

FIVE-YEAR GAME PLAN IS LAUNCHED

Six-Point Program for Division of Game and Inland Fisheries Announced

Raleigh — Commissioner John D. Findlay has launched a five-year plan and a six-point program for the North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. It points to a revamped system of management, protection, education and training which involves operation of 500,000 acres of wildlife areas and administrative control over the state's entire field and stream resources.

"Prior to and certainly by the end of five years," claims Findlay, "we will have: (1) a law enforcement and protection of wildlife noted throughout the state as one of intelligent management; (2) a program of at least 100,000 more acres acquisition of state-owned land and a feature of game management through license revenue sufficient for the division to discontinue charging for special hunting privileges on state-owned or operated lands; (3) an adequate stock of fish; (4) better understanding and closer relationship with all related organizations and the interested sportsmen through a wide-awake and intelligent education, training and public relations program; (5) increased aid in money and land acquisition from the federal government, and (6) a fiscal sec-

tion within the division devoted to the collection and distribution of fees and funds." Concisely these are the six points established.

Five law enforcement supervisors have been assigned areas throughout the state varying according to topography and work required. Four to ten district protectors for each district, working with and under the district leaders, are assigned specific areas, but remain available for periodic transfers where needed. Further development points to employment of special duty protectors to supplement the force on individual assignments. Regular protectors will be placed in uniform.

The program of fish and game management, though considered separately in the administration of the division, will operate under a similar objective: the increase of all desirable species of the field and stream to provide a yearly surplus for the hunters and fishers without injury to the basic stock.

The fish program established features research and practical investigation in co-ordination with a survey of place and type of stocking necessary. Production of fish in their natural environment will receive more attention. An increased number of closed spawning areas in the eastern and piedmont is anticipated while further study along similar lines is expected in the mountains.

Construction is underway at Morganton for a small-mouth bass hatchery to serve all of upper piedmont and western North Carolina. Funds established by the general assembly in last session will be used to open may hundreds of acres of good fishing waters to the public.

Dennis Hart, graduate of Game Conservation Institute of Rutgers university and for seven years employed in game restoration by Western Cartridge and Winchester Arms Company and for the past 14 months with the Virginia game commission, has been named supervising game biologist. His program comprises both a technical and practical approach to season, bag limits, distribution of game, and the care and custody of properties used in this work.

"Undoubtedly," says Findlay, "we are going to have to shorten our season and reduce our bag limits on many species of birds and animals. By the end of the five-year period then, we should be able to open to hunting some of the closed deer area and through intelligent management make additional public-owned lands available."

There were 7,851 fatal farm-work accidents in the United States in the three-year period 1940-42.

NOTICE

Having qualified as the executrix of the will of Mrs. Mamie C. Vance, late of the county of Watauga, state of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. Those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This January 3, 1946.
MISS MARGARET VANCE,
1-10-6c Executrix.

GAME AND FISH HAS 5 FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

Raleigh—Boasting the most diversified program of any state throughout the southeast, the North Carolina division of game and inland fisheries has outlined five federal-aid projects in the restoration of game during the next six months.

Under the Pittman-Robertson act the federal government will co-operate with the division in the expenditure of 75 percent of the total cost. Funds for such purposes have been banked since 1937 through a tax of ten cents per dollar for sporting arms and ammunitions.

The project of farm game habitat restoration will feature the distribution of 10,000 pounds of lespedeza to soil conservation service technicians in 79 counties of the state. The division reports this will suffice to plant 818 acres of border strip or an average of three-quarters of an acre on 1,000 farms. This is an increase of 40 percent over last year's operation.

Following recommendations offered by Dr. B. W. Wells of the State College faculty in his vegetation survey, approximately 5,000 acres of the Holly Shelter refuge in Pender county will be burned in an effort to establish better brows by lowering the water table. Meanwhile project leaders will continue to sample two deer stomachs each month to determine percentage of barren animals in the area.

Currently with the publication of scientific data on the Uwharrie deer restoration in Stanley and Montgomery counties, deer trapping and distribution from Pisgah and Mt. Mitchell refuges to counties west of Buncombe will be effected. Trapping and distribution begun on the Reynolds estate in October, 1945, will be concluded March 31.

The fur resource inventory project suspended by the war in 1942 will be renewed and a state-wide wildlife resource initiated March 1. During March and April project leaders will confer with wildlife inventory committees in other states where similar programs have operated. Three biologists and one draftsman will be employed to compile maps and operate the project.

The year 1946 is not a good time to begin farming if the undertaking involves going into debt, says Economist H. B. James of the extension service.

P. T. A. Meeting Is Well Attended

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more often. Parents and teachers, it was pointed out, should recognize the difference in the children's personalities and try to understand and guide them through this difficult time of adjustment. "The school should offer help through the curricula of the child's high school training, the testing program, and through the guidance program. The parents should send a normal socially adjusted child to the school for further training. If the parents give the child some duties or obligations in the home he learns the value of time and good work habits. The parents should discover and encourage the child's vocational interests and direct him in some civic interest—such as boy or girl scouts. The parents should visit the school and become better acquainted with the teachers and learn better how to work with the teachers in giving the best possible training to their children."

Mr. Greene talked about the "Responsibility the Community has in Juvenile Guidance." He said, "the home is the first opportunity to help each boy and girl be what he should be. The school and the church both exercise a great influence in the child's life, but the community also has a responsibility in this development. Mr. Greene raised the question as to whether or not the town of Boone is doing what it can and should to direct our boys and girls. There is need for a recreational center for the youths of the town. Teachers should be paid more money to provide the best possible training and guidance to the boys and girls. Better medical care should be provided by the community."

All of these fine talks created an awareness, in the minds of those attending, of the problems which so vitally affect all of the members of the community.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. will be on Monday February 25, at which time Founders Day will be

celebrated. The topic for the evening will be "Realizing the Hope of the Founders." Rev. E. F. Troutman, Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, Mrs. Nora Warman, and Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., will be responsible for the program.

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