Kentucky Afield

by John Wilson

Kentuckians like to fish more than just about anybody else in the Southeast, according to a set of vital statistics compiled by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

According to these statistics, there are 23.46 fishermen per square mile in Kentucky, second only to Missouri (with 23.56) in density of anglers.

In Kentucky, 27.30 percent of the population goes fishing. This again is second only to Missouri, where over 35 percent of the total population can be expected to pick up a rod and reel.

The average number of fishermen per square mile for all 16 Southeastern states is 12.42, and in the Southeast as a whole 15.9 percent of the people are fishermen.

But while Kentuckians seem to be more avid than average fishermen, they're just about average hunters, at least as far as numbers are concerned. You can expect nine hunters per square mile in Kentucky, which is close to the average for the Southeast, 9.31 hunters per square mile.

Hunters make up 10.50 percent of Kentucky's population, again close to the average of 10.10. Oklahoma wins the prize for the most hunters in the population (17.17 percent) and Maryland is the most crowded, with almost 36 hunters per square mile.

If you're looking for elbow room, head for Texas, where there's only 4.24 hunters per square mile, or to Oklahoma, where only 7.14 anglers are casting over the same square mile of territory.

Kentuckians pay close to average prices for their hunting and fishing licenses. At $6.50, a resident fishing license is a little more expensive than the average fee of $5.64, but that $6.50 hunting license is a bargain, since the average hunting license in the Southeast costs $7.14.

Florida has the most expensive resident hunting license ($11) and fishing costs the most in Maryland, where a resident license costs $8. Bargain hunters should move to Georgia for that state's $4.25 resident hunting license or to Louisiana, where a year's worth of fishing can be had for only $2.

At $10.50, Kentucky's deer permit is the highest in the Southeast for residents (the average is $6.33) but a bargain for non-residents, who fork out an average of just over $26 to deer hunt in another state.

But Kentucky's $35 non-resident annual license is right at the average fee of $35.50 for the Southeast. South Carolina is highest, charging non-residents $42.50 for a hunting license. Louisiana is kind to its tourists, charging $25 for an annual license, the lowest in the Southeast.

Fishermen visiting another state can expect to pay from $6 (Louisiana) to $20 (West Virginia) for an annual non-resident fishing license. Kentucky's $14 license is slightly higher than the average cost of $12.15. Five Southeastern states offer a three-day non-resident fishing license, and at $4, Kentucky's is just below the average of $4.74.

Mention "D-J" to the average fisherman and chances are he'll think you're talking about some new bass bait. But D-J isn't something you tie on the end of your line, even though it has helped anglers all over the country catch more fish.

"D-J" is easier to say than the "Federal Aid to Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950." It's also less of a mouthful than even the shortened "Dingell-Johnson Act" — for the two congressmen who sponsored the federal legislation which has provided over $4 million toward improving Kentucky fishing.

So among the fisheries biologists and administrators who use this federal money, it's just "D-J". Currently, Kentucky receives around $500,000 in D-J funds annually, money which pays 75 percent of the total cost of approved projects, according to Jim Axon, assistant director of the division of fisheries and the man in charge of administering the D-J program in Kentucky.

But D-J is not just another federal give-away. If you're eyeing your current tax bill and wondering how much of that check you've got to write to the IRS will be used for fishing, the answer is none. Unless you're a fisherman, you don't pay a penny for this program.

All D-J funding comes from a 10 percent federal excise tax on selected items of fishing tackle — rods, reels, lines, leaders, hooks, bobbers, artificial lures and similar equipment.

This tax is added at the manufacturing level, so most fishermen aren't aware that they pay it. The money collected is distributed to the states by a complicated formula based on the number of licensed sport fishermen and the size of each state. Kentucky currently receives around 1.6 percent of the total, Axon says.

Each project on which D-J money is spent must be approved and must be aimed at improving sport fishing. Typical projects include research programs (such as the current black bass evaluation project), surveys, technical guidance to pond owners, lake construction and some money for construction programs — a portion of the Clark Hatchery near Morehead was financed with D-J funds. Money is also available to purchase land for access sites and build the necessary launching facilities.

