

4-H'ers Join Pollution War

Some Cleveland county 4-H'ers have been given the opportunity to be more than just bystanders in the fight against pollution.

Recently, two of Cleveland county's 4-H'ers attended a special conference at Camp Kanata, a YMCA camp in northern Wake county.

The conference was conducted by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service with the cooperation of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources.

These 4-H'ers learned many things about topics vital to our world today. Among topics covered were: Plant ecology, animal ecology, aquatic biology, water quality, forest management, hunter and gun safety and archery.

The sponsors of the conference were the Federal Cartridge Corporation, the N. C. Wildlife, the Fred Bear Archery Company, Mrs. Ruth Bismwinkle, Gastonia, and the Cleveland Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Those attending from Cleveland county were Alvin Lee, a member of Weathers Grove 111 Community club and Perry Hambright of the Dixon Community club.

At the end of an archery tournament held during the week, Perry Hambright of the Dixon Community club was awarded a bear hunting outfit as the best

Free Hotline Is Available

In an effort to respond to the needs of North Carolina Citizens, the Department of Human Resources is making available a toll free "Hot Lines" to assist those persons needing all kinds of services, such as dental, medical, unemployment, Medicaid claims, personal problems, etc.

All problems, questions, and crises regarding children and youth will be identified as the concern of the Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth, and will be referred to the council by the Department of Human Resources. The twenty member council was established by the 1971 general assembly to advise all agencies of state and local government that provide services to children and youth of their families. The council strongly urges all individuals to utilize available for them.

The Human Resources "Hot Line" number is 1-800-332-7330.

It is estimated that we bust about 1,450 pounds of food per person per year. It is also estimated that waste claims about two pounds of food per person per week, says Mrs. Marjorie Donnelly, extension food specialist, North Carolina State University.

Letter To Editor

Dear Sir: For the first two months of this summer I worked as a seasonal naturalist at Kings Mountain State Park. Every Friday I would take any campers who were will and able up Kings Mountain to see the peak contingent to Crowder's Mountain; on Saturday morning we would take an excursion to Kings Mountain National Military—the lactic field and museum. One lady, Mrs. Virginia McQuire of Pomaria, S. C., and her two children participated in both of these activities on the weekend of July 28-29. Late Saturday night, and late to sleep, she wrote the enclosed poem on paper picnic plates. Ironically, I was dismissed from my job the following Tuesday (and another long story), and while I was packing up to go home—she helped me pack my car. I was sitting in at the park when she gave me this poetical piece. The power and truth of this poem was such that a tear came to my eye on the first reading. I was astonished that this woman had such a gift for expression; every person to whom I have shown this poem has been moved in some positive way. And Mrs. McQuire was considering throwing away her paper plate poem!

With her permission, I am submitting this poem so you may consider its worth to be published in your paper. Please send me your opinion or the poem, whether or not you decide to publish it. If you do publish the poem, please send a copy to myself and one to Ms. Virginia McQuire, Box 1, Pomaria, S. C. 29126.

Thanking you for your attention, I am

Sincerely yours,
TOM BEIDERBECKE
3315 Selwyn Ave.
Charlotte, N. C. 28209

THE POEM

Here, perhaps 'n sheer lunacy, I sit
At a picnic table, over in the night, still unfit
To sleep the sleep of the untroubled.

My moods and half-thoughts are changing like the wind
As it sometimes must blow...
From the top of Kings Mountain.

Yesterday, I had an experience
That pulled me from my usual existence...
Back into life.

There was something about that climb
That took me out of space of time
To what I call Reality.

The rocks, the tree, the effort
My children and my new-found friend
Stretched and heal my heart and mind
And gave me strength again.

I thought it was either a bad poke
or almost
A sacrilege
When someone painted "Freak Out" on a rock up there.

But I guess, in way, it was
some poor soul's celestial rati-
on of a transient liberation...
From a world of pain and doubt.

Today, I met several more people
With whom I felt I could share
something.
Tomorrow, they'll all be gone.

Why do miracles and relationships
Last such a little while...
And why does it have to hurt
To be happy?

Charles Wilson Attends Course

Charles Wilson, a technician trainee for Park Yarn Mills company of Kings Mountain, has attended a three-week comprehensive Uniconer Automatic Winder technician training course at Leesona corporation's training center in Charlotte.

Mr. Wilson resides with his wife, Alma, in Kings Mountain. He is active in the VFW and American Legion.

Leesona corporation of Warwick, Rhode Island, one of the world's largest textile machinery manufacturers, is also a leading producer of machinery for the plastic industry and a licensor of energy conversion technology.

