

Drain Swimming Pool, War Memorial Unit, Wins Favor Of Bathers in Hot Weather

Drain's new swimming pool is a popular place on a hot day. It was started a year ago as part of the North Douglas War Memorial and was completed for use this summer. A dedication ceremony for the pool and the nearby athletic field is being planned for later this summer.

The pool is of concrete construction, 45 feet wide by 75 feet long. Its painted green bottom radiates coolness. When the thermometer goes up, the number of young people and adults at the pool increases. In fact, there are locker room facilities for 300 persons, says Bill Chatham, pool manager. Use of the pool averages about 120 persons a day.

Water in the pool is always pure, he pointed out. The water is furnished by the city, and although it has been purified once, it is purified a second time by means of instantaneous chlorination before it goes into the pool. "Our water is purer than drinking water," Chatham adds.

The system runs continuously and there is a complete change of water in the pool every eight hours.

If labor and materials for construction of the swimming pool had not been donated, Chatham said, it would easily have cost the community \$85,000. As it was, construction costs were kept down to \$45,000. The money was raised by donation from persons and businesses in the North Douglas County area.

Other Units Near Completion
The North Douglas Living War Memorial project also includes a concrete tennis court and a new athletic field, which is being completed nearby. Feature of the athletic field is the installation of 120 Westinghouse sealed beam lights, making it "the best lighted

field on the West Coast." A grandstand is to be erected. This project, together with field lights, will cost approximately \$120,000.

Also, there will be a playground for children equipped with slides, swings, teeter-totters, and other apparatus. The whole area will be landscaped with trees, shrubs and lawns.

Chatham, who is acting as manager of the pool, is coach at the Drain Union High School during the year. The pool has a trained lifeguard on duty at all times.

Junior Counsellors For Camp Tye Appointed

Junior counsellors for Camp Tye, Camp Fire Girls summer camp on the Umpqua River have been announced by Mrs. Sidney Domenico, executive director for Camp Fire in Douglas County. These girls will serve on a volunteer basis, assisting senior counsellors with classes and with other duties arising at the camp.

The list includes Janet Buckingham, Jean Pope, Donna Lee Pinard, Barbara Bailey, Mary Anne Foster, Noreen Allen, Nanette DesBlens, Nancy Allen, Arlene Coffman, Ethel Mae Wilson and Rosemary Spockman.

Mrs. Domenico has scheduled a training class at her home on the Garden Valley road at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8. All junior counsellors are urged to attend.



FALLING TREE TRAPS COUPLE IN AUTOMOBILE—An unidentified doctor (right) gives first aid to Albert Ledbetter, 26, Fresno, Calif., and his wife, Josephine, 21, while rescuers work to extricate them from the front seat of their car in which they were pinned by a falling tree limb in Fresno. Both suffered leg fractures. The limb, 50 feet long and two feet in diameter, fell 14 feet from a Eucalyptus tree across the hood of the car, smashing the dashboard down on the couple's legs. (AP Wirephoto)

Grim Drama of Broken Life Bared In Warehouse of Abject Misery

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (P)—A lady I know works in a warehouse of raw misery.

It is one of the vast hospitals built by the city to filter its ill and misfit. Here they find a quiet bed against the final darkness—one of every three who entered is under the shadow of death—or a refuge from a life crisis that cracked their minds.

The lady sees them come and go by the hundreds. She says her work each day is like reading an unfinished novel by Charles Dickens or Leo Tolstoy.

And she told me of one case in which she tried to help write a happy ending.

One patient was a small elderly man, grateful for her kindness. He was ill and had been picked up in an intoxicated condition, but she soon was convinced he wasn't a true alcoholic.

One day he told her his story: "Many years ago my wife died," he said. "We had four children. I had hard luck and couldn't take care of them. I put them in a religious institution—and then, well, I guess I just went to pieces. I faded out of the picture."

Son, Daughter Next
The old man left the hospital shortly afterward. A few days later the lady noticed his name

again on a roster of new mental patients. But the age was much younger.

Curious, she went to see the patient. He was in his twenties, but bore such a strong resemblance to the older man that she was certain immediately he was a son.

She tried to talk to him, but his mind was deep behind the velvet curtain that cloaks the schizophrenic from reality. She checked his record and found that a sister was listed as his closest relative.

Excited at the possibility of reuniting the family, she got in touch with the sister. A short talk with the woman convinced her that she really had found the son and daughter of the old man.

Diplomatically she brought up the possibility of arranging a meeting with the father.

"What is he like—my father?"

the daughter asked. "I don't remember him. As a girl in the orphan's home I used to wonder about him."

No Concern Shown

My friend told her that he was old and tired, that he had seemed to her a kindly man, and that his long-ago desertion still preyed on his mind.

The daughter thought it over.



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Then she said:

"I guess I don't want to see him now. It's too late. The other two children are gone. My brother and I are the only ones left, and I have to worry about him."

And she said bitterly:

"We've been orphans so long we might as well stay that way."

I asked the lady if the daughter had inquired her father's address.

"No."

Sutherland Hotel Has Change in Managers

SUTHERLIN—Johnny Brown, formerly of Willamina, Ore., has been engaged by Russell Hubbard, owner of the Sutherland Hotel, to manage the hotel and to assume the duties of ticket agent for the Greyhound bus station.

It is a coincidence that Brown will manage the hotel in place of Mrs. May Brown, who has resigned. The two are not related. Mrs. Brown, who has been with

the hotel management for more than four years, intends to take an extended vacation to the states of Washington, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

She expects to be gone about six months. She plans to spend next winter in Florida. Her trip will be made in her new automobile, recently bought.

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