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SPORTS REFLECTIONS

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Friday night's curtain raiser here between New Bern and Havelock will be a stiff test for both ball clubs. Regardless of the outcome, the Bears and the Rams should gain much experience from the battle.

Opening against a 4-A op-

ponent isn't calculated to terrify the visitors. Havelock has done well in recent years, and this year's crop of gridders won't be easily pushed around.

On the surface at least, the Rams appear to be a cocky lot, and this confidence is shared by their many fans. Enough of the faithful will be on hand tonight to offset any home-field advantage the Bruins may have.

Local supporters of the University of North Carolina and N. C. State University are riding on a wave of optimism as the 1973 college campaign approaches. They mutually dream of an Atlantic Coast crown.

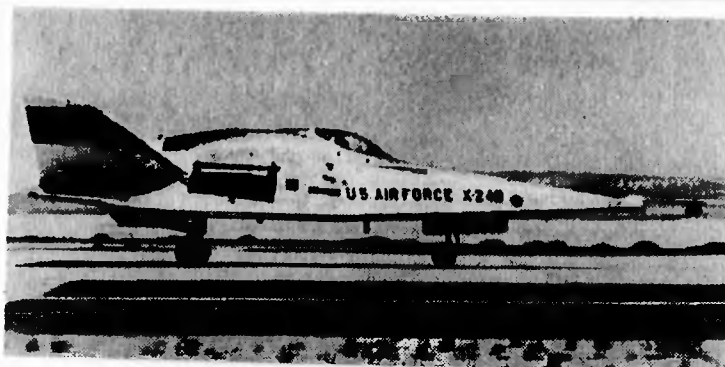
Ticket sales for their clash at Raleigh on the afternoon of August 6 have been as brisk as the winds generated by a full fledged tropical storm. What fans anticipate is a wild, free scoring affair, and they're apt to get it.

The game will be the first for the Tar Heels on foreign soil. They open at home against William and Mary on Sept. 15, and remain at Kenan Stadium the two Saturdays following for contests with Maryland and Missouri.

State's Wolfpack opens its season a week earlier than UNC, entertaining the Pirates of East Carolina in a scuffle under the lights. A week later Virginia invades Carter Stadium, and then the Wolfpack journeys to Nebraska.

Duke's Blue Devils, hoping to be in contention for the ACC title, have no soft schedule. Starting with a road game against Tennessee on Sept. 15, the Devils face Washington, Virginia, Purdue, Tulane, Clemson, Maryland, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, N. C. State and North Carolina.

Wake Forest opens against Florida State, at home, on Sept. 15. A victory for the Deacons, generally unexpected, could be the tonic that would spur them to further wins. We'd like to see them surprise a few folks.



NEW SHAPE FOR NEW SPEEDS . . . The X-24B is the newest of the manned lifting bodies to be flown in the joint NASA-USAF flight research program. Modified from its predecessor shape, the X-24A, the experimental craft will be air launched from a B-52 mother ship and then use a rocket engine to climb to higher speeds and altitudes to obtain aerodynamic flight data at transonic speeds. It will then maneuver to a glide landing on a dry lakebed at NASA Flight Research Center, Edwards, California. The X-24B shape is typical of that expected for extended near-earth flight and for landing like conventional aircraft. Test pilot will be John Manke.

Restore Old Trunk Into Treasure Chest

RALEIGH -- Old trunks are coming out of hiding and finding their spot as treasure chests in today's houses.

They make great conversation pieces and fill the need most of us have for more storage space, explains Wilma Scott, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

If you are lucky, the specialist notes, you may find an old trunk in your own attic or stored in a relative's home or barn. Or you may find one at some auction or estate sale.

No matter where you find your old trunk, you'll probably need to fix it up before you can use it, Miss Scott says. So here are some ideas:

The simplest way to restore an old trunk is just to clean it up. Prepare a detergent and water solution -- but be

sure to test it out on an inconspicuous place before using it. Allow the trunk to dry and add a coat of paste wax. For honest beauty, leave trunk in its natural condition.

If your trunk has no natural beauty, you might try painting it with a flat latex wall paint, then rub lightly with gold gilt paint to highlight the grain line. An antiquing kit will give similar results. Metal bands around the trunk can be painted black or some contrasting color.

Inside, you have several choices: just leave it alone and keep the lid closed; paint it; paper it; cover with

adhesive paper; line with cedar paneling.

Or try this idea: Cut pieces of cardboard to fit all the side walls, top and bottom. Cover one side of the cardboard pieces with quilted material or some other similar fabric. Stretch fabric and glue to the cardboard. Fit pieces into trunk and glue in place.

The "Titanic"

1,012 icebergs were sighted in 1912, the year one ice mountain slashed a 300-foot wound in the "Titanic" which sank, taking some 1,500 lives. The master of the "Titanic" testified he first mistook for a windjammer under full sail the iceberg that ripped his 46,000-ton vessel and sank her in three hours on her maiden voyage.

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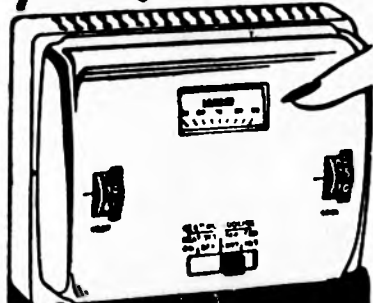
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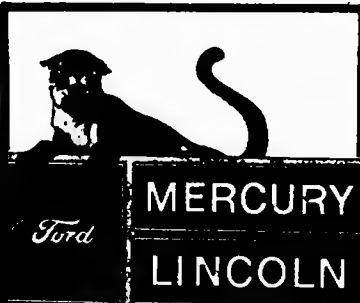
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