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## Phosphate Pros And Cons

There is little doubt that phosphates pollute our rivers and efforts are being made to have phosphates removed from detergents. That is a small price to pay says an editorial in the April 17 issue of The Smithfield Herald, in which the editor sets forth his reasons for so thinking.

Reading the Herald's editorial on Wednesday morning of last week, we were reminded that in the editorial section of The News and Observer on the previous Sunday was a clipped editorial from The Washington Daily News in which the editor raised the question "If Phosphates Are Banned....," and raised the need of phosphates by our farmers and the value of the phosphate industry to eastern North Carolina.

Since the two editorials were written by responsible editors, well known to the editor of this newspaper, we are reproducing both editorials as an indication there are two sides to most questions and that absolute truths are hard to find. They follow:

### Small Price To Pay By WINGATE LASSITER In The Smithfield Herald

All of a sudden, it seems, folks around here are getting concerned once again about protecting the natural environment. That's politically refreshing in the wake of Federal Government retrenchments on ecological concerns since President Reagan took office.

The issue in these parts just now is the growing prevalence of phosphates in our major rivers. The N. C. Environmental Management Commission and local town boards at Kenly and Benson last week endorsed a ban on phosphate-laden laundry detergents in the Neuse and Cape Fear river basins of our region.

The state is concerned because phosphates are polluting our rivers to the point of causing excessive algae blooms.

The Towns are concerned because phosphate pollution could force them to spend more money on sewage treatment.

It is an issue the N. C. General Assembly will have to address in the near future, perhaps during this summer's short session."

Any time the balance of nature in our rivers is jeopardized, the public has due cause for alarm. First and foremost is concern about our supplies of drinking water. Gone are the days when our communities could rely on groundwater wells; now we're becoming more dependent here in Johnston County on water from the Neuse and, to a lesser degree, water from the Cape Fear. Phosphate pollution is by no means the only threat to the quality of water in those rivers, but it appears to be getting serious enough to warrant imposition of safety precautions like the proposed ban on phosphate detergents.

Converting to phosphate-free detergents, in the long run, would be a small price to pay for our continued good health and peace of mind and body.

### If Phosphates Banned

In The Washington Daily News  
If the 1984 short session of the General Assembly bans the use of phosphates in detergents, how long will it be before some officials begin the cry to ban phosphates in fertilizers?

If phosphates are to be banned, step-by-step or item-by-item, how much less phosphate will be required on the world market? How much less phosphate will be mined right here in Beaufort County? That is the big question with our people here in this Pamlico area. The N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development — we are told — is promoting the effort to remove phosphates from detergents because supposedly they contribute to the growth of algae in our streams.

If the banning of phosphates reaches epidemic proportions, the economic picture here in Beaufort County and indeed in Carteret County, where much phosphate is shipped out, will be hit and hurt.

There are some factors present here that both the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and the people of our Pamlico area ought to look at carefully.

## Mostly Personal

### Stoneybrook Races

By BIGNALL JONES  
Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races have been held at Southern Pines for 36 years without my personal knowledge, although it is pretty well known to many of my friends.

Reading Jean McCamy's column, "Views and Reviews," in The Wake Weekly of Wake Forest on Thursday morning of last week, I found her account of attending the event very interesting.

Fortunately, I had saved the Southern Pines Pilot of Wednesday, April 11, with its front page leading story headed "Stoneybrook Expecting 40,000." Mary Warren Writes the story, from which I quote in part:

"Forty thousand horse and people watchers are expected to gather Saturday for the 37th annual running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races.

"The statewide sporting and social event is held each year at Michael G. Walsh's Young Road Farm, where running and fun-nying are the chief occupations of a full gallery of spectators.

"Horses, hats and halter tops will capture the attention of merry-makers and racegoers as they celebrate the Sandhills annual rites of spring.

"Post time is at 2 p. m., however the fun gets going early with gates opening at 10 a. m. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Marching Band will perform for the crowds from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m.

"After the first race, there's the annual hat contest, where dozens of decorated derbies and bowlers take a spin for the judges.

"Feminine pulchritude takes a turn in its new spring wardrobe, wearing anything from barely there bathing suits to the toniest tailored suit.

"Food and beverage filled picnic hampers and coolers spill out onto tables and tailgates, where the festivities include a little self-indulgence and diets disappear.

Don't forget the horses. There are 49 slated to vie for \$31,000 in purse money.

"Who's more entertaining—the crowd or the horses? It is always a toss-up between the two..."

There is much more to Mary Warren's interesting account.

If I am lucky, next April I may be among the thousands who attend the event; if so, I may be able to give my own account of the event. But for now, I am bringing an account of a spectator who attended the races on Saturday, April 14. Jean McCamy, is an able and interesting writer. I hope readers of this column will find it as interesting as I did. It follows:

