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TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING

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Last month, our printing and mailing resources were used to send you a couple of questionnaires in lieu of a Newsletter. The response has paid off handsomely in bringing us new potential volunteers and a promising new activity: Letter-writing Socials (see 11B). We hope you'll partake.

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1. SEVERAL IMPORTANT TCWP MEETINGS SCHEDULED

1976, more than any previous year, should give TCWP members an opportunity to become involved and to get to know each other through the vehicle of two new types of meetings (see 1B and 1C below) as well as through more program meetings.

A. First membership meeting, February 3 to feature new Heritage Program

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 1976, 7:30 p.m. EST
PLACE: Oak Ridge Public Library Auditorium (O.R. Turnpike, $1\frac{1}{2}$ blocks E of TN 62)
PROGRAM: The new Tennessee Heritage Program. Address by Monty Halcomb, Program Administrator, and narrated slideshow by Mack Prichard, TN Dept. of Conservation.

The new Tennessee Heritage Program, a joint activity of The Nature Conservancy and the State of Tennessee, seeks to locate representative samples of Tennessee natural areas that are worthy of preservation. Halcomb and his staff are well along in the process of developing the data base. Mack Prichard's slides will illustrate once-worthy areas and what has become of them, as well as areas for which there is still a chance. Come and bring a friend. After the program, we'll discuss other matters of vital interest to TCWP.

[P.S. Mike Holland, our 1976 program chairman, informs us that Boyd Evison, new Superintendent of the Gt. Smoky Mtn. N.P., has agreed to participate in a TCWP program on the future of the Park. Look for date in next NL].

B. Dates set for first several Letter-writing Socials, as new TCWP activity

The brainwave for this new plan came to your editor while she was slaving over a Newsletter and wishing people would really do something about some of those action suggestions. All of you have been contacted about it by way of a mailing dispatched just before New Year's Eve through the heroic efforts of Martha Ketelle. The response has already been overwhelming, and so many people have offered to open their homes for

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"letter-writing socials" that we should eventually have no problem in scheduling 3 or more locations per month. (If you haven't returned your form yet, please do so soon.) At each social, we'll spend an hour or so writing important and timely letters to Congressmen etc. (referring to the latest Newsletter and any more recent info); and the rest of the time getting acquainted with each other over refreshments. A resource person will be at each of the socials to give advice on letter writing. You should bring your own paper and envelopes (need not be fancy), typewriter (if you prefer this to handwriting), carbon paper (if desired), and stamps (financial help will be provided on these, if needed). The hosts for the next 2 months are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 9 - Miriam Guthrie, 112 Wendover Circle, Oak Ridge
482-2111 (H) or 483-8611, ext. 3-1289

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - David Stidham, 276 - 38th Ave. N, Nashville 298-5735 (H) or 749-5715 (W)

Friday, Feb. 13 - Murray and Mary Evans, 3400 Timberlake Rd, Knoxville
(off Alcoa Hiway, 10 min. from U.T.) 573-6959 (H); 974-2256 (W)

Tuesday, Mar. 16 - Ken & Helen Warren, 105 Evans Lane, Oak Ridge 482-2145 (H)

Thursday, Mar. 18 - W. E. (Bill) Baird and Bill Chandler, Rt. 3 Belt Rd, Knoxville
573-6218 (H) or 584-3984 (W)

All sessions will start 7:30 p.m. local time.

The hosts will appreciate your calling them a few days ahead of time, so they can get some idea of how many people to expect and can give you instructions on how to find their home. I hope all of you will make an effort to attend a session near you: it should be fun (as well as productive!). LET'S MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

C. Big Annual Meeting being planned for weekend of Oct. 22

Mark your calendar NOW to spend the weekend of Oct. 22-24 at Cumberland Mountain State Park, partaking in TCWP's first extended annual meeting -- which, incidentally, will coincide with our 10th anniversary! Among 43 members who responded in writing to the NL #71 opinion sample concerning election process and annual meeting, there were 15 definite + 11 "maybe" volunteers to help with organizing an annual meeting in a centrally located state park. Thirteen eager volunteers showed up for the first meeting of the organizing committee. A second committee meeting is planned for the evening of Feb. 13 at the TCWP office in Oak Ridge: if you want to donate ideas or time, plan to attend, or call Martha Ketelle, coordinator, 483-5366 or Mike Holland, 482-2860.

The committee is working toward a stimulating and informative program, with social and recreational features too. HOWEVER, you should plan to make your housing arrangements early if you plan to stay in the Park. Being at the peak of the fall-color season, that weekend will be in heavy demand. Cabins sleeping from 2 to 16 people range from \$12.54 to \$31.35 per night; campsites (with bath house) cost \$3.50 for four adults. For more details, contact Cumberland Mtn. State Park, Rt. 8, Box 530, Crossville, TN 38555. Motel space is also available in nearby Crossville.

2. RIVERS IN TENNESSEE

A. State Scenic River Program: attempts to make the best of an unfavorable climate

Commissioner Allison, with the advice of Program Administrator Mike Countess, appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the State Scenic Rivers Program. About a dozen people, some of whom have experience and all of whom have a fervent interest in preserving the Program have met four times since mid-November, including once with Asst. Commissioner Stanford and most recently with Comm. Allison. Frank Fly is chairman. Bill and Lee Russell went to Nashville for the second CAC meeting. The Program faces two major threats: one administrative, the other legislative. Under the Blanton Administration's approach of "zero-base budgeting," a Dept. must rank its programs in a priority order; and, if funds are insufficient, the bottom-ranked programs are eliminated in toto -- rather than partial funding cuts being made across the board. The Dept. of Conservation, obviously over-sensitive to last year's legislative threats to the Chickasaw Bluff Trail and Roaring River (which Allison and Stanford interpret as a general popular backlash against governmental control, while, in fact, the action was stirred up by small numbers of local landowners listening to rumors), have ranked the Rivers and Trails

Programs near (or, at?) the bottom of their list activities. It is therefore essential that we get appropriations to prevent their elimination and to keep at least the Program Administrators working. We hope all of you will write your state senator and representative urging full funding of the Dept. of Conservation budget and expressing a special interest in scenic rivers and trails. As far as acquisition funds are concerned, these will be requested in the Capital Outlay Budget. As of now, there is only enough money (from an old bond issue) to purchase access sites and a few key areas for the Harpeth and the Class-I portion of the Roaring R. system. [Note that the total amount that would be required to complete Class-I Roaring R. acquisition, 1457 acres along 8.1 rivermiles, would only be \$225,009 -- a mere pittance compared to the \$4 million that has just been approved for Tims Ford (Dam) State Park.] Comm. Allison expresses himself opposed to the "old approach of buying land" [actually, it would only be easements in the case of State Rivers & Trails], and wants to innovate other methods of protection. We hope he won't find -- as has been the experience elsewhere -- that zoning, agreements, etc. are very unsure ways of controlling land use.

