a 9 lb. 11 oz. baby boy last Friday (October 8). C.G.

Florence Mallard attended National's "Leadership Workshop" in Washington September 19-24 where she was introduced to the intricacies of government and how to lobby. Florence wrote a fine letter to the editor of the Gazette (October 2) about her trip. And here is her report:

The National Audubon Washington Office has a great crew working on environmental issues for us all. Getting an invitation to participate in their grass-roots lobbying workshop was exciting. Thanks to the previous class we were well prepared with advance information. Our education continued throughout the week; from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. we were introduced to Washington from the inside. We were taught to ride the Metro; walk Pennsylvania Avenue from the National Audubon Office to Capitol Hill; and get around the Capitol Building and the various office buildings.

There were 18 participants in our workshop, from all sections of the nation. We were all surprised at the offensive, derogatory remarks of a staff person of the House Appropriations Committee; we expected the double-talk at the Environmental Protection Agency; were concerned about the "no information" speech at the Office of Management and Budget, and were puzzled at the Army Corps of Engineers' "this is the way it is" routine.

While we were eating excellent meals in the interesting restaurants all over town we were learning about environmental issues, listening to a Senator or Congressman discuss them or hearing about legislative procedures from those who use them. The Happy Hours were opportunities to meet George Alderson, one of the authors of our pre-conference book How You Can Influence Congress, or talking to one of the environmentalists in the Carter administration.

Then the day arrived when I was to lobby our men in Washington. At that point a very concise telegram arrived from Ellen Neaville who had attended a previous workshop and knew the fear of the moment. Even that did not prepare me for visiting their offices. My nervousness was compounded in Senator Bumpers' office, but thanks to Linda, Polly, Susan and Tim, I survived. They steered me to a ride on the Capitol Subway, a visit to the Senate at the time of the cloture vote when I was able to see first hand all the Senators and Senator Bumpers' altercation with Senator Helms. In Senator Pryor's office I expressed concern for Lake Chicot and he asked Sidney, his environmental aid, to check on it. It works! Congressman Bethune was concerned about the money involved in the Garrison Project, Ten-Tom and Clinch River. He indicated he was going to change his vote on these issues. He also discussed Flat Top Pinnacle Mountain area, and his concern for it.

There is no substitute for hearing Dr. Russ Peterson testify against oil leasing in wilderness areas and Brock Evans testify on environmental issues, then read about it next morning in the Post, all the time thinking, "I saw that happen." Incidentally, Connie Mahan (our sponsor for the week) pointed out Raymond Burr in one of the hearings (I just missed hearing him).

We can be proud of our congressional delegation and our Washington Audubon folks. They are knowledgeable and hard working. The Washington Audubon Office has the respect of the political arm of our government and that respect made our stay much more productive.

If you have the good fortune to be invited to a lobbying workshop, take your running shoes and go! Plans are in the making for a lobbying workshop in Little Rock. Let me know if you are interested in doing something about the threats to our environment. The threats are real, and near at hand!

F.M.

At the September meeting it was voted to expend enough money to buy prizes and for incidental expenses for a poster contest in the schools. Anita Thurmond will be chairman of the committee to run the contest, for fifth graders in the Little Rock schools. The contest will be held in January and the subject will be "An owl in action." For details call Anita Thurmond at 227-7739.
At the September meeting the Halbergs talked about their bird trip to Panama. "The Resplendent Quetzal was the Grail, of course, a pair of which posed for us in a tree 500 feet away, in a rain forest at 2,100 meters, excuse me, 7,000 feet. The birds, of course, were all they should be, such as 54 kinds of tanagers. The animals were as interesting as the birds. When a howler monkey howls, be HOWLS. I shall probably never see a nocturnal porcupine with a prehensile tail or a two-toed sloth. The US Army was a little nonplussed when we told them we were "howling." They were holding manoeuvres in the Canal Zone, by permission of the Republic of Panama. The Britisher in our party, from Toronto, remarked, 'Well, we have lost all our colonies, why shouldn't you lose some of yours.' It had never occurred to me that the Canal Zone was simply a colony of ours, but, in the eyes of the world, that is exactly what it was."

