



River Run

What could be more appropriate than a run on the river in the heat of summer? A brisk breeze, cooling spray and as few clothes as possible make for comfort as these boaters on the river head for the

comfords that lie just ahead under a hot sun. Everyone appears to be looking right. Wonder what sight or occurrence caught their eyes? (Ric Carter photo)

## L'il Eagles Take Third Title In Row

### Teams Sets Record, Extend Another Record This Season

By TERRI JAMIESON  
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For the third consecutive year, the Vanceboro L'il Eagles baseball team has captured the Southern Little League title.

En route to the championship, the L'il Eagles fashioned a perfect 12-0 record this season and extended their winning streak to 23 consecutive games. The 1988 version of the L'il Eagles outscored their opponents by a wide margin. The L'il Eagles scored 228 runs to their opponents' 52 runs.

In outscoring their opponents and producing over 200 runs the baseball team also extended its streak of scoring more than 200 runs in a season to four consecutive years. This year's 228 runs averages out to 19 runs per game, tying a team record. The 52 runs

allowed by the baseball team establishes a new team defensive record.

"This team represents a unique balance in offense, defense and pitching ability, skills developed by hard work and dedication on the part of our players. Mr. Harris and I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with this outstanding group and look forward to next season with nine players returning from this year's team.

"Last, but definitely not least, is the continued outstanding support from parents, fans and community. Without their help, our program would not have achieved the success it has enjoyed. For this effort, Mr. Harris and I extend a very special note

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## Texasgulf Receives Approval Of Permit From Commission

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The N.C. Environmental Management Commission unanimously and without debate approved a discharge permit last Thursday for Texasgulf Chemicals Co.'s phosphate mining and chemical plant near Aurora.

The permit is effective Aug. 1, but putting all of its provisions into effect will take years.

In granting the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and a special consent order, the EMC approved a wastewater recycling plant that eventually will lead to substantial reductions in the phosphorus and fluorides discharged into the Pamlico River. The system, still being designed, is expected to reduce phosphate levels by 90 percent and fluoride levels by 75 percent.

The plant discharges about 529 tons of phosphorus a year into the Pamlico and about 300 tons of fluoride. The plant takes about 57 million gallons per day from an underground water source, the Castle Hayne aquifer.

Texasgulf has been operating under an expired permit since 1984, in accordance with law, when it applied for a new permit. The consent order allows the plant to continue operating even though it will initially violate

terms of the new permit. Full implementation of the permit is scheduled for July, 1992.

J. Randolph Carpenter, manager of governmental affairs and public relations at the Lee Creek plant, said last Thursday the order specifies "a series of milestones that will take us to compliance."

He said the company will begin reducing discharges, not waiting until 1992 when the recycle system is expected to be on line.

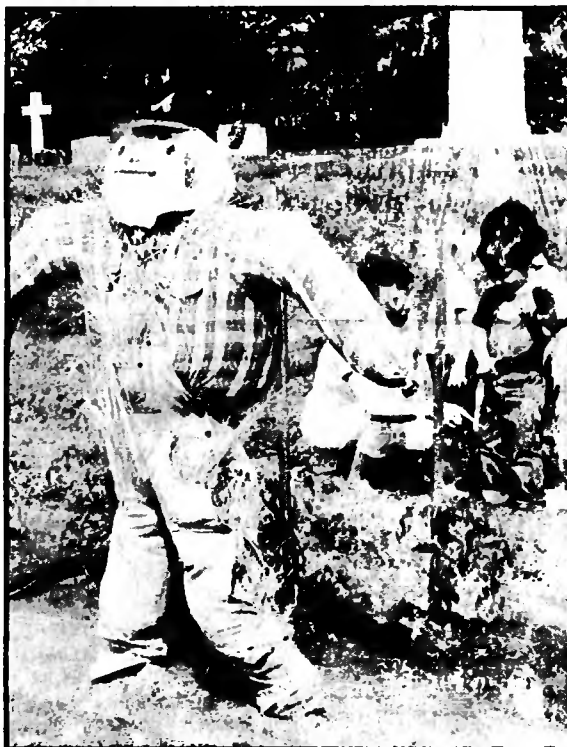
Carpenter said Paul Wilms, director of the N.C. Division of Environmental Management, personally recommended to the EMC that the permit be approved. Carpenter said Wilms told the commission that he made the presentation because "it is such an important permit."

