

We do not think that any industry in North Carolina has as large a percentage of employees who like to hunt and fish as does Ecusta. Every year the number of sportsmen increases, while the chance of adding to the family larder decreases. In the "good old days" there was plenty of fish and game for everyone, but with utter disregard for the wild creatures that roam our woods and fields and swim in our lakes and streams by over ambitious sportsmen, we have found it necessary to protect and restore our wildlife.

For sometime the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has been conducting a Game Restoration Program, and it is paying off. Tar Heels spend between fifty and one hundred million dollars a year because they want to hunt and fish. So, it becomes the problem of every citizen to assist in the conservation and restoration of wildlife in the State.

To assist in this program, Ecusta is conducting a wildlife restoration program at the 350 acre Camp Straus. Already 3,000 Multiflora rose and 2,000 Bi-color lespedeza have been planted to furnish food and cover for quail and other small game. Seventy acres of grassland are maintained for deer, the results of which has already proved encouraging. In the cutting of undergrowth and fire trails, the workmen have been very careful to leave the nut trees for squirrel and other game. Rearing pools are being planned for fingerlings, so that our lake can be restocked every year.

Multiflora rose, an import from Asia, is enabling the bob-white to hold its own against weather, predators, and food conditions. This rose is of the bush type and grows to a height of six to eight feet. The seedlings are planted one foot apart in single rows. After about two years, the

hedges will become a source of cover and food for the small wildlife found in North Carolina.

With the advice of Charles H. Hopkins, Director of Public Relations of Olin Industries and one of the foremost authorities of Wildlife Conservation in North America, we should have one of the best programs in the State.

Mr. Hopkins was recently presented by Governor Stevenson with the Illinois Conservation Award, the first time this single recognition has been accorded by the Department of Conservation for outstanding service in that field.

The August issue of AMERICAN FIELD had an article of over 3,000 words on Mr. Hopkins, and it had this to say about the award: "No honor was ever more richly deserved. Throughout his distinguished career, we have admired Charley Hopkins, ever since his colorful stories of the Quail Futurities back almost thirty years ago. He was identified with a Muskogee Newspaper at the time and his inimitable reports and descriptions of the class contenders in the keenly contested Futurities left an indelible impression. It is almost twenty years since he authored anonymously booklets on the management, restoration and propagation of upland game birds, brochures of such significance that the AMERICAN FIELD hastened to reprint the material soon after its original publication. The inspirational leadership he has provided in game restoration activities throughout the North American continent has etched his name and deeds ineffaceable in conservation history."

Camp Straus will always be closed to hunting of any kind. Under our program, wildlife can live and propagate throughout the year without being molested.



*Rex Byrd and Bob Bolt, State Biologist of the Wildlife Resource Commission, check on the Multi-flora rose at our camp.*