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More Fish Die Of Old Age Than Are Caught

Even with year-round fishing, more fish die of old age in TVA lakes than end up in the frying pan. TVA said this week in a report issued by its Fish and Game Branch. According to best estimates, no more than 20 percent of the available game fish crop is harvested in any one year, and commercial species are even less adequately harvested.

The report states that the sport fish catch is now estimated at 10 billion pounds a year and generates about \$15 million worth of business. The commercial catch, now between 4 and 5 million pounds a year, is valued at about one million dollars. And the value of mussels harvested is approximately a half-million dollars a year.

The report states that little was known about fisheries management in multiple-purpose reservoirs when TVA began its dam building program in 1933, and many persons did not expect the lakes to furnish any great amount of fishing. But within a few years "there was little doubt that the river fish had taken to the reservoir habitat and were increasing rapidly," the report says. There was no need for fish hatcheries, and stocking was "a waste of time" except to introduce new species.

"Despite some friction between sport and commercial fishermen," the report states, "there is little evidence that the commercial fishery hinders sport fishing. On the contrary, more commercial fishing is desirable on mainstream reservoirs where rough fish tend to take over if their number isn't controlled."

The Fish and Game Branch of the seven Valley states have been active partners in our fish and game activities. As they grow stronger they are assuming more and more of the investigative work load. We acknowledge the valuable assistance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in developing the fish and game resources of the Valley. State and regional sportsmen's clubs have participated in some of our activities, as have commercial fishermen and mussel diggers. "This joint effort over the past 25 years has brought results Tennessee now ranks fourth among all states in the sale of non-resident fishing licenses. The Tennessee River outranks all other tributaries of the Mississippi in commercial fish production. The Tennessee furnishes three-fourths of the mussel shells used in the domestic pearl button industry. Sale of duck stamps in Alabama and Tennessee has skyrocketed. Central Peninsula on Norris Reservoir provides some of the best deer hunting in the country."

The report adds that TVA tributary reservoirs do not attract waterfowl because they are drawn down for flood control at the time the ducks and geese arrive from the north. But it states, the mainstream reservoirs do contribute to waterfowl development. Land and water has been made available to the states and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for refuges and management areas. As food production increased, so did the waterfowl population. Today thousands of ducks and geese that formerly went on to the Gulf now winter in the Valley.

The report outlines the growth of state fish and game agencies.

"Prior to 1934, they were staffed chiefly with administrative, hatchery, game farm, and law enforcement personnel," the report states. "They were concerned with stocking streams and fields and enforcing restrictive fish and game laws. Little thought was given to fish and wildlife investigations. In 1934, the Valley states employed fifty ten trained fish and game technicians and seven of these were in North Carolina. According to latest reports, the seven Valley states now employ 150 college-trained fish and game biologists."

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Changes In Your Social Security

By Mrs. Mary King Temple
Social security benefits are intended to replace part of the income brought about by the death, disability, or old age retirement of the worker. For this reason, they are related to the average earnings of a worker in employment or self-employment covered by the social security law. As a result, changes in the national economy. Since the last benefit increase was put into effect in 1954, wages have increased by about 12 percent and prices by 8 percent. Congress felt that adjustments in the benefit scale were in order and voted across-the-board law increases in the amendments which the President signed into law on August 28, 1958. These benefits become effective at the beginning of 1959, and will be included in all benefit checks for January which will reach beneficiaries early in February. As I said in the first article in this series, it is necessary to visit your social security office to apply for these increases. They will be made automatically.

The benefit increases for retired workers amount to about 7 percent or the levels provided in the old law. The minimum increase of \$3.00 in the benefits payable to a retired worker who came on the rolls at or after age 65. Slightly smaller increases will be shown on the benefit checks of retired workers who elected to retire at age 62 or earlier. Proportionate increases will be made in benefits paid to beneficiaries who are the dependents or survivors of retired or deceased workers.

For retired male workers now getting benefit payments, the monthly payments, beginning with the payment for January, will range from \$33 to \$116, as compared with \$30 to \$108.50 under the old law.

TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT

ALBURN Ala. — Wild onion and garlic season is just ahead. And people don't like milk with onion or garlic flavor. O. N. Andrews, extension agronomist, reminded Alabama milk producers.

To control those weed pests, use one pound of 2, 4-D amine or low volatile ester per acre on about 20 gallons of water. Add four tablespoons of detergent as a wetting agent if the amine form is used.

In an oat field, spray when oats are about six inches high. Saturate plants and keep cows off the area for a week to 10 days. The 2, 4-D chemical will not harm livestock but weed control will not be achieved if plants are grazed down right after spray is applied.

