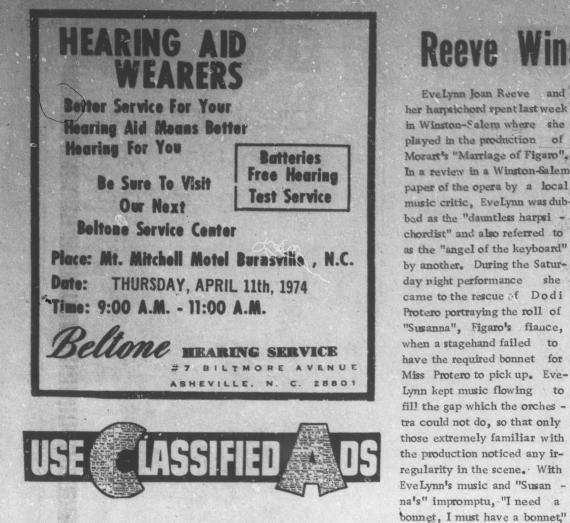
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Reeve Wins Acclaim At Opera

EveLynn Joan Reeve and these two professionals showed her harpsichord spent last week what excellent musicians and in Winston-Salem where she fine show women they are. Music in the Mountains, played in the production of EveLynn's "brainchild", is mov-Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro". In a review in a Winston-Salem ing ahead rapidly finalizing its paper of the opera by a local summer program arrangements music critic, EveLynn was dubmuch of which will be at Warbod as the "dauntless harpsi ren Wilson College this summer. The grand project of a chordist" and also referred to concert grand pianoto be kept as the "angel of the keyboard" by another. During the Saturhere in Burnsville permanently day night performance she for use in local concerts and recitals, is now in full swing came to the rescue of Dodi and all donations toward this Protero portraying the roll of "Susanna", Figaro's fiance, undertaking may be sent to Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, when a stagehand failed to North Carolina. have the required bonnet for

Remember, too, our Music in the Mountains workshops open to all free of charge providing us with a vast range of musical experiences, much of which is by local artists.

While in Winston-Salem.Eve-Lynn was the houseguest of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Beall. Dr. Beall, director of The Mayland Community Chorus, is sorting through music in preparation for the May performance of the chorus in Spruce Pine. This group is also open to any local singers wishing to participate.

Member of **College** Choir

Anita Kay Fox, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Fox of Route 2, Ramsey. Burnsville is a member of the Warren Wilson College Choir which recently went on a ten-day patient in Yancey Hospital. tour of Tennessee and Alabama. Anita is a 1970 graduate of East Yancey High School. children of Greensboro, N.C.

Warren Wilson, founded in 1894, is a co-educational, liberal arts college in Swannanoa, N.C. Every student works 15 hours a week in the Coopera tive Work Program which pays for all room and board expenses

Mrs. W. L. Bennett has returned to her home after sever-

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen

Mrs. Zeke Banks has been a

Mrs. Charlie Green and two

spent the weekend with her par-

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bod-

ford of Winston Salem spentthe

weekend with his parents, Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Angel of Bennettsville, S.C. visited

with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Towe

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denney of

Pickens, S.C. spent the week-

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton.

Jelley during the week.

her grandparents.

end with Mrs. Denney's parents,

Mervin Jelley of Charlotte

Miss Julie Fouts of Cos Cob.

visited his mother, Mrs. Lillian

Connecticut awho attends ASU

with Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts,

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Silvers en-

tertained Mr. and Mrs. Wayne

King, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon

Johnson and Frank Brody at a

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anglin

attended their granddaughter's

Garden Club

Program Held

The first meeting of the

dinner party at her home in

Jacks Creek on Sunday.

at Boone, spent the weekend

and Mrs. Fred Bodford.

over the weekend.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ray.

spent the weekend in Hickory

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Aston

in Greenville, S.C.

wedding, Janice Anglin to Wayne Boyer, in First Baptist Church, Hazelwood, N.C. on al weeks visit with her daugh -March 29th at 2:00 p.m. ter. Mrs. Bill Price and family

> Mr. and Mrs. Jess Styles have recently returned home from Winchester, Virginia where they attended the funeral of Mr. C. E. George, Mrs. George and Mrs. Styles are sisters.

HERE AND THERE

BY MRS. BRUCE WESTALL

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Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hens ley spent the weekend in Atlan-

Wildlife &

In Burnsville

ta, visiting their granddaughter.

Miss Janet Cox, for her gradua-

Georgia State University (with

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph

Thompson of Cowen, W. Va.

were home last week. Larry

spent the week with his mother.

Mrs. Edalyne Thompson, Lake

schooling in Haywood County

and is now in Cowen, W. Va.

Thompson has finished his

with his father.

tion March 23, 1974, from

a Master's Degree).

BY JIM DEAN

SNAKEBITE: WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Every outdoorsman sooner or later finds himself nervously sharing some real estate with a snake, though usually not for very long. Apparently, man's apprehension about snakes goes back a long way-- at least to Genesis.

Nor does it help to know that North Carolina has a higher incidence of snakebite than most states. It is not known what percentage of these bites might be from poisonous rather than non-poisonous snakes, but the ratio of poisonous bites is relatively small.

According to Bill Palmer, who is curator of vertebrate zoology for the N. C. Museum of Natural History, there are six main species of poisonous snakes in the state-- three rattlesnakes, the cottonmouth moccasin, the copperhead, and the rare coral snake. How often you encounter one of these depends in part on where you are.

