

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING

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ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to our annual business, we shall have two fine sound movies and refreshments. Come and bring friends.

Time: Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

Place: Regional Science Experience Center, Dennison Building, large conference room, second floor. (Dennison Bldg. is just north of the Oak Ridge Turnpike near the Jefferson tennis courts, next to the National Guard Armory).

Program:

1. Reports (by various members) of the year's achievements and a look to our job for the future:
 - a. Smokies
 - b. Scenic rivers legislation, state and national
 - c. The Big South Fork study
 - d. State Parks
 - e. Educational activities
2. Treasurer's report and announcements.
3. Elections of Board and of Nominating Committee (please be sure to read the section on nominees).
4. Pause for refreshments.
5. Movies: (a) "Wilderness Alps of Stehekin", a Sierra Club movie of the North Cascades; (b) "Great Swamp, New Jersey". The areas shown in these two movies were among the many preserved by the present Congress, which set a truly remarkable record of conservation legislation.

OUTING

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27, Pickett State Park. We are joining the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club; and members of the Middle Tennessee Conservancy Council and of TSRA will also camp with us. The main hike starts Sunday 8:30 a.m. If you come early Saturday, there are many short hikes you can take (Hazard Cave, Natural Bridge, Indian Rock House, Lake Trails). There will be a campfire program Saturday night. Sunday hike: Hidden Passage Trail (numerous views from rim of gorge); descend into gorge where Thompson Creek disappears underground; walk along creek bed to Dripping Falls trail; climb to Overlook (lunch, admire fall colors of Thompson Gorge); walk along ridge and descend again; proceed to confluence of Thompson and Rock Creeks and exit along Rock Creek to bridge. Total distance, 10-12 medium miles.

Driving instructions: State 62 to Wartburg; U.S. 27 to Elgin; State 52 to Jamestown; U.S. 127 (turn right at Courthouse) for 4 miles; turn right on State 154. We shall camp in the tent-camping area, Pickett State Park; charge ca. 30 cents per person (group rates applicable). For additional information, call Hal Smith, Oak Ridge 483-5731.

NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERS BILL

Since the writing of the last Newsletter, the scenic rivers bill passed its last hurdle--the Conference Committee--and was signed by the President on October 2, along with the National Trails bill, and bills to establish a Redwoods National Park and North Cascades National Park. We are proud and happy that both the Buffalo and the Obed, with Clear Creek and Daddys Creek, are included in the study category of the scenic rivers bill that was finally signed.

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At the very last moment the Obed was in danger. Senator Baker communicated to the Conference Committee his wish to have the Obed deleted. It is also reported from two sources that his office informed the Conference Committee that Senator Gore concurred in this wish. However, when the Committee checked the story they found, to the contrary, that Senator Gore still strongly maintained his endorsement of the Obed as a scenic river. Thus, we are deeply indebted to Senator Gore for saving the Obed. You may wish to thank him for this fine action.

Our effort is far from over. The rivers are not safe until they have been studied by the BOR and are actually included in the system. Our representatives in Washington must be told to urge this study to be performed expeditiously; and they should know of our opinion that the rivers are worthy of being in the system.

SMOKIES PAMPHLETS

The original shortage of pamphlets has been rectified. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibbons generously shared expenses with TCWP and the Smoky Mts. Hiking Club for having an additional 10,000 copies printed. Please request some of these from us, if you can possibly find use for them. Show them to friends, post them on bulletin boards, pass them on to other organizations which might be interested!

A FINE WORD OF PRAISE FOR TCWP

In the October issue of FIELD AND STREAM, a national magazine with a circulation of 1,500,000, conservation editor Mike Frome, in an article entitled "Trio of Conservation Kudos" describes "outstanding victories" which "show what can be done when conservationists set their sights high, work together and plunge into the political arena". "The second award is shared by the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning". He describes the origin of the organizations; credits them with the State laws for strip-mine controls and establishment of a scenic rivers system, and with defeat of Devils Jumps dam and authorization of the alternative study; and concludes as follows. "Only through political action could the Tennesseans have won their points. They organized their forces to testify in Washington, to maintain liaison with members of Congress, to research the issues carefully, to cooperate with other groups in the State, and to get the candidates for office to publicly state their positions on resource issues."

GOOD NEWS FROM KENTUCKY

On October 8, Governor Nunn established a five-member commission to recommend legislation to preserve "wild rivers" in Kentucky. Three of the five men of the commission are Sierra Club members, including the present chairman of the Kentucky section, William R. Holstein.

EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

Jack and MaryAnn Gibbons have generously offered to finance a program by which films with a conservation impact could be shown in schools of the region. Details remain to be worked out, but we need volunteers willing to help with the choosing and procuring of films and with some of the actual showing. Please call the editor.

TCWP is also getting involved in another educational undertaking to be described in a later communication.

