

FISHING

by George Boie



White Bass have been showing up at Tuckertown Dam. Hobert Sharpe and "Luke" Nesmith broke out their doll flies and boated a fine mess of white bass. Sharpe, using a white and red mixed tail on his doll fly, was getting a fish on just about every cast. Luke joined the fun after some nervous switching of doll flies. There is nothing that will shake one up as much as sitting in the same boat and getting no bites when the partner is hauling them in as fast as he drops a lure. The doll flies were fished just above the bottom. To have bumped the bottom would have been disastrous.

Bumping the bottom, when fishing among the rocks, will certainly get your bait hung between boulders. Even when fishing doll flies, once you establish the holding dept of the fish, a float can be used to stay off the bottom and above the rocks. The doll fly will take just about any fish. Its action in rising and falling provides the action associated with bait fish; consequently making it an attractive lure. During the white bass fishing, Nesmith and Sharpe caught bream and largemouth bass on the doll flies. In a fashion it also takes on the appearance of

a streamer, which is my favorite type of lure. The streamer is said to be the most desirable lure to carry in a survival kit. The streamer will take fresh water fish as well as the salt water species. A streamer weighted with a small split shot and fished slowly will tantalize any fish into striking. I have tried any number of different lures and my most successful fishing has been done with streamers; home tied yet. My first bass catch was on a home tied streamer and my largest catch can be credited with the same.

State Checks Water Quality at Fisheries

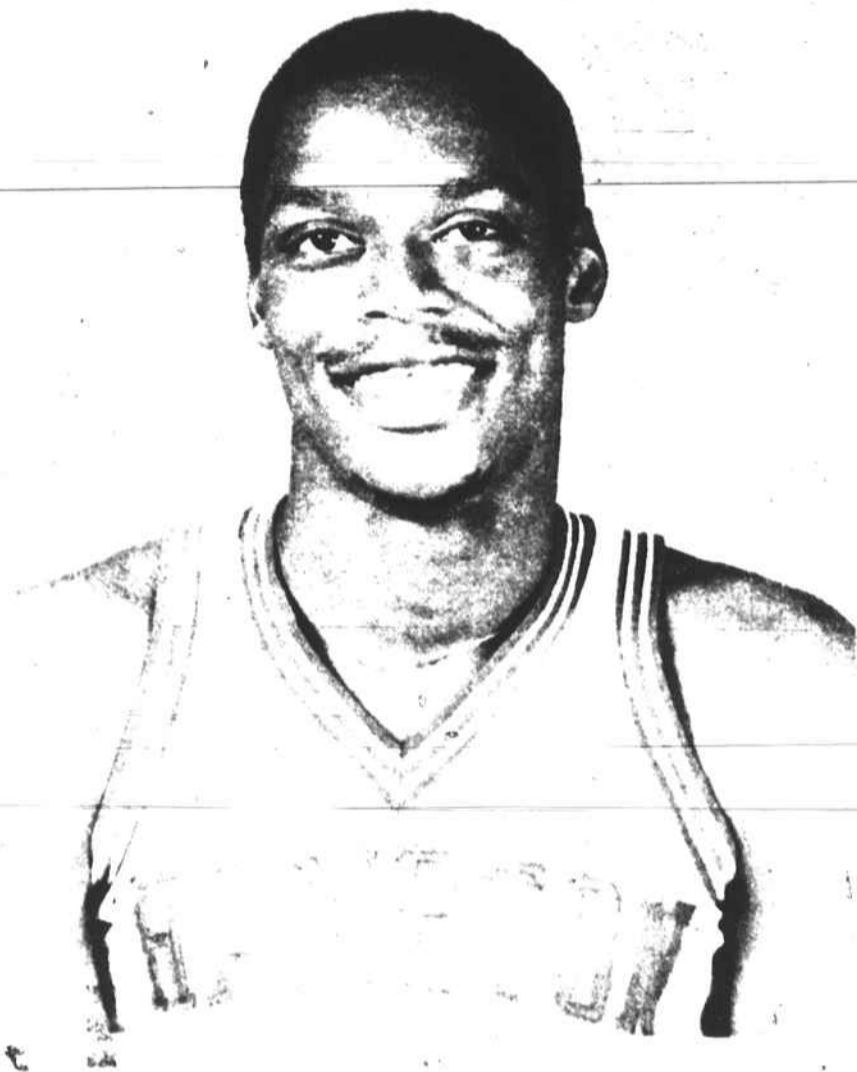
How much water can we remove from a stream and still leave a healthy biological community? This is a question that Scott Van Horn, a Wildlife Resources Commission research fisheries biologist, is attempting to answer. Van Horn and his assistants have been surveying rivers in the Yadkin and Pee Dee basins to develop minimum in-stream flow recommendations that would conserve the watershed's fisheries. In-stream flow refers to the amount of water left in a stream after withdrawals

