1) Bill ~~Papage~~ Age

2) ~~Elmer Wheeler~~

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Bald Eagle Population Up On Mississippi

The St. Louis Audubon Society, having completed its fifth bald eagle observation, found the population larger than last year along a 50-mile stretch of the Mississippi River north of St. Louis between Winfield Dam and Saverton Dam.

About 125 persons at five observation points saw 126 adult eagles, 62 immature birds and eight whose age could not be determined. Last year 160 were counted.

The Society makes the count primarily to determine whether use of pesticides is lowering the number of bald eagles, the national symbol. The eagles represent the top of a food chain, preying on large fish, and they have been known to suffer ill effects from concentrated DDT. Inability to nest properly and extremely thin shells are two results of DDT consumption, said Earl Hath, president of the Society here.

Hath said that the increase in number of birds observed may be due to a larger number of spotters this year and optimum feeding conditions. Ice on the river further north forces the birds to come south for food. The tabulation is sent annually to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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