

## Sports Afield By Ted Kesting

In the late fall when cool nights drop the water temperatures into the 60s, bass often bunch up back into the roughest, hardest to reach, cover in the lake. These back behind, impossible-to-cast-to spots are known as the "boondocks."

Let's run through the "wheres and hows" of boondocking. They just might add up to a heavy stringer of two for you.

**Tackle:** Because of the rugged spots you get into, and the need to manhandle a roughneck bass, a 20-pound-test line, a sturdy rod with a flippant tip, and a reel with a drag you can lock, if need be are recommended.

And be sure your stringer, if you use one, is strong, preferably with locking snaps. You'll be dragging your fish over logs, deadfalls and limbs.

When you leave home, gear for the day. This means packing a lunch, taking foul weather clothing, etc. Some fishermen prefer an ice chest for cold drinks, as well as a place to keep the fish fresh.

One final item. The use of a golf glove on your non-casting hand is worth trying. You're going to hang lures in places you can't get to, and you'll simply have to break the line. The glove will save

cuts and abrasions that can get sore as blazes, especially if you handle many bass during your day out. The boat should be large enough for two men, but no larger. And it should boast a fairly shallow draft. An electric fishing motor is ideal, but be sure it has a rugged prop.

Flooded timber is one of the prime spots for boondocking. It takes experience to learn to recognize bass hang outs. Here are some to watch for: clusters of trees, short pockets, lily pads, duckweed and outback water—overflow areas where water is found outside the normal body of the lake.

According to Homer Circle, Angling Editor of Sports Afield Magazine, when a big bass paws your lure over a log or deadfall, you've got to do a number of things fast. Hit him, hard, with a low rod tip and a full sweep upward, with all the muscle you can muster. This, hopefully, buries the barb. Then your reel like mad, lifting your rod tip, to get that bass's head pointed up.

There's not time or place for being sporty. Like playing the fish and watching it jump. You've got to work on that booger fast, hard and tough to get it into the open—out of the snaggy cover.

And contrary to what many of you will accept as sporting, if you want bass on the stringer, big bass, there is no room for netting or for playing the bass until it turns belly up.

You get it headed toward your boat, and when it is near enough you hoist it into the air, grab the line just above its mouth and ease it into the boat. Give a bass, a big one, time to cavort around in the boondocks, and you'll lose not only bass but also the lures in their mouths, as they break lines on snags.

### RESOLUTION

Upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Chowan County, wish to express our heartfelt congratulations to Charles W. Overman upon his completion of substantially 29 years of service to Chowan County as Extension Chairman or County Agricultural Agent. His administration as County Agent was evidenced by much progress in the agricultural life of Chowan County. He introduced many new programs for the farmers of the County and promoted the use of the most advanced techniques, seeds, plants and practices by the farmer. During his administration agricultural operations progressed from the type which was "mule powered" to the most modern mechanical farming with the use of the most modern techniques. He had a large hand in promoting this progress in Chowan County. Most significant is the fact that during his administration the farm income, exclusive of governmental payments, increased until last year a total of more than \$7,770,000 was received by the farmers of the County. We wish to extend to Charles W. Overman our sincere good wishes upon the occasion of his retirement from this important position.

Knowing that he has always participated in church, civic and community affairs as well as hobbies and sports, we feel that he will continue to have a full and active life in the community and we wish to extend to him and Mrs. Overman every good wish for an interesting and pleasant retirement for many years.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
W. E. Bond, Chairman  
Bertha B. Bunch, Clerk

# Make Going To Church A Habit

## JESUS INTERPRETS GOD'S LAW

International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 25

Memory Selection: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."—Matthew 5:17.

Lesson Text: Matthew 5-7.

In this lesson, special attention is devoted to Christ's role as a teacher; and in this regard it is especially noteworthy that it was His wont, after an occasion of great stress, He often withdrew from the crowds and spent His time in the midst of His devoted disciples. He was constantly cognizant of the fact that He would not always be in their midst—that they must carry the Gospel to the peoples of the world, and do so after He had paid the price of the world's sins on the cross.

Jesus was, in His day and time, something of a rebel. He did not subscribe to the letter of the law, as it was oftentimes literally written and accepted. He looked deeper into the text, putting into it a truer (although, by the standards of that day and time, a more radical interpretation than the more conventional diehards were willing to admit).

If we look back through previous lessons, we will continually have been struck by the fact that while Christ never gain-said the stringency of the Gospel demands, He brought a broad and liberal outlook to the interpretation of those demands. He "saw the woods, despite the trees." The bigger issues always overshadowed those of little consequence, in Christ's eyes. Just as the widow's mite was of greater consequence than the riches of those who could afford more—because of the sacrifice it represented.

Restraint and goodwill towards one's fellowman was the keynote of Christ's life on earth. Hard to put into practice—human nature being human nature—yes. But of such was to be the Kingdom of God. But, along with restraint, Christ advocated, also, a policy of attack. Disarmament of a kind that is hard to beat. For with restraint and forbearance—of kindness and tolerance in the face of unkindness and intolerance, must come a sense of obligation. Attacking with kindness the one who injures you must inevitably disarm that adversary. And if any doubt exists that Christ did not practice what He preached, we have only to look towards Calvary for vindication of His beliefs.

This, then, is the ideal Christian life, the life that He lived. But if we do earnestly study the doctrines of Christianity, we are constrained to emulate the Saviour. Hard? Yes—and we may fall from grace a dozen times or more in the attempt. But, surely, if we try hard enough—if we try constantly—to live as God's laws intended for us to do, we must inevitably be more worthy of His love, and of the sacrifice His only begotten Son made on our behalf when He laid down His life that our sins might be forgiven. And certainly God will judge us not from our failures, but for the effort we exert to live a Godly life.

God is Love. That has been taught us from  
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## dream castles

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Deep inside each person, where no one can see, stands a dream castle. The nature of it varies according to one's character and personality. An artist may dream of creating a masterpiece—not yet painted—which will inspire many people. Another person may see a vision of how he can make life happier for others.

Everyone must believe in his dream in order to go forward with patience.

Jesus hoped that the world would hear His message through the uneducated fishermen He chose as His close companions. He did not give up His dream that the disciples would carry on His work . . . even when they argued over places of honor in heaven . . . or when Peter denied any connection with Him.

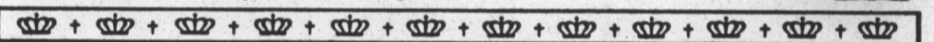
His dream came true. Showing courage and faith, this small group of twelve grew through centuries into today's worldwide congregation of millions.

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Sunday	Ephesians 2:1-10
Monday	Titus 2:17-24
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:1-16
Wednesday	Exodus 34:1-10
Thursday	Mark 2:1-12
Friday	Luke 7:36-50
Saturday	Matthew 18:21-35



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Respectfully,

*W. E. Bond*

## PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED IN JANUARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1969 all Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the 2nd day of January, 1970, or shall be required to give in then. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required under penalty imposed by law.

### FIRST TOWNSHIP

Listers: Pattie S. Byrum  
Myrtle W. Hare  
Gray L. Goodwin  
Sadie H. Hoskins

Monday through Friday . . . . . 9 to 5 o'clock  
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

Beginning January 2nd through February 3rd without penalty . . . After February 3rd a 10% penalty for failure to list.

## CHOWAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE