

## Anderson afield

# New director breathes fresh air into U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

By JOHN M. ANDERSON

More often than not, an environmental reporter must be concerned with bad news about this headlong human race. It is most gratifying, therefore, to report to all those interested in hunting, fishing, birding or other uses of wild plants and animals, that in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, happy days are here again.

I'm referring to John F. Turner, who took over as Director about 2 months ago. Turner appears to be bringing professionalism back to the Service. As proof of the pudding, he is even apologizing to those professionals who got shabby treatment during the Reagan years.

A year or so ago, several dedicated professionals in the Service's Pacific Northwest region were browbeaten, transferred, or fired because they refused to cover up scientific data that plainly show how certain National Wildlife refuges in Oregon would be threatened by offshore oil development and toxic chemical pollution. Regional Director, Rolf Wallenstrom, was demoted and eventually fired for his refusal to "cooperate". He was reinstated only after fighting this miscarriage of justice in court. Assistant Regional Director, Larry de Bates, was scolded, demoted and reassigned. Dave Reilly, Wallenstrom's assistant, was subjected to the bullying also, but hung on and was still there after the smoke cleared. I could name others in other regions who felt the sting of

politically inspired retaliation for simply doing their jobs.

Now for a breath of fresh air! In a recent letter to de Bates, John Turner wrote, "It is unfortunate that the handling of your reassignment left the impression that the action was part of a planned retaliation against Service career employees for taking biological positions in the Pacific Region in conflict with the political orientation of the leadership at the time. I agree your reassignment was handled insensitively, but I want to assure you that it should in no way reflect adversely on your dedicated twenty-eight year career. Over the years, you have demonstrated professionalism in your work and made some significant contributions in the natural resource management field, particularly in wetland protection and migratory bird management areas."

Turner went on: "I also recognize there have been some serious concerns in the past among Service employees regarding their ability to make sound biological recommendations in a highly charged political environment without jeopardizing their own future careers. This is an item I intend to address personally in the future, for I want to make sure we can provide the leadership and management climate that permits our employees to carry out the important mission of the Service in an effective and efficient manner. This includes providing a work environment and

professional organization that permits good biology and strong employee support from top management to bring fish and wildlife issues to the forefront in the decision making process without fear of reprisal."

Turner concluded: "Please consider this letter a formal apology from the Service. I hope we can put our past differences behind us and get on with the important work at hand."

Conservationists (after recovering from shock) are applauding John Turner for his bold step and overall leadership in correcting an intolerable situation. Former Secretary of Interior, Jim Watt, and a few of his cohorts, had erected their own version of the Berlin Wall behind which dedicated professionals perished on the vine. It appears that John Turner and Joshua have much in common.

Ordinarily, I would expect the deligent destroyers who supported Jim Watt and Ann Gorsuch to clip Turner's wings. Will there be a backlash? Let's see how he handles the sheepherders who brazenly invaded the Humphries Wildlife Management Area in New Mexico, as we reported recently. If Bill Reilly can survive as head of EPA (he's still in there!), maybe John Turner is likewise here to stay. We shall see.

John M. "Frosty" Anderson was Director of the Wildlife Department of the National Audubon Society from 1966 until his retirement in 1987.



## Nesbitt Rural Auxiliary holds Christmas meeting

The Rural Branch of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary recently conducted its Christmas meeting at the home of branch member Doris Bedford. Shown seated, from left, Betty Reese, Kay Palmer, Edith Shupp, branch president; and Doris Bedford. Standing, Helen Dorrance, Ruth Wilson, Elsie Roe, Jean Race, Jean Lee and Esther Grey.

## Canadian company offers to buy newsprint

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
Post Staff

As the Back Mountain and all of Luzerne County searches for ways to meet a state mandate to establish recycling programs, a Canadian company has offered a long-term contract to purchase newsprint from the region.

Finding a cost-effective way to recycle newsprint has been a major problem for Luzerne County, and Canadian Pacific Products Inc. claims they can help. The Quebec-based company met with State

Senator Raphael Musto, Luzerne County officials, and the Department of Environmental Resources Wednesday in Harrisburg.

Canadian Pacific met with officials to discuss a possible contract that would allow the company to purchase about 12,000 tons of newspaper, magazines, and advertising inserts each year. The contract would last for a 20 year period.

The offer by Canadian Pacific Products comes at a time when many cities in Pennsylvania are looking for a way to meet a 1991 deadline to begin recycling pro-

grams. Because of their population, Kingston Township and Dallas Township are included in the mandate.

The firm is offering to purchase the newsprint for \$25 a ton. The amount, however, would fluctuate with the changing cost of paper. The company is also offering to pay the cost to transport the newsprint from a central-county location to Canada.

Canadian Pacific is presently undergoing a \$100 million dollar change from a pulp mill to a recycling center.

## Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from December 7, 1989 to December 12, 1989. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Money transfers are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

County Commissioners to Ranch Realty Co. PO Box 856, Pittston, property Northview, L62b, 64b, 63b, Harveys Lake, \$2,039.

James J. Steinkirchner to Sally M. Steinkirchner, 20 Burndale Rd., Dallas, property Burndale Rd., Dallas.

Mary Scovell to Trustees, United Methodist Church, RD 2, Harveys Lake, property Rte. 774, Lake Twp.

