

No Tall Tales

Some Fishermen Bring Back Proof

Fishing can be fun and it can be a lot of work—enjoyable work. This was the case recently when the two Edenton groups pictured here went east in search of whatever was willing to get on their hooks.



Some Fish Were Caught . . .

For the threesome shown below, it was fun. But for those pictured at right it was hard work for little more than two hours as they hauled in giant blues—sometimes two at a time.

Aycock Brown of the Dare County Tourist Bureau at Manteo sent along the photographic proof of the catches.

Joe Conger, Jr., props on a boat as Bruce Jones and Tom Shepard pack a couple of flounders they caught bottom fishing off Hatteras. Capt. B. R. Ballance seems amused at their labors.

However, it wasn't as bad as the picture would indicate since Brown reports the local anglers caught 110 pounds of fish on the trip.

The big catch hauled in by Shelton Moore, Tom Cross and John Goodwin, all of Edenton, and Eugene Ward of Wadesboro tipped the scales at approximately 1,000 pounds. There were 110 fish caught in little more than two hours from Capt. Buddy Canady's cruiser, Mel-O-Dee.

The party brought in the largest number of bluefish of this size — weighing from six to 12 pounds each—ever caught off the Oregon Inlet.



While Others Caught Some Fish

Graduates Told To Develop Skill For The Future

The Class of 1965 at John A. Holmes High School was urged by a leading educator Monday night to find a skill which will help them to compete in our complex world.

Dr. Douglas R. Jones of East Carolina College told the graduating class they must forget their selfish motives and band together to upgrade our section.

"We must call a spade a spade," the speaker said. "Life is too short to spend doing something you don't enjoy."

He also urged them to keep their humility, try to do something about their weaknesses and be good Christians.

Earlier he said Americans must believe in our principles and can "cherish no illusions."

Dr. Jones said there is no middle of the road. "We must stake our future on democracy." He added that America is great because of the moral sense citizens have of the republic.

He praised the teachers, saying no school is better than dedicated professionals. He lauded the parents for their contribution but warned they will have to sacrifice more.

He was introduced by Class President Phil Harrell. Principal Cecil W. Fry presented the class and diplomas were awarded by Supt. Hiram Mayo.

Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf of Edenton Methodist Church delivered the commencement sermon Sunday night and spoke on the subject of "Greatness."

He said in order to develop greatness, one must provide service to his fellow man. He must understand himself, develop character from within, a rich spiritual life and have a desire to make a contribution to humanity.

During class night exercises Friday, David Holton and Susan Byrum were given two awards each. Holton was named most valuable boy athlete and outstanding in senior activities. Miss Byrum won the Arion award and was presented the Edenton Little Theater scholarship.

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The Public Parade

WRITING A WRONG.—It's difficult to admit, but we made a mistake.

Our error wasn't in the fact we ran a picture of Bill Cozart on page one, it was in who paid for a nice banquet honoring departing Coach Bill Hardison.

They had a blow-out for Bill recently at Triangle Restaurant. We said the parents of the Jayvee team members put on the affair. That ain't right.

It now appears the parents did furnish a great deal. They made their sons available, fathered the idea and bought a trophy which rests in a place of honor at John A. Holmes High School.

Larry Dowd, lord proprietor at the Triangle, between pumping gas, counting the eggs and selling an insurance policy, came up with a nice hamburger steak supper.

But it was Henry Quinn who paid for the banquet.

Now everything is straight. It was a nice gesture, a nice meal and nice of Mr. Quinn to pick up the check.

It is highly unlikely, but should we make another mistake in the next 50 years we only hope it is after filling up on good, Chowan County grub.

"GAG" NEEDED.—The Speaker Ban Law now has been temporarily settled.

At the request of Governor Dan Moore, the legislature passed a resolution to set up a study commission to delve into the matter.

The law should have been amended this session — to "gag" Senator Ralph Scott of Alamance.

GOOD FOR SUMMER.—School is out! What are you going to do with the kids all summer?

Well, Jim Kinion will help you out. He has designed a summer recreation program in Edenton which got into high gear this week. The program has been arranged to offer activities for not only the youngsters but the oldsters as well.

