

Ervin Appeals For Further Funds For Pollution Fight

BY SENATOR SAM ERVIN

Three years ago, Congress enacted a far-reaching water pollution control program, The Clean Waters Restoration Act of 1966, which I cosponsored, authorized a five-year, \$3.5 billion program of matching governmental funds for construction of waste treatment and sewage facilities. The Act's objective was to step up activity to remove pollution from our water supplies.

No one seems to question the need to heed the warnings of ecologists and conservationists that we must clean up our streams or risk polluting our life support system. The question is one of national priorities and whether we can risk further delay in financing the construction of necessary waste treat-

ment facilities.

Last week, the Senate in reviewing the progress of our national effort to remove pollution from our water resources concluded that the program was lagging because the Federal Government was not meeting promises with appropriations. For example, in fiscal 1968, the first year of the program, Congress appropriated only \$203 million of the \$400 million authorized under the 1966 Act. Last year, Congress appropriated only \$214 million of an authorized \$700 million for the program. This year, the budget request was for another \$214 million out of an authorized \$1 billion.

The Senate Appropriations Committee considered the nation's need and approved the full

\$1 billion authorized for fiscal 1970 as a part of the public works appropriation. The Senate on November 12th passed the appropriation which contained the \$1 billion for pollution control. I voted for the bill.

The measure now goes to a Senate-House conference. Earlier, the House approved \$600 million for water pollution control after rejecting a \$1 billion appropriation by two votes. Whatever compromise is reached, Congress has recognized that the nation must accelerate the funding of its clean waters program.

Congressional action in this field comes at a time when communities are faced with critical waste treatment problems caused by population growth and industrial expansion almost unparalleled in our history. Such growth has overtaken waste treatment facilities in a score of cities, towns and villages and has resulted in the dumping of filth in our streams and rivers.

I am certainly mindful in this era of inflation of the need for prudent spending. At the same time, I recognize that there are some problems that must be resolved by governmental action without delay. It seems to me that pollution control constitutes such a program.

The North Carolina General Assembly stated in eloquent language the need for pollution control when it enacted our state's Water Use Act of 1967. It declared that the "general welfare and public interest require that the water resources of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent to which they are capable, subject to reasonable regulation in order to conserve these resources and to provide and maintain conditions which are conducive to the development and use of water resources."

We need but look about us to see the pollution of our streams and rivers. We can all do much to purify our water supplies, but it is also essential that Congress appropriate sufficient funds for an orderly program to arrest and remove filth from our waters. For this reason, I am hopeful that the House will concur in the Senate action taken last week.



REPRESENTING APPALACHIAN'S 525 STAFF EMPLOYEES—Emmitt Burden (left) and Louis Bell talk with one of the more than 500 ASU staff members whose voice they represent in Raleigh as administrative officers of the North Carolina State Employees Association. Burden, executive director of the association, and Bell, the group's president, were on campus last week to meet with the university's non-academic staff members and to let them know what is being done in their behalf in Raleigh. At the right is Mrs. Maude Carroll, chairman of the auditing committee for Area I of the NCSEA.

N. C. Agribusiness Group To Aid Farmers, Others

A non-profit corporation was formed in Raleigh Thursday to represent all agricultural interests and related industries in North Carolina.

Formation of the corporation, the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, was approved by businessmen, farm spokesmen and civic leaders meeting on the campus of North Carolina State University.

"Agribusiness and related industries are our largest employers, our biggest taxpayers and our biggest wage payers in North Carolina," Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., told the organizational meeting. Davis said that seven of the 10 leading industries in North Carolina were related to agriculture and that the Council could represent up to 80 per cent of the economic activity of the state.

Four general purposes were set forth for the Council: —To increase the awareness of North Carolinians in the state's agribusiness; —To evaluate the strengths,

weaknesses and potentials of agribusiness; —To promote greater unity of interest between agricultural producers, processors, suppliers, transporters, financiers, wholesalers and retailers; and —To make North Carolina a leader among the states in agribusiness industries.

