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EDITORIALS

What's An Ecologist?

The misuse of our environment and "what-can-we-do-about-it" has seized the world's attention. But it's all rather old hat to the farmer. He's been a practicing ecologist for years.

He learned long ago that he had to conserve his oil and water resources—or go out of business. Without proper management of the soil, rain skims off the best of it...or wind whips it into the kind of dust storms that once plagued our country.

So farmers had to find soil-saving tactics: Those pretty pictures of crops curving to the contours of the land are more than just pretty. Such planting is one very practical way to reduce the ravages of erosion.

Saving water—and keeping it pure—is another economic necessity for everyone engaged in agriculture. Just now necessary is shown by the fact that it takes up to 20 gallons of water to ripen the grain that goes into a single slice of bread! And the fact is, properly managed cropland contributes no more nitrogen to waterways than forestland does.

Prudent conservation of soil and water stands right alongside mechanization, insect and weed control and genetic research as the major building blocks of America's agricultural bounty. The end result: One U. S. farmer feeds 47 people. Americans spend only 16¢ of each dollar of disposable income on food—compared to the equivalent of 55¢ per \$1 a Russian spends.

A farmer's life is closer than anyone's to the land and the air and water around him. Preserving the environment is instinctive, deliberately despoiling it is unthinkable.

It is hoped that environmental protection controls will not saddle our farmers with unreasonable standards and that a proper balance can be maintained for the good of all.

Postal Employees

Next week has been proclaimed "Postal People Week" in honor of the nation's 700,000 postal employees. This is a fitting expression of appreciation to the employees who are seldom commended but often criticized—and unjustly.

In recent months this writer has taken to task some of the changes made in the handling and distribution of mail but at no time have we criticized the local employees. We have always found them to be most cooperative and accommodating.

Services At Ponder's Chapel

The regular Fifth Sunday Union service of the Marshall churches will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 in Ponder's Chapel Church. Dr. Arthur F. Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will bring the message.

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ALL ARTICLES IN THIS WINDOW of the library here were made by Denise Allen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen of Marshall and a 10th grade student at Marshall High School. Denise enjoys sewing very much and hopes her display will make more of you interested in the wonderful world of sewing.

"Yarden" Can Be Beneficial To Non-Farmers

Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham came forth today with a new word, "yarden," which he says is something every home owner in the city needs and can have with a minimum of cost and effort.

A "yarden," the commissioner said, is a yard garden—not a flower garden but a vegetable garden.

"With so many people today expressing concern over the high cost of food and asking what they can do about it, I think one of the best things they can do is grow some of their food needs," Graham said. "This will not only serve to reduce their food expenses but will provide them a source of exercise and better acquaint them with some of the problems involved in production."

Graham urged those who own or have access to an ample amount of land nearby to plant gardens and see what a difference it can make in the grocery bill. He also said many gardeners enjoy producing more than they need so they can share their

harvests with friends and neighbors.

"The late Gov. O. Max Gardner realized the importance of gardens during his day with a theme of 'live at home' as a means of overcoming the depression," Graham continued, "and we have equally staggering problems today. It seems that we are a people of extremes—either too little or too much. Perhaps if we all plant a small 'yarden' we will be able to even this situation out."

"Gardens are here to stay," the commissioner said, "but 'yardens' need a shot in the arm." While there are numerous 'yardens' in cities throughout the state, he said there is room for many more. He suggested that each home owner take a close look at his yard and see if there is not space available that would permit establishing a "yarden."

"One of the nice things about a 'yarden' is that it can be small in size. It is amazing how much can be produced on a plot of ground as small as 6 feet by 6 feet."

Taylor Not In Favor Of Trust Fund Changing

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor voted Thursday against an amendment which would have permitted a portion of the Highway Trust Fund to be used by cities in constructing mass transit systems. The amendment was defeated 215-190.

In justifying his vote, Congressman Taylor said that the Highway Trust Fund, like other trust funds, was created for the specific purpose of making highways and roads safer and more adequate.