Estate Mary Ann Clemson to Harry V. Cardoni, 11 Woodside Dr., Dallas, property Woodside Dr., Dallas Twp., \$2,500.

Eugene R. Fritsky to Eugene R. Fritsky, 277 Ransom Rd., Dallas, property County Rd., 2.51 acres, Dallas Twp.

Crescenzo G. Calise to Crescenzo G. Calise, 30 Cross Creek Rd., Sutton Hills, Shavertown, property L30, Sutton Hills, Jackson Twp.

Wm. R. Miller to Richard Bish, 18 Chestnut St., Swoyersville, property Crown Dr., Franklin Twp., \$14,900.

Wm. J. DeAngelo to John W. Baur, 125 Armstrong Dr., Shavertown, property Collins Ave., Kingston Twp., \$23,000.

Estate Lewis L. Rogers III, to Susan Rogers Spreat, Box 2476 RR3, Allentown, N.J. property L19, 20, Harveys Lake, Lake Twp.

Clemens J. Kuras to Clemens J. Kuras, RD 6, Box 54, Shaver Ave., Dallas, property Shaver Ave., Dallas Twp.

John Alaimo to Edward J. Broderick, 97 Harris Hill Rd., Shavertown, property Kingston Twp., \$50,000.

Walter R. Johnson to Wm. D. Cabrera, 15 Montgomery Ave., W. Pittston, property L80, 81, Sec. B, Trucksville Gardens, Kingston Twp., \$17,500.

Dale T. Maza to Robt. S. Hiller, Box 111, RD 6, Dallas, property Hemlock St., Dallas Twp., \$11,500.

Wm. P. Parry to Jane Rice, 31 Oxford Ave., White Plains, N.Y. property 2 parcels, Dudley Ave., Harveys Lake, \$20,000.

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from December 13, 1989 to December 19, 1989. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Money transfers are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

PennDOT to Russell G. Newell, PO Box B, Dallas, property 94 S. Memorial Hwy., Kingston Twp., \$27,200.

Estate Jos. P. Borkowski to Carol Paselk, 553 Pageantry St., Long Beach, Ca., property East St., Lehman Twp.

Estate Jos. W. Borkowski to Robt. Borkowski, 4497 Amos Gates Road, Omaha, Neb., property Summit St., Lehman Twp.

John M. Hebda to John E. Bromack, 99 James St., Shavertown, property Kingston Twp., \$67,000.

Leonard S. Roginski Sr., to Kit Karuza, Country club Apartments #110, Dallas, property 2.2 acres Lower Demunds Rd., Dallas Twp., \$13,000.

Franklin First Federal Savings Bank to John Carl Sobeck, 101 N. Sherman St., Wilkes-Barre, property Blueberry Hill Rd., Jackson Twp., \$15,000.

Leonard Walp Jr. to Allen J. Walp, 92 Susquehanna Ave., Dallas, property 3.71 Acres, County Rd., Jackson Twp.

Richard D. Halliday to Phyllis Halliday, 237 W. Ridge St., Nanticoke, property Jackson Twp.

Vance Bell Dwyer to Thomas Jos. Dwyer Jr., Box 251 Lakeside Dr., Harveys Lake, property Jackson Twp.

E. Paul Howanitz to Allyn R. Griffith, 127 Warden Ave., Trucksville, property 8.01 acres, Jackson Twp., \$279,000.

Robert L. Rundle Jr. to James W. Truscott, 102 Franklin St., Dallas, property 102 Franklin St., Dallas, \$86,500.

John A. Moreck to Charles J. Rauschkolb, 21 Rice Court, Dallas, property Genoa Lane, Kingston Twp., \$29,600.

Wanda Panick to Jos. R. Leary, 20 Snowden St., Forty Fort, property Trucksville Gardens, L65, Sec. C., Kingston Twp., \$5,000.

Colleen K. Updyke to Bryan A. Updyke, RD 3, Sweet Valley, property 3 parcels, Main Rd., Lake Twp.

John L. Arndt to Robert M. Simmonetti Jr., RD 2, Box 250 Hunlock Creek, property Nanticoke Dr., Lehman Twp., \$56,000.



## Food Bank Collection

Members of the Dallas High School National Honor Society and Student Council conducted a drive for food and monetary contributions for the Back Mountain Food Bank recently throughout the high school. The food will be among that distributed to underprivileged families in the local area. Beginning to pack the items above are, first row, from left, Lisa Murphy, Honor Society treasurer; Roseanne Rostock, Honor Society vice president; Amie Yanalunas, Student Council, food drive chairperson; second row, Jessica Wallace, Student Council, co-chairperson; Jennifer Steuben, Honor Society secretary; Amy Kowalski, Honor Society and student council; and Tony Nadzan, Honor Society president. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

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## Tamanani

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\$96,000 more than was necessary to cover the work. The township claims they attempted to contact him several times to have him voluntarily pay the deposit, but Box said Tamanani failed to appear.

"The Board of Supervisors gave the township the authority for legal action to force the developers to pay the security deposit," Box explained.

Box said Tamanani has since contacted the township and is negotiating with them in an attempt to find a mutually acceptable amount for a deposit. "If an agreement is not reached by next week, the solicitor will begin to take legal action on January 1 to force compliance," Box explained.

Several attempts to contact Tamanani for comment last week failed.

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