

Washington Report From Your Congressman

By John C. Watts

Can man survive? The odds favor that man will survive but he is astonishingly adaptable. Just more survival, however, can be appallingly estimatory. The grave concern is the quality of life, not just through his great technological achievements but through the delicate balance of nature and thereby his environment.

Conscious of our ever changing world and the increasing demands upon diminishing resources made by the fantastic population growth, the House of Representatives this week passed a resolution expressing the support of Congress for the IHP, the International Biological Program, the resolution provides for the active participation of U.S. scientists from various concerned Federal agencies in the IHP.

The International Biological Program, formalized in 1964, is a cooperative effort on the part of the world's scientists to understand, through new research, the physical, chemical, and biological relationships which support life on this planet earth. They are seeking the relationship and meaning of man to animal, animal to man, man to the plant, plant to water, water to climate, climate to soil, and from each to all the others. Over 55 nations are participating in this endeavor.

The United States and most other advanced nations in the world now find themselves in the unique and dangerous situation of altering vast portions of their environment for economic purposes and to meet technological advances. Man through his cunning and ingenuity has developed the capability to telescope nature; to alter it, to forestall it, to accelerate its natural cycle—and very possibly to destroy many of its life-supporting characteristics.

Evidence of the need for the IHP studies abounds. What are the consequences of the disturbance to the world plant balance due to human activities, not merely from the use of chemicals but from the use of the bulldozer, the earth mover, the motor saw, the paving machine?

What are the consequences of man and his machines? Virtually all of them pollute, exhaust and produce heat at prodigious rate. In a typical New York City work day the cars, trucks and buses pour 8 million pounds of carbon monoxide into the air.

And already as a consequence household and factory wastes like fire in a "dead" lake, waste to support more than the species of life.

The United States effort in the IHP is organized under two major components: environmental and human adaptation. There is no doubt that it means to live in a world in which it is possible to exercise the full significance of being human, we must understand the interdependence of all the factors of our environment and life in relationship thereto. The work of the IHP should provide a wealth of knowledge upon which we may make future decisions, more accurately predicting the consequences.

More Working

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spare time to permit them to take outside jobs.

As a result, locally and elsewhere, the proportion of wives at work—in offices, stores, factories and in professional occupations—is at an all-time high.

In Nicholas County, an estimated 35.1 percent of the married women are now employed, according to the latest statistics. This compares with 25.6 percent in 1960.

On the average, throughout the United States, in more than 1 out of every 3 husband-wife families, the wife is employed, either part-time or full-time.

It represents a considerable change over earlier years. In 1952, for example, only 1 out of 5 wives was in the labor force.

The figures are based upon sampling surveys of the nation's labor force, conducted by the Census Bureau, and upon reports from the Labor Department and others.

They show that no less than 15.8 million wives in the 47.3 million husband-wife families in the United States were in paid jobs in the past year.

Their contributions to the family checkbooks have made it easier to cope with the family budget, to save for a child's education and to live on a better scale generally.

The increase in the number of working wives reflects only part of the changing pattern of women's attitude toward economic self-sufficiency. The proportion of single women in jobs has also been going up.

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They'll find the bass, and the majority of them will be in the lusher class, around a fallen tree, over a stump bed, off a ledge bank with luring rocks, and yea, around sticks in the channel areas of the lake.

Now, that's a pretty wide selection of fishing places, but you'll not find the bass at each of these spots. In fact, on given days, they'll prefer the cover of the submerged tree banks around ledge and stump beds.

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Quail And Rabbit Hunting Season Ends January 31

The quail and rabbit seasons have hardly begun, but enough has been taken to indicate that a severe hunting year for these two species is to be anticipated. Rabbit hunters who have been all but blanked for the past two or three years are finding more success, early reports indicate, and quail hunters, who have had several good seasons in a row, are again enjoying some good shooting. This generally seems to be the trend of things throughout the state. However, it must be noted that in some counties there is a dearth of both these species and this situation will probably be forever this way due to lack of cover and food which the animals and birds must have to survive.

Hunters must realize, too, that the taken, there were 443 men—women in the labor force, or about 27.7 percent of the female population over 16. There are now approximately 30.1 percent. The rate, high as it is, is below the national figure of 40.1 percent.

Wow! They're Catching Fish

"How they're catching fish!" With that statement many persons are expressing their amazement. They don't see there are some new methods of fishing, but they are catching fish, strange as it may be.

To be sure, the fast-bearded will not be successful. In fact they probably will not venture from the warmth of the hearth, and a young man, that died in the wool outdoors, will never catch a fish.

The black bass is the prime target at this time in the past year. They are catching them with the great alacrity that usually characterizes this species, but when the water temperature is in the low forties or in the high thirties, he can be had. The principles involved in catching him, with the exclusion of jig fishing in muddy water, are the same as those explained in a later column in which the muskie fishermen are chasing this trophy fish in several of the rivers and trout devotees is doing his thing at Lake Cumberland, both above and below the dam.

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Kidwell Named Blue Grass Area Extension Director

The Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture has named J.W. Kidwell as Area Extension Director for the Blue Grass Area. He has been serving as Acting Director for this area since April.

Counties in the Blue Grass Area include Bourbon, Clark, Elliott, Fayette, Hartlett, Madison, Nicholas, Powell, and Scott.

A native of Easton county and a member of the ground and through a section created by the spinning blades, the young rabbits or birds are drawn into the man created meadow, there to perish.

The increased human population has occupied many acres of once hunted land. For instance, a parcel of the city limits in just about every town or city in Kentucky will show that these limits have been extended further into the countryside in the past few years. Where quail and rabbit once were, now are ball fields, hill-sides on which wildlife once was abundant have been bulldozed and now fine fields of focus or other pastures flourish, much to the detriment of birds and game.

Wood fields or waste lands on which rabbit and quail could at least find cover are no more, they have been removed so that they will produce an income for the farmer. Spinning areas can be mowed in a shorter time than the woodlands, and the type of cover, but the whistles take the former types. Whereas a cutter blade would skim over a rabbit bed, leaving the young unharmed unless the tractor or mower wheel made a direct hit, the whistles come to rest.

Another menace to animal and bird life that has come with "civilization" is the highway mortality. Some game management personnel are of the opinion that more rabbits are killed on the highways than by the legal hunter. This brings up another, debt factor to game management. The unprofitable law violator accounts for a great take of rabbits and birds and deer.

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In 1961, he became extension district leader for eastern and south-eastern Kentucky and in 1963 assumed a similar position in western Kentucky. He came to Lexington in 1965 as a program specialist in agriculture and, for the past three years, has been in charge of business affairs for county extension offices throughout the state.

Kidwell has a Master's degree in Extension education from the University of Kentucky, where he also has done some work toward his doctorate. He is a member of Epistol Sigma Phi, Extension honorary, and Gamma Sigma Delta, agricultural honorary.

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