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THIS IS THE OCTOBER NUMBER OF THE NEWSLETTER, IN SPITE OF THE DATELINE ABOVE, OUR FALL FIELD TRIP IS RELATIVELY EARLY THIS YEAR, AND IT IS NOT REALLY POSSIBLE TO ISSUE AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. PERTINENT DATA CONCERNING THE FIELD TRIP ARE ENTERED BELOW; A MAP OF THE MARAIS DES CYGNES AREA IS HEREWITH INCLUDED, AS IS THE MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF LAST JULY. WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE THE BULLETIN READY FOR MAILING AT THIS TIME ALSO, BUT THE EXTREMELY EARLY DATE OF THE FIELD TRIP HAS MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE.

DATE: OCTOBER 4, THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY BEFORE DUCK HUNTING SEASON.

TIME: 5:00 A.M. FOR THE TRIP TO HAGGE WOODS (CREEK AND RIVER BOTTOMLAND, WITH LARGE TIMBERED AREAS; GOOD FOR PILEATED WOODPECKERS, WARBLERS, AND PERHAPS EVERYTHING ELSE. 7:30 A.M. FOR TRIP THROUGH MARAIS DES CYGNES WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT UNIT (LAKES A, B, AND G).

MEETING GROUND: ROADSIDE PARK JUST NORTH OF THE TRADING POST RIVER BRIDGE, WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY (U.S. 69).

REASSEMBLY: AT SAME ROADSIDE PARK NORTH OF TRADING POST.

NAMES OF LEADERS: MARVIN SCHWILLING AND FRANK WOOD (HAGGE WOODS TRIP); IVAN SUTTON (MANAGEMENT UNIT TRIP).

MOTELS: IN PLEASANTON, THE MID-WAY MOTEL (NOT LARGE, SO GET RESERVATIONS IN EARLY), AND THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL. OTHER MOTELS, NOTABLY THE RED RAM, CAN BE FOUND IN FORT SCOTT.

RESTAURANTS: IN PLEASANTON, TWO, INCLUDING THE TIP-TOE INN. ALSO THERE ARE TWO SNACK HOUSES THAT GO HEAVY ON THE ICE CREAM AND A BAR-B-QUE AT TRADING POST. NOTE FORM BELOW FOR BOX LUNCH RESERVATIONS (MAIL TO MARVIN SCHWILLING, NOT TO SECRETARY). PRICE ON THE BOX LUNCHES IS PARTLY DETERMINED BY NUMBER SOLD, BUT WILL BE AROUND \$1.00.

NEW LIFE AND STATE RECORDS: A ♂ FOR TED AND CAROL ANDERSON AND A ♀ FOR ELLIE AND DICK DAWSON.

AFTER THE BIG FREEZE OF MARCH, 1960, CAROLINA WRENS PRACTICALLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE KC AREA. THEY WERE NEARLY AS COMPLETELY DOWNED AS THEY WERE IN 1939. HOWEVER, REPORTS FROM DAWSON AT SWOPE PARK CAMP (KC, MO.) AND MYERS AT TOWANYAK (JOHNSON CO., KANSAS) INDICATE A COMEBACK IN 1964. ANOTHER CONSPICUOUS UPWARD POPULATION TREND IS THAT OF THE SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER. THE SCISSOR-TAIL FIRST APPEARED IN THE KC AREA ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO; WERNING SAW ONE IN EASTERN JACKSON CO., MO., AT THAT TIME. THE FIRST NESTING RECORD WAS DEAN COLE'S FOR 95TH AND RENNER IN NORTHEASTERN JOHNSON CO., KANSAS, IN 1954. ANOTHER NEST FOR 1954 WAS FOUND AT LEE SUMMIT, MO., AND TODAY SEVERAL ARE FOUND EACH YEAR IN BOTH KANSAS AND MISSOURI. [PAST PRESIDENT ELIZABETH COLE WANTS TO KEEP UP WITH THE TRENDS IN NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCISSOR-TAIL AROUND KANSAS CITY, SO ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SPECIES WILL BE USEFUL TO HER. HER ADDRESS IS 5535 RENNER ROAD, SHAWNEE, KANSAS.] TED ANDERSON SAW A BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER IN DONIPHAN CO. MAY 29, AS DID DEAN COLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 25 (NE JOHNSON CO., KANSAS). ANDERSON ALSO SAW A SINGING ♂ OYENBIRD IN DONIPHAN CO. ON MAY 27. MYERS HAD A LEAST AND ACADIAN FLYCATCHER AND SWAINSON THRUSH UP TIL MAY 28, WHEN THEY ALSO SAW AN OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER. LARGE FLOCKS OF GRACKLES CAME TO CAMP TOWANYAK MAY 24-28, SEEMINGLY TO WORK OVER LARGE NUMBERS OF 17-YEAR LOCUSTS THAT BEGAN TO HATCH OUT ON MAY 22. THEY ALSO RECORDED A WESTERN KINGBIRD AT CAMP ON JUNE 27 AND A SCISSOR-TAIL ON JULY 19. MYRTLE WARBLERS SHOWED UP ON AUGUST 15, AND A CHESTNUT-SIDED WAS SEEN AUGUST 17. A BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER WAS SEEN ON SEPTEMBER 3, AT THE KU NATURAL HISTORY RESERVATION NEAR LAWRENCE.--ELIZABETH COLE

