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Want Way Cleared for Inland Waterway Plan

Chicago business leaders want the way cleared for the completion of the most northerly stretch of the rapidly progressing Gulf to the Lakes waterway. At present the big stumbling block in the area where the new canal system will link up with Lake Michigan are four bridges over the Chicago Sanitary District Canal.

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four of the busiest avenues in Chicago over the waterway, have never provision must be made to permit STATE BUYS TRACT sure their movement. As a conse- the city of Chicago." quence, big lake and river steamers find their progress up and down the waterway blocked.

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To Be Used As Laboratory in Which Forestry Policies Will Be Tried

As the laboratory in which future state forestry policies will be worked out, a large tract of land in Union county has been purchased by the department of conservation following an examination of the region by Director Ralph F. Bradford and Foresters Miller and Locke.

This tract which borders the Mississippi bottoms is the first acquisition of state forest lands under the \$50,000 appropriation provided by the fifty-fifth general assembly. It consists of 3279 acres and cost the state

\$11.22 an acre.

Desirable Area

In announcing the purchase, Director Bradford declared that the tract is one of the most desirable areas in the state as a nucleus for larger areas of state forest in the future. He intends to develop it as an example of the department policy in future management of such lands.

The forest region is northwest of Jonesboro and almost straight west of Kaolin and may be reached by the Wolf Lake road. Proposed state hard roads will be within convenient distance of the forest preserve.

In general features the new state forest is an oak-hickory forest region with some tulip and beech in the ravines. Some of it has been cut over but the cutting will not decrease its game value, which is one of the chief assets of the state forests, according to Director Bradford.

To Clear Roads

Old roads in the forest will be cleared and put in passable condition. This will give the department of conservation the skeleton of a fire protection system and make the preserve available or public use. A camping ground near one of the springs on the tract also will be probided by the state.

About 75 acres of the tract is to be used as a nursery for seed and transplant beds, under present plans of the department. Plantings will be made experimentally on eroded and brushy land by the forestry division.

In keeping with the terms of the Springer bill of 1925, the department may sell timber grown in the forest under the regulation of the director. Planting stock may also be sold at cost to land owners.

Following a complete survey of the forest, the department may designate portions of the tract as fish and game sanctuaries, according to Director Bradford.

Start New Cell House at Pontiac Reformatory

work on the new cell house at Pontiac state prison was started with the building of a stockade around the necessary gap in the prison wall. The new building will cost \$267,000 and will house 250 cells, each receiving two prisoners, if necessary. Contracts for new cell houses at Stateville and Chester prisons are expected to be let before the end of the year, according to Rodney H. Brandon, director of the department of public welfare.

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