Old fashioned conservation field day slated

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — The Izaak Walton League will hold an old fashioned "conservation field day", Saturday, October 11, at its Lois Green/Sligo chapter grounds in Gaithersburg.

According to Malcolm King, chairman of the event, the purpose of the field day is to preserve the 55-acre open space area using modern conservation practices to protect soil and water quality and to develop it into a wildlife sanctuary.

The focus of the day's activities is the completion of a soil and water conservation plan. Designed by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District and USDA's Soil Conservation Service, the plan includes construction of a one-acre pond, a diversion to channel runoff safely into the pond, a spring development, tree planting and thinning, a onemile long road on the land's contour, and wildlife habitat improvement.

The Lois Green/Sligo chapter is staking out a nature trail. The "Save Our

Streams" program, which King established during his tenure at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will carry out a stream stabilization project along a small tributary of Cabin Branch that runs through the property.

The Maryland Wildlife Administration will provide several thousand wildlife trees and shrubs to be planted that day by volunteers. There will also be a hydroseeding demonstration.

In addition to the conservation activities, the field day will feature all the fun and fanfare of an oldfashioned barn raising, says King.

Governor Hughes is expected to declare October 11 "Conservation Day" statewide.

Senator James Clark and Charles Savage will set up a still to demonstrate the production of gasohol from farm crops.

Robert Herbst, Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks of the Interior

speaker. Also scheduled to speak is Jack Lorenz, Executive Director of the national Izaak Walton League. The dedication program, at 10 a.m., will be staged at a newly constructed 34'x64' pavilion.

There will be music and exhibits, hay wagon rides, food and prizes, and a drawing for an energy efficient, micro-car.

The site of the field day, 55 acres of farm and forestland off Snouffers School Road in Gaithersburg, was donated to the Sligo chapter by the late Lois Green.

A retired District of Columbia school teacher and conservationist, Mrs. Green deeded an adjoining 220 acres to the county's park and planning commission. Her home, situated on the P&P parcel, predates 1800 and has handsplit ceiling beams. According to a local historian, the stone used in the basement had been ship's balace.

Mrs. Green made her bequests to the League and

Department, will be keynote the county with the stipulation that the land be maintained as open space for farming and wildlife. King, who helped set up one of the first farm game refuge areas on her property in the late 1940's under the old Department of Game and Inland Fish, says the only change the chapter made was to plant some wildlife skrubs.



Last year the concept of a conservation field day began to take form. With King spearheading the effort, the Sligo chapter announced their plans at a statewide meeting of League members in October 1979 and began enlisting help from other organizations.

"The response from individuals and groups wanting to help has been wonderful so far," says King. "We hope to have several hundred volunteers working during the event itself."

Among those contributing are: Easterday Well Trust.

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Herr takes Southdowns to Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Barbara L. Herr, Narvon, will be an exhibitor at the 1980 North American International Livestock Exposition, according to Harold Workman, Manager of the Expo.

Workman said Herr has entered nine head of Southdown sheep for cornpetition at the North American International, an event which will take place during November 8-22 in Louisville, Kentucky. The NAILE will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The North American International Livestock Exposition is entering its seventh consecutive year this season, and those who compete will vie for more than \$250,000 in total premiums and awards. Beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, Quarter Horses and sheep will be shown during the twoweek Exposition. Workman said entries this year promise to break the show record at 12,000 or more.

Livestock activities this year will include: five major Dairy shows; three National Beef shows and open shows for eleven other Beef breeds: four National Sheep shows and open shows for seven Sheep breeds; AQHA, NCHA, and NRHA approved Quarter Horse events and Open Quarter Horse Show; a Purebred Swine show and Market Hog show; Junior Steer show; Feeder Calf Show and Sale; Junior Market Lamb show; and twenty-five major sales for all species.

In addition to the extensive number of livestock which will be at the NAILE, Manager Workman has confirmed that the Great Lakes Circut Finals Rodeo, school tours, a horseshoe pitching tournament, children's barnyard and an extensive variety of other events, will be featured.



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