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Group Surveys Map of Lake Lanier for Sanitary Study
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Health Officials Promise Report On Lanier Probe

By **BOB SHORT**

Gainesville—Officials of the Georgia Department of Health promise to release the findings of a sanitary study on Lake Lanier "about the end of July."

William A. Hansell, project director, said that inspectors have completed their investigations but must evaluate the data before releasing results.

The study is the result of requests by local health departments in Hall, Gwinnett, Dawson, Forsyth and Lumpkin counties.

Officials in these counties have received several complaints of sanitary conditions at different points on the lake and shoreline for several years.

This, however, is the first examination of conditions in and around the lake, according to the State Health Department.

State Health director Dr. John Venable indicated that Lanier is not the only lake that will receive a good close look by health experts.

"It should be pointed out that Lake Lanier is not the only lake in Georgia with which we are concerned," Dr. Venable said.

"It was selected as the first area for intensive study for several reasons, including the heavy useage it draws from nearby urban areas, the general trends developing there and the interest and concern of the counties that requested our participation in this study.

Dr. Venable said the health survey is aimed at preventing human diseases and fish kills resulting from unsanitary conditions.

Harris Neck New Refuge

McIntosh County will be the site of another wildlife area, federal government officials report.

The new wildlife refuge will be located on the site of the old Harris Neck air field.

This will be the third major portion of McIntosh County to be set aside as a wildlife refuge. Butler and Champney Islands along with adjacent marshes and Blackbeard Island have already been established as waterfowl areas by the Georgia Game and Fish Commission.

Walter Gresh, regional director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said the 2,686 site has been transferred to his department from the General Services Administration.

The new refuge will include 900 acres of salt marsh, 700 acres of timber and brush, and 1,100 acres of suitable land for waterfowl food-crop production.

Gresh said the Fish and Wildlife Service will begin immediately to build the area into a waterfowl sanctuary.

This will aid the recovery of the national waterfowl population which has loses due to drought conditions in the northern nesting grounds, he said.

The new refuge will come under management of the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge.



Angler Robert T. Hilsman of Madison caught this "lunker" bass on a minnow in a lake near his home. The fish weighed 16 lbs., 2 ozs. and measured 26 by 24 inches. Hilsman is a member of the Morgan County Sportsman Club.



Deputy Wildlife Ranger, Howard Sweat, is Top Marksman
Scored 275 Points Out of a Possible 300

Pistol Packers Outdraw Bowbenders At Macon

By Tony Middleton

It was a tough contest, but the gun slingers won.

The archers followed close behind scoring 963 points out of a possible 1200. The winners—they took 1005 out of a possible 1200.

The occasion was the annual outing of the Georgia Association of Deputy Rangers which was held at the Macon, Ga., City Police Pistol Range.

Archers and gun lovers alike attended the day of festivities, and were not to be outdone by thunder showers which fell in early afternoon.

Chief Cliff Palmer of the Georgia State Game and Fish Commission and Attorney General Hughel Harrison were honored guest. They spoke briefly after lunch to the approximately 100 persons who were present at the outing.

The afternoon activities were highlighted by a shooting match—archers vs. gun slingers.

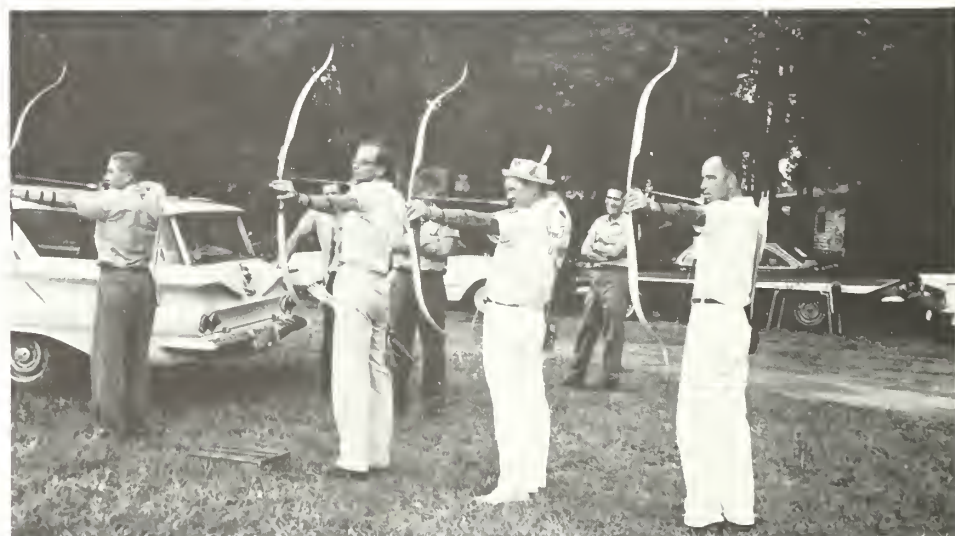
Howard A. Sweat, Georgia Wildlife Deputy Ranger, led his pistol packers to victory by racking up 275 points out of 300.

