

BIOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICE PLANNED FOR COAST

Andrew H. DuPre, superintendent of the Cape Romain and Bull's island national wild life refuges, has announced his resignation and the formation, with his brother, James H. DuPre, of a biological and engineering service for the coastal states from Virginia to Florida.

Cape Romain Contractors, Inc., as the company is called, was chartered last year. James DuPre, a graduate in civil engineering at The Citadel, has for the past year been specializing in dikes and water control developments in this area. The company plans to continue general contracting along these lines as well as building contracting in addition to the specialized conservation service now available.

Believed to be the first such service offered in the United States, the company is prepared to provide complete biological, topographical and ecological services in the development of fish and duck ponds and in the promotion of conservation practices with all kinds of wild life, Mr. DuPre said.

"Our biological inspection service will include recommendations for development of individual areas with soil and water testing for acidity and salinity as part of the program," he added.

Andrew DuPre, since 1935 superintendent of the wild life refuge, is a graduate of the University of South

Carolina and taught for one year at North Carolina State College. He has been employed by the fish and wild life service for 15 years and has had complete charge of the development of the Cape Romain and Bull's island areas into the best wintering grounds for ducks in the Southeast.

James DuPre was in charge of construction of the Myrtle Beach army air base before going to the China-Burma-India theater during World War II where he commanded an engineering battalion for two years on the Lido road. Both are natives of McClellanville where the company will maintain headquarters.

"The conservation practices carried out and proven at Cape Romain and Bull's island show this to be the most satisfactory method of insuring permanent wild life resources in this area and we feel we will be able to offer landowners a service unobtainable otherwise," Mr. DuPre said. The brothers plan to specialize in the development of marsh areas into fresh water fish and duck areas, as well as general contracting work.

Mr. DuPre will be succeeded at Cape Romain by Henry C. Rucker, currently with the fish and wild life service's Noxubee refuge at Starkville, Miss. Mr. Rucker is expected to assume his duties sometime this week.

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Everybody hereabouts will be wishing good luck to Andrew H. DuPre and James H. DuPre, brothers of McClellanville, who are launching the first concern of its kind in the United States—a company which will specialize in the building of dikes and water control developments and also provide complete biological, topographical and ecological services in the development of fish and duck ponds and in the conservation of all kinds of wild life.

James H. DuPre, a graduate of civil engineering at The Citadel, is well qualified to handle phases of this work. To readers of this column his brother, Andrew, affectionately called "Binks," is better known. Andrew DuPre has been for many years superintendent of the federal government's Cape Romain and Bull's Island na-

tional wildlife refuges. Under his direction these have become model institutions of their kind and the conservation practices carried out and proven at Cape Romain and Bull's Island have become famous in wildlife circles all over the country.

It will seem rather odd to think of Bull's Island and Cape Romain without at the same time thinking of "Binks" DuPre as their presiding genius, guardian and protector. He isn't going away, however, but will still have headquarters in McClellanville so the loss isn't a total one. Woods and Waters wishes the best of luck to him and to his brother—and also to Henry C. Rucker who comes from the federal wildlife refuge at Starkville, Miss., to take over the work which Andrew DuPre now lays down.

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