Dr. H. Brooks James, dean of agriculture and life sciences at NCSU, was named temporary chairman of the Council. Directors elected were Atwell Alexander, Alexander's Foultry Farms, Stony Point; Jack Cooper, president, N. C. Pork Producers Assn., Rose Hill; Wayne Corpening, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem; Brantley Deloatche, general manager, Central Carolina Farmers Exchange, Durham; Thomas A. Finch, president, Thomasville Industries, Thomasville;

Also, Francis Garvin, treasurer, Holly Farms, Wilkesboro; J. J. Harrington, president, Harrington Manufacturing

Co., Lewiston; Frank Harris, manager agribusiness services, Southern Railway, Raleigh; Chapman Hutchinson, Weyerhaeuser Co., Plymouth; Halbert Jones, president, Waverly Mills, Laurinburg; Guy T. McBride, Texas Gulf Sulphur, Aurora; B. F. Nesbitt, dairyman, Henderson County;

Also, Dennis Ramsey, president, Ramsey Feed Mills, Rose Hill; Cy Rich, New Lake Farm, Belhaven; D. W. Royster, president, Royster Transport Co., Shelby; John Ryan, vice president, Southern Bell, Charlotte; Joseph Sherrill, vice president Reynolds Industries, Winston-Salem; Reid Thompson, vice president, Carolina Power & Light, Raleigh; and Frank Bryant, chairman of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee, Boonville.

Family-planning centers to be staffed by poor. Kennedy wins right to a closed inquest.

Chamber Commerce News Notes

The board of directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday at 12:00 noon, Dec. 2, at the Holiday Inn. This will be the last meeting before Christmas.

The Northwest North Carolina Development Association will have its annual meeting, December 4, at the YMCA in Eldon. This association is composed of eleven counties of Northwestern North Carolina and its purpose is to work from the community level in the total cultural, economic and industrial development of each community within the area.

Directors from the various counties are appointed by the chambers of commerce of the respective counties for a term of three years. Directors from Watauga are Robert Shipley of Watauga County High School, Miss Jane Smith, manager of Radio Station WATA, and Prof. Nollie W. Shelton, ASU. Professor Shelton's term expires this December and will be succeeded by Wade Wilmoth of Boone. The meeting will be attended by approximately 800 representatives. We expect 65 to attend from Watauga County.

Some of our town Christmas decorations have been hung, thanks to Mrs. Bev Rusing, our decorations chairman, and Grant Ayers of the New River

Light and Power Co. If the weather permits we hope the job will be completed before Thanksgiving. This is a difficult, thankless job and we owe Mrs. Rusing, Mr. Ayers and his employees a debt of gratitude.

The Auto License Bureau and the Credit Bureau will be closed on Thanksgiving Day—but will be open for business, 8:30 a. m. Friday.

The function and upkeep of the Watauga County Humane Society facility is becoming better organized, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Velma Burnley, president of the organization.

There is still much to be done to complete the job. For example, a roof is to be installed, a walk around the building, terracing and setting of shrubbery. A meeting of the Society will be held Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 26, at Green Valley School. Dr. John G. Martin will address the group.

We welcome our C of C member of the week: Watsonatta Westerns, G. Darrel Watson, 101 West King St.

Phyllis Diller to star in "Hello Dolly!"

Milk For New Processing Plant Of A&P To Come From Co-op

HIGH POINT—Officials of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company announce that the milk requirements for the new milk processing plant in High Point will be supplied by United Dairies, a N. C. farmers' cooperative.

S. D. Winchell, manager of the new milk plant, said, "Our present planning is to begin processing milk for our North Carolina stores next July. Construction is on schedule." Win-

chell said that volume would run about 70 million pounds of milk a year initially but that the plant capacity is greater. James H. Cornelius, vice President and general manager of A & P's Charlotte Division serving company stores in this area, said it is A & P's policy to obtain supplies locally whenever possible. "We are happy the North Carolina farmers will be furnishing high quality milk for our new facility."



SECRETARY OF COMMERCE Maurice H. Stans is shown with Congressman James T. Broyhill of North Carolina's 10th Congressional District during a conference last week concerning the damage textile imports are causing the domestic textile industry in the United States. In this conference, Congressman Broyhill furnished detailed information to Secretary Stans about the growing problems of the industry in North Carolina and urged that the Nixon Administration continue its strong efforts to negotiate international agreements that will stem the flood of textile imports and allow for an orderly development of the textile market in the United States.

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 - 90 ACRE TRACT of land in Doe Ridge section, beautiful view, water. Excellent for sub-dividing.
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