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Plastic Six-Pack Rings A Danger

A man pops the top of his favorite beverage, leans back in his boat, and waits for a fish to tickle his line.



McCoy says. "The sea turtles injest the bags but they can't digest them," he says. "The turtles says. frequently die."

Fish that become entangled in litter may also die because the litter interferes with feeding, restricts swimming, damages skin and scales, or inhibits

growth. Leon Abbas, recreation specialist for UNC Sea Grant, says much of the

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He tosses the pop-top overboard.

A small fish, attracted to the light-reflective top as it drifts downward, attempts to swim through the top. The ring won't slide over the fish's fins. The fish is encircled with a pop-top that may mean its death.

Littering coastal waters can be more than just unattractive; it can kill and maim wildlife. Plastic sixpack rings, monafilament fishing line and plastic bags are particularly hazardous to wildlife.

Plastic rings and monafilament line can easily become wrapped around the heads, necks and feet of waterfowl and aquatic birds, disturbing their flight, swimming and \$500 and - or be imprisoned feeding abilities, often with fatal results.

Ed McCoy, a fisheries consultant for the N.C. ticket violators if they see Division of Marine them throwing trash Fisheries, says plastic bags thrown overboard can kill sea turtles. The bags often litter problems? Don't float along the surface looking much like jellyfish, a favorite food for some species of sea turtles,

Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Stanley A. Spencer of Creswell, has completed the birds and fish. Pick it up. recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Prayer Breakfast

litter tossed overboard monafilament line, six-pack rings, drink containers - is plastic and is not biodegradable. It's not going to disintegrate in the water," Abbas says. "It has a life of its own that can go on for years and years. I don't think most litterers give a thought to that at all."

Though spokesmen for the N.C. Division of, Marine Fisheries and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission say there is a litter problem in North Carolina, no one has any hard data on wildlife losses. But there is a statute on the books in North Carolina to prevent littering in navigable waters. Violators can be fined up to up to six months. Division of Marine Fisheries enforcement officers will overboard, McCoy says.

What can we do to prevent throw trash into the water. Keep a litter container with a lid on your boat and use it, Abbas says. When at the beach, pier or marina, use trash containers provided there, or take your trash with you and discard it at home. If you see litter floating on the water, help

4-H News

Hertford Road 4-H met on June 23. Highlights of the meeting included a session on cross-stitching presented by Mrs. Edith Walker and Mrs. Bettie Bembry. The session proved to be very interesting and informative. Many thanks go to Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bembry THE CHOWAN HERALD 11

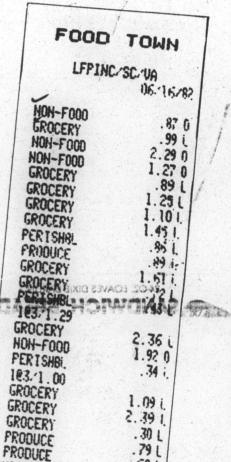
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Thursday, July 1, 198

A Creswell Prayer Breakfast will be held at Miss busy schedule to work with Donnie's Restaurant in the 4-Hers. Creswell, N.C. on July 3 beginning at 9 A.M. Rev. Preston Kayton of Edenton, a minister of the Christian Church, will be the guest Free, son of Rev. and Mrs. speaker. Louise A. Wheeler of Edenton will be the N.C., has been decorated chairperson. For reser- with the U.S. Air Force vations, call Louise A. Commendation Medal at Wheeler at 482-3189 or in RAF Upper Heyford, Creswell phone Ione England. Craddock at 797-4464. The The Air Force Com-

Schroeder Hits 2 Home Runs

and Mrs. Richard Schroeder on behalf of the Air Force. hit not one but two grand slam home runs for his management specialist, is a American Legion little 1977 graduate of West League team on Friday 6-25.

for taking time out of their

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public is invited to attend. mendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the Rob Schroeder, son of Mr. performance of their duties Free, chapel a Montgomery Senior High School, Mount Gilead, N.C.

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