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Izaak Walton League leaders observe progress of a lake being built in the Suffolk-Nansemond Waltonians chapter conservation park. They are (from left) H. Burdge Caton, Frank Cumpler and William B. Harrell.

Waltonians Begin Park Lake

SUFFOLK — Iza a k Walton Leaguers in Suffolk and Nansemond County soon will have a lake in their 50-acre conservation park north of here.

With bulldozer and dragline, a Suffolk contractor, Art-Ray Corp., is building a 285-foot-long dam to form the lake in a deep ravine near the center of the natural parkland.

Waltonians bought the farmland, mostly wooded, about 18 months ago. The lake is their first major project.

It will be the deepest private pond in this section of the state. Pete Garrison Jr., Soil Conservation Service engineer who laid out the plans, said. Because of its unusual character, K. C. Rice of Franklin, SCS area engineer, has been supervising the project.

25 FEET

Water will be 25 feet deep at the dam, and nearly all of the lake will be relatively deep because of the steep-sloping sides of the ravine. The dam will be 146 feet wide at the base, 14 feet wide at the top and have a total volume of 12,000 cubic yards.

The lake undoubtedly will become a focal point for future developments in the park. Waltonians already are talking about a clubhouse overlooking the lake, but that is still in the talking stage.

Most of the manpower work since the park's purchase has been devoted to clearing of land for the lake. The men have spent many weekends of labor and hours of planning toward provision of an area where a variety of conserva-

tion practices can be carried out to improve the natural beauty of the site.

Waltonian families will use the park. It will be closed to the general public. The lake will be stocked with popular fish. Wildlife will be encouraged by "no hunting" restrictions.

The lake will cover nearly 10 acres and be fed by numerous springs and a 45-acre watershed.

Regular overflow will be carried

through an 18-inch pipe below the dam's top. A gate for complete emptying will be provided, and an emergency earth spillway will be built into the dam to handle the water from unusual downpours.

The dam probably will be built and seeded within two months. There are a couple of puddles in the bottom already, and there's varied speculation by members on how soon the lake will be full and running over.



Staff Photo

Waltonians Elect New Officer

Vernon Spivey, left, succeeds Burge Caton, right, as state representative. Dwain O. Potter, president is at center

Hunting License Display Proposed by Waltonians

SUFFOLK — The Nansemond Chapter of the Isaac Walton League has asked that the State Game Commission give "serious consideration" to laws which require hunters to display licenses on their clothing.

The league at its monthly meeting Wednesday night at Lee-Jordan Clubhouse, adopted a resolution calling for the commission to explore the possibility of requiring hunters to "display their hunting license in a conspicuous place on their outer clothing", with the license "of such size that it can be read from a distance of at least 15 feet."

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The move from the Waltonians came as the group tried to help farmers, particularly those in Norfolk County, whose property and lives are endangered by "thoughtless and irresponsible hunters."

The resolution was introduced by Burdge Caton, who said that many Norfolk county farmers have had property seriously dam-

