

NATURAL GIFTS CAN SERVE TO HELP BUSINESS

Hydro-Electric Projects
Would Prove Boon to
Indiana Industry.

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In a subject so prolific of material as that of conservation there can be no scarcity of subjects on which to write, but I must confess to you that on this day, the anniversary of this column, your writer pleads ignorance of the subject that most interests you.

In the year past I have written at length on conserving the natural resources of our state. Deforestation of our water sheds, drying up our national storage basins by ill-advised drainage and cultivating land that never should have been plowed, falls under the natural classification of waste and the articles related to that have found support among a certain number of outdoors men and women who have the future of the state in mind.

Most of these readers, I found, have children in their families. Another group shuddered at the truth revealed in the articles on stream pollution and great strides were made by them last summer in advocating sewage disposal projects for their towns. Again, most of my correspondents had children who loved outdoor swimming and the health of communities was uppermost in their minds.

Game Saving Approved
The subject of game preservation apparently found the greatest number of readers. This is a form of saving that appeals to a vast number of persons throughout the country who find their greatest pleasure in the streams or the field. I am a trifle weak in that respect myself and find my greatest fun in playing hockey from the office to find solace in the solitude of a distant stream.

The articles on bird and animal habits pleased the boys. Their response was instantaneous. I am afraid I bore them stiff by selecting any other topic.

If you have a personal desire to select topics of discussion for the coming year, address a letter to The Times and we will collect the data necessary to bring out the facts.

Kankakee Project Advances
There are a number of important issues developing in Indiana now that will be of paramount importance to conservationists this summer. We are nearer now than ever before to the restoration of the Kankakee marshes.

The committee for the Isaac Walton League, headed by Bob Engells, East Chicago, is working for the sixth year on this project with the state department of conservation and the United States Biological Survey to restore at least a part of the old marsh and that effort completed, they are bound to re-establish a part of the duck flight through this state that is now destroyed down the Illinois river since the great marsh was dried up by drainage.

There also is the probability that the government will construct one or more flood conservancy dams in this state. It is hoped that they will be used to generate cheap electric power and be used to tie us into the high lines from the south.

A 2½-cent a kilowatt rate in Indiana would revolutionize business for all of us. We would not have to experiment with model cities; our people would prosper with the cities on hand with that rate.

Industrial Growth Forecast
It is not often that two birds are killed with one stone, but publicly owned hydro-electric dams will at once solve in large part our flood problems and our rate problems. The influx of new factories would follow as surely as after the discovery of natural gas, but unlike that boon to commerce, hydro-electric power is one commodity that is permanent; unlike a gas well, it can not be exhausted. In fact, with proper reforestation, with restoration of marsh lands on unproductive farm land, with horse sense applied to our future drainage needs, hydro-electric power can be increased and then made a uniform and permanent addition to our wealth.

If the people would control the future of Indiana, they will have to follow the admonition of Daniel Drew, "If a cat would eat fish, she must be willing to wet her feet."

If we want our own timber supply; if we want cheaper electric rates; if we want greater and saner opportunities to enjoy the rest periods brought about by shorter working hours, then we must build dams and get our feet wet in doing so. After that we can enjoy the created waters and forests. If we grow too old in the effort, remember your children.

ROTARY CLUB TO MEET
Members Will Be Entertained by Locksmith's Feats.

Audley S. Dunham, locksmith, will entertain members of the Rotary Club at noon Tuesday in the Claypool with feats of legerdemain. Also on the program is George W. Campbell, Cincinnati, song leader.

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CIVILIZATION NOW IS DISINTEGRATING, SAYS SEMINARY PROFESSOR

By United Press

CLEVELAND, March 3. — A gloomy picture for the future had been painted today by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of ethics at Union Theological seminary, New York, as the ten-day series of educators' conventions drew toward a close here.

Speaking before one of the final sessions, Dr. Niebuhr warned that the "institution of democracy can not survive" and that the world is coming to the "end of an era." "Civilization now is in a state of disintegration," Dr. Niebuhr said. "The world has built up a civilization in which there are disproportions of power. I see no possibility for any nation to preserve the instruments of democracy completely, because its system of production is incompatible with its system of ownership. Inexorable forces are expressing themselves like the tides of the sea."

PLAN PROGRAMS FOR RECREATION

Adults and Children Will
Take Part Bi-Monthly
Exercises.

Recreation programs in various city community houses will get under way this month, Miss Alma Teifert, city recreation chairman, announced today.

Two nights each month will be devoted to recreation programs for adults and children in community centers.

Programs will include gymnastic exercises, dancing and local talent entertainment. A sixty-five-piece orchestra under direction of Leslie Troutman, will play on the programs at different times.

Dates for holding the recreation programs are:

Christian park, first and third Friday nights of each month; Brookside park, first and third Mondays; Garfield park, second and fourth Mondays; Rhodius park, second and fourth Saturdays.

The programs will start at 7:30 and last until 9 p. m. Persons in charge of planning the programs are Miss Teifert, Mr. Troutman, Gilfred Burdick and J. T. V. Hill.

STATE OPTOMETRISTS WILL ASSEMBLE HERE

President of U. S. Association Will
Address Group.

The Indiana State Association of Optometrists will meet tomorrow at the Severin, it was announced today.

Honor guests and principal speaker will be Dr. Thomas McBurnie, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the American Optometrists Association. Dr. C. W. Morris, Ft. Wayne, Indiana association secretary, has charge of arrangements.

BANKS TAKE \$175,000 HEALTH BOARD BONDS

Six Institutions Advance Sum As
Temporary Loan.

Bonds amounting to \$175,000 were sold yesterday to six city banks to obtain a temporary loan for the city board of health for the period from March 15 to May 31. The banks submitted a joint bid and offered a \$26.35 premium with interest at 6 per cent.

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