have been made for industrial, municipal and agricultural purposes. "We measure water depths, velocity, volume of flow and take stream bottom samples to determine the quality and makeup of the river environment," said Van Horn. "By taking a series of these measurements, we are able to construct a three-dimensional view of a section of river." Biologists feed this data into a computer model, and are able to see how the character of the river will

change at different water levels. For example, they can determine how much fish habitat and what type of habitat will be lost if the river drops to low levels during a drought. This information has important implications for wildlife as man's demand for water increases. "We start by determining the major fish species in a river, and compare their needs against the effects of withdrawals," said Van Horn. "We can use this information to set withdrawals throughout the

year that will allow for use of the water, but won't damage fisheries. For example, we know that red-breast sunfish need clean gravel bed and a minimum of one foot of water for successful spawning. If a community wants to take a certain amount of water out of the river, we can plug this information into the computer and see how much spawning habitat the proposed withdrawal would eliminate." A river is a complex ecological system, and three crucial factors--water

depth, streambottom composition and velocity are all affected by withdrawals. Establishing minimum water depths is especially important in the spring when fish are spawning. Taking too much water from a river at any time may remove valuable pools and cover by leaving portions of the river bottom high and dry. Revenues from pay cable TV are expected to increase at an annual rate of 30.3 percent, amounting to \$850 million by 1983.



Chapel Hill Wins Trophy For Sports Excellence

Winners in the first annual Wachovia Cup award for excellence in high school athletics are Chapel Hill in Class 4-A, Durham Jordan in 3-A, Bandys in 2-A and Princeton in 1-A. Chapel Hill, with 285 points, edged South Mecklenburg of Charlotte with 282 1/2 points. Local schools finishing near the top of their classes are: South Park, sixth in 1-A; Parkland, sixth in 4-A; R.J. Reynolds, tenth in 4-A and East Forsyth, 13th in 4-A.

The Wachovia Cup award, sponsored by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, recognizes schools which have the best overall interscholastic sports programs in North Carolina. Winners are determined by a point system based on performance in state championship events and the number of sanctioned sports in which the schools participate. Equal points are assigned to all sports and competition by girls and boys.

"This award creates additional incentive for schools to make a total sports program, and not just concentrate on one or two sports," said Simon Terrell, executive director of the NCHSAA. "The Cup gives the same recognition to girls and boys and to minor sports and major sports. This year the awards program covered 17 sports--six for girls and 11 for boys."

Chapel Hill fielded teams in 16 of the 17 sports and accumulated a total of 285 points toward the Wachovia Cup, including 80 points for participation. South Mecklenburg finished a close second in Class 4-A with 282 1/2 points, including 70 points for participating in 14 sports. "We make no distinction between men and women's sports," said Robert J. Monson, principal of Chapel Hill High. "I think this award symbolizes our commitment to promote all of our high school athletic programs."