To control garlic or onions in clover-corn permanent pastures, use two pounds of 2, 4-D per acre, Andrews said. One application at this rate will not harm established daisies, bermuda, or other perennial grasses. Well established white clover will be injured but will recover in most instances. Do not use 2, 4-D on crimson clover, vetch, or other annual legumes.

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EDITORIAL GRIST

THE BIGGEST THING OF ALL

There is plenty of serious news to hold the attention of the American people — the integration problem, the troubles in the Middle and Far East, the coming election. But the biggest thing of all in the minds of most people, according to a recent poll, is the cost of living.

And with good reason! We face a \$12 billion-plus Federal deficit. The wage-price spiral is starting another climb. The dollar, measured in purchasing power, gets smaller and smaller. So, to millions, plain bread-and-butter is the gravest problem.

LABOR IS RIGHT

In the view of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, "Political Action and Political Education is a year-round job." Commenting on that, the president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States said: "I think they are right. If business men want public officials who are friendly to business — who are dedicated to the philosophy of limited government and the free market system — we must roll up our sleeves and get to work at the precinct and ward levels where political decisions are made and office holders chosen."

The AFL-CIO Committee works tirelessly and often effectively on behalf of candidates who share and support its political aims and views. If those who have other aims and views fail to provide a matching force to balance labor's political work, a government, socialistic in direction, is coming as surely as tomorrow morning.

"PARTICULARLY SHOCKING"

Budget Director Stans has explained why the Federal deficit is now expected to reach \$12.2 billion — the highest figure in peacetime history — this fiscal year, whereas, back in January, a roughly balanced budget was forecast.

Two things have happened. First, receipts are now placed at \$7.4 billion below the January estimate. And expenditures are placed at \$5.3 billion above that January estimate.

In an editorial on the depressing budget situation, the New York Times points to a "particularly shocking" fact. That fact is that "most of this unanticipated rise of \$5.3 billion in spending was totally unrelated to the only two objectives that could possibly justify it — fighting the depression and strengthening the nation's defenses."

In other words, this incredibly large deficit, which has blown the spectre of inflation up to king-size dimensions, can't be blamed on our military needs and commitments. A very large part of it can only be honestly blamed on our continued spending for frills and non-essentials — for things we not only can but should do without.

The Times also points out that prospective spending for this fiscal year "comes to within \$400 million of the \$79.6 billion that we spent in 1943, the third year of this country's participation in World War II." If ever a road led to national bankruptcy, we are following it.

RIGHT-TO-WORK AND THE RANK-AND-FILE

A Wall Street Journal news item says that "Right-to-work" laws seem sure to gain in November voting. Labor all but concedes passage of a union shop ban in Idaho. Close votes look likely in California, Kansas, Ohio . . .

Whatever happens in any given state next election day, there is small doubt that sentiment in favor of the right-to-work principle has shown very substantial gains not only on the part of the public at large, but among union members. Various surveys have shown that Union leaders hate right-to-work as the devil hates holy water, but great numbers of the rank and file feel otherwise.

There is every reason why this should be the case. Right-to-work is not — repeat not — an anti-union or anti-labor idea. Its one and only purpose is to give every working man and woman a right that should be as irrevocably established as any law laid down in the Bill of Rights — that is, the right to freely decide, without coercion from anyone, whether or not to join an organization. A man or woman who lacks that right, as millions now do under the union shop contracts, is certainly not free.

Moreover, from the purely practical view, right-to-work must inevitably result in more effective, more honest and generally better unions. Under right-to-work, they must sell their services on the basis of the quality of the job they do. Under the union shop the worker is helpless and the labor bosses are all-powerful.

10 Cancer Cases A Day In Alabama

Montgomery — Cancer was reported in Alabama at the rate of more than 10 cases a day during September. The State Health Department said today that 329 new cases were recorded during that month. The figure for August was 473.