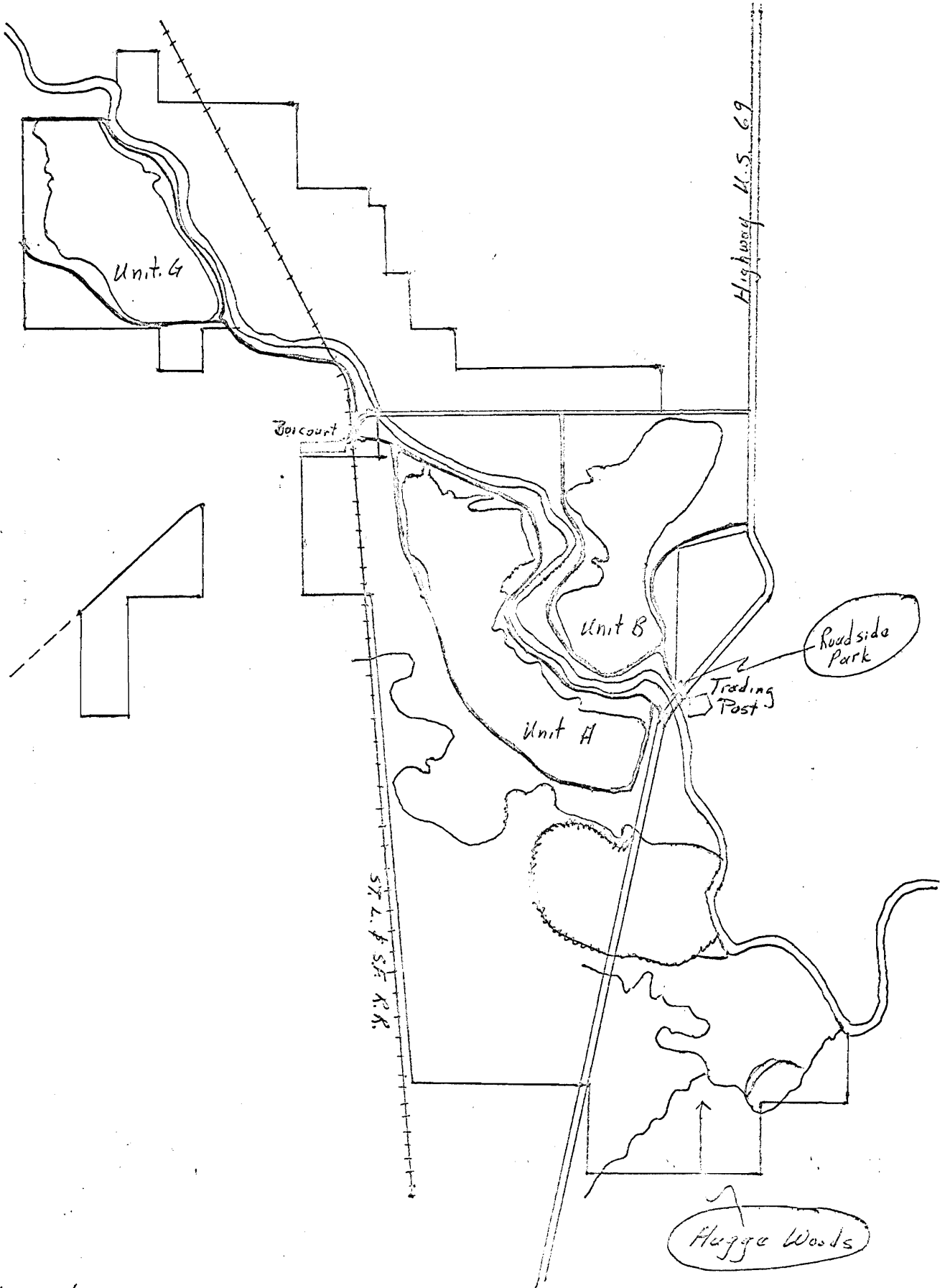
THE 82ND STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION MET AT KU FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 3. ABOUT 300 PERSONS REGISTERED FORMALLY; 52 PAPERS WERE READ AT SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE KANSAS UNION MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY. THE BREWSTER MEDAL, DESIGNATING SUPERIOR WORK IN AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY, WAS AWARDED TO DR. HERBERT FRIEDMANN, DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM, FOR HIS EXCELLENT, LONG-TERM STUDIES ON THE PARASITIC COWBIRDS. MANY MEMBERS OF KOS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AND MADE SOLID CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETINGS.

-----CUT ALONG THIS LINE-----

NAME _____ NUMBER OF BOX LUNCHES: _____

ADDRESS _____

FOR KOS FALL FIELD TRIP BOX LUNCHES CUT AND MAIL TO: MR. MARVIN SCHWILLING
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1" = 4000'