

Uniformity In Game Regulations Is Aim Of Wildlife Officers

Almost complete state-wide uniformity is the keynote of the 1948-1949 hunting regulations set up by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at a recent two-day meeting in Raleigh, according to Executive Director Clyde P. Patton.

"The abolition of lay days on all species of game," Patton said, "was done to accomplish a three-fold purpose. By applying to the entire state, the ruling on removing lay days eliminates discrimination by permitting all who buy a state-wide license to hunt in all counties on any day of the season. Their application to all game species will make possible more effective and efficient law enforcement. The removal of lay days can be proven biologically sound as a conservation measure."

In eliminating lay days for the coming season the commission considered the advantages of simplified regulations which will be more easily understood by the public and more easily enforced by the law enforcement division, plus the conservation benefits in a long-term program. The commission has taken a state-wide view on setting the regulations, to get away from confusing local county and township exceptions.

Director Patton added that conservation-minded sportsmen will go along with the abolition of lay days especially in the case of quail. There is conclusive evidence that greater kills of quail are possible on days following a period of rest when scattered coveys have given a chance to re-form. The commission believes that all North Carolina sportsmen should have an equal opportunity to hunt regardless of place of residence.

Following are the 1948-49 hunting regulations as established by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission:

Quail—November 25 to January 10 inclusive; daily bag eight, possession limit 16, season limit 100, effective over the entire state.

Rabbits—November 25 to January 10 inclusive; daily bag 7, possession limit 14, no season limit. The entire state will be opened to rabbit shooting.

Squirrels—October 15 through January 10, with a daily bag of 8, possession limit of 16, season 100.

Grouse—November 25 through January 10; daily bag 2, possession limit 4, season limit 10. The entire state will be opened to grouse shooting although the species is confined to Western counties.

Wild turkeys will benefit from a ruling which is designed to protect the species and at the same time give turkey hunters an opportunity for sport. Wild turkey shooting was restricted to a total of 11 counties last year with both gobblers and hens allowed in the bag. This year, however, the entire state will be opened to shooting, but only gobblers will be permitted as legal prey. Wild turkey shooting begins on November 25, and extends through January 10 with a daily bag of 1, possession limit 2, season limit 6. The "gobblers only" ruling follows a biological principle whereby a sex ratio of one gobbler to five hens is adequate for natural reproduction.

The 1948-49 deer season is set up to conform with the relative availability of the species, and although it involves a number of exceptions, the regulation in general is more unified than last year's rules.

All counties or parts of counties not listed below are closed to deer shooting. In the eastern part of the state the season will open October 15 a daily bag of 1, season limit of 2 bucks only, in: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumber-

land, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Lee, Martin, Moore, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell and Washington. Exception: Atlantic Township and Roanoke Island in Dare county will be closed to deer shooting, and Hatteras Township in Dare county will be opened to shooting from November 1 through November 30 only.

Bear—October 15 to January 1, inclusive, daily bag 2, possession limit 2, and season limit 2. It will be unlawful to kill bears with cubs at side.

Fox—Foxes may be taken with guns during any time at which the season is open in that county for taking other game birds and animals, except in counties having local fox laws. In these counties local laws regulate the season.

Opossum and Raccoon may be taken with dogs and guns from October 15 through February 15, with no bag or possession limit except in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

Licenses for the 1948-49 season are now on sale.

Cotton Council Plans An All-Out Campaign To Develop Markets

Pointing out that an extremely important period lies immediately ahead for the cotton industry, B. C. Lineberger, chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the National Cotton Council and prominent cotton merchant of Lincolnton, has announced the opening of a campaign to enlist the active participation of every cotton man in the two states in the Council's promotion and research program.

A fight for fiber markets in the United States and abroad is expected by Mr. Lineberger to reach "white hot intensity" during the next 18 months.

He asserted that increased promotion and research will be necessary if cotton is to win the battle for such key markets as bags and tire cord and added also that the program to redevelop foreign markets for American cotton will be in its most crucial phase during the remainder of 1948 and 1949.

"The outstanding work the National Council already has done in building new markets for cotton and cottonseed and in protecting markets threatened by competition has thoroughly proved the value of the organization to the industry," the cotton leader continued.

