

Social Whirl

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Birthday - Oops!

Miss Sandra Keene was the surprised one last Friday night as her friends (most of them from A&T State University) "dragged" her to a friend's house and yelled "happy birthday, Sandy" as she walked into the playroom which was gaily decorated in red, white, and blue.

The menu consisted of 15 different hors'douvres, cake, ice cream, and beverages to suit everyone's taste. Over 45 guests were present. Sandy is a freshman at A&T. The affair was enjoyed by all.

Fishing

With George Booie



Looks like I may have a lot of fishing time on my hands so I plan to go after some of those crappies that are beginning to show up at High Rock. I learned that they are also filling stringers at the Kerr Scott Dam in North Wilkesboro. Just in case some of the local folk would like a trip up to the dam, there are some good picnicing to be had at Kerr Scott. I have been passing up some fishing engagements for quite a while; missed out on a flyrod session with E.L. Jackson. Jackie is quite a bluegill fisherman and I have him interested in going after them with a flyrod. George Hill considers me a bit of a liar since I have only made promises to go along on several fishing trips. George does most of his fishing at the High Rock Dam. He has accounted for some good bluegill, largemouth and white bass catches. His son Junior skunks him most of the times.

Rev. J.D. Peterson, an ardent hunter and sportsman, has caught the fishing fever. He has been going along with Hairston Burrell to do some crappie chasing down on the Thom-Lex Lake. Using a telescopic fibre glass pole, Rev. Peterson is in store for some real surprises, especially if he gets a bass on while crappie fishing. One of these Monday mornings I hope to

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introduce Rev. Peterson to the art of bass fishing on Dan Smith's farm pond. Dan's pond was constructed about 15 years ago. By now there should be some plate size bluegill and real lunger bass in residence there. I would not be surprised if there are bass in that bond weighing 10 to 12 pounds.

If you are not having any success with your crappie fishing maybe you should change your fishing hours. Crappie, like the bass, are predatory fish, striking almost any thing alive that moves and are usually on the move early in the morning and late evenings.

A lot of crappies are caught while night fishing. I have caught more crappies fishing late evenings than any other time of the day. Most of the Lexington crappie fishermen go down to High Rock in the late afternoons and stay until

dark. Spinning a rig, plastic float and a white miller fly, I use the jumping method; casting only to the dimples made by crappies hitting top water. When the rig touches down I allow the fly to sink. With a couple of cranks the line straightens out behind the float.

After popping the float to attract the fish that just dimpled the water I begin a steady retrieve. The fish will strike hard enough to set the hook of the moving fly. Continuing the retrieve until the fish is four or six feet from the bank or boat I then lift it up and out without slapping it against the boat or bank; when using a spinning reel. If using a pole I lift the fish up and move the pole to a verticle position and the fish will swing to my empty hand for unhooking. With a pole one gets a positive control when a fish is hooked.

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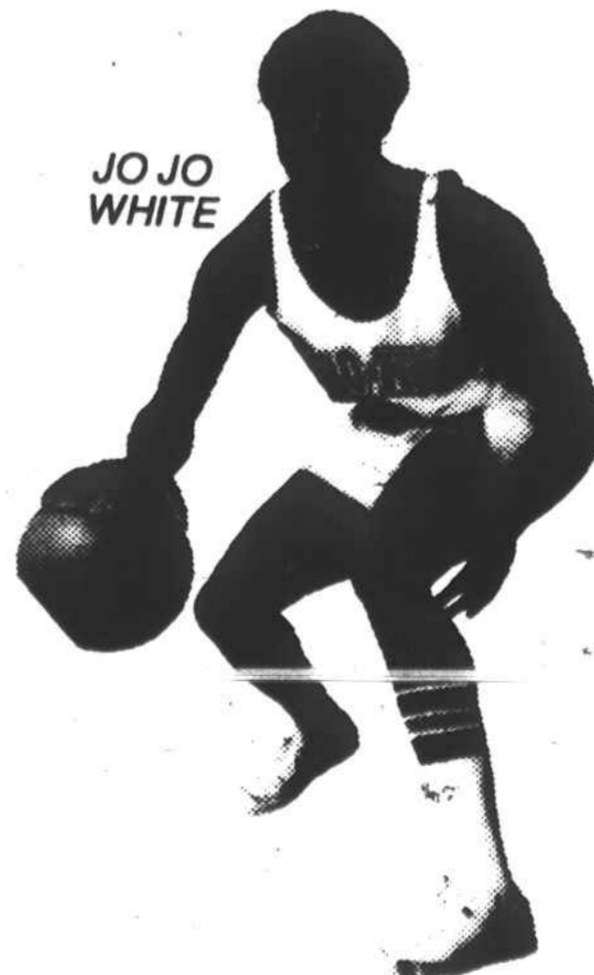
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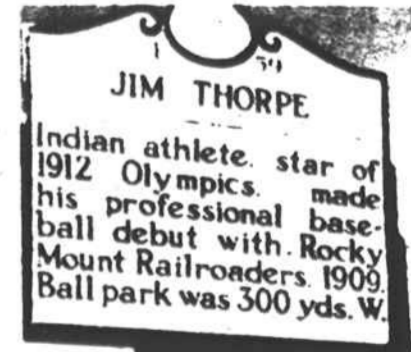
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The historical marker above is evidence that Tar Heel history is far from being only a chronicle of wars and exploration and science and industry. Here in Rocky Mount an event occurred that shook the sports world, for Indian athlete, Jim Thorpe, played professional baseball and thereby invalidated the medals he won later as an amateur in the Olympic games. And at Fayetteville, there is another historical marker designating the place where Babe Ruth hit his first home run in professional baseball. It was in March, 1914.