

Southern-Style Meals, Atmosphere Keep Julia's Talley House Popular

Most small towns have at least one historic structure that dates back generations and retains memories of grandma's house and a time when life was simpler.

A few small towns have a community restaurant specializing in basic, home-cooked meals perfect for everyday lunches or special occasions.

Troutman has both, in one location.

Julia's Talley House Restaurant, nestled on U.S. 21 right in the heart of Troutman, is a conversation piece and meeting place for people in Troutman and surrounding communities. The 69-year-old building, with fireplaces, honey decor and even a cabinet stocked with family pictures, radiates a home-like atmosphere and the good food keeps

Lake Norman Fire Dept. Sets Barbecue

Sponsored by the Lake Norman Volunteer Fire Department, a pork barbecue will be held at the fire department's stationhouse on Bravely School Road on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Serving, which will get underway at 11 a.m., will continue in full swing throughout the afternoon and early evening.

All you can eat plates of barbecue and take-out plates will be available at \$5 each. Sandwiches will be on sale at \$1.50 each.

For additional information, call (704) 664-2468.

The patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated.

Cooke Completes One Station Unit Training

Army National Guard Private Larry M. Cooke Jr., son of Larry M. and Judy B. Cooke of Mooresville, route 8, has completed one station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

USIT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training. The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of the course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

The course teaches the soldier to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Cooke is a 1987 graduate of South Iredell High School, located on Old Mountain Road near Barium Springs.

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Community Business Spotlight



Shumake In Front Of Her Landmark-Turned-Restaurant In Troutman

bring out Julia's special touch. "Our specialties are fried chicken, country-style steak and country ham," Shumake said proudly. "There's nothing fancy about it, it's just good, southern-style food."

Many of the restaurant's regulars might argue about the "good" description. Many have said the fried chicken is the best anywhere, and the country-style steak and country ham is not far behind.

To make the restaurant even more appealing to families and folks attracted to healthy portions, Julia's offers family-style eating as an alternative to cafeteria-line service. "Anytime we're open, we offer family-style serving," Shumake explained, "but people who don't want that much food can go through the cafeteria line and pick out what they want."

And Julia's Talley House has still other attractions for customers. Regular weekday specials, for example, enable customers to plan their visits around a favorite dish. Chicken pie Tuesday, barbecue Wednesday and spaghetti Thursday roll around every week at the

restaurant as does prime rib Thursday night. The regular items, of course, are still available in addition to the special of the day.

The good food keeps Julia's Talley House busy during lunch and dinner hours and the unique surroundings make it ideal for special occasions, including parties, wedding rehearsals and other important gatherings.

The restaurant is open Monday

through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch and Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. for supper. On Fridays and Saturdays, supper hours are extended to 9 p.m. The restaurant is not open for lunch on Saturday and is closed all day Sunday.

Shumake said reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. The telephone number at Julia's Talley House is 928-4962.

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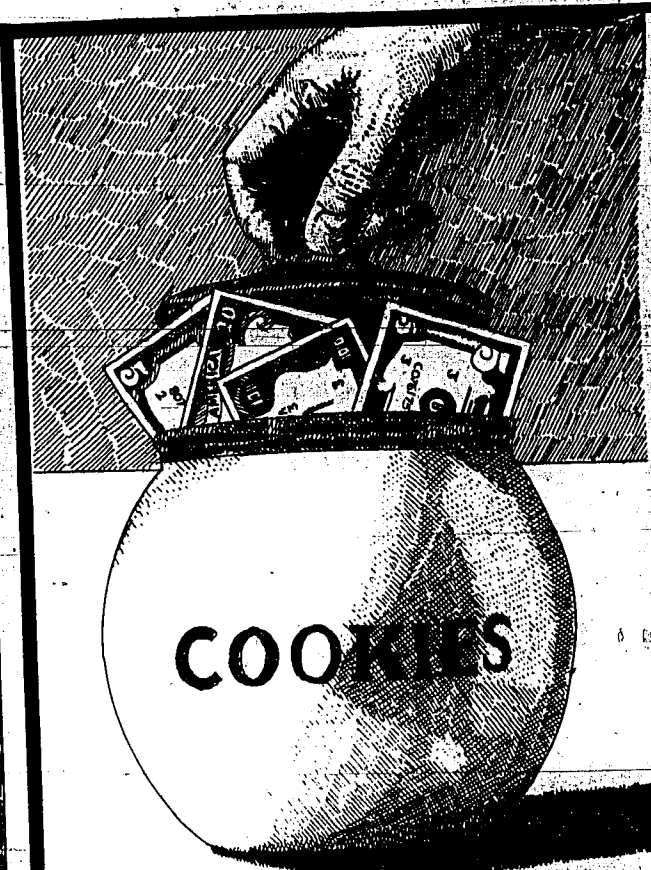
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Feathered Panhandlers Learn Fast, Eat Well On Lake Norman Shoreline

By JO HINSON

Lake Norman ducks remind me of Street People; they know exactly where the freebies are. Panhandlers, they can be heard three piers away, quacking their arrival, watching for the suckers. If it weren't for the bread donations this summer, I would have had to take a part-time job to feed them. My mother sends stale bread from Charlotte, and Lynette Cooper and I have a trade agreement. We give her dogs our most scrumptious (which will never cause Mac and Wee Bit to be overweight, believe me), and she gives us her old bread which, in some special cases, the ducks never see.

After observing the Byers Creek Cove ducks for a whole summer (our main diversion from the problems of house building), I would like the world to know, once and for all, that birds of a feather do not necessarily flock together. If you don't believe me, come see our family of half-breeds, four very large ducks which are half black, half white, personifications of The Ugly Duckling. Clearly, one parent was a plain old white duck. The other? After research in my \$1.25, 1949 Golden Nature Guide, I can tell you that the other parent was either a Canada goose (large size, long black neck and head) or a mallard (iridescent green on back of head and neck).

Canada geese do visit Lake Norman. My next door neighbor counted 30 in the water early one morning. I wish they wouldn't do that before nine o'clock.

The half-breeds have no class. They quack louder than any other ducks, are more aggressive when feeding, and they will eat anything, including old pretzels. My husband, Billy, calls them "Bums." We've never seen them fly; they may be permanent residents.

Watching the half-breeds eat reminded me of the funniest duck story I know, told by Errol Flynn, about feeding a piece of fat, tied to the end of a string, to ducks in the farmyard of his boyhood home in Tasmania. The first duck swallowed the fat, then did what ducks naturally do. The second duck

swallowed it, then the third, and so on, until all the ducks were strung together.

Our favorite ducks are a family of mallards which appeared in early summer, the mother and seven ducklings. I personally would never trust anyone who is not touched by the sight of a mother duck and her ducklings. The babies were about five inches long, and swam as if this was the way of mallards. If he was a new mate, then good for her, we said. After all, she had done a good job, the kids were all grown.

We're waiting to see the progeny of the half-breeds next summer. Billy says they can't fly, says their wings are too short. If this be true, these bums could really multiply. I wake screaming from a nightmare about this. In my dream, it was 10 years hence. The half-breeds were everywhere on the lake. I bought a new hard book, and there they were: "Lake Norman Goose Book." Agghhh!

One left; then the mother left. The remaining two continued coming by. One day, the mother returned with a beautiful mallard drake — surely one of God's loveliest creatures. She fed as always, but the drake would not. We wondered about this guy. Was he the father? If so, where had he been all summer, and why was he so forgiving? The drake said, "This is the way of mallards. If he was a new mate, then good for her, we said. After all, she had done a good job, the kids were all grown."

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