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1. NEW FILM AND SLIDESHOW AT ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 29

Time: Thursday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Oak Ridge, Cooperative Science Education Center, Oak Ridge Turnpike (just east of Armory and opposite Garden Apartments)
Program (not necessarily in this order):

1. Film “Naturally in Tennessee”. This excellent color-sound film was shot by a nationally acclaimed photographer this spring and summer, has just been released. We are grateful to state parks naturalist Mack Prichard, not only for making the film available, but for much of the direction of its content.
2. A very entertaining short slide program on rivers and people, by Jules Tileston, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Washington, D.C.
3. Short reports on the year’s progress.
4. Annual business of the organization, such as election of officers and board of directors, vote on proposed amendments to constitution and by-laws. (Be sure to see item 9 of this Newsletter, which pertains to this business.)

To conduct our business democratically, we need a large turnout. Please make every effort to attend.

2. POSITIONS OF CANDIDATES ON CONSERVATION ISSUES

A. At our successful candidate forum, Oct. 6, 9 candidates were questioned by 7 panelists before an audience of 250. Jack Gibbons, head of the new ORNL-NSF Environment Program, was the moderator. Panelists were Don Bodley, Ed Clebsch, Jessie Dempster, Leroy Fox, Alan Heilman, Diane Nelson, and Don Todd. Among them are presidents of TSRA, SMHC, TTA; a Director of TCWP; two members of the U.T. faculty, two teachers, and a graduate student. Candidates who accepted our invitation were two for U.S. Congress: Bruce Shine and Roger Cowan for the 1st and 2nd Districts, respectively; and six for the State legislature: Sen. Ray Baird (Roane, Anderson, Meigs), Victor Ashe, Tom Jenkins, and Richard Krieg (Knox County); Lily Rose Claiborne (Anderson); A. K. Bissell (Roane and Anderson). Gubernatorial candidates Dunn and Hooker were represented, respectively, by Mr. Ashe and by Harlan Dodson III of Nashville. (TCWP had not allowed representatives to stand in for candidates other than gubernatorial.) All candidates for national office were invited, as were state legislature candidates for Knox, Anderson, Roane, and several other East Tennessee counties. We feel that those candidates who accepted deserve our gratitude for thus demonstrating their interest in environmental issues. Bob Lefler of TCWP and Mike Deleanu of Audubon were in charge of the program. They had help from several members.

We were pleased with the unequivocal commitments made by the candidates on a number of issues. The key ones are here summarized.

Transmountain road: opposed by Hooker, Cowan, Shine. (Note: it is supported by the incumbents, Duncan and Quillen).
Obed: Shine, Cowan, Hooker will support National Wild River status for Obed, Clear Creek, Daddys Creek. (Shine and Cowan likewise for Buffalo, Dodson had not yet arrived when this question was posed).

Big South Fork: Cowan and Shine will support National Park; Hooker committed to National Park type area surrounding a wilderness gorge; Dunn can't tell precise steps necessary, but general philosophy for wilderness area.

State Parks: Hooker thinks we need to acquire more land, then grade uses in order to allow for some as wilderness. Both Dunn and Hooker think golf and hotel demands should be provided for in parks, but that perhaps enough of this has been done already. Claiborne believes the state should acquire land for natural areas rather than just recreation areas.

Stripmining: Baird thinks we are lucky to have even the Act we have, but need to strengthen it, require portion of increased coal price to go to reclamation. Hooker believes pre-inspection is essential and that we must somehow provide funds for additional inspectors. Claiborne points out that, under many circumstances, damage can never be reclaimed and that we need broader restrictions in allowable mining.

State system of trails: Ashe, Bissell, Claiborne, Jensen, and Krieg all support. Hooker supports and, additionally, is committed to funding for a trails bill.

