

# Wildlife Afield

BY JIM DEAN

The suggestions come from everywhere. They may come in neatly typed letters or scrawled in ink. Some are printed in pencil. Some are obviously written by kids, block lettered and abrupt. Other bear the faint, spidery handwriting of the very old.

But no matter how they look, they frequently have something in common. They offer suggestions for changes in the inland fishing regulations in North Carolina. Many of the suggestions show careful thought and a good understanding of fish management. A few seek only to promote selfish interests at the expense of natural resources.

During August, I attended meetings of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Inland Fisheries in Raleigh. The purpose of the meeting was to consider suggested changes in the fishing regulations for 1976. Believe me, it's a formidable job.

During a lengthy meeting, the Division of Inland Fisheries and the Wildlife Protection Supervisors considered over 120 suggested changes in the 1976 fishing regulations. Many of the suggestions came from field biologists and other staff members of the fisheries division. Quite a few also came from the Commission's Division of Protection. Other divisions also offered suggested changes. And, of course, there were those suggestions that had come by mail from all over

the state during the year.

"Every suggestion is typed up, along with the reasons for it," explained Don Baker, chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries. "The suggestions are first considered by field personnel, biologists, and protectors, at meetings across the state. Then the suggestions, along with comments from local staff personnel, are compiled into one big list."

I watched the biologists, protectors and others go through that huge list one by one, and I'm here to tell you that the attrition rate is terrific. My guess is that about one in 10 suggestions survives, and many of the proposed changes that do are relatively minor.

You are probably thinking that staff members (biologists and protectors, for example) get preferred treatment over those who merely write the Commission a letter. Well, if that's true, I didn't see any signs of it. Biologists and protectors sitting on all four sides of me saw their carefully considered suggestions scrutinized, kicked around and often discarded for a variety of reasons. I had a suggestion in the hopper myself, but it didn't get very far because there were factors I had overlooked.

Finally, at the end of the meeting, the staff had a small nucleus of possible changes for the 1976 fishing regulations.

But those proposals are not home free yet. Next, they go to the Commission, then to a series of public hearings. They're considered, cussed, discussed, and kicked around all over again. Then, what's left of them comes back to the nine-member Wildlife Commission for final consideration and adoption. They can be tossed out of altered even at this point.

"One thing about it," said Baker. "By the time a proposed change in our fishing regulations gets into the book, it's been through the mill. But that's the way it should be. This insures that no hasty decisions are

made, and it gives fishermen a chance to help pick the right regulations."

There will be three public hearings to consider proposed changes in the 1976 inland fishing regulations this fall. They are as follows:

September 29, in the Buncombe County Courthouse in Asheville.

October 1, in the Rowan County Courthouse in Salisbury.

October 2, in the Craven County Courthouse in New Bern.

All hearings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Furniture Classes Delayed

The furniture refinishing class and upholstery classes offered by Sandhills Community College scheduled as starting Sept. 8, 9, and 11 are delayed, the school announced.

Classroom space is not yet available and the new starting dates for these classes will be published as soon as space becomes available.

## 'Colonial Muster' Scheduled

The Red Springs Chamber of Commerce will hold its second "Colonial Muster" October 3-5.

Sanctioned by the American Revolution Bicentennial Association, the festival will be highlighted by a re-enactment of the battles of McPhaul's Mill and Raft Swamp.

An arts and crafts festival, sponsored by the Southeastern North Carolina Arts and Crafts Council, will be held both days.

A band concert will follow the staging of the last battle.

Anyone interested in participating in the arts and crafts festival or another part of the activities should contact the Chamber of Commerce office, P.O. Box 608, Red Springs, 28377. The phone number is 843-5441.



**SUCCESSFUL COACH** - Roy D. Conoly, Jr., (on left) was awarded the season trophy and tournament trophy for leading his Aberdeen Little League team to a 16-1 season. Conoly also received Coach of the Year award. Making the presentation is Aberdeen Jaycees' president Larry Boles. Conoly is a native of Raeford and the son of Mrs. Ray D. Conoly, Sr. of E. Prospect Ave.

## Prehistoric Apartments Were Popular

Public works projects, apartments, and urban sprawl appeared in North America long before the first Europeans arrived.

