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EXPERIMENTS PAVE WAY TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING

New Stocking Tests Are Being Made In Lakes In WNC Area

HELP PROTECT FISH

By GENE WIKE

During these "maidless" war years men may take courage from the plight of the male bass. He not only builds the nest, but he also protects the eggs and guards the young.

In fact, during the spawning season his chores around the nest keep him so busy that he just can't find time to nibble at the angler's bait. Nor does he have time for gossip—he keeps his mouth shut. So, herein may lie the solution of "year-round" fishing on the larger lakes and water impoundments of North Carolina. A bass in the nest bumps the bait but he doesn't bite it. When he gets mad the fights more like a goat, thus it would seem that fishing during the spawning season doesn't interfere with bass reproduction.

These theories advanced by experiments on Norris Lake by Dr. W. Eschmeyer are under investigation by Dr. Willis King of the North Carolina division of game and inland fisheries. In addition to large lakes and tributaries to bays and sounds already supporting year-round fishing, Swannanoa and Fontana as well as other large reservoirs of the Piedmont and mountain sections have been opened recently. With continued experimentation more and more fishing waters will become available, and at least all the TVA impoundment in the state will be open to anglers during the spring of 1946.

Back in 1940, Dr. Eschmeyer conducted a tagging study on Norris Lake which showed that only about 10 per cent of game fish were caught. In 1943 experimental nets took just as many game fish after three weeks of excellent fishing as they did before. Even though fishing was good there was no evidence that the anglers were thinning down the population noticeably.

Dr. Eschmeyer says you can take fish in the summer, but because the fishermen can't compete with the abundant natural food, we can't harvest the crop. In fall, the fish in fluctuating waters spread about evenly from the surface to 10 feet and at some other depth than where you hold the bait. In winter, fish are too sluggish to bite much. This leaves spring, spawning time, formerly protected by closed season no longer necessary unless fishing interferes with reproduction.

Like other crops the fish crop should be used, according to the fish biologist. Since six years is listed as life-span of a bass, it's far better that he provide a thrill (Continued on page 4)

Predicts Good Furniture Trade

Harold Shipley of National Furniture Co. Sees Bright Future For Better Furniture.

Harold Shipley of the National Furniture Co. of Asheville, predicts a much more brighter future in furniture than most of the furniture people.

Many new articles of furniture of various designs are arriving and seem to be of much better construction than heretofore. Mr. Shipley says that the new modern designs in furniture are very becoming and are made more durable. While they are not getting as much merchandise as they would like to have, they seem to be getting a goodly share.

Mr. Shipley is well known throughout the whole valley and is credited with knowing every family in some sections, and has dealt in some way with each one in the many years he has lived in this section.

The National Furniture Company's advertisement is displayed on page two of this week's issue.

Government Is Urged to Act in Housing Crisis

Nearly Three Million Married Veterans Will Need Houses During This Year

The American Legion stepped into the veterans' housing crisis when its national employment committee meeting in Washington, D. C., recommended that the country's biggest veteran group ask President Truman to utilize every possible government agency to work on the problem.

The employment committee also recommended to the Legion's national executive committee that adequate civilian clothing for veterans be made a matter of primary national policy of the Legion.

Announcement of the action came from Lawrence J. Fenlon, of Chicago, chairman of the employment committee, to which both matters had been referred by the last convention upon request of the Louisiana, Oregon and Puerto Rican Departments of the Legion.

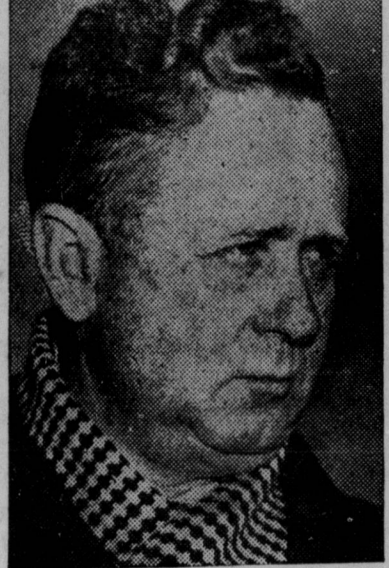
"The housing situation is critical in all parts of the country," Mr. Fenlon said. "Reliable sources report that there are some 2,900,000 married veterans who will be needing houses by the end of the year.