Department of conservation, other administrative problems: Ashe and Krieg want Commissioner of Conservation to be a professional rather than political appointment; should have Dept. of Environmental Affairs. Bissell thinks several agencies with pollution-control responsibilities should be combined and given a research staff. Ashe thinks staffing of all agencies dealing with environmental problems should be increased, as should staffing for the state legislature.

Pollution: All candidates made various specific suggestions for dealing with problems of air and water pollution and ways for attracting clean industry.

Philosophy: Cowan said we must get away from "what can I get out of it?" to "What's good for the future?"

B. For other environmental attitudes of these and a large number of other candidates, PLEASE CONSULT REPLIES TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRES, F.O.E. RATING, AND POLITICAL PERFORMANCE, ALL PUBLISHED IN NL #33 (we can supply extra copy if you have lost yours).

C. Since the senatorial candidates did not attend our forum or submit questionnaires in time for inclusion in NL #33, we should like to give a brief recap on some of the issues TCWP considers important, taking our information from past performance (see also NL #33) and from questionnaire answers returned late by Mr. Brock.

1. Big South Fork. Gore originally endorsed National Wild or Scenic River status; after publication of report, made Senate speech endorsing more complete preservation as national park. Brock: no answer on whether he would oppose Devils Jumps or other dams; would support combination proposal for area.

2. Obed system and Buffalo. Gore supported inclusion of these rivers in National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers and thwarted last-minute attempts to delete Obed from system. Brock: "My decision (to give active support to permanent inclusion) would depend upon the outcome of the study report."

3. Smokies. Gore: "I did (favor another road). Am considering additional information in re alternatives." Brock does not commit himself on whether he would oppose the transmountain road (question 3a), support conservationists' proposed wilderness boundaries (3c), or support speeding up wilderness designation elsewhere (3d); answered "yes" to favoring "circle-the-Smokies-Drive" or similar solution; sent wire to Hickel in June 1969 supporting our delegation.

4. Timber Supply bill (vigorously opposed by coalition of national conservation groups). Brock: "I supported the bill and would favor a similar bill, if introduced." Gore: ? (matter was defeated in House, did not come up in Senate).

5. Pollution: Gore introduced S.3783 authorizing federal government to supply greatly increased funds for local water-pollution programs; supported Air Pollution Control
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Act of 1963. Brock: "I have explored the prospect of achieving far more comprehensive legislation to replace the present patchwork approach....I would not support Sen. Gore's (5.3783) or Sen. Muskie's bills....I am opposed to S.3575" (the Environmental Protection bill). He opposed the Air Pollution Control Act of 1963.

6. SST (vigorously opposed by coalition of national conservation groups; see item of this NL). Gore: committed to opposing SST. Brock, in the questionnaire reply mailed 7/29/70: "I do not favor at the present time subsidizing the SST". However, on May 27, Brock voted against deletion of the $290 million subsidy for the SST prototypes.

7. Land and Water Conservation Fund, do you favor increasing to $300,000,000? Brock: "I favor increasing Fund to reasonable levels which can be efficiently spent."

8. A League of Conservation Voters (Washington, D.C.) rating of Congressmen. on 10 important roll-call votes affecting environmental issues found Tennessee Congress-men ranging from +9 to -13 (highest and lowest possible scores were +28 and -28). Congressman Brock's rating was -13. Senators were not rated.

3. OBED AND BUFFALO STUDIES NOW TRULY UNDERWAY

Although the national Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was signed two years ago, studies on many of the rivers designated for potential addition (Sect. 5a) have been slow to get underway. For our own Obed, Daddys Creek, Clear Creek, and Buffalo, we have several times in past NEWSLETTERS, cited target dates when we were told the study would be initiated. However, the Southeast Regional Office of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) has suffered from shortage of funds and personnel and was obliged to devote its first, river effort to the Suwanee, which had a two-year deadline.

