

WASHINGTON REPORT

POLLUTION
For too long, we Americans have thoughtlessly misused some of our precious natural resources. Certainly, in this category would be our supply of water. Both our fresh water and the seas around us have seemed inexhaustible. Often, we have assumed that the quantity of water is so great that it can absorb a limitless quantity of man-made refuse and wash it away. In the past decade, we have had a rude awakening that this is not true. Streams and lakes have been polluted. Beaches have been spoiled. Fish and marine life have been wiped out in large areas. Clearly, we cannot allow this process to continue. The country's safety, and development require more adequate measures than we have had. Last week, the House of Representatives took an important step in this direction. Laws have been passed setting

standards and providing penalties for those who pollute the waters belonging to all the people of the country. As we live closer and closer together, we can see that pollution can lead to catastrophic problems unless we take necessary action to deal with it. New scientific information shows us that the problem is greater than we once thought. At the same time, science points to ways for dealing with this situation. What we have done in the past has been helpful, but it has hardly been enough to keep pace with the growing magnitude of the pollution problem. The disastrous seepage of oil in the Santa Barbara channel off the California coast was an example of the pollution that can occur without warning. Less dramatic events, but nonetheless damaging, are happening every day in both the inland waters and the coastal areas.

Legislation in this field is not new. However, the 1924 law governing oil pollution is not adequate. Both the oil polluting water and the almost equally damaging chemicals that are used to deal with the oil can be serious hazards. The new bill would provide the additional muscle that an overwhelming majority of the members of the House thought the problem required. In fact, the existing law applies only to discharge and spillage of oil that happen because of gross negligence. It does nothing about the hundreds of other substances that are equally damaging to the nation's water. If the new bill becomes law, the Secretary of the Interior will have the tools to deal strongly and fairly in the public interest with these problems. Among these will be a requirement that immediate notice be given when oil and other pollut-

ing substances are seeping from a ship or barge. This assures prompt steps to deal with the emergency and allows clean-up operations to start without delay. A new provision requires the owner or operator of the ship to clean up the mess he causes. If he does not fulfill this responsibility, the United States government assumes the burden with the cost of the job up to \$10 million to be borne by the owner of the vessel. Liability for other clean-up costs would also be imposed.

A relatively new source of pollution is also recognized by this legislation. Many of our rivers, lakes, bays, and harbors are being seriously polluted by the wastes from ships and boats. As private boating becomes increasingly popular, our waterways can be ruined for future generations if precautions are not taken now. Unfortunately, most small boats have no treatment facilities to handle the sewage, oil, chemicals, and other waste that they discharge. Reasonable beginnings will be made under this bill toward bringing this situation under control.

There are still aspects of the pollution problem where we do not have the knowledge to correct serious difficulties. For instance, acid drainage from mines, both those in operation and abandoned, is still perplexing. We know that every year 3.5 million tons of acid mine waters damage 4,000 miles of streams. All this destroys fish, damages recreation, corrodes bridges, and requires extra and costly equipment for pollution is also recognized by this bill. This bill provides for research to seek the answers that elude us now and to train specialists who will have the expertise to find these answers.

Passed by a vote of 392-1, this bill is an example of the sense of deep national concern about our misuse of the nation's resources and our growing determination to protect them from further damage.

ELECT JIM DICKEY Ward 6 Commissioner



As a candidate for Commissioner in the newly created Ward Six, I will support the Administration on the various projects now in process. In spite of the development of vitally needed municipal improvements, the Administration has been able to maintain an 85c per hundred tax rate, which is less than some of the neighboring towns.

The Kings Mountain Water Project is the future of Kings Mountain with its potential for economic growth, and the recreational possibilities are unlimited for all of Cleveland County.

It is my intention to serve all citizens of Kings Mountain, and to do all possible to see that Kings Mountain continues to grow.

Wife Staff DEEDS

By Jan Christensen

(News items this week from Durham, Pasquotank, Davidson and Lenoir counties.)
STEP-SAVING KITCHEN
"Planning a kitchen for my new house has been more than an enjoyment," reports Mrs. J. W. Hill 421 Cecil St., Durham.

She made this statement to Mrs. Mary J. Whitmore, assistant after Mrs. Whitmore helped her home economics Extension agent, analyze and plan a kitchen to meet the special needs of her family.
After reviewing some of the principles of arranging kitchen work centers, Mrs. Hill commented, "It will save a lot of steps to have my kitchen divided into work centers that include a specific space for dishwashing, mixing, cooking, serving and planning." This way, she added, my two young helpers won't smash into each other while doing kitchen chores.