In each case, D-J pays 75 percent of the total cost of approved projects, with the Department of Fish and Wildlife paying the rest — mainly from the sale of Kentucky sport hunting and fishing licenses.

Like everything else that costs money, D-J projects have been hit hard by inflation. But bills have been introduced into both houses of the U.S. Congress to expand the program by taxing certain items now exempt — items such as stringers, creels, landing nets and almost all other tackle not presently covered.

The proposed legislation would also put a three percent excise tax on the sale of boats (less than 25 feet long), outboard motors, trailers, depth finders and other similar items.

If it gets through Congress, this expanded D-J bill could mean an additional $1.5 million annually for Kentucky — which is more than the current total budget of the entire fisheries division. Needless to say, those who manage Kentucky's fisheries and those concerned with the future of fishing in Kentucky are watching with great interest the progress of these new bills (currently in committee in both the House and the Senate).

If this expanded D-J legislation does become law, chances are that the average fisherman still won't know what "D-J" means, but he'll nevertheless see a lot more activity designed to improve his chances of catching fish.

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Hunter education

A free hunter education course will be held September 15 and 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and September 17 from 5:30 p.m. until completion at the Bourbon County Library in Paris.

The course, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, will include classroom instruction in firearm safety, sportsmanship, hunter ethics, first aid and outdoor survival.

The last session will feature actual range firing and practice with both

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Rebekah Crawford was happy to show off this carrot grown in her grandfather's garden. Her grandfather is O.B. Crawford, of Morgan Street, Carlisle. — Mercury photo.

New food stamp rules beginning Oct. 1

Major changes in food stamp eligibility rules and benefits that the President recently signed into law will begin taking effect October 1, according to G. William Hoagland, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. Changes required by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 are aimed at saving $1.7 billion in federal costs for the food stamp program in fiscal year 1982 which begins October 1.

Hoagland announced the timetable for implementing the changes in a speech before the National Council of State Public Welfare Administrators meeting in Detroit.

The new rules, based on provisions of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, must be implemented swiftly, Hoagland said, to achieve the projected savings and operate the program within the amount Congress appropriates and to avoid benefit reduction.

Hoagland said the package of rules to be published in September and take effect October 1 will include provisions to:

— remove higher income households from the program or reduce their benefits;

— drop strikers from the program;

— prorate the initial month's benefits of new recipients from the date of application;

— delay cost of living adjustments in the Thrifty Food Plan used for calculating food stamp benefits; and

— delay and reduce cost of living adjustments in the deductions allowed from gross income in determining benefits.

Three additional rulemaking packages will follow, Hoagland said. Those packages will cover new fraud and abuse penalties, provisions to provide Puerto Rico with a nutrition block grant and procedures for a monthly reporting and retrospective accounting system mandated for state welfare agencies responsible for administering the food stamp program.

Hoagland said proposed rules on fraud penalties and claims collection procedures will be published in October for public comment, with final rules expected early next year. He added that proposed rules for establishing retrospective accounting and monthly reporting systems will be published by the end of 1981. States are required to have those in place by October 1983.

The regulations governing the new block grant for Puerto Rico will be issued later this year. The plan of operation is due in April 1982, to go into effect in July 1982.

Hoagland said that congressional action on the food stamp program is not complete with the passage of the Reconciliation Act. In September Congress must complete action on food stamp reauthorization legislation in the House and on food stamp appropriations in the Senate. Both are required for the program to operate after September 30.

Heavy demand and high prices have been recorded in all of the flue-cured belts, Georgia-Florida, the Border Belt, Old and Middle Belt, and the Eastern North Carolina Belt.

Nicholas County's unemployment rate

The latest unemployment statistics from the Department for Human Resources show that Nicholas County had 6.5 percent of its civilian labor force out of work in July.

That percentage is based on a local civilian labor force of 3,138 persons, with 204 persons unemployed.

In the Bluegrass area, there were 15,702 persons seeking jobs during July. That yielded an unemployment rate of 5.4 percent.

Estill County had the area's highest unemployment rate of 12.6 percent, while Woodford County posted the area's low of 4.1 percent.

