

To The County Commission:

It has long been my contention that the maintenance of the buildings "on top of the hill" at Lone Star Park, is a highly improper use of tax funds, for the reason that the facilities there are in the first place so old and in such poor condition that they are not worth the cost of maintenance.

In the second place those facilities are not needed and not used by Douglas County people. The records show that Douglas County furnishes housing together with electricity and water, to non-residents of Douglas County, at a cost to them of \$12.50 to \$25.00 per month.

Also, that housekeeping quarters furnished with electricity, water, electric refrigerator, beds (without linen) are furnished at a cost to the user of \$3.00 to \$5.00 per night.

That the annual insurance cost to the county on these buildings, is approximately \$488.00 per year.

That the joint earnings of the daily and monthly facilities in 1966, was \$1401.00, this includes \$150.00 paid by the Girl Scouts, for their building.

A study of receipts issued at Lone Star Lake to users of facilities there, shows that the use was as follows: -

FISHING PERMITS - - In County - 849  
Out of County - 619

MOTOR BOATS - - Out of State - 53

CAMPING (only water & toilets furnished) -  
In County - 19  
Out of County - 36  
Out of State - 123

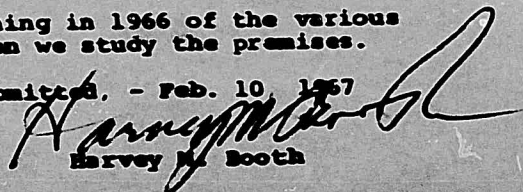
CABINS - - - - In County - - 6  
Out of County - 68  
Out of State 1

No estimate is included of the cost of labor and materials for maintenance and repairs of these buildings, but it has to be more than the income.

The Girl Scouts at present rent one building by the year and I think they and any like organizations should continue to have the opportunity to use these premises, but that all other buildings should be removed and the area developed for the recreational benefit of local people.

I have information as to the earning in 1966 of the various buildings which I propose to present when we study the premises.

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