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"Building for Tomorrow"

RECREATION PARK

Promises to Buy Property for New Lake.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson today settled the problem of land needed for the formation of a lake and recreational area near Rowlands Park by promising to buy the land and donating it to Latah county.

This will enable the soil conservation bureau to construct a dam across the creek a short distance from the old dance hall at Rowlands Park and back up the water for a distance of nearly 1000 feet. This main dam and a number of other silt-settling dams will create a 20-acre lake varying in depth from one to 20 feet.

Dr. Robinson's promise to buy the land from the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and donate it to the county clears all obstacles in the way of construction of the dam. W. A. Rockie, regional director of soil conservation with head-



Dr. Frank B. Robinson

quarters in Pullman has been insisting that the entire 60-acre tract of land now held by the Spokane bank, be deeded to the county before his organization will start work on the project. He has indicated that work will start as soon as the land transfer is made.

The Moscow man's promise comes at a time when civic organizations, interested in recreational facilities of the district, are casting about for a most feasible way to raise the money for acquiring the land. The task of raising the money either by public subscription or through donations by various institutions was doubly difficult because of the shortness

of time. Mr. Rockie had indicated that work must get under way before the cold weather sets in.

The need for raising the money by public subscription or similar method arose when the soil conservation director vetoed a plan which called for acquisition of the 60 acres of land by private individuals and deeding to the city enough land for the lake and a strip around the lake as well as right of way for roads to the lake.

Spends "Joyfully."

In announcing his decision to buy the property and donate it to the county Dr. Robinson said: "I and my organizations have invested several hundred thousands of dollars in this district, but of the thousands of dollars which I have invested here I do not recall spending one single dollar more joyfully than I do in connection with this project.

"Mrs. Robinson and I make only one request; that Latah county set up no restrictions which will bar anyone from enjoying the lake and surrounding area. I know of nothing which this district has been needing more than recreational facilities and the pleasure which residents from this entire

district are bound to derive from the project will repay me many times over for the money we have invested.

"I hesitated to make any suggestion on offer when the matter of acquiring the land first was made public. But when I saw there was grave danger of the project being abandoned, for the time being at least, unless the land was bought and donated to the county immediately, Mrs. Robinson and I decided that we could make no better gift to the district than this piece of land."