



Bourne Conservation Trust
 Cataumet, Massachusetts ~ 02534

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LAWRENCE ISLAND UPDATE

Greetings!

For those of you who are new recipients to the Lawrence Island newsletter, this is what has gone before.

The most recent owner of Lawrence Island, the Red Acre Farm, placed the property on the market. We were faced with the possibility that the Island would be developed with one or more houses, a development that would impact considerably the serenity of the Megansett/Squeteague Harbor environs.

The Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT) examined a number of options to forestall this occurrence and concluded that the most desirable one was to purchase the property locally. Thus, concerned residents could be insured that the Island would remain a wildlife sanctuary with control provided by a local board of major donors and abbutors.

This kicked off our solicitation campaign. Our goal was to raise the purchase price of \$150,000 plus about \$15,000 to cover interest and legal fees.

Current Status:

The early returns from the campaign permitted the BCT to take title to Lawrence Island in December. In February, we paid an additional \$25,000 plus interest. This is where we stand:

Total funds needed:	about \$165,000
Donations to date:	about \$ 80,000
Shortfall	\$ 85,000

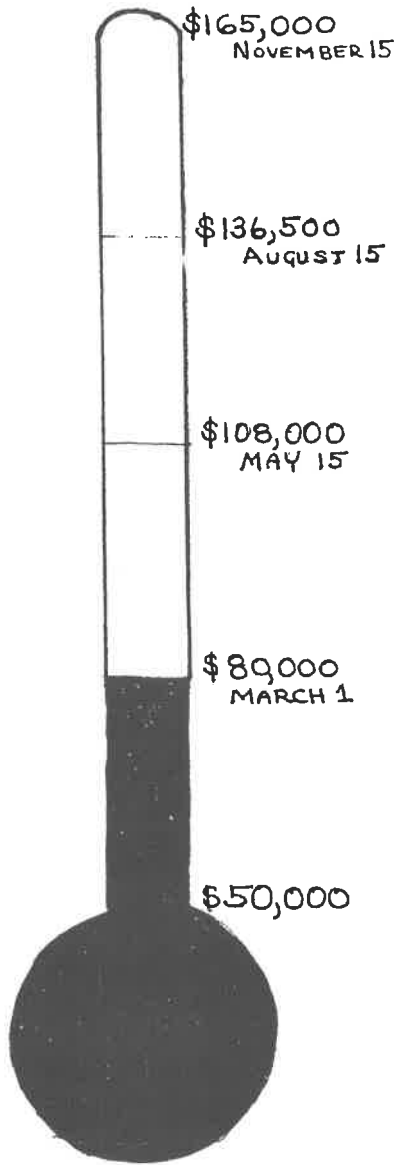
We are now pressing on towards May 15th when the next quarterly payment is due. We can reach that bottom line with a coordinated effort. Since mathematics is considered "the Queen of Sciences", consider this royal road to our goal:

Of the population receiving this newsletter, if.

25% gave \$50; and,
 50% gave \$100; and,
 15% gave \$500; and,
 10% gave \$1000; then,

. . . .we would possess Lawrence Island fully and forever. And those who gave tax-deductable gifts would gain benefits well beyond the fiscal ones.

(Of course, if .002% gave \$85,000 the problem would solve itself).



Have any questions?

The trustees are available to provide information. They are:

Steve Ballentine	563-2800
Philip DeNormandie	523-2313
John Corcoran	696-0275
Walter Everett (wintering in California)	

They also have a copy of the deed that describes the property, details of the conservation restrictions, and the previous newsletter.

STATISTICS

As of December 9, 1985, 72 people had donated to the Lawrence Island Fund. As of February 15, the number of donors had increased to 184. That is an increase of 155%! Of the 184 donations, 4 (2.17%) were for \$5,000 or more, 16 (8.7%) were for \$1,000 to \$4,999, and 67 (36.41%) were for \$100 to \$999. This means 47% of all the donations were \$100 or greater.

