

## Congress Interested In Lower Fish Supply

### Bill Being Considered To Make Study of Situation

Congress may come to the aid of Atlantic Coast game and commercial fishing areas which have suffered declines in catches of certain species of fish in recent seasons.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Subcommittee is considering bills which would provide for studies of certain fish which are of major importance to the game and commercial fishing industries.

The bills are designed to authorize the United States Wildlife Service to make a study, with the cooperation of the various states, of fish which are decreasing in numbers and about which little is known.

Under the proposals the Wildlife Service would recommend to the states measures to increase the abundance of fish. The recommendations would be based on the studies which would include propagation, biology, abundance and catch records of the various species.

Hearings have just been completed on one such bill which would authorize studies of important game and commercial fish all along the Atlantic Coast. The bill is of particular interest in eastern North Carolina where fishing, both commercial and sport, is a great industry.

At the hearings, bluefish, rockfish (striped bass) and others of importance to North Carolina were mentioned specifically.

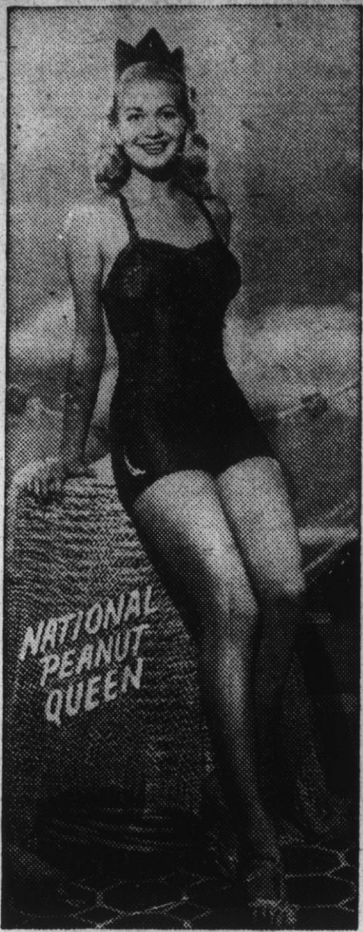
Another bill which will be of interest to the fishermen of North Carolina would provide specifically for an investigation of the croaker situation in the coastal and inland waters of Virginia and North Carolina.

In recent seasons the decrease in the number of croakers taken in this area has been alarming.

The bills are being considered by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Subcommittee of the Merchant Marines and Fisheries Committee. Texas Congressman Clark W. Thompson, who chairs the subcommittee, says hearings will probably be held on the bills concerning certain fish in specific areas in the near future. The bills could possibly be incorporated into an anonymous bill which would apply to all cases, he said.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, of North Carolina and a member of the Merchant Marines and Fisheries Committee, says he is particularly inter-

## PEANUT QUEEN



National Peanut Week will be observed February 5-11—and what could be a more appropriate symbol than a Hollywood Queen in a peanut bathing suit. That's right. The bathing suit is made of peanut fiber perfected by government scientists in their search for uses for farm commodities. The first peanut bathing suit ever made, it is modeled by Lonnie Fotre, featured in the forthcoming production "The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady." She was chosen by the National Peanut Council to be Queen of National Peanut Week in the thought that this appetizing picture might persuade everyone to eat more peanuts.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Alex White announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Dawson, born in the Greenville, N. C., hospital Monday, January 30. The newcomer weighed 8½ pounds.

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He says he expects to support such measures when they come before the full committee.

## State Patrolmen Very Busy Group

### Turn In Three Times More Revenue Than Salaries Paid

Exclusive of the protection offered to citizens of the State by the Highway Patrol during 1949, each patrolman brought in three times as much in revenue and stolen property recovered as was paid him in salary, the Department of Motor Vehicles estimates.

The average salary of a highway patrolman amounts to \$2,800 a year, while each recovered property, collected highway revenue and brought in fines and costs to county school funds and general funds totaling approximately \$8,400, the Department pointed out.

Value of 827 cars and property returned to individuals was estimated at \$697,208.67. Fines turned into county school funds in 69,825 cases in which defendants arrested by patrolmen were found guilty amounted to \$1,687,825.38. Costs in these cases, turned over to the county general funds in counties where the cases were tried, totaled \$871,072.06. Highway revenue collected on overloaded and improperly licensed vehicles added up to \$110,360.81, for a grand total of \$3,373,725.63.

Patrolmen averaged 11 hours on duty and traveled approximately 115 miles each day for an annual total of 1,638,094 hours on duty and 16,667,708

miles traveled.

Over one-third of vehicles inspected on the highway were found to have faulty equipment. Of 1,004,924 stopped for inspection, patrolmen found 361,978 which needed correction of lights. In the majority of cases, lights were corrected on the spot, but in 9,747 cases light tickets were issued. A total of 30,177 equipment tickets were handed out.

The patrol investigated 13,990 accidents in 1949 in which 671 persons were killed and 7,637 persons were injured.

A total of 3,850 vehicles were weighed and 1,230 found to be overloaded. Driver's licenses inspected on the highway numbered 1,155,040. Ar-

rests totaled 79,627 and citations 76,489. The 69,825 persons found guilty of violations were sentenced to 1,593 years, eight months and two days. Drunken driving was the charge

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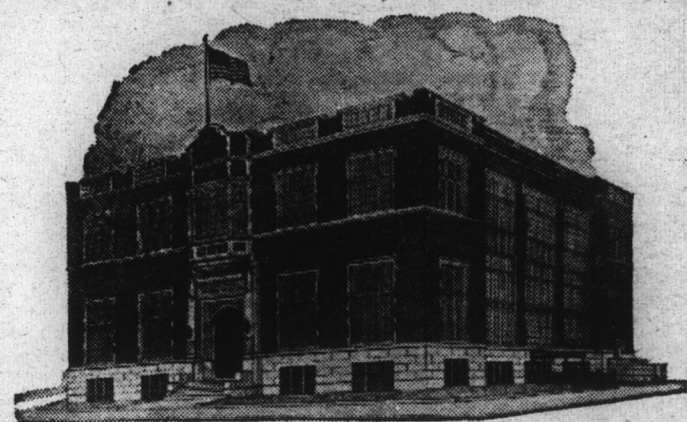
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