On the legislative scene: Held over from 1975 is Sen. Vernon Neal's bill to remove the Class-II portions of the Roaring R. system, a total of 33.0 river miles. Local land-owners are still opposed to government "takeover." Please write to Sen. Vernon Neal (1008 Oaklawn Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501) to express your support for scenic-river status. -- Two bills affecting State Scenic Rivers have been drafted by the Dept. of Conservation, but not yet introduced. One would delete minimum boundary requirements (currently from 50 to 600 ft, depending on type of river); the other would give authority to the Commissioner of Conservation to enter into agreements with non-profit corporations with regard to recreational and natural areas (to implement the "new methods" referred to above, in this section).

B. Big S. Fork: acquisition funds needed

The Public Works Appropriations bill, finally passed mid-December, includes \$700,000 planning money for the Big S. Fork, a compromise between the Senate's \$1,000,000 and the House's \$350,000. -- Several members of the Big S. Fork Preservation Coalition (including TCWP-BSF Committee members Grimes Slaughter, Hal Smith, Ruth Slusher, Steve Cox, Ed Clebsch, and Lee Russell, Coalition Coordinator) met with Corps personnel on Oct. 30 at Cumberland Mtn. State Park to discuss the Corps' General Design Memo (GDM), features of the draft EIS, and prospects for funding. The following pertinent documents are available from Lee Russell on request (send a self-addressed, stamped, envelope): (a) Detailed report of issues discussed at Oct. 30 meeting, Lee Russell to Coalition (5 pages); (b) TCWP analysis of EIS, dated 11/3/75 (4 pages); (c) TCWP testimony on the GDM, dated 11/6/75 (2 pages). The following is a very brief summary of pertinent info. (1) Instead of the \$33 million originally authorized, \$103 million will be needed, including \$36,200,000 for land acquisition, \$30,000,000 (!) for roads and bridges, \$25,200,000 for recreation development. Sen. Baker seems reluctant for any acquisition to get underway unless something like the full figure is authorized. He plans to seek this authorization as part of this year's Omnibus Rivers & Harbors bill. (2) In addition to this amendment, Sen. Baker will seek a few others as well. Most of these are relatively harmless; but one we would have to oppose strenuously, if the occasion arises, is approval for a new gorge crossing, which the State of Tenn. might desire for its planned major E-W corridor. Conservationists and the Corps are trying to get state agreement to have this corridor follow existing TN 52 instead. (3) Only 30-some dwellings are within the proposed project boundary, which includes roughly 123,000 acres. (4) The GDM (master plan) is, in general, acceptable to the Coalition, especially if the Tennessee lodge-location alternative chosen is the Tabard Inn at Rugby, as presently proposed. The only bad idea we became aware of, and must oppose, was to use 3 miles along the North Whiteoak Creek near Zenith as an automobile road.

What you can do: Write to Senator Baker (U. S. Senate, D.C. 20510) with copies to the Corps (Col. Henry Hatch, District Engineer, U. S. Corps of Engineers, P. O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202), and to your own Congressperson (House Office Bldg, D.C. 20515),

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stressing that you want the BSF Natl. River and Recr. Area implemented speedily; that needed additional funds should be legislated to acquire approximately the total 125,000 acres that were originally authorized; and that, if less than full appropriations are obtained, land acquisition should receive the No. 1 priority -- developments can always be added later. Oppose any new gorge crossings and the road along North Whiteoak Creek.

C. Obed

At its first winter meeting, 1/12/76, the Conservation Commission, recognizing that the Obed had been found to "qualify for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System," and that "if the river is not protected ... it will suffer irreversible degradation," passed a resolution urging implementation of a plan "which will guarantee the preservation of the Obed River and its major tributaries." It should be noted that the 15-person Commission includes one member from Wartburg and one from Crossville. The Commission is the official advisory arm to the Tenn. Dept. of Conservation. -- On 10/30/75 the Tenn. Water Qual. Control Bd upheld the permit revocation order for the Geodyne Corp., a company that had been stripmining on Clear Creek, had placed large ads full of lies about the Obed Wild & Scenic River proposal into Crossville and Wartburg papers, and had circulated petitions opposing the proposal (see NL #69, ¶1).

D. TVA's violation of Endangered Species Act on Little-T will lead to lawsuit

Designation of the Snail Darter as an endangered species became effective 11/10/75 (see NL #71, ¶2C). TVA is, however, ignoring the law of the land and proceeding with its activities in the proposed reservoir area. [In fact, it has been reported (TENNESSIERAN, Nov. 75) that from 66 miles of riverbank in the project, 400 yds near a location where 80% of the darters are estimated to occur were selected for bulldozing.] The Public Works Appropriations bill passed in December includes \$29,000,000 for Tellico. --TVA's action threatens not only the darter and the Little T, but the survival of the Endangered Species Act itself. Several groups and individuals have therefore banded together to form the Tenn. Endangered Species Committee for the purpose of bringing suit against TVA. Between \$5000 and \$10,000 will be needed for this purpose: a sad thing that citizens must chip in to have a U.S. government agency obey U.S. law! If you wish to contribute, write TN Endangered Species Comm., 8520 U.T. Station, Knoxville 37916. For more info, call their phone center, 525-3516. Bumper stickers are also available.-- TVA's own magazine, "Perspective", recently had an article on the valuable archeological wealth being discovered in the area that is to be inundated -- including "one of perhaps the half dozen best Archaic sites yet discovered in the eastern U.S."

E. We mourn Normandy

On January 1, TVA closed the lower sluice gates of the 110-foot high Normandy Dam, thus beginning to fill what will be a 3300-acre muddy-shored reservoir, where the beautiful Upper Duck once flowed free among huge trees. Is TVA really proud of killing a magnificent valley, eliminating rich farmland, forever destroying the chance to explore exceedingly valuable archeological sites, flooding important caves? The bad-faith action by which this perfidy was accomplished (TVA's suppression of honest disclosure of critical facts) is recorded for history in the transcripts of the law suit and in the report of the 1975 TVA Oversight Hearings by the Senate Public Works Committee (Serial No. 94-H12 pp 120-190). The latter, testimony by Frank Fly, should be required reading for all Americans. -- \$21,600,000 was appropriated for Columbia and Normandy Dams last month.

F. Nolichucky River Study

BOR has initiated its study of the Nolichucky, which was added to the study category of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act late in 1974 (see NL #66, ¶2A). A public information meeting will be held Jan. 29 in Burnsville, N.C. (see Calendar, ¶12).

