

NEW GAME LAW BOON TO STATE

Department of Conservation and Development Asks Co-operation in Enforcement of Law that Will Mean Much to Western Carolina

Opportunities for western North Carolina, which only the thoughtless will not recognize, lie wrapped within the successful administration and public co-operation with the new state game law, says the department of conservation and development.

One has only to study the history of such a program in other states to come to a realization of what it can be made worth to North Carolina. The measure of the value of game conservation cannot be confined by any means to the sporting feature, although alone this can be made to justify fully efforts and expenditures necessary for the operation of the new laws.

Although many persons may not have considered a game conservation program as an economic measure, the proportions of returns surely untold such a move to the dignity of sound investment. This applies as much, if not more so, to western North Carolina than to any other section of the state.

Here the subject of game protection is a vital one. The wealth of the section, to a large extent, lies in its natural resources of which game is an important division, and others such as scenery, climate, forests, streams, etc. To realize the hoped for development of western North Carolina as a tourist center, the country must be made and kept as attractive as possible for visitors. There is, especially in the larger centers of population from which the territory draws its visitors, a considerable group of sportsmen, who are constantly on the alert for favorable opportunities for hunting, and by whom there is no more ready channel than through well stocked game areas.

Little more than a quarter of a

century ago, Pennsylvania was said to have had less game than any other state. Soon after that time a definite policy of conservation was launched by means of a game law, many points of which were followed in framing the North Carolina statute and results of the state's program manifested today justify fully the efforts that have been expended. Most recent estimates value the wild game of Pennsylvania today at \$150,000,000. It is also estimated that the annual kill in the Keystone state is around 5,000,000 game animals and birds.

Game in California fields is estimated to be worth \$75,000,000 and in other states where protective measures are in force the amount is large, ranging downward, as a rule, in proportion to the length of time that the regulations have been in effect, the degree of enforcement of the law, and the natural advantages for game development.

Experts declare that North Carolina's opportunities for the development of her game are fully as great as Pennsylvania's, and that a com-

paratively few years will show the benefits.

Outside of the actual cash value of game, one of the outstanding results of a plentiful game stock is the money that the visitors will spend in the state, amounting into the millions. A large number of these visitors will naturally be drawn to the state, and many of them will become permanent residents, providing the highest type of citizenship, brains and finances with which the state may be speeded in her forward march.

Truth at Last

Ambitious Mother: "So young Smithkins called on you last night. I hope you didn't treat him too distantly."

Blushing Daughter: "Indeed I didn't; in fact I was very much drawn to him."

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