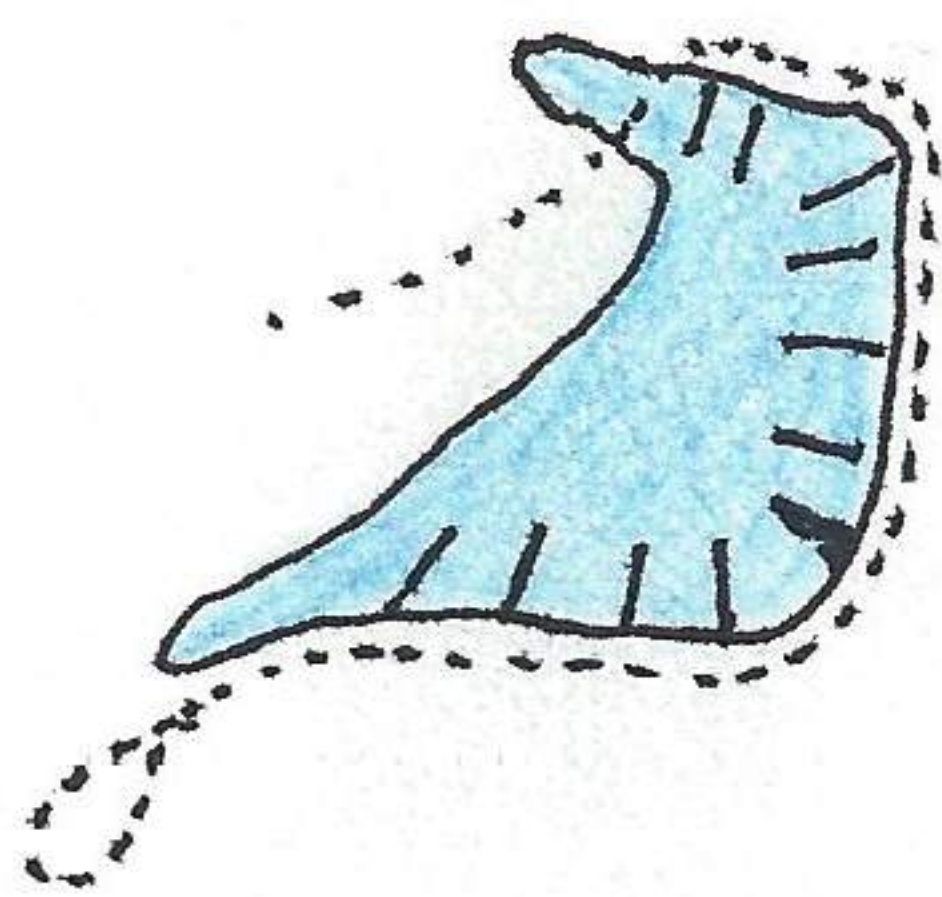


Lawrence, Kansas

Oct. 13, 1982

Annette and I drove the Barth to Linn Valley N of La Cygne where we were given a tour of the development site. Left Lawrence at mileage 18868 and travelled S to Ottawa, thence E on 68 to highway 69, thence S to Linn Valley (in Linn Co.). weather cool, windy. Birds between Lawrence and Ottawa rare, seeing only 2 mourning doves. Birds E to 89 also rare seeing 1 meadowlark, 2 mourning doves, 1 redtail (about 1/2 way across on 68) and 3 small sparrowlike birds. no blackbirds. On 69 S observed 2 redtail, 1 crow, 4 meadowlarks and some small sparrowlike birds. at Linn Valley we were not impressed. This highly developed area of small lots, when finished, will destroy the natural area and produce a slum zone. Diamond pendant worthless and pen & pencil set in lieu of \$25 check for defraying travel costs. These outfits should legally be set straight by law. Left area and drove to Miami State Lake for the night. This lake at one time was characterized by unique shorelines of cattails and partly covered with aquatic plants. Except for the E side of lake, the lake is sterile. It is lined with rock fill, a road



on 3/4 of shoreline and a dozen or so spokes of large rocks project out into the lake. This lake has been made into an artificial lake, which is excellent for fishermen, at the expense of a half way natural lake and surroundings.

This is an example of losing beauty for practicality of fishing. I am wondering if you can have both together. I would think so. I know of many natural lakes that are also good fishing lakes. On our arrival in the evening or better late afternoon there were 2 great blue heron, 1 little blue heron and approx. 2,000 bank swallows at lake. To the NW over mer de Cygne River were 60 turkey vultures circling ^{low} above a restricted area. They remained circling in this area for at least 25 minutes. I was not able to find out if they moved on or settled for the night in the area. The swallows became more active toward twilight and drank water from the surface of the lake. Some rested in tall