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ROD & GUN

By Tom Walker

AUTUMN FISHING SUCCESSFUL . . . The "no closed season" ruling on warm-water species of fish, passed at July meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development, seems to be meeting with approval of sportsmen in this State as fall fishing is getting under way. One evidence of interest in autumn fishing is the increase in the sale of fishing licenses and of combination and fishing licenses.

Reports from the fish and game protectors reveal that many anglers are meeting with success. In Catawba County, Protector James A. Fairchild declares, "fishing is in full swing for the autumn spree. I have checked several good catches. Bass are being caught with mullet." A similar story is told by E. W. Caine of Robeson county who says, "The fall fishing has started in this territory and the anglers are making some fine catches of bass and blue bream." Catches of bass are reported in Currituck County by St. Clair Lewark. Further reports of successful catches include one from Protector Frank W. Markie in Yadkin County of three bassmen on Dobbin Lake who had 15 crappie, and from Protector Walter Bray who cites a 9 1/2 lb. largemouth bass caught in Richmond county. According to Protector D. B. Bell, "There have been good catches of fish taken in Contentnea Creek recently."

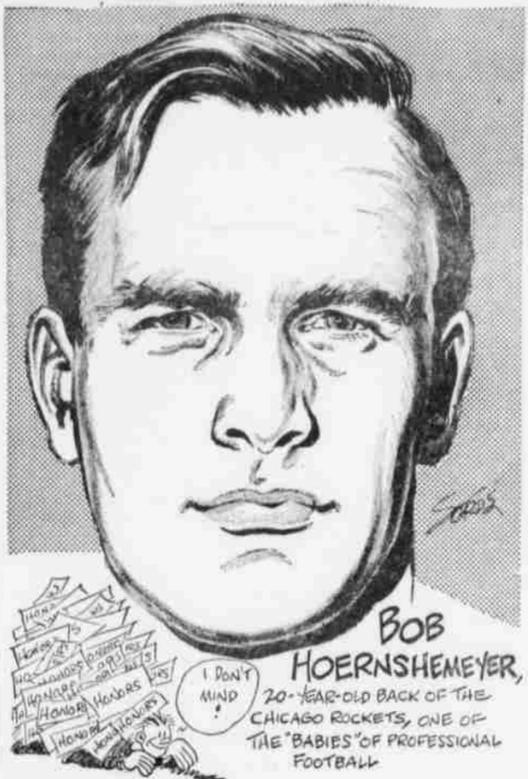
The "no closed season" ruling abolishes the closed season on all species of game fish except trout, with the exception that spawning areas for other species will be designated and closed during the spawning season. Fishermen, get a license and enjoy this fall sport. The fish are

there and they're still biting. **LEADER IN NEW FEDERAL AID PROJECT** . . . Robert J. Wheeler, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama has recently joined the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries as senior biologist in Federal Aid work to help in the initiation and development of a State-wide Wild Turkey Restoration program. Mr. Wheeler has had several years of experience in investigation and management of deer and turkey in the southeast. He was formerly a project leader of a Federal Aid project dealing with turkey management in Alabama. He has a Master's degree in wildlife management received from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

PLANS FOR NEW FEDERAL AID PROJECT . . . Tentative plans have been set up for a new Federal Aid project of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries which will be concerned with a turkey management program. The turkey demonstration management area of 25,000 acres or more is yet to be selected; it may be set up on present holdings or, if the initial survey should so indicate a new area may be selected for acquisition by lease or purchase. The purpose of the intensive management work is to develop concentrated populations of turkeys for trapping and transplanting to other potential turkey ranges.