"Never before has there been such unity of purpose and action among cotton farmers, ginners, warehousemen, merchants, spinners and cottonseed crushers. But we can win cotton's fight only when every member of the industry contributes his proportionate share to the Cotton Council's support."

The cotton man said that North Carolina and Virginia have an increasingly great stake in the program to increase cotton consumption. Last year the farm value of cotton and cottonseed in North Carolina reached a total of \$87,220,000, an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over 1946.

Cotton farmers are asked to contribute ten cents on each bale to the Cotton Council at the time cotton is ginned. Other interests are asked to pay proportionate amounts as their share in the cotton program.

Mr. Lineberger announced that the intensified Council finance campaign will get under way at once and extend throughout the movement of the 1948 crop.

As happiness is an essential part of the general good, the greatest happiness principle indirectly serves as a nearly safe standard of right and wrong.

—Charles Darwin.

894 Motorists Lose Right To Drive Cars

During July, 562 motorists in North Carolina were of their driving licenses because of drunken driving, bringing to 5,065 total drunken driving convictions for 1948, the Motor Vehicle Department has announced.

The July drunken driving convictions were 160 less than for the same month last year, when 722 persons were convicted.

A total of 894 drivers lost their driving privileges during July because of traffic law offenses and practices detrimental to highway safety. Revocations totaled 736, and suspensions 158.

These included 64 persons caught driving drunk outside the State; 53 driving drunk and miscellaneous; 24 driving after license had been revoked; 29 speeding over 75 miles per hour; 21 for transporting liquor, and 12 for two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour.

Twenty-one persons lost their licenses for two offenses of driving drunk. A second drunken driving conviction means mandatory revocation of license for a period of three years. Eight persons lost their licenses for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, and 11 others lost their driving privileges for being habitual violators of the traffic laws.

During July, 368 persons were convicted of reckless driving, bringing to 2,588 the total reckless driving convictions for 1948. Reckless driving, however, requires no revocation or suspension on first offense.

In addition to the major violations which are cause for revocation and suspension there were 8,540 other violators who were convicted, but not deprived of their driving licenses.

Speeding took the greatest toll, with 3,414 convictions, bringing total speeding convictions for the year to 18,365.

Other offenses: Failing to have driver's license, 1,883; faulty equipment, 724; improper lights, 415; running through red light, 385; driving on wrong side of road, 91, and failure to stop at intersection, 77.

Of the total violators for July, 7,501 were North Carolinians, and 1,039 were out-of-state drivers.

Checkup On Ladders Is Urged By Overman

"You may be heading for a fall unless you check your climbing equipment and practices used around the farmstead and in the farm home," That's what County Agent I. C. Yagel says in stressing the importance of avoiding falls by keeping ladders and step stools in good repair and climbing them properly.

"Inspect ladders frequently for rusted or loose bolts and nails, cracked, rotted or loose rungs or supports," he said. "Make repairs immediately or get a new ladder. That's cheaper than having an accident."

Mr. Yagel points to the suggestions for the safe use of ladders given by the National Safety Council. They are: Firmly set the base of the ladder one-fourth of the ladder's height from the wall. Face the ladder when climbing and use both hands. Avoid leaning too far out on the ladder—climb down and move the ladder instead. Clean mud or grease from your hands and shoes before climbing. Use a rope hoist to raise sharp tools, heavy objects, or bulky materials. Open stepladders fully and place all four legs on solid ground before climbing.

Falls are the principal cause of injury in the farm home, the agent points out. He warns against standing on chairs, stools, boxes, tables or makeshift devices not intended for that purpose. Severe injury and death have often resulted from falls at low levels. A safe step stool for the farm home is the simple solution to this problem.

The National Safety Council suggests that step stools be checked for the following safety factors. Is the top sufficiently broad for comfortable standing? Is each step light enough to stand the bounce? Are steps topped with a non-skid surface? Is stool securely built of sound materials? Does the base lie so that your weight may be shifted on the top without tipping the stool? Is it in good repair?

Plan Is Under Way For Football League In Albemarle Area

Interest is developing in the organization of an amateur football league in the Eastern part of North Carolina, with a meeting to discuss the idea scheduled to be held in Elizabeth City Tuesday night, August 17.

The meeting will be held in the Pasquotank County Court House, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Roy W. Perry of Elizabeth City has announced the meeting, and is very anxious to have Hertford and other towns in this section represented. He, therefore, urges anyone who is interested in football to attend the meeting in order to sound out the possibility of organizing a league.