At long last, the study is really underway, The rivers were visited for five days starting Oct. 5 by a three-man team from BOR (Atlanta and Washington Offices) and a member of the Tennessee Dept. of Conservation. Bill and Lee Russell guided the group on the first day, Harry Lewis, of TVA, for the remainder of the week. John Brown, Chief of Resource Area Studies, Atlanta office of BOR, will head the studies. Doug Erdman, who has moved into the Rivers slot of the Tenn. Dept. of Conservation (Max Young having been transferred to other duties within the Planning Division), will represent the state. Deadline for completion of the reports is September 1971.

In the meantime, portions of 47 additional rivers were designated by Secretaries Hickel and Hardin as potential additions to the National System.

4. FOR A SLICKROCK CREEK - JOYCE KILMER WILDERNESS

The Slickrock Creek watershed of 10,700 acres lies partly within the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee and partly in the Nantahala National Forest in N.C. It is a roadless area of deeply sculptured valleys, razorback divides, and crystal-clear trout streams. About 3000 acres are in virgin hemlock, and there has been no timber cutting anywhere in the area since 1922, allowing the development of magnificent groves of poplars along the streams. An earlier inquiry from the SMHC to the Forest Service, concerning legislative wilderness designation for the watershed, brought the reply (from Cherokee NF Supervisor Chipman) that the area would not qualify because of "evidence of man's past use." If this were to be used as a sole criterion, many areas elsewhere in the country that are already included or proposed for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System would also not have qualified.

An additional problem is now posed by the Tellico Plains - Robbinsville highway (see NL #34). A projected section of this road would separate the Joyce Kilmer virgin forest from the contiguous Slick Rock Creek area. In addition to the intrinsic damage to virgin
forest, this would also have the effect that Joyce Kilmer could not be included in the wilderness for which it so truly qualifies. By itself, it is too small (3800 acres) to qualify. An alternative routing of this highway along the already existing road following big Santeetlah Creek would avoid these damages and actually represents a shorter distance. It is important that we voice our opinion on re-routing of the road and designation of the wilderness area to Edward P. Cliff, U.S. Forest Service, 12th Street and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250. Send copies to Russell Chipman, Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest, P.O. Box 400, Cleveland, TN 37311, and to W. O. Comella, Bureau of Public Roads, Region 15, Room 303, 1000 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, Va. 22201.

Hearings on Land Use Planning Guides for National Forests in the Southern Appalachian Region were held at Cleveland October 13. TCWP testimony was presented by Elizabeth Peele and Roger Dahlman. Written statements for the record can be sent to Mr. Chipman (address above) by October 20.

5. TWO COURT CASES INVOLVING TENNESSEE CONSERVATION ISSUES

A. Overton Park: petition for re-hearing is filed

On Sept. 29, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled against Citizens to Preserve Overton Park in a 2:1 decision. However, the dissenting opinion by Judge Celebrese was so strong that the Citizens were encouraged to file a petition for re-hearing before the entire panel of judges. All suits to date have been on legal technicalities rather than on the issues themselves, and this was brought out in the minority opinion by Judge Celebrese. If the Citizens are not granted a re-hearing, or if they lose it, they plan to go to the Supreme Court. We hope that all of our members will recognize the precedent-setting nature of these court proceedings and will help our friends in Memphis with sorely needed financial contributions -- tax exempt (Citizens to Preserve Overton Park, Inc., c/o Mrs. Stoner, 192 Williford Street, Memphis, TN 38112). At this point, it may be pertinent to report TCWP's own brush with the Tenn. Dept. of Highways, which occurred last June, when we learned that the proposed I-75 crossing of the Clinch would destroy a lovely natural area with unusual geological features. We asked that the crossing be relocated by just a few hundred yards. Commissioner Speight replied that location was "determined after lengthy and responsible studies", and that it was "not considered...practical to reroute the highway." TCWP pointed out that the "lengthy" studies had obviously failed to discover the unique area, and asked for the Dept. to make its own inspection. There the matter rests as of July 17.