The September cases were reported by 63 counties. Two occurred in Covert County.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (FITZ) — James C. Davis receives his warrant of promotion to Marine Sergeant Sept. 28 from his Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. John Meeks, while serving with Weapons Training Battalion at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Before enlisting, he graduated from Cherokee Vocational High School and was employed by Charles Brown Service Station in Sheffield.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Dr. Henry J. Willingham, president of Florence State Teachers College, who is considering making the race for governor, is advocating three cents sale tax for the state. . . . Retired, was principal speaker before the Kiwanis club . . . Women organize a "City Beautiful Club" to especially beautify the Spring Park, and among those women identified with the project Mrs. C. R. Whitman, Mrs. John P. Yarbrough, Miss Orlean McReynolds, Mrs. Amersius Mitchell, Mrs. R. E. Hyde, Mrs. John W. Curry, Mrs. A. H. Carmichael, Mrs. R. P. Ridley, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, Mrs. E. S. Gregory, Mrs. W. A. Ware, Mrs. Edgar Craig, . . . and Mrs. D. L. Wilson attend the Auburn-Tulane football game in New Orleans. . . . Prior to October 23 Colbert county gained 8,819 bales of cotton. . . . Mrs. A. M. Roan and children of Decatur spend week-end with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Anderson. . . . Mrs. R. E. Nestor Williams and Mrs. Margaret Williams are in New Orleans. . . . Chas. E. Carmichael on a business trip to Washington. . . . Mrs. A. L. Shaw is a Nashville visitor. . . . T. E. Myhan continues on the sick list. . . . Mrs. Walter Miller is confined at home with the flu. . . . Mrs. B. Jones improving from a recent illness. . . . Mrs. Dent Carr, Mrs. Jesse Booth, Mrs. Clyde Williams and Mrs. Annie Anderson return from Birmingham. . . . Mrs. Tom Carson is hostess to the Matrons Club. . . . when Mrs. Sam Leggett is prize winner. . . . Miss B. Jones Wood of Atwood entertained these young people at Edgewater Beach, Miss Rebecca Hamilton and Walter Roberts, Miss Martha Mae Hales and Dr. D. D. Cox Miss May Beth Robbins and James Tompkins and Frank Merrill. . . . Wedding of Miss Lois Bradford of Muscle Shoals and Grady Cressmore of Cherokee takes place with Judge N. P. Tompkins officiating. . . . A monument of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Marian Elizabeth Little to John Daniel Ralher Jr. is made . . .

Final Report Of 65% Made At Recent Meeting

The 1958-59 campaign to finance the United Fund of Colbert County held its final report meeting last week, with the final victory in sight. Reaching the goal will depend upon some of the teams of volunteers bringing in late pledges and on the returns from the larger industries.

At the meeting in the Muscle Shoals Hotel the Governmental Division under the chairmanship of Sam J. Lareal and Jack Dobson reported 110% of their assigned quota. The runner-up for high honors is the Employees Division with Judge John B. Sackwell and Bryan Miley, chairman, accounting for 102% of their goal. All of the divisions reported 65% or better except the Industrial Division which will report later and progressively as the local industries send in their employees in-plant returns.

The highest reporting team of workers were from Spring Valley where they went over the top for 280% of their quota. Mrs. Luther Wright, Jr., is the community chairman. This is the first campaign organized to canvass throughout the county and the result showed a general interest to share in county welfare activities. Ben Richardson covered every locality in Colbert County as chairman of the Communities Division.

The Women's Division with Mrs. Gordon Ryland and Mrs. G. S. Christopher leading had almost 400 women soliciting through the residential and business districts of the Ten Cities.

The Martyr's Division under the leadership of Floyd Landers and N. B. Ware, Jr., turned in pledges totaling \$21,372 for 97% of its goal. The later returns for stores with out-of-city headquarters will undoubtedly bring the final count for this division over the top.

Mayor C. Leonard Brad, as general campaign chairman, presided and told the 75 leaders that "this is the best organized and most successful campaign ever conducted in Colbert County."

Those citizens who were not contacted for their contribution may send them in to United Funds of Colbert County, Federal Savings Building, 303 Montgomery Ave., Sheffield. The Public is asked to help complete the success of the campaign.

Homecoming Set For November 7

Deshler High School students and faculty members have about completed plans for the annual school Homecoming to be observed on Friday night, November 7. The Tigers of Deshler will be host to the Decatur Red Raiders and Ceil Thigpen's teams. "Raid Decatur," was chosen by the students from a list of entries made recently.

Students are presently making posters and planning for the floats which will be seen in the Homecoming parade. The Homecoming Queen is elected from the senior class and her court will be made up of the following girls from each grade: "Libby" Crouch, seventh; Sandra Young, eighth; Lucy Globb, ninth; Betty Thompson, tenth; "Becky" Wagon, eleventh and Doris Kincer, twelfth.

The queen's name will be revealed on Thursday, November 6, at the pep rally planned by the 1958 cheerleaders, Randy Streit, Dean Cantrell, Betty Kirkland, Wesley Thompson, Judy Mills, Jerry Borden, Sandy Moore and Penny Whitaker.

Honey, another plentiful food this year, is a good cookie ingredient. In addition to the flavor, the consistency of honey keeps cookies moist when stored.

MAN OF THE HOUR