SP/4 Steve Harris With 31st Infantry

FT. SILL, Okla.—Army Specialist Four Steven R. Harris, 19, son of Mrs. Janie B. Amuse, Bessemer City, is assigned to the 31st infantry Ft. Sill, Okla.

Spec. Harris is a truck driver in company B of the infantry's 4th battalion.

His wife, Bertraud, live in Lawton, Okla. His father, Savannah B. Harris, live on Route 2, Brevard, N. C.

Tar Heel Spotlight

Motion picture films—on subjects ranging from Abraham Lincoln to zoological gardens—crisscross North Carolina from the North Carolina State Library.

During the last fiscal year, more than one million people saw films in almost 50,000 showings—nearly doubling the figure for the previous year.

What is the State Library film service? Who uses it? How much? These questions are asked often. They reflect a lively interest in a service begun 11 years ago by the North Carolina Library Commission and the old State Library were wed by the General Assembly of 1955, the film service became part of that new family of services to North Carolinians.

And, last year it moved with the North Carolina State Library under the umbrella of the Department of Art, Culture and History, recently renamed Department of Cultural Resources.

The service is simple—and free.

Any North Carolina individual or group may borrow these films through local, academic or public libraries, which have signed contracts with the State Library for film service. The films, available only for residents of North Carolina for showing in the State, may not be shown where an admission fee is charged, and they may not be used commercially to attract trade.

According to the policy statement, films may be booked for one week or less without charge, with requests to be made by mail on official booking forms. Periods of more than one week are available with special arrangements. The films are then forwarded to the local library for delivery to the patron.

Titles are many and varied—suitable for almost any kind of program or gathering. Included in the list of more than 2,000 titles are varying lengths of films—from a six-minute short on the alphabet designed for children, to those films running more than an hour. Selections may be made from the annotated "Catalog of 16mm Films" by the North Carolina Public Library Film Service. The catalog, a copy of which is available in each library subscribing to the service, fully describes each film, including details on title, length, and a paragraph outlining the subject matter.

Films were checked out 28,322 times for 43,311 showings to 1,437,516 North Carolinians last year—almost twice the figures stated for fiscal year 1971-72.

STILL ROOM

Despite the building boom in North Carolina, there are still some wide expenses of open areas. The last census indicates that North Carolina ranks 35th in population density with 101 persons per square mile. New Jersey is the most densely populated state with 953 per square mile.

TAXPAYERS ASK IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q.—My wife and I are going to purchase one U. S. Savings Bond each month for my son's college education. Would it be more advantageous from a tax standpoint if I purchased the bonds naming my son and myself as co-owners or naming him sole owner?

A.—From a tax standpoint, naming your son sole owner of the bonds would be more advantageous, since interest on U. S. Savings Bonds bought in the name of the child is income to the child not the parent. This is even if the parent paid for the bonds and is named beneficiary.

However, interest on bonds purchased by a parent naming his child as co-owner is taxable to the parent. For more information, see IRS publication 576, "Tax Information on United States Savings Bonds." Contact your local Internal Revenue office for a free copy.

Q.—Are brokerage fees deductible?

A.—Fees you pay a broker to collect your bond interest or dividends on shares of stock are deductible as miscellaneous deductions. But brokerage fees paid to acquire investment property, such as stocks or bonds, are not the cost of the property.

Q.—I work as a waitress in a restaurant. Occasionally, a group of customers will use our banquet room for a private party. Instead of tipping, customers are required to pay a service charge even if the parent paid for the waitress and is named beneficiary.

Should I report this amount as a "tip" to my employer for tax purposes?

A.—No. Your share of this service charge is not a tip, but is part of your wages paid by the employer. As such, it is taxable, but does not have to be included in your report of tips to your employer.

Q.—My son is 20 and works full time during the day and goes to school at night. Can I still claim him as a dependent regardless of how much money he makes?

A. Generally, you may not claim a person as a dependent if he had gross income of \$750 or more during the year. The only exceptions to this rule occur if your child is less than 19 at the end of the year or a full time student during five months of the year in your son's case, he is over 19 and is not considered a full time student because he is attending night school and is employed full time during the day.

Jimmy White Is Promoted

CAMP SPRINGS, Md.—Jimmy G. White, son of Lawrence T. White of Rt. 1, York Rd., Kings Mountain, N. C., has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman White, an administration specialist at Andrews AFB, Washington, D. C., is assigned to a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

The airman is a 1971 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, and is presently attending the University of Maryland.

HOME REPAIR

To save money on home repair costs, paint valvanized iron gutters with latex paint or primer with metallic zinc paint. Keep gutters securely fastened to the house and free of materials that can clog downspouts, advises W. C. Warrick, extension housing specialist, North Carolina State University.

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