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Rod And Gun

BY ROD AMUNDSON

A Franklin County farm pond owner took advantage of frigid weather to keep plenty of fresh fish on the family dinner table. His two-acre pond was entirely frozen over except where a spring ran into it. Sensing the warmer spring water, bass and bream, somewhat numb, congregated in the small patch of open water. To catch fish the farmer simply selected fish of appropriate size and pulled them out by hand.

Harvesting them is the simple process of dipping them up or picking them out of the water by hand. Fortunately for the good of the sea trout fishery—these numb-outs are few and far between.

Speaking of numb fish, folks along the coast sometimes get a free helping of sea trout or weakfish during the coldest winter days. A sudden drop of water temperature in sloughs and river estuaries where trout hang out in the winter sometimes undergo a condition referred to as a "numb-out." The fish get so cold so suddenly that they become numb and float to the surface.

Although there is not much pleasure boating going on this time of year there are plenty of things you can do with, on and about your boat during the winter months.

First, if you haven't already, renew your registration certificate. All boats powered by machinery of more than ten horsepower must be duly registered and numbered. You don't have to change the number; that stays with the boat for the life of the boat. Registration certificates coincide with the calendar year, and it is unlawful to operate a numbered boat as of right now without a 1964 certificate.

Many Bonds Carry Names Of Deceased Persons

They say that 450 million Savings Bonds are now held by people throughout the country. Some of them, of course, are 15 or 20 years old, or more. The bonds, that is, not the people. With that many outstanding, it is only logical to expect that a great many of these bonds carry the names of people who are no longer living.

That's the purpose of bringing this up here. If there are bonds in your family carrying the names of persons who have died since the bonds were bought, you may want to bring them up to date by substituting the name of a present family member. The Treasury will do this for you, without charge. One thing to remember. You'll have to provide the Treasury with a death Certificate for the person whose name is being removed from the bond. That's because the regulations require the permission of a co-owner or beneficiary whose name is being dropped.

There's no requirement that you get this bond reissued, you know. It's just a service the Treasury provides the bond owner.

Of prime importance is your safety gear. Check the lights, those installed on the boat or the flashlight you use for night operation. Check out those life preservers, to see that they are in good enough condition to serve the purpose for which they were named. If your boat has forward steering equipment, check the fittings to be sure your boat will respond to these controls.

This is a good time to get your motor in tiptop condition for the coming season. Go as far as you can in cleaning spark plugs, and general tuning up, but if you are not a skilled mechanic, you'd better turn the work over to a guy who knows how.

So many boats are now made of metal or plastic that very little cleaning or painting need to be done. If your boat has been moored in dirty or brackish water, it will need to be cleaned, and you might want to do an entire new color scheme on the hull to match your wife's hair if she decides to go blonde this season. Grease, for example, to go with the complexion hues of your seasick passengers.

NEW FIGURINES BY NORMAN ROCKWELL



The folkways of America captured by famous cover artist Norman Rockwell are now available in ceramic figurines, hand-crafted in Bavaria by the W. Goebel Co., makers of the famous "Hummel" children.

The new Rockwell collection totals exactly 12 pieces, depicting typical U.S. home life and activities. Shown here is "My New Pal." Now at local gift shops, or write to the exclusive distributors, Ebeling & Reuss Co., 20rd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Ed Williams Says...

ALL ATHLETES ARE MEMBERS OF SHOW BUSINESS AS WELL AS THE SPORTS WORLD NEVER THE TYRANT'S ALL MEET MEANS NOTHING TO SHOW PEOPLE OR SPORTS FIGURES

CONWAY TWITTY PLAYED PRO-BASEBALL UNDER HIS REAL NAME, HAROLD VENKINS. Hit a homer.

BOBBY STONE WAS AN ALL-STAR FOOTBALL PLAYER AT UCLA.

JOHANNY MATTHEWS, 6'5" HIGH KUNG AT SHIVER THIS STATE.

DAVE CHILDER & MORISWALE BEATED JOHN IS ON TV.

ONLY THE CALL THE BEST OF THE BEST.

"HARVEY" AN OYSTER CONNOISSEUR PLAYED 9 BASE WITH GOOD V BROGERS AND CARLA OUB.

SUB HOPE WAS AN EXCELLENT BOKER.

STRENGTH IN AMERICA'S PEACE POWER!

BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

YOUR SHARE IN AMERICA

Poverty Amidst Plenty

BY VERNE STRICKLAND
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation

America's lush green countryside offers a story you won't get merely by looking from a car window. It's the story of poverty feasting at the core of the world's most amazing system of agriculture.

Under Secretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy peered past the countryside's serene surface during a recent address in Memphis, Tennessee. Here is part of what he saw:

"The mortality rate of children five to fourteen is 50 per cent higher in rural than urban areas and 100 per cent higher for ages 14 to 24."

"Rural America has almost three times the proportion of dilapidated and substandard houses as urban America."

Only thirty per cent of rural people go to college, compared to 50 per cent of urban youth. In many rural communities, the high school graduate is the exception rather than the rule."

