



By Jim Dean N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

How many times have you wanted a special type of fishing rod, but were unable to find exactly what you wanted? The handle wasn't exactly right, or the action was slightly too limber, or maybe you just didn't like the colors of the windings.

Even if you find the rod you're looking for, chances are good that a glance at the price tag could cause your heart to take a couple of extra gallops.

Why not build your own custom rod? Believe me, it's a simple thing to do, and you can get a lot more rod for the money. Not only that, you'll have the pleasure of using something you made yourself.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking that the last thing you built was a birdhouse in high school shop class, and during the 25 years that birdhouse sat in the sycamore out back, no bird ever gave it a second look.

Rod building is different. If I can build a rod, anybody can, and over the years, I've built seven or eight that have served me well. In fact, I still use the first rod I ever built. It was an ultralight spinning rod and the whole thing cost only \$4.

It costs more to build a kit now (\$15 and up), especially if you opt for top quality rod blanks and fittings. But you can still expect to save at least half the retail cost of a finished rod -- and you'll have a better rod.

The first step would be to order several catalogs from reputable rod building companies. Some of these companies offer rod kits with all parts included, but you can get

better quality -- and often save money -- if you pick out the various parts and buy them separately. At the same time you're ordering catalogs, order a copy of Dale Clemens' book on rod building (see address below).

After studying these catalogs and Clemens' book, you should be able to pick out what you want. Most of the rod blanks will be glass, but you can also get graphite (famous brands like Fenwick, Lamiglass, Dura - Flex, Browning and others are available). Rod guides, reel seats, winding thread, and other components are available in many varieties.

Joel Arrington, who is the State's outdoor editor, has built dozens of fine rods. He recommends the following catalogs:

Gene Bullard Custom Rods, Inc., 10139 Shoreview Road, Dallas, Tex 75238.

J. Lee Cuddy Associates, Inc., 450 N.E. 79th Street, Miami, Florida 33138.

Dale Clemens, RFD 2, Box 850, Westcosville, Pennsylvania 18106.

E. Hille, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

Joel feels that Bullard has a fine all-around selection with excellent quality at competitive prices. Clemens has similar offerings, and also has written an excellent book on rod building which you can order through his catalog. Cuddy has the best selection of saltwater fittings, while Hille is likely to have rod building components and kits at the most modest prices.

## Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Slated April 30 In Raleigh

North Carolina Democrats will gather en masse in Raleigh for a "Peoples Jefferson - Jackson Celebration" Saturday, April 30. The event, first held in 1930, has become a traditional rallying point for the Party and is one of several events held annually to raise party funds.

Special emphasis will be placed upon wide participation by all party workers, and the usual \$55 per person cost has been lowered to \$20 and will include both the afternoon reception and "J-J" Dinner. Gov. Jim Hunt has expressed his desire that the "J-J" program format be arranged so that all Democratic Party workers could participate in the traditional celebration.

Plans call for holding the reception at the Arts and Crafts Building at the State Fairgrounds, followed by a barbecue dinner and program at Dorton Arena.

State Democrats have launched an effort to bring Vice - President Walter F. Mondale as the main

speaker for the "Peoples' Jefferson - Jackson Celebration."

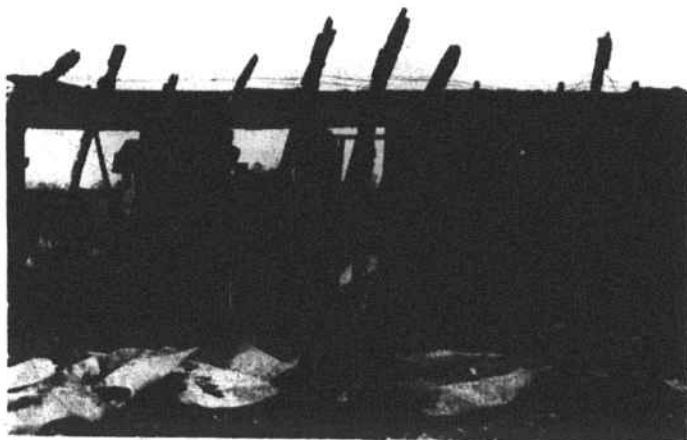
"We are optimistic that Vice - President Mondale will come to North Carolina to be with us for this special celebration," says Party Executive Director Steve Glass. "It is the Governor's wish that all North Carolina Democrats have the opportunity to come to Raleigh and enjoy the J-J with him and the Vice - President."

