

U. S. BIOLOGICAL SURVEY CONGRATULATES CCC BOYS

ON

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

"The CCC boys are making an invaluable contribution to the national wild life restoration program", says Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey. His congratulation came on the fifth anniversary of the CCC.

"Five years ago when our wild life resources, especially waterfowl, were in serious danger the Biological Survey had a restoration program. It lacked the means and man power to carry out that program" says Dr. Gabrielson. "Then emergency funds for buying refuge areas became available and CCC help for developing them. The results being accomplished are laying the foundation for wild life restoration program beyond our fondest dreams".

The CCC boys have done much to restore our wild life resources. In many areas throughout the United States the CCC have worked to restore marshes for nesting of waterfowl. Shelter and cover has been built by them for upland game.

Last year alone these CCC boys planted close to one million small food bearing trees and shrubs for upland game food and cover, and almost two million cubic yards of earth was built up to form dikes to impound water on Biological Survey wildlife refuges. They developed nesting islands and suitable habitat, food and cover to provide ideal nesting conditions. Over one and a half million cubic

yards of ditches and channels have been cleaned and excavated, and more than one quarter million board feet of lumber has been used to build water control structures. One third of a million yards of rock, concrete and earth dams were built. All this and many other major projects accomplished in 1937 alone, which will give some idea of just what five years of CCC has meant to wild life.

These CCC boys coming as they do from all walks of life, and all parts of the country have had an opportunity to work with nature, watch how nature responds to those who work with it. City boys who never before saw ducks, geese, heron, egrets, sandhill crane, pheasants and other of our wild life have through the CCC had an opportunity to watch them thru their mating and nesting. They have seen these miracles of nature and learned first-hand the lesson of conservation. We may well look to these bright-eyed lads for the fulfillment of our ideals. They are the America of tomorrow and are making our conservation history today.

The Biological Survey welcomes the Fifth Anniversary and the "open house" of the CCC. It will provide an opportunity for the public to see how the CCC has helped wild life.