

Esso's Road News Features Lake Phelps

Says Meteor Struck Section and Gorged Out Big Lake

Geologists say that thousands of years ago a flaming meteor struck the marshy lowlands of North Carolina's coastal plain and gouged out Phelps Lake's vast bed. Fishermen add that, whatever its source, the state-owned lake is a mighty good place to take your rod, says the current issue of Esso Road News, monthly travel paper. Now being distributed by Esso Dealers throughout several states, the publication contains articles about many other places of interest to motorists, a calendar of coming events and a detour map showing construction work on main highways.

Esso Road News goes on to say: Largemouthed bass, white and speckled perch, jack and crappie feed on the spring-fed bottom, and, as usual, bream are plentiful. A network of canals, dug by slave labor in antebellum days, ties Albemarle Sound to the lake, which lies on a plateau fourteen feet above the level of the surrounding country.

Pettigrew State Park, a strip of wooded ground that borders the lake's north shore, is a wildlife sanctuary, but the miles of surrounding swampland afford excellent bear, deer and duck hunting.

Still standing on the lake shore is the plantation house built in 1804 by Josiah Collins as nucleus of his 25,000-acre estate, where slaves reaped rich crops of cotton, tobacco and rice. The old house has been restored by the state as one of the main attractions of Pettigrew State Park. Built of hand-hewn cypress, the mansion dozes stolidly under a canopy of elm, water oak, sycamore and cypress trees, planted in the days when harpsichords tinkled in its broad halls.

Cooling breezes sweep through full-length windows and down the corridors, whirl emptily up graceful stairways and whistle through arched fanlights. The floors are of wide heart-pine and the mantels are hand-carved.

There are no furnishings, but the state plans to convert the house into a museum.

The entire Phelps Lake region is wild and unsettled country, but you can rent a boat for \$2 a day at J. E. Pierce's place on the shore at the end of the road from Creswell.

Mr. Pierce will arrange your hunting party if you plan to take a guide—a sound suggestion if you don't know the region. Prices range up to \$40 a day for a party of eight persons, including boats, motors, food and guides.

Phelps Lake is 6 miles south of Creswell, N. C.

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SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Did you ever stop to consider the important part the left hand plays in fly casting? You use that left hand to add tip tension to the back cast, thus giving distance and ease; to retrieve line, meanwhile working the fly; to set the hook positively when to do so with the rod tip would bring only missed rises; and to play a fish.

Jason Lucas, noted angling authority, has some interesting comments on the first of these uses. All tournament distance casters, and many who fish for steelhead and salmon in wide rivers, attain maximum distance by employing what has been known indiscriminately as the "double haul" or the "left-hand haul."

Lucas differentiates between these and also divides the latter into two parts which he calls the short left-hand haul. Let's concentrate on the latter two, since the double haul is suited only for the very experienced fly caster with good tackle.

The short left-hand haul is so simple that anybody who can cast a fly at all should catch onto it in 10 minutes. On your back cast, see to it that your left hand, holding the line is, say, as high as your chest. Then, as you begin the forward cast give a smooth, rather quick tug down with that left hand. This pull more bend into the rod tip, puts more power there. So if your back cast is slightly listless and weak, this will compensate to a great extent; if it has proper snap, this haul will let you shoot considerably more line than you could have otherwise.

Remember that sometimes it will be but a gentle tug of a few inches; on a long cast, or casting into a stiff wind—where this pull is invaluable—there will be a longer, sharper tug. get used to it.

I recommend that even the beginner use a short pull at first, until you try this method. He should find himself casting more easily and positively than ever before, and be able to lay his fly neatly farther off.

The long left-hand haul is more difficult, suitable for the moderately advanced fly caster. It gives still greater distance, but to get the full benefit from it, one should have a rod with good backbone, and a properly fitting three-diameter line.

Even the veteran at ordinary trout fishing will regard this long left-hand haul as an emergency measure, to be used only when he cannot wade to within easy casting distance of some promising spot.

In this method, the first part of the back cast is made as when using the short haul, except that more power is put into it. The rod tip must stop, as usual, slightly behind the vertical. But, once that upward toss is executed, the tip is allowed to move again, to drift farther back. At the same time, the left hand sweeps up fairly high, permitting line to shoot out backwards through the guides, but not to slip through the fingers.

Then, as the forward cast is begun, the left hand whips the line quickly downward, sometimes clear to the hip. This pulls a very strong bend into the rod, to send the line forward with high speed, allowing one to make a long shoot.

Poultry Council Is Formed In Chatham

To meet the post-war problems of small profit margins and keener competition from other sections of the country, poultrymen of Chatham County have formed a Poultry Council to improve the utility of the breeding, hatching eggs, baby chicks, and broilers in the Chatham area, according to F. C. Brown, county poultry agent for the State College Extension Service.

C. L. Fore, Siler City feed manufacturer, was elected president of the Council. Earl J. Dark, Pittsboro hatcheryman, was named vice-president, and D. G. Hatley of Siler City Farmers Mutual Exchange was elected secretary-treasurer.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month and will be alternated between Pittsboro and Siler City.

