

# Wildlife Afield

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## ENVIRONMENT AND ELECTION

With elections coming up, have you wondered why concern about the environment seems to be attracting the interest of so few politicians?

True, there are a few who have made the environmental issue a fairly important part of their campaign but there are many more who either have not mentioned it at all or who have played it down.

This seems strange because the American public is highly concerned about the environment. Every public poll taken in the past few years has ranked the environment as one of the main issues.

Environmental concern ranks up there with the war in Vietnam, taxes, drugs, poverty, civil rights, law and order, busing and other current issues.

More and more people are beginning to realize that solving environmental problems may be — in the long run — the most important issue of all. For instance, 50 years from now, the war in Vietnam may well be largely forgotten, but unless we have solved some of the environmental problems facing us, we will be in the midst of a crisis.

Many of today's other issues are also rather short term in nature. This is not to say that they are not important, but merely to point out that our future quality of life — and perhaps our very existence — depends upon our ability to confront such key environmental issues as energy sources, dwindling natural resources, water and air pollution, possible genetic changes from pesticides, loss of wilderness areas, the urban crunch and the many, many other related problems. Concern about the environment is far more than mere apprehension about the future of outdoor recreational interests — as important as they are.

More to the point, unless we effectively tackle environmental problems in this decade, we can be assured that our children will face problems we can scarcely imagine. Confronting the environmental issue is not a matter that can be put off.

Which gets us back to the original question. Why are so few politicians using the environmental issue as a

major part of their campaign, particularly since voters consider it so important?

There are at least two reasons — possibly more. One is that there are still some men and women seeking, or in, public office, who have not realized the long range importance of this issue. But if this were the only reason, there would be little to worry about because growing public concern would soon "educate" our leaders.

It is not a pleasant thought, but there may be a more important reason for the relatively low priority many politicians are giving to environmental issues.

It is widely believed that campaigns are financed by many small grassroots donations from the people of this country. That, unfortunately, is a myth. Many campaigns are largely financed by huge donations from large companies and special interest groups who fervently hope that their candidate — if elected — will be kind to them. Many of these special interest groups consider their donations a form of insurance against future legislation that might be unfavorable to them.

It would be naive to believe that every candidate always accepts such donations with no strings attached — implied or otherwise. Even the most fair-minded public servant can come under pressure when issues affecting the large donors are at stake. It is not something he relishes, nor — in many cases — is it something he can avoid.

Unfortunately, many of the large special interest groups and companies are wary of candidates who speak out on environmental issues because environmental legislation is not always favorable to them. Protecting the environment is costly, particularly to many big business enterprises. Let a candidate mention his concern for the environment, and the large donations necessary to run a campaign dry up or go to opponents. The candidate is trapped in the middle.

So what is the answer? Until we can find some means of financing campaigns that does not tend to favor large campaign donors, the only answer is for the public and news media to pressure all candidates to speak out on environmental issues whether they want to or not.

That is what we must do between now and election day. Our future quite literally depends upon it.

## Rescue Squad Training Hard

Members of the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad are spending quite a few hours in their never-ending training at the squad building.

This week Graham Johnson, rescue instructor from the Fire & Rescue Service Division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance, is conducting a 12-hour seminar on Unit IV of their training program.

Meeting or three hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, the volunteers will be instructed and practice (1) how to organize and make the most effective use of manpower and equipment at a disaster, particularly those that involve more than one rescue squad; (2) how to rig an "A" frame when it may be

necessary to lift or lower a heavy weight, to release a victim in a truck accident, for instance; and (3) a working knowledge of what to expect in the event of an emergency childbirth when a doctor is not available.

Next week Robert W. Hooker, M. D., will review with the volunteers on Monday and Wednesday evenings the techniques of artificial respiration and cardiac massage, two skills that may be life saving.

And then a course continuing for 26 hours will be conducted at the squad building to provide all members with training in American Red Cross "Advanced First Aid."

This Saturday, November 4, the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad is conducting a fish fry in the Shallotte Middle School beginning at 11 a.m. to raise funds for their operating expenses and the purchase of supplies and equipment.

## Firm Reports Quarter Gain

Carolina Caribbean Corporation has reported that preliminary net earnings for the second quarter of fiscal '73 more than quadrupled first quarter earnings.

President Dwight Crater announced that consolidated net earnings for the second quarter of fiscal '73, which ended Sept. 30, were \$347,775, bringing earnings for the first six months to \$425,863, or 15 cents per share. This is an increase of 19 percent over the same period last year when earnings were \$358,254, or 12 cents per share.