"Many groups," Taylor said, "are seeking to tap the fund for various purposes, including mass transportation and pollution control. To use the Highway Trust Fund for other purposes would be to violate the trust fund commitment that highway users pay a tax, which would be used for the construction of highways."

"I believe that there should be no diversion of this fund until the road system for which it was established has been completed."

Congressman Taylor also said: "I recognize that we need mass transit systems as never before. Congress has provided a \$3.1 billion in special funds for mass transportation to cover a five-year period. I was pleased to support this program and believe now that we should make use of it in securing needed funds for trains, buses and other types of mass transportation."

Cash Bonds Set For MHC Students

The Mars Hill College students who were charged with drug violations and placed in the county jail here last week are now out on \$2,500 cash bonds each, Sheriff Ponder said this week.

A hearing has been set in District court here for May 9.

Reports from Raleigh:

By ERNEST MESSER
Observers here in Raleigh are predicting massive firing and hiring of state personnel among the lower echelons of employees in the near future. They point to the establishment of a system of personnel offices throughout the state, which have not existed before this administration, that will be capable of processing large numbers of people.

The fear here is that this will affect long term state employees who stand to lose years of retirement credit as well as a job.

There is general agreement that each administration should be able to pick its own people to staff all policy making and top administrative positions.

Two bills on the House Calendar Friday would slow down purely political firings in that they prohibit firings without just cause and permit a discharged employee to appeal to the State Personnel Board.

Charges have been made that these bills are politically motivated and are attempts to curb the Governor's unlimited power to hire and fire.

Proponents of the bills contend this is not true, that they are good bills and ought to be passed, no matter who is Governor.

No-fault automobile insurance may have its day before the General Assembly despite efforts to keep no-fault bills bottled up in committee. A no-fault bill was on the Senate Calendar Friday. Until all amendments are evaluated, it is difficult to know what benefits will be provided. The bill restricts the right of an individual to sue for damages, and this is the point over which lawyers are fighting. The bill provides basic benefits of \$1,000 for medical expense and \$5,000 for economic loss.

A Highway Commission Reorganization bill has passed the House. Indications are that it will also be acted on favorably by the Senate. This bill establishes a twelve member Highway Commission, with nine members appointed by the Governor and three by the General Assembly. A fourteen member secondary road sub-committee to serve under the Highway Commission is also

created. The Commission will be required to report annually to the General Assembly on all road projects and account for all highway money spent.

The power of eminent domain in the Appalachian Trail Bill caused strong opposition to develop in the Senate last week. The bill was killed, then revived and sent back to committee where it will remain until objections can be resolved.

If the Senate concurs, the State's minimum wage will increase from \$1.60 to \$1.80 per hour on July 1. About 30,000 workers in North Carolina will be affected.

The House finally passed a bill to permit absentee voting in both the primary and general election and to permit walk-in voting at the office of the County Board of Elections.

A large volume of mail has come from the area served by Mountain Projects recommending passage of House Bills Nos. 1008 and 1009.

Even though the Haywood County Commissioners have endorsed the bills, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has announced opposition to the bills.

These bills would establish the Office of Community Development within the Department of Human Resources to administer a program of state aid to public service corporations. A state appropriation of \$2,750,000 would be required to support the organization and its programs.

Interest in these bills stems from President Nixon's order to discontinue the Office of Economic Opportunity, which would probably eliminate Mountain Projects.

Court action which has stemmed the move to dismantle the Office of Economic Opportunity and the recent allocation of money to continue Mountain Projects for another six months may have removed the necessity for immediate passage of House Bills 1008 and 1009.

There is considerable opposition in the General Assembly to funding from state sources many of the programs being discontinued by the President.

Open House Thursday For Author, Wellman

Manly Wade Wellman, author of "The Kingdom of Madison," will be honored at an open house from 3 to 5 p. m. on Thursday, April 26, at the Madison County Library on Main Street in Marshall.