Activity began last week with the men's softball league which this year has six teams entered. They play Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Two teams are expected in the women's league and they will begin playing later this week.

Little leaguers are signing up this week at the John A. Holmes High School gymnasium and play is expected to

begin Friday. Two games are scheduled each Monday and Friday for the teams which are composed of boys between the ages of 8 and 12. The games begin at 4:30 P. M. and 6:15 P. M.

Kinion said boys between the ages of 13 and 16 can also sign up this week for softball. This is to replace the pony league as was the case last year.

A basketball school will be held between June 21 and July 1 for boys in grades five, six, seven and eight. This school, which begins each day at 8 A. M., will include basketball films, fundamentals and team play. The gym will be open all summer for individual and group play.

In the area of tennis, instruction and supervised play for boys and girls 13 to 17 will be held daily from 8:30 A. M. to 11 A. M. Those between the ages of eight and 12 will play from 2:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Adult tennis recreation will be from 5 P. M. to 7 P. M. with a tournament planned in July for all three age groups.

Girls' softball, badminton, kickball and volleyball will be played at various intervals depending upon the number present and the age group. The same is true for boys who wish to play softball, badminton, volleyball and touch football.

Horseshoes will be used for all age groups.

Kinion's assistant at John A. Holmes High School is Tom Bass. They began their activities Wednesday.

RESCUE SQUAD.—The Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad will meet every Wednesday night at 7:30 for training purposes until further notified.

TEEN-AGE DANCE.—A teen-age dance will be held at Arrowhead Beach Saturday beginning at 8:30 P. M. They will have a band and admission is 75 cents for couples and 50 cents for stags.



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BOOM BUSINESS.—The cat fish business is now at the boom stage and a local purchaser is seeking help from boys and girls out of school. Don Reynolds holds up a nice size fish which was caught in the Chowan River. The local outlet of Jagars Fish Company purchased 150,000 pounds of cat fish last month.

'Cats' Are In Demand

Area folk of all ages can spend a leisurely summer on the creek bank and pick up a good bit of change.

This can be accomplished by getting into the cat fish business. You are guaranteed a market by Jagars Fish Company of Columbia.

Don Reynolds, who is in charge of Jagars operation in Edenton, said this week his company is paying top prices for cat fish. Last month he bought 150,000 pounds of cats here but the company needs more.

Jagars, started in Columbia in 1943, opened a plant in Plymouth in 1948 and began operation in Edenton in 1963. They purchased more than one million pounds of cat fish last year and could

handle twice that many during 1965.

The company employs 45 and has a weekly payroll of \$2,000. With the existing force 20,000 pounds of fish can be processed daily.

Reynolds said cats are caught locally by bob pole, rod and reel, trot lines, wire traps, gill nets and pound nets.

Therefore, Reynolds said boys and girls out of school for the summer could get into business for themselves with a nominal investment.

At the local Jagars plant the fish are weighed and poured onto tables, where they are cleaned.

Mrs. T. C. Byrum Dies Saturday

Mrs. Lillian Forehand Byrum, 71, died Saturday night at her home, 110 West Church Street, after a short illness.

A native of Chowan County, she was a daughter of the late John Martin and Bessie Adkins Forehand and was a lifelong resident of Edenton.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas C. Byrum, Sr.; two sons, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., and George Alma Byrum, both of Edenton; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Truslow of Lumberton and Mrs. Ben Aske of Onancock, Va.; a brother, Cecil Martin Forehand, Sr., of Murfreesboro and nine grandchildren.

She was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church, where a funeral service was held Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. N. Carroll, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Elton Winslow of Hertford; Cecil M. Forehand, Jr., of Murfreesboro; Joe Thorud, Scott Harrell, J. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., and Fahey Byrum.

Chowan Commissioners Agree Not To Increase Tax Rate For 1965-66

Chowan taxpayers received good news this week. There will be no increase in county taxes.

Chairman W. E. Bond told various department heads Monday they would have to live within the 1964-65 levy.

The chairman, polled the other four members of the county commissioners and in each case they indicated they would like to see a cut in taxes.

