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Mrs. Parks Provides Maine Leadership

Mrs. William A. (Charlotte) Parks, longtime HSUS member from York, Maine, was instrumental in having state officials establish an Animal Welfare Div. in the Maine Dept. of Agriculture last year.

Only two other states, Colorado and Illinois, have divisions or offices that work solely on animal welfare.

Maine Agriculture Commissioner Maynard C. Dolloff recently appointed Mrs. Parks and six other persons to serve on an Animal Welfare Advisory Board to advise the new division.

HSUS New England Regional Director James C. Shaw has immense praise for Mrs. Parks’ efforts in behalf of animals.

“I could recount episode after episode of Mrs. Parks’ compassion and dedication to animal well-being,” he said. “Her efforts are a shining example of what can be accomplished in behalf of animals if we all work together.”

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Connecticut Woman Wins Scholarship

Kathie Lawson of Andover, Conn., was awarded the 1973 Christopher Gratton Shaw Scholarship by the HSUS New England Region for her outstanding accomplishments in animal welfare.

The fund was set up 6 years ago by Rear Adm. and Mrs. James C. Shaw in memory of their son Christopher, who was killed in a car accident. The scholarship is awarded to deserving high school seniors who are interested in animal-related careers.

Ms. Lawson, who lives on a working farm, has dedicated her life to the rescuing and rehabilitation of injured animals, whether wild or domestic.

She has actively fought against perpetrators of animal cruelty and, as a riding instructor, enthusiastically teaches the humane ethic to her young students.

Rear Adm. Shaw, who is also the HSUS New England regional director, praised Ms. Lawson for “being an example of the finest kind of dedicated humanitarian.” She plans to enter the field of veterinary medicine.
Humanitarian Alert: Greyhound Racing

Dog track promoters have stepped up their attempts to establish new greyhound racing tracks throughout the United States. Humanitarians throughout New England should be on the alert for attempts in their communities and turn to HSUS for assistance in thwarting them. HSUS’s most severe criticism of dog racing is directed at the training methods (above).

From the Director’s Desk

The Admiral Tips His Hat

By Adm. James C. Shaw, Executive Director
HSUS New England Region

The 18 months that have passed since the opening of the HSUS New England Regional Office have been some of the HSUS’s most rewarding months throughout New England to acquaint humanitarians with our new regional services and to develop working relationships with local, state, and regional organizations with common interests. In the course of these travels, I have come acquainted with some of the most dedicated humanitarians in the world.

One of these people is Mrs. Cameron McCaue (Nathalie) Winslow of Rhode Island. “Nat,” as her friends call her, is known throughout Rhode Island for her superb drawings and knowledge about animals that appear in the Providence Journal and elsewhere. In addition to their professional merit, they invariably communicate messages about the humane ethic. Nat loves animals and hates cruelty, and she says so.

She also works actively and vocally with humane groups in Rhode Island. We know you are modest, Nat, but please, this once, take a bow.

Major George Ford is another one of these special people. Major Ford makes it his job to document cruelty to animals and publish it in his column in the Hartford Courant. But he doesn’t stop at that. He takes his information to public hearings whenever an animal welfare issue is before the public. We could all take some pointers from George Ford. You may not have a regular column at your command, but you have as much access to the Editors-to-the-Editors columns and public hearings as anyone else. If your letter is factual, succinct, and persuasive, it will probably be published. If you have some pertinent information or opinion to offer at a public hearing, notify the proper authorities in advance of how you wish to speak. Then speak briefly, logically, and to the point.

A third outstanding humanitarian is Mrs. Charles R. (Ellanor) Anderson, whom I’ve known since the days of the HSUS Connecticut Branch. Ellanor phoned my office one time to alert me to the fact that harmful experiments were being conducted on live animals in a school near her home in Bristol, Conn. We called the principal’s attention to the Connecticut state school policy about such experiments, and the experiments were stopped. On another occasion, Ellanor made an immense contribution to the humane movement by devoting one of her regular columns in Popular Dogs magazine to the need for animal lovers to exert responsibility to all animals, not just their own pets.

Ellanor practices what her pen preaches, too. We have seen her in action at a local pound, rescuing abused pets, and attacking cruelty wherever it exists in her community. She is one angel who does not fear to tread. Three New Englanders were honored by HSUS in 1973 for special achievements. Roger Tory Peterson of Old Lyme, Conn., received HSUS’s highest honor, the annual Joseph Wood Krutch Medal for “significant contribution to the improvement of life and the environment.” Many New Englanders have had the opportunity to enjoy Dr. Peterson’s marvelous drawings of birds at shows throughout the area. And all of us are indebted to him for his books and field guides on birds.

