

# Wildlife Afield

BY JIM DEAN

"Nowadays, there's folks and then there's critters," said Uncle Remus, "but it used to be long ago that folks and critters were very close to one another, and got along satisfactorily."

Uncle Remus was getting pretty close to one of man's biggest problems. Despite man's great knowledge, he still tends to think "there's folks, and then there's critters." Man still separates the two.

It's a misconception that could kill us all--folks and critters.

The problem is that man is a rather unique creature. He is intelligent, inventive, opportunistic, industrious--and most of all--proud. But he is too proud to admit any real kinship with the other "critters" on this earth. Man refuses to accept any notion that he is just another animal on this earth--albeit a unique animal.

There is much evidence to support man's refusal to accept himself for what he is, and at the same time, there are compelling reasons why he must.

This world--not just this country--is in the midst of an environmental awakening. Poor land use, air and water pollution and other forms of environmental degradation have shocked man into the realization that the ultimate quality of his life is dependent upon how he uses the earth. Man is at last beginning to pay the price for his determined and short-sighted destruction.

But while man is beginning to look for ways to restore and protect his environment, his pride still stands in the way of any real solution. His pride is the small inner voice that says "I'm separate from the rest of the earth's creatures; what happens to them can't happen to me."

Almost daily, we read reports of how pesticides, air and water pollution are harming various forms of wildlife. Pesticide residues are affecting birds and mammals. Acid rains from air pollution are thought to have killed trout and other European wildlife, and similar problems are cropping up in this country. Water pollution is wiping out aquatic life in many estuaries and watersheds, and causing vast changes in many others. The oceans are becoming polluted.

"We expect some adverse effects on various species of wildlife, but none on man." That's a statement we commonly hear, but it is vastly and perhaps criminally misleading. Man shares the environment with the other "critters." Why should he presume to have some sacred immunity from the pollution? Man--in terms of his living needs--is as much an "animal" as an eagle, trout, buffalo, or insect. He quite literally cannot live in an environment which will not support wildlife anymore than he can live in one which will not grow plants.

If there are adverse affects for wildlife, there are adverse affects for man. The problem is that man--in all his wisdom--has not learned enough about himself and his environment to be able to measure some of these adverse effects. So he buries his head in the sand and denies their existence.

But it is pure folly to insist that man is not one of the victims of his own environmental destruction. Man is a critter, and the critters are in trouble.

## Consumerama To Be Held In April

Consumerama 2--a four day survival course for consumers--will begin April 5 in Winston-Salem's Benton Convention Center. It is being sponsored by the Northwest North Carolina Development Association which is made up of several North Carolina counties.

More than 90 exhibits and more than two dozen speakers have been lined up to help consumers who are concerned about dresses and dollars that shrink up and appliances and guarantees that break down.

All the speakers and exhibitors have been asked to come prepared to give advice about selecting new products and suggestions for better ways of using old ones.

There will be new products on display; there will be fashion shows for all ages and sexes, instructions for sewing everything from men's wear to flame-resistant fiberglass, and demonstrations of everything from see-through plastic cooking bags to garbage compactors.

North Carolina's attorney general and most outspoken consumer advocate, Robert Morgan, will open the event at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 5. The Wednesday schedule calls for a panel discussion on home furnishings by Ruth Clark of Heritage Furniture Company of High Point, Nancy Gilliam of Norman Drapery Company of Salisbury and James Troy of Karastan Carpets of Eden. There will also be an introduction to the "Wonderful World of Small Appliances" by a representative of G.E. and a fashion show by the Simplicity Pattern Company.

Thursday's shows will include Decorating and Fashions, and Friday will bring demonstrations on Food and a lecture on landscaping. Also on Friday will be a discussion on "The Changing Scene in Family Housing" by Carl Edwards, former extension housing specialist, and "Tips" for buying, storing, handling and cooking meats and poultry products.

Saturday's program has been planned for teenagers and includes a theater presentation "The Wonderful O" and a teenage fashion show by Simplicity.

The show will open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. daily except Friday when a night program will be offered. Tickets are being sold by home economics extension agents in all of North Carolina's 100 counties, and by the development association directors in several counties.

Advance tickets cost \$1.25 per day for adults, or \$4 for the entire show. They will be \$1.50 at the door. Student tickets will be 75¢ per day.

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## Revenue Act Changed

By Wm. Bledsoe  
Businessmen, farmers, tax consultants and others should be interested in changes in the Revenue Act of 1971 which restored the 7% investment credit.

This credit against federal income tax applies to qualified investment in certain depreciable property. For example, if a new machine purchased in 1971 and costing \$2,000 meets the requirements mentioned below, the taxpayer could realize a \$140 credit against his income tax (\$2,000 times 7%).

To be eligible for investment credit, property generally must have been acquired after 8/15/71. However, property which was ordered after 3/31/71 and was acquired between 3/31/71 and 8/16/71 is eligible. Also, property on which construction was begun after March 31 or was completed after August 15 is eligible for the credit. However, where construction was begun before April 1, 1971 and completed after August 15, 1971 only the post 8/15 costs qualify for the credit.

