

Wildlife Afield

BY JIM DEAN

When the first flies began to hatch out of the stream, there couldn't have been more than two hours of daylight left. A.J. Johnson and I sat on a high rock overlooking the stream and watched the trout begin to rise in the pools and riffles below us.

"Let's go catch a fish," said Johnson after we had watched for a few minutes.

We left the rock and went downstream a few hundred yards, then waded across and came back up to the pool we had been watching. There were at least half a dozen trout rising in the pool, and the "hatch" of mayflies and stone

flies was well underway, and heavy by Tar Heel standards. By that, I mean we could see dozens of flies on the water and in the air. In other parts of the country, where streams are richer, a heavy hatch is measured not by dozens of insects, but by thousands.

Even so, we expected some good fishing. Both of us tried several of our favorite flies. They were ignored.

"I don't understand it," I said finally. "The flies we are using seem to be about the same size and color as the naturals. I've run into selective trout before, but this is ridiculous."

"See if you can catch one of the flies, and maybe we can see what we're doing wrong," suggested A.J.

I put my rod down and began to try to snare one of the flies as it flew past. The most common fly appeared to be a small yellowish mayfly, although there were also some large stoneflies hatching. Finally, I caught several of the mayflies. Our mistake was apparent at once.

"Look here," I called to A.J. "These flies look cream or yellow in the air, but they aren't. This one has an olive body and slate gray wings. I'm just guessing, but I'll bet it's one of the blue-winged olives."

We began to search through our fly boxes, looking for anything that might approximate the natural mayfly I'd caught. I found only one artificial fly that was even close. It was tied with grizzly hackle and had a pale green body, but it was too large.

I took my nail clippers and snipped off enough hackle to make the fly appear the same size as the naturals, then knotted it on my leader and began to fish again.

This time, the same fish that had ignored seven different flies in a row earlier took the fly on the first float. Soon, I had taken four other trout - three of them fat browns and one a small rainbow. Meanwhile, A.J. was having no luck even though he was fishing over the same fish with different flies.

I offered to let him use my fly, but he wanted to continue trying to find something else the trout would hit. He never did. Without the green body, his flies just didn't match the natural insect, and the trout were having none of them. It was one of those rare times when trout in North Carolina decide to be selective. Most of the time, they eat like swine. They take what they can get when they can get it, and the angler's choice is not nearly so critical as his technique for fishing it.

As it began to get dark, we went downstream a ways, and began fishing another pool. The same flies were hatching on it.

"There are some good native brown trout in this pool, and since you seem to have found the right combination, I want to see you catch one of them," said A.J., declining my invitation to use the fly that was taking fish.

On three straight casts, I took three trout - the largest a handsome 15-inch brown which I decided to keep. By then, it was full dark and we left the stream and went back to the cabin. When I took the trout into the cabin, he was still very much alive. I ran the trout in it where it swam around while we fixed supper.

After supper, I was filled with both steak and remorse. The trout - still swimming in the sink - was just too pretty to keep. I got a bucket and carried him to the creek in front of the cabin and turned him loose.

"I'm glad you did that," said A.J. when I got back. "I know you're crazy about trout fishing, but I'd hate to think I'd catch you fishing in my sink."

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CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Willie Galberth holds the award he received at graduation ceremonies at Upchurch Jr. High this week. Making the presentation is Upchurch principal Lonnie Bledsoe.

Lumber Bridge

By Lib Sumner

Morris Marley spent the weekend with relatives in Lumber Bridge and Red Springs. He has accepted a position with The Branch Bank in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dees of Fayetteville visited Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sumner Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spears spent Sunday with Mrs. Jack McArthur in Fayetteville.

Misses Kathy Lupo and Pam Sumner were guests at a pajama party Sunday night at the home of Miss Debbie Ferguson of Parkton. There were nine girls who attended this party.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Rick McMillan, Kim and Kristy, spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sumner.

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daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stephens in Lumberton.

Misses Lois and Lib Sumner spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Henry K. Crawford in Rowland.

Johnny Balfour reported a nice trip with the Scout Group No. 401. They spent several days camping at the lake at McCain.

Mrs. Dennis Clifton has been under the doctor's care since last Thursday. She was bitten and scratched on the hands by a squirrel. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton feed birds and squirrels in their yard; a dog caught a squirrel and Mrs. Clifton tried to rescue it.

Jim Maxwell and daughter, Mary Monroe of Dundarrach and Mrs. Jon Evans and daughters, Susan and Allyson, of Raleigh spent the weekend with their mother and aunt, Mrs. John Covington and Mrs. Fred Russell.

Dewey F. Clark and Miss Billie Carolyn Morrison of Erwin were married in Bennettsville, South Carolina, May 16, 1972. They are living at Mr. Clark's home near Lumber Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark spent the weekend in Erwin with Mrs. Clark's mother. Also visited relatives in Erwin and Dunn.

Upchurch Grads Receive Awards

Several Upchurch graduates were honored with special awards during exercises held Monday morning in the school auditorium.

The scholarship award, for the highest grade average maintained through elementary grades went to Joyce McKenzie.

Willie Galberth was presented the Professional Women's Club Citizenship Award.

The Woodman of the World presented awards to Robert Attaway and Linda Currie for proficiency in American History.

Choral awards were presented to Mike McDuffie, Tondea Jackson, Robin Holland, Glenda Black, Brenda Jones, Debra Hall, Wanda Locklear, Diann Flowers, Cissy Moses, Marinell Johnson, Linda Currie, Debra McRae, Camilla McNeill, Lou Vern Johnson and Larry Black.

The Fine Arts Dept. of the Raeford Women's Club presented several awards for creative writing. Eighth graders who were honored for their literary efforts were Susan Bounds, Glenda Black and Sara Jones. Seventh graders receiving awards were Marsha Parks, James Carter and Kevin McNulty.

Diplomas and awards were presented to the graduates by Upchurch principal Lonnie Bledsoe, with the aid of two instructors.



SCHOLASTIC AWARD - Upchurch principal Lonnie Bledsoe presents Joyce McKenzie with an award for having the highest grades among the eighth grade graduates at exercises held at Upchurch Monday morning.

WITH OUR College Students

More than one of every four undergraduate students at North Carolina State University earned Dean's List honors during the spring semester.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell announced a record total of 3,084 men and women mastered studies in the sciences, technologies, humanities and arts to achieve academic excellence.

In contrast, 362 students were suspended during the spring semester due to academic difficulties - a ratio of more than eight honor students for every suspension.

Students from Hoke County who earned academic honors were: Mrs. Gwendolyn A. Davis, medical technology; Mrs. Frances C. Anderson, Rt. 1, Raeford; Joseph E. Dupree Jr., poultry science, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Dupree, 320 W. Central, Raeford; William B. Evers, ceramic engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Evers, E. Donaldson Ave., Raeford; Howard L. Hobson, conservation, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Hobson of Raeford; Ronald S. Huff, mechanical engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Huff; and Walter E. Marley III, geology, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Marley, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge.

To win Deans List recognition, NCSU students must attain academic averages of 3.0 or better out of a possible 4.0.

Included on the Dean's List were 197 men and women who scored perfect 4.0 records. Those earning honors did so in fields as traditional as English, history and civil engineering, as new as computer science, and as far out as astronomy.

In addition to their studies, most of the honor students participated in extra-curricular activities including sports, campus dances, the Friends of the College and New Arts concert series, University movies and other cultural and social events.

Ninety-eight of North Carolina's 100 counties, a majority of the other states and territories and several dozen foreign nations were represented on the NCSU Dean's List.

Two Raeford girls, Phyllis (Pam) McMillian and Diane Upchurch have been named Dana Scholars for the 1972-73 academic year at Queens College.

Miss McMillian is the daughter of Mrs. J. D. McMillian of 304 North Jackson St., and Miss Upchurch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Upchurch Jr. of 112 West Sixth Ave. Both are rising seniors and music - education majors at the college.

The scholarships are awarded annually to sophomores, juniors and seniors with superior academic records and demonstrated leadership capacities in the college and community. About 15 students from each of the three upper classes are chosen each year.