G. TCWP efforts on behalf of clean water

On 10/17/75, EPA issued proposed Effluent Guidelines for the Coal Industry. TCWP wrote to Administrator Russell Train, protesting the fact that there seems to be no prospect,

in the near future, for finalizing the Guidelines (except for pH). In the meantime, NPDES permit applications from mine operators (about 100 from Tennessee) are piling up in the Atlanta office of EPA; and without NPDES permits, we are not getting any federal enforcement action at all with regard to stripmine discharges. Copies of our letter were sent to Sens. Baker and Brock, Congresswoman Lloyd, and Congr. Duncan. We appreciate that Mrs. Lloyd has followed through by also writing to EPA, requesting action. In the meantime, EPA has responded to TCWP indicating that the establishment of effluent concentrations for parameters other than pH is awaiting the outcome of studies on "the economic impact to the coal industry in meeting this level of control."

TCWP member Ed Dantzler will represent us on the Knoxville Citizens Water Quality Advisory Committee, which is planning for future water pollution abatement needs for the region.

3. STRIPMINE NEWS

A. Federal bill status

In our last regular Newsletter (NL #71, ¶3A) we reported on efforts, including our own, to attach the twice-vetoed Stripmine bill to the Administration-backed Coal Leasing bill. These efforts were defeated by a 21:20 vote of the House Interior Comm. on 11/12/75. Some of the opposition resulted from disagreements and misunderstandings concerning the best parliamentary procedure for resurrecting the Stripmine bill. Subsequently, 10 Tennessee environmental groups at the Intergroup Conference (see ¶ 5A) joined TCWP in a telegram to Congr. Quillen, member of the House Rules Committee, urging the committee not to grant a rule for the Coal Leasing bill by itself. In the meantime, Congr. Melcher scored an important victory when the House Interior Committee on 12/3/75 voted decisively (24:14) to bring the slightly modified Stripmine bill, now numbered H.R. 9725, directly before full committee, i.e. bypassing the lengthy subcommittee process. Backers hope to get the bill to the floor early this year and to be able to muster the 2/3 majority needed to override another expected veto. Lax enforcement of state laws has recently been documented in a study of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. -- Please note the EPC-sponsored Washington meeting on stripmining, Feb. 7 & 9; and the Appalachian Coalition Task Force Workshop at the Highlander Center Feb. 13-15 (see CALENDAR).

B. Stripmine bills before the Tennessee General Assembly

S.B. 367 (Baird)/H.B. 532 (Cawood, Bissell, Elkins, etc.), a TCWP-supported bill to strengthen the State's stripmine law, was given a "no action" vote in Senate Committee last year, and is theoretically still pending before House Committee in this 2nd session of the 89th General Assembly. -- Rep. Cawood's bill to increase the coal severance tax from 20 to 30 ¢/ton was sent back to committee last week, ostensibly because it might conflict with Gov. Blanton's proposal to pass a 4% severance tax on all minerals. Cawood is sponsoring a resolution calling for an investigation by a special legislative committee of the state's coal industry, including ownership of reserves and pricing practices. -- An important new bill has been introduced by Sen. Ray Baird and Rep. I. V. Hillis. This would amend the Stripmine Law to require operators to obtain a notarized statement by the surface owner that he consents to stripmining of his land and to related activities. In the past, farmers had often signed away mineral rights to their land at the time of purchase, not realizing that stripmining would some day replace deepmining as a method of extraction. In view of the great importance of this legislation, particularly in connection with the AMAX threat (see ¶3D), we hope you will contact your state legislators and express support for this bill.

C. State stripmine regulations: we're up on the see-saw

If you can't keep up with the confusing changes in the stripmine regulations, we don't blame you at all. The three latest Newsletters (NL 69, ¶5B; NL 70, ¶2B; NL 71, ¶3B) may be consulted re the chronology of the battle over whether there is going to be a highwall remaining after mining, and whether the disturbed area is to extend 50 ft or 125 ft downslope from the bench. At the time we all assembled for the Intergroup Conference, Dec. 6, it looked as if the environment had lost out in both of these matters.

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At the Conference, TCWP and SOCM led representatives of several groups in a meeting with Sen. Berry, whose committee has power to review the regulations under the new Administrative Procedures Act. We don't know if this had anything to do with it, but, on Dec. 10 Commissioner Buck Allison announced in Knoxville that he was suspending the two controversial sections until 7/1/76 -- which means that the 50-foot limit for spoil and the no-highwall provisions will stay in effect at least until then. In the meantime, two demonstration sites will be operated to test his ideas. All other sections of the regulations, most of which are endorsed by conservation groups, will go into effect as originally proposed by Allison.

D. The AMAX threat becomes more immediate. Our help needed

(Contributed by George Brosi)

Late in December 1975, AMAX Coal Company formally applied for a permit to stripmine 10,000 acres just south of Fall Creek Falls State Park. This would be by far the largest stripmine the State of Tennessee has ever seen, including parts of 4 counties and 3 watersheds. The coal which would be mined beginning early in 1977 would almost certainly be exported to Japan via the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. AMAX, whose thirteen mines produce enough coal to make it the fourth largest coal company in America, proposes to use two immense dragline shovels with 110 cubic yard buckets to strip as deep as 180 feet to the Sewanee seam of metallurgical coal, leaving nothing unturned. Note that this seam is overlain with Whitwell shale which has rock pH values of 2.3 to 2.5. Plans call for stripping through several "blue line" streams (streams that show up on a topographical map) -- a clear violation of regulations by two State agencies that have to issue permits before mining can begin: the Tennessee Departments of Public Health and of Conservation. In Sept. 1975, Tenn. Water Quality Control Div. (WQCD) personnel toured 4 midwestern AMAX mines on an invitation from the company which wanted to demonstrate its reclamation work. The subsequent WQCD report states that, in contrast to the proposed Tennessee sites, the midwestern mining sites have (a) much more level terrain; (b) thicker and more fertile topsoil; (c) limestone in the overburden; and (d) very little toxic overburden.

The community of Piney, at the southern entrance to Fall Creek Falls State Park, lies directly in the path of the giant shovels. Most of the residents bought surface rights to their land from the old Rocky River Coal and Lumber Company, leaving the Company with the mineral rights. Rocky River was bought by the J. H. Huber Company which has leased 100,000 acres of its land on the Cumberland Plateau to AMAX Coal. AMAX has tried to buy up the surface rights of the people in the Piney community, but few have been willing to sell. However, in November of 1975, the Tennessee State Supreme Court -- in the case of Julius Doochan versus James Rackley -- ruled that an owner of mineral rights can stripmine land without the consent of the surface owner so long as bond is posted to cover possible damages.

