New Law Gives Stimulus to Game and Bird Reservations in Sandhills

Believed Many Thousands of Acres Will Be Utilized for Hunting and Fishing

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The matter of building up in the Sandhills a game project that will cover many thousands of acres of ground, in one or several large reservations unde the State law and under the jurisdiction of the game wardens and the game laws of the state, is attracting considerable attention and discussion. The recent legislature made provisions for reservations on the part of property owners, in which several owners of smaller tracts may unite together to provide not less than 3,000 acres in one project, which can then be placed under the legal regulations, permitting stocking with birds and other wild creatures, and extending to hunters at a fixed fee the right to hunt on the property with the consent of the owner.

Already reservations have been established in the county, with bird refuge, and outside of the county are a number of large reservations, Overhills to the east being perhaps the biggest one, the DuPont reservation across Drowning Creek in Scotland another, the Eldridge Johnson farm on this side of Drowning Creek in Moore county, conspicuous, some large holdings in the Deep River section attracting attention, the Tufts and other groups to the north of Pinehurst working out their problems, and biggest of all, the Fort Bragg military reservation, which, while not a game refuge in intent, is neverthe less, one of the most extended reservoirs of wild life in the state, and one that is impregnable and permanent.

Plenty of Quail

It is not to be presumed that big game will ever be possible in Moore county in any quantity, as to much of the land is given over to the villages and the farms. Yet deer are killed occasionally in the county, and will be. But here is the natural home of the small creatures, especially quail, and they can be multiplied greatly, as is shown by the experiments at the game farm in Randolph county, and by the farms where birds are encouraged in this county. Mankind is paying the penalty for the indiscriminate slaughter of wild animals. For thousands of years Nature maintained an equilibrium in wild life, but when men with their repeating guns, and dogs and skill began to make incessant war on all wild creatures the big ones fell in the attack, and the small ones are hard pushed to hold their existence. Now, one of the penalties of killing off the birds is found in the multiplication of all kinds of pests on the crops. The cotton field, the peach orchards, the potato field, and everything that bears a crop, is beset with pests. The birds used to look out for that, but killing the birds has left man to fight the battle for the preservation of his crops by the use of poisons and at costly experience.

It is worth while to save the birds for the benefit they are on the farm as well as for the hunting they afford in hunting season, and to contribute somewhat to their care that they may be preserved. But another incentive to the landowner to help save the birds is found in the idea embraced in the new project, the development of game reservations with certain laws to permit hunting on payment of a fee by the day or longer period, the landowner getting the fee. Restrictions are laid around the hunting privilege, the hunter being obliged to observe certain laws, to be held to the land for which he obtains the right to hunt and no other, to be subject to the game warden at all times, and in other ways held within the privileges given him by the owner of the land and by the State law. The owner, in return for hunting fees, will be expected to provide care for the wild creatures that they may thrive and that the hunter may have some prospect of success in his hunt. The law limits the size of the bag that may bet taken, the number of birds taken in a given period, and such other matters as may be necessary. The aim is to greatly increase the wild life in the woods, all over the county and neighborhood, for the profit of all concerned, and to add interest to the Sandhills in the sight of winter visitors and of native residents.

Can Add to Income

Alex Fields is the game warden for the county. He is taking an active interest in extending the game covers of the Sandhills, and will be glad to advise or help farmers who want to get together to create game preserves of their land that they may rent or sell hunting privileges. It has been suggested that much of the land of the county could be made to bring to the owners far more than their taxes call for, and if properly handled every acre not used for farming could be made to pay a revenue to add materially to the farm income. A few hunters paying a few dollars a day for hunting privileges during any continuous number of days during the hunting season would put a desirable number of dollars into the hands of the land-owners, and if it should so happen that the landowner might be employed as guide with a few dollars for that service the returns would be much better than nothing, as at present.

It is believed that when the farmers understand the benefits to come from making of the Sandhills a hunting territory they will fall in with the notion, and further that as the birds will help to keep down the bugs and worms that infest the crops the benefits will be of such value that the project of encouraging birds on the farms will be welcomed.

White House Guests

Judge and Mrs. H. F. Seawell and Daughter Attend Hoover Reception

Judge and Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell and Miss Meade Seawell of Carthage were guests of President and Mrs. Hoover at a reception held at the White House last week. They also attended a dinner dance given at the New Willard Hotel by the National Capital Club. Mrs. Seawell and Miss Seawell have returned home after spending an enjoyable week at the Capital.

White Folks Have Their Day in Court

Women of Hemp Section in Toils for Violation of Liquor Laws

The unusual thing about Recorder's Court for this week was the fact that with the exception of one, every defendant was white. Mrs. W. W. Sheffield and Mary Farmer from above Hemp were in court charged with keeping a bawdy house and violating the prohibition laws. Both defendants pleaded not guilty, but Mrs. Sheffield was found guilty on both counts. For selling liquor she was given four months in jail to be worked at the county home, and on the bawdy house charge she was given six months in jail to work at the county home, this sentence to begin at the expiration of the sentence in the former charge at the will of the court.

Mary Farmer was found not guilty of violating the prohibition laws, but guilty of keeping a bawdy house. She drew sixty days in jail, execution to issue at the will of the court to Moore or any adjoining county, and she was required to pay the costs of this action.

Will Hunt and Henry Furr were tried on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. Hunt was found not guilty. Furr was found guilty of possessing a still and of manufacturing. On the first count, he was given four months on the roads, this to be stricken out if he pay on that day, Monday, a fine of $150, and the costs. For manufacturing, he drew a twelve months' suspended sentence.

