

Cameron Becomes Ducks Unlimited Member

Bruce B. Cameron of Wilmington has become a member of Ducks Unlimited Benefactors Roll of Honor. Benefactors are those who give \$100,000 to D.U. and there are only 25 of them in the United States.

Several months ago Cameron issued a challenge to Stuart R. Paine, North Carolina Chairman of D.U., to the effect that if \$200,000 could be raised via D.U. major sponsor contributions, he would then contribute \$100,000. (Major sponsors are Sponsors in Perpetuity who contribute \$25,000; Life Sponsors are those who contribute \$100,000.)

It was envisioned that the \$300,000 goal would fund a major wildlife habitat project in Canada. Such a project was found 70 miles

north of Toronto, Ontario, which involves 1,560 acres and seven miles of waterfowl nesting habitat shoreline. The value of such a project is reflected in the fact that 70 to 80 per cent of all waterfowl in the United States, Mexico, and Central America are hatched and reared in Canada.

The project is prime breeding ground for Mallard, Black, Blue-wing Teal, and Wood Ducks. Additionally, these acres support a vast number of mammals and birds, including white-tailed deer, mink, otter, osprey, herons and many varieties, egrets, and the Henslow Sparrow (which is rarely found in any other area). In recent years, there has been serious danger that this area would be destroyed as

a wildlife breeding ground and refuge.

As a result of the Cameron challenge and the finding of such a significant project, the \$200,000 was contributed by 15 North Carolinians, six of whom became Sponsors in Perpetuity and eight who became Life Sponsors. Among those who became Sponsors in Perpetuity are Eldridge C. Hanes of Winston-Salem; Gordon Hanes of Winston-Salem; Edward A. Morris of Greensboro; Herman A. Moore, of Matthews; T. E. Hemby, Jr., of Matthews; Rush S. Dickson Family Foundation Inc., of Charlotte. Some of the Life Sponsors are William C. Cannon, Jr., of Concord; Jack C. D. Bailey of Rocky Mount; Dowd Foundation of Charlotte; John W. Harris of

Charlotte; O. B. Andrews of Greensboro; Raiford G. Trask, Sr., of Wilmington; Furman O. Clark, Jr., of Southern Pines; and Charles E. Hulsey of Matthews.

D. U. State Chairman Stuart Paine explains "North Carolina can take great pride in the fact that this effort represents the largest sum of money ever raised through this technique by any state D.U. organization in the nation. Furthermore, the project is one of the most significant and extensive ever undertaken by Ducks Unlimited. When it is dedicated, it will be designated and so marked by a bronze monument as a North Carolina project. The names of the contributors will be engraved on the monument."

At the conclusion of this fund-raising effort, Cameron stated, "It is my sincere wish that other state D. U. organizations will use this North Carolina technique, since it is by far the best method of raising important funds needed to underwrite other major projects. Unless these vital waterfowl projects in Canada are greatly increased, the conservation, protection, and management of much of our wildlife will be in jeopardy."

In response, Jack Bailey, D.U.'s Senior Vice President for the Atlantic Flyway (which includes all states on the Atlantic seaboard), said, "I will certainly promote the implementation of Cameron's suggestion in all of the Atlantic Flyway states. I congratulate him on developing such a magnificent method for major fund-raising for Ducks Unlimited. He has set a splendid example here in North Carolina that we hope other states will emulate."

Ducks Unlimited is a private nonprofit international organization whose purpose is to raise money for developing, restoring and maintaining waterfowl habitat on the North American continent. It is the largest conservation organization of its kind in the world.

Miss Ward Earns Honor

RALEIGH — Lynda Danielle Ward of Chowan County has been named to the dean's list at Meredith College for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.T. Ward, Route 1, Tyner.

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DUCKS UNLIMITED CHECK — Bruce B. Cameron of Wilmington, pictured on the far right, presents his check for \$100,000 made out to Ducks Unlimited to Stuart R. Paine, North Carolina Chairman for D.U. Attending the presentation is Jack D. Bailey, second from left, senior vice president for the Atlantic Flyway, D.U.; and Crae Dunn, area chairman for the D.U. Wilmington chapter.

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will be completed. He says the new directory is now scheduled to be delivered in early May.

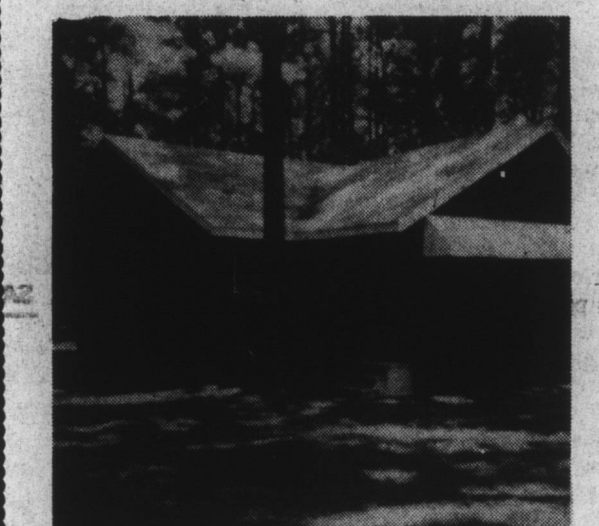
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Carolina Review

BACKFIRE ... Gov. Hunt's move to let the Legislature settle the politically dangerous question of how to rescue the dwindling State highway tax fund may have backfired.

Hunt, in what was seen as a brilliant political move only a couple of weeks ago, suggested it was up to the legislators to either hike gasoline tax revenues or to cut \$342-million from the highway fund. A cut of \$342-million would mean laying off up to 3,000 transportation workers.

Instead, the legislators are looking aggressively toward the state's general tax fund — a separate pot of gold from which the governor must also finance his social, economic, and educational programs.

Historically, the state's highways have been financed by "user" taxes — taxes on gasoline and other transportation related taxes and licensing fees which were placed in the highway fund.

All other revenues, including sales taxes, income taxes, and property taxes, go into the General Fund. The General Fund finances state expenditures primarily for education and the cost of running the government. In more recent history, larger and larger amounts of General Fund dollars have been spent on health and social programs and economic development.

Growing energy and environmental expenses are coming in the very near future. Indeed the governor, as he placed the gasoline tax burden in the lap of the General Assembly, was speaking of the need for North Carolinians to "commit ourselves to a strategy that will develop the full potential of our people and unlock the full potential of our economy."

Gov. Hunt spoke of commitments to "human development" and "economic development." Such commitments require dollars — dollars already under intense competition from various spenders in state government. No one really believes the governor would be pleased to see that competition for General Fund monies heightened by state and industrial lobbying for highway expenditures. Two months ago, Hunt spokesman Brent Hackney was asked about proposals to spend general funds for state highways. According to Hackney, the governor had an "open mind" (to such spending; but "knows that if you go into the General Fund, then highways become prioritized with education and social programs."

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