Local people have formed The Concerned Citizens of Piney to resist AMAX's plans. They are asking their supporters to do three things:

1. Urge Mr. B. R. Allison, Commissioner of Conservation, (2611 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203) not to grant mining permits to AMAX.
2. Urge Dr. Eugene W. Fowinkle, Commissioner of Public Health (621 Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37219) not to grant water quality permits to AMAX.
3. Urge your state legislators to support an amendment to the Tennessee Surface Mining Law of 1972 that would require the permission of the surface owner before stripmining permits could be issued (see also 13B).

The next meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Piney is Feb. 2. Contact their secretary, Linda Smotherman (Mountain Route, Spencer, Tennessee 38585. 615-946-2630) for details and for any help you can give.

E. Orphan-mine reclamation

Conservation Commissioner Allison announced on Dec. 10 that orphan-mine reclamation will soon get underway, utilizing \$250,000 in the mine reclamation fund, which is fed by permit and acreage fees. It is estimated that this money may reclaim about 800 acres of a total of 52,000 acres of orphan lands in the state. At the current rate, it would thus take over 50 years to do the total job. As an Oak Ridger editorial (12/16/75) states: "...this reclamation project and the ... money necessary to finance it should remind citizens of the tremendous cost of so many years of no effective stripmine control legislation." A citizen task force will be appointed to advise on the selection of sites for the project, with priority going to those yielding the greatest amounts of pollution. On 1/12/76, W. E. Albright, formerly with the Soil Conservation Service, was hired to head the project.

TVA has proposed a plan for a 5-year reclamation project of 80,000 acres of orphan mines in 4 states, including Tennessee. About \$23,000,000 of federal funds would be required on the assumption that the cost per acre would range from \$100 to \$1,700, with an average of \$285. -- TVA, in cooperation with state agencies, has begun an orphan mine reclamation project in the Piney Cr. watershed above Fall Creek Falls. This involves 225 acres of stripped land and 16 abandoned deepmines. In the meantime, other plans are afoot for devastating the area on another side of the Park (see AMAX, item #3D).

4. THREAT TO A NATIONAL AND STATE RECREATION TRAIL: YOUR HELP NEEDED

The extensive North Ridge Trail System in the northern greenbelt of Oak Ridge was developed by TCWP; and TCWP was instrumental in getting the trail designated first as a National Recreation Trail (only the fourth in the Southeast) and soon thereafter as a State Recreation Trail. Recent action by a developer threatens not only the integrity of the valuable Oak Ridge greenbelt, but the whole concept of national and state trails. We therefore hope that even those of you who are not Oak Ridgers will take action.

A developer and realtor owning a 142-acre woodland parcel just outside the northern city limits want the City to annex the land and to build an access road through the existing greenbelt connecting to either Olney or Oak Lane. The proposed subdivision would be called the North Slope development. Both proposed access roads would cross the North Ridge Trail. The Olney access would be virtually on top of the Delaware Loop Trail which is part of the North Ridge Trail System. The road would also be visible and audible from the rest of the loop and from much of the through-trail. As a condition for achieving National Trail status in 1973, the City had to state that "the dedication (for the minimum period of time required by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, 10 years) would include the 564 acres of city-owned greenbelt area through which the trail runs." The existence of the inviolate northern greenbelt and the doubly-honored status of the trail system add immeasurably to the value of the City as an attractive place to live. If the City violates the greenbelt and trail by permitting this requested access, a PRECEDENT will have been set for building other accesses for developers of other parcels north of the City limits.

We urge you to communicate your feelings on this matter to the people who'll be making decisions. Please obtain signatures on the enclosed petition and mail it to the address shown on the top. If you're an Oak Ridger, call or write your Councilman; Lucien Faust, the City Planner (Planning Office, Municipal Bldg); and Lynn Noey, chairman of the O.R. Planning Commission (Planning Office, Municipal Bldg). If you live elsewhere address your remarks to A. K. Bissell, Mayor, City of Oak Ridge, Municipal Bldg., Oak Ridge, TN 37830. -- A package containing more detailed facts and arguments, a map, and a list of councilpersons and Planning Commission members is available on request from Lee Russell (130 Tabor Road, O.R. 37830). Order a copy and use it to spread the truth among your neighbors and friends.

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5. STATE OF TENNESSEE: INTERGROUP CONFERENCE, LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK; ADMINISTRATIVE CAPSULES

A. Third Intergroup Conference

TCWP sent a delegation of 5 people to the Third Intergroup Conference at Henry Horton State Park, Dec. 6,7: Don Todd, Mike Holland, Bob Farmer, Paul Somers, and Lee Russell. (Several others present were also TCWP members but primarily represented other groups.) In addition to addresses by administration officials (e.g., Comm. Allison, TWRA Director Bray), legislators (Sens. Berry and Henry, Rep. Bissell), and resource people, there were a number of work sessions to define issues and the methods for tackling them. There was considerable discussion of how better to coordinate the legislative efforts of the various organizations. Shirley Patterson is to be congratulated for organizing a successful conference.

An informal late evening session of about 25 people in the TCWP cabin led to the formulation of several resolutions. Others were added later. The distribution of these resolutions -- first, for signatures, and, later, to the addressees -- is being coordinated by the Tenn. Environmental Council. TCWP has signed resolutions on the following subjects: (1) supporting State Scenic Rivers and Trails; (2) in favor of the strengthening stripmine amendments, SB 367/HB 532, and of a bill requiring surface-owner permission (see ¶3B); (3) urging a number of steps toward a comprehensive landuse policy; (4) urging that the State Air and Water Quality acts not be further compromised; (5) calling for a comprehensive program of environmental education; (6) urging TVA and the State to adopt specific measures for energy conservation; (7) urging TVA and the State to further the development and use of solar energy; (8) supporting accelerated acquisition of state properties related to resource conservation, such as scenic rivers and trails, natural areas, etc.; (9) supporting a bill to ban non-returnable bottles; (10) opposing James Hooper as TVA Director; (11) re-affirming strong support for adding the Obed River and its major tributaries to the National Wild and Scenic River System; (12) congratulating EPA for improving air and water quality in our State etc., but urging the agency to halt TVA's violation of SO₂ emission standards, and to promulgate final effluent guidelines for coal mining (see ¶ 2G). Anyone wishing to see the full text of the resolutions should contact Lee Russell.

B. The legislative outlook

In other parts of this Newsletter, we have discussed State bills affecting the Scenic Rivers and Trails programs (see ¶ 2A) and stripmining (see ¶3B). We hope to outline land-use planning bills in our next issue. Unless the mood of the General Assembly has changed since last year, we will have hard going again. -- Several organizations meeting at the Intergroup Conference decided to sponsor a "Day on the Hill" in Nashville. This will consist of a morning of legislative briefings, an afternoon of visiting legislators, and a reception for legislators in the evening. TCWP has pledged up to \$50 for this activity. The date has not been set yet (probably late February), but anyone interested in participating should contact Bob Farmer, 99 Reservoir Rd, Norris 37828 (494-7908), and we'll let you know when arrangements become definite.

