

NEWS AND NOTES

APRIL MEETING REPORT. About 40 people attended the April 5th meeting. Science Fair judges were appointed and entries were requested for the slide contest. Winnie Cairns reported on the meeting with P.E.I. National Park officials re Piping Plovers. Rosemary Curley outlined the positions she will be presenting at the Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGO) meetings in Ottawa in late April and requested further policy input from members on the issues of acid rain, forest management and offshore oil. Norah Longworth was appointed NHS representative on the Scenic Roads committee of the provincial government. A committee was appointed to organize a Film Night during Environment Week. Letters are coming in from museums across the continent regarding P.E.I. natural history specimens. A request for support from a Nova Scotia group against forest herbicide spraying was discussed.

Guest speaker was Dr. Lawson Drake, entomologist from the Biology Dept. at UPEI. His topic 'The Moths of PEI' was illustrated by slides of some of the more beautiful and interesting of the Island's 1,000 or so moth species. Sprinkled throughout with wit and poetry, the presentation taught us much about the ways and means moths have developed for making a living in a hostile world. Thank you Dr. Drake.



CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION CONFERENCE. Reserve Aug. 11-14 for the annual CNF Conference, this year to be held in Sackville, N.B., hosted by the N.B. Federation of Naturalists. Not often does CNF's annual get-together come so close to home; let's make a special effort to show our support with a large delegation of Islanders. Conference organizers have put together an excellent program, one that's too good to miss: - over 20 field trips - 17 key speakers - photographic workshop with Freeman Patterson - lobster boils - clam bakes - boat tours - and much more! See elsewhere in this issue for more details. See you there!

MAY MEETING REPORT. About 35 people attended the May 3rd meeting at Beaconsfield. Reports were received on the U.P.E.I. Science Fair, Island Nature Trust, the P.E.I. Scenic Roads Committee, Piping Plover management in P.E.I. National Park, the court case over forest herbicide spraying in Nova Scotia, annual film night and environment week plans, and on the field trips to Cape Tryon and amphibian hunting. Two motions were passed regarding the preservation of rustic roads on P.E.I., and the selling of woodland wildflowers. The evening's program featured the showing of slides entered in the natureslide contest. Prizes were awarded by Geoff Hogan.



TO MARGARET: OUR THANKS AND WARMEST BEST WISHES

By now most of you will know that in late March our Secretary-Treasurer Margaret Mallett suffered an unfortunate fall which left her with some broken bones and sent her to hospital for a few weeks. It seems to take a time like this for the rest of us to fully appreciate how indispensable Margaret's contribution to the society really is. Although her long hours of hard work on our behalf are often overlooked, they are an important aspect of the society's smooth and successful operation from day-to-day and year-to-year. Happily, we can now report that Margaret is making rapid progress on the road to recovery. To Margaret we extend our grateful thanks for all you've been and done for the society; and our warmest best wishes for a very speedy and complete recovery to full health.