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ROD & GUN

By Tom Walker

WILDLIFE HARVESTS ENDS FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS

It's back to the rack for the guns of North Carolina hunters. The State's 1946-47 season for the harvesting of game birds and animals came to a close last Saturday (February 15) with the end of the legal period for taking opossum and raccoon with guns and dogs. The State's trapping season also wound up on that day.

EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR JOINS STAFF OF DIVISION

L. G. McLean of Raleigh, formerly with N. C. State College in charge of the nursery research program and as a teacher has joined the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries as educational supervisor.

Mr. McLean has had wide experience in research and educational work. In 1929 he joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture and was at James Island, S. C. for plant disease studies. In 1931 he was transferred to Texas, working in Greenville and San Antonio on plant and erosion-control studies. He was transferred to Oklahoma in 1934 and as regional manager instituted the Soil Conservation Service program of erosion control. He also engaged in studies of native and migratory game birds.

In 1938 he joined the staff on Oklahoma A. and M. College, in charge of the school's nursery experimental work. He also taught there. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in plant pathology and botany from that school. He came to State College in 1941.

GAME LAW VIOLATORS DECREASE IN JANUARY

Violations of fish and game laws reported for January by protectors of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries totaled 283, a considerable drop from the 517 registered for December. January fines amounted to \$2,327.30, and court costs, \$2,319.02.

Hunting without license, as usual, was the most frequent violation. Protectors picked up 134 hunters on this charge. This was followed by hunting with an unplugged gun, 30 cases, and hunting out of season, 18. Heaviest penalties handed out were for firelighting deer, of which nine persons were convicted. Fines ranged from the minimum—\$100 to \$300 tagged on one defendant.

WILDLIFE WEEK SLATED MARCH 16-22 THIS YEAR

National Wildlife Restoration Week, first proclaimed by the late President Roosevelt and sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation will be observed this year from March 16 to 22. This is the 10th anniversary of the observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week.

Events marking the week will place special emphasis on the need for greater protection and management to insure adequate supplies of fish and game to meet the increased hunting and fishing pressure already in evidence with millions of former servicemen and women returned to civilian life.

Each year the Federation issues a sheet of wildlife poster stamps reproduced from paintings by famous American nature artists. The 1947 issue has 40 studies of birds, mammals, fish, flowers, and trees in the 64 stamps on the sheet. Clubs, societies, and individuals interested in obtaining further information on Wildlife Week activities and its objectives should write to the Servicing Division, National Wildlife Federation, 20 Spruce Street, Boston 8, Mass.

IT'S COSTLY BUSINESS NOT TO SHOW LICENSE

It's probably a good idea not to balk about showing your hunting license when a State fish and game protector asks for a look, two Anson County hunters discovered recently when Protector Paul J. Kiker, Jr. of Wadesboro checked them in the field.

When the two men refused to let him look at their licenses, Kiker brought charges against them. The cases were heard in Anson Superior court, and for their refusal to comply with Kiker's request, the two hunters had to fork over \$80.98. One paid a \$10 fine and \$31 costs, and the other paid a \$10 fine and \$29.98 costs.

Fertilizer Supply Short Of Demand

Raleigh, February 19.—Although the supply of mixed fertilizers available to North Carolina farmers will be almost as large this year as last, the supply may be less than the demand and some desirable grades will likely be short this season, in the opinion of D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture.

"Two factors lead to the thought that the demand will not be supplied. First, the demand follows the agricultural pocketbook, which is relatively heavy at this time. Second bottlenecks in the supply of ingredients have occurred in the past few months," explains Coltrane.

There is an insufficiency of box cars for hauling phosphate rock to the fertilizer plants and a shortage of tank cars used for transporting sulphuric acid, which is used to treat phosphate rock in producing superphosphate.

Potash

As regards potash, the manufacturers who supply North Carolina have allotments as large as last year for the period from July 1, 1946, to April 1, 1947. However, this material will be removed from allocation on April 1, and there is considerable doubt that there will be as much potash in May and June as in this period last season.

It looks now as if the supply of potash will be between two and three per cent below that of last year.

Nitrogen

According to Coltrane, the most serious bottleneck is in the nitrogen supply. This is "giving the farmers real concern," he says.

It is now impossible to obtain nitrogen for top dressing small grain. Coltrane believes that the supply this year will be not more than 25 per cent of the North Carolina demand. This is attributed to three factors:

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