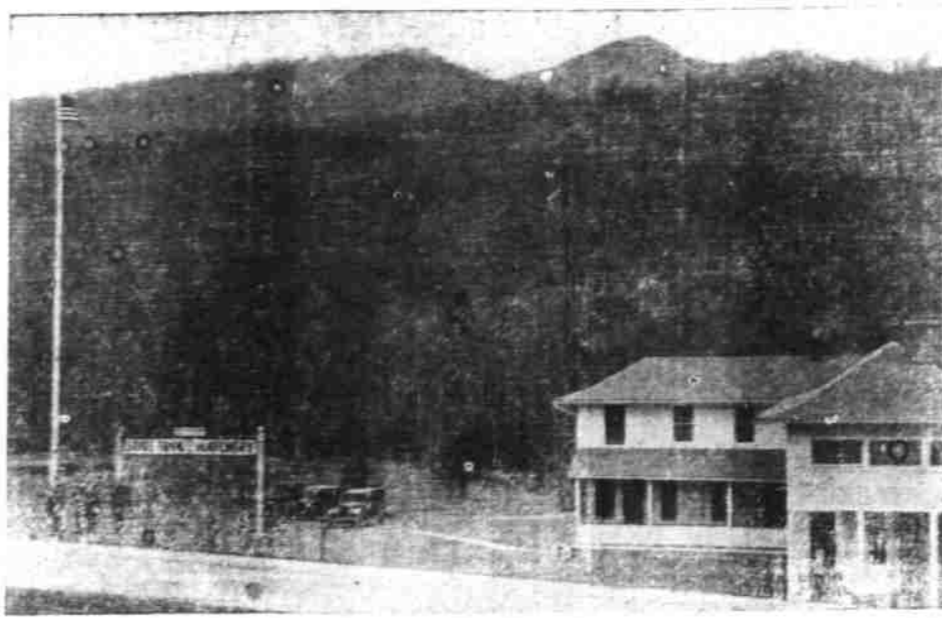


Hundreds Visit Balsam Fish Hatchery Annually

Over Two Million Fish Shipped From Hatchery In 1934

As Many As 2,000 Visitors Daily See Wonders Of Modern Hatchery

The Morrison Fish Hatchery



The Hatchery is on Highway No. 19, and is six miles south of Waynesville.

Patrons Take A Keen Interest In Welfare Of School

Communities Are Co-operating In Establishing Lunch Rooms In Schools

Trip Through The Pigeon Valley Is Well Worthwhile

More and Different Views Found In Short Drive Than Anywhere In State

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Several Spots Are Ideal For Landing Planes In County

Although this county does not have airport facilities, there are a number of ideal landing fields within a short distance of Waynesville. During the past few years a number of pilots have used the water edge of the golf course at Highlands and also the course at Lake Junaluska. The firm, grass-covered, smooth field adjoining the courses has proven to be ideal for landing and taking off. There are no trees or wires for hundreds of yards that would be a hindrance to even amateur aviators. In the Pigeon Valley there are numerous fields that have served as landing places.

W. N. C. IS LARGE UNIT

Western North Carolina is almost a distinct unit of North Carolina within itself. The eighteen counties which are included in the western area, have a population that exceeds 225,000.

worth the trip just to talk to Mr. Reiser about his work. Even if you are not particularly interested in fish, you will find yourself becoming so under the spell of his enthusiasm. Mr. Reiser entered the service of the Federal government in 1908 and was located in his native town of Manchester, Iowa, where there is situated one of the foremost hatcheries under government management.

Along with his keen interest in his work he cherishes many ideas on the subject of constructive conservation. He says: "We need hatcheries to supply fish for restocking our streams, but we also need fishermen with conscience. You'd be surprised what poor sports some otherwise honest people are when it comes to nibbling by the restrictions about the size of a fish to keep. There is a tremendous amount of work along the lines of conservation that must go hand in hand with the work in the development of fish hatcheries and the restocking of streams."

This popular and interesting spot promises to be a more interesting place in the future for not far from its boundaries when completed will travel the Great Smoky Highway that will wind over the crests of the high peaks in this section.

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Under the auspices of the State Conservation department under which the hatchery is operated, a moving picture of the fish at the Morrison Hatchery has been made. It was taken at the opportune time when all the various stages of eggs fry, fingerlings could be seen. The picture shows the entire life of the fish up to the adult period. No pains were spared to produce the pictures. Aquariums were built so that the fish were arranged so as to get the best results. While the fish are the main show it is surprising the attention the wild animals attract. Often visitors become so interested in the bears, deer, wild cats, monkeys, which by the way are kept in the building during the winter months, the raccoons, hawks, pigeons and owls that they almost forget the fish. This feature of the place, those in authority would like to develop, as more and more the public is becoming aware and interested in wild life. A visit to the hatchery is not complete, however, without a visit with Frank J. Reiser who is in charge. It's