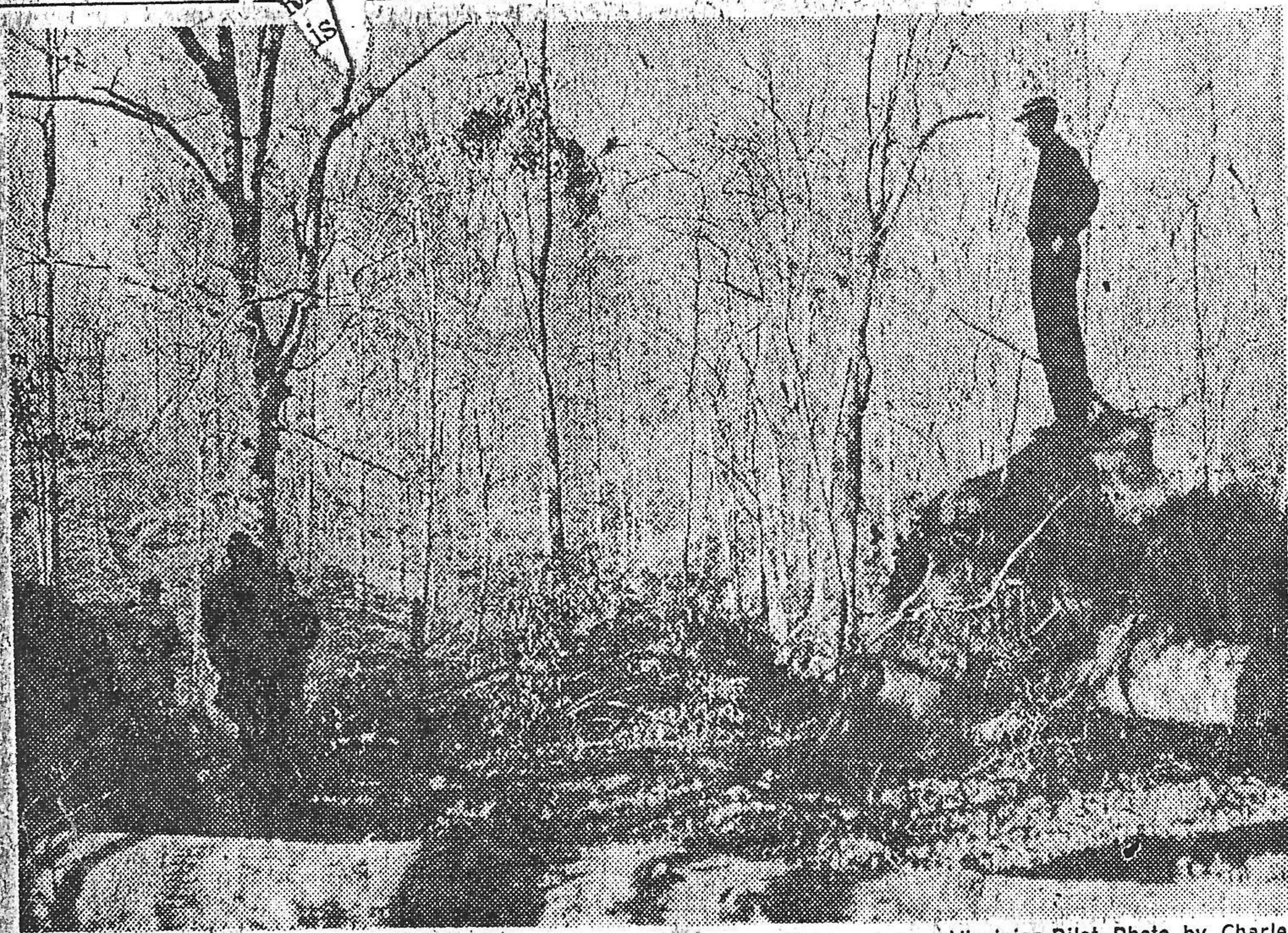
aged by gunfire and who have also had their lives endangered by the hunters.

He noted that the large-size license would enable the farmer to report violators of no trespassing and posted signs.

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The chapter also adopted a resolution calling for liberalization of motor-vehicle laws which apply to trailers carrying boats of 18 feet and shorter.

Vernon Spivey was elected state representative of the local chapter to succeed Caton, who resigned after being elected state secretary of the league.



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Charles

Waltonians inspect part of their recreation area.

Fishermen Spend Weekend Touring New Recreation Site

By PRESTON CHARLES
Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

SUFFOLK — Members of the Izaak Walton League's Suffolk-Nansemond chapter made a weekend trip to their new 88-acre

recreation area and wildlife preserve.

Led by past president H. Burdge Caton, the Waltonians made the trip in order to form plans for a place where members can get away from the noise and bustle of city life.

The club announced two weeks ago the lease of an 88-acre farm from W. G. Saunders Jr. off a country road about half way between Red Top Service Station on Va. 10 and King's Fork School on U.S. 460.

About 60 acres is cleared land. The remainder is a wooded area enclosing a ravine containing small streams fed by two springs.

The group met at the farm, formerly owned by N. T. Gray, and started out on foot to inspect their property. But Caton suggested that they drive

for the open land is being rented to a farmer. For the time being, members are interested only in developing the 28 acres of woods.

PURCHASE OPTION

"But," said Caton, "we want to develop the whole thing eventually. We have an option to buy after five years. We could plant pines on the open land and it wouldn't be long before they'd cover it pretty well."

Where would that kind of money come from?

"Well," he replied, "we have ideas..."

Waltonians View Conservation Film

A film on conservation, entitled "The Heritage We Guard," was viewed last night by 53 members of the Izaak Walton League, meeting in the Lee-Jordan Clubhouse.

The film was shown by J. Webb Pinner, program chairman.

Prior to the film, a business meeting was held at which time Jimmy Johnson was inducted as a new member. President Dwain Potter performed the ceremonies.

Prior to the business meeting, H. Burdge Caton read a memorial to the late Art Thompson who was known nationally for his active interest in conservation.

When the meeting opened F. Leonard Williams, taxidermist, was introduced and made a brief talk about the annual Fishing Rodeo scheduled this year for May 30. A number of members then volunteered their services to aid in carrying out the rodeo, specifically in the areas of Lake Prince and Lake Cohoon.

