

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING
Newsletter No. 3, November 29, 1966

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 12, 8:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike.
The program will be divided into two sections.

1. Panel discussion on "How can we keep some of Tennessee's rivers free-flowing?"

Our panel will consist of:

Bob Burch, Tennessee Game and Fish Commission;
David D. Dickey, Industrial Development Director, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce;
Robert Dorward, Biologist-in-charge, Rose Island Nursery, Little Tennessee River;
Fred J. Moses, Jr., Knoxville attorney, who represented the Association for
Preservation of the Little T in Congressional hearings.

The speakers will present short statements and then answer questions from
the floor. Ernest M. Dickerman will be moderator.

2. Reports on recent activities of TCWP and on items of related interest.

- a. Smokies. Save-our-Smokies hike, Oct. 23. The attitude of AAA.
- b. Obed. Our relations with the Emory River Watershed Development Association.
- c. Big South Fork. Recent political contacts.
- d. Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association. Buffalo float trip with Congressman Anderson. Tennessee Scenic Rivers System proposal (including 8 rivers) for submission to state government. December 2 meeting of TSRA in Nashville.
- e. Oak Ridge Trails. Survey of trail sites. Official contacts.
- f. Frozen Head State Park. The role of TCWP in promoting proposals for this park near Wartburg.
- g. Southeastern Park Directors Meeting, Montgomery Bell, Nov. 13-16. Twelve members of TCWP (from 4 cities) attended this conference, which was of high caliber.
- h. Nature Conservancy. Contact with national officers and discussion of the possible role of TCWP in this program.
- j. Recent political contacts on National and State levels.
- k. Association for Preservation of the Little T. TCWP attendance at their Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 meetings.
- l. East Tennessee Whitewater Club. Recent showing of several river movies.

COMMITTEES

The following committees are under consideration.

1. Political action and contacts.
2. Stripmines (study of the problem; legislation in other states; proposed legislation for Tennessee).
3. Liaison (contact with national conservation societies; with other Tennessee groups; study of successful conservation organizations in other states, e.g., Michigan, Colorado, Maine).
4. Planning (the overall picture; contact with local, state, and federal agencies involved in outdoor planning).
5. Program (make all arrangements for future TCWP meetings and programs).
6. Publicity.

We welcome volunteers and suggestions for these or any other committees. Please contact R. A. Lorenz, 203 Villanova Road, Oak Ridge, telephone: 483-4742.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If you have not yet sent in your membership blank and dues, please do so as soon as possible (to Jean W. Bangham, 432 Villanova Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830). Even if you cannot pay until later, at least send the blank--it helps us with our mailing list. Annual dues, starting October 1966, are: \$3 regular, 50¢ for 18 years and under. (note: Some members paid \$1 earlier, when we were still

- organized on a temporary basis only. This covered the period from June-Sept., 1966, inclusive. An additional \$3 is due for Oct., 1966 - Sept., 1967.)
2. If you have any publications or other printed material that you think should be part of our permanent collection, please send to TCWP librarian, Miss Minnie B. Duncan, 512 Michigan Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830. Miss Duncan will also help members in obtaining publications of interest.
 3. Send possible newsletter items to L. B. Russell, 130 Tabor Rd., Oak Ridge.

NEWS OF INTEREST

1. TCWP now has members in 9 cities and towns of Tennessee (including Oak Ridge, Knoxville, Nashville), as well as in 3 other states (former Tennesseans). We have recently received several financial gifts—one of them quite sizeable—for which we are most grateful. Our press coverage in area papers has been good. An Oak Ridger editorial (Nov. 16, 1966) was even devoted to TCWP!
2. In our last newsletter, we mentioned an upcoming State of Maine referendum on a \$1.5 million bond issue, which would be matched by federal funds, and which would, if passed, have the effect of preserving the Allagash River and its connected chain of lakes as the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. The special importance of this step was that it would serve as precedent for state-administered Scenic Rivers systems. The referendum passed by a huge majority, approximately 170,000:70,000.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS; SUGGESTED READING

1. The Wilderness Society report of October 24, 1966, (Vol. 3, No. 4) summarizes past and future Wilderness hearings throughout the country. Citizen action is urgently needed on some of these. In our own vicinity, future hearings are to be held on Shenandoah National Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, and Cumberland Gap. We have in our files the Wilderness Society Reports and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's "Wilderness Recommendations for the Shenandoah National Park."
 2. The National Academy of Sciences has recently published a report entitled "Alternatives in Water Management" (1966), which makes a fine case for preserving free-flowing rivers.
 3. Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Asst. Sec. of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, speaking at the 50th anniversary celebration of the National Park Service, urged that the Service itself act to protect the original Park concept against ever-increasing recreational demands. "The parks cannot provide something for everyone everywhere." (Dept. of Interior release of Aug. 25, 1966; see especially p. 5).
 4. You may be interested in a Dept. of the Interior-sponsored study by a joint federal-state planning team on the "Potomac Valley." Its purpose is to "build a foundation for...comprehensive recreation and scenic preservation plans."
 5. More and more conservation articles are appearing outside the publications of conservation societies. Some scientific journals are showing a particular concern. Thus, within the past year, SCIENCE has dealt with such subjects as: the Smokies (153:39-42, July 1, 1966); vegetation-preservation in national parks (150:1261-67, Dec. 3, 1965); Redwood National Park proposals (153:1620-23, Sept. 30, 1966); Grand Canyon Dams (152:1600-05, June 17, 1966; and 154:961, Nov. 25, 1966); recreation versus conservation (151:1477-78, March 25, 1966). International Science and Technology of July, 1966, had an article by Luna B. Leopold and Seymour Tilson, dealing with water-need forecasts and the esthetic use of our rivers.
 6. Several newspapers, too, are becoming very much aware of conservation issues. A current example is a weekly series in The Christian Science Monitor, entitled "The Call of the Vanishing Wild" (Sept. 19 - Dec. 5, inclusive).
 7. Michael Frome's Strangers in High Places, Doubleday, a recently published, very fine book about the Smokies, is on sale in area bookstores, but not at the Park Visitors' Center. It is rumored that its sale there has been banned because of the author's strong stand against the transmountain road.
- (For information on how to obtain some of the reading matter listed in this section, call L. B. Russell, 482-2153, or Minnie B. Duncan, 483-3947.)

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 12!!!