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Conservation In Action
UP 12%
MALLARDS COMPRISED ALMOST ONE THIRD OF THE WINTERING FLOCKS; PINTAILS ALMOST ONE SIXTH.
THE WINTER WATER-FOWL CENSUS INDICATED AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 12% IN DUCKS
THIS INDICATES THAT THE STRINGENT REGULATIONS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE
THE INCREASE HOLDS NO PRECEDENTS FOR SHOOTING REGULATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE BREEDING SEASON INVENTORY.
THE SURVEY WAS MADE BY 1500 PEOPLE IN ALASKA, CANADA, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO. COOPERATING WERE DOMINION STATE AND FEDERAL PERSONNEL AND THE ARMED SERVICES.
SWANS AND GESE SHOWED AN INCREASE
COOT POPULATIONS SHOWED A HEAVY DECREASE

Our Wildlife

It is gratifying to see that efforts are being made to re-activate the Carteret County Wildlife club. For those who doubt that such an organization has its place in the scheme of our economy or our manner of living as a whole, the best answer that we can give comes from David A. Aylward, president of the National Wildlife Federation. His comment, "Our Wildlife Today," follows:

A generation of Americans have passed their lives under the shadows of world crises and destruction. Resources, both human and natural, have been subjected to exploitation and excessive demands. The one bright spot in the picture is the fact that man may manage those resources as he sees fit. That he has not always managed wisely is only too evident.

It is very different with our wildlife. They are dependent for their continued existence on the whim of mankind. Industry has crowded out their natural homes. Splendid forests and woodlands where wildlife once flourished in abundance have fallen to commercial interests. Waters once crystal clear have been turned to dumping grounds for all kinds of waste or are choked by silt from denuded lands. Our birds, fish and animals need natural cover and food, places to rest, clear water in which to live and undisturbed areas where they may breed or nest without fear.

Far from being just an incidental product of the land and water, wildlife is one of America's most essential and valuable organic natural resources. Its part in the whole structure of nature through its continuous destruction of insects, rodents and undesirable weeds and plants is only too well known, even though frequently unappreciated by many. It plays a part further in the propagation of plants and trees through the dropping of countless seeds by birds in flight.

The conservation of wildlife is a big business. There are more than 20,000,000 people who hunt and fish. They contribute more than 50 million dollars to the state and federal official agencies engaged in the management of wildlife. The unofficial conservation agencies and organizations spend many millions of dollars more in their effort to preserve and restore our wildlife. Millions of people enjoy the national parks and other recreational areas. The total outdoor bill for sportsmen alone well exceeds four billion dollars a year. Add to this the vacation expenditures and the gross outlay of the American people in the pursuit of enjoyment and recreation amounts to a figure between six and seven billion dollars. Song and insectivorous birds are estimated to save more than 300 million dollars worth of crops every year. They are worth protecting. Ducks, geese, pheasants, other upland game birds, deer, elk, antelope, and other four-footed animals—large and small, and fish all play an important part in our outdoor pleasure and all are worth protecting.

The attraction and beauty that wildlife brings into the world can never be fully evaluated. It is also a crop that produces a major source of revenue for America's economy. Its continued existence is irrevocably tied in with the way we manage our soil, water and timber. If we waste our soil, we lose the source of our plant life so essential for food and cover for bird and animals. The destruction of our forests and pollution of waters brings a loss of natural habitat without which wildlife cannot survive.

This year—while the ugly menace of scarcity still darkens the world—America should bend every energy towards the betterment of its natural resources. Soil conservation, forestry management, and the cleaning up of our waters should be "musts" on everyone's list. The wise management of these basic resources will, in themselves, do much to maintain our wildlife. Good farming practices encourage wildlife through plantings of fence rows and farm woods, of plants to check erosion that are attractive to wildlife, the construction of farm ponds to aid in holding water. Forest management will keep us supplied with valuable timber by replanting, and managed cutting, and a protecting cover for the forest floor. This can be so planned that it will give food and shelter to many forms of wildlife.

Our waterways are tragically in need of public support. Aquatic life of all kinds has disappeared from many rivers because of industrial and domestic waste disposal. Adequate flood control is still a long way from established fact and lack of it results in a serious loss of good top soil, as well as a serious economic and human loss.

If we want to continue to enjoy our freedom and security, it is of first importance to safeguard our fundamental resources through wise management and to recognize that each is a part of the whole. Abuse of one can result only in loss to all.

Wigs Worry Big-Wigs

Government officials in England are growing bald from worry over hair problems. Not their own, but other people's, for under Britain's new free health service bald-headed men and women are applying for more than 200 wigs a week. The wigs, of course, are all free for nothin' under the health plan.

The country's 23 wigmakers now figure that the Government can expect a demand for 100,000 wigs a year at a cost of \$40 a head of \$4,000,000 out of the government's pocket. Tsk, tsk—is it no wonder government are losing their hair from worry, wondering how much hair all those English men and women might have saved if they had stopped worrying about losing their hair?

But that's not yet the end of the story. Wig wearers, under the health insurance program, are entitled to have one wig sicked up and rejuvenated every two months. This will cost the government another \$400,000 a year!

