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"Raleigh And Roanoke" Exhibit To Be Shown

"The Conjuror," an engraving by Theodore de Bry from a painting by John White, will be among the items in "Raleigh and Roanoke," an exhibit to be held at the N.C. Museum of History

in Raleigh March 9-June 6.

An Algonquian Indian pouch like the one the conjuror or medicine man is carrying in photo above, collected in Virginia before

1656, will be displayed next to the engraving and the White painting. The exhibit, which is part of the 400th Anniversary celebration, will include 18 paintings by White, the governor of the

"lost colony" of 1587, one of the first English settlements in the new world. (Photo Courtesy of N.C. Department of Cultural Resources).

Indian Art Contest Announced

An art contest to recognize the talent of American Indian artists in North Carolina will be one of the many features of the Tenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference to be held March 14-16, 1985, at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville.

skill and presence could be recognized and honored," said Ruth Revels, president of United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC), sponsor of the annual conference. Persons who wish to enter the contest must be American Indians who are currently residing in the state. Entries may be submitted in five categories: original drawings, paintings, basket-

work, wood carvings and beadwork. All entries must be submitted to one of the seven North Carolina Indian organizations which are UTNC members no later than Feb. 28, 1985. All contest entries will be displayed during the Unity Conference. Judging will be held March 14, and awards will be presented during the conference banquet to be

held the night of March 15.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a member organization of UTNC, will coordinate the contest. For more information on contest rules and regulations, contact Teresa Emanuel at the commission, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call 919-733-5998.

Bald Eagles Holding Steady

After years of decline, the nation's bald eagle population appears to be "holding steady," according to the results of the National Wildlife Federation's 1984 bald eagle survey. This year's survey, which was conducted early last January, noted 11,819 eagles in 42 of the lower 48 states. Last year's count,

conducted in the same states, was 10,903 bald eagles.

"The bald eagle isn't home free yet, but the news is encouraging," said Dr. Jay Hair, executive vice-president of the National Wildlife Federation. "It will take years for the eagle to recover from the decline suffered in

the 1960's, which was caused by the loss of habitat and the use of chemicals such as DDT. However, the bald eagle is beginning to make a comeback, and this year's survey demonstrates encouraging progress."

Seven bald eagles were observed during the count in

North Carolina. In addition, for young eagles were released last summer at the Lake Mattamusket National Wildlife Refuge as part of a reintroduction program and the state's first successful wild nesting attempt since 1971 fledged one bird near Lake Mattamusket.

Cheese Recertification Required

The Swain County Department of Social Services will be taking applications each afternoon during the month of January for cheese recertification.

Everyone who is interested in receiving cheese and other commodities during the next distribution will need to be certified. All certifications that have been done in the past expire in January.

Due to increases in Social Security and other benefits, new verification will be required and this requirement can be satisfied by the application providing photostatic copies of the checks re-

Hendon Opposes WNC Nuclear Waste Sites

Eleventh District U.S. Congressman-elect Bill Hendon has announced his intention to form an advisory council of environmentalists, geologists and other concerned citizens to oppose the location of nuclear waste disposal sites in Western North Carolina.

A recent study of potential nuclear storage sites by the U.S. Department of Energy included locations in North Carolina. Although no final decision has been made on the sites, Hendon said that he wanted to "...make sure these beautiful mountains and the people who live in

them are not subjected to the potential hazard that nuclear waste storage brings." Hendon suggests that a more practical solution to the nuclear waste disposal dilemma would be to store nuclear waste at former nuclear test sites in Nevada. "The

ground in Nevada has been contaminated for generations, perhaps forever. It is only prudent that we use an area like that as opposed to even considering Western North Carolina," Hendon said.

Bear Hunting Sensitive Issue

By Mike Kesselring

Bear hunting stirs up many emotions. For a sportsman it stirs up the thrill of the hunt. For Wildlife Officers, park rangers and concerned citizens it can stir up frustration and anger when the thought of poaching and illegal kills comes to mind. For the poacher, the thought of possible profits creates disdain towards those who make and enforce the laws designed to protect such a magnificent creature.

