

renowned and honored man — Roger Tory Peterson — should remember me, a nonentity, he a man nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, the recipient of 23 Honorary Doctor's degrees from 23 universities. The man for whom kingdoms and countries around the world created beautiful medals to honor him.

He was a recipient of the Gold Medal of the World Wildlife Fund and the Joseph Wood Krutch medal from the Humane Society of the United States. The Explorer's Club presented him with the Explorer's Medal. King Karl XVI of Sweden gave him the Linnaeus Gold Medal. Prince

Bernhard of the Netherlands awarded him the Order of the Golden Ark. Jimmy Carter gave him the beautiful Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor awarded to an American civilian. The dozens of equally splendid medals are safely kept in a vault of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown.

The incredibly long list of Peterson's publications, and his joint work with other scientists, is far too long to list here. It is most impressive and considered of top quality. Again and again when faced with such meticulous and exhaustive information concern-

ing birds and flowers and other sides of nature, one wonders how one single man could have accomplished so much in one single lifetime.

While he was a sergeant in the war he created a guide book similar to his bird book by which various types of airplanes might be recognized — like huge mechanical birds that they were — which is still used by the military of our country. It was at that time that he was asked to work on the very serious and dangerous problem of DDT that was endangering the very existence of life on the planet. With Rachel Carson and committees of great resolve, the danger of DDT was abated.

I have not told you of Peterson's activities and professional affiliations nor of the details of

his phenomenal life, as there is no time or space for the long narrative.

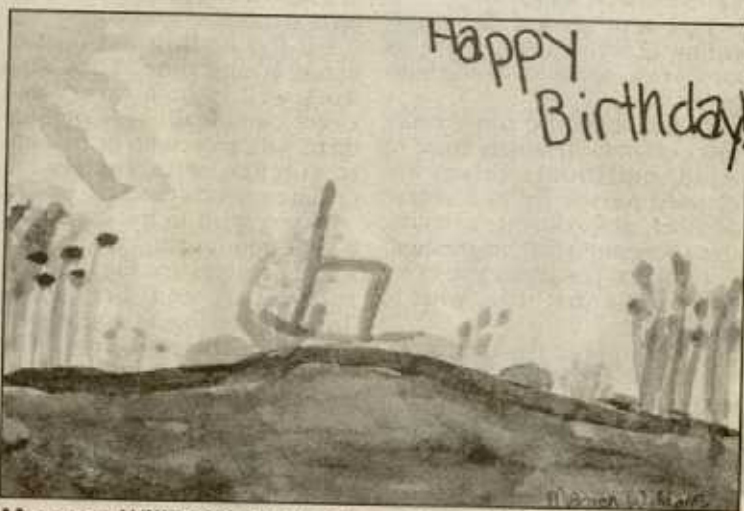
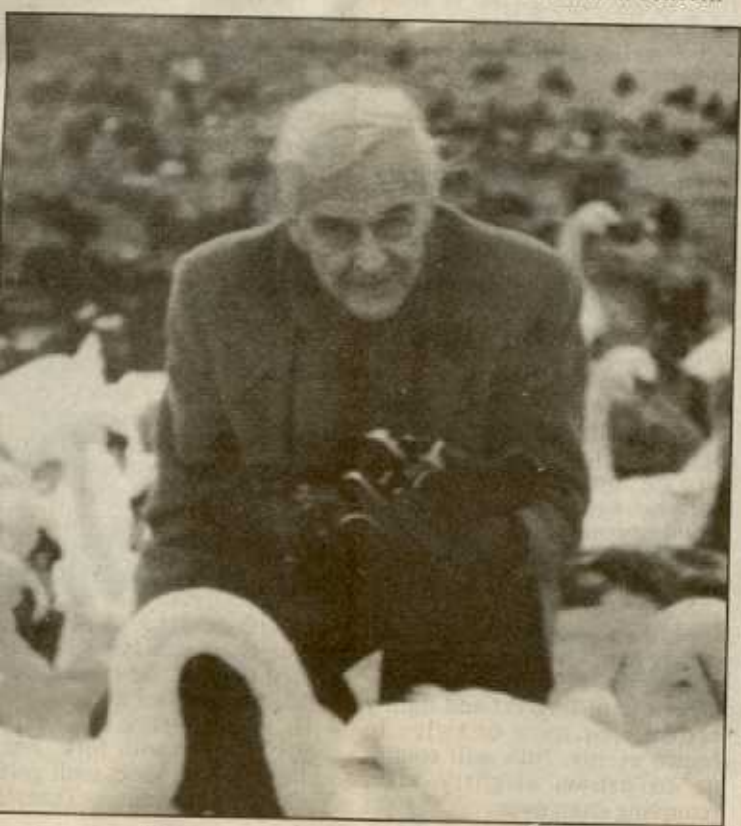
If you wish to read about young Peterson's adventures and the lighter side of his life, I recommend you read from the delightful book *The World of Roger Tory Peterson*, an authorized biography by John C. Devlin and Grace Naismith of Time Books.

How very small one feels and how much beholden one's life is to the giant world renowned and honored immortal — our very own Roger Tory Peterson from Jamestown.

For further and complete information concerning Peterson's writings, photos, paintings, films, etc., visit the Roger Tory Peterson Institute at 311 Curtis St. in Jamestown.



Josh Samucha of Fredonia drew this picture at the Nature Art Festival.



Maegen Williams drew this picture in honor of Peterson's birthday at the Audubon Nature Center during the Nature Art Festival.