The B'n B Club has been at it again. See Roberta's report under Bird News. And Sam Slagle has information about Christmas Counts, also in Bird News.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Frank M. Brown, 7 Broadview Dr.
Mrs. Louise S. Glaisher, 1114 N. Polk
Ms. Cynthia Crawford, 610 Shamrock
Ms. Beverly Ann Cross, Rte. 1 Box 66-A, Roland
C. Arnold & Mary Edwards, 420 Del Rio Dr.
A.A. Hansen, 110k S. Schiller
R.C. Hartlieb, Jr., 31 Sunset Dr., NLR
Frank Henwood, 8400 Leatrice Dr., NLR

Darcy Howard, 16000 Viney Woods, Mahatmae
Mrs. M.L. Jacobson, 4 Lemoncrest Pl.
John L. Kemple, 6816 Shamrock Dr.
David O'Dell, 7000 Cloverdale
Dr. Joe B. Pevahouse, 2412 N. Fillmore
Charles Rigby, 2024 Spring St.
James Rowell, Jr., 901 W. 51, NLR.
Ms. Martha B. Smith, 206 East 16th, Hope

CONSERVATION

Breathing may improve, wilderness may continue to be wilderness a little longer and pesticides may continue to be controlled following actions by Congress in August. Conservationists and the people won major rounds in the continuing struggle, due to favorable legislation on clean air, wilderness protection and pesticide control.

However, the NRC brought the Clinch River breeder reactor back to life with a 3-1 vote, the votes to revive the project being cast by Reagan appointees. The Commission also voted to exempt the Energy Department from some license procedures that have not been completed. According to Audubon sources, the Administration wants to spend $252 million on the Clinch River project, more than twice that proposed for all federal solar and energy conservation research and development.

Wetlands, so important to birds and other wildlife as well as to man, have been protected by a permit system established under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. More than 600,000 acres of wetlands would have been destroyed in 1981 if the Corps of Engineers, which administers the program, had approved all applications to dredge or fill wetland areas. Some 300,000 acres were altered under the permit process.

The Reagan Administration believes the present permit system is another case of excessive regulation, thus new regulations have been issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army reducing the role of the Corps in wetlands protection, and the role of other federal agencies as well. Importantly, there is no longer the opportunity for review of projects involving wetlands on a site by site basis.

Agreement was evident when one spokesman said, "The public wants strong environmental protection laws - and election day is not far away." VOTES COUNT!

Action Please • Stop the Budget Cuts! Environmental protection will be weakened or further dismantled unless Administration proposals for cutting funds from important environmental programs are overcome. The appropriation bill involving the EPA is due on the House floor this month with EPA's budget $1,086 million, about 20% below last year. The Administration proposed to cut an additional $961 million but House Committee action resulted in a compromise of $1,033 million, a cut of $53 million.

An Audubon spokesman said, "Cuts that are destroying this key agency (EPA) must be recognized for what they are and the continued reduction of funds must be stopped. Further, additional funds must be allocated to EPA so it can function effectively."

Write or Call your Representative, urge support of the amendments and oppose any further EPA budget cuts, at House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515. Do it today!

(by Al McNabney in The Quill, Mt. Diablo (Cal.) A.S., Oct., 1982)

State Legislature to address Arkansas joining regional disposal of radioactive wastes: A federal law of 1981 makes each state responsible for disposal of its commercial low-level radioactive wastes. Arkansas currently sends these wastes to a site in South Carolina, which site will close its gates to all others by January 1986. At that time Arkansas must either dispose of its own wastes or enter into a multi-state agreement for operation of a regional disposal facility. This facility would accept wastes from all the states that have signed the agreement. Arkansas has negotiated a regional agreement with eight other states which must be approved by each state legislature. The Arkansas Legislature will address the matter in January.

The containment period for low-level radioactive waste ranges from 30 to 100 years. Such wastes are generated by nuclear power facilities, medical campuses, hospitals, and others. More than 95 percent of the wastes generated in Arkansas result from operation of A&P's nuclear plant. The disposal technique involves compacting waste materials, placing them in protective canisters, and burying them in shallow trenches that can be monitored and maintained.

