

GROWING PAINS — Work began last week on the expansion of the county health center. Additions will be built on each end of the building to add more waiting room and office space and to free present space for clinics.

Demand, Quality Paint Bright N.C. Beef Picture

The strong demand for North Carolina feeder cattle continues to indicate that Tar Heel farmers have a promising future in this segment of animal agriculture.

Results of state - sponsored demonstrational sales held last fall were particularly encouraging, according to Sam Buchanan, extension livestock specialist at North Carolina State University, Prices per head were the highest since 1951.

"We have plenty of room to grow in beet cattle production, the specialist said. "There are opportunities for more good cow - calf and stocker operations." he added. placing emphasis on the word

Prices farmers received for their calves on last fall's feeder calf and yearling steer sales tend to support Buchman's observations

observations regularing expansion and quality. The average from the 22 graded calf sales was \$147.29 per head for all types and

Aerospace Class To See Cape Kennedy

A plane trip to Cape Kennedy, Flouda, and an educational tour of the facilities there is in store for seventy - two teachers who nist completed the two - weeks course in Aerospace I dikation at Sandhills Community College. The 32 books of instruction, presented by the division of adult education at division of adult education at Sandhills, included the history of aviation; the theory of flight, the U.S. space program, educators' responsibility in the space age, thousy a tocket propulsion and allied subjects. According to D.L. Furches director of a lab constitution at Sandhills College, in coarse with the space of the same and sandhills college.

anspices of the United States Air Force which was pritwo flights to Cape Kenny accommodate the large namper of graduates. Both thems will be from Pope Air Foice Base, the first leaving March 23 and returning March 24 and the second leaving April 6 and returning the next day.

A team of edistinguished persons was at Sandhills to provide instruction for the classes which were held in three hour periods tour evenings each week. The instructors included Lieutenant

Colonel Tony Mitsch, USAF Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, Lieutenant Colonel William Hanna, USAFR.

director of data processing and accounts, Baltimore, Maryland. First Lieutenant Brian Schiebley, USAF, United States Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland; Dr. Douglas R. Jones, dean of the school of education, East Carolina University: John V. Sorenson, deputy chief of staff for perospace education, national headquarters of the Civil Air Patrol, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, and William J. Reynolds, regional director of aerospace education for the middle east region. Andrews AFB, Maryland.

grades. Steers averaged \$158.70 and heifers \$126.36. On 11 yearling steer sales

held during the same period, these heavier animals averaged \$197.70 per head -- the highest

Differences in per - head prices between grades support Buchanan's emphasis on quality. The feeder calf averages indicate that a farmer with a truckload of steer calves in the top grades -- good and better -- received over \$18 apiece more for his animals than the farmer whose calves graded medium. The difference between common grade and the top grades was about \$49 per head.

"These differences are particular significant, said Buchanan, "These are the differences between profit and

loss in many cases."

He added the explanation that the man with the top grading calves probably had no more money invested in his animals than the farmer who brought common grade calves

Sciecting better bulls, culling

o tell a story about a city boy who was spending his summer on the farm. His hosts had a tine time showing him around the farm, pointing out the

sights he had never seen in the

the west firm was a hen sitting in a rest of eggs. They told that some day soon a little

thick would come out of each

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box became disappointed as northing happened in the chicken coop The eggs looked exactly as they had when he

had first seen them. They bore no signs of change whatsoever.

So his faith in the expected miracle began to wane. Finally,

after many fruitless days of

watching, he gave up altogether, deciding that he

had been deceived.
The next day, by sheer habit

and no longer in anticipation. he went to the coop and was

amazed to find that the miracle had taken place: the nest was alive with little chicks. How amazing it seemed that all this

is occurred.

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and giving more attention to animal health problems - these some of the factors involved in producing the kind of calves that buyers want and the kind that make a profit for the cow herd owner. Buchanan

The fall sales indicate that Tar Heel farmers are heeding this kind of advice and making considerable progress in upgrading their commercial beef herds.

A record 66 percent of the calves sold on the state sales last fall graded good or better. This was an improvement of 4 A Hereford sale at Jefferson

placed 82 percent of the calves in the top grades. The first of two sales at Rocky Mount had 80 percent good or better. These calves sold for the highest price per highest price per hundredweight. 533.36; the highest price per head. \$164.87; and had the highest

shan the farmer who common grade calves as better bulls, culling herd more closely.

