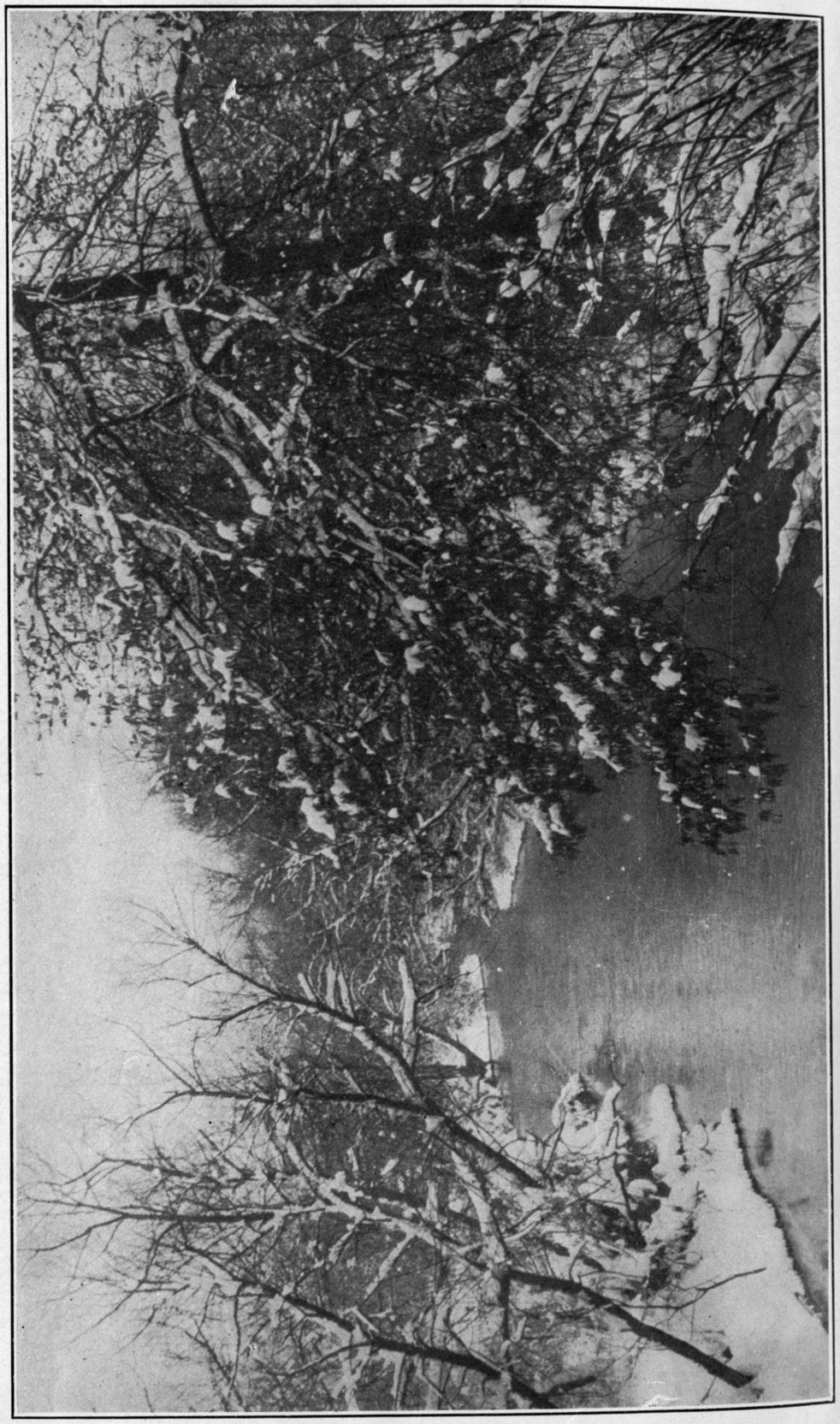


Winter Scene, Pine Creek—North Park

March 1, 1930.

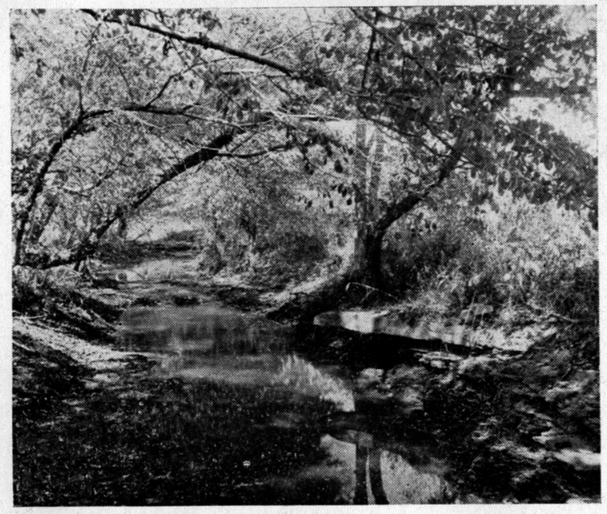
Board of County Commissioners,
Hon. Joseph G. Armstrong, Chairman.

Gentlemen:

The two County Parks under my direction have been undergoing a physical transformation during the two years past, and I respectfully submit a brief resume of the improvements effected, as well as an outline of those contemplated in accordance with plans submitted and approved by your Honorable Board.

Limited funds being available from year to year for park purposes, we have endeavored to plan improvements in both parks accordingly, keeping in mind such betterments as were deemed of the most immediate necessity.

No less than thirty-five picnic groves, four with dancing pavilions located thereon, four additional with shelter houses, and the others equipped for the accommodation of groups of from 50



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to 3000 people have been opened and made available to meet the demands of the people.

These groves are scattered over the entire area of the parks, with the exception of the space set aside from golf courses, swimming pools, and contemplated lakes, and are equipped with outside ovens, tables, benches, comfort houses, play grounds, baseball diamonds, where practical, and such other equipment needed to serve the convenience and comfort of the people.

During the year 1927, soon after the parks were acquired by the county, and before my appointment as Director, one hundred and fifteen permits were issued. for outings in the two parks. In 1928, under my administration as Director three hundred ninety-six permits were issued, in 1929 six hundred seventeen permits were issued and no less than one hundred requests for permits for the season of 1930 were received at the city office previous to February, 1930. It is, therefore, apparent that with the growing popularity of the parks as recreational centers, it will soon be difficult to issue permits for any group more than once per season.