Chapel Hill finished first in the state in girls' swimming and boys' cross country; fourth in boys' tennis and boys' swimming; and reached the quarterfinals in boys' basketball and boys' soccer. South Mecklenburg won state championships in boys' tennis and girls' softball. South Mecklenburg also finished second in the state in girls' tennis; third in boys' soccer; and tied for fourth in boys' golf.

Bullets Draft Ricky Mahorn

HAMPTON, Va.--Hampton Institute's Ricky Mahorn became the first basketball player in the history of the school to be chosen in the NBA draft as the Washington Bullets made the 6-foot-10, 240 pound star it's second round choice.

The 13th selection of the second round and the 35th player overall chosen, Mahorn was the highest Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) player chosen since Earl "The Pearl" Monroe was chosen by the Baltimore Bullets in the first round in 1967.

Mahorn established 18 Hampton Institute School records during his four-year career and was selected to an incredible 36 All-Star teams. The youngster, who attended Weaver High School in Hartford, Conn., played only one year of high school basketball. His senior season, he was chosen to play on the junior varsity squad. He never scored in double figures during his short high school career.

After high school, only Hampton and nearby Virginia State showed any interest in the then 6-7 player. Hampton coach Hank Ford made a favorable impression on Ricky's mother, Alice Mahorn, and the future star decided to enroll at Hampton Institute.

After a freshman year in which he averaged just 5.5 points per game, Mahorn got his chance to play when All-CIAA center "Marvelous" Marvin Payne was felled by injury in the sixth game of the 1977-78 season. In his first start ever, Mahorn scored 37 points and grabbed 27 rebounds in Hampton's 93-92 victory over Virginia State.

The rest, as they say, is history. Mahorn finished his sophomore year with a 24.0 scoring average and was chosen to the league's All-Star team. With Mahorn leading the way, the Pirates posted their first winning period in a decade with a 24-7 mark.

After a junior season in which he managed 22.8 points and 13.4 rebound, Mahorn closed out his career this year with a record-setting 27.6 scoring average (fifth best in the NCAA Division II) and a 15.8 rebound mark (the tops in NCAA Division II play).

The day prior to the draft, it appeared that the Los Angeles Lakers or Phoenix Suns had the inside track on the Pirate star. Both teams had late second round picks.

"I was thrilled when I first learned that I might be a second round draft choice. I had guarded against being too overconfident but I was pretty confident that I would be chosen somewhere between the second and fourth round. The only drawback was the both Los Angeles and Phoenix are so far from my hometown of Hartford, Conn. I thought I could contribute to either team and both have top notch teams. You better believe I had a lot of dreams about playing for the Lakers that night."

