

Bunk's Pond

In a secluded corner of Kinder Farm Park is Bunk's Pond.



Sunday fun on Bunk's Pond, July 1967

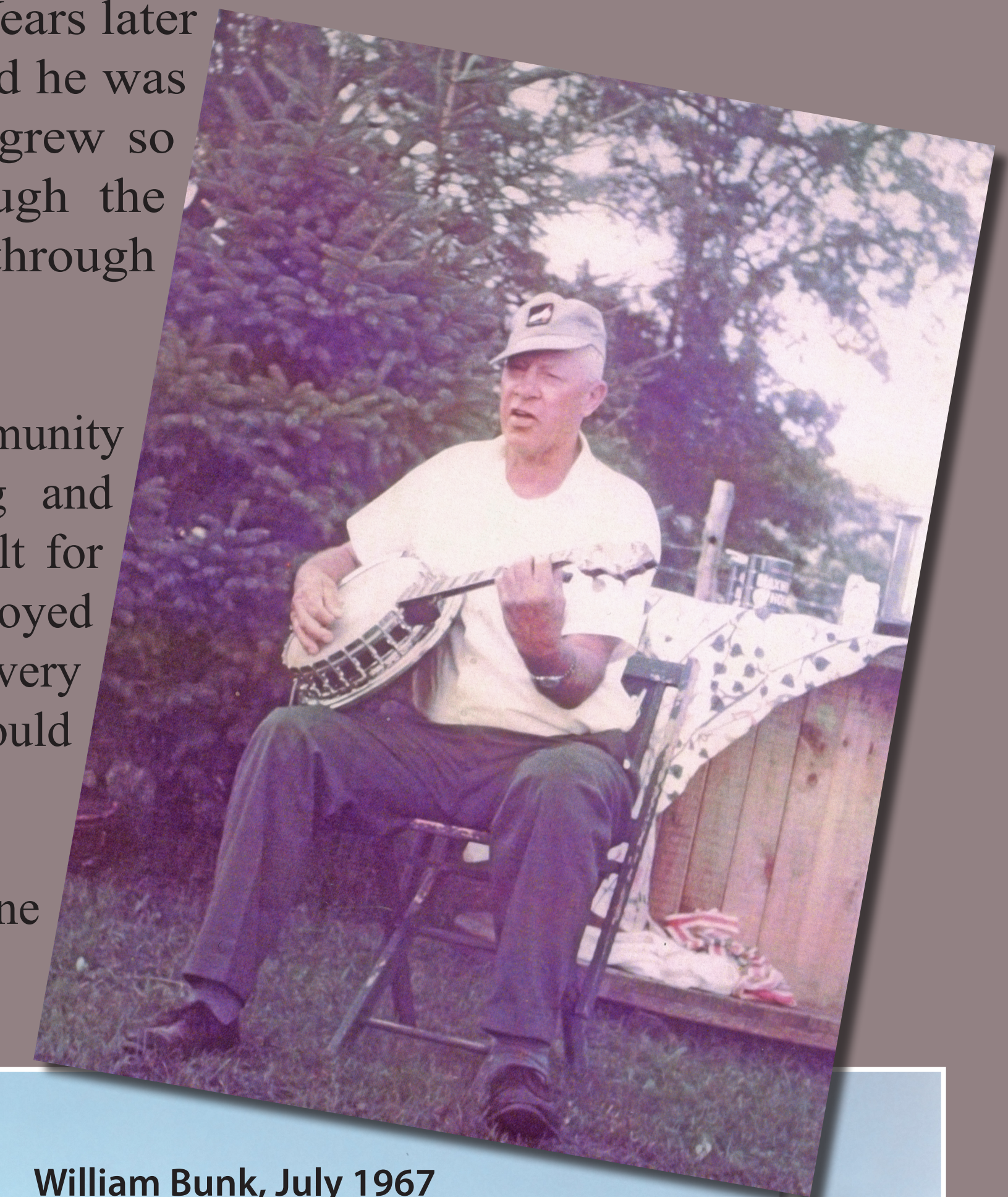
William Bunk lived along West Pasadena Road where he did truck farming on land his father, Frederick Bunk, had farmed adjacent to the Kinder Farm. William married Amelia Kinder in 1939. Years later, in 1952 he created a large pond from a natural spring that had been used for his personal water supply. With assistance from the Soil Conservation Service he designed the pond, hired a contractor to excavate, planted trees, and stocked the pond with bass and blue gill.

In the beginning the pond was located in an open area and one could see cattle grazing on the Kinder Farm. The water was so clear one could see the bottom. It quickly became a recreational site for young and old alike.

