

Deadline Set For Cotton Classing

August 15 Final Day to Apply For Cotton Service

August 15 has been set as the deadline for applying for the federal cotton classing and market news service, according to D. H. Stancil, cotton marketing specialist with the State College Extension Service.

Stancil says only about 1,200 North Carolina cotton farmers, with an eye on the harvesting and marketing season, have as yet assured themselves of the services.

As of the end of June, Stancil said, only three North Carolina cotton improvement groups, with a combined farmer-membership of 1,203 had filed application for 1950 classing and market news services with the Cotton Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration. Stancil urged cotton improvement groups that have not yet filed to do so as far in advance of the closing date as possible. He explained that several weeks may be required to complete arrangements for the services.

The Smith-Doxey services, he explained, provide for the free classing of cotton for the grower members of cotton improvement groups. Samples are "pulled" as each bale is ginned, and these are sent to the PMA classing office in Raleigh. The grower receives, in turn, a card showing the official grade and staple length of each bale sampled.

In addition, the grower receives regular reports on prevailing cotton prices, so that he is enabled—together with knowledge of the grade of each bale of his cotton—to market it to the best advantage.

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The Most Reverend Wm. J. Hafey, now Bishop of Scranton, Pa., formerly first Bishop of Diocese of Raleigh, 1925 to 1937, with a Monsignor and Priest last week called at St. Ann's Rectory, inquired after a number of parishioners and called on a number of them, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector.

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SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Dan Holland is back with us this week with some tips on stream fishing. The ability to "read" a stream—to determine by its surface the likely position of the fish beneath, is a most important asset. Locating the fish is the first step; catching them is the last. Holland says these few simple rules will help you.

First, keep in mind that it is the current which brings a stream fish his food. It does the work, and the feeding fish is relatively stationary. Second, although the current is the food-bearer, no fish has the endurance to beat his head against a strong flow continuously.

So look for stream fish alongside the tongues of current that empty into a pool, in the heavy backwaters below shore projections, in the pockets behind rocks, in the holes under cut-banks, in slicks anywhere amid the broken water.

Of course the location a fish assumes in a stream varies some with the species. Trout will be found near or the head of a current and deeper into its sides. This is especially true of smaller trout. Stream smallmouths live much as do trout, although they are more inclined to stick to the pockets and holes alongside the current.

Pickereel and pike usually lie in the weeds on a mud flat, if there are any such; but along with musgies they are often found in backwaters and deep

holes beside the main current. These are fish of prey and they generally lie deeper than insect feeders, taking advantage of cover from which to ambush smaller fish. Walleyes in a stream are found only in deep pools and usually in the deeper parts of such pools. It's quite a trick to get a fly down to them.

One other rule in stream fishing: no matter what the species, fish living in a stream are far more inclined to be shy than those in a large body of water. In confined waters a fish senses that he is obvious prey. One

shadow, one false move, can put an end to fishing.

Migratory fish—steelhead and salmon—are the exceptions to the rules. Neither food nor survival, the governing forces of other fish, are of immediate concern to them. Impelled by the urge to reach the river's headwater, they stick to the main current. What rest they get is from the slower-moving water close to the bottom.

Look for them near the main current, and deep.

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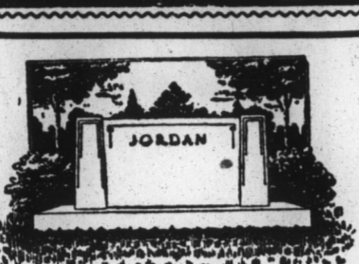
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