

PROPOSE NATURAL FISH HATCHERIES

State May Turn 150 Miles of Its Streams to That Purpose for Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL
Raleigh, March 12.—Transformation of some 150 miles of the most desirable fishing waters of North Carolina into natural hatcheries to provide more enticing angling grounds for residents of this State and visitors, is the ambitious program proposed by the Department of Conservation and Development, J. D. Chalk, State game and inland fish commissioner, announced today.

One of the first steps will be to close these portions of streams, all of which are in Eastern North Carolina, to fishing for a specified period, which is contemplated to extend for a year.

This system is to be tried out in Eastern North Carolina first, according to the commissioner, because of limited facilities for re-stocking these waters from the State hatcheries, and because the game fish found in the streams cannot be propagated as easily as mountain trout. The output of warm water fish depends upon na-

tural reproduction of brood ponds and these fish cannot be hatched in troughs as are trout.

Mr. Chalk and his field force have been studying plans and mapping out details of the program for several months, after obtaining approval of the Board of Conservation and Development.

Start on Trent River.
A strip of about 35 miles of the Trent river, extending from Wilson's Creek to the highway bridge at Trenton, county seat of Jones county, will be one of the first areas to be set aside for the program. Stretches of the Lumber River, Waccamaw River, Black River, Northeast Cape Fear River, and Alligator River are also being considered for the purpose.

According to plans of the game and inland fisheries commissioner, after the closed period has expired, the original portion will be opened for fishing and other strips will be closed. The reserved parts of the rivers would be alternated under the plan to permit fishing in some portions while other parts are closed. Game fishing would be improved considerably when the closed strips are opened to anglers and would provide excellent attractions for non-residents as well as for the people who live in the immediate vicinity and other parts of the state.

DISCUSS MARKET FOR CANTALOUPE

Meeting To Be Held At Norlina Tuesday Evening of Next Week

BY FRED P. ABBOTT, Agricultural Agent Seaboard Air Line Railway, Hamlet, N. C.

The cantaloupe industry of Warren county in the Ridgeway section is one of long standing and great importance as a money crop. Cantaloupes coming from this section have for a long while enjoyed an enviable reputation in some of the consuming markets, but certain conditions are now entering the deal that if not quickly corrected will no doubt be the means of this cantaloupe soon losing favor in the larger markets, with results that will be disastrous to the growers.

This fall the Agricultural Department of the Seaboard Air Line Railway made a rather exhaustive study of the cantaloupe business in this section, both as regards the cultural practices and also extended the investigation into the various markets to which these cantaloupes go, and in the course of this study have developed a great amount of information that if adapted, should be very valuable to cantaloupe producers in this section. This information has been placed in the hands of organized cantaloupe growers and it is now proposed to make an effort to reach every cantaloupe grower in Warren county through a general meeting which will be held on March 17 at 7:30 p. m. in the Norlina high school auditorium at Norlina, and at which meeting results of this investigation will be made public to all people interested in this industry.

In addition Dr. D. F. Fisher, of the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington, D. C., will discuss the importance of maturity; Randal G. Etheridge, chief of the North Carolina Division of Markets, will discuss shipping point inspection; E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist for the State of North Carolina, will discuss cultural practices and fertilizers; and Dr. R. F. Poole, research pathologist for the State of North Carolina, will discuss insects and diseases.

This meeting should be of great importance to every one interested in the growing or shipping of cantaloupes and it is urged that every one so interested arrange to attend this meeting.

Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italian poet and man of letters, born 72 years ago.

DRUDGERY CAN BE REMOVED IN WORK

Extension Specialist at State College Talks of Easing Housework

College Station, Raleigh, March 12.—Take the drudgery out of housework and make it a healthful exercise, urged Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in home management at State College.

If the housework is done correctly, she said, it will be less fatiguing and will help one to keep fit. Bad posture is more exhausting than a reasonable amount of work.

To lessen backaches that come when the housewife stoops to lift heavy objects, she could bend her knees and place one foot ahead of the other. Keep the back straight and bend the hips and knees.

This will place the work on the strong leg muscles and bones, Miss Gordon explained, and will ease the strain on the back.