Please note the membership of two committees with which we have most of our dealings. Senate Comm. on General Welfare & Environment: Berry, chmn; Nave, v.chmn; Baker, secy; Albright, R. Baird, Crouch, Neal, Talarico, White. House Comm. on Conservation & Environment: Watson, chmn; Lashlee, v.chmn; Hillis, secy; Bailey, Bewley, Bissell, Bodiford, Bousson, Burleson, W. C. Carter, Cawood, S. Clark, G. D. Davidson, Ellis, Fuqua, Gill, Longley, Moore, Spence, Stafford. If any of the above represent you directly, spend 5 minutes to call them when they're at home over the weekend and tell them your position on specific bills -- or just express your general support for measures that protect the environment. The feelings back home really matter to these people. (For addresses of legislators and counties they represent, see the list sent with NL 67. If you've lost it, write us for a copy.) -- We can think of no better way to keep up with current State legislation than to subscribe to the CCLC Legislative Newsletter. This is mailed out, first class, every Friday during the session. Send \$6 to Verna Fausey, 2330 Golf Club Lane, Nashville, TN 37215. We have a number of extra copies

of the special Nov. 75 issue which gives all sorts of info on How a Bill Becomes a Law; how to obtain copies of bills, voting records, sponsor listings, etc.

C. Administrative capsules: financial help for nongame species; personnel changes

* The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is offering a "Nongame Certificate." This costs \$5 (tax deductible) and will be matched by \$20 in federal funds. Proceeds will be used to protect rare, endangered, and non-game species in Tennessee. (Write: TWRA, P.O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204). --TWRA Commissioners Plant and Law have been appointed to the Nongame Task Force.

S. Leary Jones retired as Director of the Water Quality Control Division on 10/31/75, after 30 years of work for State water pollution control programs. Many of us have dealt with him and offer our best wishes. The former Divisions of Water Quality Control and Sanitary Engineering have been combined; and John Saucier, since 1972 Director of the latter, will head the consolidated activities, which will go under the name of Division of Water Quality Control. Mr. Saucier's address: 621 Cordell Hull Bldg, Nashville 37219, Ph. 615, 741-2275 or 741-7851. -- A new Division of Solid Waste Management has been created in the Dept. of Public Health and will be headed by Tom Tiesler, 320 Capitol Hill Bldg, Nashville 37219, Ph. 615, 741-3424.

In the Dept. of Conservation, Bill Anglea, former director of the Personnel Division, has replaced M. P. Estes as Assistant Commissioner in charge of personnel and budgeting. The other Asst. Comm., Mike Stanford, will continue to be responsible for policy and programming.

6. TVA: HOOPER NOMINATION ALIVE; OPEN BOARD MEETINGS "WINDOW DRESSING"; RATE STRUCTURE, ETC.

- Senate hearings on the much opposed nomination of James Hooper to fill a vacancy on the 3-man TVA Board (NL 69, ¶2; NL 70, ¶7; NL 71, ¶6) have been repeatedly postponed, and it was assumed that the nomination would die if not acted on by the end of the year. Under usual Senate rules, the nomination would have had to be re-submitted in 1976, and it was thought improbable that Pres. Ford would again subject himself to this embarrassment. However, since there were so many other pending nominations by the end of the year, the Senate passed a resolution to carry over all those against whom there were no specific objections. Even though Sen. Brock has expressed himself in opposition to Hooper, he did not act to have his name deleted from the resolution. Thus, Hooper hearings will presumably come about after all.
- In January 1975, TVA "voluntarily" held its first open Board meeting, as a result of much public pressure. The East Tenn. Research Corp. has done a careful study of decision-making at these meetings, basing their statistics on information supplied by TVA itself, on request from ETRC. It was found that most matters are decided outside the public meetings: namely, 169 of 361 proposed actions (47%), 105 of 138 purchase awards (76%), and 27 of 51 project authorizations (53%). Based on these findings, Sen. Brock on 11/17/75 introduced a bill requiring all major decisions of the TVA Board of Directors to be made in public meetings.
- As a result of public pressure, TVA last August published a study of the environmental impact of its rate structure and policies, and concluded that there was no impact. This conclusion has been challenged by a coalition of environmental groups, headed by the Natural Resources Defense Council, on the basis of a considerable body of scientific and economic evidence clearly showing such impacts. In a letter of 10/15/75, the coalition requests TVA (a) to withdraw its statement and to prepare, instead, a draft environmental impact statement in accordance with NEPA; and (b) to give more prompt and direct notice of any future actions affecting rate structure.
- Out of TVA's total power plant requirements of 35-40 million tons of coal annually, about 6 million tons come from TVA-owned coal reserves.
- For further notice of the TEC symposia on "TVA and the Environment," see our CALENDAR (¶12).

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7. EASTERN WILDERNESS AND U. S. FOREST SERVICE

Citizen conservationists have had four regional meetings with the USFS to discuss management of the new eastern wilderness and study areas established by P.L. 93-622, signed 1/3/75 (NL 67, ¶IC). As regards the wilderness areas, the law is clear, and the only problem concerns inholdings. However, with respect to study areas, the language is rather vague, prescribing only that they be managed "so as to maintain their presently existing wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System..." At the meetings, the USFS agreed to the following important points for study areas: (1) No private motor vehicles of any kind shall be allowed. The intent of Congress on this subject is very clear from the debate on the bill. (2) Forest supervisors will provide data requested by citizen teams studying the new study areas, including schedules of present or pending timber sales. (3) The USFS (like the citizen teams) may recommend boundaries for final designation that are more inclusive than the boundaries identified in the Act for the study areas. [Of course, they may also recommend smaller boundaries.] (4) All commonly used points of access (but not the entire boundaries) will be marked to identify the area as subject to P.L. 93-622, and therefore closed to motor-vehicle use. (5) The USFS, contrary to citizen recommendations, will probably require permits for entry into study areas. They desire this info in order to develop user statistics.

Comments on the USFS's Draft Assessment and Program for the Nation's Renewable Resources (NL 70, ¶8) were submitted for TCWP by Bob Farmer and Paul Somers. The USFS document outlines management options for the national forests through the year 2020.

