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**TAR HEEL OUTDOORS**



The April issue of Sports Afeld carries George Laycock's article titled "The 20 Best Areas to Fish and Camp." To Tar Heels, it's not surprising that North Carolina placed two areas in that list - The Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Just how good is the fishing in the Smokies and on the Outer Banks? Here is what outdoor writers are saying:

Chuck Meyer in the current Garcia Fishing Annual: "The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is 'drum country, par to land a black drum or red drum (channel bass), in the 40 to 50-pound class can't find a better spot than the North Carolina Outer Banks after the departure of the summertime tourist throngs. From April through June, and again from September through early December, this arched eyebrow of sand extending from Cape Henry, Virginia, to Cape Fear, North Carolina, is a fisherman's heaven."

Jim Rutherford in the May issue of Camping Journal: "You will see streams." (in the Smokies) "More than 600 miles of them lace the park - cold, clear, sparkling. Many of them are well populated with brook, brown and rainbow trout which you may fish for but may not keep, unless you happen to hook a trophy fish of 16 inches or better."

"Outside the park there are many streams that offer good angling for stocked trout. To the south, Fontana Lake is famous for its bass and walleye fishing."

"The Cherokee Indian Reservation offers fine stocked trout fishing in approximately 30 miles of streams and two ponds, stocked twice a week April through October."

Jerome Robinson in the May issue of Field & Stream: "...we are standing on the one stretch of beach where bonito are commonly seen in the surf. We were at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, where the Outer Banks push close to the edge of the Gulf Stream and the southerly breeze is strong enough to bring in warm clear water from the offshore current. With the warm water come the bonito in unpredictable numbers. They appear late in April and during May in hit-or-miss surges that show up unpredictably for a few days here and there. Their visits are infrequent through the summer, but they hit the surf again in the early fall."

"One hotspot is the South Beach just under the point of Cape Hatteras. Diamond Shoals, a mile-long sandbar, juts into the belly of the Atlantic at the point where Hatteras Island turns from a north-south to an east-west orientation. Here waves clash head-on into one another in a violent chop that grinds shellfish into chum."

Robinson in the April issue of Field & Stream: "Fishing with Captain Jessie Ethridge one morning in mid-April of 1969, photographer Hanson Carroll and I landed thirty-four strippers ranging from 2 to just under 7 pounds in three hours... We trolled ... in and out of pilings under the William B. Umstead bridge on Route 64 at Manns Harbor...."

Lea Lawrence in the April Issue of Outdoor Life: The Outer Banks "is probably the best area in the country to go to at this time of year for a crack at channel bass."

"However, channel bass aren't the only species in these seas. There are albacore, bonito, croakers, king mackerel and whiting, and some early action on billfish is possible."

And Laycock in Sports

**Chief Gives Final Warning About Parking**

Murphy Police Chief Pete Stalcup gave final warning this week to softball fans and players who have been parking on Conaheeta Street.

The street, which runs beside the ballfield and in front of the Rock Gym, has been declared a no-parking street by the Town Board.

"The ordinance is now in effect and this is the final warning," Chief Stalcup says. "After Friday, May 8 we'll be issuing parking tickets to any car parked on the street."

