

Cowles Symposium Held At Grand Forks Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, held in Grand Forks, ND, August 7-11, 1983, was attended by Dr. Ron Hiebert, Dr. Doug Wilcox, and Mr. Norm Henderson of the Indiana Dunes Division of Science staff. All presented papers on current research activities at the Lakeshore. The papers were as follows:

Hiebert, R.D. *Succession in razed residential sites at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore*. The paper reported on effects of past land use on vegetation of razed residential sites.

Henderson, N.R. *Black oak woodlands of the southern Lake Michigan sand dunes: structure, succession and fire*. This paper reported findings on the effects of past fire history on the structure of oak woodlands at the Lakeshore.

Wilcox, D. *The aquatic macrophyte counterpart to plant succession studies at Indiana Dunes*. This paper reported on studies of aquatic plant succession in the interdunal ponds at Miller Woods.

As a part of the meetings, a Henry Chandler Cowles Memorial Symposium was held, featuring presentations from former students of Cowles and others receiving degrees from the University of Chicago. The meeting emphasized the outstanding contributions that Cowles made to the field of Ecology, the Ecological Society of America, and the University of Chicago. Friends and students of Henry Cowles depicted him as a teacher who was sincerely interested in his students and who taught them to solve problems. Speakers also referred to Cowles' sense of humor; examples included Cowles' eating a

banana in one bite while on a field trip to the dunes. A tape of the proceedings will be acquired for the Lakeshore.

Dr. James Teeni, who presently holds the position created for Henry Cowles at the University of Chicago, reported on current activities. He expressed a strong interest in reestablishing close ties between the University and the Indiana Dunes. He also volunteered to share approximately 1,000 slides taken of the Indiana Dunes by Henry Cowles between 1896-1930. These photographs are of high quality and should be a great asset to interpreting the changes in vegetation in the Lakeshore over the last century. Dr. Hiebert of our staff and Dr. Teeni will meet soon to develop cooperation in research for the future.