

## Wildlife Afield Deer Population Estimate: 500,000

There are more whitetail deer in North Carolina than at any time in recorded history. Biological estimates run as high as half a million deer, and there are parts of the state — particularly in the east — which are so overrun that deer are considered a nuisance to gardens and crops.

But despite this population explosion, there are still pockets in the state where deer are scarce. Some parts of the piedmont and mountains still have few deer.

However, the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission is in the process of conducting a restoration program which will increase deer populations in more than a dozen areas of the state. The projects are paid for entirely by hunters and fishermen (no general tax funds are involved).

"We're already at work stocking three areas and we're about 20 per cent finished," said Larry Warlick, assistant chief of the Division of Game. Warlick is in charge of the overall deer restoration program.

"Game management field crews have already put about 30 deer in the New Hope area in the Chatham County," said Warlick. "We're planning to stock about 75 there. As of the middle of February, we have also released about 15 deer in the Bluff Mountain section of Madison County, and about 15 in the Cowee Mountain section of Swain, Jackson and Macon counties. The reason we're ahead in Chatham County is because we already had some deer penned nearby.

"We're planning to put about 50 deer in Bluff Mountain and 50 in Cowee, added Warlick. "All these stocked deer will be wild, live-trapped deer."

Warlick said that trapping and stocking will continue

until sometime in April, and hopes are high that the first three areas will be essentially stocked by then.

Trapping and stocking will resume following the next hunting season, and Raven Rock State Park is slated to be one of the next areas to be stocked. In fact, stocking at Raven Rock may begin this year if enough deer are trapped to do it.

"If we get a good deer population established on Raven Rock, they'll expand into the surrounding area," said Warlick.

Warlick showed me a list of the areas being studied for possible deer restoration. Among those being evaluated are the Broad River section of Cleveland County, the Snowbird Mountain area of Swain, Graham and Cherokee counties, and Elk Knob in Ashe and Watauga counties; however, these are only tentative at this point.

"We're not just stocking deer, of course," said Warlick. "We're also going to do habitat improvement in these areas and we're already working on this in the areas we're now stocking. Habitat improvement is important and is a continuing program on all deer restoration areas."

Warlick explained that in order for an area to be considered for a deer restoration project, it must confirm rather closely to several conditions. It must have good habitat and food for deer, and should be at least 5,000 acres. The project must have widespread public support so that the deer can be properly protected.

After stocking local deer seasons are closed for several years while the herd builds. Also, the area must not already have a good, stable deer population. If the area is

## H. M. Broom, Minister, Dies At 70

Rev. Hobert Macdonald Broom Sr., 70, of Travelers Rest, S.C., died in a Greenville, S.C. hospital Saturday morning.

Mr. Broom was a native of Transylvania County, moving to S.C. about 20 years ago. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the Bellview Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Ora Jane Broom; two sons, Lee Roy of Hendersonville, and H.M. Broom Jr. of Greenville, S.C.; six daughters, Mrs. Nanie Mae Ford and Mrs. Netta Jean Baker of Travelers Rest, S.C., Mrs. Mary Ellen Owens and Mrs. Loretta Nicholson of Brevard, Mrs. Mildred Yancy of Defunex, Fla., and Mrs. Marveta Wilson of Ft. Myers, Fla.; three brothers Kermit of Rocky Bottom, S.C., Willie of Travelers Rest, S.C., and Eldon Broom of Asheville; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Owen of Washington State, Mrs. Myrtle Kitchen of Balsam Grove, and Mrs. Edna Mackleroy of Sebring, Fla.; and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. William C. Baker and Rev. F.A. Raines officiated and burial was in the McCall Cemetery.

Frank Moody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. already supporting all the deer it can, even if there are very few deer, any deer stocked would simply starve or become diseased. Finally, areas which will be open to public hunting will get highest priority.

Will these deer restoration projects work?

"You bet," said Warlick, "we've done them before, and when conditions are right, they work very well."

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