

**By SAM HATCHER**

The weather has caused one problem after another.

My wife's complaining because we've had to start mowing our yard much earlier than last year.

The host site for the Masters Golf Tournament, the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., says the early warm weather caused dogwoods and azaleas to bloom early leaving the golf course and its surroundings absent of the usual vivid pinks and reds traditionally seen throughout television coverage of the event over Easter weekend.

And there have been other problems.

Warm sunny days have made it tough for some to pass up a leisurely-spent afternoon at a Cumberland baseball game or for that matter just some kick-back time on a creek bank fishing.

How many times have you heard over the past several weeks, "Can you believe this weather?"

For sure we didn't have a typical winter and equally for sure not even a typical spring.

On Easter weekend I always remember my mother telling the story about how she and her sister were students at Cumberland during the 1930s when a sudden blast of cold weather struck on Saturday night and brought snow on Easter morning.

As she would tell the story, she and her sister had shopped all week for their Easter outfits. She had decided on a sleeveless dress of some sort designed to accommodate what should have

been suitable spring-like temperatures.

There was a moral to her story of course, as there is to all stories shared by mothers.

In this instance the moral was to never be detoured in life by a little thing like the weather.

To church on that Easter Sunday my mother plowed through snow, shivered a lot, but was content in her brand spanking new sleeveless dress.

Our forecast for Easter this year does not include the threat of snow but instead what we've come to accept as traditional Easter weather.

We hope you make a special effort to attend one of our community's many Easter services Sunday and that you and your family have a blessed Easter weekend.