

Scott Osborne is one of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's game biologists, and like many sportsmen, he is concerned about the image the public has of the hunter.

"I'm afraid some of the non-hunting public has a rather poor opinion of hunters and hunting," said Scott recently. "Furthermore, I think this poor image is the direct result of a rather small segment of hunters we call slob hunters. The slob hunter, though in the minority, is highly visible. He's the guy who openly breaks the law, who flaunts his lack of regard for wildlife laws, who has no regard for the rights of others and often trespasses on private, posted land."

To Scott, what to do about the slob hunter is one of the biggest problems facing other legitimate hunters. Finding a way to rid ourselves of slob hunters is not easy, but Scott has given the matter a lot of thought and he's come up with some sound ideas.

He puts the burden directly on the backs of legitimate sportsmen who hunt legally and care about a sound future for wildlife populations.

"The legitimate hunter must take the initiative," says Scott. "He must not only demonstrate good hunting practices himself; he must also convince the slob hunting minority that they must shape up or lose their opportunities to hunt (along with the rest of us)."

Scott outlines 10 excellent steps which he considers basic.

1—First, above all, hunters should try to establish good relationships with landowners and express a genuine interest in the farmer's land and his operation. If the farmer knows the hunter cares about and understands his problems, better relations will result.

2—In asking permission to hunt, hunters should learn what species of game the landowner wants protected. Once this has been established, the hunter must never harvest any species except those agreed upon in advance.

3—In requesting permission to hunt, the hunter should offer to always check with the landowner in advance of EACH hunting trip. Some farmers, once they get to know and trust you, may simply let you hunt without checking before every trip, but it's always a good idea to ask. It may also be a good idea to check with the farmer each time after you've finished hunting.

4—Hunters should never bring a friend or friends to hunt unless this has been cleared with the landowner in advance. This is one of the landowner's pet peeves because many "friends" assume wrongly that they also have the right to return and hunt alone later. They don't.

5—Hunters should offer to

report to the landowner any misuse or abuse of his property that is encountered during a hunting trip. This might include trespass, damage to property or other abuse.

6—It is also a good idea for hunters to invite landowners to hunt with them. Some landowners may like to hunt; but for many reasons (lack of dogs or companionship), they may get little opportunity. They will appreciate your sincere offer; and you may develop a long, mutual friendship that will be fruitful for both of you.

7—Hunters should inform landowners that they will use only roads, tractor paths or trails that already exist. Four-wheel drive vehicles are nice, but they should not be used to cross fields or pastures. Avoid driving on roads, paths and trails when the weather is extremely wet and bad ruts could be created.

8—Hunters should offer the landowner part of their kill. Most landowners will decline; but even if they occasionally accept, it is a very small price to pay for a good place to hunt.

9—At all costs, avoid leaving any litter on the landowner's property or anywhere else for that matter. If you see where someone else has left some litter, take a little time to clean it up.

10—Hunters should keep in mind that farming entails great expense, and even minor things can make a big difference. If gates are shut, leave them shut when you use them. Never damage a fence while climbing it. Be especially careful of shooting towards buildings or domestic animals.

Scott winds up his excellent list of suggestions with a comment that is worth remembering.

"I firmly believe that any person who obeys the law and truly makes an effort to follow the above practices will always have a place to hunt," says Scott. "I know these things have worked for me most of the time, and they will work for others."

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**Rep. White Reports...**

By Rep. Stanford White  
The 1977 session of the General Assembly continues at a busy pace. The committee meetings and sessions in the House are getting longer and there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to do all the things that need to be done.

I know all of you are interested in the Coastal Land Management Act. In the near future, I plan to get out a questionnaire to all county commissioners and town boards in regard to this act, in which I will ask for their reaction and comments. I am sure that during this present session of the General Assembly there will be new legislation introduced which will revise a part of the Coastal Land Management Act. The new legislation will keep intact the section that now concerns so many of our citizens in reference to our national heritage and the protection of so many of our natural resources.

This week I co-introduced with Rep. Ronald Mason a bill that provides for the appropriation of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Economic Resources for 1977-79 biennium for the purpose of planting oyster culch and clam seedlings in the public bottoms, hopefully, to be renewed from the now polluted and closed bottoms. This will provide for the fishermen and oystermen more plentiful grounds in which to work.

House Bill 173 was ratified recently. This legislation amends the unemployment compensation laws to give the Employment Security Commission more flexibility in denying benefits to certain types of unemployed persons.

I have just received information from the Department of Human Resources about a service they have which I am sure will be of interest to many of you. This service is called Careline and it provides rapid and reliable information and makes referrals regarding human services to the citizens of North Carolina.

The program operates on the basis of a centralized, computer assisted telephone service through which any citizen or group of citizens or agency personnel can gain information about agencies whose services are known to the Department of Human Resources. To date, 10,504 agencies are stored on microfiche. "Careline's" phone number is 1-800- 662-7030 and I encourage you to use it if you feel you need to.