"Three-quarters of the families and individuals employed as farm laborers have total annual income below nationally accepted standards of adequacy."

The farmer in other words, isn't basking in the luxury of the farm dollar which continues to climb in gross every year. In reality, he is waging a seemingly futile fight to uphold a dwindling net income

which is being devoured by spiraling farm costs. Strange that rural America should sink among the plenty its fertile fields provide.

Social Security Representative In Burnsville

The Asheville office of the Social Security Administration has issued a reminder that a representative from the Asheville office is available in Burnsville on certain days each month to assist residents in filing claims for social security benefits. The representative will also answer questions and handle other matters regarding social security. He does not handle income tax matters, however.

The representative will be in the courthouse in Burnsville on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. The representative ordinarily will not be at the courthouse after 12:30 p. m.

People wishing to meet with the representative are interviewed on a "first-come, first-served" basis. A supply of free social security pamphlets will be available at the courthouse, and some persons may find the answers to their questions in these pamphlets. The pamphlets can also be obtained by writing to the Social Security Administration, 50 South French Broad Ave., Asheville, N. C.—28801.

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Let's Go Fishin'
BY BOB BREWSTER
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Mercury Outboards

THE FISHING SUBSIDY

Every time we buy an item of fishing tackle... a rod, a lure, a line... we contribute a few cents toward better fishing.

A federal excise tax on fishing equipment manufactured in the United States is providing funds that have materially created more fishing opportunities for all of us.

This reminder is from the fishing experts at Mercury outboards, who point out the significance of Dingell-Johnson funds that are being used to excellent advantage in most states.

Fishing waters are often taken for granted by anglers. But a lot of behind-the-scenes developments, financing and hard work are necessary to provide new areas at a rate that keeps pace with the growing number of fishermen.

D-J funds play a prominent role in these developments. Here, in brief, is how they work:

Each state is entitled to a pro-rated share depending upon its number of licensed fishermen and its area in square miles. Then it must propose a project compatible with the purpose of the grant. Further, the state must match each three dollars of D-J money with one dollar of its own.

The projects which have been approved are many and vary considerably, ranging from scientific investigation to land acquisition.

The most tangible are those which have resulted in the development of new fishing areas and public access points to good fishing streams and lakes.

Taxes are often a source of irritation, justifiably or not, but here is one case where the results can be seen.

And, after all, what's more important than fishin'?

IT'S AMAZING!

THE SIKHS OF INDIA WEAR TURBANS 70 FEET LONG!

THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS KEPT THEIR SICK ON THE ROOFS OF THEIR HOMES BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HASTEN THEIR RECOVERY!

THERE WERE ONLY TWO AUTO TRUCKS IN LOS ANGELES IN 1909. YET, THE TWO DRIVERS MANAGED TO MEET ONE DAY IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION!

"PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW" IS A FALLACY. SNOW CONTAINS MANY IMPURITIES! IN CHINA IT IS OPEN PINK WHEN IT FALLS!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PROPOSALS

Proposals, included in our last platform, of particular concern to the Republican Party of Yancey County are:

- 1) Public Education, Education is the most important function of State and Local Government in a free society. We praise the dedication our teachers have shown under adverse circumstances. After 60 years of one party rule, North Carolina's public education program has been ranked 45th in the nation. The Republican Party believes that the present methods of selecting school boards in North Carolina contributes to this condition. We favor the selection of all educational boards simultaneously in biennial, non-partisan elections by popular vote of the people where the school board is to serve.
- 2) Election Laws. Our State Constitution properly declares "all elections ought to be free." Administration of the election laws should not be part of the partisan apparatus of a political party. The Republican Party advocates these changes:

- (a) Provide for the appointment of election officials to represent the State of North Carolina and not the political party.
- (b) Remove so-called markers who infest the polls and perform no proper or useful function; but who merely act as solicitors on behalf of particular political parties, and often intimidate voters and make fraud possible and easier to perpetrate.
- (c) Abolish the civilian absentee ballot. It is now openly used as an instrument of fraud. Such use is not occasional, but is widespread and is cynically admitted on the floors of our Legislature. It has been abolished in our Primaries but has been deliberately retained in the General Election in disregard of the Constitutional Declaration of Freedom and in a form contrary to the recommendations of the State Board of Elections.

We solicit the support of every citizen for these proposals and urge our friends and neighbors of different political persuasion to adopt them as a party. We are confident that bipartisan support for these proposals can remove much distrust, bitterness and ill-feeling that divides our citizens and delays solution of the difficult economic, social and educational problems of Yancey County.

YANCEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY CAN BE FUN: OR, LET'S ALL GO TO THE BUICK SPORTS CAR RALLY.



You say you're just plain sick and tired of spending another dreary winter in that car you've got now? You say you'd like a very good buy? You're exactly the person we've been looking for. Let's get together soon, during our Buick Sports Car Rally—which is your chance to drive a sporty Skylark, Wildcat or Riviera. Have a sporting good time of it!

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