

At this holiday season  
it is time to say  
Thank you and to  
express to our  
customers  
old and new  
warm  
Season's  
Greetings

from  
Ron, Betty,  
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We left the little group and went on to explore what to us was a new section of the Maitland Trail. We came to a place where the bank was clear of trees; sticking out of the steep slope could be seen big chunks of conglomerate rock, with some chunks slidden into the river. My husband knows of other places in the valley where this conglomerate occurs. He thinks it is the remains of the bed of a river that flowed in the warm climate that preceded the last ice age – preceded the Wisconsin glaciation. He calls it the Interglacial Maitland, but says he doesn't really know – field work should be done, and so on.

I seem to have been studying the Maitland River all my life in one way or another, and there seems to be no end to what can be known about it. Interglacial Maitland? I'm ready to know about it. Pre-glacial Maitland – a million years ago? Maybe so. The Maitland just after the Ice Age, beginning its evolution to what it is now? By all means. The Maitland of the future, the near future? One thing is certain: it must be protected in the present or it will be a sewer rather than a river. But we don't protect what we don't know.

From the Menesetung Bridge people see a piece of homeland they can know easily and easily love, a river in a valley, a valley in the rolling rural land: a landscape which is the face of this Earth we live upon. On the Maitland Trail you are within the landscape, seeing it as ground beneath your feet, occupied by plants and trees, by wildlife from butterflies to groundhogs to you yourself treading the path on which there are the footprints of deer. Openings in the trees give a wider view and set you and the river and the groundhogs and the butterflies and the trees and plants and footprints into the broader landscape – things on the face of the Earth, large and small, working together and working with the Earth itself, with various crucial dependencies on each other. When enough people, aided by a Maitland Trail or a Menesetung Bridge, have had these feelings, have seen the landscape and themselves in it, there will be a strong shield to protect the river, this outflow of healing waters.◊

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