"If only half of them have one child that means that 7,250,000 veterans, veterans' wives and babies must be adequately quartered if we are to fulfill our promises to the men who fought the war. In addition, 1,200,000 families are living doubled up with other families."

Whether the housing program proposed by Wilson Wyatt, Federal Housing expediter, will help to solve the housing shortage is a matter that the Legion can further study, Mr. Fenlon said.

"Any program involving such vast, industrial action also involves prices, wages, transportation, war surpluses, and even city planning," Mr. Fenlon explained. "We are sincerely hoping that the Wyatt program, supported by appropriate action by other governmental agencies—if that is necessary—will provide a speedy solution to the housing crisis."

Friday is Andrew Jackson's birthday.



INTERNATIONAL COURT . . . Green H. Hackworth, 63, Chevy Chase, Md., has been elected one of 14 world judges by UNO. A native of Prestonburg, Ky., Hackworth served at the Hague.



STRIKES ALSO HIT JAPAN . . . While the United States is blanketed with strikes in many industries, natives of Japan decided to follow suit. Shown above is strike held by thousands of municipal workers in which they emphasized their demands for at least three times their present wage and for better living conditions. They stormed the Tokyo city hall, where they are shown making their demands. Strikers claim that the inflation has made it impossible for them to live on present wage scales.

Receives Life-Saving Award

Certificate For The Successful Resuscitation of Sam Adams, Light Company Employee

Ashby C. Huckabee, local representative for the Carolina Power & Light Company at Nashville, received the Edison Electric Institute life-saving award at ceremonies held recently in Zebulon.

The award was made by S. Paul Vecker, vice-president of the company, who also made the feature address of the occasion.

Huckabee received the life-saving medal, a miniature replica of the medal, and a certificate for the successful resuscitation of Sam Adams, a Carolina Power & Light Company employee, near Siler City some months ago after Adams became unconscious from a severe electric shock. Huckabee is the 15th CP&L employee to receive the EEI life-saving award.

Also receiving the life-saving award but unable to attend the ceremonies was J. A. Hightower, former Carolina Power & Light Co. employee now employed in Florence, S. C., and who also participated in the resuscitation of Adams.

Adams still is an employee of the Carolina Power & Light Co., stationed at Siler City. A certificate for valuable assistance in the resuscitation of Adams was awarded to Duncan M. Parsons, another Carolina Power & Light Co. employee.

Birthday Celebration For Rev. H. W. Baucom

The deacons and finance committee of the Black Mountain Baptist Church celebrated the birthday of Rev. H. W. Baucom at the pastor's home on Monday evening.

A meeting of the deacons and finance committee was held following a supper. Rev. Baucom was given a \$25.00 bond.

Those present were: R. E. Finch, Roy Taylor, Irvin Page, R. G. Summey, R. W. Rowland, W. I. Willis, T. P. Padgett, R. H. Rice, R. T. Hill, Mrs. J. I. Cook, Mrs. W. E. Vernon, Dr. J. A. Mashburn, Dr. F. H. Richardson, Cecil Nanny and J. L. Potter.

Charles Furniture Store Gets New Shipment Of Nice Living Room Suites

Many new and beautiful living room suites were received the past week by the Charles Furniture Store in Black Mountain.

The store is being re-arranged and will be in fine shape by this week-end.

Many new pieces of furniture are being added each week and the store is growing fast. Miss Dorothy Quinn is in charge of the store at present.

Sunday is St. Patrick's day.

Cantata To Be Given April 19th

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" Will Be Rendered By The Community Chorus

The Cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, will be given Friday, before Easter, April 19th at 8:00 o'clock at the Black Mountain Baptist Church, Lt. Robt. Guy, director, Mrs. A. W. McDougle at the piano.

The Community Chorus, which was recently organized, is composed of all the church choirs in this community. There is now about 45 in the chorus.

