hunting licenses were sold in 1920, more than twice the annual number sold 10 years earlier. Human population growth soared during this same period. For the first time, pressures on wildlife habitats from population growth, local overuse, and economic development became recognized as the greatest threat to wildlife (Lendt 1979). The severe drought of the early 30's galvanized the need for action.

Against this backdrop, concerned individuals groped for ways to improve the quality and quantity of game populations and of public hunting opportunities. The dilemma brought action from an individual well known for doing something when something needed to be done. Jay Norwood "Ding"