

# Government May Soon Extend Protective Wing Over Predators

Washington — The Federal Government may soon extend a protective wing over America's predators, long-maligned animals that are coming to be recognized as assets rather than pests.

Wolves, coyotes, bobcats, lynx, bears, and other large carnivores have been persecuted since Europeans first came to American shores.

Destruction of predators was a natural consequence of the gradual settlement of the nation and the growth of agriculture and animal husbandry, the National Geographic Society says. Sheep, poultry, and cattle men regarded them as enemies deserving no pity.

### WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION

Indiscriminate killing through trapping, shooting, and wholesale poisoning became the order of the day. Professional hunters were able to earn a living from bounties paid by counties and states for the animals' pelts, ears, or tails.

As a result, the wolf has become almost extinct in the 48 contiguous states, surviving in appreciable numbers only in

Alaska and parts of neighboring Canada. The remarkably adaptable coyote has managed to persist, but in many places has been driven from its traditional habitat into unaccustomed territory.

Bobcats and bears have become so rare that they will require nearly complete protection if they are to survive.

Predators are persecuted not only because they kill and eat domestic animals. They are held responsible, by some hunters, for decreases in the numbers of game animals, such as deer, antelope, and birds.

Yet, a large body of evidence suggests that the main diet of most predators consists of rats, mice, gophers, and other small rodents whose numbers, if left uncontrolled, could become much more serious pests than the predators themselves.

Ranchers in the Rocky Mountains, beset by exploding rodent populations, have come to appreciate the value of the coyote and, in some areas, have formed voluntary associations to protect it from poisoning.

### "SCALE OF VALUES"

A report to the Secretary of

the Interior made recently by the Advisory Board on Wildlife Management pointed out that predator control "as actually practiced today is considerably in excess of the amount that can be justified in terms of total public interest."

The same report, calling for a reevaluation of the Federal control program, states that "for every person whose sheep may be molested by a coyote there are perhaps a thousand others who would thrill to hear to coyote chorus in the night. Control programs generally fall to cope with this sliding scale of values."

Congressman John D. Dingell (D-Michigan), speaking in the House of Representatives in support of a bill to establish a national policy with respect to predators, said:

"There was a time when the destruction of predators was thought to be a way to wild game abundance, but this idea has been thoroughly exploded by modern wildlife research. It is now recognized that natural predation actually plays a beneficial role in maintaining the health of such species as deer, rabbits, and the game birds, weeding the diseased and unfit from the game populations."

Eskimos, who consider the wolf a spiritual relative, have long been aware of this. According to Eskimo thinking, "The wolf and the caribou are one; for the caribou feeds the wolf, but it is the wolf who keeps the caribou strong."

## Warren Students Named To Honor Councils At ECC

Two former students at John Graham High School have been chosen as members of the honor councils at East Carolina College at Greenville.

Nancy Kay Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Macon has been selected to the Women's Honor Council, and William Hunter Clark, son of W. E. Clark, Rt. 1, Warrenton, has been selected to the Men's Honor Council.

Members of the honor councils for men and women at East Carolina College were selected by the Student Senate, legislative body of the Student Government Association. Each council consists of eight members—four juniors, three seniors and one alternate. The councils have original and referred jurisdiction over all violations of the honor code by students.

The ability to speak in many languages is valuable, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in one is priceless.

(Political Advt.)

### For Constable



CHARLES LOYD

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CHARLES (BUDDY) LOYD.

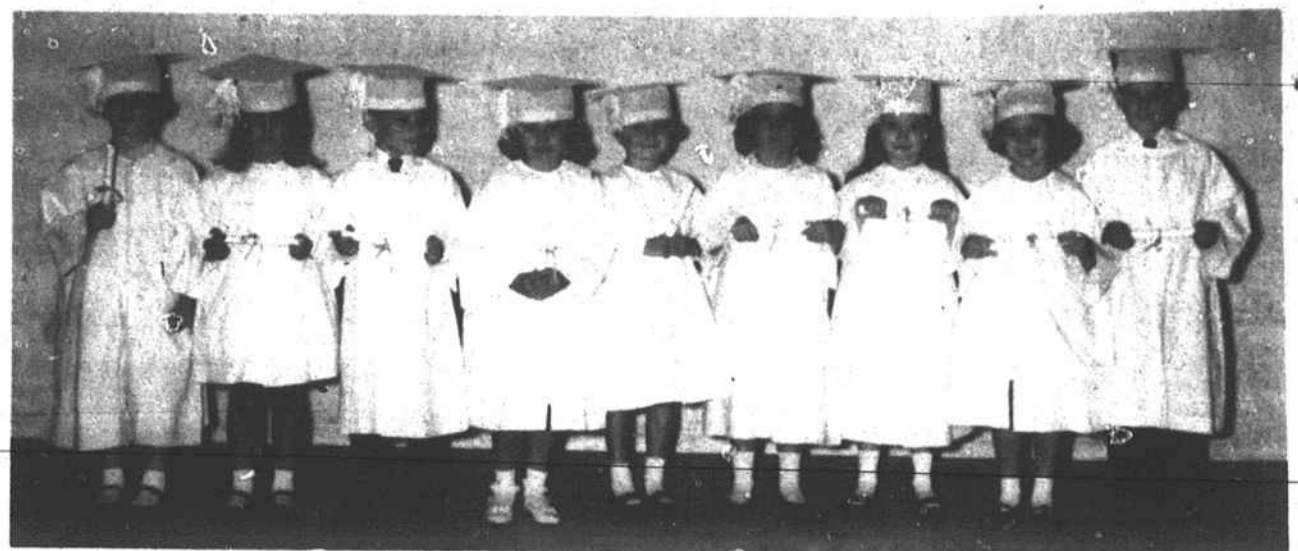
## Semi-Pros To Play Two Games Here Over The Weekend