Wilms told the EMC that cooperation among Texasgulf, state agencies and environmental groups was a key element in general widespread support of the permit.

He characterized Texasgulf's efforts to meet the requirements of the permit and consent order "a monumental task."

The meetings between various interests over the last 18 months is considered a breakthrough in the environmental permitting

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Willie's Garden

Willie the scarecrow stands guard over his garden as a few of his "workers" tend to the beans, peas, corn and other vegetables. The garden is an effort between youngsters and senior citizens to give them physical activity and a change to relate to the opposite end of the age spectrum. Willie doesn't do much work, he just stands around in the heat and keeps an eye on things. The workers will reap their benefits later this summer as vegetables are ready for harvesting.

## Atlanta Attracting Convention Share; Democrats Prove It

WASHINGTON — Atlanta, a city that began as a railhead in the north Georgia woods in 1837, later known primarily for Coca-Cola, Bobby Jones, and "Gone With the Wind," has spent the last two decades propelling itself into the future.

Now a metropolis of 2.6 million people, Atlanta sometimes can hardly believe itself. Having survived the devastation of the Civil War and the vagaries of economic development, it has become the premier city of the Southeast, one of America's major centers and the self-described "world's next great city."

"You can hardly find a native Atlantan any more amid the tide of newcomers, and this population — much of it transient — seemed to me the youngest, the wealthiest, the smartest, and, if it could be measured, probably the most ambitious in the country," Erla Zwingle writes in the current National Geographic.

Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest. Atlanta, Georgia's capital, has become a corporate-relocation center, drawing blue-chip businesses from around the globe. Atlanta's toll-free dialing area is the world's largest.

Along with New York and Chicago, Atlanta is one of the nation's top three convention cities.

Democrats are gathering this week for the first national political convention to be held in the Deep South since the Civil War.

"Civic pride... has acquired an almost religious quality, as if the seventh day God hadn't rested after all, but decided to make Atlanta instead, and saw that it was surprisingly good," Ms. Zwingle writes.

"The juggernaut of progress is due in part to moderate climate, fortuitous location, cheap labor. But its real force is a terrific commercial drive."

The Atlanta metropolitan area spreads across 18 counties run by more than 100 different governments. Some satellites rarely touch the central city, but the prevailing enthusiasm clouds the view of whether this is good or bad.

"One of the things you're up against is this relentless boosterism," Pat Conroy, an Atlanta novelist and vocal critic of the city, told Ms. Zwingle. "We're a growing, vibrant, can-do city — they make it sound like the Ollie North of cities. Destiny's daughter. It drives me nuts. It seems bad for the soul of the city. To criticize Atlanta is like criticizing the Vatican."

All the ballyhoo is a product of (See ATLANTA, Page 2)

## A Handbook For ACC Fan-Atics

ACC Basketball: An Illustrated History  
Ron Morris. Four Corners Press.  
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For 35 years, Atlantic Coast Conference basketball fans have flocked to local arenas and to their television sets like pilgrims to Mecca. Now there's a handbook for the journey.

ACC Basketball: An Illustrated History is like a high school yearbook for fans of any of the nine teams who have at one time played in one of college basketball's toughest conferences.

As you flip through the more than 300 pages of photographs, player sketches, statistics and narrative, you find yourself saying, "Hey, I remember that game" or "I'll never forget that shot."

From the opening photo of North Carolina's Sam Perkins and Virginia's Ralph Sampson battling for a jump ball to the closing essay on North Carolina Coach Dean Smith, author Ron Morris hits the high points — and some of the low points — of what has become the area's favorite winter spectacle.

