

LAKES LOWERED IN VAIN HOPE TO RECLAIM LAND

Many Bodies of Water of Considerable Value Destroyed by Drainage.

Unless remedial measures are taken in the immediate future, Indiana, the lake State of the corn belt, stands in danger of having some of the prize possessions of the commonwealth taken from her, possessions that bring annually thousands of dollars to communities fortunate enough to be situated adjacent to the lakes. This is the statement of officials of the State department of conservation, who, for the past year, have kept in close touch with the lake and dredge ditch situation in the State.

Dredge ditches and other drainage projects in northern Indiana, in addition to costing individuals and the State large sums of money, have threatened to lower the level of the water tables of the State, and in many instances have appreciably lowered the level of many lakes so that cottagers and inn keepers about the lakes have appealed to the department of conservation to restore the water level in order that the lakes may not be destroyed altogether.

Unknown to many persons, perhaps, the level of many of Indiana's largest lakes is maintained through means of a dam, constructed at the outlet. By this means, only by an overflow of water running into the lake can the level be changed, and it is impossible for the level to be reduced.

Not many years ago it was a popular idea among farmers in the lake region that if they could reduce some of the lakes to a lower level, valuable land could be reclaimed. Accordingly many drainage projects were carried out, and the level of many of the State's most beautiful lakes was reduced greatly.

The farmers, however, were not to be a great awakening. And they got it. After their land had been reclaimed, they found it was practically worthless, as the raising of crops on it was hampered. They simply had much barren ground, most of it sand, on which it was impossible to raise any sort of produce. Now, the land is either overgrown with cat-tail flag, or swampy or lies barren.

Many appeals have been made to the department of conservation officials to have dams constructed at the outlet of many of the lakes, to have the water level thus restored to its old level.

Some of the lakes that have been lowered, and for which appeals have been made to the department are: Winona and Lake James, in Kosciusko County; Silver Lake in Steuben County, and Dewar Lake, in Kosciusko County.

The department of conservation is more than willing that dams be constructed at the outlet of the lakes, but the department is unable to do the work. It is unable for two reasons. First, because it has no money; second, the statutes do not give the department authority for such work.

When this had been explained, many persons have said they would favor local financing of the damming project, and then have the lakes turned over to the exclusive care of the department in order that the water levels may be protected.

The financing of the building of a dam would have to be borne by the township in which the lake is situated, or by the county, through the county commissioners, according to the department. While the department now has control over waters in the State, to a certain extent, the statutes do not define clearly to what extent this control reaches. Therefore it is powerless to act.

The value of the construction of these dams is infinite. There are many reasons why they should be constructed in cases where the water level of a lake is threatened with reduction. First, the beauty of the lake itself must be considered. To have a beautiful lake surrounded with large strips of barren desert land, or with thousands of acres that makes approach to the water unattractive, if not impossible, would be a deplorable condition.

Then, there is the pecuniary value in the lake. There are many who are fortunate enough to be situated near a large body of water have a bonanza that they do not care to see removed from their grasp. It is the means of thousands of dollars annually being spent in the community. Many persons, in recent years, more than ever before, have constructed cottages, which they rent to out-of-state parties from various parts of the State and other States. Hundreds of tourists annually visit the lake regions of Indiana, bringing with them new capital.

In addition to the monetary value, there is the value of the water as a place of resort to vacationists and fishermen. The lakes of Indiana abound in food and game fishes.

The following statement, taken from an official of the bureau of biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, sets forth the value of the holding of the lakes:

"Under proper conditions 'water farming' of many lake and ponds and of swamp or marsh areas will yield a distinctly larger return than would the same area drained and used for agriculture. Under intelligent management these areas will yield abundant and varied returns to the community, as indicated in the following brief summary of their productiveness:

"1. Food and game fishes.

"2. Wild fowl to be shot for sport and food.

"3. Furs, from such furbearing animals as the muskrats, skunks and raccoons, which frequent their borders.

"4. A natural ice supply.

"5. A definite and invaluable help in maintaining the underground water level in various parts of the State, and in helping hold back the run-off of rainfall to prevent excessive erosion and other damage.

"6. Opportunities for healthful and interesting recreation for the citizens of the State.

"7. Where such water areas are included in State parks or reservations they lend themselves to educational uses, and help interest the people in out-of-door life and in the natural resources of the State in the form of plant and animal life, which are such important elements in supplying useful commodities."

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Cleopatra and a Glimpse of Her Apartment.

Except for those occupied by the polar bear colony and the five troupes of performing seals, there is but one apartment in the menagerie of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows which is fitted with a private bath. This is the glass-front flat where lives the coy, seven-ton hippopotamus, Cleopatra, mascot of the circus zoo.

Should you engage Cleopatra's keeper in conversation, he will tell you that she is a rare find and that he has often caught her "making eyes" at the giant, and likewise bachelor, armored rhinoceros, who occupies the cage directly opposite.

This lady of the Nile is the largest black African specimen ever captured. She will "roar" afternoon and evening when Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined exhibit at Indianapolis on Friday, July 22.

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ment officials, would approximate \$500 or \$600. This expense would be borne by the township or county, and should the lake then be turned over to the department all further expense would be borne by the State. However, aid from the department would be given in the damming project.

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