Statewide, unemployment was 7.1 percent, compared to 7.5 percent in June.

"July was the sixth straight month in which Kentucky's unemployment rate has declined and was the lowest rate in 19 months," said Dr. Grady Stumbo, secretary of the Department for Human Resources.

In July, 36 of 120 counties had unemployment rates of 10 percent or higher. Menifee County had the highest rate in the state at 19.4 percent.

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firearms and archery equipment.

Those successfully completing the course will receive safe hunter certificates valid in any of the 23 states where such certification is required. Completion of this or a similar hunter education course is also a requirement for those youngsters participating in the youth deer hunt at Land-Between-the-Lakes and hunters under 16 years of age at Ft. Knox and Ft. Campbell. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification.

Any person, ten (10) years of age or older, who is interested in the shooting sports or wants to become a safe hunter is welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Marion Mattingly or Chris Kearns at 503-564-4762 or 606-484-3955 respectively.

Migrant Program to elect

The Migrant Program for the Nicholas County School System will elect a Migrant Parents' Advisory Council to monitor the program for the 1981-82 school year. This council, which will be composed of five Migrant parents, will be elected by mailed ballot and will serve one year. This council is required by Migrant Program regulations.

The council will meet four times each school year and help with planning, implementing and evaluating the program.

Nominating forms will be mailed to all parents of Migrant children. Those wishing to serve on this council will have their names placed on the ballot, which will then be mailed to the parents so they can choose the five persons they wish to serve on this council. Any parent of a child attending school in Nicholas County may vote in this election if they wish. Ballots may be obtained by contacting Bill Guthrie at the Nicholas County Board of Education at 289-2384. The ballots will be available after September 23, 1981.

Title I to meet

The Nicholas County Schools Title I District Parent Advisory Council will meet at Nicholas County Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on September 17. Bill Guthrie, Title I director, will discuss the implementation of the FY 1982 program. A tour of the Title I facilities will follow this discussion.

This meeting will be open to the public and any Title I parent or other interested person is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Bill Guthrie at the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Fishing holiday

Carolyn Turner (left) and Gertrude Estes, both of Lexington, found an easy day of fishing at the 4-H Lake near Carlisle an ideal way to spend their Labor Day vacation.—Mercury photo.

Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Fritz Gaunce spent several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gaunce, Vanceburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Wright and children Travis and Dale, Cincinnati, spent the past Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jolly and children, Carlisle.

Mrs. Dede Mattox, Neave, and Mrs. Hazel Snapp spent Thursday with Mrs. Mable Stockdale at Fleming County Hospital.

Mrs. Sterling Hollar is suffering from a fractured arm she received in a fall at her home on Thursday night.

Mrs. E.V. Delaney and Mrs. James Snapp were in Lexington on Tuesday and also visited Mrs. Victor Kappler in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dale and Timmy, Millersburg, on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris and children Gennie and Davie, Ft. Thomas, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Strauder Hollar and sons.

Miss Lesley Duncan, Carlisle, spent Saturday and Sunday with Tracey Hollar.

Our community extends sympathy to the family of "Jim" Mattox, who passed away unexpectedly at his home in Paris early Sunday morning. Funeral was conducted at Hinton Turner Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon and burial in Paris Cemetery.

There were around 70 persons attending the Headquarters Sunday School picnic at Blue Licks State Park on Sunday. Lunch was served at noon. Music was furnished in the afternoon by Mark Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dixon, Ramona Wilson and Glenn Thacker and several of the group joined in singing. A short devotional was given by pastor Rev. Bruce Sheffield and dismissal with prayer, also by the pastor.

Don't forget the annual reunion of the late Emanuel Mattox at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Ellis of Milford, Ky. next Sunday, September 13. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Gary Gaunce visited Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar on Friday night.

Paul Quinn, Mike Sowell, Carlotta Anderson and Greg Haney, Carlisle, all students at Western University, spent the Labor Day weekend with their relatives here.

Harold Mattox and Kay Mahoney, Lexington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar on Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Snapp spent one day the past week with Mrs. Kenneth Snapp.

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