The book is split into four sections, each describing a decade of ACC play. N.C. State Universi-

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ty Coach Everett Case, Duke Coach Vic Bubas, NCSU star David Thompson and Smith are profiled as dominant personalities of their respective eras.

Case is credited with helping to establish the ACC in the 1950s as a conference that could compete on a national level and Bubas is cited as the source of many recruiting practices and coaching methods that developed in the 1960s.

Thompson is profiled for the high-flying performances that took the Wolfpack to the NCAA Championship in 1974 and made him one of the greatest players in league history.

And Smith, the man that fans of opposing teams love to hate, is lauded for the consistency that has led to a string of 20-win seasons stretching back to the distant past.

The book does have its shortcomings. It sometimes reads more like a history text than a sports book and the descriptions of each season tend to blur into one another after reading more than a few at once.

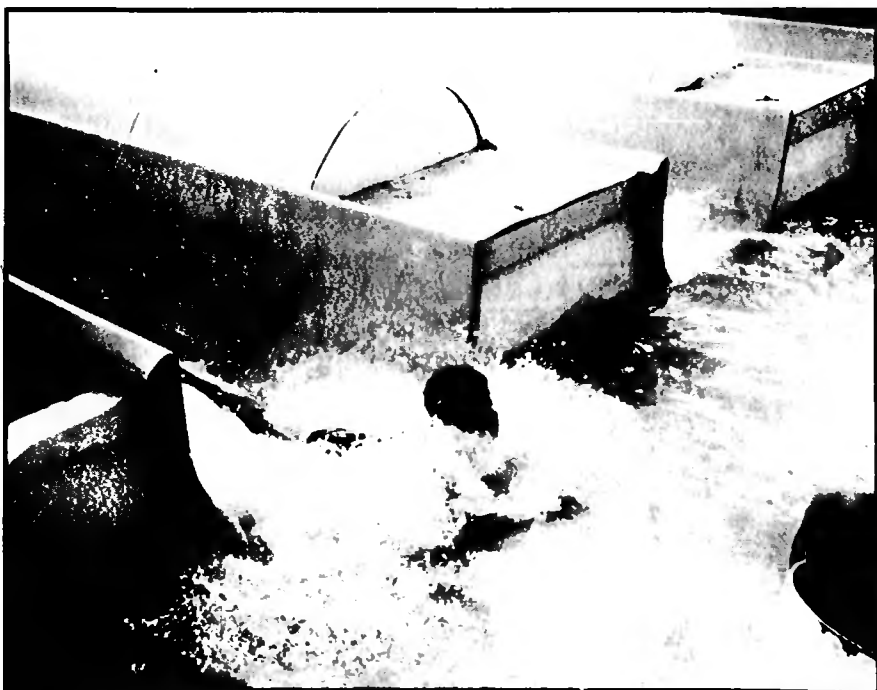
On the whole, however, the book tends to capture the fan's imagination, breeding impatience for the next season.

At 23, I'm too young to remember the early years of the conference, the days when guys with crewcuts threw up two-handed set shots. My first ACC memory is State's march to the national championship in 1974.

From that point in the book to its conclusion, it recalls for me a host of nail-biting moments in front of the television, screaming at the referees as if they could hear me in Chapel Hill or Maryland or Atlanta from my parents' den in Durham.

Tar Heel guard Phil Ford running the Four Corners, Maryland forward Len Bias helping his team to a miracle victory over UNC, Wake Forest guard Muggsy Bogues stealing a ball from an opponent who never saw him: all these moments are captured in the book.

The book is, as its title suggests, a history of the league. But like any good history, it does more than describe the events of an era. It captures those events, those moments when your team won — or blew — the big one, and stores them at arm's reach.



Cool Slide

Sunday's temperatures in the 90s sent local folks scrambling for ways to cool off. Some opted for water sports, others for sitting inside a cool

house. This fellow had the right idea, as he and a crowd of others combined fun and good sense and slid into coolness at Whichard's Beach.

(Mike Voss photo)