We have been advised that the "cut-off" date for introduction of local bills is April 1.

Again, I thank all of you for the privilege of being your representative here. It is my sincere desire to serve you well and I hope you will let me hear from you at any time that I can be of service.

**WHO KNOWS?**

- Who are the only two Presidents buried in Arlington National Cemetery?
  - When did Queen Elizabeth assume duties as queen?
  - Who was the only bachelor U.S. President?
  - Define cynosure.
  - What is an iceberg?
  - What is a glacier?
  - When did Florida become a U.S. state?
  - Who was the President that followed Wilson?
  - Which President followed Harding?
  - Salem is the capital of which state?
- Answers To Who Knows  
1. William Howard Taft and John Kennedy.  
2. February, 1952.  
3. James Buchanan.  
4. Center of attention or admiration.  
5. A great mass of ice broken off from a glacier.  
6. A large mass of ice and snow moving slowly down a mountain.  
7. February 22, 1819.  
8. Warren G. Harding.  
9. Calvin Coolidge, upon Harding's death.  
10. Oregon.

**Interest On Installments Can Be Sizeable Tax Deduction**

(Dear Editor: We hope the following article will help familiarize your readers with tax law provisions that affect them during the tax return filing period and throughout the year.—Internal Revenue Service)

If you are among the countless millions of Americans who are paying off a home mortgage or other form of installment obligation, you should have an interest in interest. The interest you pay during the year is fully deductible on your Federal income tax return.

Today, installment buying has become a way of life for many of us. Hard pressed for enough cash to buy the things we need or simply would like to have, installment payments and "Charging it" have largely replaced cash on the

**Croaker High Protein Source Says Expert**

Atlantic croaker are caught in such abundance that the market often becomes glutted in North Carolina's coastal areas.

Croaker, while not as palatable to more people as flounder, do contain valuable protein, so a N.C. State University food scientist is looking for a way to increase the commercial value of the croaker.

Dr. Donald Hamann of the Department of Food Science is conducting research to develop firm and desirable texture for minced croaker. Later, he will work on developing flavor that is compatible with American taste buds.

The research with croaker will enable the NCSU food scientist to build a basic understanding of the factors which go into producing good texture in any kind of minced fish, which are subjected to heat.

The end result might someday be a new kind of high protein food that could end up in a sandwich as a good-tasting and nutritious fish-balance type of product.

While Dr. Hamann works with fish, Dr. J.L. Machemehl of the Department of Civil Engineering at NCSU, is color-coding sand to trace the movement and distribution of sediment in tidal inlets.

The data generated by his research will provide solutions for channel migrations, erosion of beaches adjacent to the inlets and shoaling in the estuarine area behind the inlets.

Soil scientists B.L. Carlile and L.D. King are developing on-site septic waste disposal systems that will protect the fragile water supplies of the coastal zone.

NCSU researchers—working on 12 separate projects—are part of the Sea Grant Project which is designed to improve conditions in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina under funding by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of North Carolina.

Total Sea Grant funding for the University of North Carolina System this year is \$1.05-million. NCSU projects are funded with \$697,353, including administration for the total program in the state.

NCSU scientists conduct research applicable to coastal problems — but other faculty and staff are concerned with the transfer of knowledge through extension to coastal residents, industry and government.

Dr. Leigh Hammond, assistant vice chancellor for University Extension and director of the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, heads Sea Grant extension activities under a \$178,676 grant.

NCSU recreation specialist Leon Abbas works with coastal resort industries to expand the recreation market and improve its efficiency of operation.

barrelhead. It can be a convenient way of getting something now instead of later. Convenience yes, but at a price. And interest is the price you pay for the privilege of using someone else's money.

Home mortgage interest is usually the largest single tax deduction for the average taxpayer. But not to be overlooked are the other common interest expenses, such as automobile and personal loans, credit cards, and

other extensions of credit. Combined, they can add up to a very respectable tax deduction.

Mortgage companies, credit card firms, and other lenders usually provide you with an annual statement showing the interest you paid during the year. They don't always do so automatically, however, so if you're ready to file your return, ask for a statement if you haven't received one. Don't wait until the last minute to make your

request because lenders are likely to be flooded with similar requests from other tax-minded customers.

Check your statements carefully and deduct only the amount expressed as an annual percentage rate or other financial charge. There could be other charges included in the statement that are not deductible, such as service charges, loan fees, or credit investigation fees.

For example, you purchase a new bedroom suite and open a credit account with the furniture company to finance the purchase. The store gives you on-the-spot credit after a quick check with the local credit bureau and charges your account \$10 for the service. You are billed directly for the pre-arranged installment payments and your account is charged 1 1/2 per cent on the unpaid balance each month. Your first month's bill also reflects the \$10 fee for checking your credit rating. The finance charges are fully deductible, but you must remember to subtract the credit investigation fee from the amount you deduct on your tax return.

