

## SCS Activities

F. O. Clark, District Conservationist

North Carolina farmers really like farm ponds. That's why this is the leading state in the South Atlantic region in number of ponds, with more than 66,000 installed through the years with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

Several hundred more are being built each year, even though costs of digging or damming ponds have risen sharply in recent years.

The Southeast United States, from Virginia to New Mexico, is the leading pond area in the nation, with well over half the two million ponds that have been built in the United States. As might be expected, Texas with its 254 counties leads all the states with 267,707 ponds. Runners-up are Oklahoma with 171,000 and Mississippi with 123,000.

In the nation, about one pond to each 10 people has been built. North Carolina is well ahead of the national average, with a pond to each eight inhabitants—and more being built every day.

Farm ponds are used for many purposes. Many provide water for livestock; others are used for irrigation of high-value crops, including tobacco and vegetables. Many farm families use ponds for farm water supply, for sediment retention (on low-lying ground) and for fire protection.

No matter what the purpose, SCS people are glad to work with landowners to figure out the best site and show where to dig (or build a dam) for a pond.

But many ponds are also valued for recreation. In North Carolina, virtually every pond is stocked with fish. Bream and bass are the most popular combination, although crappie and other fish are also included. Increasingly, channel catfish are being introduced into ponds.

In the mountains, trout swim in the chill waters. Boating and swimming are also popular on many ponds.

To help those interested in fishing, including farmers who allow people to fish for a small fee, the Soil Conservation Service has two booklets that are free for the asking at SCS offices or from local soil and water conservation districts. One is Farmers Bulletin 2250 "Warm Water Fishponds" which would apply to most of North Carolina. For mountain areas, Farmers Bulletin 2249, "Trout Ponds for Recreation," is available. Both booklets are also sold through the Government Printing Office. The trout booklet costs 15 cents the warm water fishponds booklet 25 cents.

Like all services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm pond assistance is available to everyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Enthusiasm for ponds seems to be contagious in North Carolina. Some individual farmers have half a dozen ponds, or more, on their land. Recently one landowner who already had seven ponds, called the SCS office and said he wanted help to install three more ponds, making his total an even ten.

While SCS expertise is available to "stake and reference" a pond and give other advice, including depth and slope of banks, the landowner must pay for the digging or damming himself. Sometimes cost-sharing will be available through ACP or other programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, another USDA agency.

But even if it costs money, Tar Heel landowners appear determined to keep putting in ponds—an average of every working day over the state.

By Freddie O'Neal

Robert Attaway has recently returned from a week at the Maryland State 4-H Conference in Baltimore County, Maryland. Robert was one of two delegates from North Carolina selected to attend. He was chosen for his dedication and outstanding ability during his past eight years as a 4-H member.

Robert was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schmidt and family in Monkton, Maryland. Their son, John, had just attended the N.C. State 4-H Conference in Raleigh as a delegate from Maryland.

During the week Robert attended special classes in tennis, swimming, self-defense, public speaking and recreation. He also accompanied the group on tours to the Colton Point Museum and other historical sites.

Other activities included pool party, dance, beach meal on Chesapeake Bay and an outdoor drama.



DELEGATE--Robert Attaway attended the Maryland State 4-H Conference as one of two delegates from North Carolina.

## 4-H Corner 4-H Delegates Return From Washington Trip



Linda Croft



Bill Barnwell

Linda Croft and Bill Barnwell returned this week from Citizenship '75, a week long citizenship and leadership training program at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. They were two of the 47 delegates from North Carolina to participate. During their week in Washington they met other delegates from Missouri, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York. During the summer more than 6,000 teenager 4-H members from 43 states attend the sessions.

Designed to give young people an insight into the meaning of citizenship and to strengthen understanding of American heritage and the principles, processes and structures of the federal government, the program was filled with listening, learning, sharing and touring, 4-H officials said.

Special focus this year was placed on heritage of freedom, international interdependence, environmental concerns, energy resources, free enterprise and the economic system, community development and the Bicentennial. The highlights of the week were touring Washington, D.C. and meeting the delegates from the other states. The delegates were put into different action groups to discuss topics of interest.

The group saw their federal government in action by spending a day on Capitol Hill. The Hoke County delegates met Congressman Henderson, Senator Jesse Helms and Senator Robert Morgan.

The field trips and cultural sites included all the Washington sites by day and night. Some of the tours were the Smithsonian, Library of Congress, Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, JFK Center, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and Mt. Vernon.

Citizenship '75 is conducted by the National 4-H Foundation in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service. You can learn more about 4-H by calling 875-3461.

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## 4-H Camper Wins Honor

Keith Breeden has returned from Camp Millstone where he attended the North Carolina 4-H Forestry-Wildlife Camp, where he was the only participant from Hoke County.

The camp was established to help the youths acquire the understanding and know-how to be a successful natural resources manager, and to help them develop into a leader who will go back home eager to help other 4-H Club members to recognize and take advantage of their forestry and wildlife opportunities.

Hoke County 4-H Club members congratulated Keith on winning two honors while at camp. He was the only camper given a silver dollar for compass reading, and a measuring stick for guessing the value of a tree.



CAMPER - Keith Breeden, 4-H member, displays his certificate after completing the 4-H Forestry Wildlife Camp held recently at Camp Millstone.

## Veterans Corner

Q - May I change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance to name a bank as trustee for my children?

A - Yes, you may. Name the trust in full. However, once the proceeds of the policy have been paid to the trustee, the Veterans Administration has no responsibility to see that the purpose of the trust is fulfilled.

Q - Father died while on active military duty. The widow remarried, and her present husband wishes to adopt the child of the deceased veteran. Does the adoption terminate VA benefits for the child?

A - No. A child never loses VA benefits accruing from the natural father.

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(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING MAINTENANCE	THE GOVERNMENT OF HOKE COUNTY
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 35,019	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$313,374
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 28,593	\$	during the period from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$	ACCOUNT NO 34 1 847 847
4 HEALTH	\$	\$	HOKE COUNTY 275
5 RECREATION	\$	\$	20 HOKEBRYANT
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$	RAEFORD, N. CAROLINA 26376
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$	
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 17,546	\$ 3,042	
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$ 289,914	\$	
10 EDUCATION	\$ 139,867	\$	(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	1 Balance as of June 30, 1974 \$ 616,041
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	2 Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975 \$ 313,374
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	3 Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975) \$ 57,425
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$	4 Funds Released from Obligations \$ -
15 TOTALS	\$ 511,039	\$ 3,042	5 Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 \$ 986,840
			6 Funds Returned to ORS \$ -
			7 Total Funds Available \$ 986,840
			8 Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15 column B and column C) \$ 514,081
			9 Balance as of June 30, 1975 \$ 472,759
			(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT: <b>Courthouse Annex, Raeford, N. C. Manager's Office</b>

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