

Tuna Is a Smart Fish

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MONTAUK, N. Y. — Sighted: One giant tuna, no pushers. Test lured: Two tuna. Hooked: Nothing.

Tuna fishing appears to be a waste of time when you come back empty and try to explain that going after the quarter-ton blue-fins is fun and sport combined.

Russ MacGrotty of Manhasset, one of the east's top tuna experts, couldn't make it but his sleek 37-foot Tumult was available. One couldn't ask for more than that since it usually costs \$100 to charter a boat for tuna fishing.

Roland F. (Mickey) McCann, who is around same fishermen all year either a Montauk or Bimini, put my two-car and no-boat family up for the night at the Montauk Yacht Club.

After breakfast, VI, our daughter Adrienne, 16, and Russ MacGrotty, Jr., 16, set out aboard the Tumult with Capt. Bill Staros of Freeport and Palm Beach, his brother George and Mate Fred Solana of Fort Lauderdale.

We had some two dozen sandwiches, cold drinks and 200 pounds of moss bunker or menhaden, better known as awful smelling chum which costs \$7 per hundred.

As soon as we reached Nebraska Shoal about a mile off Rhode Island, Mate Solana began cutting up the chum and tossing it overboard. For two hours nothing happened.

Then the captain's brother sighted a tuna estimated at 400 pounds beside the boat. Young Russ jumped into the barber's chair and as the captain swung the chair with \$1,000 pole and reel attached he helped Russ into a safety belt. That completed, the captain anchored the pole to the tuna chair.

Russ had caught 20-pound school tuna, his dad had taken two dozen giant tuna since 1950 and his mother, Gert, recently brought a 646-pounder to gaff. This was the boy's chance to tie his mother and beat his dad, who had made 20 trips off Montauk this year without success.

Young Russ moved as fast as a kid beating out a punt toward first base.

But the blue fin refused to take the hook baited with the tail of a juicy moss bunker.

The horse mackerel turned closer to the boat, apparently to see how many people were fishing.



The MacGrotty family has boated 25 giant tuna in the last four years but Mrs. Gert MacGrotty recently out-scaled anything her hubby caught. She is shown above with a 646-pounder she caught off Montauk Point.

ing. He practically looked us in the eye. A tuna is a smart fish, as Capt. Staros soon proved.

Staros really wanted this fish, for it might have meant a good day's pay. Any tuna caught from the MacGrotty sport fisherman goes to the captain and at 18 cents a pound from the processor the take could add up to \$100, a sum the captain divides with his mate.

Staros then tried to cheat the tuna in'to biting on the 24-thread linen line. He got a spool of nine-tail of a moss bunker to the end and had the mate drop it over the side.

It went down about 10 feet. Then came a sudden pull. It was the wary tuna. The mate jerked the line on purpose and the tuna swam off with the bait. Now he might be mad, and bite at the hooked bait, we all thought. But the tuna was too smart for that.

We waited 15 minutes. No tuna. We even started looking around for a "pusher," tunas that push along the surface in search for food. No pushers. Then Capt. Staros dropped over another test lure. Again the giant tuna made off with the bait.

We played with this tuna for almost an hour, or rather, he played with us. The last two hours were filled with anticipation but no strikes.

On the trip back to port we all decided the Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound waters have very few tuna and that the blue fins have become much wiser than in 1949 and 1950 when it was comparatively simple to hook one or two a day.

Only three tunas have been caught in these waters this year. Mrs. MacGrotty got a 646-pounder. Fern Isers, of Bridgeport, Conn., took a 342-pounder and during the three-day U. S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament 35 boats got one tuna, that a 667-pounder taken by Lou Mannon of Brielle, N. J.

Maybe next year will be different, or maybe the tackle manufacturers will come up with a linen line that Mr. Tuna can't see. He surely saw the line dangling from the Tumult because he took everything else that wasn't tied down.

L. M. Sherrill Urges East Pigeon To Support CDP

By Mrs. John W. Johnson, Sr. Community Reporter

The East Pigeon CDP will meet at Beibel Friday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. L. M. Sherrill, chairman, urges more of the community to attend these meetings which are helpful to all.

The farmers are beginning to plough and are getting ready to make another crop these nice spring-like days. The daffodils are coming up and the blue birds coming back even though the ground-hog did see his shadow.

Cpl. Carol Hargrove of Ft. Jackson, S. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hargrove, over the weekend.

Mrs. Noah Phillips is on the sick list this week. Also the Rev. Marvin Mann, who has been ill for some time, remains in serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hargrove's guests for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ranslor Phillips and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stepp and children, and Mrs. Bill Wilson of High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Taylor and little daughter of Clemson, S. C., visited Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells, over the weekend.

Mrs. George Blaylock has returned from Tifton, Ga., where she spent a few days visiting her brother, James B. Mann and family.

