



WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CLUB CHAPTER, INC.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

MEMBERSHIP: 656

DECEMBER 1968

Fourth Largest Chapter in The United States: 587 Chapters in the United States:

MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled membership meeting of the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 1968, at 8:00 PM SHARP. Bring a friend and share some of the enjoyable times of a Waltonian.

CONSERVATION NEWS:

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Past President of the Izaak Walton League of America, received the State of Virginia's Highest Award for conservation efforts when he was presented with the Governor's Conservation Award of the year at the Governor's Awards Dinner in October, in Richmond, Virginia. Another conservationist who has dedicated many years of his life to the effort has finally been recognized.

There was an increase of 21% in the number of fish killed by pollution in 46 states last year. This represented 375 individual reports. Since statistics were accumulated in 1960, a total of 88,144,000 fish have been killed in 2,451 individual cases. The biggest kill last year was on the Boone River at Webster City, Iowa, where a form of ammonia destroyed 6,549,200 fish in a six to seven mile stretch. Just imagine the sport some fisherman could have had with these fish as well as the potential food value.

The Saint Mary's County Commissioners here in Maryland deserve a vote of thanks. They have rejected a plan by a 5 to 4 opinion, of the Steuart Petroleum Company of Washington, D.C. to establish an industrial foreign trade zone along the lower Potomac River and a fuel storage point where barges would be loading and unloading oil and gasoline with the possible chance of spillage and pollution to the Potomac. This does not mean that the decision is absolutely final, however, and the Chapter is writing to the Commissioners to keep the stimulation up and see if next vote won't be 9 to 0.

In another area of this newsletter I have reprinted a poem read by President Haik at the Virginia Division Convention in November at Natural Bridge, Virginia. This poem was written by Kenneth Ross, Upper Moreland High School, Pennsylvania. Maybe we had better begin to listen to some of our younger members. It seems this youngster sure has something to say.

DID YOU KNOW?

Conservation of Natural Resources, particularly woodland, goes back to 1626 when Plymouth Colony passed an ordinance prohibiting cutting timber on Colony lands without official consent.

Nature provides the Alaskan Fox with a tail large enough to act as a blanket for its nose and feet during cold nights.

The flight of the Canada Goose is heavy but powerful. It averages about 55 MPH. To cut down air resistance, Canada Geese usually form a V-shaped flight. These magnificent migrants sometimes negotiate a non-stop flight of hundreds of miles per day.

The first Chinese Pheasants (several dozen birds) were shipped to this Country in the early 1880's and liberated in Oregon. Ten years later, hunters bagged 50,000 on opening day of the first hunting season.

The cottontail rabbit has one chance in twenty of reaching its first birthday, yet it is one of our most common animals.

Each of the woodcock's eyes has more than 180 degrees vision, thus its field of vision has no blind spots.

The Humming Bird makes up to 200 wing strokes per second while the Wild Duck makes only eight per second.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

DEFENDERS OF SOIL WOODS, WATERS AND WILD LIFE

WELCOME PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome is extended to the following whose applications will be voted upon by the membership at the December meeting.

SPONSOR

Russell E. Arthur, 3430 Chiswick Ct., Silver Spring, Md. 20906	A. Longyear
Jay Bee Cox, 14303 Myer Terr., Rockville, Md. 20853	C. Parker
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Waldo B. Watts, 8313 Haddon Dr., Takoma Park, Md. 20012	A. Longyear

NEW YEARS PARTY:

Tom Apperti, Charlie and Gretta Parker have gotten together a New Years Party which I think will be a real bang-up affair.

December 31, 1968, 8:00 PM until you want to leave. There will be dancing to Stereo Music. Food will be served and included in the price as well as all the set-ups will be furnished. B.Y.O.L. There will be a limit of not more than 60 tickets available. Price is \$3.00 per person. You MUST make reservations now so they can plan the affair properly. Call Greta Parker at 942-3605 or Tom Apperti at 589-4210.

HUNTER SAFETY:

In order to complete the Boy Scouts Hunter Safety Course which we started on November 2, 1968 at our Conservation Field Day we have scheduled a Hunter Safety Course for the Scouts ONLY on Saturday, January 18, 1969. We will need the help of all of our Hunter Safety Instructors. Please contact Jim Glazier at 871-6758 for details.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Fellow Waltonians:

The end of another good year for the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter is rapidly coming to a close with a bright future in sight.

Due to our large membership, we have certain responsibility to uphold. We should show leadership in the County and take a step forward in conservation. I believe we are staffed with the men to make this a realization for the year 1969.

With the Holiday season upon us, may I wish each and everyone of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Your President,

Rudy Gollner

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

What better Christmas gift could you bestow on a member of your family such as a son, a brother, or a friend in your neighborhood; than a paid up membership in the greatest conservation organization in the World - The Izaak Walton League of America.

By such a gift, not only are you helping the local chapter, State Division, and the National Organization to carry on their many programs, but you will be introducing another person to the importance of preserving our natural heritage and how it's being done NOW - TODAY - by IWLA.

1969 DUES NOTICES:

Within the next few days you should start receiving your dues notices for 1969. You will notice that our dues have been raised to \$15.00 per year. As explained earlier this is necessary due to the many proposed projects for 1969 as well as a raise in the National Dues. PLEASE - When you receive these notices, place your check or money order, not cash, made payable to the Izaak Walton League in the enclosed envelope and mail NOW.

James H. Glazier, Corresponding Sec.

This poem has been reproduced separately so that you may save it:

IN THE END

In the end,
There was Earth, and it was with form and
beauty.
And man dwelt upon the lands of the Earth,
the meadows and trees, and he said
"Let us build our dwellings in this place
of beauty".
And he built cities and covered the Earth
with concrete and steel.
And the Meadows were gone.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the second day, man looked upon the
waters of the Earth
And Man said, "Let us put our wastes in
the waters that the dirt will be
washed away".
And Man did.
And the waters became polluted and foul in
their smell.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the third day, man looked upon the
forests of the Earth and saw they were
beautiful.
And Man said, "Let us cut the timber for
our homes and grind the wood for our
use".
And Man did. And the lands became barren
and the trees were gone.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the fourth day, man saw that animals
were in abundance and ran in the
fields and played in the sun.
And Man said, "Let us cage the animals
for our amusement and kill them for
our sport".
And Man did. And there were no more
animals on the face of the Earth.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the fifth day, man breathed the air of
the Earth.
And Man said, "Let us dispose of our
wastes in the air for the winds shall
blow them away".
And Man did. And the air became heavy
with dust and choked and burned.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the sixth day, man saw himself, and
seeing the many languages and tongues,
he feared and hated.
And Man said, "Let us build great machines
and destroy these lest they destroy
us".
And Man built great machines and the Earth
was fired with the rage of great wars.
And Man said, "It is good".

On the seventh day, man rested from his
labors and the Earth was still, for
Man no longer dwelt upon the Earth.
And it was good.