

## Duo Performs At Ladies Night

The Raeford United Methodist men will hold their annual Christmas program and ladies' night 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Program Chairman R.B. Lewis announces that Dan and Ann Miller, a singing duo from Jacksonville called "The Wire Services", will provide a musical program.

Dan is associate pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Jacksonville and Ann is a licensed dental hygienist. In their singing ministry they have performed at Lake Junaluska for the United Methodist Women and for the annual conference sessions of United Methodist Youth.

Officers of the Methodist Men are Frank Baker, president; Bob Gentry, vice-president; and Ed Hasty, secretary-treasurer. Clyde Upchurch Jr. is food chairman.



PERFORMERS - Dan and Ann Miller, a singing duo called "The Wire Services" will perform at the Raeford United Methodist men's annual Christmas program and ladies night Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Public Hearing Slated Tuesday

A public hearing on the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, at the Board of Education Building. Some members of the ESAA advisory committee will be on hand to answer questions and accept suggestions regarding use of funds requested under a federal assistance plan.

The Hoke County School System is submitting an application requesting approximately \$280,000, to help ease problems of desegregation. If approved, the money will be used to fund programs in remedial reading and math, and counseling.

The ESAA advisory committee will hold a regular meeting Friday at 3 p.m.

Tuesday's public hearing is one of the requirements for approval of the ESAA grant.



HOUSE BURNS - The North Raeford Fire Department assisted by the Raeford Fire Department was called to a house fire in the Dunlap's Crossroads section, at 2:30 p.m. Monday. The two story dwelling, owned by Herbert McLean, and all the contents valued at \$2500 were lost in the blaze along with an unestimated amount of money saved for Christmas, according to NFRD Chief George Baker. Baker said the fire started from faulty wiring in a switch box and had consumed the top floor of the dwelling before firemen arrived. The NFRD firemen will collect donations of clothing and household goods for the family Saturday. Donations should be brought to the NFRD Fire House or donors may contact firemen to pick up donations. (N-J Photo)



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## TAR HEEL OUTDOORS

Old-timers on Hatteras Island say they never saw anything like it. And veteran surf fishermen who had gathered there in numbers for the Thanksgiving holidays could not remember there ever being such a run of flounder in the surf—on the Outer Banks or anywhere else.

Every day from mid-week through the week end, surf casters of every size, shape, political persuasion and degree of expertise stood almost shoulder-to-shoulder from Frisco north around Cape Point to the beaches south of Oregon Inlet. Greatest concentration of fishermen, if not fish, was from Cape Point north to the lighthouse, about three miles.

It was the nearest the angling fraternity comes to a low-in. Truck campers with radios blaring parked at the point all night, with the only pretext of fishing an unattended rod in a surf spike. Many fishermen walked down the beach from the Park Service campground at Buxton, fished all day, then just lay down in the lee of a garbage can for a little sleep before dawn. Lows in the 50's and highs in the 70's made such primitive camping almost comfortable, if slightly gritty.

Flounder seemed to carpet the bottom everywhere in the surf, but most were hooked in the curl. Average size was perhaps a pound and a half, but there were plenty of three-pounders mixed in and skilled fishermen had no

difficulty filling a string too heavy for one man to carry, culling out the peanuts. At the seafood market, dressed flatfish dropped from 79 cents a pound a few days before to 55 by week end. On the beach, it was difficult to give away fish.

Still, some fishermen were disappointed Jumbo bluefish, which had blitzed the point early in the week were conspicuous in their absence. A large school moving south at Kitty Hawk 55 miles north on Tuesday apparently went to sea, eschewing the Hatteras surf.

John Ochs of Buxton and George Cornish of Hatteras found them on the bottom mixed with king mackerel and false albacore in shoal water two miles southeast of the point. From a small boat which they ran out of Hatteras Inlet, they caught fish on lures pulled deep with planers.

Light and variable wind had the surf as clear as it gets, but a southwest wind predicted for Saturday afternoon materialized only briefly, then died. It was the condition that almost always puts bluefish on the beach at the tip of Cape Point. Casters holding big rods sporting Hopkins lures stood around looking forlorn. The southwesterly finally got up heartily before dawn Sunday, but by mid-morning long-awaited blues still were absent. Only the occasional false albacore satisfied metal casters, and precious few of them.