8. RIVERS AND WATER RESOURCES: NATIONAL NEWS

A. New River (N.C. and Virginia) reminder

A huge pumped-storage power project proposed for the New River in N.C. and Virginia would flood 44,000 acres of fertile land along over 70 river miles and would displace nearly 3000 mountaineers from their ancestral homes. In our last Newsletter (NL 71, ¶2E), we reported on a strategy that could save the river: inclusion in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System of the N.C. segment which has already been designated as a State Scenic River. This process, under Sec. 2(a)(ii), does not require Congressional action -- only approval by the Sec. of the Interior. Sec. Kleppe is studying the request by N.C. Governor Holshauser and awaiting comments on an EIS. It is crucial that he be made to realize that concern over the fate of this river is not limited to N.C. We urge you to write by March 1 to Sec. Thomas Kleppe, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, with a copy to Pres. Ford (The White House, D.C. 20500). The beautiful New R. flows among pastures and wooded hills, with magnificent mountains in the background. It would be a very worthy addition to the National System.

B. Red River gorge saved all over again

We thought we had defeated a dam proposal through great effort in the late 1960's; but because the river was not given legislatively protected status, proponents came back again after opposition had quieted down. (Let this be a lesson to us!) The battle had to be fought all over again. Kentucky conservationists and valley residents got Gov. Carroll and both Senators on their side. On 10/7/75, the Corps recommended to Congress that the dam project not be funded for construction at this time. It will now take some effort to ensure positive protection against future recurrences of the Red River Dam fever.

C. Hells Canyon saved at last

Well, the House floor vote (NL 71, ¶8F) came out fine; and on 12/31/75 Pres. Ford signed legislation creating the 662,000-acre Hells Canyon Natl. Recr. Area around the famous gorge of the Snake River on the Oregon-Idaho border. A last-ditch campaign by electric utilities almost forced a veto. Getting this bill passed and signed culminates a 20-year struggle (really hot for the last 8 years) to preserve this portion of our national heritage from a whole series of dam proposals.

D. Corps of Engineers "404" Permits on Dredge and Fill

On Dec. 1, TCWP wrote for the second time (our first letter was 9/10/75) in support of the Corps' interim regulations to implement a permit program covering dredge and fill activities in all waters of the United States. It had come to our attention that developers were generating a postcard campaign against the permit program. A reply from Col. Hughes of the Corps assures us that comments are being evaluated and not just counted. He notes that they have had 4500 communications on the May proposal; and, to date, about 1500 on the July interim regulations (the ones TCWP commented on). A response from Sen. Baker informs us that the Senate Public Works Committee will shortly examine the "404" Program.

E. Attempts to weaken the Flood Insurance Program

Thanks to Bill Painter of ARCC, efforts of Sen. Eagleton (egged on by developers) to remove the sanctions provision from the Flood Insurance Act of 1973 have been headed off. The 1973 Act is probably the most important vehicle we have for keeping incompatible developments off of flood plains, and will thus prevent "justification" for more and more dams. We hope you will take an interest, within your own geographical area, in seeing that flood-prone communities are in the Program and are complying with its provisions. In return for getting subsidized insurance for existing flood-plain structures, communities must agree to keep unprotected structures out of the 100-year flood plain in the future. Non-participating communities get no federal funds for any activity in the flood plain.

F. National Commission on Water Quality

The final draft report by this Commission, chaired by Nelson Rockefeller, is available (TCWP has a portion). The report seeks to assess costs and benefits of achieving or not achieving the goals of P.L. 92-500, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Written comments are due by 2/6/76. The final report will be submitted to Congress about March 1.

9. OTHER NATIONAL CAPSULES

- The struggle over the future of clean air is now reaching a climax in both Houses. We have a particular responsibility to participate since Sen. Baker is a key figure on the full Senate Public Works Committee. In a letter to him of 11/26/75, TCWP urged Baker to accept the following features of the Subcommittee bill: (a) elimination of the Class-III (dirty-air) designation of air-quality regions; (b) Mandatory Class-I (no additional pollution allowed) designation for National Parks, Wilderness Areas, and other critical federal lands; (c) requirement to use Best Available (rather than Best Practicable) Control Technology in all new sources; (d) requirement for continuous emission controls (as opposed to TVA's "intermittent" controls and tall stacks à la Kingston). Responding 12/10/76, Sen. Baker expressed himself in agreement with points (c) and (d), and in partial agreement with (b) (he mentions "'certain' parks, wilderness areas, etc."). However, he is worried that legislating on non-deterioration "hints so much of land use." -- Unfortunately, with respect to (a), Baker is reportedly ready to introduce an amendment to eliminate Class II (moderate pollution increment allowed), re-introducing Class III in its place. For your information, designation of air-quality regions is presently left to the States, which often are too ready (under local pressures) to designate an area as Class III in order to permit "growth." If many states decided to classify presently clean areas as Class III, the whole country would suffer greatly. The Subcommittee decided that growth was quite possible under Class II conditions and therefore eliminated Class III. Sen. Baker's reportedly planned amendment would allow presently clean air areas to get as dirty as some of our major cities. We urge you to contact him immediately (Senate Office Bldg, D.C. 20510; (202) 224-4944). --Point (b), above, is of major importance in saving our southwestern Park-lands (see below).

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- The battle to prevent takeover of the National Wildlife Ranges by the exploitive Bureau of Land Management, BLM (NL 68, ¶14B and NL 69, ¶12C) has made great strides, but one important hurdle remains: the Senate vote on H.R. 5512, which will probably take place soon after January 26. This bill, already overwhelmingly (341:10) passed by the House on 11/14/75, bars any transfer or disposal of lands now in the Wildlife Refuge System (except with Congressional approval) and directs the System to be administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. However, Sens. Goldwater and Fannin of Arizona plan to introduce an amendment on the Senate floor to exempt the 700,000-acre Kofa Game Range (Ariz.) -- home of the desert bighorn sheep, ringtailed cat, etc. -- and turn it over to BLM. This would not only be disastrous for Kofa itself, but set a bad precedent for parceling out the refuges to exploitive agencies wherever grazing or mineral interests demand that they be "opened up." Please wire or phone Sens. Howard Baker and Bill Brock (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, Ph. 202, 224-3121) and request their vote for H.R. 5512 without weakening amendments.
- 37 units of the National Park System (including Grand Canyon and my personally beloved Zion) lie within smokestack range of the proposed Kaiparowits Power Project in S.W. Utah, which would supply power to Los Angeles. Even before a final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the project has been completed, and in the face of a tentative EPA rejection of the draft EIS, Interior Secretary Kleppe is reported (in the Salt Lake City Tribune) to have promised to get the project cleared by the end of March. Any of you who know that beautiful desert-mountain region will recognize that its major intrinsic attraction is crystal-clear air. We urge you to write to Sec. Thomas S. Kleppe, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, D.C. 20240, with a copy to Pres. Ford. What happens to the Clean Air Act amendments (see above, this section) will have a strong influence on the fate of the region. One favorable piece of news is that the utility company involved has postponed its projected construction schedule by one year, blaming environmental groups, but probably acting in response to decreased growth in power demands.
- Stripmining in Death Valley National Monument has been stepped up since introduction of a bill to curb it. The Senate Interior Committee has now reported S.2371, a bill closing the 6 national park units that are presently open to mining entry. The House Parks and Recreation Subcommittee has held hearings. Letters are needed to Subcommittee Chairman Roy Taylor (House Office Bldg, D.C. 20515) urging immediate mark-up of this legislation so that the destruction may cease.
- The current inadequate level of the Land & Water Conservation Fund has led to a staggering backlog in parkland purchasing. Senate-passed bill S.327 increases the fund from \$300 million to \$1 billion, while the increase in a pending House bill, H.R. 2763, would be to \$800 million over a three-year period. Both bills would change the federal-state funding ratio from 50/50 to 70/30. H.R. 2763 will go to mark-up in the House Interior Committee in February. Urge your Congressman (House Office Bldg, D.C. 20515) to express support for H.R. 2763 to Committee Chairman James Haley.
- The Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) is soliciting comment on a Consumer Representation Plan. Deadline is Feb. 24. TCWP has a copy; or you may write Bart McGarry, ERDA, D.C. 20545.

