



At its meeting in Raleigh Monday, the Wildlife Resour ces Commission spent more time listening to squabbles among Currituck County waterfowl hunters over waterfowl hunting blinds than it did establishing the 1973 inland fishing regulations and attending to other matters.

Although the arguments were not completely resolved, the Commission established future procedures and policies for matters of this sort, and went on to more important business.

In establishing the 1973 inland fishing regulations, the Commission made only a few changes from the 1972 rules; these are:

To prohibit the use of metal cans as floats for trotlines and set-hooks, and for marking nets. Metal cans are a hazard to boating and other water sports.

To allow licensed commercial pound net fishermen to retain a daily limit of 25 panfish taken incidentally to commer cial fishing operations. It is impractical for pound net fishermen to sort all panfish from the large catches of fish normally taken in pound nets. Com-

Woman's Club **Meeting Held**

Mrs. Donald Westall was the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Burnsville Woman's Club on Thursday, November 9. She read an address entitled The Multiple Role Of Today's Woman. Supplemen tary readings were excerpts from Hamlet, by Shakespeare. and John Brown's Body by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Ralph Jacks. Mrs. Joan Reeve reported on the music of the performing arts that is presently

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mission fisheries biologists do not believe this action would he detrimental to panfish fishery.

To open all trophy and native trout streams to year-round fshing under already established regulations. This will provide trout fishing on a year rund basis without adversely afecting trout populations.

To make it unlawful to ue clam dredges in inland fishing waters. Such dredges in



Dennis Howell Howell Is

Honored

Dennis Lee Howell of Burnsville, a senior at Western Carolina University, has been cho sen for inclusion in this year's listing of America's most outstanding university and college

seniors. His name will be included in the 1972-73 edition of Whos Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges, a national listing of the campus leaders from more than 1,000 of the nation's institutions of higher learning.

Howell is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell. A finance major, he was co-or ganizer of the Law Club and is Vice President of the Young Democrats. He is a member

these waters cause damage " to fish and waterfowl habitat.

Other changes are of minor nature, affecting only local situations. The 1973 inland fishing regulations will be published and ready for distribution by license dealers on Jan.1, 1973.

In other action, the Commission approved a list of guides to operate blinds on Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, granted an easement to Piedmont Electric Membership Corp. for a right-of-way easement through part of the Caswell Game Land, granted the Highway Commission permission to improve a secondary road on the same area,

and to purchase an 82.6 acre inholding tract within the Caswell Game Land.

In the field of motorboats and water safety, the Commission adopted a policy of considering local boating safety regulations once a year at its January meeting in order to simplify the procedures for establishing and publishing local regulations. The Commission also approved the acquisition and development of new boating access areas in Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Basketball All-Star Game

By Robert Howard Attention all basketball fans? First basketball game on tap this year in the tri-county area is when the two old rivals: the East Yancey All Stars and the Over-The-Hill-Gang, take to the hard wood again. This game will be in the East Yan cey gym November 17 with the game time at 7:30 p.m.

This year's All-Star team includes: Coach Jerry Laws, Ernie Howard, Keith Hughes, Dennis Huskins, Ronnie Fox,



Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation publically to all the precinct officials conducting last Tuesday's election. It was the quietest, smoothest Election Day that I can rememher, with no complaints from either party about improper conduct at the polling places. The Registrars and most of the Judges have been very, very patient and cooperative in keeping up-to-date on all the changes that I have required of them in the past iew years. I also want to thank all the Party workers for making a real effort to follow strictly to the law both in aiding fellow voters at the polls, and in obtaining absentee votes. Out of the 284 Absentee Ballots acted upon at the courthouse on Election Night, only two were challenged. The challenge was sustained because this couple admittedly live across the county line and should have registered elsewhere. There were no charges that ballots had been falsely obtained. Seven were rejected by the Board because of minor technicalities; three lacked a visible notary seal and four had used a postmaster instead of a notary. Subsequent information from the State Board is that the last four should have been counted since a postmaster is legally allowable as witness to an affidavit.

As to the fact that I refused to put a number on the face of all Absentee Ballots as required by law, I hold that that requirement is contrary to the right to a secret ballot guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The day of "Big Brother is Watching You" is indeed here already. Not many seem to care: that offices are bugged; wires are tapped; free speech puts you on somebody's list; the Army spies on civilians and files them on computers; the Federal government can look over all bank checks to see how you spend your money and what organizations you support; "no-knock" legislation allows the police to enter a man's home without warning and without proved .cause; if you just happen to be walking down the street during a "demonstration" the FBI may take your picture and label you subversive--etc, etc. Well I care and if the only right left is the right to a secret ballot, I am not ashamed to trying to preserve that right.

Sincerely, Mary Ohle *

Dear Editor:

A few years ago my wife and I visited a large zoo in California -- among other animals we observed several Peacocks. The Peacocks were allowed to roam the park grounds at will, They were proud and very strutting with their fine plumage. One small person we saw reached out and plucked a fine fan feather from one of the big birds. The Peacock squawked and ran--very comical to the many people around the park.

Years later I observed a Peacock here in my own Yancey County once again strutting, well plumed and blown up with his own importance.

This Peacock went about doing things and more or less allowed to run at will. One of the things he did was to dismiss a member of his staff--who happened to be a Democrat, as well as a very nice guy, good citizen of Yancey County, and very dedicated to his job.

This fancy Reacock went about dismissing this dedicated Social Worker by means of using his office and position to pry into other citizens private business. Business of which the Social Worker had no knowledge. Had no knowledge of because he was a man with personal ethics which did not allow his interference and invasion of private business, such