"The Kingdom of Madison," a story about Madison County, is scheduled to be off the presses on that day and Wellman will speak and autograph copies of his latest book.

Robert T. Summer, sales manager, states "... We believe that Mr. Wellman has written a very interesting book about one of North Carolina's most interesting areas. We think that it is a book which Madison County will be pleased with."

Mr. Wellman, one of North Carolina's best known authors, has written numerous magazine articles and stories and more than fifty books of fiction and non-fiction, most of which deal with Southern historical and folkways subjects.

He has visited Madison County numerous times and is looking forward to meeting many of his friends here.

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DOLLS, OLD AND NEW, are displayed in the Madison County Library window now. Among the old dolls is an eighty-five-year-old French doll complete with her extra Sunday dress and her own tea set. The doll belongs to Mrs. Annie Mae White of Marshall. Other old dolls include a German Bisque doll, a French bed doll, a Parson's doll, a Kewpie doll, two-face doll, nesting dolls and many others. The new dolls are from the collection of Reba Rector and Susan Gregory both of Marshall. Reba's includes a Shirley Temple doll and Susan's includes a fifty year-old cradle which was given to her mother.

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



LIQUOR VOTE...After 25 years of debate and talk, it appears that a statewide liquor vote will be forthcoming. During the quarter of century while the talk has been going on the worm has turned quite a bit, and the issue has changed quite a bit.

For years the "wets" opposed a statewide vote on the legalization of liquor—the sale of liquor in state ABC stores. The "wets" felt, and with good reason, that they would lose in a statewide vote. The "drys" felt with equal vigor that they could win.

But today the issue is not legalized liquor stores—the issue is the sale of liquor by the drink in Grade A restaurants. Generally speaking, the people have come to accept legalized liquor stores.

The "wets" would much prefer to follow the same route of legalizing liquor-by-the-drink that they followed in legalizing liquor stores, but thus far they have not been able to get a law through the General Assembly that would stand up in court to permit the legalization of liquor by the drink on an individual county vote on the sometimes touchy issue.

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fall to change the method by which public school teachers are certified.

Herring opposed the change but the majority of the board members voted with Phillips. In a couple of later votes Herring gained ground. When Governor Holshouser appointed four new members to the State Board Herring's hand was strengthened as it is believed that when they are approved by the General Assembly most of the new members will side with Herring rather than with Phillips with Herring again having the upper hand over Phillips in school matters to be decided by the State Board of Education.

It is also believed that Governor Holshouser is more inclined to side with Herring than with Phillips. Herring who heads a casket (or coffin) manufacturing plant in Rose Hill in Duplin County has long been a top leader for better educational opportunities in the public schools, and also a leader in the movement which resulted in the establishment of community colleges and technical institutes in North Carolina.

NO-FAULT INSURANCE...For four years the North Carolina General Assembly has been studying no-fault auto insurance. For two years opponents of the measure have simply been stalling on the issue, trying to kill it in some face-saving way. If this dilly-dallying goes on through this and the 1974 sessions of the General Assembly we predict that it will be the big issue which the candidates will have to face in the 1974 primaries and general election.

HEARD AND SEEN

By POP

The usual "Easter Parade" of new dresses, hats, shoes, suits, etc., was, in my opinion, not as noticeable this past Sunday as usual. I don't mean that the ladies weren't dressed beautifully but I didn't notice as many "new colors" as usual...maybe I just wasn't noticing as I should. Anyway, Easter was a beautiful day...nice and warm...and clear...the Marshall FFA team put on a splendid "mock" meeting for the Lions here Monday night on Parliamentary Procedure...Jack Cole is a splendid advisor and he has a fine group of boys to advise...it certainly is nice to have Robert's Hill Road repaired following the landslide and consequent dangerous condition of the road...congratulations to the Ernest Teagues on 40 years of happy married life...they were honored by the Bollingers last Sunday in Asheville...Louise says she deserves a medal for "putting up" with Ernest all these years...Joe's auction sale last Saturday night was quite successful...he's going to have another sale this Saturday...glad to see Earl Edmonds last week...he looks fine and has recovered from an operation...he gives a lot of credit to the people around here and elsewhere for his prayers...Saturday's a big day here what with the annual French Broad EMC meeting on the Island...see you there.