Game Warden Shelton Rountree, discussed proposed game laws which he said, will be placed before the General Assembly.

It was announced that Burdge Caton and Dwain Potter will attend the National Izaak Walton League Convention in Philadelphia April 21 through 25.

Local Waltonians Urge Hunting Season Merger

Two resolutions drafted by the Suffolk branch of the Izaak Walton League of America were read to the membership last night at the meeting in Lee Jordan Club House.

Burdge Caton, who read the resolutions, said both would immediately be placed in proper legislative channels.

One deals with action to make earlier swampland hunting seasons correspond with the later upland ones.

Farmers' organizations in the lowlands are striving to have legislation passed making the seasons coincide.

The reason for this, Caton said is because trigger-happy hunters imperil the farmers' lives and property during the early hunting season when harvesting is still in progress. When the later hunting season begins, most of this is completed.

Another provision of the resolution would require hunters to have their licenses posted conspicuously on their clothing with their license number visible for at least 15 feet. No true sportsman, Caton said, would object to having his license so displayed.

Caton opined that the somewhat controversial issue boiled down to what was more important: one man's pleasure or another man's means of livelihood. He said he felt passage of the resolution by the General Assembly would go a long way to sooth friction between farmers and portsmen.

It is felt in some quarters that hunters are ignoring their responsibility and often trespass where "no hunting" signs are posted.

The second resolution which Ca-

more uniform system of license fees for boat trailers. Under the present system, he said, fishermen must pay as much for a license for a light-weight boat trailer as do operators of commercial mooring apparatus.



CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR—H. Burdge Caton (center) of Suffolk was named Virginia's Outstanding Conservationist of the Year during the state convention of the Izaak Walton League over the weekend. Charles Cacace (left) of Norfolk, national director from Virginia, presented the award. Vernon Spivey (right) of Suffolk is president of Caton's "home" Suffolk-Nansemond chapter of the league. (Staff photo by Mays)

OUTDOORS

By RICK HINMAN

The gentle art of plug casting is not the easiest way to fish. Thus the Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is to be highly commended for starting plug casting classes for young people age 10-14.

The volunteers for the training are all members of the local Chapter. Sunday afternoon these gents went out to Lake Cohoon, courtesy of Warden Oscar Smith. Here they were given some pointers by three experts from Virginia Baech, Claude Edwards, Fred Edwards and young Nelson Lee, a champ in his own right in the art of skishing. This is what casting is called when dummy plugs are cast at floating targets.

It was surprising how quickly some of the adult students picked up the knack of putting a plug where they wanted. The targets were floating 'hoola hoops' anchored 30 to 50 feet from the shore. At least they looked like hoola hoops.

The men who will give of... their time to teaching the young people how to cast (there is no charge for the training) are Joe Haslett, chairman of the training committee Frank Crumpler, Staley Babb, Norman Bradshaw, Frank Gayle, Elbert Womble, Jack Wrenn, Ray Baird, Bob Worrell, David Darden, and Webb Pinner.

HOW TO SIGN UP

All that it is necessary for the youngsters to do to get in the plug casting class is to go to the Chamber of Commerce and register. It's as simple as that. The hours will be from 9 until 5 each day until the quota is filled. So hurry and get your names in the pot.

Wildlife Week Proclaimed for Suffolk Area

SUFFOLK—Mayor W. P. Griffin and Vernon G. Eberwine, chairman of the Nansemond County Board of Supervisors, have declared this week National Wildlife Week and called on citizens to promote the wise use of our natural resources.

In a joint proclamation, they noted that "we recognize that concern for our land must be partially installed in our young people through their training in the school. It is appropriate, therefore, that the 959 National Wildlife Week should demonstrate the importance of making conservation a part of the learning experience of our young people.

"The wise use of our natural resources, our soils, waters, forests, grassland, minerals and wildlife is essential to the welfare of the American people, our community, state and nation. Proper care and protection of these resources cannot be provided without the support of an informed public."

D. O. Potter, president of the local chapter of the Isaac Walton League, said that "the primary objective of the campaign in the Suffolk and Nansemond County area this year is to acquaint people, including educators and students, with the tremendous importance of adopting and applying the concepts of conservation to our everyday lives.

Waltonians Accept 11 New Members

SUFFOLK — Eleven new members were accepted into Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League Wednesday night.

Among 62 present for the meeting, they are Dr. Lloyd March, Dr. Charles H. Rawls Jr., Raleigh O. Luter, Clarence E. Midkiff, Forrest Wommack, Howard B. Rock, J. F. Culpepper Jr., Robert Wrenn, James Hancock, Donald G. Virgin and Paul Cutchins.

