

The hunters license system was created by Chapter 468, Acts of 1918, which requires those who enjoy the great outdoors to contribute to a Fund for support of the Division and until this law was enacted the Department was one by name and not by action due to the lack of finances. For instances, beginning with the fiscal year of 1916, there was \$511 in the Treasury to the credit of the Department. Since the enactment of the hunters license system in 1918, the Department reports \$129,000 in assets and no liabilities, with a salaried staff of 26 deputy game wardens stationed throughout the State and 600 non-salaried deputies.

The Department has in operation two State-owned game farms, namely the Gwynnbrook Farm, Baltimore county, and the Wicomico Farm in Wicomico county, where large numbers of bob-white and other species of game are propagated in captivity; also operate a propagation plant on a small scale at the Montgomery county Game Refuge and the Washington county Game Refuge. The Department owns 5301 acres purchased from hunters license receipts and said areas are used as game refuges and propagation plants and in addition has under lease 32,685 acres used for the same purpose.

New Legislation.

During the session of the General Assembly of 1935, there were only two bills enacted pertaining to game, namely Chapter 559 which repealed an old law which had been on the statute books 64 years and which provides what is known as rest days for the hunting of wild waterfowl on the Susquehanna Flats. The new Act provides that wild waterfowl may be hunted on the Susquehanna Flats each day of the week except Sunday.

The second bill, Chapter 359 provides it to be unlawful to hunt wild waterfowl with any gun carrying more than three loads at any one time, said gun must be loaded with shot only and said gun shall not be larger than a No. 10 gauge; also provides that it shall be unlawful to use more than 25 live decoys on any one property at any one time and no wild waterfowl except crippled birds not otherwise retrievable shall be shot while resting on water or land. This Act further provides it to be lawful to use what is known as a sneak boat on the waters of the Potomac river in Frederick and Montgomery counties, however, said boat or boats must be licensed by the Clerk of the Court of said county under a license fee of \$5.00. Said Act further provides it to be unlawful to locate a shooting stand or blind on land when located at a distance of more than 50 yards from natural shore less than 300 yards apart.

STATE GAME WARDEN.

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Appointed by the Conservation Commission under Merit System.

E. Lee LeCompte.....	State Game Warden.....	Cambridge
Richard T. Norris.....	Chief Deputy Game Warden.....	Glen Burnie
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District Deputy Game Wardens.

Appointed by State Game Warden under Merit System.

District No. 1—

Garrett County.....	Richard S. Browning.....	Oakland
Allegany.....	Harry R. Kenney.....	Cumberland
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