Garden Club Enjoys Talk By Mrs. Elam

"Brighten the corner with Annuals," was the subject of the program presented by Mrs. Phillip Elam at the Marshall Garden Club meeting on Thursday, April 19, at the home of Mrs. Charlie Martin in the Walnut Gap community.

By quoting from Solomon 2:11-12 the timeliness of the subject was pointed out, then the simple basic suggestions for growing annuals followed. Annuals are the plants that grow from seed, bloom and complete their life cycle within a season. A beautiful landscape can be created with little cost, bringing flowers to enjoy, to cut and bring fragrance not otherwise possible. A package of seed for 10 cents to 25 cents, or plants which can now be purchased at possibly only 10 cents each, will make a colorfully designed garden in a small area. Mrs. Elam gave information and examples on planning, purchasing and growing. In beginning, consider what is already growing and add something more in the same color or related color. One should always try for color harmony in planting, and try to choose locations that are suitable for the type of plant desired. For example, petunias stand heat well, and should be planted in masses for best effect. An advantage in growing annuals is that when mistakes are made in one year, a different plan can be used the next year. One small example was cited: if one has a bank or wall, try Heavenly Blue morning glory, using at ground level tall white zinnias, planting celosia in front of that, with Dwarf blue ageratum last. Dwarf marigolds in two or three colors are a good beginning for a sunny bank. Climbing annuals to cover anything you need to hide are: moonflower vine, hyacinth-bean vine, canary creeper, cup and saucer vine, cardinal climber, gourds and nasturtiums. Plant in any space or in the vegetable garden extra rows of annuals just for cutting. Purchasing tips included caution to never buy the largest or fullest blooming plant, but choose the short and stocky, well-formed plants and save money even if the plants cost more. New gardeners are urged to take the plunge and try new varieties as well as the old-new varieties—interesting colors have been developed in some of the old stand-bys. Growth regulators are now being marketed and "B-nine" and "Alar" are among these chemicals now available. We will be hearing more about regulators. Mrs. Elam repeated an old saying that says, "when the dogwood is in full bloom and the breeze is warm, it is safe to plants tender plants." Sources used were a prize-winning work of Mrs. M. L. Laughlin of Tarboro, and the following books found in Madison County Library: "Gardening with Ease," Shuler; "The Wise Gardeners Encyclopedia," and "A Garden Full of Flowers," Smith.

Mrs. John Corbett, president, appointed committees for the new year. Plans were discussed for the May tour which will be on Thursday, May 10. The club will visit Garden Club projects in Spartanburg, S. C., stopping en route to visit the memorial atrium at Margaret Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville and a landscaping project at St. Luke's Hospital in Tryon.

FEWER SHEEP
Sheep numbers declined to a record low in North Carolina last year, dipping to only 12,000 head, according to North Carolina State University livestock specialists. This is a decline of 8 percent compared to a nationwide drop of 6 percent. The NCSU specialists suggest that prices for lambs and wool are moving into the range where sheep should become much more attractive to farmers.

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Pharmacy Comments

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Can you believe Americans will catch over one billion colds in 1973 that will cost over 1/2 billion dollars? Health officials say it's so.

Much of the cost of colds could be eliminated if greater knowledge of over-the-counter drug remedies existed. Antihistamines, for example, offer relief from nasal or post-nasal discharge, sneezing and burning eyes. Decongestants relieve nasal blockage and general stuffiness, while aspirin offers best all around relief from headache, muscular aches, malaise and fever. Ask your pharmacist if you have difficulty selecting the proper cold antidote. And remember, a cold is rarely as bad as its symptoms, so control those symptoms and save yourself the two m's - misery and money!



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