

Wildlife Afield

Tom Cooper and I brought new thrills to our fishing one day in mid-April. No, we didn't discover some new way to fish a plastic worm. We didn't develop a killing fly pattern for trout. We didn't sink eight thousand dollars into a new boat. In fact, we didn't do anything innovative whatsoever.

What we did is get a bucketful of minnows and a handful of cane poles and go fishing for crappies on an old millpond.

I don't know about you, but it does my old heart a world of good to chunk all the modern conveniences from time to time and get back to basics. I'm as attracted as anyone else to any new fishing gadget, which explains why I have three rooms full of tackle; but there is a lot to be said for simple pleasures.

As it turns out, we had excellent luck with smallish crappies and both of us took renewed delight in watching the cork bounce a few times before sliding deliberately beneath the waves. Someone once wrote that there is no sight in all of nature so pretty as "the rings on the water where the cork was."

If you're already a minnow and natural bait cane poler, you probably agree with that sentiment. If, on the other hand, your fishing has become more and more complicated in recent years, you're a prime candidate for reacceptance into the cane pole fraternity.

There are lots of advantages. For example, my entire outfit — pole, line, cork, hooks and split shot — cost less than one good balsa crankbait. The minnow bucket was \$1.10 and three dozen minnows set me back an additional buck.

Best of all, I could carry it all to the car in one hand. No 'fess up. How long has it been since you could do that?

When we arrived at the lake, we

launched a 12-foot jon-boat and soon located an old tree lap that looked like a dandy condominium for crappies. When I dropped my baited cork into the top of the lap, the cork never stopped going down.

When fishing would slow down on one lap, Tom and I would find another one nearby. Within a couple of hours, we had 35 or 40 crappies. That evening, we filleted them into bite-size chunks, rolled them in Bisquick, and quickly fried them in hot oil. They fed six people, all of whom agreed that they were as tasty as any fish they had ever eaten.

Tom and I both had to admit that the trip had been one of the most enjoyable we'd taken in years, but we're concerned about what this is going to do to our images.

For example, we wonder what our comrades in the "Rainbow Camp, Steam Whisky, Bluegrass and Ace High Straight Appreciation Society" will think. When they're comparing exotic patterns of size 24 Tricorythodes flies, will they think us crass for mentioning that we prefer to hook our minnows through the lips?

During heated discussions of the aesthetic beauties of natural split Tonkin cane flyrods compared with the superior casting qualities of graphite, will our friends be amused when we admit that we prefer slender one-piece 14-foot cane poles to the more coarse jointed canes which cost more?

Will they understand our passionate preference for real cork "corks," as opposed to plastic corks? Can they fully appreciate the comforting sound of a bucket of crickets chirping away on the bottom of a wooden skiff while you're drifting down an eastern blackwater river?

Why should we worry? Of course they'll understand.

Watershed, Inspector Targeted By Panel As Significant Needs

The Hoke County Rural Development Panel, a 16-member body representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the public service agencies within the county, named the construction of a watershed and the hiring of a building inspector as two important needs during their last meeting, April 26.

Family Dollar Names Buyer

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. (AMEX symbol FDO), has announced the addition of Len Landry to its buying staff, according to an announcement made by Lewis E. Levine, executive vice-president. Landry is a native of Houston, Tex. Prior to joining Family Dollar Stores, he was associated for 12 years with a large, publicly-held discount chain.

AROUND TOWN

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for office, and maybe you can see how the officials feel that are sitting at the table and trying to keep their minds open to give the right decisions. This isn't always done, but most of the time the officials think so.

Just another sermon, so say amen Morris.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Just a word of correction regarding the class of 1962 reunion picture in last week's edition.

It appeared as if all the ladies were listed by their married names except for myself. No harm done -- but since I was the winner of the gag gift of Geritol for the largest family (6) and having had my marriage certificate longer than my diploma (almost 18 years), just wanted to let others not present know that I am still ----

Patsy Irion Miller
Mrs. James O. Miller
Many thanks."

Willie Featherstone Jr., the panel's unofficial chairman, said the group feels a watershed would serve a two-fold purpose -- an abundant supply of water would be a lure to industry and the site could be used for recreation. The group agreed that any sources of federal or state funds for such a project should be explored.

The panel endorsed the idea of a building inspector and noted that the county presently has only an inspector for electrical, plumbing and heating and air conditioning work. Featherstone said he feels that the lack of an inspector might encourage outside builders to come into the county and do inferior work and this may contribute to a rise in sub-standard construction.

The panel also endorsed three other projects, the planting of azaleas on the median strip along N. Main St., a pavilion or bandstand for concerts and entertainment and public restrooms in the downtown area.

ment of Social Services, on the progress of the IV-D program to locate missing parents and obtain support payments;

Requested Lester to meet with Sheriff D.M. Barrington concerning the costs of establishing a separate office in the jail for the use of the State Highway Patrol for Breathalyzer testing;

Requested Lester to budget funds for replacing the outside door at the courthouse annex at the urging of commissioner Danny DeVane;

Authorized an amendment to the budget to allow the Tax Collector to purchase a typewriter.

The board tabled a request from the Department of Social Services for new typewriters at a total cost of \$1,785 after DeVane said he wanted to check out the need.

Because of a conflict with the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, the board re-scheduled its next regular meeting for 9 a.m. May 16.

Commissioners also approved a request from Hostetler who said he wants to attend a county attorneys' conference in Nags Head in June. He estimated the cost as about \$200.

Six delegates will attend a county commissioners' conference and rally scheduled in Raleigh May 18, it was decided. Lester will accompany the group.

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FOR SALE: 1975 Pacer, 30,000 miles, \$2,500.00, call between 12-5, 875-5417; after 6, 738-2518. 1P

BIG YARD SALE: Several families, Sat. May 7 at 207 E. Prospect, from 9 until. 1P

The Charlotte Observer paper route available in town of Raeford. 30 minute delivery time. 5:30 a.m. to 6 a.m., 7 days a week. Earn \$40 weekly for just 30 minutes of your time daily. Call James Barbour, 276-7767. TFC

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