One wigmaker commented, "The government is 'shocked!' He might have been thinking, 'It soon will be broke'—and hardly anyone could accuse him of spitting hairs."

Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood
RALEIGH CALLING WASHINGTON... As close as sweethearts dancing in the moonlight were Washington and Raleigh last week as staid and steady old North Carolina suddenly found herself wadded into the forefront of liberal thought in America.

Like school kids yelling over the back fence, several states within recent years have played the game of "I can be more liberal than you can." Now with Dr. Frank Graham holding down one of our U. S. Senate seats, we can be just as liberal as any of them. The White House was kept informed of developments for several days prior to the appointment. President Harry Truman himself contacted Raleigh the night the appointment was made public.

THE REACTION... Reports reaching Raleigh plus an informal survey made by this column in several sections of the State indicate that organized labor was delighted with the appointment of Dr. Frank Graham to fill the big seat left vacant by the death of J. M. Broughton. The educated Negroes like it, too, but the others don't know Frank Graham from sand and have little interest in it. School teachers, as a whole, seem to be very much pleased with the appointment. Farmers are apparently disinterested.

In the main, the political leaders of the towns, counties, and of the State think the appointment is "a hell of a note," whatever that means. Business men—small and large—say they are getting rather used to being surprised by Governor Scott and merely shake their heads.

Virtually every editor in North Carolina who took the time and space to comment on it (and most of them did) commended Governor Scott on his choice.

BRAINTRUSTERS... Of those in the running for the position, State Democratic Chairman Capus Waynick was the first to learn that Dr. Frank was the man if he would take it. Then he slipped up to Washington to obtain support from that end of the line. Jonathan Daniels, State Democratic National Committeeman, and his assistant editorial scribbler for the Raleigh News and Observer, Robert L. (Fleet) Williams, are regarded as the men largely responsible for Governor Scott's giving the nod to Dr. Frank Graham.

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PLUS SELECTED SHORTS

position with Ecusta (cigarette papers, etc.). The place he is leaving pays him \$10,000. He is expected to complete arrangements for moving to Brevard next week. Although he and Governor Scott had numerous tiffs while Scott was Agriculture Commissioner, they have done a lot of rabbit-and-dove-hunting together and are parting on relatively good terms. Although Deyton was regarded as a Charles Johnson man, his younger brother, C. P. Deyton, was in charge of Scott's finances during the early weeks of his campaign last summer. Deyton's leaving won't be any help to Nathan Yelton, his cousin who is in charge of the State Retirement System. He was supposed to be a Johnson follower too, but not of the enthusiastic variety.
SUGAR PLUM... Bob Deyton's leaving drops another sugar plum appointment into the Governor's lap. This position is probably the most difficult in North Carolina officialdom and Scott should place his appointee in Deyton's office

before long now so he can learn how to handle the State's fiscal matters while there is an expert around to show him the ropes.
ROAD BOND... The State Senate has virtually fixed it so that the people will not be able to vote on the \$200,000,000 road bond issue, unless a one-cent tax increase is attached to it. Look for this bill—the \$200,000,000 and the tax increase—to pass through the Senate, which is riding rough-shod over Scott, and then to go over to the House, which wants the bond issue separate from the tax. The House will argue over it for a time. Then conferees (men from the House and Senate) will be appointed to come out with a compromise. This first set of conferees will likely not be able to come to an agreement will be reached, and the Legislature will adjourn. This bill is the bellwether.

WINE-BEER-WHISKEY... The beer people, crying "sneaky Pete," are pointing angry fingers at the wine folks for the sorry plight they find themselves in these days. And the grape crushers are looking just as hard at the brewers. Each group knows it is on a hot seat and each is blaming the other. Both of them are looking envious daggers at whiskey. Confidentially, they are of the opinion that they would be faring much better if they had the financial strength and political support with which the ABC system is blessed. They still have hopes that the Legislature will somehow assist them in salvaging at least something from the ruins brought on by county votes. Keep an eye on this during the next two weeks. Capers White, brother of Dairyman Geo. L. H. White and just as fine a man, is the wine frontier while Sam Blount of Washington, N. C., is the brewer's bat boy. They want to get under the ABC system or into something just as popular and powerful.

WHAT ABOUT IT?... Speaking of power, what has the State done about those five ABC officials in five Eastern North Carolina counties who have been charged with mishandling liquor in the stores

Smile a While
"Mother, why aren't there any pictures of angels with whiskers?"
"Because, dear, men get in by a very close shave."

The period in which the cave man lived is most often called the Mousterian, taken from a cave in southern France, Le Moustier, where remains of the race were found.

under them (selling entire cases of liquor to friends, etc.) during the past 18 months? This is something State ABC Head Carl Williamson, should clear up before he takes his leave.
CONTRAST... Life magazine is planning to contrast in a picture layout the careers of Movie-Sextress Ava Gardner and Mrs. Liston Malpass of Clinton, a shapely striking brunette who deserted Miss Gardner in an Atlantic Christian College (Wilson) beauty contest several years ago. Mrs. Malpass, the former Janie Fitzgerald married a prosperous Clinton businessman and has two children. You know about Ava. A Life photographer was in N. C. last week preparing the feature.

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