

# Eastern Echoes

By Gail Roberson



Thousands of years ago, perfumes were mixed with mortar between blocks of ancient buildings so their scents would last for hundreds of years. That woman who was in the grocery store the other day must have gotten a hold of some of that stuff. When she walked in, even the chickens on ice raised up for a look. In fact, my loaf of bread tasted, like she smelled, every time I made a sandwich for a week. One of her ancestors must have been stirring the vat when he fell in, and she's still passing along the gene for the scent.

When will women ever learn to recognize too much of a good thing? Every church has at least one lady who lowers the attendance at Sunday School just by the presence of her perfume on the pew. These women, and others like them, are a threat to society.

There has been plenty said about how smokers foul the air and damage the lungs, and I agree with every word... but heavy perfume users are just as bad. Once, I actually turned sick when I was forced to sit behind a woman at a conference I was attending, who apparently applied her fragrance with a fifty-gallon tank and an air hose.

The next time you pass a perfume counter, pause for a moment and reflect over what they're calling fragrances these days. It's a hoot. I could write a whole soap opera just using names of famous scents available in the stores uptown. As a matter of fact, I believe I'll do that right now...

"Jill's OBSESSION was leading to TROUBLE. She had to stop acting on IMPULSE or she would POISON herself. Living on FIFTH AVENUE was BREATHLESS. The BRISK SPICE of her little WILD COUNTRY heart left her heaving bosom aching for NIGHT MAGIC. Such TIMELESS events would OCCUR without WARNING, leaving an ODYSSEY compelling her to wear only tiny strips of BLACK SUEDE tied to her BABY SOFT skin. But a quick POTION of OPIUM was HEAVEN SENT, and acted as an INTERLUDE to quench the TURMOIL in her GYPSY lifestyle. She was glad her friends, OLIVIA and CHLOE, were driving their JAGUAR up from SANTE FE after the POLO game with her cousin, OSCAR DE LA RENTA. He was her HERO, and always wore a STETSON and RAW SILK undershorts. Maybe their SUSPICION would not cause her to CONFESS as quickly as a WIND SONG as to the TABU of events last night surrounding the AMBUSH and murder." So, was I right, or what?

Women have used sensual smells since the beginning of civilization. The physical and psychological effects of perfume are one of the oldest mysteries of the universe. But, like all good things, it is often abused.

When Empress Josephine died, her bedroom reeked of her particular perfume for over sixty years after her death. Cardinal Richelieu had perfume put in the air ducts coming out of his palace. French nobility perfumed the fountains of Paris. During the time of Homer, doves were turned loose at lavish parties... doves whose wings had been saturated with perfume. As the birds fluttered, they sprayed their enthralled admirers. I've got some pigeons out in my barnyard, and the next time I have my in-laws over, I'm going to dip one of the birds in my perfume and set him free in the house. I'm sure they'll be "enthralled."

In the scriptures, God revealed a divine perfume formula which could not be copied for personal use by the Hebrews, apart from punishment. Moses mentioned a perfume to be used as a holy anointing oil. Perfumes were used for embalming, burning the dead, preparing a virgin for the King, and women for courtship and marriage, just to name a few uses. Fragrance has always been, and will probably remain, a vital part of our society and lifestyle.

I use a special perfume myself... a natural, soft musk fragrance that does not set my asthma afire. Smelling good is nice. It's one of life's little pleasures. So long as we take heed that... they that smell least, smell best.

## Teacher Salary Increase

There are always big issues facing every session of the North Carolina General Assembly. We have several very big ones facing this session.

We have to find a solution to hazardous waste. Our highways need immediate attention. Of course the budget itself draws unanimous attention on the part of legislators.

But then the various parts which fit into that budget tell the real story. If we take a good look right now, we see quickly that this matter of salary increases for our school teachers cannot be swept under the rug nor will it disappear if the legislators just let it alone.

The meat of the coconut lies in the comparison of teacher salaries in North Carolina with the other states of the nation. We read that the average teacher salary today in North Carolina is about \$24,900 per year. The national average for all 50 states for school teachers is \$28,044 per year. Thus we in North Carolina are under the national average by \$3,144, if the recent story by the Associated Press is correct.

North Carolina is one of 32 states paying teachers less than the national average. Now in his budget message Governor Jim Martin has proposed that no salary increases be given in this year's budget, but that a raise of 5.7 percent be given in April of 1990. That proposal appears to be entirely unsatisfactory with the teachers.

Now the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) is proposing a boost of nine percent for each of the coming three years. Now within that three year period the national average will also increase, but in 1992 our state would either be at the national average or close to it.