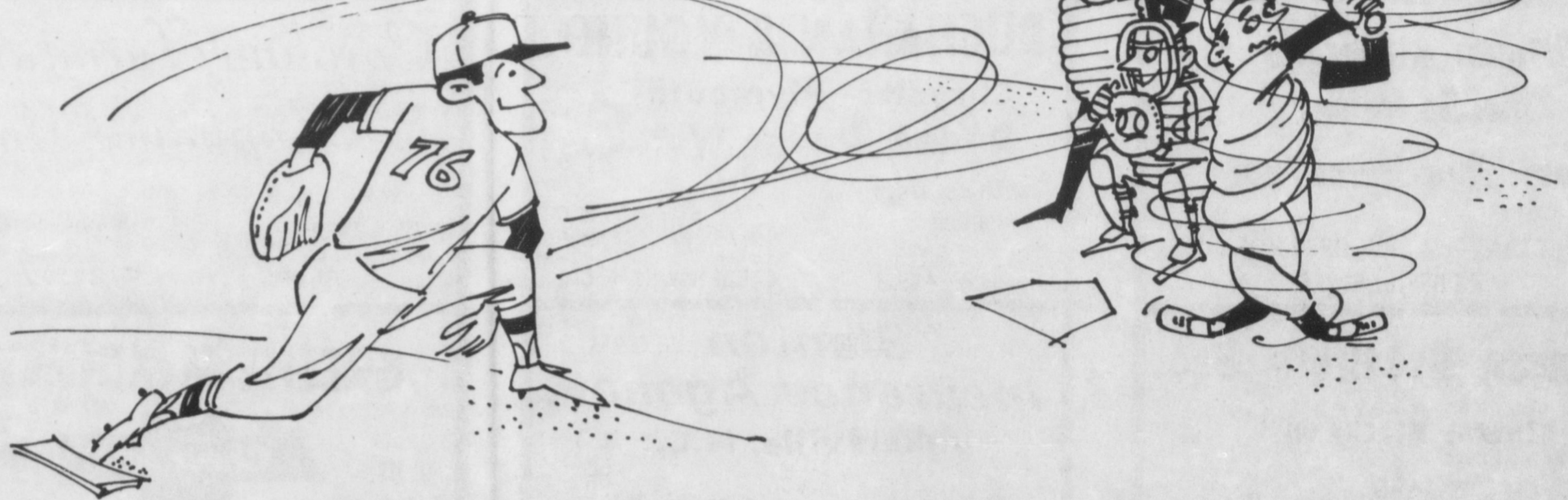
Eligible property includes

farm and farmstead equipment, machinery, silos and grain bins, fences and concrete for paved lots, holding areas, etc. The Revenue Act makes livestock purchased for breeding or dairy purposes eligible for the first time. Excluded are buildings like barns or milking parlors which have work areas.

The amount of credit is dependent upon the useful life the asset has on the taxpayers depreciation schedule: 3-4 years--1/3 of 7%; 5-6 years--2/3 of 7%; and 7 years or more--the full 7%. These ranges are a year shorter than allowed prior to the termination of investment credit in 1969.

The above information is not included in Internal Revenue Booklets which went to press before the act was passed. Anyone needing up to date information on investment credit may send a postcard to the Asheville Internal Revenue Office requesting publication No. 572 which is free. A Farmers Tax Guide booklet can be obtained at the Extension Office or other Agricultural Agencies.

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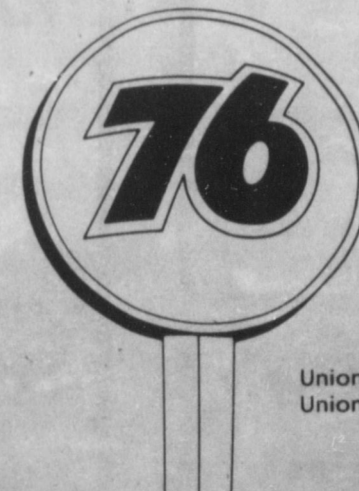
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## Lady Handles Tough Job

On a typical day when most ladies of means are enjoying a leisurely cup of coffee over the morning newspaper, Mrs. Lucille Brown of Pompano Beach, Florida might be out inspecting a dredging operation at a waterfront home site.

Mrs. Brown, a former resident of Bumsville, is the sister of Byrd Gillespie of Bumsville. She finished high school here and received a degree in pharmacy from UNC at Chapel Hill. Afterwards she served five years as pharmacist at Pollards Drug Store. While living in Bumsville, her husband, Jack Brown, was in real estate and built many houses here.

The Browns moved to Florida in 1959. She was employed as chief pharmacist at Holy Cross Hospital until the death of her husband last summer.

At that time she took over as president of her husband's contracting firm, Jack Brown Properties, Inc. Originally, she kept control of the company to complete a number of homes then under construction, to fulfill contracts made by her late husband.

"The design and decorating of our model homes, the landscaping and even sales weren't too tough to learn" she smiles. "But learning about bulldozing and grading and sewers--these things have come a little harder."

Having started, she's kept going. And she finds excitement

and pleasure in her work.

"I thought it was just a temporary situation, but I can't seem to stop," she says, eyeing a production schedule that lists 28 homes, in the \$33,500 to \$57,000 price bracket, currently under construction. Also on her agenda are new townhouses.

Looking back over the past several months, Lucille Brown sums up: "Sure, there were times when I wondered if I'd bitten off more than I could chew. But there was a job to do--and to tell the truth, it never occurred to me that I couldn't do it. If I'd stopped to think about it, I probably would have lost my nerve."



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