

Approximately Ton Of Fish Is Removed From Aberdeen's City Lake By Officials

Approximately a ton of fish was removed yesterday from Aberdeen's city lake, as local residents and State fish biologists combined forces to rid the once-famous fishing lake of suckers and stunted game fish. The lake, drawn down to the original channel, was seined to recover usable game fish and then chemically treated to eradicate an undesirable population of chub suckers and golden shiners, as well as the stunted game and panfish.

Old timers in the community, who have fished unsuccessfully in the lake in recent years, were impressed with the fact that more than ninety per cent of the fish removed were trash fish. The suckers, which stir up silt on the lake bottom and hinder reproduction of game fish, accounted for most of the population of the lake by weight, while golden shiners, partly introduced as live bait, had the numerical superiority.

Last week when the lake was being lowered, a stop net was placed below the dam to hold game fish leaving the lake. Yesterday the pool below the dam was seined, along with one large pool remaining in the lake bed. Most of the fish seined were suckers and shiners, but some game fish were recovered.

These will be held in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery at Hoffman until the lake is ready for re-stocking. Following the seining operation, chemicals were placed two miles upstream in the creek that feeds the lake and the lake was allowed to partly refill.

The chemical used in removing the fish will not be effective after about three weeks. The lake will be refilled and the game fish replaced to serve as brood stock. Since 1951, 7,000 bass fingerlings have been stocked in Aberdeen Lake, along with 1500 broom. Buford Tatum, fish biologist with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, was in charge of the project. He expects to use the game fish that were removed to restock the lake, explaining that "Previous stockings in this lake have been ineffectual because the population was very unbalanced." The more than 8,000 fish planted in the lake have met with severe competition from the suckers and shiners. You wouldn't try to graze cattle in a pasture where sheep have nibbled down every blade of grass. Neither will stocking game fish pay where rough fish outnumber them."



NOT MUCH CORN - Farmers in Eastern North Carolina are finding that the 1955 corn crop is low in yield because of hurricanes which have passed through the inland this year. James Morris Wooten says the yield is definitely off. Despite the fact that a large percentage of the corn is blown over as pictured above, Wooten says he believes it best to use a corn picker to gather the grain. Livestock farmers are now faced with a feed problem with winter just around the corner. (Photo by Paul Barwick)

GI Home Loans Guaranteed By VA Have Passed Four Million Mark In Number

GI Home loans guaranteed by Veterans Administration have passed the 4,000,000 mark in number and \$50 billion in original principal announced.

More than 55,000 home loans were closed in August, bringing the total made by private lenders since the beginning of the GI loan program in 1944 to 4,017,543 loans, amounting to \$30,273,322.00.

VA said the 4,000,000 veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict period who received the loans represent nearly 22 per cent of the 18,500,000 veterans who are eligible for GI home loans.

VA also reported that nearly 18 per cent of the 4,000,000 loans, or 718,198 amounting to more than \$4 billion, have been repaid in full.

VA said it has paid claims on only 22,923 defaulted home loans, providing that veterans have turned out to be excellent credit risks. The number of claims paid by VA amounts to slightly over one-half of one per cent of the 4,000,000 loans guaranteed.

World War II veterans have until July 25, 1957 to obtain GI loans while veterans of the Korean conflict period have until February 1, 1958.

Fibers Make Living Simpler

Man's synthetic fibers have made living and housekeeping easier for the American housewife. However, the keeping up with these newer developments in the textile world may not be so easy.

Two of the newest fibers to come on the market are dnyel and vicara. According to Julia Melver, State College extension clothing specialist, dnyel is used for blouses, sweaters, dress fabrics, and other items where wool is commonly used. This fiber is strong and tough. It's moth proof and mildew proof, warm, quick-drying and will not shrink except at very high temperatures. It will resist burning, stains, molds and many chemicals.

The protein fibers of the corn field provide the base of vicara. Its greatest use is in the form of the blends since it blends well with any of the other fibers either natural or man-made. It is very soft and warm and has a cashmere-like appearance. Miss Melver says that it is used widely today in infants' wear, men's suits, sweaters and sport clothes.

From the test tube have come fabrics that wash well, dry quickly, require little or no ironing take permanent pleats or creases, that are mildew and moth resistant. However, no one of these will impart all of the desirable qualities. Each synthetic is made to impart certain characteristics to a fabric. Each has its advantages and limitations.

clover will come back if the grass is kept down. This can be achieved by heaving grazing of the grass or mowing.

Where a farmer has a thick stand of fescue and the clover is gone, considerable thought should be given to topdressing with nitrogen. A good stand can use up to 75 pounds of nitrogen per acre now and will give lots of fall growth.

An important thing to remember is not to graze the newly seeded pastures too early.

Another source which should not be overlooked is the forage in fields now. Much of it can be grazed which in the long run will add dollars to the farmer's pocket in Eastern North Carolina.

Feed Problem Is Facing Livestock Farmers With Corn Cut, Winter Ahead

BY PAUL BARWICK

Livestock farmers in Eastern North Carolina are faced with some feed problems which need to be brought to light and considered before winter arrives.

Hurricanes, Connie, Diane and Ione has cut the expected corn yield considerably, some estimations running as high as 75 per cent. In addition to corn shortage, many pastures were flooded and grasses drowned.

Farm agents have advised that in some cases where flood waters covered pastures, there is absolutely no grazing available for the fall.

Because of the drastic cut in corn however, it is being advised that farmers begin now to provide grazing for cattle and swine where possible.

Some suggestions for recovering grazing are as follows:

If the pasture is an old one, it is suggested that farmers give some thought to a renovation program. That is, tear the old sod up and seed to a mixture of small grains and Crimson Clover. A crop of millet or Sudan can be grown next summer and back to pasture next fall.

If the drowned pasture is relatively new and the clover gone, but grass still there, farmers are advised to disk lightly and add more clover.

On the other hand, if the pasture is new and both the clover and grass are gone from flooding, it is suggested and advisable to re-seed both grass and clover. It is important to see that both the lime and phosphate lever are right.

It has been brought out in recent weeks that a number of farmers are short on hay and silage because of the extremely wet weather.

Farm agents are advising that farmers in instances such as this that grazing be used. Quick grazing can be achieved with a mixture of small grains, ryegrass and Crimson clover.

This must be kept in mind. It must be seeded early, it must be seeded thick and it must be fertilized well.

It is pointed out that ryegrass will give lots of grazing but can become a pest on small grain farms. Aphids and other insects can become a pest, so farmers are urged to be on the look out not to let the pests harvest the crop.

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