

think that would have any bearing whatsoever. When you get under the wave you cannot feel it; there is no turbulence or anything under the wave. Now, there probably are some vibrations from the bottom. If you had sonar to detect it, there is no doubt you would have vibrations at a thirty-foot depth or a forty-foot depth, but nothing to kick mud up. The edge is where it comes from, wherever that wave can get it. At four feet deep, or three or two, or even six inches, it just constantly keeps washing that mud back in. That, connected with the people who live on the river, who have bought lots and homes and went and cleaned them up, [is the biggest part of the problem].

P: You were telling me about that. Can you tell that story again?

W: Well, what gets me is people living in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lake City, Live Oak, and other towns around here. They come to the river and buy a river home. They just want to get out of town and have nothing to do with the city. They want a place where they can get out on weekends and just live with nature. The first thing they do when they get their lot on the river is clean every brush, every blade of grass or weed. Everything that has anything to do with nature, they destroy it. They clean all the underbrush, leaving a few big trees, trying their best to fix their lot just like the one in town, or so it can look prettier than the one next door. They plant grass and everything.

P: They rake out the grass, too.

W: Sure, they rake out the grass, too, and they pull out all the weeds out of the river, all the brush, and all the dead brush where the little fish can hide and hibernate and keep themselves out of the way of the big fish. The big fish can then come get them because they do not have anywhere to hide, especially when there is a boat coming along. Oh, there might be a little grass left alone that they missed by some hook in the crook. The little fish would go under that, but when a boat comes along, it will muddy the water till the little fish cannot even hide under that, so they have to get out in the middle to breathe then. They have to get right out in the big fish's territory where they can catch them. All you have to do is put a little bit of thought to it, and it is so simple. Go down there and watch the garfish feed.

P: Can you tell me how garfish feed?

W: Yes, I can sure tell you how they feed. I wish you would come over some day and go down there. Take a pole and line and sit there. You can hear them in these tree tops.

P: You can hear them?