I represent the Arkansas Conservation Commission on the Governor's Advisory Group on Low-Level Radioactive Waste. State officials keep this group abreast of negotiations for the regional agreement, and I have made several recommendations to the group and the state. As legislative committees begin to consider the agreement, I continue to have reservations about several of its provisions.
The key to the agreement is that Arkansas could be chosen as the host state to receive wastes from the eight other states. A regional commission will decide in which state to locate the disposal site after a review by private disposal companies of all proposed sites. State officials consider use of a regional facility a good idea because (1) the per-unit cost of disposal at a regional facility should be less than at a facility that disposes of Arkansas wastes only and (2) a disposal site in another state may be chosen.

This is an important issue and will quite likely become very controversial. If anyone wishes to learn more about it or to work with me please call me at 372-5809.

Scott Trotter

Clinton supports law to protect plant and non-game animal species: Gubernatorial candidate Bill Clinton and Governor Frank White have responded to a political questionnaire submitted by the Conservation Coalition. Here are the highlights:

(1) Both support improving Arkansas River water quality, especially multi-state efforts to reduce salinity;

(2) Clinton supports increased use of state revenue bonds for water and sewer projects; White urges better maintenance of sewer facilities and "improved funding opportunities" for sewer projects;

(3) White believes the cost of environmental programs can be reduced, without adverse effects, by "shifting federal resources and authorities to the states;" Clinton sees environmental enforcement problems if Washington "fails to meet its responsibilities," and urges more environmental education to bolster public support for funding of environmental programs;

(4) Clinton supports legislation for a voluntary checkoff on state tax returns for protection of plant and non-game animal species; White was non-committal on this subject;

(5) Both candidates say that environmental protection and economic growth can go hand in hand.

The responses by both candidates tended to be general. However, Clinton's support of a voluntary tax checkoff for protection of plant and non-game animal species is a concrete legislative proposal supported by many environmentalists.

Scott Trotter

Proposed Wilderness in the White River National Wildlife Refuge: Portions of the White River Refuge were recommended for wilderness designation in 1974 as mandated by the Wilderness Act of 1964. These areas are still in the "proposa"l stage. Only an act of Congress can place these areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System. With your assistance these areas can be protected for the enjoyment of generations to come.

The refuge encompasses a very fragile and unique ecosystem. Much of the area is bottomland hardwoods which are managed to provide a haven for many species of native wildlife and for thousands of migratory waterfowl.

The refuge has been described as a "managed wilderness" because the area is intensively managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (To me this means much lumbering. Ed.) However, since the primary purpose of the refuge is conservation and preservation of fish and wildlife, designation of certain areas as wilderness would improve the quality of the preserve. Conservationists have proposed two areas for wilderness, the USF&amp;WS proposals are much more conservative. The two areas are located in the Scrubgrass Research Area and are near Swan Lake.

To help you should write your congressman expressing your desire to have parts of the refuge designated as wilderness. The letter should suggest that legislation be introduced that would lead to the eventual incorporation of the areas into the National Wilderness Preservation System. Letters to both Senators are also needed. And do not forget to write your local newspaper editor. Your support is needed so that parts of the White River Refuge will be permanently preserved in a primitive state. (Adapted from a Wilderness Alert from the Atlanta Regional Office of the Wilderness Society, Oct. 1982)

BIRD NEWS

Christmas Counts: The National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Counts are now in their eighty-third year. The first one was held in 1900, on Christmas Day, as were the first few. Hence the name. From a few counts at the beginning, the number has risen to about 1,400 in all 50 states, Canada, Middle America, the West Indies, and South America (1). There were 19 counts in Arkansas in 1981, the oldest of which, Texarkana, was started in 1939. The Little Rock Count was started in 1954. The purpose of the census is to provide information on the number of individuals of each bird species present and their distribution. The data are published in American Birds. This information, along with data on weather, food supply, changes in the ecology, and other factors, is used in ornithological studies and researches.

A count covers the area within a circle that has a 15-mile diameter, and must have a duration of at least eight hours and not more than 24 hours. It must be held during a period of about 16 days at the end of the year. This year the period is from December 18, 1982 through January 2, 1983. The Little Rock Count will be held on Saturday, December 18, within a circle whose center is at the point where the Mo-Pac RR crosses West Fourth Street in North Little Rock, as in past years.