Mrs. Anne Henson has been on the sick list for several days. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

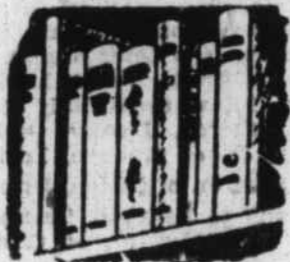
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sorrells visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Singleton of Candler Sunday.

Brown McNeil and children, Anna Faye and Roy, of Asheville, visited relatives on Lovejoy Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Blavlock has moved back to the home place after spending a few months near Hazelwood.

Miss "Jackie" McCracken of Waynesville spent Friday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Lee Chambers. We are glad to learn that she is well on the road to recovery.

Library Notes



Margaret Johnston County Librarian

FILM SCHEDULE

- February 1 to 26
1. Allergies, 12 minutes—sound—color. Presents basic facts necessary for a fundamental understanding of the nature of allergies. Describes an allergy as a pronounced sensitiveness of a given part of the body to a particular substance such as certain pollens, dusts, foods, etc. Types of research being done in the field, and explains tests for detecting allergies.
 2. American Revolution, 12 minutes—sound—color. A clear explanation of the strategy, the struggle, the movement of forces and the important military engagements of the war for independence.
 3. Baltimore Plan, 20 minutes—sound—b&w. This film tackles the problem of slum clearance and urban development in a way that is unique. It tells the actual story of the effort through which the city of Baltimore has successfully begun to rehabilitate its blighted areas and create in them environment for healthy comfortable urban living.
 4. Border Without Bavonets, 17 minutes—sound—b&w. The story of more than one hundred years of peace along the 5000 miles of unfortified border between Canada and the U. S. How the two countries cooperate in maintaining and supervising the border and sharing benefits and problems. Similarity of communities.
 5. Chinese Jade Carving, 10 minutes—sound—color. Jade, as well as possessing great physical beauty, has great symbolic significance, and both of these qualities have been developed to the fullest extent by the Chinese who almost monopolized the art of jade carving. Painstaking Chinese craftsmen spend lifetimes in the pursuit of perfection in form and texture. Basic techniques of jade carving are demonstrated by a master artist and beautiful samples are shown.
 6. Cultivate Your Garden Birds, 11 minutes—sound—color. A beautiful film showing several families in one neighborhood observing and enjoying fifteen common bird species which have been attracted by a friendly environment.

BIG FOUR DELEGATES MEET IN SOVIET ZONE



THREE OF THE DELEGATES to the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference are shown seated at a table in East Berlin as they began their second week of talks. The sessions are being held in the Soviet Embassy building. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (1) is at left. In center is French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault (2). With back to camera is Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov (3). Addressing the gathering, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden defended plan to reunite Germany. (International Radiophoto)

Singers Visit Mt. Zion Church In East Pigeon

By MARY BLAYLOCK Community Reporter

The congregation of Mt. Zion Church in East Pigeon had the pleasure Sunday night of having visitors from West Pigeon. They sang several fine hymns which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. They were Miss Peggy Sanford, Paul Franklin and Wiley Franklin.

Lloyd Barnes is making some improvements on his home, including a new driveway and fencing of the yard.

There is quite an attendance at

Mt. Zion Church at prayer meeting Wednesday nights. There have been quite a few visitors lately.

The Women's Mission of Mt. Zion Church met at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Cogburn Tuesday night.

Thurman Oumin is confined at home with illness.

Mrs. Devona Burnette is very ill at the home of Gaston Burnette.

Jules Mashburn and family met at the home of Marvin Mashburn Tuesday night for singing.

In normal times, Indonesia exports more rubber than is consumed in the United States, Indonesian government officials say.

About 85 per cent of total U. S. land values are urban and nonfarm.



"Don't come in, darling, I want to remember you just as you are."

Committees Adopt Program For Finer Carolina Co

Many Clyde Students On Honor Roll

Stanley Livingston, principal of the Clyde High School, announced the honor roll for the entire Clyde High School, for the report period ending January 29th as follows:

First Grade—"A" Donna Caldwell, Mary Sue Haddock.

"B" Alan McCracken, Linda Hannah, Carolyn Sue Smith, Rhea Spence, Johnny Mack Hooper, Lyndon Smathers, Jr., Jane Wood.

Second Grade—None.

Third Grade—"A" Sue Rhodamer.

"B" Linda Harris, Grovine Davis.

Fourth Grade—"A" Shirley Smart, Betty Lindsey.

Fifth Grade—"A" Rebecca Chapman, Naomi Grant, Robert McCracken.

"B" Carolyn Haynes, Carolyn Lindsey, Ted Reynolds, McClain Rogers, Clifford Underwood, Elaine Pless, Lou Etta Sanford.

Sixth Grade—"A" Eddie Starr, Carol Livingston, Judy Downs, Brenda Medford.