10. TCWP: PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATION

A. Report on 1975 Annual Meeting; elections

The following, elected at our Nov. 18 annual meeting, took office 1/1/76:

Directors:

President: Donald Todd, Wartburg
 Vice Pres.: Mike Holland, Oak Ridge
 Secretary: *Margot Spore, " "
 Treasurer: Charles Klabunde, O.R.
 (*marks newcomer to Board)

Reid Gryder, Oak Ridge
 *Gordon Newland, Kingsport
 Lee Russell, O.R.
 Bill Russell, O.R.
 *Judith Smith, Knoxville

Nominating Committee: John Judy, Martha Ketelle, Bob Peelle (chmn)

It was announced that members responding to the NL #71 opinion sample concerning method of elections were divided almost evenly between the two methods proposed. The Board will therefore deliberate and come up with a recommendation either to stick with the present method or to make a change. Any proposed change in procedure would have to be acted on by the membership at the 1976 Annual Mtg. and could, at the earliest, go into effect in 1977.

About 80 people attended the meeting, listened to the summary reports on the year's activities, partook of the delicious refreshments provided by Mesdames Dantzler, Davis, Cloutier, Dillon, and Ruth Young (who also made all the food arrangements), and enjoyed the visual program.

B. Many, many thanks

TCWP members are grateful to the many who worked hard to make 1975 successful: the Board, the Nominating Committee, and all the issues and service committees. The 1975 Summarizing Report, with more details, will be distributed in the near future. As Newsletter editor, I want to thank Charley Klabunde and Marian Oates who kept the mailing labels in such useful and up-to-date shape, Janet Stallworth who did all the typing, Mrs. Q. V. Larsen, the most obliging of printers, Mary Headrick who organized all the "stuffing" sessions, and her many helpers. And all the rest of you: thanks for paying dues to keep us in business. And, PLEASE PAY UP SOON FOR 1976: see the form provided with this NL.

C. Volunteer Services

Martha Ketelle, 1976 chairperson of volunteer services, recently sent each member a form on which to indicate his or her interests, resources, and willingness to help. Within the first two weeks, we have already had close to 60 responses and we thank our membership for this expression of vitality (see also #1B). We hope very much that the rest of you will also take a few minutes to return your forms: please do so even if you cannot at this time volunteer for anything: we are still anxious to know what your interests are in order to help us develop priorities for TCWP action. And, of course, if you can volunteer, so much the better!

D. In Memoriam

1. With great sadness, we mourn the untimely death of Dick Reed, 1/4/76, active in TCWP since its founding in 1966, member of the 1968 and 1973 Nominating Committees, of early Obed committees, and of the 1975 Big S. Fork Committee. Dick had a special sensitivity for unspoiled areas and loved wild rivers. He combined decency, honesty, and a soft-spoken personality with a great purposefulness and determination to see the right thing done. His death is a great loss to all of us.
2. We have just been notified of the passing of Gladys Jayne of Knoxville. Ms. Jayne, who was particularly interested in the protection of wildlife, bequeathed to TCWP the sum of \$100. We shall make every effort to use this sum for the values held dear by her.

11. PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

- "Out Under the Sky of the Great Smokies" from the journals of Harvey Broome, illustrated by Larry Hirst. These selections interpret the mountains in a unique mixture of narration, poetry, humor, philosophy, and prophecy. (The Greenbrier Press, 5115 Mountain Crest Drive, Knoxville 37918, \$6.95 paperback)
- A two-volume report on the TVA Oversight Hearings, April 30-May 12, 1975 has been issued by the Senate Public Works Committee (Serial No. 94-H12). TCWP testimony is in Part 1. May be read in TCWP library.
- "Draft Action Plan for Consideration of Economic, Social, and Other Environmental Effects of Highways," Tenn. Dept. of Transportation. May be borrowed from TCWP library (cannot be mailed).

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- "Public Involvement," by Ruth Neff, Exec. Dir., Tenn. Env'tl. Council. A thoughtful analysis, presented at the YMCA Conference on Env'tl. Management and serialized in "Air Currents," Div. of Air Pollution Control, TN Dept. of Public Health, 256 Capitol Hill Bldg., Nashville 37219.
- "SPOIL, A Moral Study of Strip Mining for Coal," by Richard Cartwright Austin. Published by the Methodist Church. Dr. Austin, formerly publisher of the "Appalachian Strip Mining Info Service" (often quoted in TCWP Newsletters) and member of Congr. Ken Hechler's staff, is now offering courses, tutorials, lectures, and sermons on the interrelation between environmental values and Christian values. (Chestnut Ridge Farm, Box 174, Dungannon, VA 24245).
- "Energy Abstracts for Policy Analysis (EAPA)" a monthly publication with cumulative index, sponsored by FEA and ERDA. EAPA covers nontechnological literature contributing to energy-related analysis and evaluation. \$20 annually from Superintendent of Documents, Govt Printing Office, D.C. 20402.
- "Tennessee Solid Waste News" is a new quarterly publication by the Division of Solid Waste Mngt., TN Dept. of Publ. Health, 320 Capitol Hill Bldg., Nashville 37219. Free on request.
- "The Southern Appalachians, A Wilderness Quest," by Charlton Ogburn (New York: Wm. Morrow & Co., 1975. 245 pp., illus. \$14.95). "...Ogburn not only is a skilled trail guide through the mountains but points perceptively to the trails of destruction that we are now taking." [Living Wilderness]
- "Valley So Wild: A Folk History," by Carson and Alberta Brewer. Story of the Little Tennessee River valley and its highlands in terms of the people who have lived there during the past 250 years. Originally commissioned by TVA in 1969, the manuscript was turned over to the E.T. Historical Soc. in 1973.
- "The Hartsville Hearings: A Brief Report." Analysis of the Nov/Dec Atomic Safety & Licensing Board hearings on TVA's proposed nuclear power plant. East TN Energy Group, 1538 Highland Ave, Knoxville 37916.
- The Wilderness Society Book Service offers several books at discount rates: "The Forest Killers," "Whitewater Rafting," "Vanishing Species," "The Mountains of America," "Alaska: The Great Land" (Box 725, Stamford, CT 06904).