Wrenn showed a movie of a spring boat trip over the Nottoway River rapids and invited members to make a similar jaunt this April.

H. Burdge Caton, Vernon Spivey and president Dwain O. Potter reported on the Virginia division meeting they attended in Richmond March 7.

Tickets for the annual fishing

rodeo were reported as being on sale at C. C. Clark Motor Co., Byrum Hardware, Pruden Hardware, A. A. Lawson bait shop and Williams Taxidermist.

Game Group Adds 11 New Members

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They were admitted to the membership in a ceremony under the direction of the president, Dwain O. Potter.

Tickets for the chapter's annual fishing rodeo are now on sale at C. C. Clark Motor Co., Byrum Hardware, Pruden Hardware, Lawson Bait Station and Williams Taxidermy Shop, it was announced.

Izaak Walton League Will Meet Wednesday

SUFFOLK—The Suffolk-Nansemond County chapter of the Izaak Walton League will meet in monthly session Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee-Jordan Clubhouse.

Local Waltonians Induct 7 Members

Seven new members last night were inducted into the Izaak Walton League of America at the Lee Jordan Club House.

Assuming membership were H. K. Cooper, Atwood Holland, Ted W. Potter, H. M. Small, H. N. Bishop, R. D. Nichols and R. C. Green.

They were taken into the club in ceremonies under the direction of the president, Dwain O. Potter.

One of the new members, Potter, is the son of the president.

Game Group Installs Potter

Dwain O. Potter was installed as president of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League at the monthly league meeting held in the Lee Jordan clubhouse last night.

Others making up the new slate of officers are L. S. Burton, vice president; Henry Gram, re-elected secretary; and William Harrell Jr., treasurer.

Dr. D. C. Forbes was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors, left vacant by Burton who assumed officer status. Earlier, Jack Wrenn and Jessie Langston were selected directors by a nominating committee to hold three-year terms.

Remaining directors on the six-member board with two years remaining are Stanley Johnson, Norman Bradshaw and Tom Odom.

Potter announced new committee heads shortly after outgoing president Burdige Caton delivered a brief address. Named to committee posts were Willard H. Andrews, food; Webb Pinner, program and entertainment; Jack Wrenn, ways and means; Jack Neal, membership.

Heading special activity committees are Leonard Williams, fishing rodeo; Joe Haslett, casting instruction course; and Nat Thompson, hunting safety course.

Potter, the new president, is a U. S. Department of Agriculture meat inspector in this area. A native of Piqua, Ohio, he has lived seven years in Suffolk. He belongs to the Rodgers Deer Club, the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club. He admittedly is strictly an "outdoorsman."

FORMED IN 1953

With a current strength of 97 members the Izaak Walton chapter here was organized in 1953. Potter announced that the chapter is seeking additional members, and that anyone interested in joining may contact any chapter officer for particulars.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, usually in the Lee Jordan Club House.

Potter explained that the Izaak Walton League is a nationwide organization devoted to improving and perpetuating the nation's resources of soil, woods, waters and wildlife.

The organization, he explained, is named after a celebrated eighteenth century writer and angler who also had an interest in keeping down wanton destruction of wildlife and woodland.

He pointed out that the league is built around conservation endeavors, and is not a debating society of "drugstore fishermen." It started in the U. S. in 1922 as an association of outdoorsmen interested mainly in trying to halt a decline in fishing and hunting.

The local chapter is currently eyeing the possibility of buying 75 or 100 acres of land with intentions of turning it into a recreational area for members and organizations of similar interests, such as the Boy Scouts. It would contain a variety of facilities, including nature trails and an archery range.

Potter said the prime obstacle confronting the project's proponents is the high cost of land.

Annual projects of the chapter are instruction courses for young people in the proper care and use of firearms and instruction in fly casting. Details on this year's projects are still to be worked out.

Highlight of each year is the fishing rodeo, in which children bringing back the biggest string of fish receive prizes.

Play Area Planned by League

SUFFOLK — Development of an 88-acre Izaak Walton League recreation and conservation area for members will be started north of here this year.

The Suffolk and Nansemond County chapter of Waltonians will sign a lease, probably early this week, to take over the former Nat Gray Farm near King's Fork now owned by W. G. Saunders Jr. of Chuckatuck.

Plans call for:

- Developing a lake for fish-

ing and possibly swimming.

- Establishing a picnic and camping area with tables and fireplaces.

- Building a small-pore practice rifle range.

- Growing trees and cover crops to encourage a variety of wildlife to live on the area.

