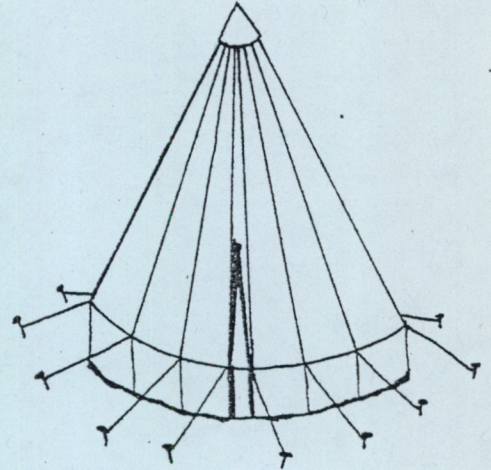


NEWS AND NOTES

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP. The Canadian Nature Federation has recently announced plans for a Youth Leadership Camp to be held in the Ministick Hills south east of Edmonton, Alberta during the summer of 1980. Dates are not yet finalized but the camp will take place for 3 weeks between mid July and mid August. CNF will pay all costs associated with air travel, accommodation and instruction. Activities at the camp will include development of naturalist skills such as plant and animal identification; nature photography and sketching; soil, water and air testing; record keeping; interpretation of environmental relationships; and the development of an ethical environmental philosophy. Participants must be 17 or 18 years old, have leadership potential and a demonstrated naturalist interest and ability. The NHS of P.E.I. has been asked to select one participant from this province. If you are interested or know someone who might be, contact Winifred Cairns or Margaret Mallett (see phone numbers and addresses inside front cover). Deadline is January 15, 1980.



DECEMBER MEETING REPORT. The presentation of a \$1500 cheque to the Island Nature Trust highlighted the December 4th meeting. The presentation was made by Winston Johnston on behalf of the NHS and was accepted by Ian MacQuarrie for the Nature Trust. In his remarks Dr. MacQuarrie outlined the activity of the International Biological Program (IBP) in the late 1960's which identified and recommended protection for 14 natural areas on the Island. The Natural Areas Advisory Committee later recommended protection for an additional number of sites. In the last 10 years only the Townsend's woodlot site at Harmony Junction has received full protection. Several other areas are partially protected by virtue of already being within park boundaries. However one-quarter to one-half of the sites have been disturbed and several have been destroyed since they were originally identified as candidates for protection. Many others, especially sand dune systems are now threatened. Sand-mining at Black Pond has caused destabilization and the dunes there are on the move. A proposed 300 lot sub-division currently threatens the unique dunes and wetlands of the Greenwich-Cable Head area. Dr. MacQuarrie feels that if something significant is not done soon most of the designated natural areas won't be worth preserving in ten years time. The realization that ownership is the only sure way to protect natural areas, led to the formation of the Island Nature Trust earlier this year. The Trust is at present working towards acquisition of the Deroche Point site. Membership in the Island Nature Trust is available by contacting Bruce Smith (res.: 36 Belvedere Ave., Ch'town; bus.: c/o Dept. of Tourism, Parks and Conservation, Box 2000, Ch'town). Membership fee is \$5.00.