

C.B.M. Award Given

The Craven County Recreation and Parks Board Commissioners were recognized Friday, August 17, 1984 by the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Society. Hugh Rhodes, Chairman, James Bryant, Vice Chairman and Tommy Best attended the CBM (Citizen Board Members) State Forum in Greensboro. They received the award Friday evening at Bryan Park Enrichment Center. This is the first time an award has been given to CBM, and thus the Craven County Recreation and Parks Commission is very exuberant.

Establishment of the Recreation and Parks Commission initiated at Board of Commissioners meeting December 2, 1968. Motion by Mr. Lancaster, seconded by Mr. Wynne-carried unanimously. Original Recreation and Parks Commission was composed of nine members.

March 3, 1969 the Board of Commissioners decided that a twelve member Recreation and Parks Commission would better serve Craven County. This Commission was duly appointed and was to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Commissioners. AD valorem taxes could not be used for recreation and no other funds were available at the time. This initial Recreation Commission disbanded.

July 19, 1971, the Board of

Commissioners passed a resolution—by D.L. Stallings—that all action by the Recreation Advisory Commission be null and void and that a new Commission with policy making authority be appointed. A new Commission was appointed during July 1971.

In the fall of 1971, the County Board of Commissioners contracted with the Division of Community Planning of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources to inventory recreation and related facilities and to survey the needs for recreation program services and facilities.

The Craven County Recreation Commission was allotted \$10,000 for fiscal year 1971-72 to start a recreation program.

On April 3, 1972, George B. Sawyer was hired as the first full time director of the Craven County Recreation and Parks Commission. When Mr. Sawyer left this position in December 1983, Miss Jan. L. Warren replaced him as Director.

The 12-member policy making commission and Mr. Sawyer have been instrumental in the growth from a one man, \$10,000 budget department to a six-man \$270,658 budget department. The present Recreation and Parks Commissioners include: (*members of original 12



Left to right; front row: Vicky Heath, Hugh Rhodes, Woodrow Brown, Ruth Raynor; back row: Jerry Thomas, James Bryant, Tommy Best

member commission) - Hugh Rhodes, Chairman, *James Bryant, Vice Chairman, Ruby Connor, Vicky Heath, Tommy Best, Keith Register, Ken Waldo, *Woodrow Brown, Leon Staton, James White, Jerry Thomas, and Ruth Raynor.

The Commission is representative of all areas in the County and are people who are sincerely concerned and interested in Recreation for the people in their community.

They are supportive of the Recreation Staff as they have contributed to much of the Recreational needs in Craven County. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Because of life's works children are happier, youth is better served, men and women live more richly. His genius lay not along philosophy but in forging the machinery to make Recreation a vital part of American Life." Volunteers are indeed the essence of Recreation.

Fleas Most Common Pet Problem Says Veterinary Survey

MISHAWAKA, IN: Fleas, allergies, and skin infections are the top three problems pet owners are now facing, according to a newly completed survey of American Animal Hospital Association veterinarians. While troublesome, AAHA points out that there are several ways to treat these conditions. Flea infestation, the surveyed veterinarians said, has worsened in the last few years, especially in Eastern, Midwest and Far Western states.

In announcing its findings, AAHA cautioned pet owners to be aware of the warning signs of these problems—excessive scratching, rubbing, or licking; a lusterless coat; unusual hair loss; and a skin or body odor.

Owners can use a fast flea test. Put the pet on white paper towels or an old sheet. Vigorously rub, brush, or comb against the lay of the hair near the tail. If any small black particles looking like ground pepper show up, put a few drops of water on them. If they dissolve into reddish-brown splotches ("flea dirt"), it's probably time to do battle with fleas.

Flea collars are of limited value, said veterinarians, since a flea only spends about 20% of its time on a dog or cat. It jumps on for a meal and jumps off again when it's finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Flea are hardy parasites and can produce an estimated 222 trillion relatives in their nine month lifetimes. Various types are found as far north as the arctic as well as in

equatorial jungles. Some can leap 15 to 36 inches high, the equivalent of a person jumping over the Washington Monument!

Adult fleas are a relatively easy target while on a pet—veterinarian-recommended dips, flea shampoo baths, sprays, and powders are very effective here. The problem is killing their small, tough, numerous eggs which develop into larvae, takes two to four weeks and as little as 10 days in warm, humid climates. These stages, which do not occur on the pet, are remarkably resistant to most flea control attempts. Therefore, the trick is to treat the environment as well as the animal to break the pest's life cycle.

How? AAHA offers these tips:

- check with a veterinarian for advice on flea control,
- have him or her professionally bathe or dip the pet
- thoroughly vacuum every area the pet frequents—and throw the bag away immediately (you don't want a bag of fleas in the house in four weeks or less),
- use household disinfectant on washable surfaces,
- dust or spray cracks and crevices with a veterinarian-approved insecticide; spray or dust the yard too, if you have an outdoor pet,
- repeat the procedures every two to four weeks to break the fleas' life cycle.

CT & T Promotes Thomas To Commercial Manager

Wilbert "Will" C. Thomas, Jr., business office manager with Carolina Telephone here, has been promoted to district commercial manager.

He replaces G.A. "Zan" Monroe, who has been promoted to division service center manager in New Bern.

In his new position, Thomas is responsible for the operation of the company's business office in New Bern and for matters involving relations with customers and the public in the communities and areas served by the New Bern, Bayboro, Havelock, Oriental, Pollocksville, Vanceboro and Trenton telephone exchanges.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Thomas joined Carolina Telephone in Rocky Mount in 1976 as a directory sales representative. He transferred in 1980 to New Bern as commercial representative and has held positions of increasing responsibility with the company since that time.

He is married to the former Sylvia J. Plummer, also of Baltimore, and they have five children. Thomas serves on the board of directors of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce and is involved in other civic activities in New Bern.

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