

STATE TO PURCHASE ENTIRE AREA LEDGES PARK, BOONE COUNTY

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Land Will Be Bought After July First; Secretary of Executive Council Confirms Report

A sum totaling \$42,746.32 has been set aside by the executive council of the state of Iowa for the purchase of the remaining area of the Ledges State park after July 1. Ledges park is located near Boone. Plans for the establishment of the park which have been hanging fire for nearly a year will be carried out as originally outlined. This information comes to Ames today authenticated in a long distance telephone conversation with R. E. Johnson, secretary of the executive council.

The state had already purchased 60 acres at the Ledges last fall, appropriating \$6,000 for this purpose. When the new executive council came in last January, it was found that it would be unable to carry out plans at once for the purchase of the remainder on account of lack of funds.

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Public subscriptions had raised \$16,248.77 with which to buy one-fourth of the area which was included in the agreement between the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the state board of conservation of which Dr. L. H. Pammel of Ames is chairman.

When Governor N. E. Kendall was at Boone for a Farmers' picnic June 14, he was asked concerning the status of the Ledges and gave assurance that the executive council felt that inasmuch as the plans had gone so far, the Ledges should be one of the first propositions of this nature to be completed. At a joint meeting held recently in Des Moines by the executive council and state board of conservation, the decision was made to purchase the balance of the land proposed for the area. The park will have a total of 644.28 acres.

Plans for the formal dedication of the park have not been completed. They will be worked out by Dr. Pammel of this city, in whose charge the final details for the establishment of the park were left.

Carl Fritz Henning of Boone has been named custodian of the park. He will take office July 1 and will be on duty at the park continuously, living in a tent there for the time being.