OTHER HELP NEEDED

1. Volunteers to clip items of possible interest to TCWP from the major newspapers throughout the State, particularly Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Kingsport, Johnson City. Certain smaller papers are important too. If you can check one paper on a fairly regular basis, please let me know.
2. Volunteers are needed to study the Congressional Record or other sources at appropriate times and keep tabs on the vote of Tennessee congressmen with regard to conservation issues.

DISTRIBUTION OF TCWP MEMBERSHIP

Contrary to the prevalent impression, we are not "an Oak Ridge organization." Only about 40% of our members reside in Oak Ridge, about 20% in Knoxville, and 40% are distributed throughout the state (with a few also in other states).

NOMINEES FOR ELECTIONS

The nominating committee, consisting of Stan Kirsulis (chairman), Claire Nader, Dick Reed, has presented the following slate for 1969.

President: Liane B. Russell

Vice President: Ernest M. Dickerman

Secretary: Ruth K. Young

Treasurer: Fred H. Sweeton

Directors: (elect 5): Stanley I. Auerbach, Edward E. C. Clebsch, Robert S. Lefler, Richard A. Lorenz, William L. Russell, Harold G. Smith, Kenneth S. Warren

Nominating Committee (elect 3): Bill Countess, Rodney J. Davis, John H. Gibbons, Miriam P. Guthrie, Grimes G. Slaughter.

The following short sketches will acquaint you with the candidates. Please come and vote.

Liane B. Russell (Lee), Oak Ridge, geneticist, Biology Division, ORNL. TCWP, vice-president, 1967, president 1968. Editor of TCWP Newsletter, 1966-present.

Member: Sierra Club, Wilderness Soc., Nat'l Audubon Soc., Tenn. Scenic Rivers Assn. (TSRA), East Tenn. Whitewater Club, Hells Canyon Preservation Council.

Feels that certain areas must be preserved free of the intrusion of man's works, and believes that this can be done by acquainting citizens and legislators with properly researched aspects of wilderness issues.

Ernest M. Dickerman, Knoxville, conservationist, consultant for Wilderness Society.

TCWP, vice president, 1968. Smoky Mts. Hiking Club (SMHC), past president, chairman (for many years) of conservation committee. Winner of 1967 American Motors national conservation award. Is interested in preservation of natural areas for human use and enjoyment, especially the Gt. Smoky Mountains.

Ruth K. Young, Oak Ridge, secretary, Y-12. Secretary of TCWP, 1967. Member: SMHC, Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, Appalachian Trail Conf., North Cascades Conserv. Council. Her concerns are the wild land and water areas of the whole country, but she feels that our special efforts are needed in nearby regions.

Fred H. Sweeton, Oak Ridge, chemist, Reactor Chem. Div., ORNL. Past president and director of SMHC. Member, Wilderness Society. Particularly concerned about roads through the Smokies; interested in wilderness planning.

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Stanley I. Auerbach, Oak Ridge, Director of Ecology Program, ORNL. TCWP Director, 1968. Secretary, Ecological Soc. of America. Member: Nature Conservancy, Wilderness Soc., National Wildlife Foundation. Is interested in developing a broad-range land-use policy for Tennessee.

Edward E. C. Clebsch, Knoxville, ecologist, assoc. professor, Botany Dept., U.T., and Radiation Ecology Section, ORNL. Chairman (4 years), conservation committee, Assn. Southeastern Biologists. Member of conservation committee, SMHC. Member: Wilderness Society, Ecological Soc. of America. He is interested in saving natural areas as preserves for recreational purposes and for scientific study, and feels a particular urgency in view of the rapidly increasing population pressures.

Robert S. Lefler (Bob), Oak Ridge, teacher of English and Social Studies, Jefferson Junior High School. TCWP Director, 1968. Was chairman of the TCWP Stripmine Control Committee, 1967. Currently serving on TCWP South Fork of the Cumberland Committee. Believes in regional planning for preservation of wilderness. Is particularly interested in the historical aspects of the Big South Fork region.

Richard A. Lorenz (Dick), Oak Ridge, chemical engineer, Reactor Chemistry Division, ORNL. TCWP President 1967, Director 1968. Member: SMHC, Wilderness Society. Interested in preservation of natural areas everywhere.

William L. Russell (Bill), Oak Ridge, geneticist, Biology Division, ORNL. One of the founders of TCWP. Board of Advisors, ^{TSRA} 1968, 1969. Member: Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, TSRA, East Tenn. Whitewater Club. Active in formulation and passage of Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. Concentrating current effort on saving some scenic rivers from eternal damnation.

Harold G. Smith (Hal), Oak Ridge, physicist, Solid State Division, ORNL. Treasurer of TCWP, 1968. Member, SMHC. Chairman, Big South Fork study committee of TCWP. Deeply interested in protecting natural areas from over-use.

