

ROD & GUN

By Tom Walker

Divorce, foxes, and shad and herring furnished the heavy-duty subjects of the recent General Assembly's work on game and inland fish matters. Just under half of the 32 bills offered—15—made the grade of passage by both House and Senate.

No. 1 in the parade of bills, of course, was the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's measure to divorce game and inland fish administration from the Department of Conservation and Development by killing off the department's Division of Game and Inland Fisheries and turning the job over to a new agency—the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Introduced with a big splash caused by the weight of the names of 87 legislators attached to the proposal, the Federation's bill sailed through to passage with only a scattering of dissenting votes heard on either side of the Capitol.

Under this act, the game and inland fish job will be taken over on July 1 this year by a com-

mission of nine members appointed by the Governor—one member from each of nine geographical districts into which the law divides the State. The Governor will appoint three members to serve until January 1949, three to serve until January 1951, and three to serve until January 1953, to establish staggering of terms. After these original appointments, all terms will be for six years.

The Wildlife Resources Commission will appoint an executive director as its chief administrative officer. By the Wildlife Resource Law, the commission is made heir to the State's game laws and also to rules and regulations that have been promulgated by the Board of Conservation and Development.

Sunk without a trace was a substitute for the Federation bill entitled "an act to create within the Department of Conservation and Development the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission." Under this, game and inland fish administration would have gone to a nine-member commission consisting of six gubernatorial appointees and three ex-officio members—the chairman of the Board of Conservation and Development, the department's director, and the chairman of the board's committee on commercial fisheries. After the ripple of surprise it created when proffered by Sen. Rudolph Mintz, Brunswick County, the measure passed out quietly for lack of action while the Federation's bill snowballed its way into the General Statutes.

Eight counties gained legislative approval of measures aimed at the general welfare of foxes. Killing of red foxes in Mitchell County was legalized; Davie, Nash and Beaufort counties has themselves added to the list of nine counties which have no closed season on foxes; Davie and Forsyth counties set up fines of \$200 to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to six months for the importation and release of foxes; Davie and Washington county commissioners were authorized to pay bounties for foxes killed in their counties; Wilkes County had the assembly kill a law which prohibited the running of foxes during the spring and summer months, and instituted a two-year ban on importation of foxes; and Randolph County's commissioners received authority to "control, regulate, or prohibit the importation of foxes and other game" on 30 days' notice following a public hearing.

A State-wide fox law, introduced by Sen. Julian Allbrook of Halifax County, which would have eliminated any county's closed season on foxes and prohibited their importation into the State, ran into trouble quickly. The measure passed the Senate only after 17 counties got themselves exempted from its provisions, and it finally died in closing hours of the session under the blow of an unfavorable report from the House Calendar Committee.

An appropriation of \$50,000 from game and fish funds for completion of the Table Rock Fish Hatchery was approved by the assembly. The work was started a couple of years ago with an appropriation of \$110,000 from the State's general fund. Unfortunately, estimates of the cost were based largely on 1944 prices, and a 1944 style of outlay doesn't get you much of anywhere these days. The situation is that by July 1, when the \$110,000 is expended, the hatchery will be about two-thirds completed but able to turn out only half its potential production when complete.

A House bill asked for \$50,000 from the general fund to carry on the work after July 1 and finish the job, but the House decided that the money should come from "the Game and Inland Fisheries Fund or any legally established successor" to this fund. It was in this form that the proposal went into the books.

The shad and herring bills, late-comers but strong finishers in the legislative sweepstakes, set the open seasons for taking these species with skim or gill nets in certain waters of the Coastal Plain. Opened from April 1 to June 15, for fishing on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week, are these waters: Fishing Creek and Swift Creek, where they border on or run through Nash County; Fishing Creek, Swift Creek, Town Creek, Conetoe Creek, and Deep Creek, where they border on or run

through Edgecombe County; and Fishing Creek, where it borders on or runs through Halifax County. A season from March 1 through June 1, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week, was set for the Tar River between the bridge at Grimesland and the bridge at Falkland, known as "Pillsboro", and for Chicod Creek, a tributary of the Tar.

Other bills adopted were a Beaufort County measure to provide a \$50 fine for flashing spotlights around at night in deer sections of the county and a 30-day jail sentence for killing a deer at night; and an Onslow County measure to prohibit any restrictions on commercial fishing in New River and the navigable portions of tributaries except shad and herring regulations which the State's game and fish agency may promulgate.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

State of North Carolina
Hoke County
County of Hoke

vs.