WHO KNOWS

1. What is a "mechanical professor"?
2. How accurate is a "mechanical professor"?
3. What country has just launched its first ocean-going vessel?
4. Can you name the five "portrait" coins?
5. What is the life-span of an American patent?
6. How long does the average car last?
7. Of what material is the flag atop the Capitol in Washington?
8. What percentage of our population has changed living quarters since 1940?
9. How many of our government workers were veterans at the end of 1947?
10. How many divisions are planned for the reorganized Army?

THE ANSWERS

1. A machine that automatically grades examination papers.
2. Ninety-nine per cent.
3. India.
4. Lincoln penny, Washington quarter, Jefferson nickel, Roosevelt dime and Franklin half-dollar.
5. Seventeen years.
6. Twelve years, with an average mileage of 100,000.
7. Nylon—it is expected to outlast previous flags.
8. About one-half.
9. 44 per cent, or 776,289 out of a total of 1,766,072 employees.
10. Eighteen, including six National Guard divisions.

Farm-Home Week Is Postponed Until 1949

Farm and Home Week, annual State-wide gathering of farmers and farm women which had been scheduled on the State College campus from August 30 to September 3, will not be held in 1948, it has been announced by Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the North Carolina Extension Service.

Decision to postpone the event until the summer of 1949 was made in Raleigh recently after a conference of officers of the State Farmers' Convention and the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs with Dr. A. C. Bulla, Wake County health officer, and other College and farm leaders.

Director Schaub expressed regret that the College could not have the farmers and their wives as guests this summer. "We feel, however, that the decision to postpone Farm and Home Week is advisable under the circumstances," he said. "We could not ask the people of the State to take any health risk by attending so large a gathering."

It was also decided to cancel plans



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for the older youth gathering which had been suggested as a substitute for the annual 4-H Club Week. The 4-H program, scheduled for the week of August 23, had previously been cancelled because of the prevalence of polio in the State.

The College had made plans to entertain 5,000 or more farm men and women and had prepared one of the best programs in the recent history of Farm and Home Week. More than \$6,000 worth of farm machinery, equipment and other gifts had been secured for use as prizes.

Colonel J. W. Harelson, State College chancellor, said that plans would be started immediately for a larger and better Farm and Home Week in 1949.

ASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN COLUMBIA AND EDENTON

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will be celebrated Sunday, August 15, with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Davenport Funeral Home, Columbia, at 8 A. M. and in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, at 11 A. M., each including sermon on "The Assumption," Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Sunday School, with confessions in Columbia 7:45 to 7:55, Edenton 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Week mornings: Mass, Communion in Edenton.

New Novel By Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Will Appear October 18

Inglis Fletcher of Bandon Plantation, author of four best selling historical novels which have had the Albemarle region of North Carolina as their principal locale, will see the fifth of the series published on October 18, by Bobbs-Merrill Company. "Roanoke Hundred" will be the name of her new book.

Mrs. Fletcher, at Manteo recently with her husband, John Fletcher, U. S. N., to witness a performance of "The Lost Colony," spoke briefly of her new book, which like those preceding it, is destined to become a best seller.

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is set in Devon, Cornwall and on Roanoke Island," she said. During 1947 Mrs. Fletcher spent several months in England doing research work for "Roanoke Hundred". Like all of her novels, it is based strictly on historical facts.

"Roanoke Hundred" deals with the first English colony in America, which was brought to Virginia by Sir Richard Grenville, for his cousin Sir Walter Raleigh. It covers the period of planning, organization and the voyage of 1585 under Governor Ralph Lane, the year's struggle to establish a colony on Roanoke and their return home with Sir Francis Drake.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from Page Seven) Andrew did what he considered the best thing to do—he took the matter up with Jesus and, no doubt, introduced these strangers to his Lord.

There are many people, devout disciples of Jesus Christ themselves, who for one reason or another, feel honestly that they cannot speak to another about his or her soul. They are sincere about the matter. However, there is no one who cannot do as Andrew did—introduce that soul to Jesus, invite those who have never known Him to Bible School or to church, where they might hear more about Him, and, too, live such a life of Christian purity and influence that those with whom they come in contact will desire to know the source of the power in their lives.



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