Lifting in this manner also tones up the thigh and hip muscles and helps one avoid the "middle-age spread," she pointed out.

When reaching forward from a sitting position, she continued, it is best to bend at the hips so as to keep the back straight. Do not bend the trunk forward when walking up stairs.

Standing and sitting "talk" is a good motto, she stated. That is, keep

Prisoners Thinking More Of Baseball Than Escapes

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Raleigh, March 12.—Prisoners in the State Prison system are thinking more about baseball and the organization of baseball teams than of escaping these days, due to the new recreational program being put into effect throughout the entire prison system, Acting Director Oscar T. Pitts, of the prison division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said today. Every spare minute the prisoners have after doing their work, they are planning out their baseball teams and schedules, Pitts said.

"I have never seen the morale of the prisoners better than it is at the present time," Pitts said. "Out at the Central Prison here, the men in the different divisions are organizing baseball teams, while the various camps are also organizing teams. They also are doing everything possible to get me to transfer men known to be good baseball players to their particular division. Indications are that we are going to have some excellent ball teams and some real competition between the various divisions in the Central Prison and some of the camps."

Full-Sized Diamonds
A full sized baseball diamond is now being levelled off inside the prison walls at the Central Prison, while similar fields are being laid off in all the prison camps where sufficient space is available. In some of the camps, the enclosures are being enlarged to provide space for baseball fields. The prison division is providing the baseballs, gloves and bats and the prisoners are already spending all the time they can find in "warming up" practice.

The prisoners employed in the printing shop at the Central Prison have already organized a baseball team and named it "The Printers Devils" and are getting ready to challenge all the other teams in the system. This team played a game organized from among the prisoners who work in the kitchen and dining room last week and gave it a good wallop. The "hash slingers" team is now looking for another pitcher with which they can beat the "devils" from the print shop. They have asked Pitts to transfer Lemanuel Hooker, big negro pitcher from the Perquimans camp to Central Prison, to improve their pitching staff. The "Printers Devils" are also trying to get Hooker.

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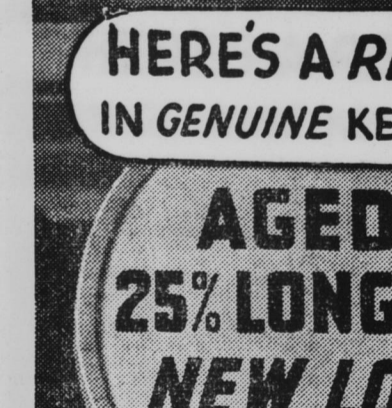


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Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1935

(In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department)

INSURANCE IN FORCE		BUSINESS IN 1935 (YEAR'S FIGURES)	
Life:		New Life Insurance issued:	
Ordinary	\$10,483,415,421.00	Ordinary	\$1,116,686,662.00
Industrial	6,829,500,380.00	Industrial	1,016,825,103.00
Group	2,956,433,775.00	Group	172,083,462.00
Total	\$20,269,349,576.00	Total	\$2,305,595,227.00
Accident and Health		Revived and Increased	\$813,312,899.00
Weekly Indemnity	\$15,650,772.00		
Policies:		Payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders:	
Life (Including 1,670,041 Group Certificates)	42,165,146	Death benefits	\$157,889,172.69
Accident and Health (Including 865,981 Group Certificates)	1,082,250	Other payments to policyholders	\$377,362,411.32
		Total Payments	\$535,251,584.01
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		BUSINESS IN 1935 (DAILY AVERAGES)	
Assets	\$4,234,802,511.49	Life policies issued and revived per day	18,242
Liabilities:		Number of claims paid per day	2,280
Statutory Policy Reserve	3,689,776,768.00	Life insurance issued, revived and increased per day	\$10,327,510.00
Dividends payable to policyholders in 1936	95,994,851.00	Payments to beneficiaries and policyholders and addition to reserve per day	\$2,330,620.00
Other Liabilities	144,221,171.70	Increase in assets per day	\$674,485.00
Contingency Reserve	45,000,000.00		
Total Liabilities	\$3,974,992,790.70		
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$259,809,720.79		

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