Wm. Staley Andrews and wife,
Andrews, Et Als.

TAKE NOTICE that Wm. Staley Andrews and wife, defendants in the above-styled action by the County of Hoke for purpose of foreclosing its lien for delinquent taxes, are required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of Hoke County Superior Court in the courthouse at Raeford, North Carolina on or before the 24 day of May, 1947,

which is 30 days after the last publication of this notice as required by law, and answer or demur to the complaint which the plaintiff has filed in said Clerk's office, or the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in its said complaint. This is a legal summons upon said defendants pursuant to law in lieu of personal service.

This 31 day of March, 1947,
J. B. Cameron, Clerk of Hoke County Superior Court. 44-47C

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Ralph McKinnon, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, at Raeford, N. C., on or before March 27, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Lizzie McKinnon, Executrix. 43-48C

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that default having occurred in the performance of certain covenants of that certain deed of trust dated the 17 day of July, 1944, executed by Willie V. Ashley and Florence Ashley, his wife, to Vance E. Swift, Trustee, recorded on the 17 day of July, 1944, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, in Book 79, Page 259, the Beneficiary named in said deed of trust has declared the entire

debt and obligation secured thereby due and payable at once; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said deed of trust, or any part thereof; and that pursuant to the power therein contained, upon request of the Beneficiary, I, Vance E. Swift, Trustee, will sell the tract of land described in said deed of trust at public auction on the 7 day of May, 1947, at 12:00 noon, at the courthouse door, in Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, to pay the debt secured by the said deed of trust with interest thereon to said date of sale and the costs of such sale; the land being situated in the County of Hoke, State of North Carolina, about five miles south of Aberdeen, on the Laurinburg Road, bounded and described as follows, Beginning at a point about six miles south of Aberdeen in the center line of the Hoffman Road, 600 feet N 87-40 W of its intersection with the center line of the Laurinburg Road, and running thence with the Hoffman Road N 87-40 W 731 feet; thence S 67-28 W 620 feet to a point over a culvert in the center line of said Hoffman Road; thence N 57-00 W 161 feet to an iron stake in the old road; thence N 35-45 E (passing about 35 feet northwest of the tobacco barn and about 2 feet southeast of a marked hickory) about 769 feet, across the swamp, to an iron stake, pine pointer; thence N 62-00 E 217 feet to an iron stake, double maple pointer; thence N 13-30 E about 2840 feet to a stake; thence N 43-00 E about 2672 feet

to an iron stake, two pines point; thence S 23-00 E 104 feet to the center line of the Laurinburg Road at a point about five miles south of Aberdeen; thence S 25-00 E (at an angle of thirty-eight degrees to the left of the center line of said road, said center line, at this point being taken as S 13-00 W for a basis for the courses of this description) 560 feet to an iron stake at the head of Cow Pen Branch, at the beginning corner of the J. E. Buchanan 2617 acre Farm tract; thence various courses about 5100 feet; thence N 77-00 W about 1648 feet to the center line of said Laurinburg Road, at a point 4273 feet southward from the previously described crossing of it; thence with its center line S 11-40 W 300 feet; thence N 80-07 W 600 feet with Brown's north line of his eleven acre tract to his corner thence with his other line S 11-12 W 830 feet to the beginning, containing two hundred eighty-four and eight tenths (284.8) acres, more or less, comprising Lots Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 as shown on the subdivision map of part of the J. E. Buchanan 2617 Acre Farm Tract, made by Robert Gatlin, C. E., Oct. 6, 1938, revised by J. B. Swift, C. E., June 16, 1944. Subject to taxes for the year 1947.

TERMS: Cash, Five per cent (5 per cent) of the amount of the highest bid must be deposited with Trustee pending confirmation of sale.

Dated this 1 day of April, 1947,
Vance E. Swift, Trustee, 45-48C

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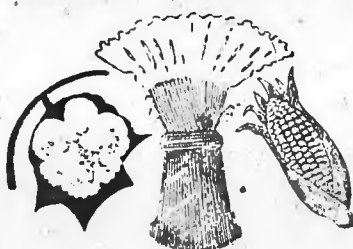
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