Bill Arnold, 50 Lakeland Dr., N.E., Atlanta, won the top archery title by scoring 248 out of a possible 300 points.

There were archery demonstrations and supervised shooting on the pistol range which added to the entertainment.

Door prizes were given to holders of lucky tickets, and motion pictures were shown as courtesy of the Georgia Game and Fish Commission.

Yes sir, the shooting match was a tough one, and the archers said their time would come. Until it does, however, the pistol slingers will reign as top marksmen.



Georgia Archers Participate in Meet at Macon
But Are Outdone by Pistol Packers

JOURNAL RAPS POLLUTION

From the Atlanta Journal

IT'S HIGH TIME that state health officials bore down on creeping pollution that's becoming more of a threat to Georgia's lakes and waterways.

The matter has finally come to a head at Lake Lanier where there have been repeated complaints about irresponsible dumping of refuse, garbage and sewage.

In the words of Dr. John H. Venable, director of the Georgia Health Department, the pollution density at Lake Lanier is going from the safe side of the scale into the dangerous end of it.

So critical has the problem become that the health department called a meeting Thursday of officials from the five lakeshore counties, but only two bothered to send representatives.

In May the lake had more than a million visitors and the reservoir manager pointed out that they left garbage and sewage equal to two days' sewage for Atlanta.

Yet little is being done at the moment to control this menace. The U. S. Corps Engineers has no authority to enforce health laws and the question of control is left pretty much to the judgment of those who use the lake and its shores. Education and daveice just aren't enough to do the job.

The state's water resources are among its greatest assets, but authorities have to recognize they are useful only if they are kept clean.

Obviously more responsibility will have to be exercised. The health department should proceed with whatever is needed to determine the full extent of the problem and the manner of dealing with it.

STATE STOCKS HIGH FALLS

The State Game and Fish Commission has completed its restoration program on High Falls Lake, Director Fulton Lovell announced today.

Lovell said department biologists have released over one half million fish in the state-owned impoundment.

Included in the stocking were 300,000 black bass, 65,000 six inch channel catfish, 300 white bass and 190,000 bream.

A forage type fish, threadfin shad, were also introduced into the reservoir to feed bass and other species, Lovell said.

High Falls is located east of Griffin. It was deeded to the Game and Fish Commission last fall by the Bowaters Southern Paper Corp.

The Game and Fish Commission will manage the lake for fishing and the surrounding area for camping, hiking, picnicking and nature study.



High Falls Lake Will Be Choice Fishing Spot
Variety of Fish in Store For Anglers

Boat Thefts Mount Commission Has Cure

A mounting number of boat thefts has prompted the Georgia Game and Fish Commission to publish a list of stolen equipment in Georgia Outdoors.

The Commission suggests these precautionary measures to discourage the theft of boating equipment.

First, a boater can take the precaution of locking his motor. The majority of outboards have holes in the handles of clamp screws used in securing the motor to a boat.

If the handles are tightened so that both point downward, a regular bicycle lock can be passed through the holes making it extremely difficult to remove the motor without breaking the lock.

A boat stored outside and left unattended on a trailer is sheer temptation for a thief. If he wants the rig the job of taking it is simple.

The Commission advises if you store your boat outside have it locked down in some manner. Your odds of keeping it will be much greater.

A heavy chain can be used to secure the trailer to some stationary object such as a tree or post. Another safety measure is to chain one of the wheels to the axle.

Also, keep the area where your boat

is stored well lighted. Some thieves are quite bold, but most prefer to work under cover of darkness. A light may help keep them away.

Insurance won't prevent theft, but it will make your loss seem less serious if your rig is stolen.

A record of ownership can be established if the boater will register a new motor with the manufacturer at the time of purchase.

