

## Bank Of Raeford Gains

The Bank of Raeford gained almost a million dollars in assets last year, stockholders were told at the annual meeting held Jan. 21 at the civic center.

Assets totaled \$11,035,099.47 for 1974 as compared to \$10,320,206.94 the year before. Earnings per share increased from \$9.77 to \$12.18. Bank president W.E. Carter reported that the bank had enjoyed a good year and was in sound condition.

The directors were re-elected. They are J.H. Austin Jr., T.F. McBryde,

Bernard Bray, Tom U. Cameron, Neill A. McDonald III, H.L. Gatlin Jr., W.L. Howell Jr., D.R. Huff Jr., James B. McLeod, W.L. Moses, J.L. McNeill, Edwin D. Newton, J.W. McPhaul, T.B. Upchurch Jr., R.B. Lewis and W.E. Carter.

Officers elected included J.L. McNeill, chairman; Carter, president; Tom Cameron, T.F. McBryde, R.L. Conoly, vice presidents; Miss Jessie B. Ferguson, vice president and cashier; Sarah M. Maxwell and Joyce C. Monroe, assistant cashiers.

## TAR HEEL OUTDOORS



by Joel Arrington

Most North Carolina anglers spend more time reading about saltwater fly fishing than practicing it. Maybe that's true everywhere.

Truth be known, conditions conducive to casting a fly to saltwater species do not occur with the frequency or dependability that is the stuff of our winter pipe dreams.

I've vowed to carry a heavy fly rod and a selection of flies and leader material on all estuarine and marine fishing trips. It is a vow more broken than honored, I regret to say, and I've missed some good fly fishing as a result.

But reading about fishing always renews my good intentions. Published late last year were several books on saltwater fly fishing and fly tying.

Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin, both in the highest echelons of saltwater fly fishing, collaborated on "Practical Fishing Knots" (Crown, 160 pp., with black and white photos and line drawings, \$5.95). Anyone who has even scant knowledge of fly fishing in the salt knows that a leader which is most efficient and which meets requirements of the Saltwater Flyrodders of America for world records has more knots you never heard of than any comparable length of monofilament in fishing. Kreh and Sosin make these knots not only tieable but comprehensible. If you sit with the book spread at your side, follow the step-by-step illustrations and practice with mono, you find not only that the knots are not as difficult as they seemed, but you come to appreciate the practical good sense behind them.

Learn to tie the nail knot, the perfection loop, the double surgeon's knot, the Bimini twist, the Albright knot, the Home Rhode loop, and you will impress your friends, astound your children and you will be able to tie a good saltwater leader as well.

Collaborating with Kreh on another how-to picture book are Hermann Kessler and Irv Swope. "Fly Casting With Lefty Kreh" (Lippincott, 127 pp., with black and white photos, \$8.95) was planned by Kessler and the sequence photos were made by Swope.

Of course, no one ever learned to fly cast by reading a book, but if you read this one and practice on your lawn with the book spread open at your feet, you will be a better caster for it.

Kreh's casting style is not

conventional nor classic, but, he writes, "One designed around tough fishing conditions." He has taught thousands his technique at casting clinics over the years. I received a brief lesson at Nags Head one year when Kreh attended a gathering of fishermen. It increased the ease with which I can cast a long line if it did not add distance.

More aspiring fly fishermen ask me where they can get flies in saltwater patterns than any other question. I give them a couple of sources and mention cost before urging them to tie their own. It's easy, inexpensive and a pleasant pastime.

The best book on the subject I've seen is "Dressing Flies For Fresh And Salt Water" (Fresher Press, 192 pp., with color and black and white photos, \$12.95) by Poul Jorgensen. Irv Swope also made these photos, and they are some of the best ever for clarity, sharpness and color fidelity.

Only one of the 21 chapters in on saltwater patterns, but the book is worth the price just for that. Consider as a bonus the 20 chapters on technique, materials, trout, salmon and shad flies, bass bugs and the rest.

Kreh is a gifted teacher, a lucid writer and, above all, an expert fly fisherman.

Pour over these volumes through the winter and I suspect you will go out this spring with renewed dedication to the art and science of saltwater fly fishing.

## Accent On Agriculture

A combination of decreasing prices for some farm commodities and rising costs brought farm returns at the end of 1974 down to 73 per cent of parity. A year ago the figure was 90 per cent.

The farm parity standard is a price which theoretically gives the farmer a "fair" return for his products in comparison with the cost of things he has to buy. When average farm commodity prices drop and costs rise, the commodity average loses ground as a percentage of parity.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm prices wound up the old year with a 3 per cent decline in the month ending December 15 to finish 4 per cent below a year earlier. Farmers' expenses, however, rose 0.5 per cent during the month and wound up 16 per cent above a year earlier.



**PAGEANT WINNER** -- Mrs. Havana Whitted, wife of the Rev. Booker T. Whitted, was named Miss Mt. Olive in the adult division of a pageant sponsored to benefit the Mt. Olive United Church of God building fund. Mrs. Whitted attended Upchurch High School and Cordova School in Washington, D.C. She is a resident of Hoke County. Runner-up was Mrs. Betty Baldwin.



**YOUTH WINNER** -- Miss Vernetta Leak was crowned Miss Mt. Olive in the young adult division. A Hoke High graduate, she is employed at Burlington. Miss Leak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Leak. Runner-up was Miss Mildred McLaughlin.

# RABIES

## Hoke County Dog Vaccination Clinics

North Carolina Rabies Law states that all dogs over four months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Failure to have your dog vaccinated for rabies is a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court (G.S. 106-387).

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Antioch	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1975	
	McNeill's Service Station	10:00-10:30
	Gore's Service Station	10:30-11:00
Stonewall	Dundarrach Trading Company	11:00-11:30
McLaughlin	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1975	
	Brown Hendrix Service Station	10:00-10:30
	Brooks Store, Rockfish	10:30-11:00
	Wayside Service Station	11:00-11:30
McLaughlin	Newton's Service Station	11:30-12:00
Raeford	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1975	
	Tyler Town, McCallum Texaco Station	10:00-10:30
Raeford	McNeill's Grocery Store, 401 South	10:30-11:30
Quewhiffle	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1975	
	Lee Moss Pure Oil Station, Buchan Farm	10:00-11:00
Quewhiffle	Five Points, Calloway's Station	11:00-11:30
Quewhiffle	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1975	
	Parks Grill, Montrose	10:00-10:30
	Byrd's Grocery, Ashley Heights	10:30-11:00
Blue Springs	West Hoke School	11:00-11:30
Raeford	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1975	
	National Guard Armory	3:00-5:00
Allendale	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1975	
	McCormick's Station, Duffie	10:00-10:30
	South Hoke School (Hawk Eye)	10:30-11:00
Blue Springs	Hoke Trading Company, Bowmore	11:00-11:30
Raeford	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1975	
	National Guard Armory	10:00-11:00
Raeford	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1975	
	County Line Grocery	2:00-2:30
Raeford	National Guard Armory	3:00-5:00

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