"B" Pat Brown, Jerry Caldwell, Jimmy McCracken, Gary Jackson, Trina Rathbone, Patsy Snyder, Jean Stephenson, Theresa Davis, Mary Derlin, Sarah Hannah, Myra Hill, Carol Lattimer.

Seventh Grade—"A" Michael Rogers.

"B" Amelia Robinson, Diana Haynes, Peggy Free, Reva Jackson, Patricia Lindsey, Geneva Jenkins.

Eighth Grade—"A" Rosemary Newman, Jessie Matteson, Rita Mae Hipps, Theresa Brown, Jean Hardin.

"B" Mike Leatherwood, Helen Greene, Zela Kay Ledford, James Bussell, Betty Silvers.

Ninth Grade—"A" Mary Etta Brown, Barbara Jolley, Elaine Curtis.

"B" Linda Limbo, Helen Smith.

Projects have been completed by committees from the Boosters and Boosters for the 1954 Fine Arts test.

The projects have been in five divisions with for each. The plans are by Paul L. Bryson, the man, are as follows:

The Social Activities with Mrs. Sam Lane will complete the farthest Scout Hut. Plans call in all the windows, an electric stove and the addition of table area.

The Religious Committee, with the Rev. Graham as chairman, increase church attendance local churches and a greater interest in activities by means of improvement of church will also be undertaken.

The Recreation Committee, with the Rev. A. P. Ledbetter as chairman, improve the playground, seeding and installing lights.

The Athletic Activities, with Dr. R. S. Bischoff, co-chairman, sponsor the Little League and other ball teams.

The Street Improvement Committee with L. C. Bryson as co-chairman erect street markers, Main Street of Hazard purchase a street marker.

Joy Young.

Tenth Grade—"A" Owenby, Linda Smith, Livingston.

"B" Nelda Casdin, Fisher, James Brown.

Eleventh Grade—"A" Pressley, Violet Lind.

Twelfth Grade—"A" Stamey, Lot, Ann O.

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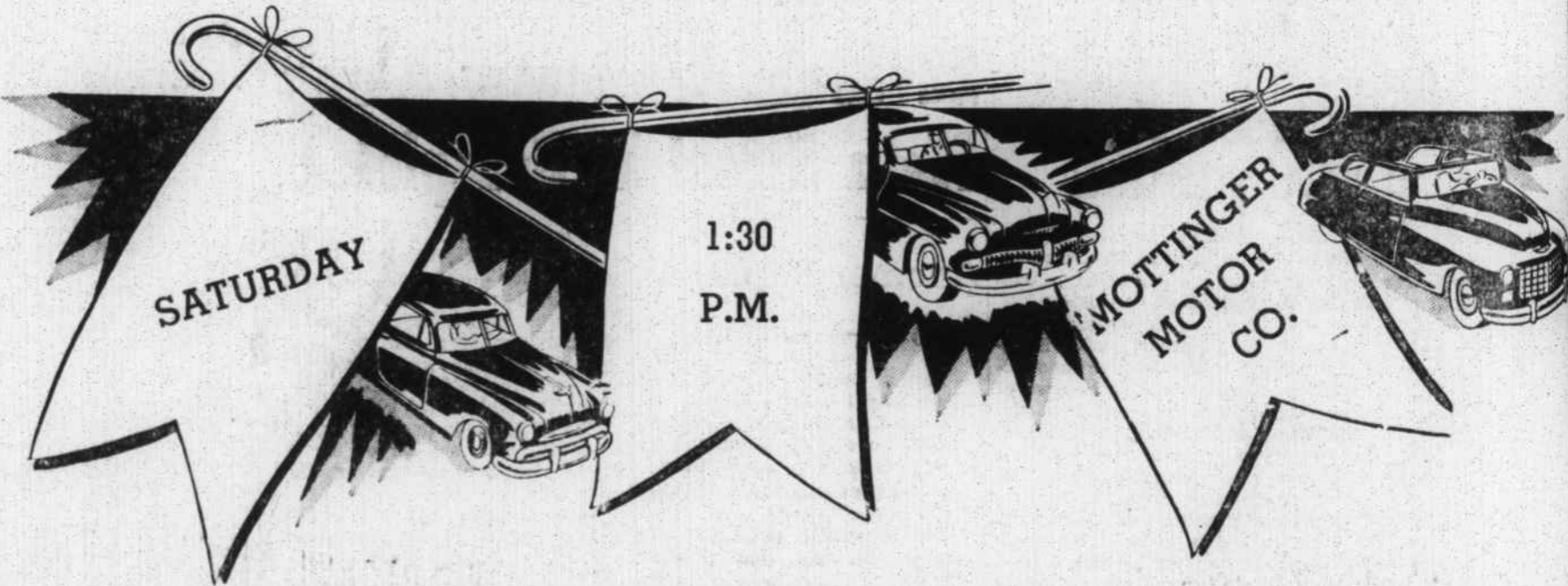
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