The chorus is working hard to make this one of the best cantatas ever given in Black Mountain and the public is cordially invited to attend this fine musical treat.

Red Cross Goal Not Yet Reached

In Order To Reach Our Quota of \$9,000.00 Everyone Must Do His Part

The Red Cross Fund Campaign is well under way, and it is hoped it can be completed by March 18th.

Due to illness of some of our workers, many people have not been seen. It will help very materially if all not yet approached, will call at the Red Cross office in the City Hall and leave their contributions.

In order to reach our quota of \$9,000.00 we need a number of individuals who will invest in \$5.00 shares for the Red Cross service to the community. The Red Cross must carry on.



Bill Hill Says:
I went into Rice's Quality Store tuesday day and told Jessie that "I lost a bet, and I want to buy a soft hat."
"This is the softest hat we have," said Jessie.
So I told her I wanted one a little more tender, cause I got to eat it."

World Day Of Prayer Observed

Sponsored By The Council of Church Women of Black Mountain.

World Day of Prayer was observed last Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Mountain Methodist Church.

It was sponsored by the Council of Church Women of Black Mountain, and was both interdenominational and interracial. Mrs. G. W. Green of Ridgecrest, was the speaker and her subject was, "Things That Make For Our Peace."

Mrs. L. C. Jumper was chairman of the program and Mrs. Wade Reinhardt presided. Mrs. S. S. Cooley was in charge of all music and was assisted by Mrs. Robert Guy, violinist and Mrs. George W. Stone, soloist.

Jack's General Store Opens In Old Fort

Jack's General Store was opened last week in Old Fort and is owned and operated by Jack Butterfield.

Before returning to Old Fort Mr. Butterfield was employed by the government, being associated with the Air Technical Service Command, and was assigned to Western Electric Co. at Baltimore, Md., where he was personnel administrator and chief inspector in charge of all Radar equipment being purchased for the Army Air Forces.

All of his many friends are wishing him success in his new venture.

Woman's Society Of Christian Service to Meet

Mrs. E. M. Hirsch assisted by Mrs. Worth Burgess and Mrs. J. A. Gudger, will conduct the second session of the mission study, "The Cross Over Africa," by Booth, on Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Fellowship Room of the Methodist Church.

All members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are urged to join this study.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church of Black Mountain will meet with Mrs. J. T. Simpson at her home on Montreat Road, Monday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Clarence Clough.

Receives Discharge

S/Sgt. Kenneth Hamby has received his discharge from the Army. He is from Black Mountain, and has been serving in the U. S. Army for nearly three years. He has joined his wife and children who are at the present living in Gaffney, S. C.

Red Cross work is never done.

GRAND MASTER OF NORTH CAROLINA TO GIVE ADDRESS

Vets Blocked In Legal Purchase of War Surplus

Hundreds Of Complaints Are Received; American Legion to Investigate Matter

Hundreds of complaints of veterans that they are blocked from purchase of surplus property as provided by law brought a statement from National Commander John Stelle of the American Legion recently that this situation will receive the immediate and urgent attention of the American Legion.

"I want the Legionnaires and veterans who are deprived of their rights to send in their experience to the Public Relations Division of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind. These individual experiences will be checked and reported to the proper authorities in Washington and The American Legion will follow through to assist the veteran in every way that it can," said Commander Stelle.

Commander Stelle said that the reports came from every section of the nation and were not merely local.

"Something must be wrong or complaints would not come in such wholesale manner," he said. "The veterans who fought and won the war are entitled to priorities and The American Legion is going to do its best to see that they get them."

Commander Stelle said that complaints would be catalogued by American Legion departments. The departments will be sent copies of the complaints and the action that follows.

"Where we find a veteran is being deprived of his rights, I will request department and local post assistance in addition to taking direct official action."

"If there are grounds for criminal prosecution found in any case I will refer the matter to the national judge advocate and The American Legion will act without fear or favor."

