

Former Polluted Streams Being Stocked With Fish

HARRISBURG, Nov.—One hundred and ten miles of Pennsylvania streams are being stocked with fish for the first time as a result of the Clean Streams program of the Sanitary Water Board, Dr. Russell E. Teague, Secretary of Health and Chairman of the Board, said this week.

The additional stocking resulting from the improvement brought about by the Clean Streams program, is being done in the Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Shenango rivers. Sections of the Schuylkill being newly stocked are six miles in Philadelphia (previously announced and not included in total); 16 miles in Berks Co.; and 21 miles in Montgomery Co. Other sections of that river in the latter two counties had been previously stocked following the completion of the river cleanup job and it proved highly successful.

In addition to that mileage, dams

on the Schuylkill River, including Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia, covering a total of about 2,200 acres, are also being stocked. According to C. R. Buller, Chief Fish Culturist of the State Fish Commission, the records show that as far back as 1881 the Schuylkill River had not been suitable for fish because of the acid condition of the water caused by coal mines.

Sections of the North Branch Susquehanna River are being stocked for the first time on the regular program. This action is taken as a result of the successful experimental planting last year of several hundred bass. The sections of that river being stocked are six miles in Luzerne Co.; 20 miles in Columbia Co., and 11 miles in Montour and Northumberland counties.

Another river section placed on the regular stocking program this Fall is the 20-mile stretch of the

Lehigh in Lehigh and Northampton counties. In that case also some fish were planted last year on an experimental basis. The project was successful and resulted in the section being placed on the regular stocking program.

The other river making its debut into the class of fishing streams, is the Shenango, 16 miles of which in Lawrence Co. are being stocked this Fall.

Reclamation of the Schuylkill has been brought about by the abatement of pollution caused by silt from the anthracite collieries; the removal from the river of the silt accumulated over the years, and the complete treatment of sewage and some industrial wastes by the municipalities along the river from Reading to Philadelphia. Industrial establishments which do not discharge their wastes to the city sewer systems have their own treatment plants. All the communities, excepting Eridgeport, have complied with orders of the Sanitary Water Board which directs the Clean Stream program and built new disposal plants to provide greater capacity and

complete treatment after the silt abatement at the collieries had been accomplished.

Improvements to North Branch Susquehanna to the extent that it has been placed on the fish stocking list have been brought about by the abatement of discharges of coal silt, all the collieries throughout the anthracite fields having complied with the abatement orders of the Sanitary Water Board and installed desilting systems.

Accumulations of silt over the past years in the Susquehanna are washed down stream in times of high water. The size of the river and the heavy water flow makes it possible for the river to cleanse its own channel. In the case of the Schuylkill dredging was necessary to remove the silt because the river is smaller and the water flow therefore not as great. Because of these factors the accumulations were too great to be washed away. The smaller size and lesser flow of the river also made it necessary that dams be built to catch the silt washed into the river from the culm banks accumulated over many years.

The silt is periodically dredged from the dams.

Improvement of the Lehigh River has been brought about by abatement of pollution from coal mines, industries and municipalities. The largest abatement project was the construction of a sewage treatment plant by Bethlehem.

The improved condition of the Shenango River is the result of the abatement of discharges by steel mills of their strong pickle liquor, the acid bath given newly manufactured steel to remove the scales.

In all areas the Fish Commission is stocking black bass, sunfish, catfish and suckers, except in the Lehigh where the planting is confined to catfish.

On General Duty At Robert Packer

Ann Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palmer Chase, graduated from Robert Packer Hospital Training School in Sayre October 13, and is now assigned to general duty in the same hospital.

Ann graduated from Lehman-Jackson schools in 1951.

Ninety Three Yesterday

Mrs. Orpha Randall, Carverton, celebrated her ninety third birthday anniversary yesterday with open house in the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Randall, widow of the late George B. Randall and daughter of the late Benjamin and Ellen Sickler of Lockville, is the last of ten brothers and sisters.

Turkey Supper

The annual turkey supper will be served at Oakdale Methodist Church next Saturday evening. Serving starts at 5:30.

Committee Plans Folk Dancing For Troop 66

Shavertown Committee women for Girl Scout Troop 66 met at the home of Mrs. William Pethick, Mrs. Fred Eck presiding over the business meeting. Plans were laid for badge work. Folk and square dancing especially. Suitable records and music will be obtained.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Vernon Ash, Mrs. John Clause, Mrs. Fred Eck, Mrs. Clarence Laidler, Mrs. Wilbur Lawry, Mrs. Rose Kimball, and Mrs. Fred Stevens.

Council Meets Tonight

Dallas Borough Council will hold its November meeting tonight at 8 in the Borough Building. Previously scheduled for Tuesday night, the meeting was postponed because of Election Day.

John Law's scheme for exploiting the resources of French Louisiana was known as the Mississippi Bubble.

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PROGRAM

Singing of the National Anthem . . . by Jaye P. Morgan, RCA recording artist and television star.

Presentation of key to Mr. Alexander W. Dick, store president, by the Hon. Andrew J. Sordani.

Opening of the door into the new Franklin Street addition by Governor John S. Fine.

Demonstration of the Bell Telephone Company's new D D D System, for direct distance dialing.

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