Intense pressure is being brought on the governor as teachers are holding meetings, coming to Raleigh to protest, and in Hickory recently when the governor sought to explain his position, he was greeted with a solid round of boos. In face of the loud boos, he was unable to give his full explanation.

It is difficult to say whether or not a chorus of boos helps or hurts. But we wish it had not happened that way.

Now Governor Martin has changed his tune somewhat. Originally he proposed a raise of 5.7 percent effective in April, 1990. Now he recommends cutting the Basic Education Program and giving teachers and state employees a 4.5 percent raise effective in October of this year or in July if revenues are available.

Cutting the Basic Education Program is serious business. We doubt very much that the Democratic controlled legisla-



Trophy buck like this one will be at Dixie Deer Classic

## At Classic, The Bucks Stop Here

RALEIGH — The bucks stop here.

Dick Idol's collection of whitetail bucks usually brings the house down at the annual Dixie Deer Classic, but last year there was competition.

The new state record whitetail was unveiled at last year's Classic, a huge 10-point rack that scored 181½ points and broke the previous record by almost nine points.

The buck was taken by Terry Daffron of Greensboro on a relative's farm in the southern part of Guilford County. It was an immediate hit at last year's Classic, winning most of the top awards and drawing attention to North Carolina's ever-improving deer herd.

But Daffron's big deer wasn't the only one to qualify for the Boone & Crockett Club's record book at last year's Classic. Keith

Farris showed up with a 10-point buck killed in 1986 in Burke County that scored 170%, enough to qualify.

Did the Tar Heel state produce its fourth record-book whitetail during the 1988-89 season? This question will probably be answered at the Classic this year. It is scheduled for March 3-5 at the Jim Graham Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Entries for the statewide big deer contest will be accepted March 3-4, with final judging done March 4 and awards will be presented then. Hunters competing for awards in gun, muzzle-loader, archery, youth and female categories will receive free admission with their \$5 entry fee. All other admissions will be \$7. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

In addition to the trophy contest, Idol's collection of trophies will be one of a group of expert deer hunters who will speak at the three-day show.

Seminars will be given by Rick Blase, producer of hunting videos; Scott Osborne, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's deer specialist; "Tink" Nathan of deer-scent fame; Maggie McGee of Bowhunter's magazine and Raleigh trophy hunter Paul Chamblee.

Frank Addington will perform an amazing exhibition of archery trick shooting.

Show hours will be from 4 to 9 p.m. March 3, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 4 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5.

For more information, write the Dixie Deer Classic, care of the Wake County Wildlife Club, P.O. Box 12202, Raleigh, N.C. 27605 or call 919-781-9490.

## West Craven Boys, Girls Win

With a little help from Washington, the D.H. Conley boys captured the Class 3-A Coastal Conference regular-season crown with a 63-41 triumph over host East Carteret Friday night.

Washington defeated second-place Havelock to hand the Vikings the crown in head coach Cobby Deans first year at the helm.

"Ask (Washington head coach) Dave Smith if he likes red roses," a happy Deans said.

Conley, ranked No. 1 in the eastern 3-A ranks, improved to 10-1 in the conference and 18-4 overall and earned the No. 1 seeding in the conference tournament and the Coastal's No. 1 seeding in the playoffs.

Elsewhere, West Craven's girls rebounded from a 69-33 whipping at the hands of D.H. Conley to beat West Carteret 62-52. The West Craven boys handed West Carteret a 67-56 defeat.

West Craven's girls moved into a tie for second place with Washington in the Coastal girls' standings and set up a showdown Tuesday night in the Eagles' nest as the Pack will invade in pivotal clash.

Linetta Bryant, a 5-1 senior, hit nine of 12 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter en route to scoring a game-high 26 points in pacing the Lady Eagles. Evelyn Brimmer and Tasha Raynor added 13 and 11 points, respectively as West Craven improved to 7-3 in the conference and 17-3 overall.

West Carteret fell to 6-4 in the Coastal and 13-5 overall — despite a 20-point outing from Kim Nelson, a 5-9 senior.

"This was a must win for us to boost our confidence back up," said West Craven girls' coach Liz Cox. "The girls know what has to be done the last three games. Hopefully, they will continue to put forth the effort to do it."

West Craven's boys had Tony Jenkins, a 6-3 junior, put forth a 24-point scoring effort while Johnny Gatlin, a 6-2 sophomore, gunned in 11 and Lamont Harris, a 5-10 senior, added another 11 in downing West Carteret.

The Patriots remained in the conference basement with an 0-10 worksheet and a 3-18 overall record.

