

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Make Caddo Lake State Park a park for negroes. No expenditure. (Board Member T.C.Ashford has consent of leading citizens and major land donor.) This gives Negroes Cabins and Group Camp, good fishing and picnic areas.
2. Use D & D Campsite at Possum Kingdom Lake for Negroes. No expenditure if Highway department will do roadwork to make it more accessible. *Fishing, concessions*
3. To make a major part of Lockhart State Park a park for Negroes would be a big help. This would provide Negroes with a swimming pool. We have suggested letting the Lockhart Business Club continue operation of the golf course. By re-opening old tee No. 1 and using the golf house and recreation building on the hill, all of the course would be on the opposite side of the creek from the part turned over to Negroes. Some expenditure (about \$10,000) would be needed to repay the business men for improvements they have made on the building now used as golf headquarters. They have asked that parks board representatives come there and go over the situation to agree on what is best to be done. Definite recommendation on this, is therefore, withheld until local views have been obtained at such a meeting.
4. Create park for Negroes on part of 664-acre Stephen F. Austin State Park. Present picnic area and rest rooms adjoining old ferry site could be given to Negroes and a new park for whites be developed in the larger park area with which is connected only by a road right-of-way. Community leaders, however, prefer that the Negroes be placed at the west end of the larger park area though this will make it necessary to spend a considerable part of the \$40,000 available there, to put in new facilities for Negroes and lessen the amount for improvements for whites. If the Negroes are put in the new area some additional appropriation should be made. Perhaps \$10,000. The Highway Department is building a road and bridge to this area.
5. Accept 116-acre site on Lavon Reservoir near Copeville which U.S. Engineers offer. Expenditure to set up park there about \$20,000.
6. Accept most suitable one of two sites U.S. Engineers offer on Whitney Reservoir. Expenditure to set up park there about \$20,000.
7. Set up separated park for Negroes in northwest portion of 994-acre Tyler State Park. Smith County has built a road direct from Tyler to this portion of the park so a separate entrance will be established. Small dam, roadwork, shelter, latrines and disposal system will be needed, as well as clearing picnic areas and ball diamond. Estimated expenditure \$30,000.

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These steps would provide Negroes with parks in areas of heavy Negro population, and with the same sort of facilities available to whites. There would be a park for Negroes within 50 miles of Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio,

The major cost is at Tyler but it will enable us to hold oil rights worth far more than the expenditure. If the park continues closed the area will revert costing us both oil rights and the annual park operating earnings which last year were \$4,060.65.