

Sport Shots

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Persons interested in the fish restocking project at Lake Montonia should read A. R. Shields' preliminary report of a fish analysis of Lake James, published in the January issue of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission bi-monthly magazine, Wildlife in North Carolina.

Mr. Shields says in his report on Lake James that removal of quill-back sucker, carp, and bullheads in large numbers would help the sport fishing. He says they could be taken by nets and that bullheads and white catfish could easily be reduced by trot lines.

In short he says that more of the rough species should be removed—and by rough we take him to mean the large, full-grown fish. Take out the big ones and the others grow.

The gizzard shad, planted for fish food only, are proving their worth in Lake James, he says. Perhaps Lake Montonia needs a "fish-food fish." We don't know much about fishing in this corner but we've been reading Mr. Shields report in the January Wildlife mag. Joe Lee Woodward has a copy if anyone's interested.

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Spring training in baseball, always tends to impress many fans with a particular team—that is the one that looks best in the circuit because of spring wins. They don't count in the pennant drive.

For one thing the veteran hitter is wary of the rookie hurler and the veteran pitcher is not interested in a good earned-run average when it doesn't count toward salary increase.

We're not saying that the hottest team in the Grapefruit league won't win a pennant. Just wait un-

til the chips are down before you pick your champ.

—gw—

The weather appears to be good for golfing, but we have never "indulged" in that sport much and, although knowing that we should, don't know what to write about it.

There's probably plenty going on around the Kings Mountain Country Club course these days.

And the Charlotte open is underway—plenty of name performers doing their best to win the cash.

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Baseball prospects look dim at Central—almost as dim as "league" baseball looks for Kings Mountain this summer.

And the status of Junior baseball is still up in the air.

A good playing ground would probably do more to improve the situation here than anything.

Central gym put an added emphasis to the cage sport here—wasn't much interest in it before the gym was built. As a matter of fact, interest in basketball still isn't what it should be for a town the size of Kings Mountain.

—fr—

Sports fans here are interested in hearing a report from the boys and girls committee, composed of members of local civic clubs. Remember—it takes time.

Regardless of the development of new weapons, the Navy is still the first line the enemy must hurdle either in the air or on the sea in approaching our coasts across any ocean. The earliest warning of enemy air attack against our vital center would be given by naval air, surface and submarine radar pickets deployed in the vast ocean spaces which surround the continent. Fleet Admiral Nimitz.

The fire bill for every man, woman and child in the United States during 1947 was \$4.84. This is nearly 209 percent greater than the \$2.32 per capita loss in 1940.



"CHALLENGER"—Show above are Mr. and Mrs. R. Mayne Albright in front of their trailer "The Challenger," Mr. Albright, campaigning for the Democratic nomination for governor, was in Kings Mountain last Saturday, calling on friends and greeting prospective voters.

Gubernatorial Candidate Albright Optimistic Over Election Chances

R. Mayne Albright, candidate for governor who is specializing in taking his campaign to the people via an "Albright for Governor" trailer, brought it to Kings Mountain last Saturday.

Candidate Albright was a day late—a reason he attributed to the hard task in meeting schedules during campaigning. He said many people visit him in and out of the trailer to discuss his candidacy, and, of course, that is what he wants them to do. He also had been posing for photographs for a Look Magazine photographer, another reason for being a day late on his scheduled Friday visit to Kings Mountain.

Accompanying Mr. Albright was his pretty wife Frances, who is serving as stenographer and housekeeper on the trailer tour over the state which has taken them into 76 counties.

Mr. Albright, former director of the N. C. State Employment Service, and a Raleigh lawyer by profession,

made particular point that he would conduct his campaign within the legal limits of a \$12,000 expense account, voicing doubts that any other candidate had ever accomplished it and succeeding in being elected.

The Albright trailer was suitably decorated and lettering on the side read "Hitched to no machine," indicating that Mr. Albright thinks anti-machine voters would do well to vote for him.

