

Speakers emphasize

People have to solve ecological problems

People cause pollution and people will have to solve ecological problems, speakers at the South Central Regional Environmental Conference at A&M concluded at opening sessions Monday.

Mrs. Maxwell W. Steel, president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., challenged the 125 participants from nine states to be more active in local environmental issues.

"We do much more than work in our gardens planting petunias," she said. "Now I happen to enjoy petunias, but our image should go far beyond flowers. We need to let people know what we are doing, how we think and what we can do," the Huntington, Pa., resident said.

Mrs. Steel suggested efforts be made to consolidate environmental efforts with other interest groups. She also emphasized a need to enlist young people.

"Our youths are the ones who will have to handle with the problems in the future," Mrs. Steel said.

Noting the efforts of the nation's garden clubs in the federal Highway Beautification Act, Mrs. Steel said the effectiveness of the bill has been chipped away by the opposition.

Highway billboards continue to flourish, she continued. The battle for the environment and beauty is never-ending, she added.

Mrs. Steel said Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson's beautification program

"gave us a shot in the arm." She reported the national council is making "big plans" to work in environmental areas.

Other speakers at the opening of the two-day program spoke on light pollution, A&M's Sea Grant Program efforts, engineering approaches to sea problems and recreation demands.

John Watson of Dallas, considered the world's leading authority on outdoor lighting, said the American people are not aware of the light pollution that disturbs daily life.

Floodlights on poles and hanging on buildings he termed "warts" on the work of crafted architects and landscape designers.

His illustrations showed what he called "ugly daylight stands" for "nighttime pollution."

Known for his fairland use of lights, Watson said poor lighting is one of the worst negative pollution elements in every community.

He pointed out gasoline service stations are the "worst light polluters in this country." Watson said it's time people became aware of poor lighting and the effect it has on the public.

He added that beautiful lighting also can be security to the public.

Dr. George W. Klontz, marine life veterinarian at A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, said it is too late to call for industrial abatement because there is no

way to stop industry from producing what the public demands.

"We already have too many laws and bureaucrats," Klontz contended. People want plastic and cans, so industry meets the demand, he said.

Dr. Klontz suggested solutions depend on public awareness, personal conviction and personal involvement.

The fish medicine expert reported there has been no research evidence that pollutants directly kill fish. In the Houston Ship Channel, for example, he noted most marine life cannot live because there is no dissolved oxygen in the water.

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Last August the U. S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia ruled that a total ban against editorial advertising violates the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court acted Monday on appeals filed by the Federal Communications Commission, Columbia Broadcasting System, American Broadcasting Co. and operators of WTOP radio and television here. The hearing will be held sometime next term.

After last August's lower court ruling, the FCC was ordered to "develop reasonable regulatory guidelines" to govern the sale of spot advertising time.

On Jan. 24 the Supreme Court declined to stay the ruling. The FCC began to work on guidelines. But in today's order the Supreme Court changed its mind on this point and blocked further compliance with the Appeals Court ruling until a final decision is

reached. Justice William O. Douglas dissented. This notation, in itself, was unusual in that justices usually do not indicate publicly that they voted against the taking of a case by the high court.

The dispute arose with a request by the Democratic National Committee for an FCC order compelling broadcasters to sell time to "responsible entities" for "comment on public issues." In a related case, a group called Business Executives' Move for Vietnam Peace challenged WTOP radio's refusal to provide for one-minute antiwar announcements.

The FCC ruled for the broadcasters 6 to 1. While stations may sell time if they wish, the FCC said, they are not required to do

so. The agency said the public's access to conflicting sides of controversial issues is protected by the "fairness doctrine."

Upheld by the Supreme Court in 1969, this policy requires radio and television broadcasters to present various sides of important issues.

Conference is scheduled for engineers

Students from Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas will present papers Friday and Saturday at the Region IX Annual American Institute of Industrial Engineers (AIIE) Student Conference in A&M's new engineering center.

The conference is hosted by the A&M chapter of AIIE. Computer-time sharing, plant design and human engineering are a few of the topics to be presented.

Fred J. Benson, dean of engineering, will open the conference, with Dr. Jack K. Williams, university president, giving the welcome address.

Other conference speakers are Roy R. Hunt, executive vice president of National AIIE and plant manager of Crest Container Corporation, and John E. DeFife of NASA.

Hunt will speak on the "Versatility of Industrial Engineering," and DeFife will speak on the space shuttle program.

Judges for the technical papers are Arthur E. Bleimeyer, corporate development engineer for Kelly Manufacturing Co. of Houston; C. Ray Perry, vice president of Equipment Manufacturing Corporation in Waco; Raj K. Minocha, management engineer at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Dallas.

Awards will be presented at a luncheon Saturday.

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