

Teen Anti-Pollution Efforts Bring Valuable Pay-Offs

From pamphlet writing to policy proposals, clean-up campaigns to cross-country crusades--young people not only fight against pollution... they get results!

Singled out in the April issue of Seventeen are five "pollution fighters" whose activities typify the growing interest and involvement of teenagers in ecology. They are Andrew Fountain, 18, of Schenectady, N. Y., who leads his high school's ecology program, "Survival," and is active at the civic and municipal levels as well. "People put down the future," says Andy. "But I must live there. I want to make it the best I can."

Andy's "best" includes a door-to-door distribution network he has organized to keep the public posted on the latest news about pollutants, as well as his more recent participation in the most comprehensive study ever made of air pollution in Schenectady's history.

Penny Allen, 18, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, began her crusade against pollution with a "dirty" brook. She and her high-school friends made a painstaking investigation of nearby Doan Brook, tracking down every sewer outfall pipe that existed along the four miles of its borders, and reporting their findings to the local municipal authorities.

The result was immediate

repair on many of the existing pipes, as well as the proposal of a regional interceptor sewer system that would reroute storm and residential lines away from the brook area entirely. "I don't think you can complain about anyone else's pollution problems" says Penny, "until your own backyard is clean."

Enjoying his own particular "impact" is 18-year-old Leroy Berven of Missoula, Montana, whose speeches, articles, TV appearances and scientific experiments have brought him recognition as one of the nation's youngest experts on pesticide control.

Not only did Leroy launch a full-fledged campaign to alert the public to the dangers of pesticides, but he researched the pesticide laws of other states, familiarized himself with the pertinent chemical and biological data, and drafted his own set of regulations upon which much of the present Montana law is based.

Barbara Sheridan, 16, of Deerfield, Illinois, believes in fighting pollution by working "within the system." She has written innumerable letters, fact sheets, press releases and legal documents about environmental issues, as well as helping to draft a municipal air pollution control law for Deerfield, considered to be one of the most stringent in the nation.



Lois and Steve consider their human relations honor a new experience.

Two Genial Students Receive April Human Relations Honor

Two extraordinary students are the Human Relations Couple for the month of April. They are Lois Parker and Steve Thomas.

Lois Parker, a warm-hearted senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gainer. She has been versatile in school activities and community projects.

During her junior year she appeared on the honor roll several times. Singing also interested her as she participated in the chorus. Senior year opened many new opportunities for Lois. She's serving as a representative to the SRA and treasurer of her homeroom. Lois is also co-chairman of the Diploma Committee and a member of the Booster Club. She sings in the Modernaires.

Out of school, Lois is a member of the Bethelites Club and vice-president of the Rocky Mount Federation of Young Girls. Her hobbies are reading, singing, bowling and baseball. When first told that she had been chosen for this honor, she said, "It knocked me off

my feet. I didn't expect anything like this to happen to me." Lois stated that she enjoys going to Senior High and feels that relations among students have really improved. Lois advises others to just be themselves, "you can't please everyone, but you should do your part well."

Steve Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. G. Thomas, III, is well-deserving of the Human Relations Honor. He is known by all for his wit and willingness to help others.

Steve is a member of Edgemonth Baptist Church. Most of his time out of school is spent painting, drawing, and other forms of art. Anyone who has seen Steve's great art can see his love for it and admire his talent. Other than art, Steve enjoys swimming and just being himself.

As far as school activities go, Steve is on the track team, president of the Art Club, a newly-tapped member of the Masquers, and is on the stage crew.

When told he had been selected for the Human Relations honor, Steve was shocked but felt honored. He feels that more people should be given this honor because there are so many who deserve it. He wishes that people would treat each other as people, not superiors or inferiors because of the color of skin.

Steve plans to go in the Marine Corps after high school before continuing his college education.

Y.E.S. Holds Meet To Seek Strategy For Summer Jobs

Do you have a job this summer? Would you like one? Just fill out an application given to you by a member of the Y. E. S., Youth Employment Service, and it will try its best to find employment for you. This summer, the Y. E. S. is continuing its efforts to help the unemployment situation among youths in and around Rocky Mount. It is a subdivision of the Rocky Mount Human Relations Commission.

April 6, a meeting was held by the Y. E. S. to decide what it will do this summer. Business firms were distributed among the members. Each member is to go to the firms, explain the purpose of the Y. E. S., and ask for their cooperation in supplying jobs to youths. The Y. E. S. makes recommendations for vacant jobs.

The main objectives of the Y. E. S. this summer will be to have more radio advertisements and to publish articles in the newspaper. So anyone who really wants a job should contact a member of the Y. E. S.

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