He has adopted an eight-plank platform, advocating interim and for teachers and other public employees "sstrained" under the high cost of living, a minimum of \$2400 yearly for "A" certificate teachers, and a state minimum wage law. He also favors doubling of old-age grants and repeal of the sales tax, along with a reconsideration of the state's whole taxing-spending program.

Mr. Albright thinks he has an excellent opportunity to become governor.

Library Notes - - -

Our youngest readers will find new books on the shelves—fifty seven in one shipment—which consists of books for different ages and interests. There are fairy tales, animal books, a book about insects, one about stamps, and many others we lack space to list.

The library has joined the Junior Literary Guild for both the primary and the grammar grade teachers. These memberships cause us to receive each month the new book that is considered the best published for each of these groups. For March we have "Roger and the Fox" by Lavinia Davis and "Rufous Redtail" by Helen Garrett. With the two monthly selections we receive WINGS, a monthly publication containing pictures of the authors and illustrators of the books in addition to interesting sketches of their lives.

Last week a bookmobile, well filled with strongly bound, attractively illustrated volumes for juveniles of all ages and a few for adults, stopped by the library. The librarian and her assistant as well as the Book Purchasing Committee took turns at occupying the two low, comfortable chairs placed among the shelves within in order to examine the fascinating volumes offered for sale. For children we chose animal stories, Indian books, fairy stories, picture books, easy books, travel books. One of the colorful Caxton books (many of which contain interesting Americana not found elsewhere in print) we selected "Romance Of the Patch Work Quilt in America." Our older readers should enjoy this selection. As soon as these books reach us, we shall let you know.

To our adult readers we offer this week an abridgment of the six volume edition of "A Study of History," by Toynbee. Those who have insufficient time to read the entire six volumes, will welcome this condensation by D. C. Somerville, himself an experienced historian. Mr. Toynbee has given his grateful approval to this work of Mr. Somerville's, declaring in the preface that Mr. Somerville "has managed to preserve the argument of the book, to present it for the most part in the original words and at the same time to abridge six volumes into one volume."

Paul Ader's novel "Leaf Against the Sky" is also on the shelves. Many of you remember him as a small school boy in Kings Mountain when his father served as pastor of the First Methodist church and will read with interest this literary product of one of Kings Mountain's sons.

Two volumes presented as gifts by one of our thoughtful patrons are "The Bulwark" by Theodore Dreiser and "The Hunter's Horn" by Peirson Ricks. The latter is a novel laid in eastern North Carolina a few decades after the Civil War.

The county bookmobile has recently left thirty two children's and twenty six adult books for our readers. All of these are old favorites which are circulating rapidly.

We invite you to visit us so that you may enjoy some of these "treasure stories" with us.

Farmers in the western North Carolina counties took advantage of recently held Workstock Clinics in their communities by having 930 animals treated.

Current estimates of celery production in the winter crop areas (Florida, California and Arizona) are about 6,563,000 crates, or about 28 percent larger than last year, in spite of some frost damage in Florida, according to USDA.

By Way Of Mention

Lois Beattie

Mrs. Gordon Beattie and son, Buddy and Mrs. D. H. Houser spent Sunday with the former's husband, Mr. Gordon Beattie of Black Mountain.

Mrs. Calloway Henderson and daughter, Betty Lou, spent Sunday with the former's husband, Mr. Calloway Henderson, who is a patient at the St. Francis hospital in Greenville.

Miss Edith Queen spent Sunday in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Houser and son, Michael, spent Sunday here

with relatives.

Mrs. A. E. Cline is slowly improving at this writing at the Hillcrest Manor Nurses' home in Charlotte. Mrs. Troy Wright has as her guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wright of Jessup, Md.

Mrs. J. I. Hope had as her guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Rice of Gantt street and Mrs. Greer Sipes of the Shelby Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson all of Gastonia.



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