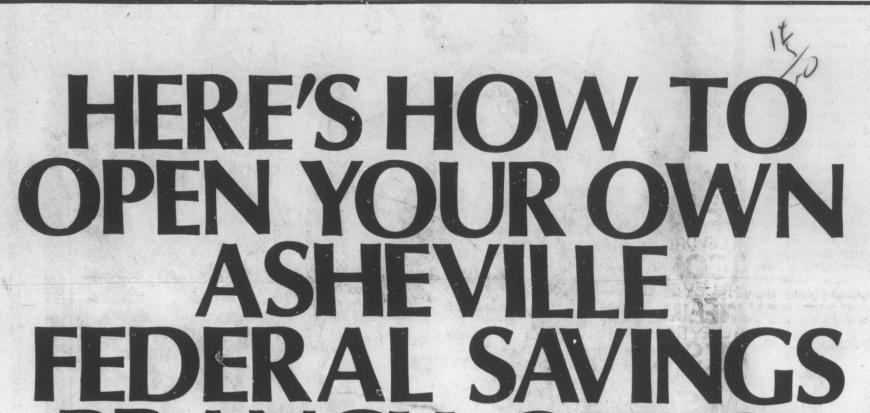
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They Tell it Like it is!

[left] and Black [right], who is employment manager of Glen Raven

Mills. The day-long seminar was held at Appalachian's Center for

Continuing Education. The CMD offers special staff development

courses and programs to meet the needs of business and industry in

Northwestern North Carolina.



I would never admit it, of course, but apparently my friends are right when they call me a hopeless, nostalgic, sentimental hack. There is just no other explanation for some of the things I'm about to say.

It concerns fishing, modern fishing. Or to be even more exact, modern largemouth bass fishing.

As virtually every fisherman knows, tremendous strides have been made in bass fishing techniques during the past few years. First, plastic worms hit the market and practically revolutionized the sport. I confess I use them and enjoy fishing with them.

Then cam special electronic depth finders and thermometers. Fast boats designed especially for bass fishing were developed. You know the type, those with the high, comfortable seats. Some of these boats are so fully equipped that you can sit in the front seat under a special univella and direct the cooling breeze from an electric fan onto your hot body. They've even got wall to wall (or bulkhead to bulkhead) carpet. I like them, and someday I may even own one.

Along with the new boats and other gear came refinements in fishing tackle. Rods were specially designed for bass fishing. Freespool casting reels became the rage. A variety of new lures hit the market--the spinner baits and "Big O" type plugs. Like everybody else, I have replaced my old rods and reels with this new stuff, and I like it.

Simultaneous with the development of all this new gear, tournament bass fishing captured the fancy of anglers. If you were not (yuk, yuk) "field testing" some tackle manufacturer's newest invention, you were competing for thousands of dollars in prizes or cash at some big lake.

To say that these developments have raised bass fishing to an art is an understatement. The new breed of bass fisherman is an expert, and he catches plenty of bass. More to the point, there is not a fisherman alive who cannot profit by using some, or all, of these new techniques and this new equipment. Certainly, I have.

But I think I'm fishing more and enjoying it less. Why? What the heck's wrong with me? Can't I be satisfied catching a limit of bass in the four to seven pound class? Well, no.

I enjoy modern bass fishing, but there's something James Bondish about it all. If all I wanted out of my fishing was a string of fish, I'd become a commercial fisherman. If electronics was my bag, I'd try out for the astronauts.

The point is that the appeal of fishing is more complicated. Somewhere in the rush for the perfect fishing machine (meaning the angler and all his gear), the gentle pleasures of fishing seem to have been misplaced.

The man who enjoys fly fishing for bluegills in a farm pond knows what I mean. So does the stream fisherman. So does the big lake angler who piddles along catching a bass here and there. He doesn't care if his partner catches two more bass than he does. A lost fish is not a tragedy, worth perhaps a thousand dollars worth of prizes. The man who flips crickets along a blackwater stream for robin knows what I'm getting at.

Please don't misunderstand. I have nothing against modern tackle and techniques. And I would even enjoy tournament fishing occasionally.

But I would never confuse that kind of fishing with the soul-washing experience of chunking plugs along the banks of an old millpond. Nor would I confuse it with stalking wild trout in a remote stream.\$

It's not the same. It never will be.

Library Lists New Books

LOVE AFFAIR, a Memoir of Jackson Pollock by Ruth Kligman. Ruth Kligman, an aspiring artist in her early twenties, and Jackson Pollock, one of the greatest American painters, met in 1956 and fell in love. This led to an unimaginable life for them which ended in a tragic death for Jackson and grave injury for Ruth. Ruth, therefore, tells this love story which is searing,

tragic and true. **RAISING CHILDREN IN A DIFFICULT TIME**, by Dr. Benjamin Spock. Dr. Spock shows how tested principles of human relationships still pertain in this new and changing world, how mutual respect can be maintained and how the family can be a central steadying base in a time of shift and change.

PILGRIM AT TINKER CREEK, by Annie Dillard. This is a personal narrative. It highlights one year's explorations on foot in the author's own neighborhood in Roanoke, Va. Her prose narrative describing nature's curiosities is delightful to experience.

HEIR TO POLVENTON, by Marjorie Watson. This exciting 18th century romance begins as Julie, a protected Londoner, comes to Cornwall as Ben Polventon's bride. This marriage was arranged in their youth, however, the beautiful cousin Tamzin had always thought to marry him. She still hopes to whenever she can get

rid of Julie. CLARENCE, Was He Jack the Ripper?, by Michael Harrison. In testing this theory

Harrison has come up with some startling information about this notorious homicidal maniac. He identifies and names the ripper, explaining both the murderer and his motives.

N.U.K.E.E. by Don Widener. This novel is written in the tradition of Dr. Strangelove. N.U.K.E.E. is a giant nuclear power plant which is to erase the energy crisis. Physicist Needham believes that nuclear technology has moved beyond man's ability to understand or control it. Soon the energy crisis reversed to uncontrollable proportions.

MARY DOVE, by Jane Gilmore Rushing. Mary Dove was reared in isolation on the Western prairie. When a stranger rides up one afternoon she shoots him as she had always been instructed to do. However. while nursing this man back to health they fall in love. Yet their love is branded because of her THE TRUTH ABOUT ESP. by Hans Holzer. Holzer claims everyone of us has the ability to obtain information beyond the limitations of the time-space continuum. Read this book and see how you feel.

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