The North Carolina Young Democrats will sponsor a dance on Friday evening preceding the Saturday J-J celebrations. On Saturday morning at 9:30, Wake County Democratic Women will host their traditional breakfast also at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh.

Party coffers, seriously drained in the '76 campaigns which culminated in overwhelming Democratic victories at all levels in November, must be replenished to provide resources for maintaining that momentum.

State Chairman Mrs. John L. McCain has called upon her fellow Democrats to "support the Peoples Jefferson - Jackson Dinner as never before, and help us lay the foundation for a successful campaign at all levels in '78."

The Veterans Administration plans to begin construction of new hospitals at Richmond, Va., and Bay Pines, Fla., this year.



**STORE RUINS** -- State Bureau of Investigation arson agents are investigating the March 1 blaze which destroyed the 211 Truck Stop near the Hoke-Robeson line. Sheriff's deputies found the restaurant-club in flames about 3 a.m. after someone apparently entered the building with a key.

### Tar Heel Spotlight

## Story Of 'Miss Emeline'

**Sara W. Hodgkins, Secretary**  
Typical plantation southern belle, devoted nurse, lifelong supporter of the Confederacy -- and spy, all describe Miss Emeline Pigott of Carteret County.

All her life affectionately called "Miss Emeline," the daughter of Levi W. Pigott and Eliza Dennis Pigott spent her early life uneventfully on her father's plantation at Crab Point, just outside Morehead City. In 1861, in her early 20s, she became engaged to be married.

However, her sweetheart, Stokes McRae, marched off to war and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Miss Emeline, along with most of the southern women of the area, plunged herself into nursing the wounded soldiers who were arriving from the attacks on the coastal areas.

About this time, a wounded soldier was brought to the Pigott home for nursing, and Miss Emeline busied herself with him. Despite her efforts, the young man died, and was buried in the family plot. Tradition has it that Miss Emeline had begun to care for "her unknown soldier," as she called him, as a replacement for her own lost lover, and she could not be coaxed into revealing his name.

The simple inscription on the headstone reads "Unknown Soldier, Company B, 26th Regiment, N.C.T., C.S.A."

This second loss further embittered the young woman, and caused Miss Emeline to redouble her efforts toward the southern cause. The cultured, gentle, southern girl became a spy.

Her underground efforts furnished letters and supplies through Union lines to many a homesick soldier, and risked her capture many times. However, on several occasions she was captured -- each time escaping.

"The Old North State," the occupation Yankee newspaper of the day, reported in 1864 that Miss Emeline had been captured as she was leaving Beaufort, wearing voluminous skirts. Among the items counted under the skirts were a pair of boots, two pairs of pants, a shirt, naval caps, a dozen pocket handkerchiefs, needles, combs, pocket knives, a razor, four pounds of candy and, the Yankee newspaper concluded, "letters to rebels." The article further stated that the contraband weighed more than 30 pounds and filled a bushel basket!

Accounts of her exploits in "N.C. Women of the Confederacy" record that on one of her trips between Beaufort and occupied New Bern, she was seized and searched. During the search, the young spy chewed up and swallowed the dispatches she was carrying. Had these been discovered, she would have been shot at once. As it was, she was imprisoned at New Bern and at least one attempt was made on her life, the account states.

Friends' efforts to free Miss Emeline were fruitless, and she seemed doomed to languish in prison. But friends had reckoned without the bravery of Miss Emeline. Tradition says she sent word to the Federal authorities that she had substantial evidence that some of the Union soldiers in charge were Confederate sympathizers -- "traitors" she called them -- and threatened that if she were not released, she would reveal their activities.

She was released without a trial. To this day, there's no known account of the official reason for her release.

On another occasion, Miss Emeline was told Federal soldiers were

in town searching for her and she was forced to hide out for several days in an attic. In addition to the articles to the soldiers, Miss Emeline carried on a messenger service, leaving mail under certain logs in the woods, and carried food, clothing and quinine to Confederate soldiers hiding in the area.