In recent years the bear population has increased slightly in the Great Smoky's Park and in state and national forests, as well as large tracts of privately owned lands. With last summer and fall's supplies of mast running short, many bears ventured near and into densely popu-

lated areas all across WNC making them an easy target for anyone who had a gun. Those who had a gun an no heart shot many. This was an illegal act, though many didn't think about the consequences. (See accompanying story.)

With the increase of illegal and legal kills, the bear population has been reduced by 50 percent according to some estimates. This has stirred the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the state biologists of Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina to recommend that the bear hunting season be shortened and not to begin until December 10 when most reproducing females and cubs are in their den. Often times a mother bear is killed by hunters and the cubs are left to fend for themselves. They seldom survive alone.

According to Park Ranger Pat Deason, there were 700 reported bear kills in WNC, and an estimated 100 to 200 unreported kills. Deason stated further that the Great Smoky's Park at present has a bear population of 600-700, an increase of 100-200 bear over the past three to five years. "The Park bear population provides the seed stock for the non-Park bears by providing a sanctuary and an environment free from

encroachment of humans" says Deason.

With half of North Carolina's bear in the park, this the only hope for survival is for the bear. If the laws for hunting bear were obeyed by everyone, this too would insure that the bear would not disappear and become extinct. It is those who seek to hunt bear illegally that will destroy the sport they claim the right to pursue.

Man Fined For Bear Kill

From N.C. Wildlife Commission

A young man from Bryson City was recently assessed nearly \$2,000 in fines and penalties for killing a black bear in Cullowhee. The female bear and her two cubs were feeding in a pear tree when the bear was shot, although bystanders pleaded in vain for the man not to kill the bear. After the animal was killed, a witness reported the incident through the Wildlife Watch Hotline in a matter of minutes, wildlife enforcement officer David Gordon was dispatched to the scene. Wildlife enforcement officers M.S. Stephens and Bill Denner, both of Sylva, assisted in the case. The case was tried by Judge John Snow in Sylva district court.

The defendant pled guilty to the offense and was assessed \$500 in fine, \$35 court

costs, \$1,635 in wildlife replacement costs, and \$500 to cover the costs of raising the cubs. In addition he forfeit his annual sportsman's license and shotgun, was placed on two years probation, and prohibited from all hunting and fishing activities in North Carolina for two years.

The two orphaned bear cubs were captured by David Allen, a wildlife management crew leader in Topton. The cubs were then transported to the Wildlife Commission's Caswell Game facility, where they will be raised until they are mature enough to be released into the wild in Jackson County.

Anyone who wishes to report a wildlife violation should call the Commission's 24-hour, toll-free Wildlife Watch Hotline at 1-800-863-7137. All calls will be kept strictly confidential.

Tax Forms In The Mail

Almost 3.4 million North Carolinians will receive their 1984 Federal tax form packages during the week of December 26, 1984, the Internal Revenue Service has announced.

Each recipient will receive the type of form he or she filed last year, the IRS said. However, filing a different form may be beneficial due to some changes.

For instance, the 1040A, called the short form, allows the taxpayer to claim certain adjustments, credits, and deductions formerly required to be filed with the 1040 long form. A taxpayer may file the 1040A and still claim the Individual Retirement Account

adjustment, the deduction for a married couple with two wage earners, the tax credit for child or dependent care, and also the deduction for up to 25 percent of the first \$300 of contributions to qualified organizations.

William Lovelace, Chief of the Taxpayer Service Division, said, "Last year, about 675,000 North Carolina taxpayers filed the 1040A."

The Federal tax package has two sets of the basic forms and schedules so the taxpayer may use one to compute the tax and keep the other for mailing in. The 1040A and 1040EZ forms are contained in the same package, the IRS said.

TVA Brochure Updated

One of TVA's most popular brochures, "Recreation on TVA Lakes: The Great Lakes of the South", has been updated and reprinted.

The brochure shows locations of public and commercial docks and marinas around TVA lakes, and gives

fishing, hunting, camping, and hiking information.

For a free copy, write Information Services, Division of Land and Economic Resources, 601 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.



Christmas Food Fest

Swain County Christmas Get-To-Gether (Bert Williams)