B. Channelization on Obion and Forked Dear Rivers

In NL#32, we reported that four Nashvillians had brought suit against the Army Corps of Engineers for ditching the Obion and Forked Deer Rivers in West Tenn. A court hearing will be held in Nashville October 30. We are told that the 5-point impact report filed by the Corps with the Council on Environmental Quality was unsatisfactory.

The Game & Fish Commission has taken a strong stand against this channelization which is destroying a pristine bottomland hardwood area, Much testimony on the subject was presented at a June hearing on Water Uses in the Obion Basin, conducted by the Tenn. Stream Pollution Control Board. Also in June, Congressman Fulton requested assistance from Secretary Hickel to end the ditching. Congr. Brock, on the other hand, stated that "discussion with...the Corps of Engineers reassures me regarding their interest... in protecting the environmental-aspects of this area." Letters from Senators Baker and Gore, and Congressmen Anderson, Blanton, Jones, and Kuykendall did not take specific stands.
6. NO SENATE SST VOTE YET; ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS ARE ADDED TO ENVIRONMENTAL ONES

When the last NEWSLETTER went to press, the SST vote in the Senate was expected within a week. However, proponents of this $290,000,000 subsidy for what many consider a potential environmental disaster managed to stall the vote in hopes that constituent pressures will decrease after election. Thus, if you have not done so already, you can still communicate your opinion to Senator Baker. (Sen. Gore has already stated that he will oppose the SST.) We have earlier reported to you the strong environmental arguments assembled by many experts: climatic and radiation changes from stratospheric smog, low-altitude pollution, extreme airport noise, and sonic booms. The Coalition Against the SST has now assembled some telling economic arguments. Here in Tennessee, for example, assuming that the state were to receive the maximum in subcontracts from the SST prototype program, we could expect $6.9 million (Dept. of Transp. figures). However, the minimum that Tennessee taxpayers would contribute as their share of the federal subsidy is 315.6 million -- a deficit of at least 38.7 million. The investment can be repaid only if at least 300 SST's are sold, a prospect which is both unlikely and environmentally hair-raising. A recent editorial in the Paris Match suggests that the U.S., USSR, Britain, and France jointly agree to abandon SST programs.

For further interesting reading on the economics of the SST see SCIENCE 169: 1292 and the WALT, STREET JOURNAL of Sept. 9 and Sept. 24 (available in our library). Remember to write to Sen. Baker.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL REORGANIZATION PLAN APPROVED

During the last week of September, both House and Senate approved the Administration's Environmental Reorganization Plan. This sets up (a) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an independent agency, and (b) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a branch of the Commerce Department. Both EPA and NOAA will take on functions formerly performed by Depts. of Interior and Agriculture, HEW, AEC, DOT, Corps of Engineers, etc. EPA will be concerned with research, standard-setting and enforcement in fields of water and air quality, pesticides, and radiation. NOAA will include functions of the weather bureau, fisheries, and oceanographic programs. While most conservation organizations have expressed approval of EPA, the establishment of NOAA within the Commerce Department, "which traditionally represents the industrial and economic viewpoint," has brought strong protest. Rep. Dingell states that it is like 'putting the fox in charge of the chicken coop.'