Warrenton's semi-pro baseball team got off to a poor start over the weekend, with a loss to Aycock in the opener Saturday afternoon, and a forfeiture of the game Sunday afternoon in a game with Epsom when enough Warrenton players failed to show up.

Warrenton will play Williamston on Saturday afternoon and Henderson on Sunday afternoon. Both games will be played on the John Graham High School diamond.

The semi-pros will also play a non-conference game with Norlina here on Wednesday.

In the opening game here last Saturday afternoon Aycock defeated Warrenton by the score of 3 to 1, with Warrenton's lone score coming in the third inning on a homer by Billy Frazier. Richard Thompson hit safely twice in four trips to the



Members of Mrs. Sam Yancey's Kindergarten Class at Norlina are pictured during graduation exercises on Wednesday night of last week. They are, left to right:

Robin Baker, Marie Fleming, David Smiley, Louise Robertson, Elaine Bender, Alice Dryden, Donna King, Joy Gums, and Bob Taylor.

plate. Billy Frazier was the losing pitcher. He was relieved by Luther Perkinson in the 7th.

Bartholomew was the winning pitcher. George Allen was leading

hitter for Aycock with 2 for 5.

### FAIR PLAY

The four-year-old came home crying every night be-

cause one child kept picking on him. After this went on for some time, his father decided to do something about it.

He took his son aside, showed him how to make a fist, and told him that the next time

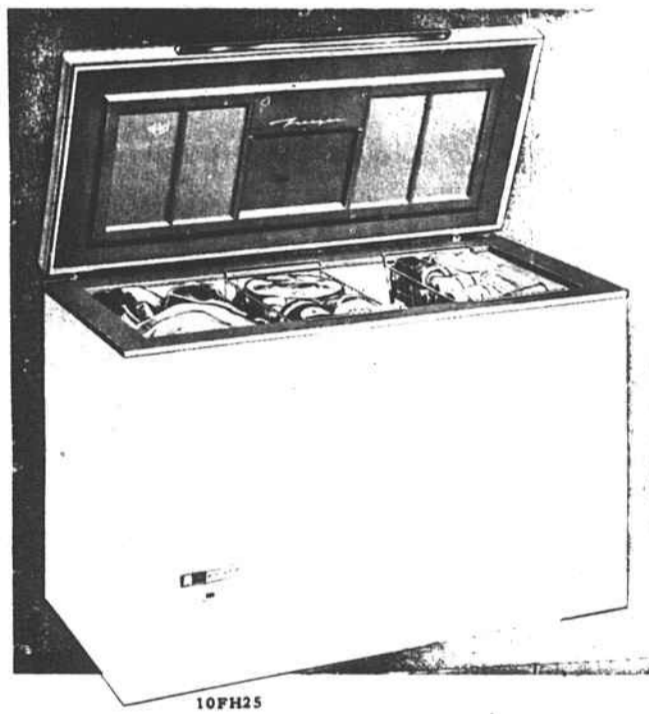
the student bothered him to swing hard.

The next day the four-year-old boy came running into the house jubilantly.

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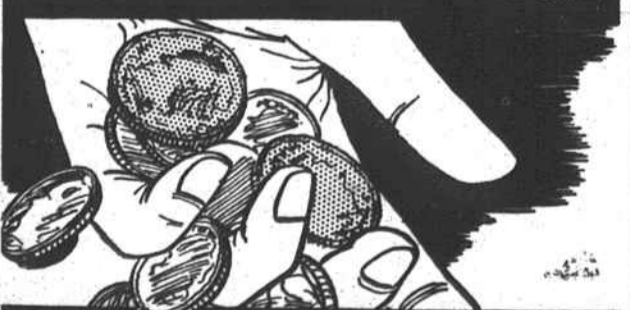


MICHAEL CIGNARELLA (left) receives 6th annual Sheaffer Pen Award from Joseph Eberhardt of pen firm for developing Peewee hockey teams in New England.



EVERYTHING OKAY, FELLERS? President Johnson seems to be saying to busload of Air Force bandmen. Bus arrived while he was strolling on White House lawn.

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