

COAST LINE OFF SHORE BIRDWATCHING

15 miles at sea . . . Those who love sea gulls should sometime board a boat in winter and go out to sea a few miles from North Carolina and watch close-up another sea bird, the gannet. Gannets are superb fish catchers.

Even those who sneer at bird watching could not turn their eyes from this big sleek white bird plummeting straight down through blue sky and right on full speed with the ease of an arrow into even bluer ocean after fish.

When a fishing boat pulls in nets to unload a catch, gannets come with gulls to get what they can from the scrap fish shoveled overboard. They take full advantage of the easy pickings. On a clear day the sky above a boat can be snowflaked with hundreds of screeching gulls. Cool among this frenzy will be a few gannets, black wing tips working easily. One will suddenly bank and dive full tilt for a fish. Then another will drop like a rock. And another. Books say they sometimes go several feet deep in the water and always catch fish on the way back up toward the surface.

Out here they are the fighter planes; the gulls the transport planes — such is the contrast between the two.

Gannets are about the size of a large gull, but are slimmer in body and head and wing. They are a clean stark white with a touch of gold to the head. The black wing tips are of court distinctive coloration.

They are gluttons. Sometimes they will feed so heavily they cannot get off the water for flight. But they are unique gluttons. If they are too heavy to rise from the water and danger threatens, they pop their head under water and quickly regurgitate whole fish. I have seen a gannet get rid of three fish,

each would go at least half a pound. With empty belly they are lighter and soon airborne and away from danger.

Gannets give North Carolina ocean fishermen something different to watch during winter months. The birds are seldom seen close to land along North Carolina.

Gannets are offshore here during winter. Come warmer weather and they turn northward.

Deaths

Mrs. Prudie Adams Whaley
Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Prudie Adams Whaley, 75, of the Pleasant Hill section of Jones County, who died last week.

Herman Vance Lee
Funeral services were held Friday for Herman Vance Lee, 48, a native of Lenoir County, who died last week in Norfolk, where he had been making his

home recently.
Mrs. Blonnie Maxwell Howard
Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Blonnie Maxwell Howard, 79, wife of Bryon Howard of Pink Hill route 1, who died on Friday.

Frederick I. Sutton
Funeral services were held Tuesday for Frederick I. Sutton, 84, of 1001 Harvey Circle, who died Sunday after a long illness.

William Bailey Hill
Funeral services were held Tuesday for William Bailey Hill, 57, who died in a fire that damaged his trailer home on Kinston route 3 Sunday at about noon time.

Jesse Stanley
Funeral services were held Tuesday for Jesse Stanley, 82, of Deep Run route 1, who died Sunday.

Calvin Casey
Funeral services were held Wednesday for Calvin Casey, 43, of 608 Daughety Road, who died Monday at his home.

Mrs. Minnie J. Basden
Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Minnie J. Basden, 80, widow of Lib M. Basden of Kinston route 3 who died early Monday.

Bloodmobile Gets 96 Pints Monday in Visit to LaGrange

The Tidewater Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 96 pints of blood in LaGrange Monday. The LaGrange Jaycees, with Marvin Gray Jr. as chairman and the Blue Bell Company sponsored the visit. Twenty-two persons were first-time donors, 36 donors were women and 17 were rejected for medical reasons.

Jimmy Jones, William C. Newberry, Jessie T. Suggs, William L. Britt, Simon Ray Foss and Mrs. Doris Wood all received one gallon donor pins.

Physicians on duty during the visit were Dr. John Ward, Dr. C. C. Bremer, Dr. John Henderson and Dr. John Parrott.

Nurses assisting were Mrs. J. B. Temple, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Mrs. Woodard Gurley and Mrs. Mrs. James Trivette.

Other volunteers helping man the operation were Mesdames Clifton Spence, James Foss, Becky Kneeshaw, Sid Myers, Jack Crews, L. D. Hardy, Marvin Gray Jr., Max Smith, Sharon Stinson, Jack Jones, Malcolm Barwick, and Emmett Jones.

Kinston Furniture Men at Market

The Southeast's leading furniture stores, department stores, interior design studios and specialty shops will be represented in High Point this week as furniture and accessory buyers attend the Winter Furniture Market, January 18-21.

Among the retailers who have registered at the Southern Furniture Exposition Building are: Archie Bennett of Beik-Tyler, James Daugherty of Maxwell Bros. Furniture, Fred Dickinson of Meyers-Thornton, and L. L. Oettinger of Oettinger Bros. Furniture.

According to Leo J. Heer, managing director of the mammoth Southern Furniture Exposition Building complex, "Nowhere else in the world can a retailer find the breadth and depth of home furnishings as right here in High Point."

First Cheddar
The first American Cheddar cheese is said to have been made not long after 1620, in or near Plymouth, Massachusetts, by Pilgrims.

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SALES TAX

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just 19 of the state's 100 counties, but which by now have spread to nearly all of the 100 counties.

The razor's-edge rasping of the court also overlooked that the general assembly in 1967 had granted Mecklenburg County the right to hold a referendum on just such an additional one-cent sales tax; which was later annointed with the supreme court's finest adjudication oil and declared to be fair, honest and just, despite that fact that under the color of that legislation Mecklenburg was granted a right which no other county was given.

Thus in one breathless decision the court's precarious majority said that it's fair to tax through whisky if it's done on a permissively acceptable basis to all counties and on the other hand that it's fair, honest and just to give the state's biggest shopping center, Charlotte, the right to gouge an additional one per cent out of every peasant from the hinterlands who wanders into fair Mecklenburg to cast about his emasculated dollars. Yet it is unfair, unjust and unconstitutional to hold 100 votes in 100 counties on the same tax scheme.

If that's what the law says, then as that well-known Dickensian character said: "The law is a ass!"

