

Tar Heel Outdoors

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WATERLILY — Frost was in the pumpkin at Currituck Sound when guide Cecil Whitson loaded our gear into his old work boat. Behind the ancient craft trailed a Cliff stacked high with over 500 handmade goose and duck decoys. Where grass beds held the water motionless, ice had formed so thick you couldn't push a boat through it.

Skins of Canada geese and flights of widgeon were silhouetted against a dramatic red dawn. Huge rafts of regal swans lifted from the surface as we approached Whitson's open-water stake blind. Their plaintive yelps still rang in our ears as the guide began placing decoys around us.

Guests of the State Travel and Promotion Division were Jerome Robinson and Hanson Carroll, a writer-photographer team intent on getting a story about Currituck Sound's famed waterfowl hunting.

We had recently come from Ocracoke, where the writer and photographer had hunted from unique anchored pit blinds found only along the Outer Banks. They had had unusual success on geese and ducks, taking limits of the latter on both hunting days.

Every outdoor story has to have an "angle," the "peg" from which it is hung. At Ocracoke it was the unique blinds set at water level on a shallow shoal in Pamlico Sound. Here at Currituck it was to be something different.

In days of reduced waterfowl limits, hunters are prohibited from taking large bags of any species. What is the use, some sportsmen have said, of rigging out with blinds and decoys, maintaining a boat and a retriever when there is a basic limit of only three ducks and, in North Carolina, one goose.

Bag limits are further limited on certain species. You are permitted one canvasback or redhead, for example, and only two black ducks.

Where, then, is the fun of waterfowl hunting?

These journalists' answer is that the exciting aspect of modern duck hunting is in picking the species before they are shot. This gambit places a premium on the ability to identify ducks on the wing. It can get to be an exciting game that adds new interest to waterfowl hunting.

The writer-photographer team was betting that a story on this theme would be of interest to waterfowl hunters and, not incidentally, to editors of outdoor magazines.

Currituck Sound is an ideal location for such a story because of the great variety of waterfowl available to the gunner. Black ducks and mallards, redheads and canvasbacks, Canada geese, scaup and ringnecks, buffleheads and ruddy ducks and great numbers of widgeon and pintails frequent the sound's marshes and shallow open water.

Early in the morning, we passed up opportunities to shoot buffleheads and ruddies, waiting for more desirable species. A moderate wind blew and our decoys bobbed and rolled enticingly, but pidgeon passing high overhead would not stoop.

Far upwind, a tight knot of ducks headed directly for our blind. They were low and approaching so fast we hardly had time to pick up our guns before they were upon us. It was a matter of identifying as we swung.

I shouted "cans" and fired practically at the same time. Robinson had shot a micro-second earlier. One drake fell almost 100 yards downwind from the blind. There was no way to tell who hit the duck.

"Those canvasbacks were really moving," Robinson said.

"I read somewhere that cans have been clocked at 70 miles per hour," I came back. "Downwind that way, these must have been making at least that."

Throughout the morning we had scattered shooting for scaup and teal, but none of the preferred ducks—blacks, pintails or widgeon—noticed our stool. We suspected that many flights were "traveling" birds bound for points south.

However, we had sufficient variety in the bag and enough action pictures for the story, thanks to Carroll and his motorized camera.

Back at the lodge in Waterlily, Mrs. Whitson topped off a satisfying day with a fine roast goose dinner.

A true diplomat is a man who can tell you to go to hell so tactfully that you'll actually look forward to making the trip.

Make Going To Church A Habit

HOW JESUS MET TEMPTATION

International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 11

Memory Selection: "For in that He, Himself, has suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."—Hebrews 2:18.

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16.

Today, as in our lesson we study the temptation of Christ, and His strength in resisting, we learn to correlate this event with the circumstances which, all too often, surround us, thereby absorbing a pattern upon which we can build our behavior in like circumstances.

Jesus' temptation came upon Him in the wilderness, alone, apart from His friends and any human companionship which might strengthen His spirit.

How severely was He tempted by Satan! Hungry, cold (for He had fasted forty days and forty nights) surely no man was ever in a more receptive mood to the whisperings of ease and evil. Yet, to Satan's urging that He prove His divinity by turning stone into bread, Jesus replied: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). Upon being urged to cast Himself off a pinnacle of the Temple and be saved by God from injury, He answered: "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matthew 4:7). And, tempted still further, by an offer of glory and power if He would but fall down and worship the Devil, Christ was still adamant in His adherence to the Father, and all that He stood for. Then, and only then, did Satan admit defeat.

Jesus was sustained by His knowledge of His goal in life; He was the Son of God; He was the Servant of God. His mission in life was the redemption and forgiveness of mankind, and their sins. To this He held fast, despite all temptations hurled at Him.

As a Being that was wholly identified with mankind, Christ enjoyed freedom of choice. He could make His decision—take what Satan offered, or hold true to God, the Father, and continue to be cold and hungry, and lonely. Not alone—for surely God was with Him in the wilderness of Judea.

Most assuredly Jesus was subjected to superhuman temptation, if only by virtue of His great power as the Son of God.

Christ came upon earth to call men to a life dedicated to giving—not getting. But He would not compromise. His was to be the hard way. There was to be no compromise with that which was evil and unworthy of spirit. The ends do not justify the means—they do, however, often determine the means. There is no road leading directly to righteousness; there is only the road of righteousness.

Jesus had stored up great spiritual reserves of strength, and these sustained Him in His hours of need—in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, on Calvary. His identification with God

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Is there life on other planets in other galaxies out there? This is a question we ask with increasing frequency these days. When God made our world, was it the only one He fashioned? We may never know. The answer may lie far in the future. But it is an enticing subject to speculate about. Many fascinating subjects are being discussed today—in church. If this surprises you, it only goes to show that you haven't been attending church lately. To keep in touch with this challenging world, start going not only to regular services but to some of the special discussions in your church.

Sunday John 10:22-29	Monday John 14:1-14
Tuesday John 17	Wednesday Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Thursday Psalms 1:1-6	Friday Matthew 7:13-20
Saturday Mark 8:34-38	

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Dear friends,

It is only one week from Christmas to New Year's Day, but it is a whole year from New Year's Day to Christmas. What a world this would be if the holiday spirit of love and good will would linger in our hearts all the days from New Year's to Christmas.

Sincerely,

W. B. Willford

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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Myrtle W. Hare
Gray L. Goodwin
Sadie H. Hoskins

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Saturday.....9 to 12 o'clock
Every Day First Floor Hotel Joseph Hewes Building

SECOND TOWNSHIP
Lister: Wayne Bunch
Monday and Thursday Nights from 6 to 9 o'clock at W. E. Smith's Store

January 6—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. W. L. Miller's Store
January 8—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Troy Toppin's Store
January 13—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center
January 20—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Archie Nixon's Store
January 27—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center
By Appointment Only At Home

THIRD TOWNSHIP
Lister: Tommy Berryman

Every Saturday at L. C. Briggs' Store.....January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
January 8, 15, 29.....H. H. Grocery
January 22.....Ryland Post Office

FOURTH TOWNSHIP
Lister: Ward Hoskins

Every Wednesday.....H. A. Perry's Store
January 7, 14, 21, 28
Every Saturday.....H. A. Perry's Store
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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