Mrs. Hill, who is employed outside the home, suggests that other women could save a lot of time and energy in the kitchen; if they used proper planning.

SERVES THE ENTIRE FAMILY
The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Whitehead, Elizabeth City, N. C., will have special meaning to the whole family. For everybody had a voice in the planning, observes Mrs. Elsie B. Edwards, Extension home economics agent, Pasquotank County.

Whitehead is doing much of the building himself. His wife worked on color schemes and on the selection of fabrics and furnishings. The two children offered their suggestions too.

Due to this teamwork, the

house should serve the entire family in all their activities, the agent points out.
BLUE RIBBON CAKE BAKER
Being a "blue ribbon" cake baker has meant more pin money for Mrs. Reid Davey, a Davidson

County homemaker. According to Martha Thompson, home economics Extension agent, Mrs. Davey, who has copied top honors in cake making at the county fair several years, has so many orders for baked goods, she can't fill all the requests.

For the Easter holidays alone she baked 30 cakes, plus cup cakes, wedding squares, cheese biscuits, mints and tarts.

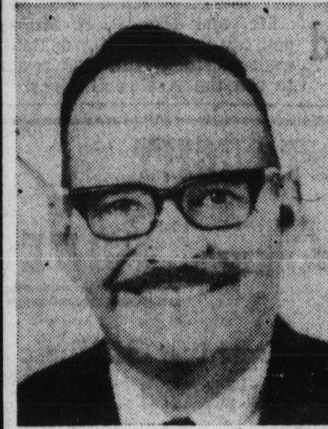
Working alone, using an average size oven and a large electric mixer that will handle batter for two large cakes, Mrs. Davey has turned her hobby into a profitable small business venture.

Because she wishes to continue producing quality baked goods, Mrs. Davey doesn't plan to expand her business, the agent

notes. Instead the homemaker will continue to bake cakes for persons wanting a delicious home-baked product.
CLEANER FLOORS
"A special interest meeting on making doormats from corn shucks has caught the imagination of Lenoir County homemakers," Mrs. Victoria B. Bynum, Extension home economics agent, reports.

After mastering the technique, several women taught their friends to make mats. Others are filling special requests for mats by friends and neighbors. "If this interest in doormats continues, we homemakers should have an easier time keeping our floors clean."

At this time I would like to thank my friends for their confidence and support in me and for voting for me in the past elections. I would like to continue to serve and represent the people of Kings Mountain as Commissioner of Ward Two. In the forthcoming election, I would appreciate your vote and support. It would be a honor for me to remain in office until some of the much needed projects for our town are finished.



NEEDING YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS
W. S. BIDDIX
COMMISSIONER FOR WARD TWO

4:24-5:1

Pvt. Thomas West With 2nd Infantry

U. S. ARMY, KOREA (AHT-NC) — Army Private Thomas E. West, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. West, Sr., Route 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C., was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea April 1.

A field wireman assigned with the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry of the division, Pvt. West entered the Army in October 1968 and completed his basic training at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He was last stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Pvt. West is a 1968 graduate of Myrtle Beach High School.

Surber Attending Hospital School

(02APO20301) SAN DIEGO (FHTNC) April 3 — Hospitalman Apprentice Billy H. Surber Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy H. Surber Sr. of 501 N. City St., Kings Mountain, N. C., is attending Hospital Corps School at San Diego, Calif.

At school he will receive a comprehensive basic course which will qualify him as a Navy Corpsman.

Graduates of this course are transferred to naval hospitals, station hospitals, and large dispensaries to assist the medical officer in direct patient care. Others who will be assigned to a Marine Corps unit as first aid men, may receive additional practical training at Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Some graduates may attend schools for special training in such technical fields as pharmacy, operating room, and neuro-psychiatric technicians.

Two Elected To UNC Posts

Rick Finger and John C. Parker, Kings Mountain students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, were among 49 UNC students chosen as legislative representatives in campus elections held recently.

These legislators, representing UNC's 19 legislative district, will serve one-year terms in Student Legislature.

Finger will represent Men's District VI and Parker will represent Men's District XI.

Sandra Wilson Back At Duke

Sandra J. Wilson, 11, has returned to Duke Hospital at Durham for treatment of a rare muscle disease.

The Kings Mountain girl, hospitalized three weeks ago, developed pneumonia last week. Her mother, Mrs. Nancy Jo Wilson, is staying with her at the hospital.

Friends are asked to send cards to Sandra at Room 1443, Howland Ward, Duke Hospital, Durham.

Sandra, who makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Wilson, Sr., is daughter of Mrs. Nancy Jo Wilson and Martin L. Wilson, Jr.



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