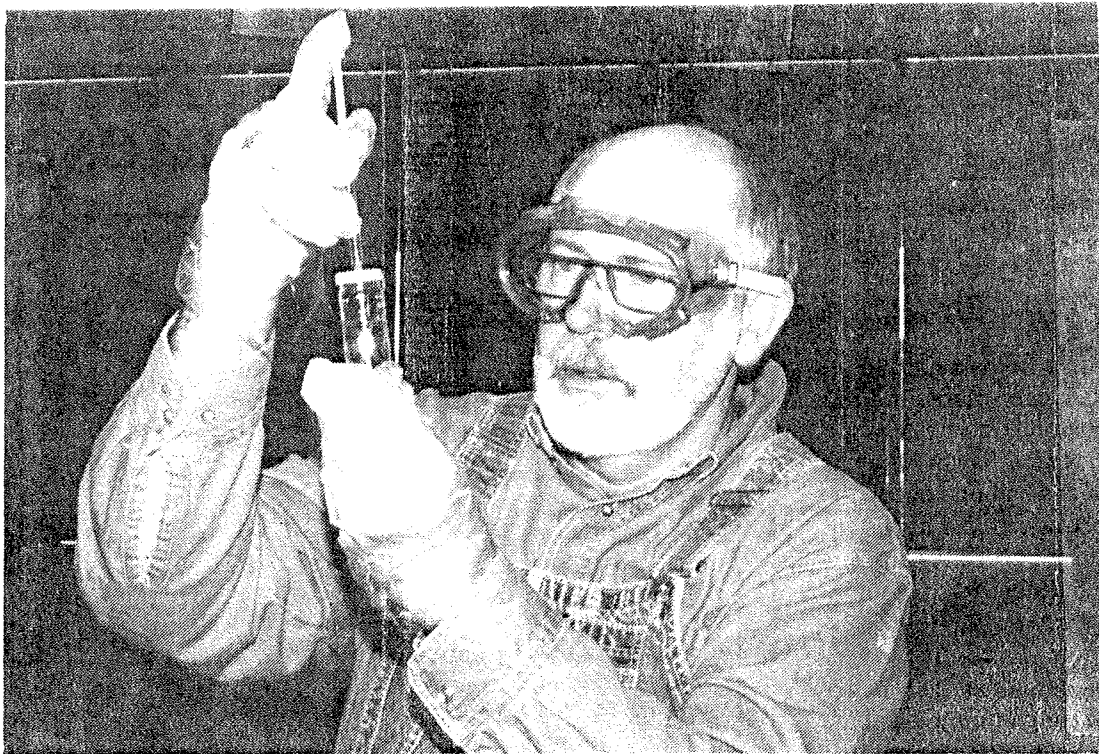
