

I am of the opinion that one of the surest ways of insuring for Maryland, a continuation of interest in this matter is for the inclusion in the curricula of the schools of our State, a sensible, comprehensive course in conservation. By this, I mean that from the early days of childhood, our future citizens should be encouraged and, while in school, at least, be compelled to give a certain amount of thought regularly to the State's physical assets, and to the accepted methods of preserving them.

I believe, too, that the State should lose no opportunity to cooperate with the Federal Government along any lines that make for the preservation of our seafood or wild-life, and for the better use of our lands, forests, or anything we have. Such fact-finding agencies as are available in Washington, at the University of Maryland, and in the Chesapeake Bay Biological Laboratory at Solomons, are and must be, in increasing proportion, the beginning and continuing inspiration for any and every effort towards conservation.

In brief, if it is possible to condense one's opinions about such a comprehensive and many-sided matter as this in a few words, our attitude and our policy towards conservation is simply this:—That we must preserve what we have; that we must give serious study to the development and increase of every phase of our resources that offers possibilities, and in the matter of commercial development we must, along with the development, also find adequate avenues of distribution for the increased products; for only by showing our people a way to utilize these increases will it be possible to keep alive the desire for, and an interest in, such increases.

I am convinced, that there is no State in the Union where conservation, in every phase, is more essential, or offers more certain promise of generous results, than in Maryland, and I can promise you, gentlemen, that as long as I am Governor of Maryland, the State Administration will leave no stone unturned that gives promise of an advance in the protection and development of our resources.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries constitute a priceless public domain, belonging to the people of our entire State, and while recognizing the special interest of the watermen and others living along its shores, it should be administered and developed in the interest of all the people of our State. I am convinced that much can be done to further develop its resources to the economic and recreational advantage of our people and I believe there is enough intelligent interest and leadership in our State at this time to accomplish that objective.

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