Arthur Frye was before the court charged with non-support and malicious injury to personal property. Formalicious injury to personal property he was given eighteen months in jail to work on the roads, and for non-support, a two years' suspended road sentence. He gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and bond was fixed at $1,000, $500 on each count.

L. P. Conupp, charged with possessing, transporting and being publicly drunk, was called and failed.

Oscar Kennedy, the one colored defendant, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, a razor, and was sentenced to thirty days on the roads. He gave notice of appeal in open court, and bond was fixed at $100.

Jim Swett and Uncle Sam Check on Survey

Point on S. A. L. Opposite Southern Pines Warehouse is Place To Check Your Compass

In his surveys of Weymouth Heights James Swett has carried his detailed work to the old Shaw house below the peach orchard on the Connecticut avenue extension. There near the house is a government bench mark, giving exact latitude and longitude, which Mr. Swett has tied in on his maps with the government bench marks at the Southern Pines station and at the curves on the railroad north and south of the town. This gives him the exact position on his maps of Southern Pines at all points. He has also determined by the government marks the true north and south of the west rail of the Seaboard railroad through the village, which is found to be 53 degrees, 15 minutes and 10 seconds east of North.

This gives surveyors a permanent check on the variation of their needles at any time they care to test it out. Mr. Swett had checked up the course of the railroad by polar observation, and found that the comparison of government records with his marks correspond almost exactly, but he was gratified to establish the positive course of the rail from government surveys and to have the assurance that the long tangent from the Southern Pines Warehouse to Delaware avenue is definitely fixed as a known direction by the government surveyors. That gives it the highest authority for accuracy. A surveyor wanting to find the variation of his needle may at any time go to the cut opposite the Southern Pines Warehouse, and there on the west side above the rail, he will find a bronze tablet just above the ground, just below the curve. From that tablet, sighting along the rail to the north he will have the course 53 degrees, 15 minutes and 10 seconds. The variation of his needle is the difference between that figure and the needle's reading on the compass.

It is believed that this section is one of the most accurately surveyed and marked bits of territory in the United States, as all the recent work is checked in with government work, and the recent surveys are to tack points in stone and iron posts. The government survey along the line of the Seaboard through North Carolina is one of the basic lines on whcih the whole world is constructing a gigantic map, and is a part of a line from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the gulf to the lakes, the lines converging at a mark near the Seaboard station in Southern Pines.

HEMP

Misses Isabel McLeod and Mary Sherwood McDonald were in town for a while Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. N. A. Harrington visited her sister, Mrs. Edwin West and Mrs. R. E. Byrd last week.

Mr. Edwin West and Chisley Pate went to Charlotte on business Tuesday.

Messrs. Walter Jones of State College; Ellison Lightfoot of Raleigh and Jack Overly of Fayetteville were callers in town Sunday and Monday.

Miss Currie McLeod is attending a Young People's Conference at Flora McDonald College this week.

H. E. Johnson left Saturday for his home in Asheville. Mr. Johnson has been connected with the highway force and has made Hemp his headquarters for the past several months. While here he has made many friends.

Messrs. Harry and Leslie West, both of Winston-Salem were in town Wednesday to see their brother, Edwin.

Mr. John McCrimmon of Carthage was in Hemp on business Thursday and Saturday.

Mr. John R. McQueen of Lakeview was a visitor in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Elbert McLeod and son, James were in Hemp Thursday afternoon.

TO MEET ON TUESDAY

Directors of the Moore County Education Foundation will meet Tuesday evening at The Paddock, Southern Pines.

Theatre

Director Hamilton MacFadden and a company of fifty persons set something of a record when they voyaged the 4,500-mile round trip to Hawaii for the making of Earl Deer Biggers' mystery story, "The Black Camel."

The second in a series of Fox talkies woven around Biggers' character of Charlie Chan, "The Black Camel" will bow to the Southern Pines Theatre audiences this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The picture title comes from one of Charlie's Oriental aphorisms, "death is a Black Camel that kneels unbid at every gate," and in this case the Camel kneels at the gate of Shelah Fane, during her vacation in Honolulu. How Charlie solves the mystery of her murder affords an unusual degree of interest and suspense to audiences. As in the earlier film, "Charlie Chan Carries on," Warner Oland plays the role of the Chinese sleuth. Mr. Oland has never given a better performance than that of Charlie Chan in this production, but he shares honors with Bella Lugosi, whose portrayal of Tarnaverro is masterly. Dorothy Revier is convincing as the famous screen star, Shelah Fane and Sally Eilers is most pleasing as the devoted secretary who finds romance during the unravelling of the mystery.

Here's your chance, boys, join the Marines and see the World. Go to the Philipines, Porto Rico, Hawai, South America, Turkey—all parts of the East and West. And Victor McLaglen, who carries on the adventures of Sergeant Flagg, his famous screen character in Raoul Walsh's "Women of All Nations," knows the countries of which he speaks, dispite the fact that the only Marine service he has seen has been on the screen. He has participated in four wars and took part in the Kalgoorie gold rush. Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, Canada and the United States have been widely traversed by McLaglen and his real life adventures are even more thrilling, romantic and hair raising than those he has enacted on the screen. In "Women of All Nations," the Fox production which is the attraction at the Southern Pines Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Edmund Lowe again plays the "Sergeant Quirt" half of the fighting, loving, skirt chasing team of leathernecks, as he did in "What Price Glory" and "The Cockeyed World."

This time their wanderings take them to Nicarague, Panama, Scandinavia, Brooklyn and bang right into the front and center of a harem in Turkey. Greta Nissen, the screen's most perfect blonde, Fifi Dorsey, Marjorie White and Joyce Compton make up a feminine contingent and El Brendel again is featured as the Swedish Marine.

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