Our society conducts the Little Rock Count, which will be discussed at the December meeting. Party assignments will be made at a special meeting November 7. We are in need of all the help we can get, so if you want to participate, call Perk Floyd at 888-4252.

The Lonoke Christmas Count, run by the Arkansas Audubon Society, will be held on Sunday, December 19. If you wish to participate, contact Fred Burnside, 11 Apple Cove, Little Rock 72209 and come to the special meeting at Perk Floyd's on November 7.

Sam Slagle
The B ’n B Club goes on a field trip: Vivian Ferguson, Charlotte Wallace, Kitty Jones, Jane Gulley, Marion Molnar, Amelia Mettairer, Florence Mallard and Roberta Crabtree, members of the B ’n B Group, the Tuesday morning birdwatchers, took an overnight field trip to Millwood Lake October 5-6. On their way they stopped for lunch at Lake Hamilton Fish Hatchery and to observe ducks, herons and egrets.

Two highlights of the trip were a delicious lakeside catfish dinner with all the trimmings and “owing,” using a tape recorder to attract great-horned, barred and screech owls. Some of the other birds seen at Millwood were cormorant, American avocet, northern phalarope, osprey, and Caspian tern.

The trip remained eventful even on the way home when the lead car had a close encounter with three beautiful, fat and sleek deer hurdling across Interstate 30 near Prescott.

Anyone interested in birdwatching with the B ’n B Group is invited to do so. Call 663-8803 or 753-1723 for details.

Roberta Crabtree

On September 2 Lois Drysdale of Little Rock saw an all-white house sparrow, and on September 9 WadeBracket saw 400 migrating hawks, presumably broadwings, from Club Road in the Heights section of Little Rock. On the 13th Mrs. John Mathews of Little Rock saw two yellow-billed cuckoos, and on the 18th Constance Hertzog of Conway described precisely what must have been an olive-sided flycatcher and a chestnut-sided warbler. Don Mc Cutch eon of Benton called to report that he had found an injured caprimulgiform. On October 2 the Halbergs saw three immature and one adult snow goose on Pauline’s pond near Furlow in Lonoke County, and about 200 lesser yellowlegs. They also saw a yellow-billed cuckoo while driving down Cantrell Hill in Little Rock on October 10.

Thanks to an article by Guinda Reeves in the Sunday Democrat, we have received 80 letters asking for information about hummingbirds and feeding birds in winter. Each was sent a Snipe, an application to join, and a “green sheet.”

September brought many requests about when to take in hummingbird feeders. (October 1 or when the flowers are gone, whichever comes first.—Ed.) Richard Allin, in his Our Town Column in the Gazette, had a lot of fun describing his “gray hummer with the white collar.” We suspect that the “gray” was really a dusky brown. Many people reported the Allin hummer, but the one we believed was the following, and we quote: “Of course there is a gray, ring-necked hummingbird,” Mc Millan wrote reassuringly the other day. “Just two years ago in March, I was fishing in the Middlefork area of Greer’s Ferry Lake, and a gray, ring-neck hummingbird (the Allin’s gray—Ed.) flew into my boat with a big worm in his mouth. I took the worm and caught a 27-pound, seven and one-half ounces widemouth...” (Arkansas Gazette 9/25/82) This is of course an important expansion of the summer range of the Allin’s gray. Prior to the above report we had always considered its sole range in Arkansas to be an area of about 1/4 acres at the northeast corner of Louisiana and Third Streets in Little Rock. The scientific name bothers us too. Allin’s gray is a good English common name, but nowhere in the literature do I find Allinornis allini. I go along with allini, but Allinornis is obviously a new genus, and monotypic at that. Mr. Allin is to be congratulated. Let us hope for an invasion in 1983.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

It is important to join through the local chapter, the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, so your dollars can support the programs in Arkansas. To speed your membership along, complete the coupon below.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Check the Membership You Desire (includes Audubon Magazine)

☐ Individual ................. $25.00 per year
☐ Family ................. $32.00 per year
☐ Sustaining ................. $50.00 per year
☐ Student ................. $15.00 per year
☐ Family ................. $20.00 per year
☐ Sustaining ................. $35.00 per year
☐ Student ................. $12.00 per year
☐ Renewal ................. $17.00 per year

Name (Please Print): ____________________________

Address ____________________________

City __________ State _______ Zip ________

Your NAS membership number (renewals only) ____________________________

Local Chapter: Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, NAS #0401

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society.