The selected area will serve as an experimental and demonstration area for turkey management practices, and these principles and practices of turkey management will be cited for private lands and lands on which suitable agreements can be worked out. **\$180 FOR ONE SQUIRREL** . . . Yes, that's approximately what it cost one Richmond County hunter for one squirrel which he killed with an unplugged gun, and then resisted game and fish protectors who sought to inspect his

PRO "BABY" By Jack Sords



AS A HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER AND LATER AS A UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA STAR, BOB HAS BEEN LITERALLY SNOWED UNDER BY AN AVALANCHE OF "ALL-HONORS"

any game and fish protector and from the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, Education Building, Raleigh, N. C. They are also on sale at many sporting goods stores and other private businesses. **ONE FOR THE BOOKS** . . . says J. P. Holland of Raleigh. Mr. Holland who went up to the office of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries to obtain a combination hunting and fishing license was surprised to find that the license he received was issued on the same day as the one he had the year before, and the number on this license was identical with that on the one he had the previous year. Good hunting and fishing, Mr. Holland, perhaps this is your lucky number-

N. C. Breeders Top Poland China Sale

North Carolina Poland China hog breeders sold their animals at an increase of \$14.50 per head over the average price in competition with breeders from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, South Carolina, and Georgia at the recent Southeastern Poland China Type Conference and sale at Orangeburg, South Carolina. P. M. Horton of Wake County sold the top gilt for \$205 and Walter Kirby of Wilson County sold the top boar for \$150. Horton, Kirby, Douglass Hill Farm of Scotland Neck, and R. S. Leonard of Black Mountain marketed their animals at an average of price of \$87.50 per head. The purpose of the conference, according to Swine Specialist Jack Kelley of State College, was for breeders of Poland, China hogs, extension workers, and vocational agricultural teachers to meet and agree on the best type of hog to grow. The official type committee was made up of hog breeders, packers, and one member each from the animal husbandry departments of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. About 300 people took part in the conference, which included the judging of nine classes of hogs. W. P. Farrior, assistant farm agent of Halifax County, came second in the judging contest with a score of 885 out of a possible 900 points. County Agent J. O. Anthony of Wilson County said that the hogs from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia "showed up just as well or better than the hogs consigned from outstanding breeders of the Western States."

NEW ASSOCIATE BIOLOGIST . . . Arthur Randolph Shields joined the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries effective October 1 as associate biologist, assistant to Dr. Willis King. He will be stationed at the Waynesville Hatchery, in the Western part of North Carolina.

ALL OUT FOR SPORTS—especially hunting and fishing. Sportsmen are really taking to the fields and streams, and license sales are skyrocketing. The sale of all types of hunting and fishing licenses have already far exceeded the number sold for the same period last year. The return from license sales in 1945-46 reached \$455,354.55; and the total revenue from sale of hunting licenses alone so far this season has mounted to \$87,394.50. Licenses may be obtained from

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By Rich Fowler

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THE LADY OF THE FLAK

(Written in England, 1941)

There is a lovely Lady who lives up in the flak—
The sweetheart of the airmen 'mid the puff-balls red and black.
She smiles at those who venture where her poppy-garden grows
With its flaming, splashing blossoms in well-calculated rows.
Oh, the pilots see her beckon, and the gunners see her nod!
Among her tiers the bombardiers can hear her speak to God—
And she's a winsome, wayward wench with sparkles in her eyes
That lure a man into her flak and take him on the rise!
Her voice is in the engines with their throaty alto hum—
Her heart is in the beating of the lusty ack-ack's drum—
She's everywhere in thundering air; there's lightning in her smile.
There waiting in her garden the airmen to beguile.
Her eyes have seen our youngest as he trembled where he fell—
Her lips caressed our eldest as he murmured his farewell—
Her feet have trod above us as we welcomed our mission through—
And her promise is to love us . . . as our loved ones . . . used to do . . .
Oh, there's a lovely Lady who has smiles for men who fly—
She keeps a deadly garden full of poppies in the sky!
She snares the wings of many men, our Lady of the Flak—
And sometimes, when she's satisfied, she lets a lad come back.
—Pilot Bob, Concord, Mass.

I NOTICE A news story to the effect that one of the ill-effects of the war is a shortage of baseballs, with the result that only inferior grades are available for the sandlot kids. That is sad news indeed, but not necessarily fatal to the sport.

WELL DO I REMEMBER my own days of playing ball in a vacant lot, and it was a rare thing for us to have a ball with a cover on it. Our ball was always a home-made affair of twine, wound around a small rubber ball, or sometimes around even a pebble. IT WOULD USUALLY have a "cover" of black friction-tape—but this wouldn't last for long. Pretty soon one of the heavy sluggers would "knock the cover off it" as he was exhorted to do. That didn't end the usefulness of a well-made twine ball, however.