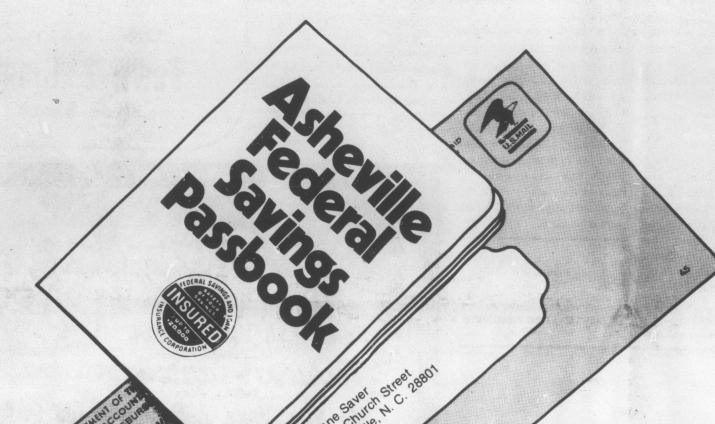
If you fish blackwater streams down east, it isn't uncommon to see cottonmouths. If you hike through upland woods, you'll occasionally see a copperhead, but you are probably as likely to see this snake in your backyard as anywhere.

Rod Amundson, who is a co-worker of mine at the Wildlife Commission, was bitten by a copperhead several years ago while getting wood from a backyard woodpile. He spent three days in a hospital, but came through it fine,

I've hunted, fished, hiked, camped and boated across North Carolina for many years and I've never knowingly had a close call with a poisonous snake. In fact, though I've encountered a number of copperheads and cotton mouths, I've never even seen a coral snake and only seen a few rattlesnakes--all in the middle of the highway (squashed).

Only once--to my knowledge--have I even been with-

Next to being shot at and missed,



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The Largest Savings and Loan in Western North Carolina

Burnsville Garden Club for the year 1974 was held in the home of Mrs. Charles Proffitt Thursday afternoon, March 28. After the reading of minutes of the last meeting the treasurer's report was given. Added to the \$89.53 all ready on hand was the sum of \$36.00 collected in dues. This amounted to \$125. 53 in the treasury.

An invitation given to the club by the Chamber of Commerce to provide an exhibit for the annual dinner meeting to be held April 19th was read to the club. As a result of discussion, the invitation was declined.

A letter from Mrs. Jim Bingham was read by the president to the effect that the club should be involved in beautifying the ` public square. A check for \$50,00 was enclosed to start the project.

Mrs. James Anglin was welcomed into the club as a new member.

The program provided by Mrs. Fall consisted of a most helpful and informative talk by Mrs. Mary Wallace. Her subject was "The Making of a Pot-Pour-re of Garden Flowers. " Many helpful ideas were given as to how to keep various flowers colorful and beautiful for months at a time by the use of various preservatives. Silica jel, Benzoin, sand, alcohol and Elmer's glue are some of the substances needed. Some of the flowers which dry nicely when treated are Marigolds. Larkspar, Baby's Breath, Ferns, Straw Flowers, Statice and even Roses and Lilies as well as many others. Mrs. Wallace showed, with the help of her sister, Mrs. Sargent, a number of slides of several gardens situated in various places over the country. Many of these gardens are noted for their beauty as well as their formality. in striking distance of a poisonous snake, and that was last summer on the rocky banks of a trout stream. As I came down the bank, I saw a copperhead sunning himself in the path. I couldn't get by on either side, so I poked him with my rod tip (it's a long rod) and he moved out of the way.

Of course, I've seen countless non-poisonous snakes. I'm convinced that the average person cannot identify most poisonous varieties from those that are nonpoisonous Many times, I've had people show me harmless snakes, claiming they were copper keyds or cottonmouths. Maybe it's a good thing they don't know the difference since that makes them careful of all snakes.

On the other hand, I've heard of people interrupting fishing and camping trips to rush some fellow to the hospital because he was gummed by a garter snake. My fishing time is too valuable for such interruptions, so I've learned to identify the poisonous species. Also, If I'm bitten by a nonpoisonous snake, at least I won't have heart failure worrying.

Actually, your chances of getting bitten by a poisonous snake, even in North Carolina, are pretty slim-- not much greater than getting struck by lightning. Still, you wouldn't stand on a golf course holding a metal umbrella in an electrical storm, so it is wise to watch your step when you're in recognizable snake habitat.

When I'm down east, I stay out of lowlands as much as possible when walking, and when I'm in a boat on a coastal stream, I watch logs and overhanging limbs (incidentally, most snakes in trees are nonpoisonous water snakes rather than cottonmouths). Inland, I'm careful when I'm around old, fallen-in house places, rock piles, or rocky stream banks, and also when I'm near piles of trash or dead timber.

But what if you're careful and still get bitten? The first order of business is to identify the snake positively, or kill it and take it to the hospital with you if you aren't sure what kind it is.

Unless you're a long way from help and the snake is large and recognizably dangerous, many authorities discourage the old practice of cutting flesh around the bite and sucking out the venom.

If you can get to a hospital, you will probably be given anti-venom. It is considered the most effective treatment. Some authorities have experimented with chilling the affected part of the body, but this can cause problems.

It may sound ridiculous, but you should try not to get excited. You should also avoid any unnecessary exercise. Above all, avoid taking any "snakebite medicine" known hereabouts as booze).

At the very least, you should learn to make positive identification of poisonous snakes. It could save you some unnecessary grief. In any case, keep in mind that even if you're bitten by a poisonous snake, you have an excellent chance of recovering without lasting effects.