

Wildlife Commission Sets Tentative 1954-55 Hunting Regulations; District Hearing Set

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission met in Norfolk on April 30 to set up a list of tentative regulations for the 1954-1955 hunting and trapping seasons. Clyde P. Patton, executive director announced last week.

The tentative regulations will be presented to interested sportsmen at a series of nine public hearings in each of the nine commission districts. At these meetings sportsmen will be given an opportunity to express their views and desires as to how the official 1954-1955 hunting and trapping rules should be set.

Few major changes over last year's rules were proposed. A uniform deer season for 16 mountain counties has been tentatively set. In past years, some of these counties have had split seasons.

For the first time in nearly 25 years trapping of beaver in North Carolina would be legal, with trapping permitted in Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland counties.

Proposed bag limits are the same as for last year, except that the season limit on wild turkeys would be reduced from three to two.

Following are the proposed dates for the 1954-55 hunting and trapping seasons:

BEAR: October 15 - January 1.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of City Commissioners in the office of the Mayor at City Hall, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, until 2 p. m. Wednesday, May 19, 1954, for furnishing all labor, materials, supplies and equipment required for the construction of two swimming pools and two bath houses, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Separate proposals will be received for the following work:

General Construction.

Electrical.

Plumbing.

Contractors, in order to bid on this project, shall be duly licensed according to Law in North Carolina with a limitation suitable for this work. Attention is invited to Bidders License required by Section 105.54 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Plans and specifications are on file and open to public inspection at the office of Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the City Parks and Recreation Commission, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and at the office of Charles M. Graves, parks and recreation engineer, 705 Peachtree St., N. E., Room 203, Atlanta 5, G. Copies may be obtained by prime bidders from the engineer upon deposit of \$25.00 per set. The full amount of the Plan Deposit will be returned to bona fide bidders upon return of all documents in good condition within five days after the bid opening date.

Copies of plans and specifications can be furnished to sub-contractors and material dealers upon payment of \$5.00 per set. This amount will not be returned.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in North Carolina made payable to the Kings Mountain School Board, in the amount of not less than 5% of the total amount of the base bid. In lieu of a 5% Certified Check the Contractors may submit a bid bond for 5% of his bid. Bid bonds and/or checks will be returned promptly to the unsuccessful bidder upon execution of the contract and performance bond. Should the successful bidder, fail to execute the contract and furnish bond within 10 days after the notice of acceptance of his proposal, the bid bond and/or check will be forfeited to the Board of Commissioners as liquidated damages.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty days after scheduled date for receipt of bids.

A Performance Bond to be paid for by the contractor will be required in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor and furnishing materials for the construction of the project.

General Contractors are notified that "An Act To Regulate The Practice of General Contracting," ratified by The General Assembly of North Carolina, on March 10, 1925, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving and awarding the General Contract.

Electrical Contractors are notified that Provisions of Chapter 87, Public Laws of 1937, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving and awarding Electrical Contracts.

Plumbing and Heating Contractors are notified that Public Local Laws of 1931, Chapter 52, and as subsequently amended will be observed in receiving and awarding Plumbing and Heating Contracts.

Awards will be made to the lowest responsible bidder provided it is to the Owner's interest to accept such bids. Deductible alternates, if contained in the proposal, will be used at the Owner's option in the sequence set forth in the proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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Nature Feature

By National Wildlife Federation

In much of North America and some of South America, fishermen and others who haunt streams and marshes may frequently see what looks like a slender, awkward, long-legged crow spring from the ground, expel a long white "chalk mark" and fly a relatively short distance only to alight clumsily on some tree or shrub. In more cases than not this will be a Green Heron, a 17-inch bird with yellow or orange



GREEN HERON

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legs that are too long for a crow but too short to fit the average concept of a heron.

Green Herons have been flying about this type of country since Pleistocene times and will probably continue to exist so long as suitable habitat may be found for them in which to find their food, build their nests and rear their young. Their only value probably is to serve as a target for hunters who do not know that they are protected by law. They are of no food value themselves.

The National Wildlife Federation points out, and do comparatively little damage to forms of life that are of food value to man.

These rather dumb, behaving birds are greenish black on the crown and when excited can raise a ragged crest on their heads. Their necks are brownish, their bellies ashy, and at a distance their bodies may appear to be gray. The young birds have black streaks on their breasts but these disappear with the advent of maturity.

Green Herons are so well-known to outdoor folk that they naturally have many common names. Showup is a common name describing their common reaction to disturbance; Chalkline is a common name descriptive of their habit of evacuating when they take flight. Shite

QUESTION: What effect, if any, does the weather have on forage crop diseases?