8. GREAT OUTINGS CONTINUE THROUGH NOVEMBER

A. Frozen Head State Park, fall-color hike, October 24
Sponsored by TTA, co-sponsored by TCWP. Leader: Don Todd, Wartburg 346-3113. The development of a foot-trail system by the Todds, and the attention received by this beautiful area as a result of several public outings sponsored in the past 18 months by TTA and TCWP, had much to do with the recent conversion of Morgan Forest into Frozen Head State Park (see NL #32). The development plan, for which knowledgeable citizens were consulted, calls for the bulk of this Park to remain as a natural area. We shall hike the newest trail developed by the Todds to the top of Chimney Rock from which there should be a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Mr. Todd feels that the prospect for fall colors is excellent. Roundtrip about 8 miles. Meet 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time at the Flat Fork caretaker's residence. Driving directions: from Tenn. 62 (connecting Oak Ridge and Wartburg) turn north at the State Honor Farm sign (which is 5:5 mi. west of the Tenn. 116 turnoff and about 2 mi. east of Wartburg) and proceed about 4 miles on this sideroad, bearing right at a fork near the end. Wear sturdy shoes; bring lunch and canteen. Space is available for anyone wishing to camp Friday or Saturday nights: check with Mr. Armes, the caretaker. In case of really bad weather, the hike will be moved to Oct. 25: call Don Todd before 9 a.m. Oct. 24 to make sure.
B. Stripmine tour, Saturday, November 7
Sponsored by TCWP. Leader: Bob Lefler, Oak Ridge 482-3302.
Note the change in date -- this tour was originally scheduled for October 31. We hope many of you will come and see close-up views of stripmining in order to be better informed on the needed improvements in the law that we shall be working for.
Meeting time and place: 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time at the Crystal Cream Drive-In at Oliver Springs. (This is on Tenn. 62 near the L & N trestle). We'll visit Windrock-Buffalo Mountain in the morning, and the Ollis Creek area on TVA land in the afternoon. Wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and water. For other details see NL #34.

C. Dedication of Bowaters Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness November 14
Sponsored by Public Relations Dept., Bowaters Southern Paper Corp., Charleston 336-2211. This is the second pocket wilderness to be dedicated by Bowaters (see NL #30 for Virgin Falls dedication hike). The area contains 710 acres and includes two waterfalls, sections of Laurel Creek, Morgan Creek, Richland Creek, a stand of virgin timber near Laurel Falls, and some beautiful overlooks. The complete hike will require about 8 miles round trip and a net elevation change of about 800 ft, which must be negotiated twice if both falls are visited.
Driving directions: From US-27 about 1 mile north of Dayton, turn west opposite the hospital onto a blacktop road. Proceed 1.5 mi. (bearing left at a fork) to a new company road on the right. Proceed about a half mile on this company road to parking lot at the trail head. Meeting time: 9:30 a.m. EST. Wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and water.

D. Tandem Arches, near Pickett. Hike, November 21
Sponsored by TCWP. Leader: Grimes Slaughter, Oak Ridge 483-5859.
Several of us had heard accounts of two very big arches -- made more spectacular by being in tandem -- but very few have known the way to get there. This geological feature is within the boundaries proposed for the National Park alternative in the interagency report on the Big South Fork (TCWP endorses this alternative.) We are waiting for the leaves to be off to give you even better views on what Grimes Slaughter assures us is an easy and fairly level walk of only 5.5 miles roundtrip. (A sidetrip can be added for those wanting to walk farther.) We shall be joined by a group from Kentucky. Driving directions: From the intersection of US-127 and Tenn-154 (north of Jamestown) proceed north on Tenn-154 for 11.2 miles to gravel fire-tower road on right. Proceed 1 mile on this road, then turn left on primitive dirt road. Travel 3.2 mi. on this dirt road, then turn right on a jeep trail and proceed 0.2 mi. to a campground for parking (do not park on jeep trail). From intersection of US-127 and Tenn-154 to parking area: distance 15.6 mi., driving time 26 minutes. From Oak Ridge: distance 85.3 mi., time 2 hours. (Note: anyone coming via Oneida and Leatherwood Ford should turn right where this road meets Tenn-154, then proceed 2 mi. to fire-tower road and continue as above.)
Meeting time: 9:30 CST = 10:30 EST at parking area. Bring lunch and water, wear sturdy shoes.