- Providing a growing-tree museum of all Virginia species.

H. Burdge Caton, Suffolk con-

tractor and past president of the

Izaak Walton chapter, is general chairman for the park project. He said the area will be used by members and their immediate families, but establishing of the park will have communitywide implications.

It is planned that it will be available for teaching of rifle safety, for Boy Scout camping and for teaching of wildlife subjects to school groups.

The park idea is expected to stimulate membership in the sev-

en-year-old chapter which now has 92 enrolled. The "members only" idea is not a restrictive one, Caton pointed out, but a means of assuring that those who share in its establishment will be the ones who will use it.

WOODLAND DEVELOPMENT

The 88 acres are located on the north side of the King's Fork-Red Top road. The sports club will lease the property for five years with an option to buy it at the end of that period.

During the first five years, it is planned to concentrate on development of the 28 acres of woodland and sublease the tillable land.

In the first year, it is hoped that a five-to eight-acre pond can be built and a picnic area established. The pond will be stocked with local varieties of fish, and fishing rodeos such as sponsored by Waltonians for the Cub Scouts last year probably will be held there.

The pond development is under chairmanship of Frank Crumpler and Staley Babb. Leonard Williams is picnic area chairman, and Harry Smith will plan the rifle range, probably also in the first year.

WOODLAND CLEANUP

Cleanup of the woodland is expected to be the first step. There is undesirable growth in the woods, and Hurricane Donna caused damage there.

The property will become a wildlife refuge, and for that reason, hunting will be prohibited there.

Along this line, the chapter will cooperate with other Waltonians in Virginia to bring back the edible chestnut trees. Seeds are to be planted here to produce trees resistant to the blight that killed chestnuts throughout the East a few years ago.

Wildlife food will be planted as a crop, as well, to encourage birds and animals to call the nature park "home."

FUNDS NEEDED

League members hope that there will be sufficient increases in membership to provide additional funds and workers for the project. "How fast we can accomplish our plan will depend on the cooperation of members and our financial ability," Caton pointed out.

Current plans don't call for establishing a clubhouse on the land anytime soon. The group

SHORT TRIP

His pickup truck led the way over a narrow lane leading northward. After a few yards it became stuck in the mud, Caton then suggested they walk.

Walking was no problem, though, for the fresh air and sunshine made it a pleasure to tramp down the lane and into the woods.

Within a few minutes the group had reached the woods and was pondering the aspect of the terrain. What they found was a ravine, deep but with gently sloping sides, comprising about 28 acres. To the right was open land which has been leased for continued tillage for five years.

DONNA DAMAGE

On both sides of the ravine were plenty of trees — many of them bent or uprooted by Hurricane Donna.

There was considerable underbrush which will have to be cleaned out before the Waltonians develop a lake for fishing (and possibly swimming), a picnic and camping area (with tables and fireplaces), a rifle range and an area for growing representative Virginia trees and wildlife.

"Sure would make good home sites," someone remarked.

"Don't talk that kind of stuff," snapped Caton. "There's too darn much of that going on already."

Just now the chapter has no financial worries over its project,

Wildlife Week Putting Stress On Conservation

"Conservation in the Schools" is this year's theme of National Wildlife Week here.

Wildlife Week, sponsored annually by the National Wildlife Federation and its state affiliates, is being observed today through Saturday by the Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Dwain O. Potter, chapter president, said "it is vitally important that conservation be made a part of the school experience of our children."

"The primary objective of the Wildlife Week campaign this year is to acquaint people, including educators and students, with the tremendous importance of adopting and applying the concepts of conservation to our everyday lives," Potter said.

HE EXPLAINED that resource conservation is a logical concern of the school—particularly to students taking social studies, history and science.

Potter pointed out that America's wealth and prestige is due to the once-bountiful natural resources of rich soil, ample water supplies, woodlands and extensive deposits of ore and abundant wildlife.

"Wise use of these resources, often lavish and wasteful in the past, must be practiced in the future if our country is to continue as a world leader," Potter continued. He emphasized that Communism has been more successful in poor, impoverished areas where people often do not have enough to eat.

Too, he said, wildlife conserva-

tion owes a lot to the hunters and fishermen "who help foot the bill."

"Conservation work performed specifically for the benefit of wildlife is financed largely by the hunters and fishermen who benefit most," he observed. "State wildlife agencies are supported by the sales of licenses and permits to participating hunters and fishermen."

EVEN FEDERAL aid in wildlife or fisheries restoration funds are derived from excise taxes upon hunting and fishing equipment, Potter declared. Waterfowl hunters buy federal duck stamps to "help support special work of benefit to migratory game birds." He explained that activities financed by this income include creation and improvement of habitat, construction of lakes, purchase of wildlife areas, composed of both refuges and public shooting areas, research and law enforcement.

