

# T. V. A. News

Introduction of lake trout in several North Carolina reservoirs, the first known attempt to introduce lake trout in the Tennessee Valley, is being tried on the recommendation of TVA fisheries workers. Lake trout eggs obtained from Illinois have been hatched in North Carolina hatcheries. The young fish will be liberated when they reach suitable size. Fisheries investigations conducted on the Little Tennessee River last year by TVA biologists indicated conditions favorable to trout. On the basis of these findings, the Tennessee Department of Conservation recently planted 46,800 rainbow trout fingerlings in the stream.

Safety record at phosphate plant—TVA's Columbia phosphate plant near Columbia, Tennessee has two main sections—the Akin plant, where the phosphate ore is mined and washed, and the Godwin plant, where phosphate sands are classified and prepared for use there in making fused tricalcium phosphate or for shipment to the Muscle Shoals plant. At the end of April the Akin plant had had no lost-time accidents in 33 months, the

Godwin plant had had none for ten months, and the maintenance force that services both plants had gone more than a year without an accident which entailed employees' lost time. These records are especially noteworthy considering that the work carried on at Columbia has many potential safety hazards, and the fact that approximately 275 employees are involved.

Construction progress—At Watauga Dam concrete placing was started the first of April and concrete aggregate production was completed early in the month. Clearing in the drawdown belt of the reservoir area is proceeding on schedule.—At the South Holston Project the cafeteria and the first dormitory were put into operation early in April.—At Fort Loudoun Dam the turbine runner unit was placed in position on unit No. 3 and installation of the governors is under way. Concreting continued on unit No. 4.—At Wheeler Dam turbine embedded parts were placed for unit No. 5, and the generator erection crew started work on the rotor. Work also continued on the galleries for units Nos. 5 and

6. Excavation was completed for units Nos. 7 and 8.

Most of the popular day-use recreation facilities at Big Ridge Park, on Norris Lake, were opened to the public on May 15 and will remain open the rest of the vacation season. As previously announced, the cabins, riding stable and group camp will remain closed for the season.

More than 300,000 persons visited TVA dams during April. Kentucky Dam led the list with more than 53,000 with Chickamauga, Norris, Pickwick, Cherokee and Guntersville dams following in that order.

The visitors came from all 48 states with Ohio, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Florida, Wisconsin and Michigan leading the out-of-valley list. Visitors from 35 foreign countries and United States possessions also registered at the various powerhouses.

## Suit

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pope of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Ida Pope.

Mrs. Vaude Keenum and children of Gastonia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keenum.

Lloyd Cole of Gastonia spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keenum and children visited Mrs. Keenum's mother, Mrs. J. E. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Keenum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McNabb of Turtletown, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks Sunday.

Glenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Allen, is on the sick list.

Rev. Ed Chastian will preach here Sunday morning and Sunday night.

To meet the need for a hybrid corn which will mature at high elevation, the State College Extension Service will experiment this year with 10 acres of West Virginia Yellow Hybrid 1163. The demonstrations will be conducted in fields of 3,500 to 4,000 foot elevation in the mountain section of Western North Carolina.

Through a careful breeding program, commercial egg producers in North Carolina have increased the size of eggs considerably during the past few years.

## Folk Festival Founder Focused For Fame

Starting time of the June Folk Festival in Chapel Hill and the August Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville, is purposely vague—"about sundown". Bascom Lamar Lunsford, of Turkey Creek, in Buncombe County, who runs the festivals, wants it that way so he can separate the traditional authentic mountain minstrels from those who try to introduce professional tricks and outlander

costumes. The story of Mr. Lunsford's lifetime of reviving and recording the folklore of the Blue Ridge and the Big Smokies is told by Harold H. Martin in "Minstrel Man of the Appalachians" in this week's (May 22nd) SATURDAY EVENING POST. It is illustrated with color photographs showing, among others, Sam Queen, the famous clog dancer of Soco Gap; Bug Robinson and Mrs. Cole crossing the footbridge over South Turkey Creek; fiddler Blaine Holler and his kin-folks, and a hoedown at Cataloochee Ranch.

As a folklore scholar, Bascom is offended by the synthetic hill-billies who wear cowboy hats and go in for whooping, cowbell-ringing music played on electric guitars, Mr. Martin says.

An accident probably prevented Mr. Lunsford from becoming a mountain troubadour in the manner of Burl Ives and Roy Acoff, according to the POST article. He made ten recordings of his mountain songs in a room in the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, shortly after the first World War. But something was wrong with the machine, and Bascom's voice went on the wax as a faint, far-away quavering, Mr. Martin says.

"Sometimes when Bascom hears a highly popular folk singer on the radio, and compares what he knows the singer earns with the modest \$1000 that is his share in the proceeds of the festival, and the ten- and twenty-five-dollar fees he gets for lecturing, he feels a twinge of regret that the recording machine went bad that time when he might have had a chance to become one of the highly paid troubadours.

"Then he thinks of the mountain music still alive in the hills, and of the schools which have teams of dancers now . . . and of the many youngsters who are playing the fiddle and picking the banjo as their grandfathers did . . .

"Then," he says, rearing back

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