E. Summary Calendar
Oct. 17, 18  Big S. Fork float (see NL #34, or call L. B. Russell, O.R. 482-2153 or Bill Mitchum, Nashville 269-9759)
Oct. 24     Frozenhead fall-color hike (see item 8A)
Oct. 24, 25  Save Joyce Kilmer weekend (For info write Carl A. Reiche, 932 Obispo Ave., Coral Gables, Fla. 33134.)
Oct. 29     Annual meeting (see item 1)
Nov. 4      Audubon Screen Tour film "Teeton Trail". U.T. Student Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7      Stripmine tour (see item 8B)
Nov. 7      Second trail seminar (for information, call Don Todd, Wartburg 346-3116)
Nov. 14     Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness dedication (see item 8C)
Nov. 21     Tandem-Arches hike (see item 8D)
The nominating committee, consisting of Hal Smith (chairman), Elizabeth Peelle, and Dick Lorenz present the following slate for 1971.


**Secretary:** Nancy Jaszczyk, Oak Ridge housewife with secretarial experience. Has helped with TCWP Newsletter distribution. Main interests are natural areas legislation, strip-mine control, Smokies.


**Directors** (vote for 4 only; past president, L. B. Russell, automatically remains on Board)


Claire Nader, Oak Ridge, political scientist, Assoc. Dir. NSF Environmental Program, ORNL. TCWP Director 1970. Active in the formation of TCWP and in the 1969 ORHS Environmental Studies course. She feels that TCWP is to establish a dialogue about criteria for managing our natural resources for the purpose of maintaining an equilibrium between man and his environment.

Liane B. Russell (automatically on Board), Oak Ridge, geneticist, Biol. Div., ORNL. TCWP founder; vice pres., 1966, president 1967-70. Has written TCWP NEWSLETTER 1966-present. Winner of 1969 HOLIDAY "Award for a Beautiful America". Member: SC, WS, NAS, TSRA, TTA, ETWWC, etc. 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, administrators, and legislators with properly researched aspects of wilderness issues.

Grimes G. Slaughter, Oak Ridge, physicist, Physics Div., ORNL. Has organized several TCWP outings. Member: TTA, ETWWC. Interested in preservation of wild rivers and development of trails systems.

Donald E. Todd, Wartburg, science teacher grades 7 & 8 Wartburg School. Chmn., TCWP Stripmine Comm. With his sons developed trails in Morgan Forest and Emory watershed. Participated in planning for new Frozenhead State Park. Instrumental in bringing about control of stripmining on Obed. President TTA. Director of weekly radio program "Recreation Unlimited" on WECO 9400, in which he develops his philosophy on natural areas. Is interested in conservation education and the development of a wilderness concept for parklands.


MacKinlay Zimmermann, Knoxville, Executive, Knoxville Glove Co. District-2 Repr. for TWAC. Member: SC, Knoxville Ski Club. Is interested in reaching the public through education, programs, and publicity, and will work for a more broadly based membership.

Nominating Committee: (vote for 3 only)


John M. Judy, Knoxville, teacher, Cooperative Science Educ. Center, Chmn. of TCWP's Harvey Broome Film Comm. Vice pres. and founder, Greater Knoxville Audubon Soc. Primary interest is in conservation education.


AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

A. The following amendment to the Constitution is proposed by a majority of the Board. Article IV. Meetings
Presently reads: "There shall be three types of meetings: (a) an annual meeting to be held in October,..." Proposed text: "There shall be three types of meetings: (a) an annual meeting to be held between September 12 and November 30...."
Reasons for change: To give greater flexibility and to permit more time, following summer vacations, for activities of the nominating committee.

B. In an effort to raise funds for a much-needed paid secretary, and on the basis of returns from member questionnaires, the Board of Directors proposes the following changes in bylaws under the heading "Finances and Dues"

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*Membership for spouse is included, if desired. Amounts in excess over $6 (or $10 for couple) per year are tax exempt.

Notes: (a) Dues for young people (students, children under 18) are maintained at their old, low level.
(b) Cost of NEWSLETTER printing and mailing is about $1.20 a year, per person on mailing list. Our other expenditures include postage, telephone, travel, materials, etc.
(c) We are anxious not to lose members as a result of the dues increase. If you cannot possibly support our efforts through a regular or higher membership, note the inexpensive corresponding membership.

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