"Fish and wildlife, however, must have adequate amounts of suitable food and cover and these factors are most favorable in areas where good soil and water conservation management is practiced," he said.

Nationally, Potter noted that Walt Disney, producer of the famed "True Life Adventure" nature movie series, is acting as national honorary chairman of Wildlife Week.

A proclamation declaring March 15-21 as Wildlife here has been issued jointly by Suffolk Mayor W. P. Griffin and Vernon Eberwine, chairman of the Nansemond County board of supervisors.

County Wildlife Survived Winter In Good Fashion

Nansemond County's wildlife "didn't have too hard a winter," Shelton Rountree, county game warden, said today.

Wildlife apparently pulled through the winter and at least two trying snows with no apparent ill effects. Rountree said he had received only one report of wildlife starving or freezing. This was a small covey of dove which apparently was stranded in the cold and either starved or was frozen.

Deer and bear in the Dismal Swamp enjoyed a bountiful winter with the help of local sportsman's clubs and the Izaak Walton League here. Sportsman planted a variety of plants along roadways in the swamp, and game had a choice of rye, barley and other vegetation.

Upland deer had the native bill of fare plus that offered by farmers. The deer make inroads on corn, barley, rye and soybeans. And sometimes, Rountree said, they take advantage of the peanut crop.

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THIS WINTER was no period of famine for smaller game either, Rountree pointed out. Squirrels had good pickings of acorns, nuts and other foods and rabbits, though probably without their daily carrot supply, pulled through unscathed.

Waterfowl were helped along by handouts at the State Game Preserve on Hog Island and at the Federal Wildlife Reserve on Back Bay.

In these places conservations had planted grains and sometimes scattered corn for the birds' consumption.

Rountree said this area was fortunate in that snowfalls usually don't last so long as in the western portions of the state. Probably the worst part of the season occurred when a record snowfall cloaked the county in early December.

Virginia Reel

By JIM MAYS
OUTDOOR EDITOR

Waltonians Meet in Mountains

HARRISONBURG — Every autumn Nature spills her paint box on the great hardwood forests of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

A thousand times ten thousand hues — from vibrant yellow to dazzling scarlet and every shade between — tumble like a painted waterfall down the mountain slopes to the rolling green meadows of the Shenandoah Valley below.

Dots of reddening apples punctuate the green of the valley landscape.

Against such a backdrop, the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League of America met here over the weekend and rededicated itself to the conservation of Virginia's "soil, woods, waters and wildlife".

CATON HONORED

Through some 200 convention delegates, the Old Dominion's 7,000 Waltonians honored a Suffolk man, H. Brudge Caton, naming him "Virginia's Outstanding Conservationist of the Year."

Caton, who has served as president of the Virginia division of the league for the past two years, was singled out for his efforts to bring about a resurgence of the League's influence and a resurgence of public awareness of conservation generally.

In a series of resolutions passed at Sunday's concluding session of the convention, the delegates put the League on record as:

1. Favoring a Virginia Advisory Legislative Council study of unclaimed boat fuel tax refunds. The League suggested that unclaimed boat fuel tax refunds be transferred from the general highway construction fund to "the appropriate agency", and that the funds be used by that agency for the construction and improvement of public boating facilities and boating safety education.

FAVOR MARINE RESEARCH

2. Favoring the continuation of "all types" of marine research now performed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at Gloucester Point, and

well as permanent damage to the deer range;

7. Requesting the state game commission to re-study the use of handguns for hunting with a view to revising the hunting regulations to permit the use of certain types.

Another resolution, which would have placed the League on record as opposing the construction of a federal hydroelectric dam on the Jackson River, was referred to a committee for further study and a report at the next quarterly meeting in Charlottesville in December.

This resolution precipitated a sharp floor fight, with Covington-area interests generally favoring the high dam and the rest of the state against.

The proposed high dam would flood some 3,500 acres of the 18,000-acre Gathright public hunting and fishing area which is owned by the state game commission. The commission bought the property with hunting and fishing license funds after the Virginia Electric and Power Company had determined that a power dam there would cost more than it would be worth.