**Stoneybrook Lives Up To Its Reputation**  
For years, every time I met someone from Southern Pines, they'd say, "Oh, you must come to Stoneybrook sometime." I was willing, but somehow those vague suggestions were as far as it went, until this year. We got a real honest-to-goodness invitation and it turned out to be just as terrific as it was reported to be. Stoneybrook is one of

four steeplechase races held on the East Coast every year and it is a little bit horse race, a little bit church social, a little bit Mardi Gras, and a little bit British travelogue rolled into one event.  
There are no grandstands at Stoneybrook Farm outside Southern Pines. You buy a parking place and that entitles a vehicle and six passengers to set up housekeeping for the day. Our hosts had a lovely railside spot near the starting line with a view of two jumps, so we felt very privileged. Unlike those with seventh or eighth row parking spaces, we could actually see the horses as well as socialize.  
Most people arrive between 11 a. m. and noon and set up a picnic table with linen cloth, centerpiece, silver candelabra, wine cooler and a sumptuous feast that would feed the multitudes. The Firestones, just down from us, had their butler along, but we managed

fine on our own. The feast is ongoing and movable with much visiting and nibbling among friends.  
Wild hats are the "in" thing and there is a contest somewhere/sometime to reward the wildest, but with 40,000 people milling about, we only saw a sample, not the official parade.  
Many spectators do not stop at wild hats, and costumes ranged from a pair of skunks who did an impromptu pre-post time dance around the race track to a couple in black bikinis, capes and top hats.  
There were six races, between 2 and 4 p. m. and they were colorful and exciting, though short. There's no official betting, but penny-ante wagers are the order of the day among friends, which adds a little extra excitement to the running.  
Ah, Stoneybrook — it's a joy to finally meet a legend face-to-face and find that it lives up to its reputation!

## News Of Yesteryear

### Looking Back Into The Warren Record

**April 23, 1944**  
Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Democratic candidate for governor, and Mrs. McDonald, who spent Monday night at Hotel Warren en route from Henderson, where he spoke in the interest of his candidacy on Monday night, to Elizabeth City for a speaking engagement on Tuesday night, paid a short visit to the Connell Homestead on Tuesday morning where they were met by a representative of the press and friends from the county.

**Warrenton girls who attend U.S.O. dances at Camp Butner are very anxious to obtain transportation to Louisburg where a bus sent out from the camp carries them to Camp Butner without cost.**

**The thousands of women in rural North Carolina who this year are being forced by the necessities of war to manage their own farms should gain comfort from the fact that Mrs. W. Kerr Scott has been business agent and resident manager of a 700-acre farm in Alamance County since her husband became commissioner of Agriculture in 1937.**

**April 24, 1959**  
Construction of a power dam at Gaston would mean the employment of some 1,500 workmen from this area for a three-year period and the expenditure of \$50 million by the Virginia Electric and Power Company according to R. M. Hutchesson, vice president of the power company.

**The Warrenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, formed by 19 men primarily interested in community and county betterment, will hold its first official meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 at Hotel Warren.**

**Mrs. W. W. Shearin and Mrs. William J. Hicks served refreshments to the second grade at Norlina School on Tuesday, honoring Bill Hicks on his eighth birthday.**

**April 25, 1974**  
Roy Neal of Warrenton was elected chairman of the school site committee and Burwell Powell of Inez was named vice-chairman on Monday night when the committee met with the Warren County Board of Education to discuss a site for a proposed consolidated school.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Twitty Cheek were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 21, at the Lions Den in Warrenton by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Rooker and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rooker.**

**Janet Forte, a member of the Youth Achievement of Drewry 4-H Club was declared winner of the 1974 Warren County 4-H Fashion Revue held Saturday, April 20, at the Warrenton Lion's Den.**

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## Letter To The Editor

### Grateful For Green

To The Editor:  
I would like to take this means of saying to those who mailed out cards opposing Jimmy Green for Governor because he is opposed to ERA that they would have done well to identify themselves. As for me, and many others, I am grateful for a person of Jimmy Green's caliber, a man of loyalty and integrity, who is not afraid to stand up for what he believes is right. We need more like him in our government. I say DOWN WITH ERA, the ruination of the womanhood of America.

IDA DAVIS  
Warrenton

### from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

**April 26, 1944**—Sewell Avery, president of Montgomery Ward, dragged from office for refusing to show company's books to government. Army seized them.  
**April 27, 1822**—Ulysses S. Grant, 18th president and victorious Union general of the Civil War born Point Pleasant, Ohio.  
**April 28, 1969**—De Gaulle resigned as French premier.  
**April 29, 1978**—California Supreme Court ruled host can be responsible for damage done by drunken guests.  
**April 30, 1900**—Congress accords full territorial status to Hawaii.  
**May 1, 1872**—First U.S. postcard issued.  
**May 2, 1863**—Stonewall Jackson shot by mistake by own men.

## Cards Of Thanks

The family of Julia Adams Cox Harris would like to express their sincere thanks to the many friends that shared our sorrow in the death of our beloved daughter. The flowers, cards, personal letters, food and donations were greatly appreciated.  
Also we would like to thank Rev. Womack for the very special service that he and Rev. Carter held for her. It was such a comfort to our hearts.  
We would like to thank each of you personally, but there were so many. God bless each of you. We will never forget you.

SHIRLEY, MAC,  
ASHLEY, MITZI  
AND STACEY

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of my husband, Luther D. Lynch, who passed away April 25, 1970.  
Your gentle face and patient smile I haven't forgotten. As I recall you had kindly cards for each who knew you and you left us beloved by all. At times it seems as I can hear that lovely voice that loved us so well and true. It was bitter the trial to part from one we loved so dear. You are not forgotten nor will you ever be as long as life or memories last. I still miss and my heart is sore as time goes by. I miss you: more and more, your loving smile, your gentle face and no one can fill your vacant place.  
WIFE,  
INEZ LYNCH

Special thanks to Dr. Gill and the nursing staff of Community Memorial Hospital, South Hill, Va., and Dr. Trivedi and the nursing staff of Warren General Hospital, to each and everyone for the flowers, food, cards, money and most of all their help and prayers in the loss of their loved one, Sis. Lizzie A. Nicholas.  
Sincerely,  
FRANK & VIOLA  
HUNT & FAMILY

I would like to thank all those who sent cards, food and called while I was a patient in Community Memorial Hospital and since my return home.  
BILL HALL

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