After the war, Miss Emeline, who never married, lived awhile at the family home at Crab Point and then in Morehead City until her death in 1919. "N.C. Women of the Confederacy" noted that "to the end of her 82 years no cause was so

dear to her as the Confederacy."

This heroine, who, in her way, defied the Yankees who had deprived her of a husband and a friend, is remembered in a play by Ruth Barber, "Bonnie Blue Sweetheart" the story of the girl who devoted her life in service to the "bonnie blue flag" of the Confederacy. Miss Emeline was also remembered with the Emeline Pigott Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Morehead City.

Her tombstone, along with that of her "unknown soldier" can still be seen in the family burial plot on Emeline Place in Morehead City.

## It's Time For A Few Words From The Talking Wristwatch

By William J. O'Neill  
National Geographic News

The day is coming when you won't have to look at your watch to find out what time it is.

At the press of a button, a new wristwatch will say clearly, "Five-oh-three," or whatever time it happens to be.

The manufacturer of the talking timepiece, who expects to market it by next Christmas, assumes no responsibility for the reactions of passersby who eavesdrop on the watch.

But if you're embarrassed at letting all within earshot share your watch's knowledge, a digital read-out on its face will continue to give the time silently.

The battery-operated watch, called Sonatime, combines a liquid crystal display with a miniature speaker and a solid state memory.

A patent for the vocal watch was granted last December to Inter-sonics Corporation of New York. Robert W. Lester, president of the research firm, says the watch's voice can be composed of information bits that will reasonably reproduce any selected person's voice in any language customers want.

Watchmaking has made dramatic advances in recent years by

## Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- As a veteran, may I use the GI Bill for correspondence courses?

A -- Yes. If you are eligible for benefits and the correspondence course is approved for VA training, the VA will pay 90 per cent of the cost of the course.

Q -- I purchased a home in 1957 and had the loan guaranteed by the VA. I sold the home and the loan has been paid in full. Is it possible for me to obtain another VA-guaranteed home loan?

A -- Since you disposed of the home and the original GI loan has been paid in full, your loan privilege can be restored. Contact your nearest VA office for full information.

Q -- In 1966 I bought a \$5,000 "JR" insurance policy because I was totally disabled. I have a \$5,000 World War II "V" policy on waiver. Can I get a waiver of premiums on my "JR" policy too?

A -- No waiver will be granted for total disability in existence at the time your insurance became effective.

adapting space-age technology and miniaturization. It's a far cry from the Nuremberg Egg, considered the forerunner of modern watches, says the National Geographic Society.

A technological marvel in 1505, the egg-sized timepiece was meant to be worn on a neck chain. It featured a coiled mainspring, its single hand told only the hours, and it was "accurate" to within two or three hours a day.

Most early watches were made by locksmiths, who produced them in various shapes, including ovals, squares, and octagons. With development of the spiral balance spring in 1675, another hand was added to measure minutes and the portable toys became true timekeepers.

Watchmakers became specialists, and watch movements were reduced and refined to fit into flat cases that could be carried in the pocket.

Wristwatches at first were considered effeminate, though some were worn by British cavalry officers in the Boer War. The heavily laden troops of World War I found them practical, and they soon became more popular than the bulkier pocket watches.

Over the years, wristwatches shrank in size and became self-winding, shock-resistant, and waterproof. They took on added duties as stopwatches, calendars, and wrist alarms.

The greatest change came in 1970 when traditional mainsprings and balance wheels were replaced by tiny quartz crystals in a new type of wristwatch.

Watches became computers, with liquid crystal displays flashing the time at the push of a button or flick of the wrist. Light-emitting diodes that produce constantly visible numbers eliminated even that much effort.

Now if someone invents a voice-activated timepiece, its wearer can just ask the watch what time it is.

Jesus knew the temptations and growing pains of adolescence. He had to learn to be obedient to His parents just as we do. He understood what it was like to be lonely. He faced the range of human emotions. He was fully human.

What a tender and gracious Savior we have! He was willing not only to bear out sin and shame on the cross, but was willing also to endure the frustrations and problems of daily living and identify with us and understand our joys and sorrows.

In Hebrews we read, "We have no superhuman High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible -- he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned."

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your perfect example of a life lived in and with God. Help us to follow Your example more clearly. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Jesus knows firsthand our human situation.

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- 4 Ft. Crop Feeder
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- Blade Blower
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