Join the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas and automatically become a member of National Audubon Society. You will receive the bi-monthly AUDUBON magazine and the SNIP, published from time to time by The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas.

New members send application to Richard A. Pyburn, Treas., ASCA, 2 Granite Court, Maumelle, AR 72118.

COMMUNICATIONS

Maria Sylvester's new address is 11466 Seventh Ave., Edmonton, Alberta Canada T6G0EB. Hello Maria, my best regards to you and Jerry.

The Flight of the Condor: A pictorial series on Educational TV at 7:00 p.m. Sundays of the earth's great environmental mysteries. Plants, animals, birds, mountain glaciers, and so on, in different parts of the world. The first was the Andes from Tierra del Fuego to northern Chile.

Rick Gaoter, the English environmentalist who was in Arkansas for several months has written Bill Shepherd to say that he is still with the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, in Gloucestershire. He and Beverly are expecting their second child in the spring.

The telephone number of the Museum of Science and History is now 375-3521.

Smart! There was a news release that the black-footed ferret had been discovered near Meeteeetse (WY) last November. The ferret is North America's most endangered and rarest animal. It had not been seen for years. A group of ranchers in northern Converse County reasoned that if a black-footed ferret were found in their region they would become an instant national park, so they hired an extermination outfit out of Sheridan and exterminated all the prairie dog towns in their area. To those of who would ask whether this was done on private or public lands one would answer, don't be silly with such nonsense. (Plains and peaks, Murie AS, Casper, WY v. 16 No. 6)

Thanks to Roger Freeze and Balfour Printing Co.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS:
President: Chris Granger, 3 Holly Springs Ct., LR 72212, 227-0258
Vice-President: Scott Trotter, 5 Longfellow Lane, LR 72207, 666-6257
Secretary: Barbara Shultz, 11 Glenridge, LR 72207, 225-2233
Treasurer: Richard A. Pyburn, 2 Granite Ct., Maumelle 72118, 851-4700
Editor: Henry N. Halberg, 5809 N. Country Club, LR 72207, 663-1812

DIRECTORS:
Fred Burside, 11 Apple Cove, LR 72209
Fred Greenwood, Rte. 3 Box 333A, LR 72211, 821-4322
Catherine H. Hamilton, 7219 Richmond, LR 72207, 666-1036
Randy Johnson, Rte. 1 Box 36, Roland 72135, 868-5806
Florence Mallard, 2924 Dalewood, LR 72207, 663-8803
William M. Shepherd, Jr., 2125 Broadway, LR 72206, 375-3918
Mel White, 311 S. Cedar, LR 72205, 664-8786

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
Field Trips: Sam Stagle, 2508 Wolfe, LR 72206, 374-4978
Florence Mallard, 2924 Dalewood, LR 72207, 663-8803
Wildlife Films: Jeanne Jackson, 113 Ridgeley, LR 72205, 663-9201
Education: Anita Thumond, 2521 Vancouver, LR 72204, 227-7739
Youth Activities: Anita Thurmond, 2521 Vancouver, LR 72204, 227-7739
Conservation: Position Open
Membership: Amelia Metrauher, 1404 Kavanaugh, LR 72205, 663-0441
Publicity: Position Open
Hospitality: Cheryl Floyd, 700 No. Polk, LR 72205, 666-8939
Telephone: Myrtle Skees, 7710 Briarwood Cir., LR 72205, 225-0964
Christmas Census: E. P. Floyd, 16 Lakeside Dr., Hensley 72065, 888-4225

SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN
Congressman Bill Alexander, 201 CHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-4076; 320 FOB, Batesville, 211 A FOB, Jonesboro
Beryl Anthony, 213 CHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-3772; P.O. Box 2021, El Dorado; FOB, Pine Bluff
Ed Bethune, 1533 LHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-2506; 1527 FOB, LR (378-5941); New County Bldg., Scarya

Deadline for next Snipe December 10

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS
5809 NORTH COUNTRY CLUB BLVD.
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72207

Henry Halberg, Editor

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
PERMIT NO. 2113