

NEWS AND NOTES

APRIL MEETING REPORT. The April 3, 1984 meeting of the NHS was held in the Provincial Health Building, Room 47, with approximately 40 people in attendance. Business for the evening included announcements of upcoming events and field trips, distribution of 'stop acid rain' bumper stickers, and a request for volunteers needed to clip natural history related articles from local newspapers for the society's files. Phil Michael of Parks Canada showed a just-released video on Piping Plovers in the P.E.I. National Park and discussed the park's management policy for this species. The speaker for the evening was U.P.E.I. biology professor, Dr. Lawson Drake, who spoke on the fascinating subject of the biology of bumblebees.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS. The 1984 winners of the Natural History prizes at the Science Fair are: Junior (grades 4,5,6) - Charity MacDougall for "Acid Snow" (grade 4, Elm St. School, Summerside), Bethany Crane for "Wild Oats" (grade 6, Alberton), Victor Wright for "Hummingbirds" (grade 5, Montague Consolidated); Intermediate (grades 7,8,9) - Christie MacDougall for "Rainbows" (grade 7, Summerside), Carolyn Davison for "The Greenhouse Effect" (grade 9, Kensington), Graeme Belyea for "Effects of Abnormal Radiation on Plants" (grade 7, Queen Charlotte, Charlottetown); Senior (grades 10,11,12) Greg Weeks for "Acid Rain" (grade 10, Kensington).

PHOTO WORKSHOP. The eight members who attended the all day nature photography course by André Bard reported it to be a most excellent session covering all possible aspects of the topic - types of cameras, mechanics, lenses, filters, film, technique, etc., etc. The presentations were also illustrated by top-quality slides. Warmest thanks to André for a most worthwhile day.

SUMMER PLANS FOR THE I.T.C.L. (International Trust for Constructive Living). The islands of Herring and Thomas in the Murray Harbour and the land known as Sharam Point (lying beyond Fantasyland Provincial Park) belong to ex-British army colonel, Pat Wootton and his wife, Ann. This area will provide a center for the P.E.I. Branch of the I.T.C.L. which was founded by Pat on a little island known as Lihou, off the coast of Guernsey in the Channel Islands in 1965. At a recent meeting of the branch's committee, it was agreed that during the summer a detailed survey of the two islands should be carried out to determine the needs for wildlife preservation, and for ecological studies which young people could undertake in the future. The committee is therefore looking for volunteers experienced in the various fields of scientific and wildlife interest such as plant or marine biologists, ornithologists, forestry advisors, etc. It has been proposed that these study groups would take place at weekends and for longer periods in July and August. Pat Wootton (569-3048) will be co-ordinating the various projects and can provide more information on the activities. The first weekend in June has been scheduled for a visit by the Island Nature Trust to Sharam Point at the invitation of the Wootton family, when Pat Wootton will be able to describe his plans more fully for the youth venture and for his center for alternative technology and self sufficiency. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Meet at the Wootton's at Sharam Point Sat., June 2 at 3 p.m.

MARITIMES NEST RECORDS SCHEME. All interested naturalists are invited to take part in this program of collecting data on nesting birds. This simply involves recording data on any birds nests you happen to discover this spring and summer. Data cards will be available at the May meeting or by contacting Winnie Cairns.