

Wildlife Conservation Gets Added Attention

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Wildlife conservation is receiving more attention than ever before. There is an ever increasing demand for good hunting and fishing. Due to shorter work hours, people have a greater amount of time to enjoy recreation such as hunting and fishing. Better roads also make it easier to get to that favorite hunting or fishing spot. Hunting and fishing are big business. One out of every five Americans 12 years or older either hunted or fished last year. These 25 million American sportsmen spent nearly three billion dollars and drove their automobiles more than 10 billion miles. The average expense was \$114.42 per person. Almost 2 billion dollars of the total went for fishing. Hunters spent nearly a billion.

If we are to have enough game

and fish to meet the demands of the sportsmen most of it will have to be produced on the local farm. Farmers in the Watauga Soil Conservation District can do much to increase game and fish on their farms, both for their own enjoyment and that of their sportsmen friends.

There are several ways that farmers can improve their game supply. Some of this game increase can be brought about by thoughtful management, such as leaving den trees for squirrels, racoons and other game, and by leaving game food producing trees. Game can also be increased by planting food and cover patches and by building nesting boxes for squirrel and wood duck. Eliminating grazing of woodlands provides more food and cover for game by enabling young seedlings to grow and replace mature trees that are marketed for lumber.

Fishing can be improved through elimination of soil erosion that silts the streams, and by the addition of fish ponds on many farms. The farm pond, when located on a suitable site, properly constructed, properly stocked, and properly managed can add a great deal of recreation and food for the farm family.

Europeans Visit Boone To Study Farm Planning

L. E. Tuckwiller, County Agent, had a visit Tuesday from 15 European agricultural economists who are especially interested in our Rural Development Program. This group will be studying farm management problems in this country for three months, under the International Cooperation Agency, which is part of our country's Point Four Program.

The group is headed by Dr. E. H. Hartmans, Extension Economist at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Hartmans is from the Netherlands, but is now an American citizen. Conducting the group through the North Carolina phase of their tour is Charles Pugh, Farm Management Specialist at the State College in Raleigh.

The visitors, from six European countries, met with Mr. Tuckwiller last night for a session of questions and answers. This morning, at a brief meeting at the courthouse, they learned more about our Rural Development Program. Herman Anderson, Assistant County Agent, explained how our farm and civic leaders and professional

people in this locality were contacted to cooperate on this project to better family income in the county.

The small-farm problems faced by Watauga county people is one similar to that in Europe. The visitors today were especially interested in our sources of farm income, with possibilities of increasing that income with off-the-farm employment. They were quite impressed with our efforts to bring more light industry to the county.

This morning's program included a visit to Howard Edmisten's farm, near Vilas. The purpose of the visit was to see how Mr. Edmisten had improved the management of his farm over a five year period. The visitors were very interested in the livestock feeding program on the Edmisten farm. Mr. Edmisten is utilizing silage for beef and sheep, which enables him to feed more livestock from a very small acreage crop land.

The group's next visit is Asheville and the Parker Branch Watershed Project in Buncombe county.

BOY KILLED STEALING WIRE

Omaha, Neb.—Otto Glaser, junk dealer, admitted to police that he and Donald Marsiff, 17, went on a wire-selling foray. Glaser sent the boy up a pole to cut some "dead" wire away. On the pole, Donald reached for the wrong wire—it was a high-tension 8,000-volt power line. The boy's body tumbled to the ground. Panicked, Glaser loaded the body into his small truck, drove to the Rougas County Home for the Aged, which he thought was a hospital, and dumped the body and a severed hand in the driveway and drove away.

About 63 per cent of the North Carolina's private commercial forest lands are owned by farmers.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Seattle, Wash.—An advertiser in a Seattle newspaper recently was rather irate when he read his ad. It offered for sale "30 terrible acres. Will be foreclosed if not sold promptly. This is a steal for a person with imagination." There was one mistake, the acres were "tillable."

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Rites Held For J. Edgar Shell

Funeral services were held at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 10, at 3:30 p. m., for James Edgar Shell, Sr., a native and former resident of Watauga County.

Known to his family and friends as "Sip," Mr. Shell had lived in Watauga County (the Bethel community) during the early part of his life. He was the son of the late Calista Thompson Shell and James C. Shell.

For some years he was instructor in woodworking at Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk. Following this, he was cabinet maker for Mrs. R. J. Reynolds at her estate in Devotion. He lived in Rockford, Illinois, for several years working there in industry. About six years ago, he came back to North Carolina and established residence in Winston-Salem, where he was employed as a cabinet maker.

He is survived by his widow, the former Rosalia Ciprian; a son, James Edgar, Jr., of the United States Marines; and two sisters, Mrs. Dudley Farthing Greene of the Bethel community, and Mrs. R. P. Guy of Banner Elk.

Hogs have no sweat glands and must wallow to keep cool.

Wool Payment Forms Must Be Filed Soon

Applications for payments under the 1956 wool price incentive program must be filed with the County ASC Committees by April 30, Guy R. Cassell, livestock marketing specialist with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, reminds Tar Heel producers.

These applications should apply to any wool sold between April 1, 1956, and March 31, 1957. Wool sold after March 31 will be eligible for 1957 program payments to be made next year, says Cassell.

The applications must be accompanied by documents showing the exact net proceeds from wool sales. Marketing charges for freight or other services should be deducted. All phases of the transaction must have been completed by the March 31 deadline.

Payments on these applications will be made some time this summer after the average price per pound received by U. S. producers is known, according to Cassell.

The basis for payment will be the same as last year, with producers receiving a percentage of their own price—the higher the price received, the higher the payment.

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U. S.—Morocco sign \$20,000,000 aid agreement.

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