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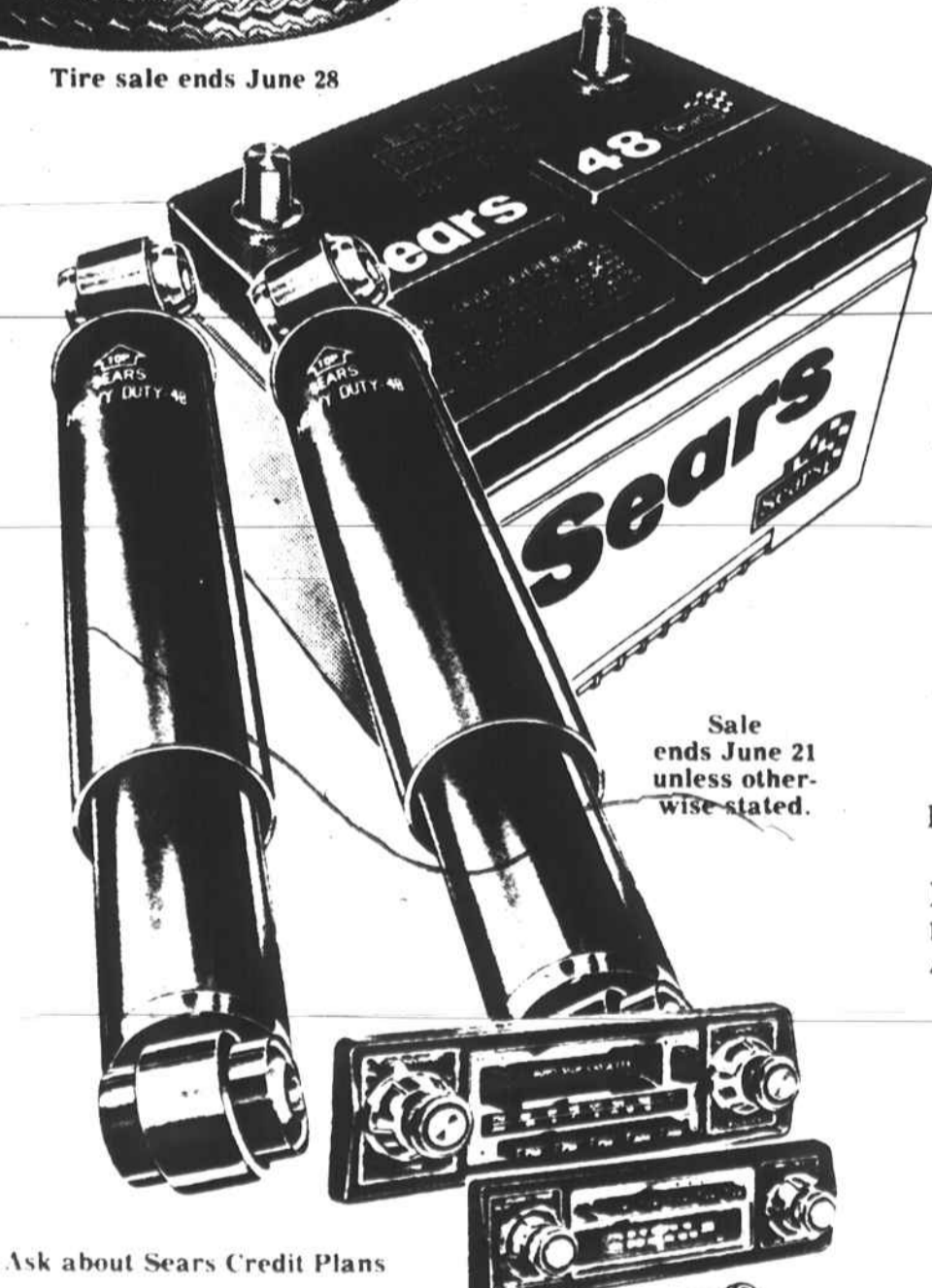
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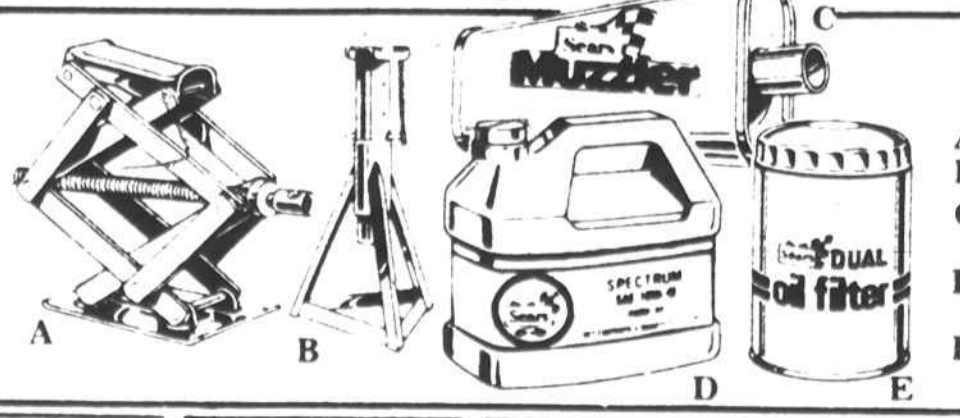
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