Kenneth S. Warren (Ken), Oak Ridge, chemist, Chem. Tech. Div., ORNL. Chairman, Tenn. Wilderness Action Council. Member: SMHC, Sierra Club, Wilderness Soc., North Cascades Conservation Council. He is interested in political action to promote wilderness conservation.

Bill Countess, Oak Ridge, teacher of English, O.R. High School. Interested in developing high school level instruction in the field of environmental studies.

Rodney J. Davis (Rod), O.R., chemist, Reactor Chem. Div., ORNL. Member: TSRA, SMHC, Sierra Club, Wilderness Soc. Particular interest: long-term wilderness planning.

John H. Gibbons (Jack), Concord, physicist, Physics Div., ORNL. Member: Sierra Club, Wilderness Soc. Has been continuously active on many TCWP issues, particularly in efforts against transmountain road and Obed dams.

Miriam P. Guthrie, Oak Ridge, physicist, Neutron Physics Div., ORNL. Interested in all aspects of wilderness planning.

Grimes G. Slaughter, Oak Ridge, physicist, Physics Div., ORNL. Member: E.T. Whitewater Club, Carbide Canoe Club. Interested in preservation of wild rivers and wilderness areas.

A QUOTE

As we select the Board that will soon embark on another year's work we may appreciate this quote from Thornton Wilder (sent in by Jack Gibbons): "...every good and excellent thing stands moment by moment at the razor edge of danger and must be fought for".

CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

On September 20, we sent a questionnaire to all of Tennessee's Representatives and Senators, and the outcome is tabulated below.* No replies had been received, by October 13, from Congressmen Evins, Everett, and Kuykendall. Congressman Quillen sent a letter, with the statement "There were many voice votes on the bills which you enclosed with your letter, and I supported most or all of them," but he did not return the questionnaire.

The questionnaire to the two Senators was slightly different from the House version printed below.* No reply has been received from Sen. Baker. Senator Gore supported and voted for the National Scenic Rivers Bill (and has given strong support to our rivers) and for the Redwood National Park measure. He was absent for the Outer Continental Shelf earmarking and CAP votes. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, National Trails System, and North Cascades National Park passed the Senate by voice vote with little or no apparent opposition.

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* Turn the page.

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Key: + = for, or yes V = voice vote
 - = against, or no no entry = no answer received
 0 = not voting

	DUNCAN	BROCK	EVINS ^c	FULTON	ANDERSON	BLANTON
1. Land and Water Conservation Fund, H.R.8578 (which includes allocations from Outer Continental Shelf mineral leases)	+	+		+	+	+
2. National Scenic Rivers System						
July 15, 1968, suspended rules.	+	+	0	+	0 ^d	+
September 12, 1968.		+	0	+	+	+
Did you concur in Repr. Tim Lee Carter's amendment to strike Tennessee's superb South Fork of the Cumberland and Clear Fork rivers from the bill's study category?	+ ^a	-	+	-	-	-
3. Redwoods National Park.	+	+		+	+	+
Did you support a larger park than that approved initially (7/15/68) by the House?	+	+		+	+ ^e	-
4. Central Arizona Project Act.		V		+	-	+
Are you in favor of barring all dams in the Grand Canyon?		+		+		+
Are you in favor of a suitable alternative to Hooker dam, such that the Gila Wilderness and Primitive Areas would not be invaded?		+		+		-
5. National Trails System.	+	+		+	0 ^d	+
6. North Cascades National Park.	+	+		+	+	+
7. Wilderness Bills.						
The Wilderness Act of 1964 provides for Congressional action on inclusion of individual Federal Areas in a National Wilderness Preservation system. How did you vote on the following:						
San Rafael (Cal.), original House bill		+		+	+	+
After the conference committee removed a conservationist-recommended 2000-acre addition to the USFS proposal, did you vote to recommit the bill for further consideration of this addition?	+	-	-	-	-	-
San Gabriel (Cal.).	+	+		+	+	+
Great Swamp (N.J.).	+	+		+	0	+
Are you in favor of wilderness designations under the Wilderness Act within the Gt. Smoky Mts. National Park?	+ ^b	+			+	+ ^g
8. Federal Aid to Highways Act:						
Did you approve the amendment of section 4(f) of Public Law 89-670, which amendment has the effect of seriously weakening protection of existing parks, wildlife refuges, etc., against road intrusions; and completely eliminates protection of lands earmarked for public acquisition?	-	-		-	0 ^d	0

^a"Yes. Because of previously ordered study."

^b"With some reservation."

^cThough Congr. Evins did not return the questionnaire, we are filling in that part of his voting record with which we are familiar.

^dAbsent because of difficult primary campaign.

^e"Introduced bill for larger tract."

^f"No dams in bill"

^g"But question is how much?"