Miss McMillian has been on the Dean's List for three years, and this is the second year she has been named a Dana Scholar. She has been the recipient of a Presbyterian Women Church scholarship.

She served on the House Council, in the May Day Court and on the Public Events Committee. She was second vice president of the Resident Student Council and a member of concert choir and Alpha Delta Pi, a social sorority.

Miss Upchurch has been on the Dean's List for three years. She has been the recipient of a music scholarship for three years and a Dana Scholar for two years.

She was president of the Junior Class and vice president of Panhellenic Council. She has been on the committees of self-study, public events and new curriculum. Her memberships include Alpha Gamma Delta, a social sorority; the concert choir; the Student Government Association; and the Queens Corps, an honorary service organization.

Eight Raeford students were among the 246 to make the Dean's List at Pembroke State University during the spring semester.

They are: William Boyles, junior, sociology; Eleanor Gentry, junior, elementary education; Barbara Lavinier, sophomore, biology; Linda Nugent, junior, elementary education; Michael Nugent, junior, history; Roland Parsons, sophomore, physical education; Sue Roberts, senior, elementary education; and Bonnie Rose, senior, elementary education.

Of the total number of honor students, 117 are seniors, 72 are juniors, 50 are sophomores and seven are freshmen.

Weekly Health Tip

From Mike Wood

In this generally affluent nation, the "teen-ager, and especially the teen-age girl, is the worst fed member of the household", says Dr. R. W. Hillman of State U. of New York. "Mainly from lack of dietary education, with emphasis on foods of little or no calories," he said, "75% of our teen-age girls may be deficient in essential nutrients, Vitamins A and C, thiamin, riboflavin, calcium and iron". Improved diet and dietary information is surely necessary.

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The signal sounded and I began to talk hesitantly - hesitantly because I realized that no one was hearing me on the other end of the line.

What would happen if God dealt with us in this way? How would we feel if our prayers were answered by a recording? Such is not the case, for we believe, as Jesus believed, that the God who made us is still available to hear us, and upon hearing us He is prepared to respond. God who numbers the hair of our heads and is aware of the fall of a single sparrow is not a God who would leave a recorder to do the work of listening to the prayers of His children.

For the nonexistence of a divine recording, I am thankful. For the existence of a personal, listening God, I am grateful.

PRAYER: Father, we rejoice that You are always available to listen to us and willing to respond to our needs. Most especially, we are gratified that You responded to our need by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to give us new life. Amen.

Farm Items

By W. S. Young and David Bodenheimer

The Gypsy moth is a serious threat to our shade, orchard and forest trees. In order to slow its entry and prevent its establishment we need to know of its presence in the various areas of our state as soon as possible. The cooperation and assistance of every citizen is needed. Traps have been set in Hoke County and will be checked on a regular basis. The larvae or worm stage is identified by a red, white and blue color. If something of this nature is found, please notify your county agent or bring some to the office.

Hoke County farmers that hire any labor should become familiar with requirements of a Federal law known as the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The Act provides for mandatory penalties of up to \$1,000 for each serious violation.

Farmers are required to keep posted a 10 x 16 inch safety poster. The law also requires that a "log of occupation injuries and illnesses" must be

available for inspection even though none have occurred. Employees are required to keep accurate records of work related illnesses and injuries and report death within 48 hours to regional offices. The address is Regional Labor Office, Room 311, 1371 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309. The records must be kept for a period of not less than five years following the end of the calendar year to which they relate.

The annual membership meeting of Blue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation will be held on Friday, June 30, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

The principal speaker will be Congressman W.R. (Bob) Poage, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture. Farmers are encouraged to attend and hear the ideas expressed by the Chairman. It is important that he knows that farmers are concerned about their tobacco program. Tickets for the luncheon are available from the County Extension Office.

INSULATION TIP

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Troop 401 News

Boy Scout Troop 401 held their monthly campout June 2-4 at the Sanatorium Pond in McCain. Fourteen boys and their leaders attended.

Parents night is planned for Wednesday, June 14 at 7:15 p.m. at the Scout Hut.

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