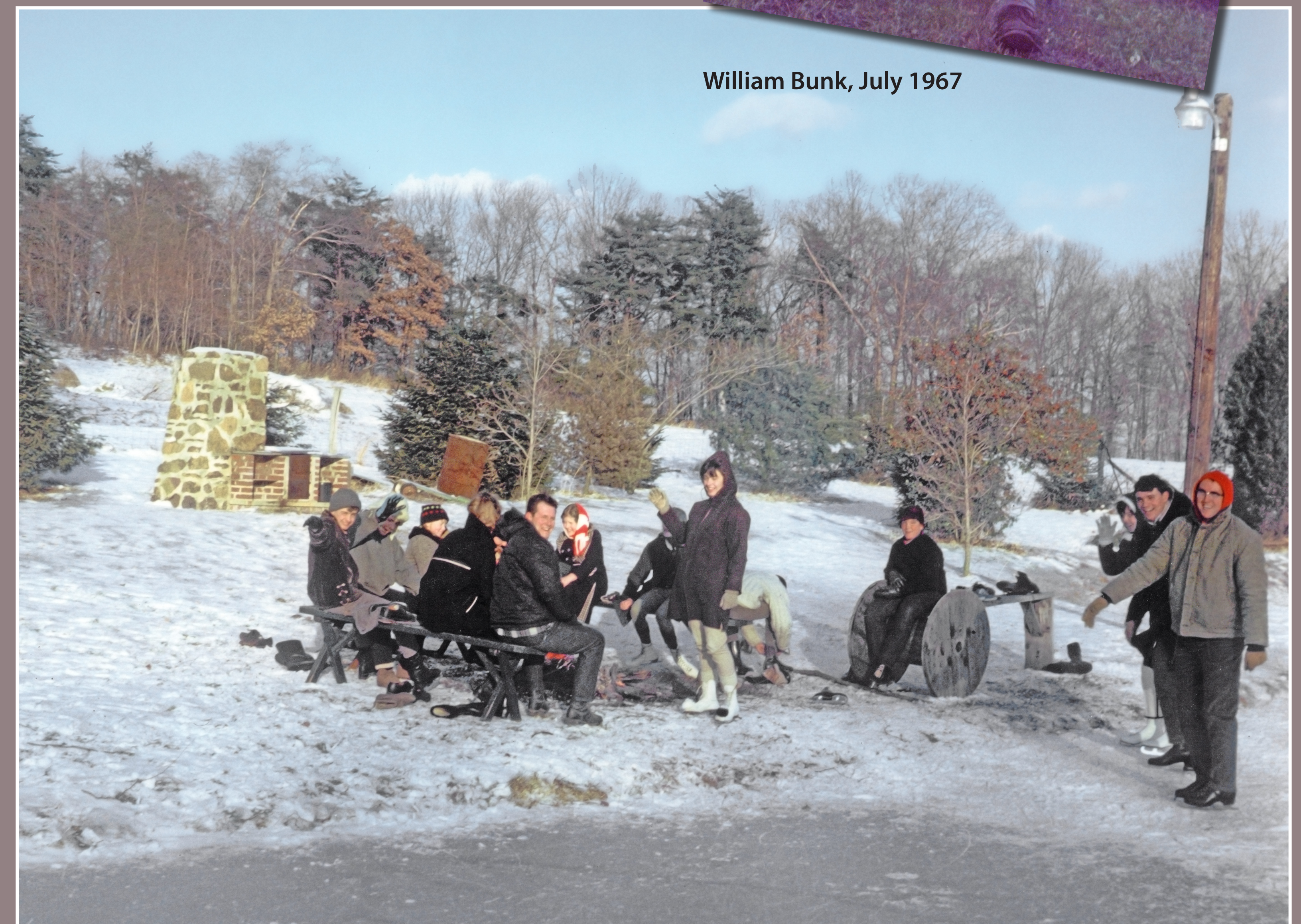
This location became a hobby for Mr. Bunk. Years later someone suggested Mr. Bunk plant bamboo and he was quite surprised and a bit disappointed that it grew so abundantly. Ever ingenious, he hacked through the bamboo and created a trail for the kids to wander through "the jungle".

Bunk's Pond became a family and community gathering place for picnics, swimming, boating and use of the large brick grill. A small train was built for children to ride and in the winter ice skating was enjoyed after Mr. Bunk checked the strength of the ice. Every Sunday families would bring food and Mrs. Bunk would always cook a great deal to "add to the feast".

In 1979 Mr. Bunk sold 5 acres and the pond to Anne Arundel County to add to the parkland acquisition.



William Bunk, July 1967



Ice skating party on Bunk's Pond, March 1968