

SWIMMING—Thursday's warm temperature and sunny skies made a perfect day for an afternoon swim, if one had the time and a swimming spot.

Wildlife Afield

"You never can tell with bees," opined Winnie the Pooh, the honey loving teddy bear who was Christopher Robin's companion in A.A. Milne's classic children's book.

Of course, Pooh bear was never much of a threat to the bees or their honey, but the same thing can't always be said for real, live bears. It is no myth that bears love honey, as any beekeeper will tell you. Nor are the problems caused by honey eating bears a joke.

A bear can wipe out a honey operation in one raid. On the other hand, records show that bears have been killed when caught wrecking hives. Thus the classic confrontation, made even more critical by the fact that the bear population in North Carolina, particularly in the east, faces an uncertain future.

"Bears have been a problem for beekeepers for years," explained Sid Baynes of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Game. "We certainly understand why a beekeeper wouldn't want bears around his hives, but of course it's our job to insure that bears have a future in North Carolina."

"That is why we decided to try out an idea that might allow us to have both bears and bees," said Baynes. "About a year ago, we asked Larry Mechlin who is a district biologist down east to investigate a type of platform that has been used to keep bears away from bees in other states. After a year of testing, this platform shows a great deal of promise."

—COUNTY—

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nity lender, for office space in the county building.

Voted to give the Chamber of Commerce a resolution endorsing their application for General Service Personnel;

Approved a trip to Greensboro next month for county planner Lester Simpson to attend a grant workshop for planners;

Agreed to participate in the PACE (Plan Assuring College Education) program and accept two summer workers at a cost of \$300 each to the county;

Received a letter from Gov. Holshouser detailing a bicycle marathon from one end of the state to the other and turned it over to the Bicentennial commission;

Tabled action on acquiring malpractice insurance for the public health center until more study can be made;

Agreed to meet at 7:30 P.M. on April 15 for the second of two budget sessions on the next fiscal year.

—SUPERVISOR—

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important.
"As the need for services grows, the staff will need to increase," he said.

Freeman concluded by emphasizing the need for the people in the county to know more about the problems of the underprivileged and said he would be glad to talk to any groups about the department.

—AROUND TOWN—

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interviewed for the local coaching job.

"I was recommended recently for the Hoke County job. I had nothing to do with the recommendation nor did I apply for the position.

Frankly, however, I was amazed not only by the salary offered, but at the facilities, the administration leadership of Mr. Allen Edwards and John Pecora, and the importance they attached to the football program in their educational process.

"For example, Hoke County has a 4,000 seat concrete stadium, its football field has an underground watering system, there is an asphalt track and three practice fields. They have a full-time athletic director and as head coach I would have had seven assistant coaches."

So you see what others see at Hoke High that is news to most of us.

They shouldn't have much trouble filling this job with all of this to offer.

Mechlin had the help of Joe Hamilton -- a graduate student working on a bear study -- and Claude Hood and Steve Bunn of State Forestry. Also, H.W. Cannady, a beekeeper from Harrells, offered his services which proved to be invaluable.

"The idea behind the platform is to elevate the hives so the bears can't get to them," explained Mechlin. "Of course, bears can climb very well, so we had to add some refinements. If the platform worked, we felt it could be placed closer to the best honey producing areas, thereby not only being safe from bear depredation, but also capable of producing more honey than other types of hive arrangements."

Mechlin and the others built a platform 40 feet long, 12 feet wide and eight feet high. The platform had a three-foot overhang so that the bears could not get on top. Such a platform can easily hold 30 hives.

"We built one in Bladen State Forest beside a bay, and it cost us about \$250," said Mechlin. "It would probably cost closer to \$350 now with our refinements and the rise in lumber prices, but it would certainly be worth it." Cannady also built a similar platform on private property.

After one honey producing season, the results are quite interesting. While one bear -- a small and very agile one -- managed to swing out around the overhang and get onto the platform, all the other bears which visited the platform were unable to get to the honey.

Cannady tabulated the honey produced on the platform and came up with a total of 184 pounds of honey per hive. That's about 60 pounds of honey per hive more than was produced in Cannady's other unprotected hives which were located in beeyards farther away from the productive bay areas.

Mechlin explained that unprotected hives cannot be placed in the best places next to the bays because of the increased chance of bear depredation. Also, explained Mechlin, the farther the bees must travel to gather the desirable pollen, the less honey is produced.

Cannady indicated that the Bladen Forest platform produced far more than enough excess honey to pay for the cost of constructing the platform.

"We also think we've figured out a way to keep even the most agile bear off the platform," said Mechlin. "We're going to hang a strip of tin around the edge, and that should keep any bear from climbing the structure and reaching out to grab the edge of the platform."

This system has already worked in other states, notably Florida, and so far, it appears that it will work in North Carolina. That should be good news for beekeepers, and good news for bears.

—ELECTION—

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ly before 9 P.M. The former California Gov., who completed heavy Tar Heel campaigning Monday and headed for Wisconsin for that state's primary battle, had predicted a "close race" but did not declare he would be the winner.

Reagan drew 52 per cent of the state vote to Ford's 46 per cent, showing unexpected strength in Piedmont counties that had been predicted for Ford.

In Washington, Ford's press secretary Ron Nessen said the defeat would not mean a change in the President's campaign strategy and "he remains confident of ultimate victory".

It was the first time an incumbent President had lost a presidential primary since 1968, when Lyndon B. Johnson was beaten in Wisconsin.

The Reagan victory gave him 28 GOP convention delegates, to Ford's 25. Delegates are awarded, in proportion to the candidate's vote.

Carter gained 36 delegates and Wallace 25.

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'Mock' Election A Lesson

Fourth graders at West Hoke Elementary School correctly forecast the Democratic voting in the primary with a "mock election", but failed on the GOP side of the ballot.

Out of 74 "votes" among the three fourth grade classes, Jimmy Carter received a whopping 67, Wallace drew four, and Harris tallied one.

On the Republican side? Gerald R. Ford: Two. Total: Two.

Upper Room

Imagine a visitor walking up the lane in Nazareth to the home of Joseph. In the yard he meets four boys. He asks, "Is this the home of Joseph, the builder?" "Yes," they answer. "Tell me," says the visitor, "have you a brother Jesus?" "Yes," is the answer. "He is like the rest of us; he is healthy, happy, learns well." "Is there anything unusual about him?" asks the visitor. "No," says the brothers, "why do you ask?"

Few persons can describe accurately a member of their family. Though living with another for years, we may never discover the real person.

When Jesus was preaching to a crowd, His family came to speak to Him. But Jesus said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Then He pointed to His disciples and said, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends and loved ones for their deep concern, cards, visits, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. People like you make a person's recovery better. May God Bless each and every one is my daily prayer. Jim West. 47P

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I wish to thank everyone for their visits, cards, flowers, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Pauline Daniels. 47P

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for their kind deeds during the death of my uncle. Jasper Daniels. 47P

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for their visits, cards, flowers and many kind deeds during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Frances Harris. 47P

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our appreciation for the kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our loved one. The Tracy Bullock family. 47P

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my friends neighbors, my family and loved ones everywhere for all they did for me during my illness. The gifts, food, cards, flowers, prayers and visits were much appreciated. God bless you. I love you all. Mrs. Elizabeth Caulder. 47P

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