

# Spring Herring Run Is Over In Chowan

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The spring herring run is over in this wide river where thousands of fish can be caught each day, and as the catch is tallied it looks like it will be the worst in 21 years.

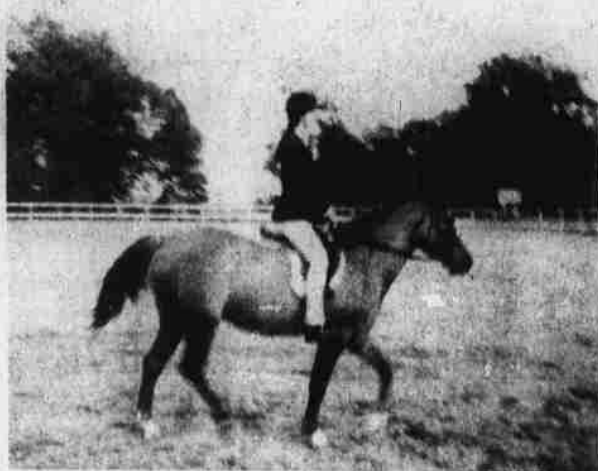
The Chowan has been in the news the last year because of pollution and prolific algae growth problems. Pollution has been named as a reason for lack of fish this year.

Before the pollution problem, declining herring catches were attributed by some people to Russians and other foreign fishermen fishing close to North Carolina shores.

And now, people are adding another possibility for small catches this year. This past winter and spring bluefish along northern N.C. beaches were the "most and biggest ever." Before the herring could get out of the ocean on their way to Chowan River and other freshwater streams to spawn, they had to get through the blues. Bluefish are not known as bashful eaters.

There is reason for concern about the low take of river herring this spring, but the fishery has a history of drastically low years. The N.C. recorded catch this year will be less than seven million pounds. The 1972 recorded catch was a bit more than 11 million. From 1962 until this year it varied from 11 to 20 million pounds annually, with the exception of 1964. In 1964 it fell to 7.5 million. Records back in 1887 show the same pattern of sudden bad years. These figures mostly mean Chowan, because it has been by far the main herring river.

The state marine fisheries agency is trying to learn more about these fish that have been a colorful fruitful part of northern coastal history. Biologists are working the Chowan and other herring rivers to learn herring life history facts. In the future they hope to be able to pinpoint problems and be able to suggest scientifically-based management practices.



**PREPARES FOR SHOW** — Sandy Haste is a club member and participant of Perquimans Horse and Pony Club. Sandy prepares for next show to be held Sunday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. at their ring two miles west of Hertford. The show will consist of classes for adults and children. These classes will be English and Western Pleasure, Speed, Halter and Roadster Pony. Please plan to attend; there will be entertainment and good food for everyone!

# Dare County, Elizabeth City Plan First Annual Jaycee Golf Tourney

The Dare County and Elizabeth City Jaycees jointly announced today that

## Services Included In Bill

The General Assembly amended Chapter 57 which covers Blue Cross-Blue Shield policies by adding chiropractic physicians to the chapter. This coverage becomes effective as of the date of ratification May 22, 1973.

The North Carolina Legislature is the sixteenth to require that Blue Cross-Blue Shield offer chiropractic services to all its policy holders and end discrimination against the chiropractic profession.

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the First Annual North-eastern North Carolina Junior Golf Tourney will be held at the Seascope Golf Club on June 7-8, 1973.

Boys from the age of twelve up to eighteen years old may enter the tourney. Any boy that will become nineteen during the year 1973 is ineligible.

The Dare County Jaycees will present trophies to the top three golfers from Currituck and Dare counties while the Elizabeth City Jaycees will do the same for the top three from Pasquotank and Camden counties. The two clubs will combine to present a trophy to the overall champion of the tourney as well as a trophy to the winner of a putting contest that will be held during the two day event.

The clubs will send the Dare County Jaycees champion and the Elizabeth

City Jaycees champion to the North Carolina Jaycees Junior Golf Tournament later in the summer, since the champion of each club will be eligible to compete in the annual state event.

Boys may pick up entry forms at the Seascope Golf Club or call Jim Crabtree at 441-5425 or 491-2490 and request a form. Young men that plan to enter from the

Elizabeth City area should pick up a form at Reel Tire

Company, Froggy's Sporting Goods or Call Jerry Allen at 335-0244 or 338-3981 and request a form. The deadline for entering the tournament is June 4th at 5 p.m. Entry fees must accompany entry forms.

An entry fee of \$10 will be charged each boy. The entry fee covers all greens fees and other privileges during the tourney. Each entry will receive a free golf ball and be eligible for other prizes.

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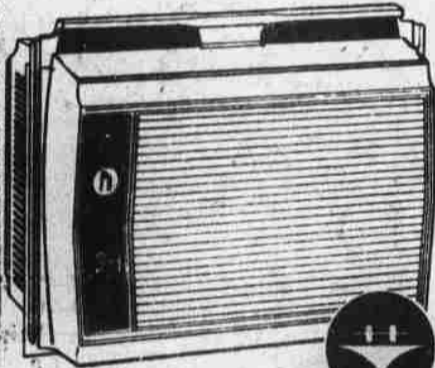
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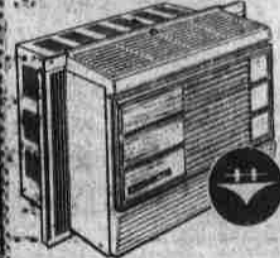
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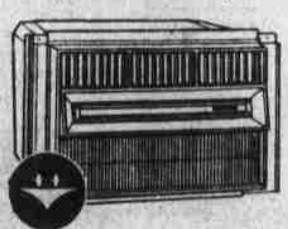
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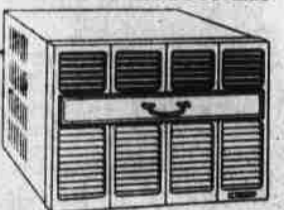
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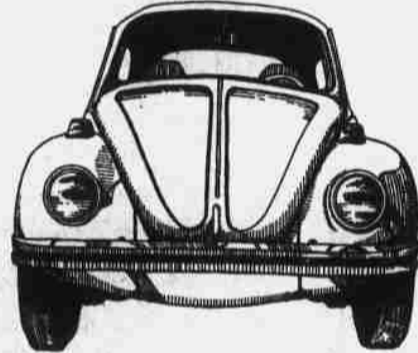
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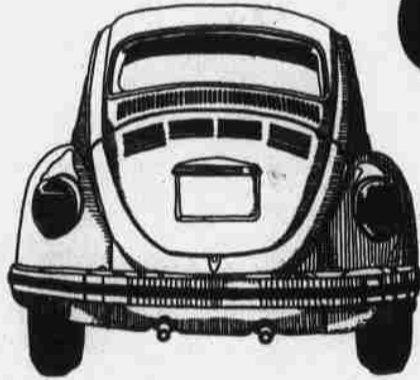
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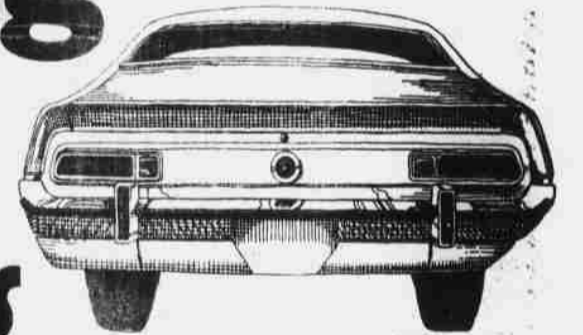
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