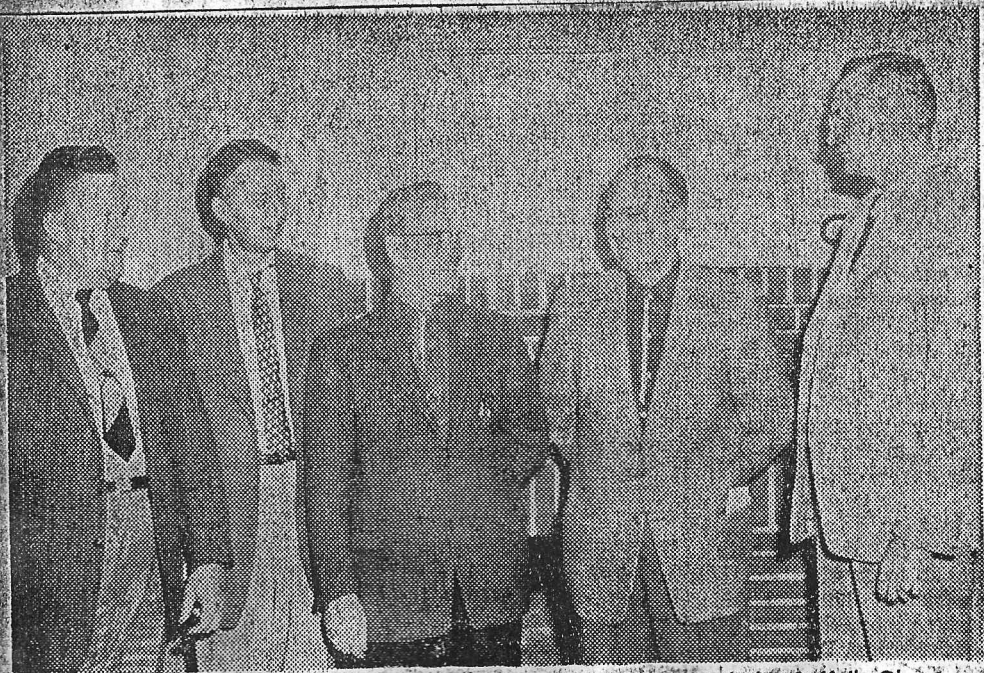
Covington interests, however, have petitioned the Corps of Engineers to re-study the project with a view to constructing it with federal funds.

OPPOSES DAM

The state game commission recently passed a resolution opposing the dam, and since federal law forbids condemnation of state property for such projects the only way the game commission is likely to surrender the property is for the General Assembly to order it to do so.

Such a bill would probably touch off a bitter General Assembly fight flavored with overtones of the classic public-power-versus-private-power controversy, state's rights and charges of "betrayal" by sportsmen.

New state officers of the Virginia division elected for the coming year were: David Martin of Gretna, president; William B. Blackwell of Lynchburg, first vice-president; A. R. Thompson, Jr., of Norfolk, second vice-president; Ernest Foldi



WALTONIANS INSTALL OFFICERS—Newly installed officers of the Suffolk Chapter of the Isaac Walton League are, from left to right, W. B. Harrell, treasurer; Henry Gram, secretary; Dwañ Potter, president; Burdge Caton, outgoing president, and L. S. Burton, vice president. (Staff Photo by Carden.)

3. Favoring passage of a law by the General Assembly to require life preservers and other safety equipment on boats powered by motors of less than 10 horsepower, and that the state game commission be directed to enforce safety equipment provisions on boats of less than 10 horsepower.

ANTI-LITTERING DRIVE

4. Requesting beer companies to incorporate anti-littering messages in their advertising;

5. Requesting law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement programs against littering. This resolution called for the state police to increase their vigilance against persons who throw trash from automobiles in violation of anti-littering laws;

6. Favoring liberalization of doe deer seasons and bag limits in the western section of the Dismal Swamp, where an overpopulation of deer threatens the survival of the deer herd as

HARRISONBURG (AP) — H. Burdge Caton of Suffolk and the Fredericksburg Izaak Walton Chapter were presented the annual conservation awards at the 12th annual convention of the Virginia Division, Izaak Walton League, here Saturday.

Fredericksburg received the C. C. Clark award in memory of the state conservationist. Warren County Chapter was the winner a year ago. Caton was singled out for his work in a conservation.

Resolutions calling upon all persons not to litter private property and highways, and favoring uniform boating laws, were adopted.

GATHRIGHT DEBATE

There was a heated discussion of the proposed dam affecting the Gathright public hunting area. A spokesman said conservationists generally oppose the dam, but no resolution was passed.

After voting down a resolution opposing construction of the dam, the league agreed to make a study of the question.

Officers elected were David Martin of Gretna, president; William P. Blackwell of Lynchburg, first vice president; Arthur Thompson of Norfolk, second vice president; Ernest J. Foldi of Annandale, secretary; and Thelma G. Snyder of Vienna, treasurer.