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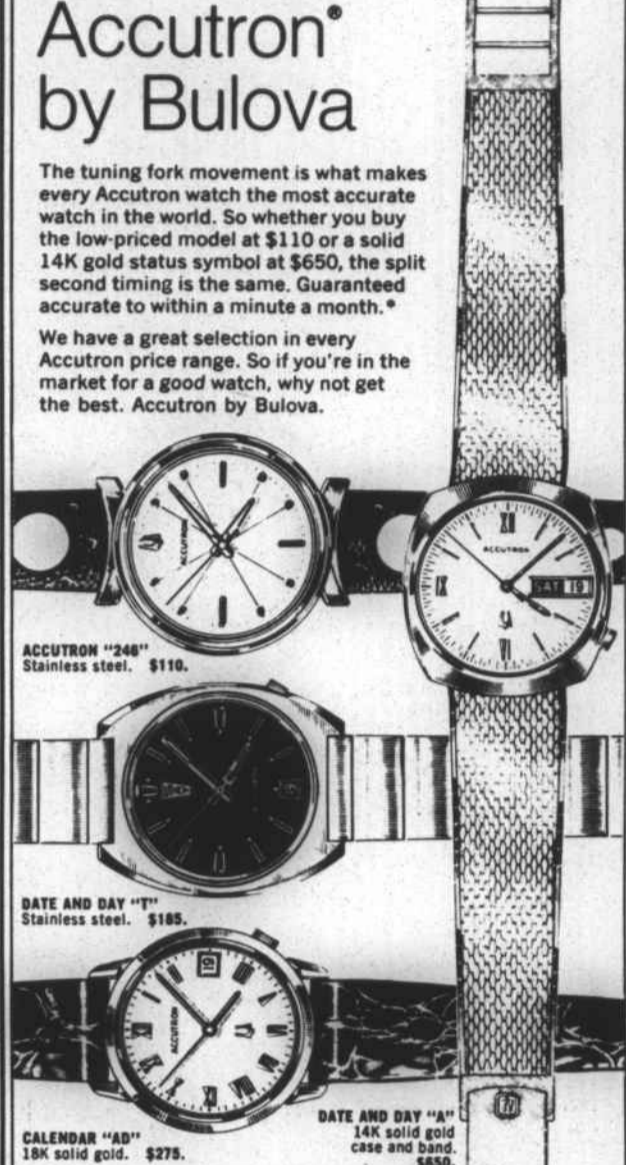


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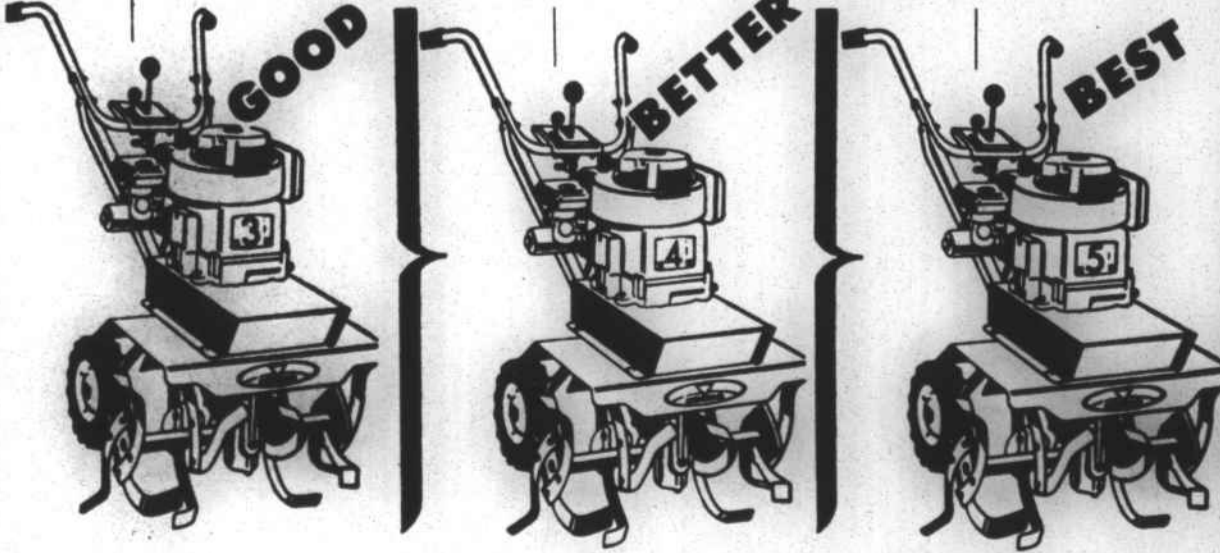
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