In Memoriam

MRS.
CLARA
HUSSONG

With deep sorrow I report the death of Mrs. Clara Hussong on February 9, 1978. She was a well known ornithologist, conservationist and nature writer.

She was one of the founders of the Green Bay Bird Club 42 years ago and was the first president. She was a member of the Wisconsin Ornithology Society and a Honorary member of the Northeastern Audobon Society. She was a country school teacher and later taught at the Vocational School in Green Bay.

Her nature column ran for 42 years in the “Green Bay Press Gazette”. She also wrote for the “Appleton Post-Crescent”. Her articles also appeared in “Nature”, “Better Homes and Gardens”, “The Spirit” and the “Passenger Pigeon”. She wrote two children’s nature books entitled, “The Golden Book of Nature Talks” and “Birds”.

For five years she worked full time at the Press-Gazette, handling assignments on state and women’s desk, and doing book and play reviews.

Later on she became an expert photographer, worked with the Brown County Library System, filled a variety of posts with local and national nature groups and clubs. At one time she was a member of 17 organizations, professional and social.

In 1962 she was sighted by the Green Bay Council on Movies, Books and Television for her “creative constructive writings.” She won many national and local awards throughout the years.

It is individuals like Clara that are responsible for making a better world because they had lived in it!

Her great love for nature and her fellowmen, her responsibility and many accomplishments might well be a memorial guide for us in the years ahead!

By Edwin D. Cleary
IN MEMORY OF CLARA HUSSONG
We've lost our friend — Our dearest friend!
We've known throughout the years —
So sweet and kind!
To all mankind;
We'll miss her through our tears.
The flowers of the forest, too
Will miss her gentle gaze —
She loved them so
As well we know;
So happy were her days!
The evening world seems empty now,
So dark and bleak and still —
For Clare is gone
Before the dawn
Beyond the farthest hill.
Silence streams in sympathy
Upon the winter’s glow —
The world’s at rest
With flowers pressed
Beneath a sheet of snow.
Goodnight my little, lady, fair,
Sleep tight where nature dreams . . .
Until, dear friend,
We meet again;
Life’s shorter than it seems.

By Bernard Chartier.

By the Wayside...

Yellow Rails and Sharp-tailed Sparrows at Crex Meadows
(May 28 & 29, 1977.) "The Yellow Rails and Sharp-tailed Sparrow and LeConte’s Sparrows were all heard in the same spot in the east central portion of Crex Meadows N.W.R. Bob Ake discovered the Yellow Rails (He had 5, we had 4), and the Sharp-tailed Sparrow (he had 3, we had 1). These were located on the north side of the dike road and the LeConte’s Sparrows on the south side (discovered by Jim Frank and myself). Birds (Rails and