

# Hunting Season

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OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.

I gave up hunting 10 years ago, when a trigger-happy float-fishing bozo on the Deep River nearly turned me into a 195-pound soup strainer with a semi-automatic rifle.

I've been told I look like a gorilla, but there ain't no gorilla season in Moore County, and I sure don't look like a deer, squirrel, or a bobwhite quail. My best guess is that the rampaging "sportsman" had maybe had his nose a little too deep into the hootch jar, and had seen one too many reruns of "The Rifleman."

I can see how watching Chuck Connors kill a man on a fast horse at 500 yards, shooting from the hip could get you all inspired, firearms-wise. Even more so with a snootful of corn squeezin's. But a man has just gotta learn to control some of these urges.

Anyway, this all comes to mind because dove season is here, bow-hunting season is here, and before long the woods will be full of pick-up trucks and dogs in the annual eastern Carolina whitetail deer round-up.

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I don't doubt the hunters when they tell us that the reputation of the general class is tarnished by the inexcusable excesses of a tiny minority of bad hunters.

Except that while I believe the bad hunters are a minority, I don't believe the numbers are that tiny.

Out of the Pamlico-Albermarle Peninsula, they tell me, the big land-clearing operations have destroyed a lot of black bear habitat.

# Youth-Self-Reliance.

By LELA BARROW  
LONG TIME RESIDENT  
OF VANCEBORO.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, what sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the lives of several boys and girls who looked up to me as their partner. Mark 9:42 "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me (Jesus) it is better for him . . . that he were cast into the sea?"

I wish I could name all the children I played "Stomp Valentine" with while they were youngsters. I moved into this house in 1920, and as the children grew, I grew with them (in age). Now as some have become grandparents they are still my children. I will name a few Dewey, Vashti, Ruth, Royce, Max (Jordan), Floyd, Arlene (Wilson), Willard, Ona, Lucy (McLawhorn), Carolyn Dixon. Keitt Sawyer, Dorothy and Anne McLawhorn I also claimed them.

It is refreshing to find a clergyman who loves children and has time from his duties to play and defend them. As a child at my father's, our minister from Kinston came to Grifton by train and Father met him there to come spend the weekend so he could preach at St. John's Church on Sunday. He liked to tease me. This is one I remember—we were making ice cream in the backyard—he kept telling me he was going to lick the dasher. I was alertly enough to answer back, O.K. you lick the dasher and I'll eat the ice cream.

If you wish to keep young and happy, live a high moral life: send out good thoughts to all: and think evil of no one: love people. This is the Divine law of man. The man who has stopped advancing, no ambition or ideals in life is growing old. Beware of old age, wrinkles and frowns.

Youth today is better off in America than ever before in my memory. Today the field of choice, field of work, choice of Religion, school - for an able youngster is vastly wider than it was

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Deprived of their natural stomping grounds and vittles, the bears are beginning to be a problem around croplands, copping a few free meals and getting themselves blasted by farmers who can't afford to give away free eats.

Somebody said the problem wouldn't be so bad if the counties out that way had a bear season. Then somebody else reminded us that they did away with bear seasons because landowners got irritated with hunters and dog packs running roughshod over their land.

As much trouble as they are, most of the farmers would just as soon deal with the bears. You can get away with shooting them.

You can't do that to a human hunter, much as you may be tempted.

What gives one pause, however, is to think a bit about the Pamlico-Albermarle Peninsula.

We're talking barren country here. We're talking places that make Fort Barnwell look like an urban center; towns so small they don't even have their own jokes.

We're talking about a population density rivalling Siberia. We're talking few folks, and right far between. We're talking about an area where a man and a pack of dogs has a lot of room to run without getting in anybody's way, and if they are getting in somebody's way, they are working pretty hard at it.

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Maybe some landowners are a bit selfish. The courts have ruled that game belongs to the state, and thus can be taken by any

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## Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think the Tri-County Senior Citizens Board members should be ousted in all three counties, Jones, Craven and Pamlico. What or whom are they afraid? Is it what New Bern Alderman, Ella Bengel, will find; or does she know too much and will find more than has surfaced.

I want to know how United Tri-County has amended its by-laws to give itself the power to remove any of its members? That tells me something is wrong with the whole board.

Tri-County Senior Citizens, Inc. is funded by our tax money; and anyone has the right to ask questions, especially elected officials and those appointed by the County Commissioners.

I haven't forgotten how many millions of dollars were funded to Coastal Progress. We never

heard anything else about it. What a "rip-off" for the taxpayer!

Thelma Chadwick, previously employed by Coastal Progress is now Executive Director of the Tri-County Senior Citizens. Due to her previous employment with Coastal Progress, it looks as if she would be more supportive of Ella Bengel.

If Thelma Chadwick and her Board doesn't have anything to hide, what can one woman do?

Taxpayers should do what Ella Bengel is doing in every county. I think the citizens should praise and support her and protect their rights.

I would like to say, Ella Bengel has never been convicted of any felony, that is more than some people can say

Sondra Ipock Riggs

Dear Editor:

The Senatorial debate Sunday night between Governor Jim Hunt and Senator Jesse Helms was a good example of the course this campaign has taken since its beginning.

In the debate Governor Hunt discussed the real issues in this campaign, which are so important to North Carolina and its people; Agriculture, Education, Environment, Economy and last but not least, tax fairness, an issue which Senator Helms seems to know nothing about. Unfortunately, on the other hand, Senator Helms did, as he always does, try to use up time by talking about everything but the

issues.

Governor Hunt has shown throughout this campaign and the debates that he understands and has a plan to deal with these tough issues, which Senator Helms, in his commercials and the debates, keeps trying to avoid.

I trust that the good people of this State realize what is happening, and will stop and ask themselves. Which do we need, and deserve in Washington? A U.S. Senator representing us, who has a vision of progress for the future of North Carolina and America, or one who is afraid to face up to the challenges and issues of today.

Scott Thomas

## Meeting

Washington--The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, Inc., will hold its annual membership meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 26 in the Superior Courtroom, Beaufort County Courthouse, 2nd Street, Washington. There will be a keynote speaker and officers will be elected. All are welcome.

## "A Day Of Remembrance"

The Craven County 400th Anniversary Committee invites you to "A Day Of Remembrance" on Saturday, September 22, from 4-6 p.m. at Tryon Palace.

"A Day of Remembrance" is organized by New Bern Ministerial Association.

Bring your own blanket or chair.

For entertainment, there will be the Marine Band, ECU Madrigals and dramatizations.

A commemorative booklet will be given out on "History of the Conflict between the colonies and Indians".

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