John R. Hicks, staff assistant, George Washington National Forest, was president of the host Rockingham-Harrisonburg Chapter. The state meeting was the first ever held here.

National Wildlife Week Observance Opens Today

SUFFOLK — National Wildlife Week opens here today under sponsorship of the Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

City and county government heads proclaimed this week as a local observance; a window display has been set up, and President Dwain O. Potter will note the occasion at the chapter's meeting Wednesday.

Mayor W. P. Griffin and county Supervisors Chairman Vernon G. Eberwine issued a joint proclamation.

Value of Resources

In it, they call for "the wise use of our natural resources—our soils, waters, forests, grasslands, minerals and wildlife—essential to the welfare of the American people." They asked for public observance of the conservation program and for stimulating of public action to bring about greater emphasis on conservation in schools and universities.

Potter said Walt Disney, producer of the famed true-life adventure nature movie series, serving as national honorary chairman of Wildlife Week.

Noting that the 1959 theme is "Conservation in the Schools," Potter said the campaign's primary objective is to acquaint people, including educators and students, with the importance of adopting and applying the concepts of conservation in everyday living.

The Key Club, student service group, has erected a wildlife exhibit in the Byrum Hardware store window in cooperation with the local Izaak Walton League chapter.

President Potter said he will point up the week's importance at the Wednesday night meeting of the chapter. He also will report on a recent state meeting at Richmond, in which death of hundreds of thousands of fish in western Virginia recently was of major importance and concern.

Waltonians also will view a movie of a Nottaway River spring boat trip, the forthcoming bait-casting course for youths and a fishing rodeo on May 30.

The local chapter will sponsor Mrs. H. Burdge Caton at an eight-week training program in conservation at VPI this summer, after which she will teach the subject here, Potter said.

Essays on "Conservation and Wildlife in the State of Virginia" recently were written by 28 high school students here for a statewide contest.

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Mr Burdge Caton
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Dear Burdge;

Surprised! Well don't be. I deeply regret hearing the reading of your letter of resignation at our March meeting in Richmond.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude for the outstanding job you did as our State President, also the vast amount of enthusiasm you gave to me as well as all Chapter members to whom you spoke. Even those who you threw shoes at on different occasions, This is the Burdge Caton the President that will be long remembered, this is the Man whos term of office has been referred to on many occasions as the years of unity when every member was ready to do his job under the leadership of an admirable person.

Burdge It has been brought to my attention several times the C.C.Clark tropie. Some seem to think that if any chapter wins the tropie three times in a row then they keep it permanently I am not sure about this. After asking many people about this I have come to the conclusion that the only person to ask is the man that was responsible for it's origin and that person is you and the Suffolk Chapter. So if you can give me the correct answer I would appreciate same.

Thanks for the Christmas card. The wife says Hello to you and Jack. Shelda has been in Radord college since Jan. seems to be doing fine. I could go on and on with this letter, but the wife says the chitterlings are ready and they are no good when cold. Thats all for now, but write soon do want to hear from you'all.

Lovenly Yours

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Dear Folks

This as you can see is not a Christmas card. For I have not as yet found a card that could express my thanks to God that I have lived to meet such fine friends as you people. Let us not over look the medium of which this came about, meaning our association in the League. I am happy to say that the past two years the League has given me more than I have put into it, your friendship as well as many others, the membership at large has given me two of the most memorable and educational years of my life. The inspiration given to me by you and the members of the State Chapter doing your term certainly proved your being selected for the Conservation Award. You have inspired more people than any other President that I have ever known, It matters not what happens this year the State Chapter shall hold it's own on the basis of the foundation that you layed while you were in office. For instance the Essay contest has increased 25% or better, WHY?. onlybecause of the work, the time, the interest and personal attitude showned by you, both as a Waltonion and as a dedicated citizen of America who has in mind the welfare of it's future generation to come. You and Mrs Caton are an asset to the city of Suffolk Va. An people who truly appreciate and enjoy the greatest gifts from God, humanity, true fellowship and the right to be an American that He may share the great outdoors, and the creations of all the gifts given by one who sacrâficed his life that we live to enjoy an share with others. All these things have no real monitory value, they are the entangable things, like the memories we shallh have in the years to come. Lets reminisce for a moment the night at Colonial beach, the meeting you and Jack attended thru the snow only to be a week late, the leg trouble hope it's over and the walk you and I had looking over your Chapter grounds. These are the personal things that make this a most Happy XMAS for me and my Family, therfore my family and I wish to extend to you and yours a most happy and healthful Christmastide. and a Peaceful New Year. Our Depth of friendship to you and Jack is as deep as our love of God.

Yours in Friendship

Sam Hayden & Family.