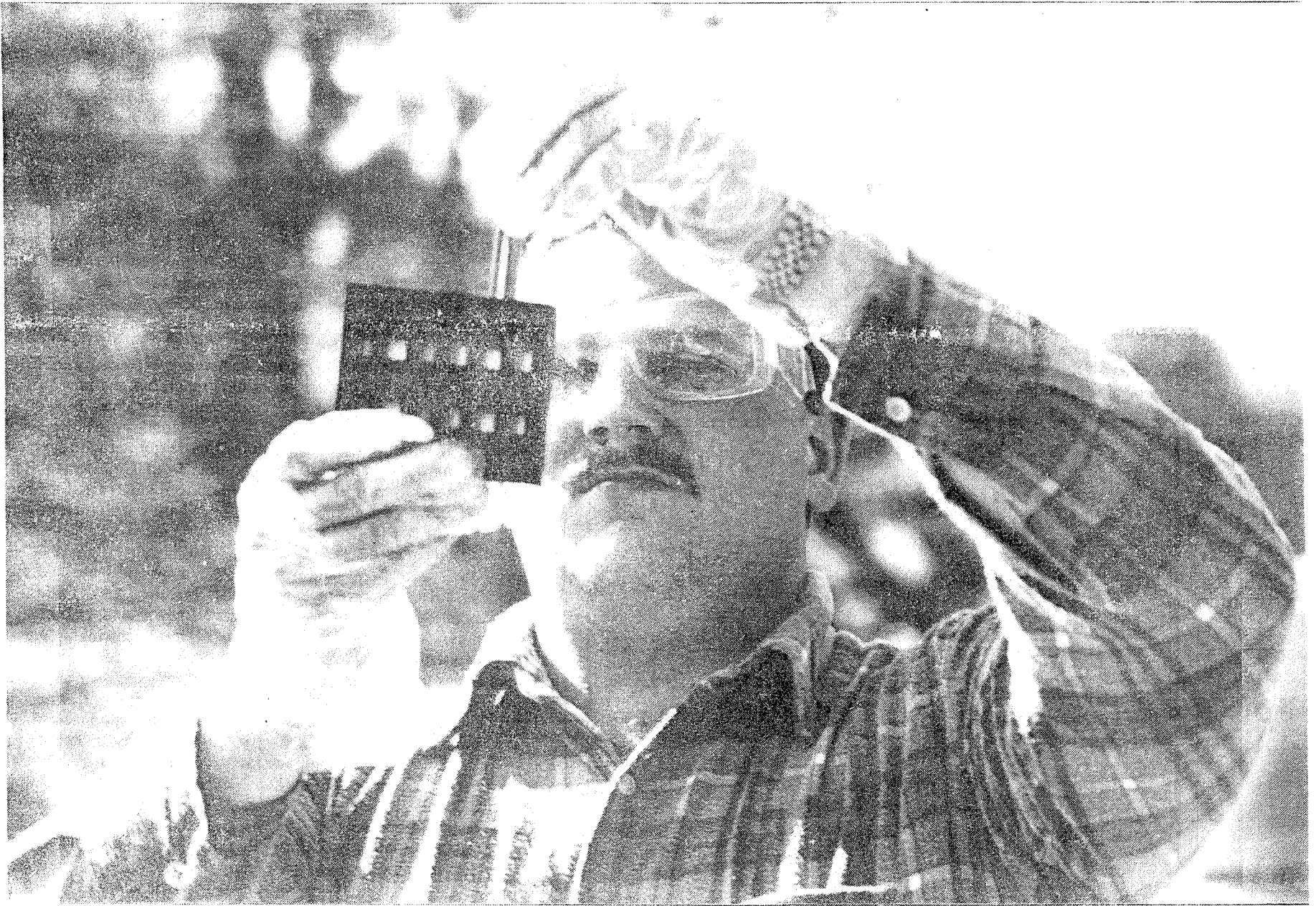


