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Lakes In Sandhills Wildlife Area Open For Fishing; Permit Required

(The following article, of inter-| The object of the project is to est to fishermen in this area, is find out how to maintain a high reprinted from the May issue of rate of fishing success on a sus"Wildlife in North Carolina." It was written by Bob Humphries, tained basis. What commonly fisheries investigator for the N. happens in small lakes of this C. Wildlife Resources Commistype is that fishing success is

ted fishing water!

That's what Tarheel anglers have to look forward to when forage fish such as bluegills, they fish the lakes on the Sand- which results in an overpopulahills Wildlife Management Area tion of the lake and stunting of at Hoffman. These lakes have the fish due to the inadequate been available for public fishing food supply. at -various times during the 15 Thus the bluegills are too years since their construction as a public works project in the days of the CCC. However, there care applied to the lakes other tion is to remove some of the harder for their food, will bite these lakes opened to fishing on will be given a large colored Little can be accomplished the soil. than stocking, and the fishing varied from good to poor.

Two years ago the Fish Division of the Wildlife Resources Commission took over the administration of the lakes and set up an intensive management and research project designed to improve and maintain the fishing. The fruits of this project are beginning to pay off.

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stocking and then begins to fall One hundred acres of renova- off and becomes progressively poorer. The reason for this is usually an over-production of

smaller fish either by natural or more readily.

they will produce more fish than the lake can support. These surplus fish must either die, be eatplus fish must either die, be eat- the lake all fish of catchable en by other fish, or removed ar- size. Thus, by removing the tificially—or a stunted popula- smaller fish, overpopulation can ples applied to these lakes, it ing. Complete regulations govtion will result.

To overcome this problem, two ideas will be tried on the Sand- mediately prior to the opening of hills lakes. One will be an ex- the fishing season and the lake good for a few years following treme drawdown of the water- refilled immediately. Thus no level of two lakes during the fishing time will be lost. This has

winter to concentrate the fish proved successful in the abovepopulation and thus allow the mentioned study but it remains permit at one of two checking Cameron, 35 acres; Scotland, 22 predator fish (bass) to cut down to be seen if it will work in stations before going fishing and acres; Crawford, 25 acres; Gun the numbers of forage fish, blue- North Carolina. gills. It is hoped that in this way The Sandhills Wildlife Manthe bluegills will not become too agement Area has eight lakes so that all fish caught may be and will not become stunted. eventually. Six of these lakes ed. In this way an evaluation of Sandhills lakes. It is hoped that numerous for their food supply which will be open to fishing Also it will increase the rate of have been drained, the rough fish growth of the bass and when the in the streams feeding them

The draining will be done im-

water-level is returned to nor- poisoned out, and then restocked The only solution to this situa- mal, the bass, having to look with bass and bluegills. Four of

artificial methods. The breeding potential of bluegills is such that already proved successful in a drained. Experimental work able distance and will identify wildlife Resources Commission

will be necessary for the Wild-erning the fishing at these lakes life Resources Commission to are available upon request from ple, equal opportunity for all." have a record of every fish the Wildlife Resources Commiscaught in these lakes. For this sion. to fish the lakes.

A fisherman must pick up a then must return the permit to Swamp, 65 acres; and McKinney, the checking station after fishing 65 acres. weighed, measured, and record- of small lakes similar to the the success of any particular the knowledge gained from the method of management may be study of these lakes may be used

In addition, each fisherman all over the State.

In order to determine the suc- to check his permit. This badge Carolina will be helping the cess of the management princi- must also be returned after fish-

reason a free permit is required | The lakes open to fishing during 1957 and their size are: Broadacres, 22 acres; Kinney-

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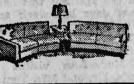






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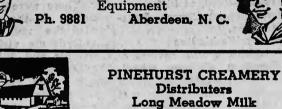


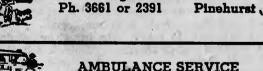


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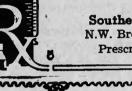
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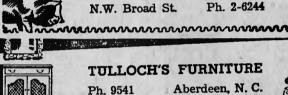
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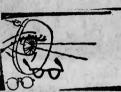
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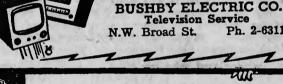
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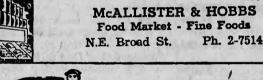
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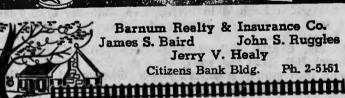
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