Total revenues for the first six months were \$6,962,735, an increase of \$803,630, or 13 percent over last year.

"The increase in earnings can be attributed principally to improved real estate sales at all divisions during the second quarter," Crater said. "The corporation also experienced improvements in resort and recreational operations."

"We are pleased with this earnings report as it marks the sixth consecutive quarter of profitable operations, continuing the turnaround the company began after fiscal '71," Crater added. Figures for the first six months do not reflect any revenues from two new projects which Carolina Caribbean recently announced. Sales at the Land Harbors of America project at Little River, S.C., presently under construction, should begin during the third quarter. The Calabash project, to be developed jointly with Blythe Properties, Inc. of Charlotte, is expected to go on the market during the fourth quarter.

CCC is also the developer of Beech Mountain, an all seasons' resort near Banner Elk; Land Harbors of America at Linville; Triple C Mini Ranches near Charlotte; and, The Reef, a complex of 100 villas on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

## LIBRARY NIGHT

Oak Island Chapter 842, Women of the Moose, will observe Library Chapter Night on November 7 at 8 p.m. in the Moose Home at Yaupon Beach. Dula Pinner is the Library Chairlady and will present the program.

## Who's Who

A Southport resident, Mrs. Isabelle Anderson Denkins, is among the 30 students selected to represent The University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the 1972 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities And Colleges.

She was chosen for the honor by a campus nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory on the basis of her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

# Polling Places

PRECINCT	REGISTRAR	POLLING PLACE
Leland	Gracie Beasley	High School Gymnasium
Hoods Creek	Charlie Smith	Leo Medlin Bldg.
Town Creek	Lois K. Rabon	Volunteer FD Bldg.
Bolivia	Betty Jo Cheers	Agriculture Building
Southport No. 1	Mary S. Dilsaver	Courthouse
Southport No. 2	Jean Fullwood	Old Union Hall
Oak Island	Stephen Farquhar	Town Hall
Mosquito	Edna Crouch	House In Front Of Antioch Church
Supply	Charles H. Caison	Agriculture Bldg.
Secession	Cletis P. Clemmons	Leo Fulford Bldg. At Silver Hill
Shallotte	Ira L. Chadwick	Town Hall
Frying Pan	Darrel G. Johnson	High School Agriculture Bldg.
Shingletree	Louise L. Lewis	Mrs. Leila Osborne Bldg. On US 17 S.
Longwood	Rev. W.H.D. Flowers	Barbara Dutton Bldg.
Ash	Shelton Stanley	Ag. Bldg. At Waccamaw High School
Waccamaw	Faye Ingram	Lester Babson's Store
Grissettown	Jean Crowell	Earl Benton's Garage
Exum	Mary E. Brady	Community Bldg.

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Sam Rayburn said  
...send 'em to Congress  
young enough and  
keep 'em there long  
enough to do  
a good job.**

Sam Rayburn  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Texas  
Elected at age 31

Warren Magnuson  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington  
Elected at age 31

William Jennings Bryan Dorn  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
South Carolina  
Elected at age 31

Hale Boggs  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Louisiana  
Elected at age 27

Gerald Ford  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Michigan  
Elected at age 35

John Tower  
U.S. Senate, Texas  
Elected at age 36

Russell Long  
U.S. Senate, Louisiana  
Elected at age 30

Henry M. Jackson  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington  
Elected at age 30

Carl Hayden  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Arizona  
Elected at age 35

Mendel Rivers  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
South Carolina  
Elected at age 35

Lyndon Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Texas  
Elected at age 29

John F. Kennedy  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Massachusetts  
Elected at age 30

Richard M. Nixon  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
California  
Elected at age 34

Wright Patman  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Texas  
Elected at age 35

Harold Cooley  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
North Carolina  
Elected at age 37

Birch Bayh  
U.S. Senate, Indiana  
Elected at age 35



## County Student In Who's Who

Judson H. Croom, Jr., of Leland, senior at Campbell College, has been named to the 1972-73 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

In selecting candidates, campus nomination committees are instructed to choose students whose academic standing, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential are decidedly above average.

While at Campbell, Croom a trust management major, has been a member of the Gilbert T. Stephenson Trust Club, has played varsity baseball, and has served on the attorney general's staff. A President's List student, he is a member of Epsilon Pi Eta, campus honor society. Croom, a graduate of Leland High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Croom of Leland. He is married to the former Miss Carole Yvonne Potter of Gulf.

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