



Carlann Osborn

Attends Seminar On Mountains' Ecology

Carlann Osborn, a fourth grade teacher at Saluda Elementary School, recently participated in a seminar for public school teachers at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Osborn was one of 17 teachers participating in "Ancient Ecosystems of the Southern Appalachians," from February 16-21, conducted by Bob Satterwhite, NCCAT Director of Public Information.

Osborn has a master's degree from Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C.

NCCAT, a unit of the University of North Carolina system, conducts a year-round program of renewal seminars for the state's public school teachers. Approximately 3,700 teachers from every county and every school district in the state have participated in center programs since full-time operations were initiated in the fall of 1986.

Communication

Dear Jeff:

I wrote to Kmart to give my support. I do not believe in censorship in any form, and also I told them that I had never personally seen anything in Waldenbooks shops that I would classify as porno.

Joe Williamson

The Kmart response to Williamson's letter was:

"Thank you for your recent correspondence. Over the last two years Kmart has been the subject of letter-writing cam-

paigns, demonstrations, and attempts to organize boycotts of Kmart stores by the American Family Association.

These activities have been directed at Kmart stores, even though the materials found offensive by the AFA are not in Kmart stores - they actually are sold through our Waldenbooks subsidiary, which is a general interest bookstore committed - as the First Amendment provides - to selling a full range of reading materials.

We are monitoring AFA letters and publications and pointing out errors. Recently we wrote to Donald Wildmon regarding a fund-raising letter in which he incorrectly suggested that Kmart Corp. and its Chairman, Joseph Antonini, had something to do with initiating a lawsuit brought by the publishers of Penthouse magazine against the AFA. In the interest of fair and accurate disclosure, we expect to see acknowledgements and corrections of such errors in subsequent AFA communications.

We do not dispute the AFA's right to protest. Such activity is protected by the First Amendment (as is Waldenbooks' right to offer a full range of reading materials). We do, however, want to make sure that AFA is providing its audience with accurate information.

Jeanne M. Golly
Vice President,
Corporate Communications"

New Books At County Library

Recent additions to Polk County Public Library's books include the following:

Rising Sun, by Michael Crichton. The author of the previous bestselling *Jurassic Park* presents a new tale of murder within the international electronic industry. Crichton's gripping fiction is based on a knowledgeable depiction of the world of international business and science that has been described in major media as informative and disturbing.

Billie Dyer and Other Stories, by William Maxwell. A master of American fiction who has been compared to Tolstoy and Chekhov offers seven brief and penetrating stories of residents of Lincoln, IL. Stories in this slim volume have been described as "dazzling," "moving," and "profoundly wise" by literary critics writing for *The*

Wall Street Journal and *The New York Times Book Review*.

Gate of the Tigers, by Henry Meigs. A bestselling author of political intrigue presents a story of a murder investigation that threatens the interests of Japanese high society. A CIA agent and a Japanese police officer who hates Americans encounter seeming indifference as they struggle to resolve the high-stake crime.

Outerbridge Reach, by Robert Stone. In this intense story, a Vietnam war veteran faces personal and environmental challenges in an around-the-world sailing race. Danger, courage, and the fragility of human ties are vividly portrayed within the context of a modern day sea adventure.

Black Hills, White Justice, by Edward Lazarus. This history of the Sioux Indians extends from their first encounter with white settlers through a 100-year legal battle that culminated in a 1989 Court of Claims award of \$40 million. The author's account of "the longest running legal battle in American history" has been praised as "eloquent" and "factual" by Justice Henry Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The New Emperors: China in the Era of Mao and Deng, by Harrison Salisbury. The Pulitzer prize winning author provides a history of China from 1949 to the present that shows remarkable similarities between Chinese Marxist and Chinese emperors of the past 2,000 years. Salisbury's history, based on extensive research and interviews, reveals extravagance and deadly intrigue in the palaces and secret gardens of modern China.

How to Keep Your Savings Safe, by Walter Updegrave. The author, associate editor of *Money* magazine, advises readers to look at the "hidden risks" associated with bank deposits and investments once thought to be safe. This useful guide examines investment alternatives and teaches readers how to evaluate the vulnerability of banks, insurance companies, and money market funds.



Using bright yellow paint mark regular parking stalls in the garage for children's bicycles and wagons.

Trash Pick Up

The Kiwanis Club of Tryon has always worked hard to serve the needs of the community, and the club's most visible service is its Adopt-A-Highway Program.

This past Saturday a few hearty club members gathered to collect trash along a 2-mile stretch of Hwy. 108.

Although all hate to see our beautiful Polk County highways littered with trash, some members seemed to enjoy the early morning get together, not only to meet a definite need in the community, but as rumor has it, to take advantage of the free cup of coffee provided by a certain member after all the hard work is done.

Picking up trash is never fun but these members seem to be making the best of it. So a special thanks to the following Kiwanians:

Ross Fox, Eloise Johnson, Bill Kuhn, Chan Robinson, Joe Testor, John Vining, Chet Willard, and Bob Worsnop.
-Community Reporter

Must Display New Handicapped Placard

Your passport to the privilege of using handicapped parking spaces now has a completely new look in N.C. The familiar aluminum plate, similar to a regular automobile license, became unlawful as of Feb. 1 under legislation enacted in 1991.

Instead, a printed cardboard "North Carolina Handicapped Parking Placard" is available.

It incorporates a punched expiration date, an assigned number and the standard wheelchair emblem in blue ink. That's the same color used on the old plates, which had no expiration date. The state issued about 300,000 of the old plates.

Like the old plates, the new placards cost \$5 each and are good for five years. The change was enacted because there was no system for revoking them for an individual who is no longer eligible for handicapped parking.

To obtain a new placard for use in any form of motor transportation, you must complete an application and have it signed by your physician. Qualifications for such a permit are listed on the application.

Go to the tag office in Columbus for an application.