And had the highest average weight, 494 pounds. "Figures like these help make the future of beef production in North Carolina look pretty good," Buchanan commented.

Plans \$51,850 For Expansion

Carolina Telephone has announced a record - shattering \$51,850,000 construction and expansion program for 1971 to produce new service features, provide for normal growth, and continue equipment modernization.
H. Dail Holderness,

president of the company, said that this ambitious effort will follow on the heels of the 1970 expansion totaling \$40.092,000.

The largest single item in the company's 1971 budget will be local and long distance central office equipment, for which \$23,954,600 has been allocated.

Additions to outside plant facilities in individual exchanges will require an expenditure of \$16,665,000.

Another large item of expense will be the purchase and installation of telephone instruments and private branch exchanges S8,667,800.

Land and buildings, long distance lines, and general equipment will amount to \$2,502,600.

These additions are expected to increase Carolina Telephone's plant investment to about \$342,319,000 by the end of 1971.

It is estimated that the company will gain about 968 long distance circuits for a total of about 54,317 circuit miles in 1971.

During the year, the company will initiate a three

year program to establish one and two - party rates for rural subscribers outside the individual exchange base rate areas in lieu of the present quarter - mile charges. The new zone rates will be

fully implemented prior to December 1, 1973, and will include about one - third of the company's rural subscribers annually. It is expected that implementation of the new zone rates will increase construction requirements substantially

In Raeford. proposes to spend \$43,000 for additional local dial equipment.

Gas Company Tells Earnings

After tax earnings of \$1.12 per share for the past twelve months was the highlight of an months was the highlight of an interim report mailed today to the stockholders of North Carolina Natural Gas Corp. Earnings for the period ended December 31, 1970 increased 35% over the 83 cent per share the state of the state for the prior similar period and were up from the \$1.02 per share reported recently in the company's Annual Report for the last fiscal year. Sales revenues increased about \$6% million for the year.

In the report, company president Frank Barragan, Jr., noted that December marked the 17th consecutive month in which the company has made a

On January 12 the Board of Directors increased dividends to 15 cents per share payable on June 15 to stockholders of record June 1, 1971. A previously declared 10 cents per share dividend will be paid March 15 to stockholders of record March 1.



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Hyco Lake in Person County near Roxbøro is a sprawling, 3000 acre impoundment with a split personality. Tom Earnhardt of Chapel

Hill has seen Hyco at her best In less than an hour and a half one afternoon, he took three largemouths that totaled 18 pounds. His biggest bass weighed seven and a half

pounds.
Both of us have seen Hyco

It happened the way these things always seem to happen. Tom modestly told me (only three or four times) about those three lunker largemouths. Naturally, I was unimpressed.

So it came to pass that at 4:30 one recent morning, I arose in amazingly good spirits, downed a cup of scalding coffee, and marched out the door into a cold January mist with an armload of tackle.

"You're going to catch pneumonia," said my sleepy wife, Diane.

Phone Company "Well if I catch a pneumonia, Tom says it'll weigh at least six pounds," I hollered back.

"Right on," said Diane wearily. She knows better than to offer discouraging words to a fisherman who is convinced a lisherman who is convinced he is about to experience piscatorial paradise. Besides, she's a good angler herself, and was probably a little jealous. I met Tom in Hillsborough,

and we were on the lake by 6:30.

It's perfect," said Tom, "I've had my best days up here when it was cloudy and calm. We'll

slay them."

I won't bore you with a lot of details. At roughly 6:35 a.m., a cold front came whistling through. It was perfectly timed to coincide with my first cast of the day. During the next hour, the sky cleared, and the wind rose until it was gusting near 40 miles per it was gusting near 40 miles per hour. White caps were everywhere, and although both

of us gave it a good try, we caught nothing.

The ride back to the dock

was murder. Solid sheets of water curled over the bow, and even though we had rain suits, it was uncomfortable.

Despite this unfortunate

experience, I am convinced that Hyco Lake — also known as the Carolina Power Lake — is the best place in the state to hook a lunker largemouth bass in the winter. in the winter.

The lake was built in 1965, but already it has produced bass over 12 pounds. Eight pound fish are not particularly uncommon, and any accomplished fisherman who fishes the lake frequently can expect to catch bass up to six or seven pounds. Quite a few limit strings of lunker bass have been taken, and I know of at least one string of 20 bass which averaged four pounds apiece. Unfortunately, the angler violated the legal limit by some 12 fish, and paid a heavy price for his greed.

