

Falmouth Dam Should Not

Recently there was published in the Masonic Home Journal the following advertisement of a Cemetery Company offering "the Land for the Living". Yet, despite the apparent wisdom of conserving our soil and its productivity, we are faced with the alarming prospect of the inundation of thousands of acres of fertile farm land by a gigantic lake to be created by the proposed Falmouth Dam.

Since our pioneers forefathers wanted this land from the wilderness, and spilled their life's blood to defend it from the savages, this region has provided thousands of farm folk with the means of earning a livelihood and has enabled them to contribute their fair share toward the nation's production. It has provided employment for all who sought to labor, and, if left as God created it, it would continue to the end of time as the home of thousands of thrifty, industrious people who would produce, beyond all our power to estimate, the essentials of food, clothing, and shelter which are needed in the very soil of this vast area. Its potential productivity is incalculable. Its present calculation, for with improved farming methods, it would grow year after year yielding a bountiful harvest of all the products that have made the Niagara known the world over. It compares favorably in productivity with any acre of the state, and yearly, enormous crops of grain, hay, fruit, vegetables, dairy-five cent tobacco, and immense numbers of cattle, sheep, and hogs, find their way to market.

It would seem that we are faced with the paradox of a government that preaches conservation and practices destruction. Our population increases, our responsibility to help feed starving peoples abroad, and our rising standard of living—all these things cry out for increased production. And in the face of all this we deliberately cut off from production all the best farm lands of eight counties, namely: Bracken, Harrison, Robertson, Mason, Nicholas, Fleming, Bath and Rowan. Besides the thousands of acres to be flooded, other thousands would be rendered useless, surrounded by the impounded waters, so that only the hill-tops would protrude from the vast lake. What an economic folly to create a man-made flood, whose only purpose is destruction so far exceeded in scope all the floods we ever had, and whose remedy will not be a more temporary one than a permanent catastrophe!

It seems inescapable that the affected counties will be pauperized. Add to the already over-burdened budgets of county government the cost of reimpounding and rebuilding bridges, and schools, and subtract from county incomes, the taxes on the best farm lands and what do you get for an answer? Bankruptcy in any plan of economy that may be devised. One need not be an expert economist to see how vicious in this cycle and how devastating and far-reaching its effects.

In many instances, bridge sites can not be found. Where there are, hills on one side of the river threaten to slide into valleys on the other, and rising stands of miles of causeways would afford passage for trucks. As the cost of such work is prohibitive, this will mean isolation from the rest of the state for many affected areas, and highways and bridges, built at so great cost, will, of necessity, be ruined.

Millions leaving the state will, also, be submerged and all our present habitation are as nothing to the perpetrators of this disastrous project.

Let us take a look at other states. I cite the case of Florida versus the Atlantic. Here land is at such a premium that the water is removed from it by the proper method of dredging canals, and artificial land and flood walls are built with the sediment so removed.

In other states flood control dams have proved satisfactory. One need not be a scientist to know the simple fact that whatever the current of a river causes it to deposit the sediment it carries on the channel floor, must raise the flood level of the stream. Dams are not the solution to flood control, and far-sighted leaders have realized that a more sane method must be devised.

Let us leave the economic nerve for a time and take a look at the human side of the picture. Our pioneer ancestors entered this land by way of the river, the only highway into the interior. It was a fair land, and they said, "Here we will make our homes and our children's homes, and here we will make our reign supreme, and for all who come after us freedom shall be the heritage of a good land, a land of peace and plenty."

So the pioneer he hunted for the state, we will leave a farm from the wilderness. He built a home. He fought the savage to preserve it, and he was the first to enjoy the fruits of a land he had earned. Tranquil years followed, he made an honest living from God's good gifts, and today he sleeps near the river where he first came ashore.

Historic places, barns, grounds—nothing, it seems, has any sanctity. Up and down the river are the graveyards where lie our ancestors, and the sites of their last resting places within stone's throw of the river.

At historic Lake Lick, the remains of those heroes who died the supreme sacrifice! Surely it is not to provide a basin for the biggest fish good south of Lake Michigan. No, they were veterans of a time that some day the murky waters of a mighty man-made lake would rise to the level of the hills, and bring distress upon their descendants by destroying the fair lands they left to those who would come after them.

Beautiful Lake Lick State Park, pride of the natives, with its splendid museum of native stone, housing the finest collection of Indian relics in the state, will be partially inundated, the fossils of mastodons and other prehistoric animals now extinct, preserved by some mysterious process, as yet unknown, in a deposit of inestimable value to the archeologist. Are we not progressing backward to permit such a loss? There are some human values that cannot be measured in cold cash, and the history and traditions of a people are within this category.