For those of you who just purchased a home, here's a point on "points." The term "points" is sometimes used to describe the charges paid by a borrower to a lender as loan origination fees, maximum loan charges, or premium charges. If payment of points is solely for the use of money, it is interest and is deductible. Points paid by the seller, however, are considered selling expenses and are not deductible as interest.

Like any other tax advantage, there are some basic rules of thumb applicable to interest deductions:

- The interest must result from an actual debtor-creditor relationship;
- The interest must be based on a valid obligation to pay a fixed or determinable sum of money;
- The debt must be one for which you are legally liable.

If a father gives his daughter \$1,000 for a trip to

Europe, hoping to be repaid sometime in the future, no true debtor-creditor relationship exists and the daughter could not deduct any interest she might choose to pay her father. Similarly, you can't claim a deduction for payments you make on behalf of someone else if you are not legally liable to do so. So, if you help your son with his car payments while he is struggling along in college, you cannot deduct the interest you pay in his behalf.

To claim interest paid you must use Form 1040 and itemize your deductions. But before you sit down to figure the amount of your deduction why not get all the facts? Contact your nearest IRS office and ask for a copy of Publication 545, "Income Tax Deduction for Interest Expense." It's available free of charge and is full of items of interest on interest.

**Tax System Film Available**

GREENSBORO — "The American Way of Taxing," a 27 1/2-minute color film depicting how the U. S. tax system works and the services available to taxpayers, has just been released by the Internal Revenue Service.

The 16mm film, available on loan free from the IRS, stars veteran actor Richard Basehart as the on-camera host. The viewer is led through events in America's past which affected our tax system, how the IRS administers tax laws and where taxpayers can get assistance through IRS offices.

The film will be particularly useful and informative to school and civic groups, as well as professional societies.

Any groups wishing to reserve the film may call the IRS Public Affairs office in Greensboro at 378-5266, or write to Public Affairs Officer, P. O. Box 20541, Greensboro, N. C. 27420.

**South Big Wood Producer**

The South has reached a major milestone in the wood industry and is becoming the nation's No. 1 supplier much faster than predicted, according to North Carolina State University extension forest resources specialists.

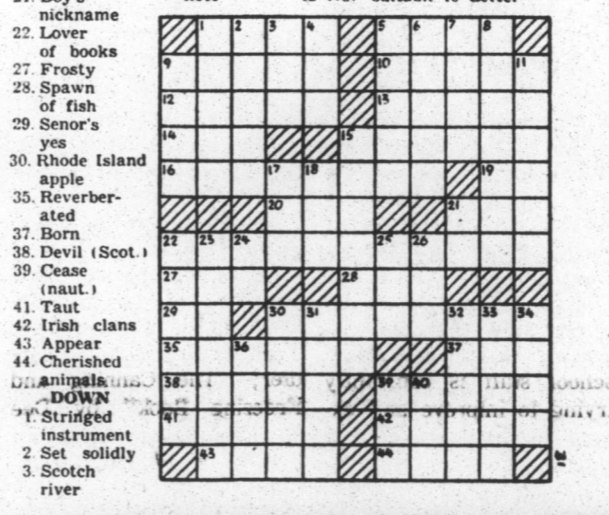
Western part of the country.

Southern pine is making heavy inroads into the plywood business, capturing a third of the total plywood market in the last 15 years.

North Carolina is sharing in this expansion of the wood industry in the South. The farm woodland owners sell around \$75 million worth of lumber a year and another \$15 million worth of pulpwood.

- CROSSWORD**
- ACROSS  
1. Hindu sacred literature  
5. Diplomacy  
9. U.S. coins  
10. Fragrant wood  
12. Roman togas  
13. Carried  
14. Mexican rubber tree  
15. Humps  
16. Hatred  
18. (two words) short tale  
19. Sun god  
20. Consume  
21. Boy's nickname  
22. Lover of books  
27. Frosty  
28. Spawn of fish  
29. Senor's yes  
30. Rhode Island apple  
35. Reverberated  
37. Born  
38. Devil (Scott.)  
39. Cease (naut.)  
41. Taut  
42. Irish clans  
43. Appear  
44. Cherished  
45. Antipark  
46. DOWN  
47. Stringed instrument  
2. Set solidly  
3. Scotch river

- DOWN  
4. Donkey  
5. Forbidden  
6. Audibly  
7. Vegetable  
8. Part of a climbing plant  
9. Belabor  
11. "Open"  
15. Traveled, as by car  
17. Chief petty (Babyl.)  
18. Medieval short tale  
21. Music note  
22. Cut in two  
23. Ice pendants  
24. At hand  
25. "The Gold Bug" author  
26. Female fowl  
30. Web-footed bird  
31. Juniper-like desert shrub  
32. Not suitable  
33. Robins' homes  
34. Obtains  
35. Sharpen as a razor  
39. Viper  
40. Letter



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