

receipts and said areas are used as State Game Refuge and propagation plants; and in addition the Department has under lease 34,959 acres which are used as inviolate game sanctuaries.

Chapter 354, Acts of 1939, provided that the Fresh Water Fisheries should be transferred June 1, 1939, from the Conservation Commission of Maryland to the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission for supervision. This is the first time in the history of this State that the game and fresh water fish have been under the supervision of one administrator.

The Department now owns and operates an extensive fresh water fish hatchery at Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland, where trout and black bass are propagated in captivity; also own and operate a trout nursery at Bear Creek in Garrett County; and a black bass nursery at Fairlee Station in Kent County; and in addition operate rearing stations at Cushwah Station, in Washington County; and the Ritchie pools in Frederick County.

The total assets, without liabilities, of the Game Division as of June 1, 1939, was \$144,571.09. These assets have been built up through the hunters' license system, as on June 1, 1916, there was to the credit of the Department \$511.00.

The Fresh Water Fish Division has been practically built up since the enactment of legislation in 1929 creating the Anglers' License System, and on June 1, 1939, the total assets, without liabilities, was \$68,689.20.

#### New Legislation

During the session of the General Assembly of 1939, Chapter 354 was enacted providing that the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission be created authorizing the Governor of our State to appoint five Commissioners on the first Monday in June, one for a term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, to serve without compensation. The Governor appointed the following:

|   | Term Expires.            |
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| The Honorable Garner W. Denmead....     | Baltimore, Md.....1943   |
| The Honorable A. Gordon Fleet.....      | Edgewater, Md.....1942   |
| The Honorable S. Scott Beck, Jr.....    | Chestertown, Md.....1942 |
| The Honorable Fulcher P. Smith.....     | Cumberland, Md.....1941  |
| The Honorable James H. Gambrill, Jr.... | Frederick, Md.....1940   |

At the meeting of the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission held on July 25, 1939, The Honorable Garner W. Denmead was elected Chairman. Mr. Harold Smith Kolmer, who has been Secretary of the State Game Department since February 1, 1919, was elected Secretary.

Chapter 231, Acts of 1939, lengthened the squirrel season 15 days by making the open dates September 15th to October 15th inclusive, except in Allegany and Garrett Counties the open season for squirrels is November 1st to November 30th; also changed the open season for male deer with two or more points to one antler, providing a five-day period beginning the 1st Monday in December (except on the Woodmont Rod & Gun Club property, privately owned and enclosed by a 9-foot fence, where the season is December 15th to December 24th inclusive). Said Act further provides that it shall be unlawful to hunt any deer at any time in Worcester County.