FOR MANY INNINGS thereafter, the ball would be wiskery with ravelings, but still full of thrills as the score went up into the twenties or thirties (a game in which either side scored less than 10 runs was considered a pitchers' battle).

FINALLY, DAYS LATER, BLACKENED beyond recognition, and with about half of its original makings gone, the ball would be discarded in favor of a new one which ONE OF THE fellows had spent the night before WINDING CAREFULLY by hand.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS

Fellow in California is asking for a divorce because his wife charged him \$5 a kiss. Seems she didn't take him "for better or for worse." She just TOOK him!
—Sweetie-Pie, Cottage Grove, Ore.

MY GENTLEMEN

There's first the man who shines my shoes
Their dullness to abolish;
Right gladly I entitle him
A Gentleman of Polish.
Another keeps my car in trim
With rare mechanic arts
Replacing what I break. He is
A Gentleman of Paris.
But best I like the man who sells
False faces, Halloweens.
He is, in several hundred-fold,
A Gentleman of Miens.
—Bill of Billings, Mont.

WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS for about 30 months without ever tasting milk, I often used to say I'd give \$10 for a good glass of milk. And don't think I didn't mean it. Milk just couldn't be had, and it wouldn't have been safe to drink even if there had been any. Most of the cows in Europe are tubercular, and milk handlers are very unsanitary in their methods. European countries are years and years behind us on such matters.

NOW THAT I'M HOME, do you think I ever drink milk? I DON'T—AT LEAST, NO MORE than 5 or 6 times a day! STILL CAN'T get enough to make up for ALL I MISSED!

MEMORIES

Memories, I think, are naught
But the threadbare clothes of thought.
—The Barber of Bar Harbor, Me.

TRAFFIC THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Where you hurrying to—the cemetery?

RE-WORDING THE CLASSICS

A bird in the hand is bad table manners.
—F. P. C., Sharon, Kansas.

PARTING SHOTS

" . . . Oops . . . I see you waxed the floor, dear . . ."
—R. F.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh
Bert Childers and the Melon Patch
Bert Childers put an ad in the Clarion the other day. Here's what it said:
"Planted more melons than I can eat this year. Stop by and pick as many as you want. All free."
As you can guess, plenty of folks sent their kids over and plenty of the parents came too. Stripped Bert's melon patch in no time. And as they went away, Bert treated the kids to lemonade, and offered the grownups a glass of ice-cold sparkling beer.
Naturally it puzzled some folks . . . but Bert explains: "It gives me a kick to share things when I can afford to—whether it's the melons, or the lemonade, or beer. I guess I just like to indulge my whims."
From where I sit, if we had more "self-indulgent" people like Bert—who believe in share and share alike, live and let live, this tired world would be a whole lot better off!
Joe Marsh

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANK OF RAEFORD

of Raeford in the State of N. C. at the close of business on Sept. 30, 1946

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$ 219,951.60
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,824,900.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	16,350.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	1,026,182.96
7. Bank premises owned \$10,833.69, furniture and fixtures \$5,203.13	16,036.82
11. Other assets	2,941.13
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,106,362.51

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,367,905.81
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	448,356.40
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	76,874.68
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	35,935.44
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,553.18
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,951,625.51
23. Other liabilities	5,421.10
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$2,957,046.61

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital *	\$ 50,000.00
26. Surplus	85,000.00
27. Undivided profits	14,315.90
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 149,315.90
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,106,362.51

* This bank's capital consists common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$ 209,800.00
(c) TOTAL	\$ 209,800.00
32. Secured and preferred liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	106,674.68
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets	2,553.18
(e) TOTAL	\$ 109,227.86
34. (a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was	397,607.00
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted	\$1,026,182.96

I, R. B. Lewis, Executive Vice President, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT—ATTEST: R. B. Lewis.

H. L. Gatlin, J. L. McNeill, F B SEXTON, Directors
State of North Carolina, County of Hoke, ss: 2 22

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1946, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires March 29, 1948. Jessie B. Ferguson, Notary Public.