

scientific and recreational possibilities of the swamp."²⁷ Unfortunately, the Committee, and especially the U.S. Biological Survey, was looking for a refuge for waterfowl.

The Senate visit was followed by further studies.²⁸ Earle Greene, President of the Atlanta Bird Club, writing for the *Atlanta Journal* and Liston Elkins with the *Waycross Journal-Herald* wrote excellent newspaper articles following the Senatorial visit. The writers backed the plan to create a wildlife refuge. Other newspapers reported the visit.²⁹

The Special Committee on Conservation of Wild-life Resources, appointed under Senate Resolution 246, presented a written report in 1932 on their investigation of the Okefenokee Swamp. They concluded "From its investigation and the reports it has received from the Biological Survey, your committee believes that this immense area is not of primary value for migratory bird refuge purposes. However, it is unique in many ways and would make attractive and valuable sanctuary for all forms of wild life indigenous to this region." Members of the Committee believed that the Biological Survey should continue to consider the Okefenokee as a wildlife sanctuary, when funds became available and when some owners would agree to sell at a reasonable price.³⁰

During the summer the Conservation Committee of the Georgia Legislature made another trip to the Okefenokee. The purpose of the trip was to re-investigate the feasibility of building a canal across the Swamp.

Davis, and Harry Chesser. *Waycross Journal-Herald*, March 12, 1931.

²⁷Ibid. Also see: Migratory waterfowl shortage. Hearing ... on protection and preservation of migratory waterfowl in the United States, April 4-6, 1932. U.S. Congress. Senate. Special Committee on Conservation of Wildlife Resource.(1932), 652 p. Illust.

²⁸Okefenokee Swamp. Special Committee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources. U.S. Senate, 72nd Congress 1st Session, 1932, 1-15. U.S. Congress: House Select Committee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources: Conservation of wildlife: Hearings ... 74th Congress, 1st and 2nd Sessions, pursuant to House Resolution 44 ... 2 parts, 486 p. Illust. (1935-36). Wildlife Conservation: Report (Pursuant to House Resolution 44, 74th Congress, 1st Session) House Report 2, 24 p. (1937). Conservation of wildlife: Hearings ... 75th Congress, 1st Session, on migratory waterfowl conservation and restoration, June 16, 1937. 60 p. Illust. (1937). Conservation of wildlife: Hearings ... (pursuant to House Resolution 11, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) (1938) 342 p. Illust.

²⁹*Waycross Journal-Herald*, March 12, 1931. Earle Greene, "Sanctuary for Wildlife," *Atlanta Journal Magazine*, April 5, 1931, p. 7+.

³⁰"Okefenokee Swamp." Senate Committee Report, Special Committee on Conservation of Wild-life Resources, Pursuant to S. Res. 246, Mr. Walcott, Chm., 72d Congress, 1st Session, pp. 1-2. See above.