

N. C. Agriculture Commissioner Honored

North Carolina industry of agriculture," Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Greene said. "He truly has the interest of others at heart and has given very unselfishly for the people of our state."

"I am very pleased to be able to present this special award to this man who has done so much."

Also honored at the banquet session of the Association's annual meeting was the Outstanding Service to the people of North Carolina. "Jim Graham has dedicated his life to the understanding of the



American Legion's Steve Youngdeer, Post 143 Commander Jerry Beck, right, presents a flag that has flown over the Nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. to custodian of the Civic Center in Cherokee, Buddy Waldroup Rep. Roy Taylor made arrangements to provide the flag for the Civic Center at the request of the American Legion Post.

Wildlife Protectors Get Retirement Benefits

It took an act of the Legislature to put all of North Carolina's wildlife protectors under the same retirement benefits as police, sheriffs, and other law enforcement groups.

Senate Bill 204 passed the House of Representatives on July 12 after a long but little publicized struggle that lasted more than three months during which the bill was considered dead several times.

Back in 1951 the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Board ruled that 53 wildlife protectors were not eligible to participate in the retirement system for reasons that never were made clear to the Legislature or the wildlife protectors involved.

Employed prior to 1951, 25 others had been eligible to join the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund, but were apparently not informed of this by that organization.

"It was simply a matter of equity," said Clyde Patton, Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission. "We had 88 men who were member of LEOBRF, and 78 who were

not, yet all were full-fledged law enforcement officers whose duties were the same as those considered eligible for LEOBRF membership," he added.

"Meanwhile," Patton said, "the work of those who were denied membership contributed money to the LEOBRF court cost fund, but from which they

would not have been eligible for retirement benefits.

"S. B. 204 was introduced in the opening weeks of the General Assembly," Patton said, "and its basic purpose was to rectify a discriminatory situation whereby some of our men, by arbitrary ruling of the LEOBRF Board, were unable to share in the more attractive retirement benefits of that fund."

"The bill was finally passed in the last few days of the 1971 General Assembly over strenuous objection on the part of other law enforcement groups and agencies of state government. It was a long struggle but justice and equity prevailed."

Homemakers Club Meets

The Grassy Branch Homemaker Extension Club met with Grace Brendle for a picnic. Each member brought a covered dish. There were 32 people present.

Bill, Dale Hampton and James Edwards furnished the good music. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

The August meeting is in the home of Mrs. Mabel Jenkins. Each member is urged to attend.

Debra Watson's On Deans List

One hundred and twenty-four students at Mars Hill College have been named to the spring semester dean's list released this week. Included in this group is Debra Kay Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewey Watson of Route 1, Bryson City. Miss Watson is a sophomore.

To get on the list a student

Air Contaminant Sources Must Register By Sept. 1

The North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources requires that all air contaminant sources, both combustion and non-combustion, register with the Department before Sept. 1, 1971. The only exceptions to this requirement are comfort heating equipment in homes, and apartment dwellings of our (4) or less units, and the motor vehicles.

Registration forms must be obtained by writing Air Pollution, Asheville, N.C. 28807.

Registration will be required of all fuel burning equipment in all institutional, industrial, and commercial establishments, as well as apartment dwellings of five (5) or more units.

In addition, registration of all air contamination resulting from the following:

The burning of trash, rubbish, refuse and similar materials in incinerators, conical burners, and similar devices.

All industrial plants engaged in the manufacture of chemicals and allied products, including plants producing acids, fertilizers, dyestuff, synthetic fibers and industrial gases.

All pulp and paper plants. All mining and processing of minerals, stone, clay and cement products and includes, among others, phosphate ore, mica and feldspar operations, stone quarries and crushers, cement plants, concrete mixing plants, and masonry block plants.

All industrial operations utilizing petroleum products

and includes asphalt mix plants, roofing felts plants, and petroleum products storage areas.

All furniture, lumber and wood products plants.

All textile manufacturing, textile dyeing and finishing plants.

All shelling, drying, storage, ginning and processing tobacco, corn, soybeans, peanuts, cotton, fruits, vegetables or other agricultural products.

All industries engaged in the processing of metals and includes, among others, smelting, casting, foundries, metal working and other similar operations.

All slaughtering and processing meat, poultry, fish, and similar products and includes rendering or the recovery of by-product therefrom.

Should there be any doubt as to whether registration is necessary, register and let the Department of Water and Air Resources make the decision. Failure to comply with these regulations is a violation of the law.

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