If you should ever have any boating equipment stolen, immediately report the theft to the Georgia Game and Fish Commission, 401 State Capitol, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Following is a list of stolen equipment which has been reported to the Commission in 1962:

Stolen boat—14 ft. Larson, with 35 Johnson Motor, Blue and white with Blue trailer. Ga. Registration No. 2205E. Owner: Dorsey T. Simpson, 69 Goldie St., Marietta, Ga.

Stolen Boat—Make, description unknown. Ga. Registration No. 616E. Owner: C. M. Farrington, 3097 Leland Rd., Decatur, Ga.

Stolen boat—14 ft. runabout, 25 Johnson motor, Ga. registration No. 139E. Owner: Jack Fetter, 790 Monroe Drive, Apt. 1, Atlanta, Ga.

X-PERTS SAY PORK CHUNKS HAUL 'EM IN

By BOB SHORT

There's a wide variety of fish bait on the market, but you won't find any less expensive or more productive than pork chunks.

For just a few cents, you can buy pork baits in all shapes and sizes, such as frogs, lizards, eels, minnows and other fancy creatures.

They can be used on weedless hooks deep or, by reeling swiftly, as surface and near-surface lures.

Some anglers refuse to use spinners with pork baits while other swear by this practice.

Georgia Tech football coach Bobby Dodd is one fisherman who always uses a spinner with pork.

His lure creation, the "yellow sally," has enticed many big bass. Proof of this hangs in his office on the Tech Campus.

FISHING REPORT—Only Lake Allatoona offers real hot fishing nowadays. The other lakes have cooled off after an unusually good spring and early summer.

But, anglers should not give up on the lunker bass. Surface plugs, fished early in the morning and late in the afternoon, will undoubtedly land some big bigmouths between now and fall.



Enjoy the Sun But Try Not to Get Too Much at One Time
Sunburn Lotion Aids in Keeping Burn Controlled

Sun's Fun-But Only In Very Small Doses

The sun makes the summer. It warms the air, boosts the water temperature and extends the daylight hours. And sometimes, it even leaves its mark on the over-anxious sun-seeking boatman. You can avoid a lobster red nose and peeling skin, says the Evinrude Boating Foundation, by taking a few precautions to combat some of Old Sol's shenanigans.

First, keep in mind that boatmen are subject to a double barreled blast from the sun. When sitting in an open boat, they get the sun's direct rays as well as those reflected back from the glittering water. Until you become accustomed to this, it's wise to get your sun in small doses. As soon as you think you've had enough, cover up the exposed parts of your body and take a few other safety measures.

If you're especially susceptible to sunburn, it's a good idea to apply sunburn lotion to your face, arms, legs and other party not covered. Lips should also be

protected. For men, a little lip ice will do the trick. Women can protect their lips by wearing regular lipstick.

Sun and water can play havoc with your hair. To keep it from becoming dry and bleached, wear some sort of head covering when in the sun for long periods. A well-ventilated visor cap will help keep your head cool and, at the same time, shield your nose and face. Lady skippers often prefer a head scarf which also helps to keep their hair in place.

Although you probably won't need it for warmth, a lightweight jacket should be taken along on your summer boating outings. When you feel you've had enough sun, slip it on to protect your arms and neck. If you're attired in shorts or a swim suit take along a pair of thin slacks to protect your legs in case the sun becomes too hot. And don't forget sunglasses. They'll relieve eye strain and discomfort caused by squinting over the

RABIES DROP REPORT SHOWS

The U. S. Public Health Service reports a steady decline in the number of animal rabies cases over the past 15 years.

In its annual report, the Service said only three persons died of the disease during 1961.

One death resulted from a dog bite in California, the others from bites from rabid foxes in eastern Kentucky.

Georgia had no deaths during the year. There were, however, several cases of rabies reported.

Two rabid dogs and two rabid cats were examined by the State Health Department and found to be positive cases.

The U. S. Health Service says the decline in rabies cases has been due mainly to effective control of the disease among dogs.

But, despite a decline in dogs, health officials say the disease is increasing in many types of wildlife.

There was a substantial decrease of rabies in foxes in 1961. Only one-third as many cases were reported last year than in 1960.

California, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota and Texas showed substantial increases in rabies cases in 1961.

Georgia, New York, Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio, New Mexico and Alaska reported fewer cases.

sparkling water. Good sunglasses will also make it easier for you to see when driving a boat.

Get out and soak up some of that wonderful and healthful summer sun, but don't try to do it all at once. By following these common sense suggestions, you can prevent painful sunburn and get a better looking tan, too.

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