

Meeting Set To Discuss Bear Restoration In NC

Bear hunters and others who are concerned about the rapid decline of black bears in North Carolina will meet in Asheville on Thursday, January 7, at 7:30 p. m. on the fifth floor of the Buncombe County Courthouse.

The meeting, which will be co-sponsored by the North Carolina Bear Hunters' Association and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, will be open to the public, and those interested are urged to attend.

Tom Cole, President of the Bear Hunters' Association and Frank Barick, Chief of the Division of Game for the Wildlife Resources Commission, will both attend to try to work out a solution to the black bear population which has dropped drastically in recent years, largely because prime habitat is being cleared.

"We want to discuss findings of the Wildlife Commission's studies on bear biology and distribution in the state," said Barick. "We also want to discuss proposals for bear conservation and management, with hopes of saving bears as an item of natural interest, and also to preserve bear hunting in the state, particularly hunting with dogs."

One primary purpose of the meeting will be to explore the possibility of establishing a

series of sanctuaries for bear throughout the eastern and western bear range in the state.

"We would like to establish at least 18, and possibly as many as 24, sanctuaries in localities where the overflow will provide good bear hunting in the years ahead," Barick said.

Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Make Some Important Decisions In Winter Season

Winter is decision-making season in tobacco country. Two of the most important decisions flue-cured growers are grappling with are (1) how much acreage can they plant in 1971 and (2) how much can they afford to pay for rented or leased poundage quotas.

The decisions require careful consideration and some pencil pushing. There are a number of factors that have to be taken into consideration.

Jim Allgood, extension farm management economist at North Carolina State University, outlines some of these as follows:

- The anticipated yield per acre
- The anticipated price per pound on the market
- The cost of production
- The amount of family labor available

To comply with the State Election Laws as amended by the 1969 Legislature, Yancey County went on to modified full-time registration of voters as of January 1, 1971. This means that the registration books are open all year long except during the month just before an election. Under the

OLD system, the books were open for new registrations and challenge only during the month before an election and closed at all other times. The NEW system is just the opposite: you may register at any time of the year except during the month just prior to an election. No longer will the precinct Registrars

be at the polls on Saturdays just before an election, and there will no longer be a Challenge Day in the precincts. Any voter may inspect the books in the Board of Elections office during the regular office hours. New voters may register either at the office in the Courthouse or with the precinct registrars.

Literacy test requirements have been suspended nationwide for five years.

In line with the recent Supreme Court decision to allow 18-year-olds to vote for President and Congress, anyone in Yancey County who has passed his 18th birthday may now register to vote. For the present he will not participate in any state or local election until further action is taken by the State Legislature. The State Board of Elections also requires that the 18-year-olds may register only at the office of the Board of Elections and not with the precinct Registrars. Following new state regulations, the Board of Elections office is now open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. at the Courthouse.

Schools Get ESEA Money

Yancey County Schools have received final allocation under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA TITLE I) of \$242,367.00, under ESEA TITLE II an amount of \$3,591 has been received to upgrade library resources in each school in the county, under NDEA Title III an amount of \$3,509.18 has been received which has been matched 30% by Appalachian Funds and 20% by Local Funds, making a total in the amount of \$5,475.90 to secure needed equipment in each subject area.

Funds received under ESEA Title I are being used in each elementary school supplying them with Reading Teachers, Kindergarten Teachers, necessary equipment for these classes, free lunch program, medical and dental program, school Health Nurse, clothing program and Teaching and Instructional Supplies.

East Yancey Basketball Team Plays Good Game Against Nebo

By Ernie Howard

East Yancey played three of their best games against Nebo last Saturday night. The E. Y. JV's won by defeating Nebo's JV's 54 to 40. Johnny Biggerstaff led the East Yanceys scoring with 16 points, while Johnny Hughes scored 11 points and Glen Williams with 10. Wayne Sowers led the Nebo scoring with 16 points and David Clutz scored 11 points.

The Lady Panthers extended their winning streak to 8-0 with a 43 to 40 win over Nebo. Marcia Banks led the Lady Panthers scoring with 19 points while Donna Parker netted 10 points. M. Davis led the Lady Bears scoring with 17 points and teammate L. McKinney netted

11 points. East Yancey is presently ranked 4th in western North Carolina.

The boys' varsity team lost another heartbreaker to Nebo by the score of 66 - 60. Forrest Westall led all scorers with 24 points while Jim Norris sank 13 points. Charles Buchanan netted 23 points for the Bears with Danny Castle accounting for 15 points more.

Coach Gordon Banks stated that the varsity boys played their best game yet. Coach Banks also stated, "Our team spirit is really up and we are looking forward to many more wins."

East Yancey will play Marshall at Marshall Friday night, January 8.

--The availability and cost of hired labor

--The risk involved in producing the crop.

On the last two points, Allgood suggested that growers not overlook the importance of having enough labor to harvest the crop lined up well in advance. Also, the risks of crop failure due to weather must be considered in making a fair and complete analysis.

On the question of market price, the economist suggests that 1971 prices should be about the same as those received in 1970.

Generally, rental costs of flue-cured poundage quotas are expected to be about 10 to 15 cents a pound this season. To help the grower determine if he can afford to pay this, or whatever price that may be asked, Allgood made these observations:

If tobacco averages 2,100 pounds per acre, a fair cash rent price is somewhere between \$210 and \$315 per acre, generally.

In order to figure a fair rental price, a farmer should first estimate the expected gross income per acre. The 2,100 lbs per acre at 72 cents would gross \$1,512.

York Rite Masons To Attend First Meeting Of Year Friday

The first meeting of the year for the York Rite Masonic Bodies will be held Friday night January 8th, 1971 at 6:30 p. m. in the Masonic Temple, Asheville, N. C. This organization serves York Rite Masons in the Burnsville area. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m.

followed by a stated meeting of the Chapter, Council and Commandery at 7:30 p. m.

On Thursday night, January 21, 1970 at 7:00 p. m. the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees will be conferred. All York Rite Masons are invited.