Whether your donation is \$5 or \$5,000, it is helping us toward our goal of \$165,000 and we thank each of you. We would like to say a special thanks to Mrs. Alfred Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. William Macurdy, and the Elmlad Family for their concern and generosity.

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Mrs. Alfred Thomas in memory of Mr. Alfred Thomas.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barnes III in memory of Doris Campbell

Mrs. Jean Behringer in memory of Elmer Landers.

CONSERVATION TIP

As a conservation trust, our interest is not contained to preserving only land, but land as habitat. Clarita Bright reminds us that when people clear their land of all underbrush, the quail population is denied food and shelter. Protecting their habitat is the only way that we will be able to continue the privilege of hearing our gallinaceous friends.

Have a conservation tip? Send it to us at Box 203, Cataumet 02534.

FLANAGAN PROPERTY UPDATE

This regrettably, comes under the heading of "you can't win them all".

This property borders the herring run and Red Brook Pond in Cataumet. When it was up for sale, the BCT negotiated a purchase and sales agreement to hold the property for town meeting action to identify it as conservation land. In this, we were successful.

After town meeting passed the article, the selectmen applied for partial reimbursement (80%) of the purchase price under the State's Self-Help Act.

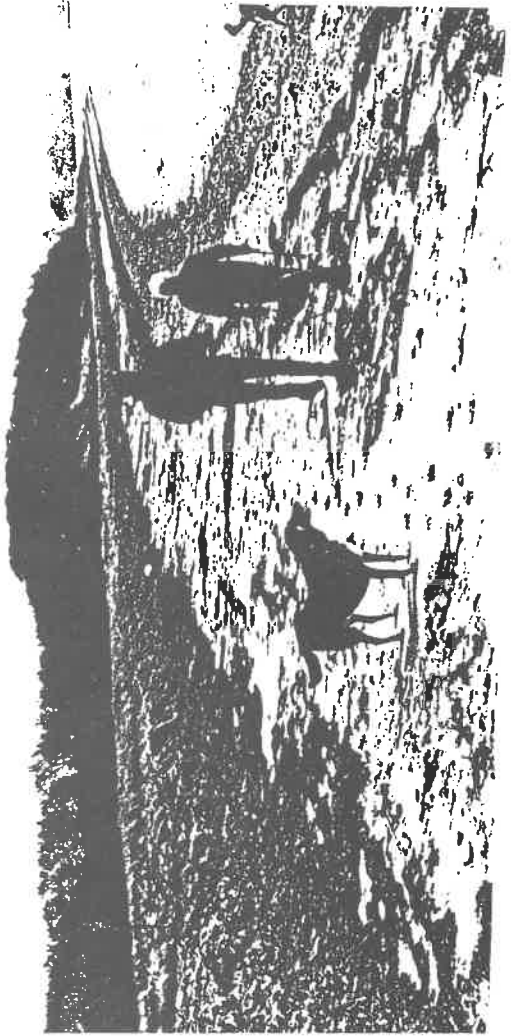
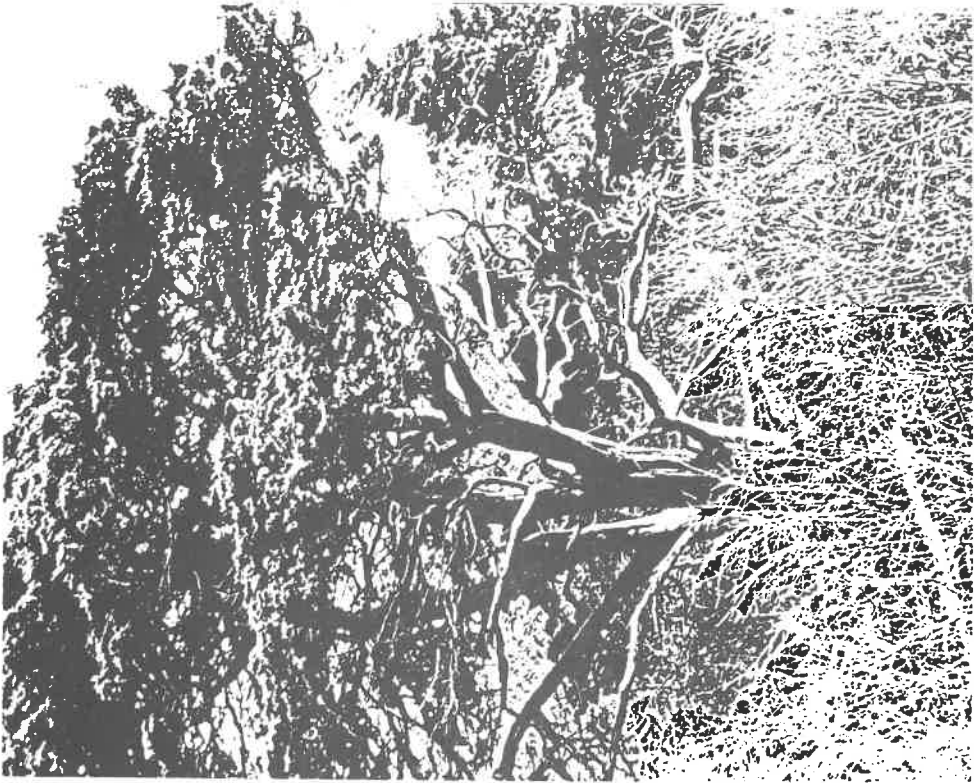
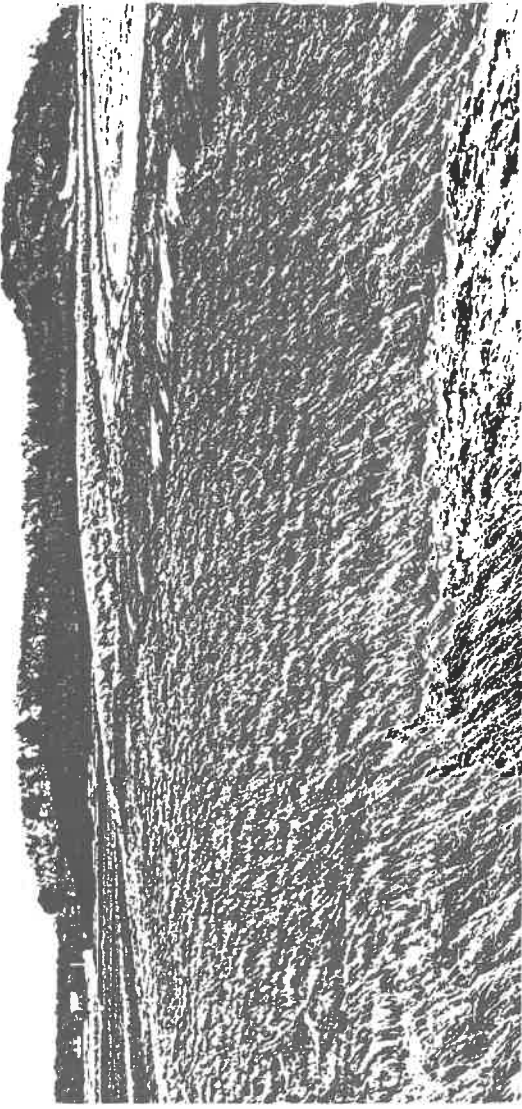
Help will not arrive. The property is back on the market. The experience had its positive points, however. It gave the BCT and the Bourne Conservation Commission an opportunity to work together for the benefit of the town.

CORRECTION

In the last newsletter, we listed the donors to the Flanagan Property fund. Laura Morrall and Joseph Duggan should have been included on that list. Our apologies.

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We must raise another \$28,000 by May 15th in order to make the next quarterly payment. Please send your tax deductible contribution today.

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NAME: _____
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PHONE: _____

Total Donation \$ _____
Check enclosed for \$ _____
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