

of the Okefenokee Swamp showing the character and economic activities associated with the Swamp. They also included the route of the proposed canal. President Roosevelt authorized funds for a preliminary survey. This action stimulated the preservationists to increase their efforts.³⁵

The Georgia Society of Naturalists held their meeting in the Okefenokee Swamp on May 4, 1933. A number of members from Atlanta, Macon, and Valdosta attended. They explored the southeastern corner of the Swamp. Wallace Rogers, a wildlife photographer, made photographs and Willard Neal of the *Atlanta Journal* wrote a long article on the experiences of the members on the trip. He also noted that the meeting was very timely since there was an effort in progress to have the Swamp purchased as a wildlife refuge. The *Valdosta Times* and the *Waycross Journal-Herald* also published reports on the Society field trip.³⁶

The Society held a fall meeting in the Okefenokee on Floyds Island in November. Fred Hebard invited the members to stay in the cabin. "There are beds for five in the cabin." He also advised them to plan to split up into teams during the day to observe the birds. In their December meeting in Atlanta, the members held a mock trial of Dr. Wallace Rogers, the nature photographer, who had made photos of members in the Okefenokee in November. Fred Hebard "made a very fine talk on the Okefenokee and explained the efforts that are being made to have the Government take over the Swamp as a Wild Life Refuge."³⁷

In 1933, the Congressman from the 8th District of Georgia, Braswell Deen, announced his plans to get the Federal government to purchase a tract of the Okefenokee Swamp. He hoped to get "a part of the \$20,000,000 it [the Federal government] will spend on new forest lands." He noted that the tract "is plentifully supplied with fish and game ... and contains valuable timber." He added that the 8th District already contained

³⁵Waycross *Journal-Herald*, May 17, 1933; May 24, 1933; June 16, 1933; August 14, 1933; August 23, 1933; August 30, 1933; August 31, 1933; September 9, 1933; September 30, 1933; November 2, 1933; November 2, 1933; November 3, 1933. *Charlton County Herald*, November 24, 1933 (includes map). *Atlanta Journal*, December 10, 1933. Francis Harper to Roland M. Harper, December 11, 1933.

³⁶*Atlanta Journal*, June 4, 1933. *Waycross Journal-Herald*, May 1, 1933; May 4, 1933; May 16, 1933.

³⁷Fred Hebard to Earle Greene, October 18, 1933; Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society of Naturalists, Atlanta, December 9, 1933.