Eye On WATER

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Linden-Kildare teacher Rodney Love performs a dissolved oxygen test as preparation for outdoor experiments to be performed the next day during Project W.E.T.



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Pittsburg teacher Todd Busch tests the pH level at Lake Welsh as part of Project W.E.T. and GREEN Facilitator Training. The workshop was sponsored by Caddo Lake Institute and Northeast Texas Community College to teach local instructors how to test area water quality. After the workshop, instructors will be certified to offer training to others and to become part of the state-wide program 'Texas Watch.'

NTCC workshop trains educators

Environmental curriculum to be taught to K-12 kids

Northeast Texas Community College, in conjunction with Caddo Lake Institute, Inc, recently offered a workshop to area educators on Project W.E.T., an environmental curriculum for kindergarten through high school age students.

The two-day workshop, called Project W.E.T (Water Education for Teachers) and G.R.E.E.N. (Global Rivers Environmental Education Network) Facilitator Training, was designed to train educators to integrate the Project W.E.T. curriculum into their classrooms.

Teachers from Mt. Pleasant, Pittsburg, Scroggins, Winnsboro and Gilmer participated in the workshop.

Project W.E.T activities are linked to emerging state and national curriculum frameworks to aid educators in mainstreaming materials into existing schools.

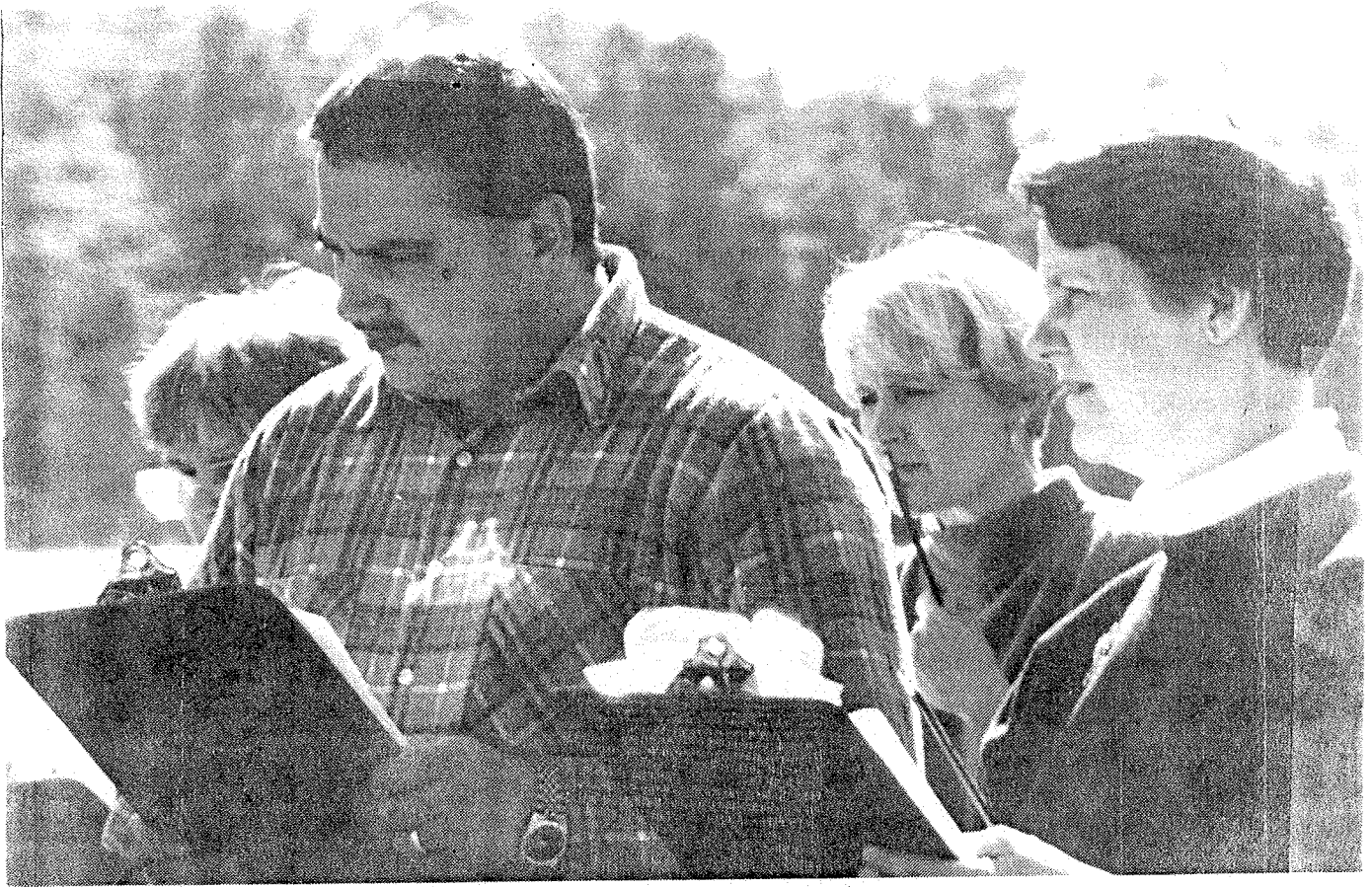
The workshop consisted of one day of classroom training in which educators learned how to perform various water tests, and a second day of outdoor field training at Lake Welsh.

The workshop certified the participants to conduct 6-hour Project W.E.T teacher workshops and to provide shorter in-service training. The program also provided G.R.E.E.N. water monitoring training which allowed educators to be a part of the Texas Watch volunteer water monitoring network.

G.R.E.E.N. is a national/international interdisciplinary watershed education program that enables students to enhance their critical thinking skills by investigating real world environmental issues in their own community.



Retired Camp County Judge Phillip Hawkins and Sarah Kneipp, vice-president of Caddo Lake Institute, Inc. and Texas Coordinator of Project W.E.T. examine a water sample taken from Lake Welsh. After taking the workshop, educators are certified to integrate the curriculum to their students.



Above; Educators listen as procedures for testing water are explained during the Project W.E.T. workshop.

Left; 'Tucker' Edson performs a test which will indicate the total number of dissolved solids in the water at Lake Welsh.





Above; P.E. Wallace
instructors Caren
Fielder (left) and Ada
Gayle Brooks con-
duct classroom tests.

Right; Dr. Mary
Hearron, NTCC
biology instructor
uses a secchi disk to
test the turbidity
(water clarity) of
the water at Lake
Welsh. The clarity of
the lake's water will
affect its water
tempature, oxygen
level and plant
growth.