Pueblo Bonito, an apartment complex in New Mexico's Chaco Canyon National Monument, once sheltered 1,000 Indians in 800 terraced rooms; its outer wall rose as high as five stories.

The first Indians probably arrived in the region about 7,000 years ago, but they didn't settle until the Christian era. Six or seven centuries later, new waves moved in; dim traces of their farming villages dot the long, low canyon and the mesa tops.

"Home to these sturdy planters was usually a round house of poles and mud over a sunken floor of earth," writes David F. Robinson in the National Geographic Society's book, "The New America's Wonderlands." He points out, "Basketry was the main craft."

Gradually, the newcomers began to build with stone, and to join one dwelling to another in apartment houses called pueblos from the Spanish word for villages.

Architecture became more massive: ceremonial rooms called kivas grew from small hideaways to great round chambers of stone. Sprawling pueblos like Bonito soon dotted the canyon, each pulsing with life and always expanding.

Chaco Canyon's early architects seem to have developed their own local style. But evidence of a Mexican influence crept into later features like colonnades, round towers, and the distinctive technique of building a wall like a vertical sandwich, with a core of rubble between two layers of cut stone.

Lured by the promise of these elaborate growing centers, folk from the outlands moved in. By the mid-12th century some 7,000 Indians peopled the area, perhaps the greatest concentration in the prehistoric Southwest.

Aided by a National Geographic grant, Dr. Thomas R. Lyons of the National Park Service and his colleagues have traced ancient flood-control canals and mapped some 200 miles of roads in the region.

The roads were only foot paths, since Chacoans had neither wheeled vehicles nor horses, yet some stretched 20, 30, even 40 feet wide.

"A good guess," says Dr. Lyons, "is that these were make-work projects to keep farmers busy during times of plenty. The Egyptians built pyramids, maybe the Chacoans built boulevards."

Some of the boulevards may have linked pueblos to other bustling centers up to 60 miles away, forming an Indian "interstate system" a thousand years ago.

No one knows why the Indians suddenly left the area. But the great pueblos echoed hollowly as room after room fell empty.

By the end of the 13th century the canyon and its stone wonders were deserted. Drought, erosion, soil exhaustion, feud, disease - any might

have quenched the flame of the civilization that once burned there so brightly.

## Legals

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Katie Adams of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Katie Adams to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 21 day of August, 1975,  
Lula Mae Ratliff  
Route 3, Box 363, Raeford, N.C. 28376

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Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary Lee McAllister of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Mary Lee McAllister to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

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John D. McAllister  
Route 1, Box 410, Raeford, N.C. 28376

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**NOTICE**  
In compliance with General Statute 136-44.8, the proposed Hoke County Secondary Road Construction Program for the Fiscal Year July 1,

## LEGALS

1975 through June 30, 1976, will be presented to the Hoke County Board of Commissioners for discussion and consideration at their meeting of Sept. 2, 1975. This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Annex - Conference Room."

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## NOTICE

A regional emergency medical services VHF communications proposal is available for bids. The system consists of 23 mobile units, 5 remote units and 4 base stations. Proposal specifications are available between 8:30 AM and 5 PM weekdays. At the Lumber River Council of Government Offices, 111 West 5th Street, Lumberton, N.C. Bids are due in by 4 PM September 19, 1975.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 55-119(a) and 25-6-103 that Articles of Dissolution of Raeford Turkey Farms, Incorporated, a North Carolina corporation, were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina on the 1st day of August, 1975. All of the assets of Raeford Turkey Farms, Incorporated, have been transferred to House of Raeford Farms, Inc., the sole shareholder of Raeford Turkey Farms, Incorporated, and House of Raeford Farms, Inc., has assumed all of the liabilities of Raeford Turkey Farms, Incorporated.

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INCORPORATED  
U.S. Route 401 (Business)  
P.O. Box 100  
Raeford, North Carolina 28376

HOUSE OF RAEFORD FARMS, INC.  
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Raeford, North Carolina 28376  
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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

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This the 1 day of August, 1975,  
Mrs. Leona Chason  
Rt. 1, Box 138, Lumber Bridge, N.C.  
14-17C

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of John Frank Nicholson, Sr. of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to certify all persons having claims against the estate of said John Frank Nicholson, Sr. to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

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