

Finch Commended For Conservation Measures

Bluebirds can once again be seen in many parts of the Carolinas due largely to the conservation efforts of bluebird enthusiasts such as Jack R. Finch, retired nurseryman from Bailey. Finch says that "the bluebirds are receiving my social security payments."

His brochure entitled "Come Back Little Bluebird" (available for 50 cents and SASE - from - Homes For Bluebirds, Bailey, N.C. 27807. Tel. (919) - 235 - 4280) outlines for interested persons what is being done for the beautiful native bird so loved by all. "Homes For Bluebirds" is a nonprofit organization devoted to propagating bluebirds on much the same scale as Finch had propagated blueberries throughout his first career.

The chief difference in the two lies in the need to educate the public with regard to the bluebird's plight. Since the importation of European starlings and English sparrows into this country, their aggressive competition has usurped the usual nesting sites sought by

Eastern bluebirds and other native cavity nesting birds. So Finch and those who join his efforts supplement the naturally occurring cavities in dead trees and decaying fence posts with nestboxes of a particular design. The most critical feature is an entrance hole 1 1/2" in diameter, which effectively eliminates starlings, since they cannot fit into the opening.

Finch also assisted bluebirds when he alerted tobacco farmers of the bird traps in their curing barns. This was the pot type oil curer with a 6" smokestack and rain cap which had no bird screen or guard. The bluebird's natural tendency to look inside a cavity was often the first step to disastrous death. Since tobacco barns prior to 1957 numbered nearly 100,000, and an average of 20 died in each barn, the toll of dead bluebirds from 1947 to 1954 was estimated to be in the millions. This type of barn flue is no longer in widespread use.

In 1978, Finch joined his efforts and expertise with

the continent-wide bluebird movement as a founding member of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS). The goals of NABS are the same as Jack Finch's, but extend to all three species of bluebirds --

Herring Run Is Saturday

Over 150 runners are expected for the Fourth Annual Great Edenton Herring Run this Saturday (May 1), beginning at 10 A.M. from Water St. at the base of the old Courthouse green. Participants will walk, jog or run the 1 mile, 3.1 mile or 6.2 mile courses winding through Hayes Plantation.

Race organizers John Dowd, Hobie Truesdell and Mark Walsh agree that previous course and age group records will be shattered in this year's event.

"We have assembled a strong international field for each race," said John Dowd, "I'm looking for such local stalwarts as Hood Ellis, John Donovan and Warren Perry to eclipse their best previous Herring Run performances. We have a real barn burner on our hands."

Dr. Mark Walsh himself a former middle distance standout at Notre Dame and now a prominent kayaker, added, "It's participation that counts. I'll trade a course record for 200 or more local entrants anyway. According to the New

Eastern, Western and Mountain - and cover the United States and Canada. NABS is the publisher of a popular journal called "Sialia" (Latin for "bluebird") and acts as a clearinghouse for questions,

answers, and research of cavity nesting birds. For information on receiving "Sialia" and membership in NABS, write to NABS, Box 6295, Silver Spring, MD 20906 - 0295.

England Journal of Medicine, the cardio-pulmonary benefits of even brief exercise are astounding."

All races begin at 10 A.M. Registration begins at 9 A.M. on the green. Herring Run T-shirts go the first 200 entrants. Proceeds from the event are contributed to the Edenton Heart Association. The traditional hotdog picnic follows the race, courtesy of Steve and Fay Hampton, with trophies and ribbons awarded during the collective munching.

"My only fear," says Hobie Truesdell, "is that a freight train will lumber through Hayes during the race. That could slow things down. But, then again, it could prove a great equalizer, particularly for Ellis, Creighton and Prezzano."

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Our congratulations go to Maurice Bunch of Rt. 2, Edenton, the winner of our \$100.00 gift certificate.

Charles Lindbergh was the 67th person to fly across the Atlantic. He was the first to do so alone.

Edenton - Chowan Recreation Report

Adult Tennis Lessons - Tennis lessons for adults will be offered through the Recreation Department beginning May 3. The lessons will be taught by Mark Noneman on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The session last four weeks with a registration fee of \$5. Lessons on city courts will begin at 7 P.M. Lessons are also being offered on the county courts at Chowan Jr. High School for county residents. Anyone interested in registering should call the Recreation Department at 482 - 8598.

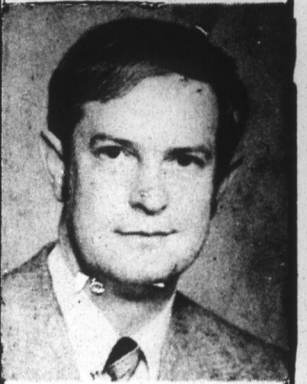
Summers coming up soon! Get ready and in shape through Aerobic Dance and Exercise classes. **STRETCH! HOP! SKIP! CLAP!** and **JOG!** your unwanted pounds off, it's the fun way to fitness! A 2nd session will begin Wed., May 5. Classes will be Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6 - 7 P.M. for six weeks with a fee of \$20. being charged. Saturday morning drop-in classes for those who can't make it during the week will also be offered for \$1.50. Janice Dillion, previously instructed in California, will be instructing these classes. For more information

contact the Recreation Department at 482 - 8598. **Adult Softball Begins!** - The men's softball league will open Monday, May 3 at 7 P.M. The women's league will begin Tuesday, May 4 also at 7 P.M. Games will be played on Earnhardt Fields Monday through Thursday nights. **Teenage Dance** - The Recreation Department will sponsor a Teenage Dance

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