Presumably our nation faces a critical housing shortage. In view of this where shall the evicted farmer go? Families who have lived in these valleys for generations must be transplanted, where can they find homes and farms when none are available? Such a mass exodus would necessitate so many new villages that a man could not find a home, but from a ruthless profit, masquerading under the title of progress. We have heard such recitals of the worth and dignity of the individual, as opposed to Communist ideology of state supremacy. Can it be that such was only mockery?

If a foreign enemy sought to take our homes from us all the might of our great government would raise its power to protect us, yet we are supposed to surrender our rights without protest. We shall be called upon to make sacrifices, and we shall be asked the right to keep what is ours, the homes we have earned, and thought if all people see claimed destruction, flood walls, and series of small reservoirs as a more desirable alternative. On the premise that things are true if it works, dam give five feet as a means of flood control. Dredging the streams to deepen the channels will do more to solve this problem than any other method. Flood walls, too, have proved their effectiveness, and if the exposed sediment of the river is removed from the river beds, this deposit could be used for their construction. If dams we must have, why not build them in mountainous areas where natural gorges would retain the water, and where the soil is neither so low-lying, nor so productive?

We must accept the use of atomic energy is here to stay, come war or peace. One shudder at the ghastly thought of such a target for an enemy bomb. God's gift to us there shall be wars and rumors of wars. The dams of Germany were bombed—and it could happen here.

Would it not be that it should paint an adequate picture of the misery and distress that will follow in the wake of this atrocious scheme. Presumably, we live in a democracy, but when the rights of the common man, the freedom of his buying, the tenure of his land, won by his toil and redeemed by his blood, all can be brushed so lightly aside, as if any wonder permit such a major disaster to be maliciously perpetrated on a helpless people?

One grant that we may find a better answer, one that will afford the most good for the most people, and the least suffering for the least people. Let us keep the land for the living! Written in 1946 by Mrs. S. K. Standford (now deceased)

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Views Exchanged
Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Bonnie Jean Whales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Whales of Millersburg and Elva Kashi Clark son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaah Clark of Carlisle, Saturday afternoon, June 27, at two o'clock, at Millersburg Methodist Church.

The double ceremony was performed by the Rev. William E. Parker. The bride wore a blue dress, blue accessories and a matching face veil. Her corsage was of red roses. Attendants were Miss Florence Ann Lawson of Millersburg and Joy Ratliff of Carlisle. Miss Lawson wore a pink dress with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The bride was graduated from Bourbon County High School and is employed by the Transylvania Printing Co. Mr. Clark attended Carlisle High School. He served for three years in the Armed Forces and is employed at I. E. M. in Lexington. For the present he will reside with her parents in Millersburg.

1944 Graduating Class
Awarded Gold Seal
The 1944 graduating class of Carlisle High School observed its 20th reunion night at the Millersburg County Fish and Game Club.

E. E. Pfanzelt was the principal speaker. The class of '44 was Mr. Pfanzelt's last as superintendent of C. H. S.

He presented Mrs. Sue Scott Woodall with the Col. Colonel Commission. Mrs. Woodall, Fresno California, is one of the farthest away to attend.

The following members and their families were present: Mr. and Mrs. Gayford Reynolds, Mrs. Ed Keuling, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Chalkinbeard, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Harwick, Mrs. W. J. Paul Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kariywine, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harper, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mavey, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Soper, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boardman, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, Cynthiana; Mrs. William Sims, Flemington; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cunningham, Kittington; Miss Emily Asbury, Louisville; and Mrs. Woodall.

Other members of the class of '44 include: Mrs. James Hamm, Isaac Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Osterman, Nathan Young Jr., W. B. Wrensch Jr., Miss Bess Cannon, Mrs. H. M. Washington, Frank Reynolds, Mrs. Ed Keuling, W. S. Atkinson, Mrs. Willie Boaz, Mrs. Hutson Hall, Cecil Robinson, Carroll Robinson, Mrs. Harold Rawling, Ralph Ezkin, Mrs. Tommy Booth, and Mrs. Tony Kondon.

SALTWELL
Mrs. Fred Holler
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gausse and children of Odville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fredie Gausse.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kenney of Lexington spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Rev. G. W. Haley and daughter Gloria Ann of Payson, Ill. was a visitor in our community on Thursday.

Ray J. Snapp of Finney, Town, Ohio spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sowell of Littleton, and Cincinnati spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler and his son, Mike remained for a longer visit.

Ray E. Snapp accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snapp and family to attend the funeral of Mrs. Snapp's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mc-

Ray Paynter and family of Middletown, Ohio, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Rosece McDuffie and children of Cynthiana.

Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Gausse attended a birthday dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Herrin and family of Oakland.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Brooks and family moved into the parsonage on Friday where he will serve as pastor of the Saltwell and Rose Hill Church. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ross Allison and Mrs. Elizabeth Gausse.

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