It was the general feeling that a \$1.59 cent tax rate is high as is needed. They will begin work next Tuesday on budgets submitted by departments to keep the levy at no more than that for this year.

Chairman Bond told commissioners the new property valuation is near \$26 million and he felt sure they would be safe to levy on \$25 million. This is a 10 per cent increase in valuation over 1964-65. Therefore, the \$1.58 levy will bring in 10 per cent more money next year.

Therefore, the commissioners feel that anything more than a 10 per cent increase in county expenditures will be out of line.

The tax discussion came up after County School Supt. C. C. Walters had completed making his budget request. His new budget is 21 per cent higher than the current budget.

Chairman Bond noted that it would take a five cent increase in the levy just to raise sufficient funds for the county request. He told Supt. Walters there would be no increase in the tax rate next year.

The superintendent said he had hoped the increase in valuation would be enough to take care of the additional funds requested. The chairman said valuation had increased but not that much.

Shortly thereafter, City Supt. Hiram Mayo and Chairman Edward G. Bond appeared to submit the city school budget request. Their increase, mainly for salaries, amounted to 9 per cent.

Supt. Mayo told the commissioners that a substantial increase was being sought to give a \$150 minimum supple-

ment to all teachers in the school system. He said that prior to this budget request only the white teachers in the system had been given supplements.

The budget also includes a \$4,000 request to pay an art

teacher for the white and Negro elementary grades. One teacher has been employed for both schools. Supt. Mayo said this was suggested by the State Department of Public Instruction.

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Roy Harrell Is Seeking Seat On Town Council

Roy Harrell, unsuccessful candidate for mayor only a month ago, has petitioned the Town Council for appointment to the board.

Harrell presented a petition supposedly bearing names of residents of Second Ward. He said he realized Councilman C. A. Phillips would soon be moving from the town and he wants the appointment.

"I ran for mayor and lost," Harrell told the council.

Earlier, Harrell said the petition was being circulated when he decided to run for mayor. He said he knew this is a "strange type of thing and something which has never been done before."

Mayor John A. Mitchner, Jr., who defeated Harrell in the election, turned to Councilman Phillips and quipped: "Looks like some in your ward are anxious to get rid of you."

Councilman Phillips is in the process of building a new home on the Albemarle Sound and must resign when he moves from the ward.

Jesse Harrell, chairman of the board of public works, advised the council that water sewer and electric lines are now run to the town limits in each direction.

He said he hoped the town would soon consider annexation in order that orderly growth of the immediate areas would be experienced.

Harrell said he knows of no town which has utilities to the town limits in every direction. "If we don't do something now we will be in serious trouble in the future," he said.

The council accepted a

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Jar Of Pickles Prove Very Costly

Charlie White, 45-year-old Negro minister, 127 East Freemason Street, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in Chowan Recorder's Court Tuesday.

White was charged with assaulting Joe Harris on June 5 with a pint jar of pickles.

The Negro was given 60 days by Judge William S. Privott, who suspended the sentence upon payment of 10 fine and court costs. He

was ordered to pay certain medical bills.

White was also charged with assault on a female but Solicitor Thomas Chears, Jr., did not press the charge.

Testimony was to the effect that White threw a jar of pickles at Harris and they bounced off and broken glass cut a woman on the arm.

In other action during a short session of court, Judge Privott sentenced Roy Privott, 35-year-old Negro, 116

West Albemarle Street, to 30 days for failing to list his taxes. The sentence was suspended upon payment of court costs. Privott had earlier been called and failed to appear.

The following waivers, all for motor vehicle violations, were signed:

George Privott, Murry E. Baccus, George T. Barrow, Henry V. Johnson, Mary Anna Edmonds and David Hol-

ton, Jr.

ALL SMILES.—Parents, graduates and the speaker at graduation exercises at John A. Holmes High School Monday night were all smiles. Left to right are: Ariene Fry, her father, Principal Cecil Fry; Dr. Douglas R. Jones of East Carolina College, commencement speaker; Supt. Hiram Mayo and his son, Hiram, Jr. There were 69 students in the Class of 1965.