

# Farm Pond Fishing Is Popular This Time Year

Tommy F. Osborne of Boone, Wildlife Protector for Watauga county, advises that this is the most popular time of year for farm pond fishing. Hot weather drives most of the fish to the deeper part of the ponds, but top water fishing with popper bugs and flies can be done successfully in the early morning and late evening hours.

Protector Osborne said that Watauga county has about 90 private ponds, with a state total of around 45,000, and farm ponds are now producing a major amount of fishing sport and food for the table. Although most ponds come under fishing license requirements, the following are exempt from the purchase of fishing licenses:

- a. The owner and his family;
- b. Natural bait fishermen in county of residence;
- c. Resident minors

under age 16; d. Nonresident minors under age 12, and e. House guests of the owner of the land surrounding the pond or lake that is classified as private under the provisions of law. This latter exemption is made by Wildlife Commission regulation. All others fishing in private farm ponds are required to have fishing licenses as prescribed by state law.

Wildlife protectors are cooperating with farm pond owners not only in the enforcement of license requirements, but in helping to obtain brood stock, draining and restocking, and protection from use of such illegal devices as nets, poison and dynamite. Protectors also serve as contact men between pond owners and fisheries biologists, helping pond owners to contact state biologists for pond management advice and assistance.

# ASC Phosphate Is Now Available To Farmers

54 per cent superphosphate and 63 per cent superphosphate is now available through the ASC office for use in the ACP practice of improving pastures and meadows, this county being in the TVA watershed.

The County Committee will approve two bags per acre for either of these concentrated superphosphates. This gives either 108 or 126 pounds of plant food per acre and its use is especially adapted to steep, hilly land where materials are hard to spread. For this reason the improvement of many farms in the county has been neglected.

Approvals for the use of this material on this practice will first be made on those farms which have not yet received assistance under the 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program, and will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

It should be borne in mind that in carrying out this practice the application of one ton of limestone per acre will be required unless the land has been limed during the past five years, or a soil test

shows that no lime is needed. For the best results a soil test should be taken and the recommendations followed.

Farmers who have not received ACP assistance are invited to come to the ASC office and find out just how many acres they will be able to improve with scarcely any cost to themselves except the labor involved.

It is not certain that this material will be available after this year, and farmers are urged to act at once.

Winter cover crops are being approved for all farms, and such approvals should be secured while funds are available.

Limestone should be applied this fall on land to which grasses and legumes will be seeded next spring.

Contact the ASC office at once for information concerning any of these practices.

Educators told to consult public on budget.

Point 4 program out for Argentine beef.

## Big ASC Vote Being Asked

As of this date there are no changes in the lists of community committee nominees as announced last week. The full list of nominees together with polling places will be mailed to all farmers in the next few days. The largest vote the county has every had is anticipated and all pollholders, committeemen, vendors, members of the Grange and Farm Bureau, merchants and school teachers are being asked to assist in getting the vote out to the polls.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

## Zionville News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman and Alfred have moved into their new home near Mountain City, Tenn. Mrs. Maggie Norris has moved here from Bethel where she had resided for over eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Eggers of Rising Sun, Md. spent last week with the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Eggers and Mr. and Mrs. Graden Campbell. Miss Janice Eggers and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kertis Madron who had spent the summer with their grandparents returned home with them. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thomas and Darlene of Upperco, Md. are spending this

week with the Eggers.

Mrs. Sherman Miller returned last week from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Potter in Rising Sun, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole and children and Mrs. Mae Brown of Boone made the trip also.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pennell of Torrence, Calif. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clay Pennell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Potter visited last week with Mrs. Nora Bumgardner and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Vines and children have returned to their

home in Burlington after spending the summer here.

Len Winebarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Winebarger was transferred from Watauga Hospital to a Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va. where he underwent surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bringer of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Triplett were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wellborn and Jan of Deep Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Triplett and family and Mrs. C. R. Triplett of North Wilkesboro. Mr. Edgar Beshears of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Boice

## Attends Camp On Forestry

Bobby Shipley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shipley, was selected to attend the annual 4-H Forestry Camp held at Camp Millstone.

Bobby was selected on the basis of forestry projects he has completed, Tree Planting and Tree Identification.

Triplett and family of Charlotte.

Mrs. Helton Wilson and Sandra are recovering after being seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller.

## 4-H Council To Meet Saturday

The Watauga County 4-H County Council will meet Saturday, August 29, in the Legion Hut in Boone. The meeting will start at 10:00 a. m. and adjourn by 12:00 noon.

Plans for the club program for the coming year will be discussed. A report on Leadership Conference and Forestry Camp will be given. Plans will also be discussed for the 4-H booth at "Watauga County In Action" Day.

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