

(2)—Christina Park (1,100 acres). This park is situated on State Route 37 halfway between Lakeland and Mulberry, and has been leased to the state for \$1 a year by the Mobil Chemical Company, a subsidiary of the Mobil Oil Corporation. Fishing, boating, picnicking and other outdoor activities have made this park one of the most popular recreation areas in Central Florida. It has 250 acres of water in a dozen large pools.

(3)—Pleasant Grove Fish Management Area (505 acres, with 31 pools, all rehabilitated phosphate pits). This area, which lies on U.S. 60 at a point 20 miles each of Tampa, is leased to the Game and Fresh-Water Fish Commission by the Agrico Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Continental Oil. According to the commission, the most advanced fishing techniques are being used to manage the pools and to produce the best possible fishing.

Other parks

In addition to these fish-management areas, other public parks have been created. One of the first was Peace River Park, on the Peace River in Bartow. The 110 acres of this park were donated by Mobil's predecessor, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation. The park is operated by the county as a playground for residents and visitors. Water sports, including skiing, are among the activities.

To the Florida Audubon Society, American Cyanamid has donated 300 acres of land east of Lakeland and has leased 13,000 acres of reserved property, some of which has been mined. This will be kept in its natural state for bird-watchers.

Golf course

Cyanamid has also sold 325 acres of reclaimed land at Sydney, 15 miles east of Tampa, for a private 18-hole golf course. The development will cost \$500,000, of which \$385,000 will be spent for a plush clubhouse.

Also, a semi-private, 18-hole golf course has been created on land purchased from American Cyanamid. The property is off State Route 33A at a point near Lakeland.

In addition to providing reclaimed land for public use the projects being carried out by various companies have provided many other noteworthy results. For example, Agrico Chemical now has 11 million pine trees on 45,000 acres. This is the largest planted forest in South Florida, and Agrico harvests 12,000 cords of wood from it each year. The wood is sold to pulp and paper mills.

This company reaped a public relations benefit when it opened forests for hunting, fishing and camping. Some of the waters on Agrico's land yield bass up to 10 pounds each. Hunters find quail, wild turkey and wildcat.

Grass planted

The International Minerals and Chemical Corporation covered 500 acres of ponds with phosphate tailings (clay and sand, and planted watermelon and grasses thereon. It plans to expand the project to 1,000 acres.

The Agricultural Products Division of W. R. Grace & Co. will reclaim 1,165 acres of land adjacent to the town of Mulberry, which is unable to expand toward Lakeland to the north and to Bartow to the east. These three cities form what is known as the "golden triangle" of Polk County.

This company has also aided the city of Auburndale with a unique project. Unmined reserves adjacent to that city were formerly a breeding place for mosquitos.

Grace cleared the undergrowth, restored the flow of fresh water through canals, and is maintaining the land so that the insects do not return. Needless to say, the city's residents and visitors are grateful.

The Armour Agricultural Chemical Company did a similar mosquito-clearance job for Bartow. It cleared 160 acres on the western edge of the city, part of it within the city limits. The tract has been reclaimed and will be used for residential development.

In the field of housing, American Cyanamid will reclaim 2,000 acres adjacent to Lakeland for development as homesites. Another 220 acres southeast of Lakeland are now being similarly developed.

CITRUS GROVES

The development of citrus groves has been another major result of land reclamation. For example, phosphate companies have planted more than 5,500 acres of citrus in the Polk-Hillsborough area. The largest citrus grower among these