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There is a good reason for Hyco's excellent bass fishing. Carolina Power and Light Company has a steam electric power plant on the lake which pours thousands of gallons of heated water into one of the coves. Many fish -- including crapple and catfish -- are attracted to this warm water. and the bass fishing in this
"Hothole" is often
unbelievable. Not only is
fishing good around the
hothole, it's also often
excellent in the colder portions
of the lake

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Tom's biggest fish have come from coves well away from the hothole. Even so, Hyco's fishing is not exactly a sure thing. Not only is weather a factor, so is the relative experience of the angler. Tom tells me that it took several trips for him to figure out how. trips for him to figure out how to fish for Hyco Lake bass.

"The first couple of trips. I watched everybody catch bass but me," said Tom. "Then,

after asking several lucky fishermen how they caught their fish, I learned that Hyco fishing is just like any other fishing. You have to know what you're doing."

Tom says that his best fish have been caught tishing slowly along the bottom with various types of plugs. Favorites among Hyco anglers are the Hotspot, sinking Rebels, sinking jointed Mirrorlures and pale green plastic worms. In the colder portions of the lake. the slow and deep retrieve is best, but when fishing at the hothole with plugs, a faster retrieve seems better. Plastic worms are universally fished slowly on the bottom in both cold and hot water.

Hyco Lake is under the authority of the Person - Caswell County Lake Authority, and a \$3 daily or \$15 season boat permit is required to launch and fish, in addition to a valid fishing license. A map of the lake license. A map of the lake which shows the launching ramp, plus Lake Authority regulations is available from the Person - Caswell Lake Authority, Box 343, Roxboro,

A word of warning about winter fishing. Wear warm clothes, take a boat which can handle occasional rough water. and be careful.

and be, careful.

Hyco has a lot more to offer
the fisherman that Tom and I
saw on this ill - fated trip. As I
said, I've seen Hyco's worse
side, and I fully plan to go
back until I see her at her best.
There's still plenty of time.
Winter fishing at Hyco should
be good through March be good through March.

The ground around Point Barrow, Alaska, is frozen to a depth of 1,330 feet. At Thule, Greenland, the freezing extends for 1,000 feet. The deepest permafrost yet measured - 2,850 feet - is in Eastern Siberia.

RECEIVES GRANT - Earl Gibson of Raeford, who played defensive back for Chowan College's football team, has received a full grant - in - aid to Lenoir - Rhyne College.

Gibson, a graduate of Hoke County High School, has enrolled at Lenoir - Rhyne and will participate in spring drills there. Chowan finished with a - I mark and 11th in the nation among junior colleges.







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had taken place overnight. Yesterday the eggs had looked the same as always, but today the eggs were replaced by fully developed baby chicks! Appearances, of course, had been deceiving to the boy. The eggs appeared to be the same every day, yet all the while wonderful changes were taking place inside them. The miracle was growing given before the

was growing right before his eyes, but he couldn't see it.

In "My. Fair Lady." Professor Higgins sings, "Why Can't A Woman Be Like A Man?" There's a sense in which

The late Emmett Fox used our prayers must often sound out prayers must often sound as if we're saying. "Why can't God be like a man'" Why can't he do things our way' Why can't he pace himself according to our schedule? Why isn't he

more punctual?

presumptuous, yet isn't this what many of us feel deep down? "God, I asked you to help me last week, and I still am in the same situation." "Lord. I've been asking for three years for you to my husband, and he's still the

The two parables in Luke 11 and 18 are not meant to compare God to an indifferent neighbor or reluctant judge. Rather, with these two stories. Jesus is saying that if these two all - too - human men will respond to a man's patient persistence, how much more are we assured of the eventual response of a loving God!

Many of us are like the unhappy army draftee who was being drilled under a hot, scorching sun on a sultry day. The rookie and his comrades were neither enthusiastic or adept at what they were doing. A passing officer was startled to see the rookie drop his rifle. to see the rookie drop his rifle. "How long have you been in the army?" he demanded of the rookie. The man looked wearily at the officer and replied "All day, sir."

We all know of time when "all day" seems to be an eternity, but we must remember that it is not. Let us not "hurry the chicken" but

not "hurry the chicken." but patiently and persistently await the answer which God will give in his own good time.

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