Mrs. Norma Terris Wagner of Lyme, Conn., who gave the land for the new HSUS Norma Terris Humane Education Center near East Haddam, Conn., where our regional offices are housed, received an HSUS Certificate of Appreciation.

Professor Richard K. Morris, Ph.D., of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for editing a yet-unpublished book of essays on the humane ethic for HSUS.

A Massachusetts humanitarian, Mrs. Walter Drew of Gloucester, has given the Norma Terris Humane Education Center a large and useful gift of furni­ture and furnishings. The educators, humanitarians, and environmentalists who use the Center for workshops and meetings will appreciate this thoughtful gift, Mrs. Drew.

One of America’s Cruelest Pastimes

In the photo on page 2, two dogs are turned loose on one rabbit to encourage competition in speed. In the photo above, the dogs have both caught up with the rabbit and proceed to tear it apart. Virtually all racing dogs are trained with live rabbit lures. Few of the rabbits escape.

Connecticut Legislation

HSUS New England Regional Director Rear Adm. James Shaw was recently in­vited to testify before the Connecticut Legislative Environment Committee in Hartford, Conn., concerning several proposed animal welfare statutes.

A description of each bill is listed below together with HSUS’s position:

- Low-cost Spaying (LCO 701)—pro­vides financial assistance for the spaying and neutering of dogs from the state dog fund. Money for the fund will come from revised dog license fees.

- Pet Shun Regulations (LCO 750)—authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to regulate the types of animals sold in pet shops.

The HSUS New England Regional Of­fice serves Connecticut, New Hamp­shire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine. Requests for assistance on statewide or local problems in these states should be addressed to the regional office.

The HSUS New England Regional Of­fice is located at Box 98, East Haddam, CT 06423 (203) 434-8666.

Adm. James C. Shaw is the Regional Director.

Pet Shun Regulations

An act of cruelty guilty, but also any person knowingly or willfully authorizing or permitting a cruelty.

Shaw strongly urged passage, observ­ing that under the new provisions the courts could act more effectively.

MRS. PARKS

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“Flukes”

A Play About Whales by Endangered Species Productions

7 to 10 p.m., Friday, May 3
Mystic Marineland Aquarium, Mystic, Conn.

For ticket information, write HSUS BENEFIT, Box 98, East Haddam, CT 06423, or call (203) 434-8666.

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“A Whale of a Time”
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and
“Flukes”
A Play About Whales by Endangered Species Productions
NEW VERMONT ORGANIZATION—HSUS member Stanley Kerby, M.D. (second from right), has launched a new animal welfare organization in Springfield, Vt. Animals and You, the new group, aims “to educate the public in preventing cruelty and promoting kindness.” Here, Dr. Kerby poses with HSUS New England Regional Director James C. Shaw, who spoke at one of the group’s first monthly meetings, and Animals and You member Mrs. Barbara Higgins and her son.

Shaw Urges Education
At the last annual meeting of the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, New England Regional Director James C. Shaw was presented with the keys to the city of Portland by the mayor.

Shaw used the occasion to urge Maine humanitarians to work for the introduction of humane education into the public school curricula.

“Early education is the key to success of the humane movement,” Shaw told the society.

He pointed out that ecologists and conservationists are now learning that animal problems are as grave to the nation as pollution problems.

New England Represented
Three distinguished HSUS members from Connecticut have been elected or reelected to the HSUS Board of Directors:

- Everett Smith, Jr., a civic leader and business executive from Greenwich, was reelected and also reelected vice chairman of the Board. He serves additionally as chairman of the HSUS Program and Policy Committee.
- Mrs. Charlotte Griswold, from Old Lyme, was elected to the Board for the first time. She is an advisory board member of the HSUS New England Regional Office in addition to being an active civic leader and an effective advocate of humane education.

A Good Investment
Today’s high prices demand careful spending. More than ever, you must obtain as much value for your dollar as possible. The same is true of animal welfare. You demand and should receive full value for contributions to aid animals.

HSUS gives that value.

A case in point is the HSUS Norma Terris Humane Education Center. The Center is a realized fact. It is working full time in behalf of animals. But to continue such effort, the Center needs operating funds that only you can supply, because HSUS receives no federal, state, or municipal grants.

HSUS has a program for giving that should fit your means and inclination. You can make an outright gift, or you can make a memorial gift honoring a relative, friend, or pet. Such memorials will be recorded for all time at the Center. Perhaps you would like a room or office at the Center named for your loved one.

If you would like to discuss such a gift, please write or call Rear Adm. James C. Shaw, New England regional director, who will handle your inquiry in complete confidence. Call or write him at: New England Regional Office, Box 98, East Haddam, CT 06423 (203) 434-8666.

K. William Wiseman, from Green Farms, was elected to the Board for the first time. Until recently, he was president of Mobil Oil in Libya, and he is currently an executive in Mobil’s international office in New York.

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