12. CALENDAR

- Jan. 25 - Sierra Club "Clean up the Smokies" hike (Call John Thomas, 523-7774)
- Jan. 28 - "Energy Conservation: Has TVA Done Enough?" (Part of the series of TVA Symposia sponsored by Tenn. Env'tl. Council.) Nashville House, Metro Center (off I-265), Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Nolichucky River Study Public Mtg., 7 p.m., Courthouse, Burnsville, N.C. (Write BOR, 148 Cain Street, Atlanta, GA 30303; phone 404, 526-4778)
- Feb. 1, 14, 29, Mar. 13, 28. Hikes sponsored by SMHC. (For Feb., call Charles Klabunde, Oak Ridge 483-8055; for March, Sam Tillet, Knoxville 584-9227).
- Feb. 2 - Concerned Citizens of Piney, 7:30 p.m. CST, Pineland Elem. School, 8 mi. S. of Spencer on TN 111. (Call Linda Smotherman, 615, 946-2630).
- Feb. 3 - TCWP meeting on TN Heritage Program (see ¶1A).
- Feb. 4 - "What is TVA's Role in Industrial Growth?" (Part of the series of TVA Symposia sponsored by Tenn. Env'tl. Council.) Nashville House, Metro Center (off I-265), Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7 & 8 - National meeting on stripmining, Washington. (Call Env'tl. Policy Center, 324 C Street, S.E., Washington 20003).
- Feb. 7, 14, 21, March 6, 14, 20, 27 - Hikes sponsored by TERC in Upper E. Tenn. region and Smokies. (Contact Gordon Newland, 1917 E. Sevier Ave., Kingsport 37664).
- Feb. 8 - Sierra Club-TOS Reelfoot Lake Eagle Tour. (Call Barry Milton 901, 682-2635).
- Feb. 9 - TCWP Letter Writing Social at Oak Ridge. (See ¶1B).
- Feb. 10 - " " " " " Nashville "
- Feb. 13 - " " " " " Knoxville "
- Feb. 13 - Mtg of TCWP committee to plan Annual Mtg (see ¶1C).

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- Feb. 13-15 - Appal. Coalition Task Force Workshop, Highlander Center, near Knoxville.
(Write B. Lloyd, P. O. Box 1007, Blacksburg, VA 24060; phone, 703, 552-3795).
- Feb. 21 - TSRA* float, Upper Daddys Creek: [I-(II)]^Δ
- Feb. 22 - TSRA* hike, Daddys Creek Canyon.
- Feb. 28 - TSRA* float, Harpeth: [I]^Δ
- March 10-12 - Conference on Capturing the Sun through Bioconversion -- energy, foods, and chemicals from natural sources. (Write Washington Center, 1717 Mass. Ave, N.W., D.C. 20036).
- Mar. 6,7 - TSRA* floats, Lower Tellico R/Lower Little R. [I]^Δ
- Mar. 14 - TSRA* hike, Virgin Falls.
- Mar. 16 - TCWP Letter Writing Social at Oak Ridge (see ¶1B)
- Mar. 18 - " " " " " Knoxville "
- Mar. 20 (tentative) - Beginning of Knoxville series of TEC-sponsored symposia on "TVA and the Environment." More details later.
- Mar. 20 - TSRA* float, Buffalo [I]^Δ
- Mar. 20-21 - TSRA* float, Upper Clear Cr. [I-III]^Δ
- Mar. 27,28 - TSRA* float, Conasauga [II-III] hike, Jacks River Falls.
- Apr. 3,4 - Dam Fighters Conference in Washington, D. C. Details later. (Contact Brent Blackwelder, EPC, 324 C Street, SE., Washington, D.C. 20003. Ph. 202, 547-6500).
- Apr. 8 - National Food Day. Environmental tie-ins: herbicides and insecticides; loss of farmland; agribusiness; population. (Write: Food Day, Washington, D.C. 20036).
- Oct. 22-24 - TCWP Annual Meeting (See ¶1C)

*For all TSRA activities, write P. O. Box 3104. Pre-registration required for floats.

^ΔDifficulty rating: I = easy, II = medium, III = difficult

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DUES FOR 1976 ARE DUE NOW. Tear off and send the form below.

To: Charles Klabunde, Treasurer, TCWP
219 E. Vanderbilt Dr.
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Date _____

Enclosed are my 1976 membership dues for TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING.
Membership type marked below. Do include me in local Chapter: ___HV, or ___CH.^Δ
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1	Student member (full-time student)	\$ 1.00
2	Corresponding member (nonvoting)	2.00
3	Regular member, individual	6.00
4	Family members, husband & wife	10.00
	each child under 18 (optional)	.50

5	Sustaining member	\$15.00*
6	Supporting member	25.00*
7	Life member	75.00*

* Includes spouse if named.

Make checks payable to TCWP. That portion of dues over \$2 is tax-deductible.

^ΔSEE OVER for explanation of CHAPTERS and Dues-Paid Status Code on address label.

"I wish that for each person the term 'America' might be symbolized by one memory of some aspect of unspoiled nature." Harvey Broome

Please take action !

CHAPTERS: There are presently only two: HV = Holston Valley (Kingsport etc.) in upper East Tenn; and CH = Chattanooga, including several surrounding counties. If you are already a member of one (it is coded such, instead of M, on your address label), continuing membership is automatic when you pay your TCWP dues. If you wish to join one, please indicate in space on form. A part of your dues will go to the Chapter organization.

We hope to organize additional chapters in other parts of Tennessee (outside the Oak Ridge-Knoxville area, which is home base for TCWP), wherever enough interested members reside. Such chapters may get underway with very modest beginnings (e.g., just a phone committee and an occasional get-together) -- it is not necessary to plan on a full-fledged operation right from the start. Are you willing to help form a chapter in your area?
 Yes _____ No _____ Not applicable _____

DUES-PAID STATUS CODE: Upper right corner of address label, after the M (or after HV or CH. for chapter members): the 1st digit is the code (1 thru 7) for the dues you paid in '75; or, X if you failed to pay; or, 0 if you did not join until '76. After your '76 dues are received a 2nd digit will signify that.