ANSWER: Weather conditions, especially temperature and moisture, largely determine the destructiveness of forage diseases. They are responsible for a disease being of epidemic proportions one season and of minor consequence the next. Unfortunately, weather conditions in North Carolina favor the development and spread of certain forage diseases the year round. But there are ways to control them.

QUESTION: What are some of the advantages of a home vegetable garden, other than the exercise you get?

ANSWER: A vegetable garden will save you money. Returns from a garden plot, on an acre-for-acre basis, are higher than for most other crops. A garden will furnish you with higher quality vegetables than is possible to obtain any other way. If the garden is close by, as it should be, you will eat more vegetables, regardless of income. The garden will help provide valuable training for your children, whether in town or on the farm. It provides a hobby, especially for persons doing non-farm work. And excluding the exercise you get, it will provide you with better health. Vegetables are among nature's best foods. They furnish valuable material for building and regulating the body and poke presumably refers to the same characteristic.

Green Herons nest from Nova Scotia to North Dakota and south to the Gulf Coast, Honduras and Guatemala. They winter from Florida and southeastern Texas to northern Colombia. They have been found in Bermuda, Haiti and Puerto Rico.

The nest, a clumsily constructed platform of sticks, is found in low trees over the water, usually in colonies and from 3 to 20 feet above the ground. Sometimes one nest may be occupied by two females. The pale blue eggs measure 1.2 by 1.7 inches and are incubated for 17 days. The young are clumsy, homely animals that gain 1.2 ounce a day for the first 6 days and may climb from their nest using beak, feet and wings to help them in the act.

The food of Green Herons is largely small marsh animals which are caught by a lightning like plunge of the beak. On occasion the bird may plunge into the water from a perch to catch prey. The food includes snakes, frogs, mice, insects, worms, and similar small animals. The birds usually feed in early morning or late afternoon.



QUESTION: What are "robber bees?"

ANSWER: Bees that swarm over exposed hives, gorge themselves on it and carry it back to their own hives. Once robbing starts, it is difficult to control. Reduce the super entrances and close all cracks where bees may get in.

QUESTION: Can tea be grown successfully in North Carolina?

ANSWER: The tea plant can be grown in North Carolina but the state is certainly on the edge of its survival range. It will probably survive, but not grow very well. In general one might say that where camellias grow, tea can grow also. The prospects of marketing North Carolina grown tea would seem to be slim. Attempting to grow tea in an area where it is not ideally suited, and then trying to market it in competition with cheaply produced Oriental teas would not be practical.

QUESTION: Is the nitrogen content of the soil directly related to yields of corn?

ANSWER: Yes, Southern soils are generally low in nitrogen. Many researchers have found that nitrogen is the first limiting factor in corn production.

QUESTION: What is a pre-emergence treatment in regard to treating corn with a chemical weed killer?

ANSWER: A pre-emergence treatment is a spray applied to the soil after the corn is planted and before it emerges. This treatment may be considered as "insurance" that weeds will not overgrow seedling corn, particularly in bottomland during a wet season. At recommended rates, the chemical 2,4-D will not control es-

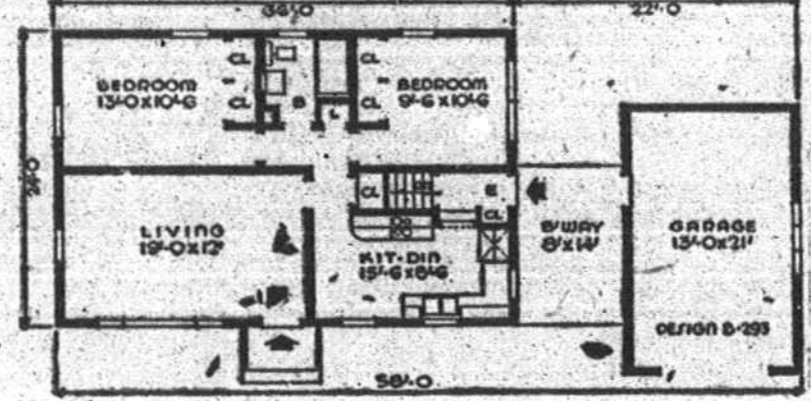
established perennial grasses such as Johnson grass, Bermuda grass and quackgrass. While present in the soil 2,4-D will destroy most germinating seeds, including crab grass.

Poultry cannbd or used in canning in the United States during March, 1954, totaled 17,156,000 pounds, compared with 18,094,000 pounds during March, 1953.

— HERALD HOUSE OF THE WEEK —



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