Members of the executive committee, in addition to the officers, are: Producers, B. E. Watson, Route 1, Bear Creek; processors, J. B. Wood, Route 1, Siler City; turkeys, Wade Perry, Route 1, Siler City; hatching eggs, G. F. Burns, Route 3, Pittsboro; commercial eggs, Bruce Day, Route 1, Monroe; haulers, Tracy Jones, Siler City; member-at-large, County Agent J. B. Snipes, Pittsboro.

The executive committee decided to recommend that broiler chicks be given a minimum of 0.8 square foot of floor space per bird in winter, 0.9 square foot per bird in spring; and one square foot in summer. This practice is expected to help in reducing disease and improving the quality of broilers.

County Agent Snipes was instructed

to confer with the State Department of Agriculture to obtain the assistance of a specialist in improving broiler marketing and Poultry Agent Brown was instructed to investigate the possibility of establishing a poultry auction.

Next meeting of the executive committee will be held at 8 p. m., September 8, in the Pittsboro courthouse.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The Board of Education held its regular meeting August 1, 1949, with the following members present: G. B. Potter, chairman, D. H. Berryman, Lloyd Briggs, G. E. Nixon, J. I. Boyce and Carey Evans.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and same were approved as read.

The reports of the County Treasurer and local Treasurer were read and same approved upon motion made and passed.

The election of Mrs. Mildred Petway Kramer for English and French for Chowan High School was approved upon motion made and passed.

The election of Lenora Marguerite Nixon for Center Hill School (colored) was approved upon motion made and passed.

The Superintendent reported that repair work was progressing very satisfactory and that the State had certified three new replacements for

No. 2-A, 10-A and 12. He stated that the new buses should be delivered by the time school opens.

The Superintendent read the bills for the month of July, same were approved upon motion made and passed in the amount of \$8,224.07. General expense, \$1,257.42; vocational teachers' salary and travel, \$468.25; teachers' fund, \$43.20; Chowan High School Gymnasium and Garage Building Fund, \$5,194.43; veterans farmer training program, \$985.19, and lunch room program, \$275.58.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was in order.
G. B. POTTER, Chairman,
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

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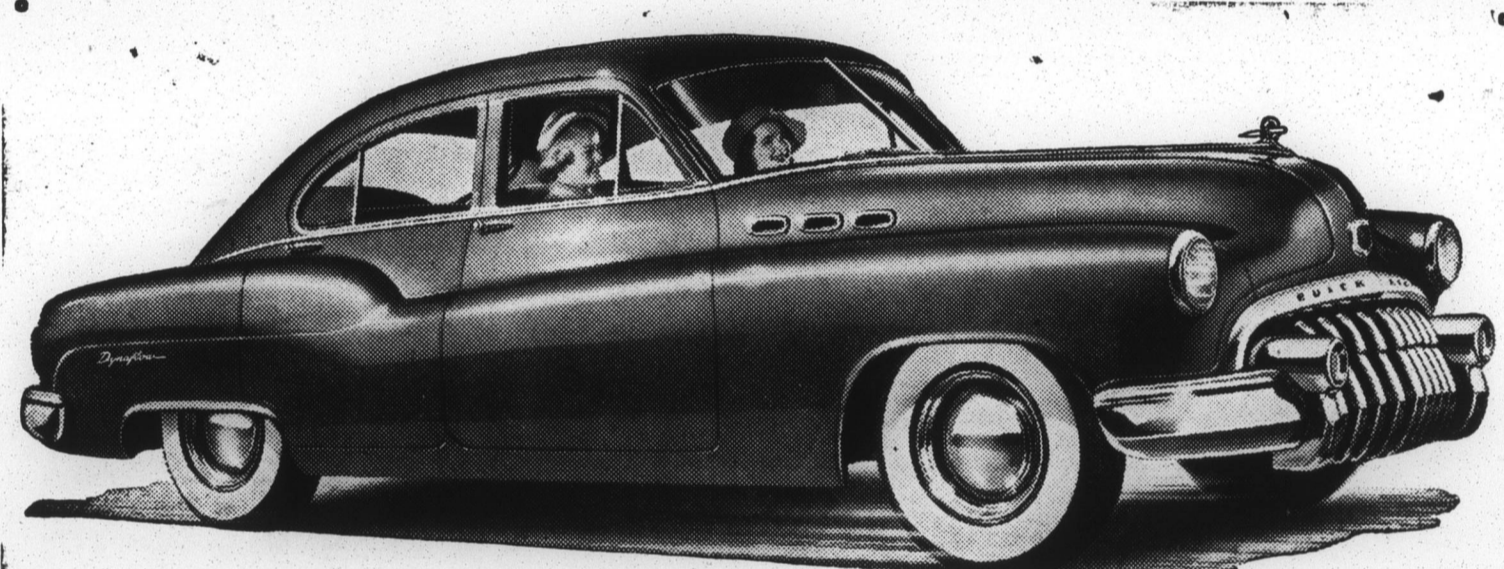
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This information is found in the 10th edition of General Bacteriology written by Edwin O. Jordan, Ph.D., who is the professor of bacteriology in the University of Chicago. (pp 670 and 671).

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