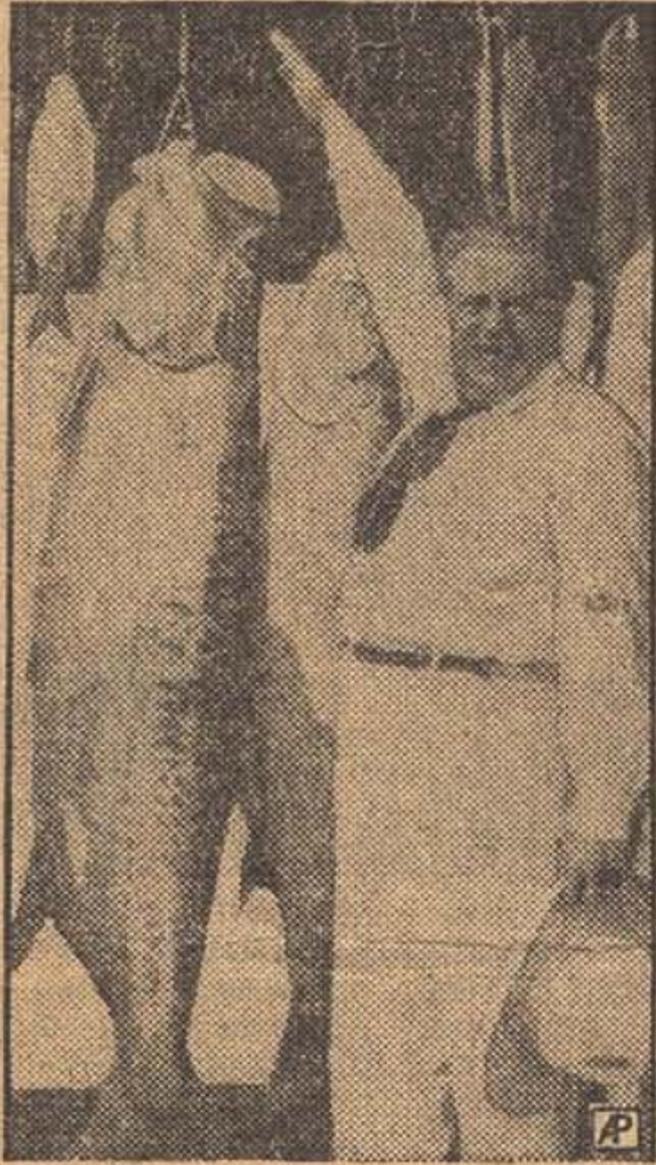


Likes His Sports



Alabama's Representative Frank W. Boykin rates high in Washington as an all-around sportsman and story teller. He is shown above with a picture to bear out one of his stories—about a tarpon caught at the Mobile rodeo.

Alabama Ranks With Top Spots Of World As Hunting Ground

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(P)—Somehow Southern congressmen have a reputation for being great talkers and enthusiastic story-tellers. Alabama's Representative Frank W. Boykin is no exception.

The 220-pound, jovial sportsman was chewing his lighted cigar, squirting tobacco juice at the cuspidor and telling tales of his Alabama hunting preserve while he awaited the gong calling legislators to Congress.

"We've got the best shooting and fishing in the world down in South Alabama. I've been hunting around those woods since I was as big as a 'coon and I know it's so.

"My brother and I have a 17,000-acre hunting preserve, just 40 miles from the gulf, from Mobile. Gosh, you can get any kind of shooting you want from deer and bear to quail and squirrel.

"There are really about 50,000 acres around my place where there's good hunting. We've got 20 miles of lakes and the trout just beg to be hooked. Big speckled trout—fine eating over a camp fire.

"The place is full of deer. In one drive we rounded up 113 of them. Last year I took a party of Doubting Thomases from Washington down there and we got 22 deer and 19 turkeys in two days.

"One afternoon we flushed 17 coveys of quails. Big coveys, too.

"Not long ago I had an English friend down there, a fellow who'd hunted in England, Scotland and all over the continent, and he said he thought we had more deer than any similar sized spot in the world.

"We have five game wardens to keep the poachers away and to look after the animals. And every time you move you trip over a dog. We've got 54 hounds and a dozen bird dogs.

"We have some great fox hunting, too. Gray fox. We ride after them on horseback and dern near run over them, sometimes.

"Say, you wouldn't believe it, but we put the foxes we catch in a trailer along with our thoroughbred hounds to take them back to the house and the hounds never touch the foxes. That is, the thoroughbred hounds. A cur dog would tear 'em to pieces quickly.

"The railroad runs by our place, the highway is near and the Tombigbee River runs through it, so you can reach it by train, car, airplane or yacht.

"We've got a 94-year-old darky, one who has been around the place ever since the War Between the States, who can beat a turkey at a turkey call.

"Say, when he gives a turkey love call, the hens leave the cocks and come a-running.

"You've heard about the deep sea fishing rodeo we have every year in Mobile Bay. Well, last time we had 100 yachts. Boy, what a party that is. The bay is full of all kinds of game fish."

The gong sounded.

It meant curfew for story-telling.

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