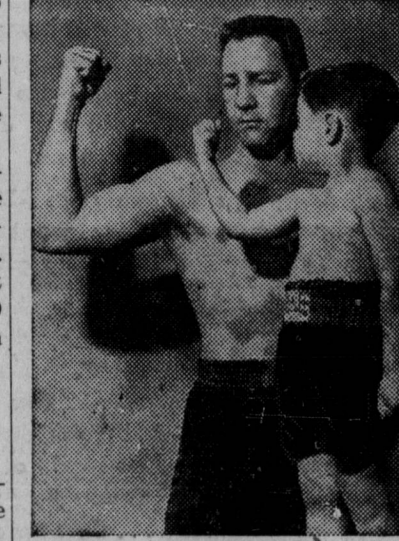
"I do not want to be specific at this time but will await the report from the veterans down in the grassroots," said Commander Stelle.

Real Estate To Be On Boom Soon

Many New Buildings Going Up And Many Inquiries As To Homesites.

It looks very much like Black Mountain is on the boom. With many new business buildings going up at present and many inquiries as to home sites it seems very possible that many new homes will soon start.

Twenty-five new business buildings in Black Mountain would be occupied by the time they were finished ready for occupancy. 250 new houses could be rented before they were finished.



PRESENT AND FUTURE . . . "Another glass of milk and I'll be there, pop," says three-year-old junior as he compares muscles with his dad, light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich. Gus was just discharged from service. He has announced that he will soon book fights.

250 Masons Expected To Attend Meeting In Brevard

TO VISIT THE ECUSTA

Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews and grand master, will be the principal speaker at the evening session of the 38th district Masonic meeting to be held in Brevard next Thursday, March 21, with the Dunn's Rock lodge as host. Approximately 250 Masons are expected to attend the meetings which will be held in the W. O. W. hall in Brevard.

The highlight feature of the meeting will be a tour of the Ecusta Paper corporation at the invitation of the president, Harry H. Straus. The plant, which produces 90 per cent of the cigarette paper used in America, is located at Pisgah Forest, three miles from Brevard.

The 38th district consists of seven lodges: Kedron lodge, Hendersonville; Biltmore lodge, Biltmore; Saluda lodge, Saluda; Swannanoa lodge, Swannanoa; Jeff L. Nelson lodge, Tryon; Dunn's Rock lodge, Brevard; and Black Mountain lodge, Black Mountain.

Alfred J. Creasman, of Asheville, district deputy grand master, will have charge of the afternoon session at which time the lodges will report on the work done during the past year.

Several prominent Masons of Western North Carolina are expected to attend the meeting and will be recognized. Thomas J. Harkins of Asheville, past grand master; J. E. Shipman, of Hendersonville, past grand master; John C. Vance, district deputy grand master of the 39th district; Bert Noble, secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in Asheville; and others will be present at the meeting.

The program for the occasion is as follows: afternoon session: 1:30—check in at the gate of the Ecusta Paper corporation for the tour of the plant; 4:00—open master Masons' lodge. Pledge of allegiance to our flag, followed by America by the Dunn's Rock quartet. Presentation of district deputy grand master, Alfred J. Creasman; 4:30—first section of third degree, by officers of Dunn's Rock lodge.

Dinner will be served in the Masonic hall at 6:00 o'clock.

The evening schedule is as follows: 7:30—presentation of Clyde H. Jarrett, grand master of Masons in North Carolina; recognition of distinguished guests; welcoming address by Lewis P. Hamlin, of Brevard; address by Grand Master Jarrett; second section of third degree by Dunn's Rock lodge degree team; lecture by Dr. Maxwell E. Hoffman, of Asheville, junior grand warden of the grand lodge of North Carolina. The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 o'clock.

Southern Railroad Serves Community

Railroad Makes Possible a Wide Market For This Community To Market Its Product.

The Southern Railroad that serves our community, connects the farms with every market—every town and city—in the whole United States.

If it wasn't for the Great Southern Railroad in this community there would not be so wide a market for our farm products.

It must be remembered that the Southern Railway pays local taxes to every community they serve. This tax money goes to help provide our schools, highways, as well as health protection.

The Southern Railway buys many products and supplies locally, and employs many local people of our surrounding community. We should at least be thoughtful enough to give the Southern Railway a fair chance to compete on an even footing with any other form of transportation.