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With New Bern and other towns throughout North Carolina faced with ultimatums to build sewage disposal plants, attention is being centered on the many streams that this state has within its boundaries.

Quite a few readers of The Mirror are apt to be surprised with the disclosure that of the Old North State's total area—52,712 square miles—no less than 3,615 of those square miles are made up of fresh or brackish water.

Our own Neuse river is 260 miles long. It is formed eight miles north of Durham by the confluence of Eno and Flat rivers, and flows southeasterly until at last it empties into Pamlico Sound, 34 miles below New Bern.

Not all of our Tar Heel rivers find their way to the state's coastal region. For example, the Hiwassee, Little Tennessee and French Broad rivers join the Tennessee river, and flow in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. All three rise in the Blue Ridge mountains of western North Carolina.

The Broad river rises in the Blue Ridge mountains near Hickory Nut Gap. Thence it flows in a general southeasterly direction for 166 miles, to its junction with the Saluda river at Columbia, S. C., to form the Congaree river, which joins the Wateree river at Wateree, S. C., to form the Santee river. The Santee river empties into the Atlantic ocean near Santee, S. C.

The Catawba river rises in the Blue Ridge mountains west of Marion, flows easterly about 90 miles, and then southerly 215 miles to its junction with the Wateree river, southwest of Charlotte. Both the Broad river and the Catawba river are tributaries of the Santee river.

The Yadkin-Pee Dee river rises on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge mountains in Caldwell, Watauga and Wilkes counties. It flows approximately 100 miles in a general northeasterly direction, and thence southeasterly 335 miles to enter the Atlantic ocean through Winyah Bay near Georgetown, S. C. The 202 miles of the stream above the Uwharrie river are known as the Yadkin, and that portion below, comprising 233 miles, is known as the Pee Dee or Great Pee Dee.

The Roanoke river rises on the eastern slope of the Appalachian mountains in south-central Virginia. It flows 410 miles in a general southeasterly direction, and empties into Albemarle Sound—seven miles northeast of Plymouth. The principal tributary is the Dan river, which enters the Roanoke river at Clarksville, Va. The Dan river rises in the northwestern part of Stokes county.

The Cape Fear river is formed by the confluence of the Deep and Haw rivers near Moncure. It flows in a general southeasterly direction for approximately 202 miles, and empties into the Atlantic ocean at Cape Fear. The Chowan river rises in Virginia, flows in a general southeasterly direction, and empties into Albemarle Sound near Edenton.

There are approximately 1,450 miles of Federally improved navigable waters in North Carolina, ranging from 300 miles of the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway, and rivers extending as far inland as Fayetteville, Greenville and Smithfield.

Our nearby Pamlico Sound has over 1,700 square miles of surface area, and is three times the size of Washington State's Puget Sound. It extends some 70 miles in its longest northeast-southwest dimension, and varies from 10 to 30 miles in width. Outside of extensive shoal areas, it has a fairly uniform depth of about 20 feet.

Albemarle Sound is actually the



VICTORY SMILES—Pictured here in happy mood is the Jasper High school girls basketball team. These are the lassies who copped this year's Craven county crown. Front row, left to right: Coach R. H. Woodard, Lois Murphy, Myrtle Rice, Nancy Morton, Myrtle McDaniel, June Adams, Linda Heath and Brenda Vandiford. Second row: Emily Prevost, Judy McCosley, Nadine Carpenter, Jean Adams, Shirley Lancaster, Evelyn Cox and Linda Gray.—Photo by John R. Baxter.

Here's an Irish Interview on This Saint Patrick's Day, 1961

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning. Nothing, that is, unless you could be in your beloved Emerald Isle with a lot of other happy Irishmen, on this sunny St. Patrick's Day.

So says Mary Ann Kennedy Bos, 23, who likes living in New Bern with her Marine husband, Robert Bos, of Washington State, but is prone to get homesick now and then. That's the case today, with every son of Erin and every daughter, too, sure to be wearing the green.

A distant relative of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy — his great-grandfather hailed from her own birthplace, Waterford — she came to America a little less than two years ago for a vacation.

"I had always dreamed of visiting the United States," she confided when interviewed by The Mirror. "I could do secretarial work, and planned to work while seeing the country, in order to meet some

of my expenses."

She landed in New York, but stayed just a day there before flying to Los Angeles. "I had heard a

lot about the climate," she said, "and it was just like I thought it would be."

From California she intended to

travel hither and yon, but Dan Cupid upset this arrangement. Robert happened to be rooming at the same apartment house where she was staying. They met on the stairs, and six months later were married.

Not only charming but intelligent (she graduated from Waterford High school at the age of 13) Mary Ann then availed herself of two years' secretarial training at Waterford Central Technical Institute. In New Bern she is employed by the law firm of Ward & Ward.

"Waterford has a population of 30,000," she told us. "Its citizens are proud of its chief industry, the manufacture of world-famous Waterford crystal. We're only 90 miles from County Cork. I've been there, and kissed the blarney stone."



IRISH ANGLER WITH CATCH

Even as every true native of Ireland, Mary Ann firmly believes in leprechauns. "I've never seen one," she admits, "but I've seen some people who say they have. I'm not so sure, because they didn't have a bag of gold."

The bag of gold referred to by Mary Ann is part of the leprechaun legend. If you meet a leprechaun and can trick him, you can snatch his bag of gold and be rich forever more. This, it is said, requires considerable ingenuity.

What does this delightful candid Irish girl like most about America? "It's the people," she said without hesitation. "Everyone has been friendly, just as friendly as the people back home in Ireland."

Those of us who take pride in

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