

# Oasis Survey Completion Assured by County Funds

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The county board yesterday appropriated \$3,700 for completion of a groundwater survey in the Otter Tail County "Oasis" area centered by Otter Tail Lake. Total cost of the project is \$44,000.

Contributions from local sources, federal and state funds also have been pledged to determine the feasibility of irrigation in the area that covers about a fourth of the county.

Jeff Tikkanen, New York Mills, B. Jay Iversen, Perham, presented the proposal to the county board. The U.S. Geological Survey has dug 170 holes in the area and county assistance is needed if the study is to be completed.

Funds allocated include \$22,412 from USGS, \$11,213 from the state, \$7,500 in local contributions and \$3,700 from the county.

The survey is expected to show what effect extensive irrigation will have on lakes and local water supplies. Irrigation is increasing and about 3,500 acres in the area will be irrigated this year.

Proponents said land values double where irrigation is possible and that irrigation is one way of keeping people in rural areas.

During the discussion county commissioners expressed doubt

that the survey will show conclusively lakes will not be affected and they questioned profit aspects of raising crops on irrigated land.

Otto Haase made a motion for the appropriation after County Attorney Harlan Nelson ruled it was permissible and James Bucholz seconded the motion.

In other action yesterday the county board gave approval to three Resources and Conservation Development proposals.

Maple Mountain Recreation Area Inc., a non-profit corporation whose president is Wallace Hohman, is making application for an RC & D loan through the Farm and Home Administration. Estimated cost of developing a 2,200-acre area west of South Lake Lida for skiing is \$358,000.

Land purchase, clearing, ski lifts, two chalets and snow-making equipment are included in plans.

Muskies Inc., a statewide organization headed by Gilbert Hamm, proposes to spend \$21,700 for muskelunge rearing ponds near Battle Lake. The project will be an enlargement of Darrell Trumbauer's operation which has been one of the most successful muskie rearing projects.

The Battle Lake Civic and Commerce Association seeks engineering and technical assistance for a more permanent carp trap at the Clitherall Lake outlet. The group has been trapping carp there for some time.

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## KINDERGARTEN CLASS COMPILE

SEATTLE (AP)—The directions in the cookbook are simple and to the point: "If it's black it's done . . . add one pound cinnamon, two pounds of salt . . . if you hear them burning, turn off the stove."

The cookbook was compiled by Miss Jean Hobart's kindergarten class at the Campbell Hill Elementary School. The cookbook was a natural outgrowth of a discussion of measuring, which led to the necessity of measuring in cooking, which led to talk of favorite foods and recipes.

Miss Hobart edited "The Kindergarten Cookbook" but pointed out in a covering

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