But mostly the crowd, and I do mean crowd, was happy with benign weather and a plenitude of flounder. Two kids of my close acquaintance experienced "sumpum another like glory," to borrow a phrase, fishing barefoot and catching their first surf fish faster than they ever thought possible.

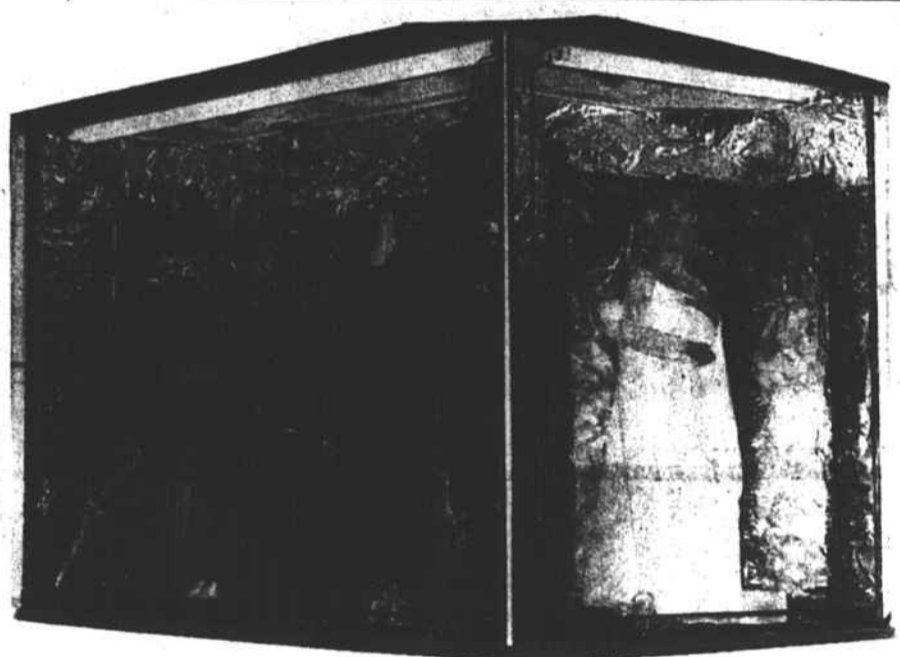
Back at the fish-cleaning table at the motel, they learned the difficulties and surgical pleasures of filleting flounder and plastic-bagging the thin pieces for the freezer.

While flounder dominated the holiday on Hatteras Island, the first striped bass of the 1973-74 season was caught on November 24 by Nelson Lindemon of Pasadena, Maryland. He beached the single fish north of Salvo

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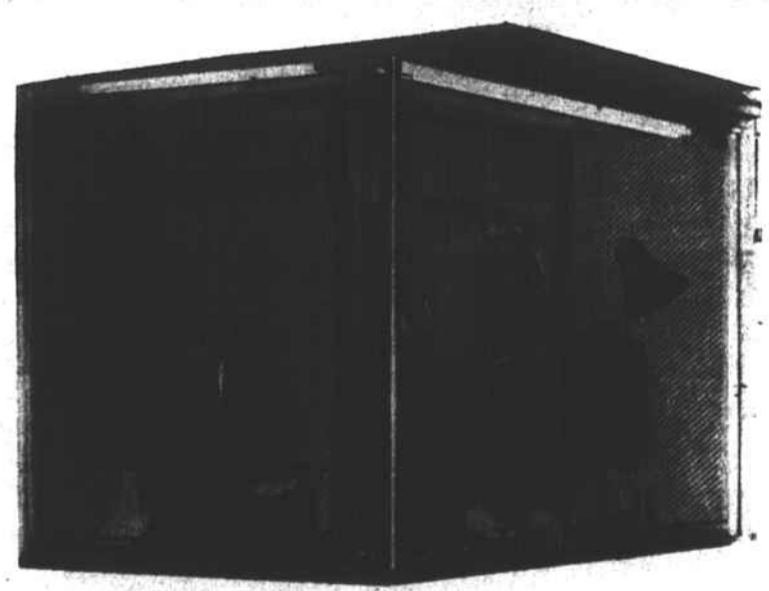
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