BEAUFORT — Terry Williams, a 6-2 junior, scored 20 points as four Vikings scored in

double digits.

Conley held Billy Ellison, a 6-7 senior and East Carteret's leading scorer, to 15 points.

Deans cited the Vikes' defense — and their running game — as keys to their success thus far.

"The credit (for the championship) goes to a young team that kept hustling," he said. "We had a lot of things to put in. We changed and experimented. There was a lot of give and take and we both (players and coaches) bent."

"They showed me we could be a running team and then they did what I asked them to do — they concentrated more on defense. I'm just super happy."

In the girls' game, Lendora Tyson, a 5-10 sophomore, took over the Coastal girls' scoring lead, finishing with 24 points. Glenda Hardy, a 5-6 junior, added 12 as the Valkyries improved to 8-3 in the conference and 17-5 overall.

WEST CRAVEN (57)

Kim Nelson 20, W. Nelson 8, Kyle B. McCaskey 6, McKay 4, Ballard 4, Manners 2, Warrander.

WEST CRAVEN (62)

Linetta Bryant 26, Evelyn Brimmer 13, Tasha Raynor 11, Hicks 7, Volatic 3, Peelo 2, Wolfe, Bizzell, White.

WEST CRAVEN (56)

John McClain 14, Bryant 8, Bennett, Koon 6, Homan 9, Davis 6, Cunningham 2, Alford 2, Carter 3.

WEST CRAVEN (67)

Becken 7, Coward 4, Tony Jenkins 24, Johnny Gatlin 11, Chapman 6, Lamont Harris 11, Cox 4.

WEST CRAVEN (63)

Thompson 2, Paul Merritt 12, Junior Farrow 10, Terry Williams 20, Patrick 4, J.J. Stephenson 10, Wing, Green, Artis, Telfair.

WEST CRAVEN (41)

Billy Ellison 15, Woodford 6, Jones 6, Walker 5, Nelson 6, Merritt, Copeland, Morris, Johnson.

## Is Very Important Issue

ture will go along with this recommendation. At least we feel rather certain the Senate will balk.

So what happens now? If the legislature will not go along with cutting the Basic Education program, the governor must back up and off or he will have to do what he so stubbornly refuses to do. He will have to recommend a tax raise. The Democrats are not going to stand back and take all the heat for a tax increase. The governor must share his part of the action. He cannot have it both ways.

Teachers might be called upon to suggest a tax source. The teachers, governor, and legislature have a challenge which must be met.

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## Time To Prepare Owners Of Ponds For Raising Fish

Spring is just around the corner and time for fish pond owners to prepare for management of their fish ponds.

The purpose of fish pond management is to maintain fish production through favorable habitat, supplementing natural food supplies and reducing unwanted plants.

The time to fertilize fish ponds in the coastal plains starts in February and runs through October.

Fertilizing is important in that it prevents unwanted weeds and insures an adequate food chain for fish production.

Fertilization increases the growth of a microscopic plant called plankton and although most fish don't eat plankton, they do feed on worms and other aquatic insects that do feed on it.

Fertilization also prevents the growth of unwanted weeds in ponds.

The plankton colors the water dark and prevents sunlight from reaching the plants which require sunlight to grow.

A simple test used to determine if a pond needs fertilizer is to nail a white disk to a stick and submerge the stick 12 to 18 inches underwater. If you can see the disk, the pond needs fertilizing.

Fertilization, if needed it should be applied at 100 pounds of 8-8-2 or 40 pounds of 20-20-5 per acre and repeated every 7 to 10 days until the water passes the test described above.

The best method of fertilization is from a platform built about 12 inches under the water's surface.

The bags of fertilizer can be placed on the platform and slit open. Wave action will mix the fertilizer throughout the pond.

Ponds should also be checked for the proper amount of lime.

The PH range of lime in a pond should be between 7.0 and 9.0.

Ground agricultural lime can be used at the rate of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds per application per acre. Hydrated lime should be used at the rate of 50 pounds per acre per application until the desired PH is reached. Allow one to two weeks between applications.

If weeds are a problem, contact the SCS or Extension Service before using any chemicals to control weeds.

If algae is a problem, it can be controlled with chemicals such as copper sulfate.

Israeli Carp at the rate of 15 to 25 per acre have been successful in controlling branched and single filament algae. The carp are unusual in that they eat plants and algae.

The use of Israeli Carp is controversial and in some states, illegal, because of the potential hazard to our native fish.

Before considering the use of Israeli Carp, interested persons can contact the State Wildlife Biologist or the SCS.

For more information about fish pond management, interested persons can contact the Craven County SCS.

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