

The land is fairly rough, consisting largely of decomposed granite. Ponderosa pine and some Douglas fir compose the timber growth and there is very little brush. A small mountain stream crosses the property from springs in Section 17. Two log cabins of good quality, three smaller guest cabins, a shallow well and a concrete cold room are on the land. There is a low earth dam, and pipe lines run to one cabin. The cabins were built by the applicant under Government mining claims which he purchased from David C. Gallup on September 30, 1947, and from Mark Ayers on October 20, 1947. The elevation of the land is approximately 7400 feet. It is mountainous, the soil is of third quality, and is not suitable for agriculture without artificial irrigation. The land is accessible by 2 1/2 miles of dirt road, approximately one-half mile of which was built by the applicant.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$6800 would be accepted. Mr. Jones advised that he could not purchase the full 80 acres at the appraised price and requested the withdrawal of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 from his application. He offered \$3400 for the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, containing 40 acres, upon which the cabins are situated. The quantity and value of the timber is equal on each 40-acre parcel. No other application for the land was received pursuant to the advertising.

UFON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 16, T. 29 S., R. 34 E., M.D.M., including timber thereon, containing 40 acres in Kern County, to the single bidder, Edward V. Jones, at a cash price of \$3400, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.

7. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4926, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, J. A. HARRINGTON AND E. R. NEEDHAM - S.W.O. 5579.) An offer has been received from J. A. Harrington and E. R. Needham of Santa Margarita, California, to purchase Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Section 16, T. 30 S., R. 14 E., M.D.M., containing 608.16 acres in San Luis Obispo County. The applicants made an offer of \$1,216.32, or \$2 per acre.

The Assessor of San Luis Obispo County has assessed contiguous lands at \$4 to \$5 per acre. The subject land is more mountainous and is less accessible than contiguous lands.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 8, 1953, sets the value of the land at \$5 per acre. The land, located at an elevation of 1200 to 2000 feet, is mountainous, rough and poor for grazing purposes. Ground cover is principally greasewood, some chaparral, two or three pine trees, and very little scrub oak. The soil is rocky and of third quality. There are no existing access roads and passage could be had only over private lands.

Before the land was advertised for sale, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Needham were advised that the minimum appraised value was \$5 per acre. They posted the necessary amount to meet that value. The land was then advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$3,040.80 would be accepted. No other application was received pursuant to the advertising.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Section 16, T. 30 S., R. 14 E., M.D.M., containing 608.16 acres in San Luis Obispo County, to the single bidders, J. A. Harrington and E. R. Needham, at a cash price of \$3,040.80, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.

8. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 4886, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, IGNATIUS G. FICARROTA - S.W.O. 5493.) An offer has been received from Ignatius G. Ficarrota of San Jose, California, to purchase the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, and  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, T. 7 S., R. 4 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres in Santa Clara County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. Mr. Ficarrota made an offer of \$800, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of Santa Clara County has assessed other land in the vicinity from \$2.50 to \$3 per acre, thus indicating its appraised value to be from \$5 to \$6 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 8, 1953, sets the minimum value at \$5 per acre. The land is of about the same character as contiguous land, lies at an elevation of 2250 feet, is rocky, mountainous and cut by canyons. The soil is of second quality and supports sagebrush, a few digger pines and chaparral. It is poor grazing land, contains no streams, is accessible by an existing private road with locked gates, and lies about 12 miles east of San Jose and Mt. Hamilton. The only value would be for a cabin site for a summer home and for limited grazing.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, subject to future approval and listing.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, and  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, T. 7 S., R. 4 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres in Santa Clara County, to Ignatius G. Ficarrota at the appraised cash price of \$800, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals, upon the listing (conveyance) of said land to the State by the Federal Government.

9. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 10470, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CITY OF SAN DIEGO - S.W.O. 5233.) An offer has been received from the City of San Diego to purchase the  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, and  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 14 S., R. 1 W., S.B.M., containing 80 acres in San Diego County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The minimum price for scrip for this type of land has been set heretofore at \$5 per acre. The City of San Diego made an offer of \$400, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of San Diego County has assessed contiguous lands from \$1.50 to \$2.88 per acre, thus indicating their appraised value to be from \$3 to \$5.76 per acre.