

A Recreation Opportunity

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A water recreation area of some potential will be available for Davis County and it would be a shame not to take advantage of it.

The recreation area will be created by the Carter Creek Watershed that is now being planned by the local unit of Soil Conservation Services.

The watershed program on Carter Creek will be similar to the Big Wyandah Watershed that is now under construction. Its main purpose will be to control flooding along Carter Creek which begins in Moulton and runs diagonally through Davis County.

INCLUDED in the flood control project, which is paid for by the federal government, will be several water detention structures. One of these structures is expected to have at least ~~100~~ 300 acres of water surface.

It is this large structure, which will be located about nine miles southwest of Bloomfield and immediately west of Highway 63, that offers recreational potential to Davis County.

Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, said Monday night that the structure could be designed as a larger body of water than would be necessary for flood control. He said it is possible that it could have a surface area of as much as 300 acres. This size lake would be larger than Lake Wapello.

However, to make the lake larger than considered

control purposes would require outside money. The federal government would still contribute a large share of the construction cost, however.

Arnold said that this added money to make the lake larger could come from private or public sources.

The possibility of public sources providing the extra money to make this a recreation area is of interest. The project is one that the Davis County Conservation Board should consider.

THIS TYPE of local recreation area where camping, boating, water skiing and fishing would be available would be an asset to the community. It not only would provide recreation for local residents, but would attract visitors to the county.

The biggest problem for the County Conservation Board is financing. The board is prohibited by law from levying more than a one mill tax on county property in one year. This money is also to be spent in that particular year. But there are possibilities that the board could make arrangements for financing such a project. By all means any possibility should be investigated.

Regardless of the problems involved, the lake to be created by the Carter Creek Watershed offers a tremendous opportunity to improve Davis County's recreational facilities. We should take