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# IT'S A GOOD START

### By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Douglas County Budget Committee has included an item of \$10,000 in the tentative 1949-50 budget for use in acquiring land for recreational purposes. The appropriation was requested by the newly-organized Umpqua Basin Conservation Council, the coordinating body for the sports clubs of the central part of the County. Sports clubs of the western part of the County are affiliated with the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's Association, but the Umpqua Basin Council's proposal to the Budget Committee was referred to sportsmen of the Lower Umpqua area, who not only gave their own unanimous approval but secured endorsement as well from the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce and Reedsport Lions Club. Bruce Yeager of Roseburg, Council secretary, who circulated the petition among the directors for signatures representing the member clubs, reported he could have obtained hundreds of voluntary signatures had he desired. Employes at the Martin Box Co., Oakland, where he stopped to contact a Council director, almost commandeered the petition that they might join in the request, Yeager stated.

Readers of this column know that acquisition of recreational areas has been one of our pet hobbies. We are delighted that the Sports Council has taken the initiative in sponsoring the program and that the proposal has met favor from the Budget Committee.

The amount allotted in the budget is altogether too small to do more than make a bare start, but we are positive that residents of the County will demand more and more investment in recreational lands once the plan has been proven. Eventually, we hope, it will be possible to set up a countywide recreational district with an annual levy of one or more mills, money to be used in purchase and improvement of recreational grounds, employment of a park superintendent and recreational director to supervise public recreation grounds and to direct improvement work.

We had hoped more money would be made available for the forthcoming year (the Sports Council asked a minimum of \$30,000) but we believe excellent use can be made of a \$10,000 appropriation and that such an amount, even though it be small, will prove the value of the project.

We have been very shortsighted in public land acquisition. Some of our older residents, for example, will remember when "The Grove," that section of land lying between the net. He wore knee breeches, silk and hominy were staple articles railroad tracks and the South Umpqua River, south of Lane stockings, buckles on his shoes, of diet the year around. Com Street, could have been bought by the City of Roseburg for and ruffled laces at his throat. a mere \$2,000. Had the City purchased the land when it hand, wore leather breeches, a thereof. When a man had enough was offered, Roseburg would have had Oregon's finest municipal park.

Later the City rejected an opportunity to buy Alexander Park, now known as Umpqua Park, for \$4,500. Then, a few years ago, to obtain a fairgrounds site, the County bought about one-half the acreage for \$30,000.

The County Court only a short time ago had an opportunity to buy the point of land at The Forks for a small sum. The land was widely used for picnic and recreational use. About 50 boats were moored there. But the Court passed up the opportunity and the public now is excluded.

Hutton's Grove also was obtainable by the County at a moderate price. Here is one of the most beautiful spots along the river. It was frequently used for large group gatherings, as well as private picnics, and served as a moorage for many boats. Now it, too, has passed into other ownership and



Whittler's Paradise

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history of these United States is spread over nine volumes, as in my bright red set, by Ellis, The Library of American History, and goes no further than the year many details are included which, for lack of space, more con-densed histories must omit. Delving into the intensely in-teresting period immediately after the Revolutionary War, I gathered these nuggets for this column: Every gentleman, we are as-sured by Edward S. Ellis, M. A., powdered his hair, and wore it in

powdered his hair, and wore it in dled nicely by two stage-coaches. a queque. Frequently in a silk Beef, salt fish, pork, potatoes The "artisan" on the other ery dulled the knives of the users

checked shirt, a red flannel tea he placed his spoon across jacket, and a cocked hat. The his cup to stop refilling of the only hat factory in the country cup.

It's a chilling thought.

He adds:



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**Proposed Duel Between Top Air Fighters Of Navy And Air Force Draws Objections In Congress** 

WASHINGTON. May 20.—(#) Two congressmen objected Thursday to a high altitude cops and-robbers duel between the Navy's Banshee fighter and the Air Force's B.36 bomber.

They don't like the idea, they said, because it could let loose some information that neither the Navy nor Air Force would like to see disclosed. tone

see disclosed, Reps. Johnson and Hinshaw, California Republicans, sugested dropping the whole idea. The argument between Navy and Air Force over the vulnera-bility of the giant B-36 was pushed to the fight-it-out stage Wednes-day by the House Armed Serv-ices Committee. It suggested that now would be a good time to settle the dispute, eight miles up in the air. in the air.

in the air. The question is whether the B-36, operating ordinarily at 40, 000 feet above, could be intercept-ed by any fighter plane now in existence. The Air Force says no. The Navy says sure, and we are the ones who can do it.

This argument started a long time ago. It reached the boiling point over a Navy proposal to build a super aircraft carrier capabuild a super already photosit of build a super already photosit of build a super already carrier capa-ble of carrying large bombers. The Air Force position was that the multi-million-dollar carrier would infringe on its own long range bombing assignment, and that the money might better be spent in building more B-36s. Some Navy people scoffed at Air Force claims for the huge bomber. Secretary of Defense Johnson finally ordered a halt to construction of the big carrier, but that didn't stop the argument. That's when the House group stepped in with its sugestion. The air duel presumably would be fought with cameras, with a referee to decide whether bomber or fighter shot first and best. referee to decide whether bomber or fighter shot first and best. The committee said it should be an impartial test conducted by "appropriate authorities in the armed forces." It did not suggest where an impartial referee might be found be found

The Navy jumped at the sugges The Navy jumped at the sugges-tion. It promptly offered a list of four planes—three besides its jet-powered Banshee — as candi-dates for the job of puncturing the B.36s reputation. The Navy claims the McDonnell F2H-1 Banshee, its newest and hottest plane, can whip up tc 40,-000 feet in seven minutes. Some others, it says, are not guite that good, but are still good enough to lick the B-36. A Navy spokesman suggested

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COULEE DAM, Wash., May 19 — (IP) — President Truman will press a gold key in Washington, D. C., Friday morning that will make Grand Coulee Dam the A workman considered himself

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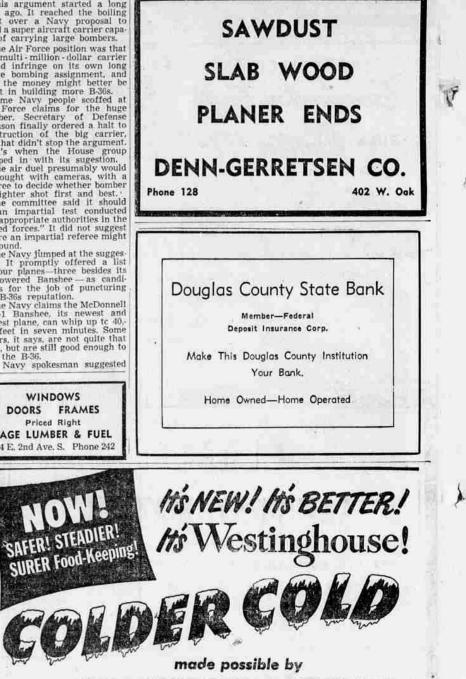
Bureau of Reclamation records how the Hoover Dam across the clorado River has a capacity of 028 000 bure has a capacity of 1,038,000 kilowatts.

F you've skimmed even so much as the headlines this week, you've noted that young FDR has been elected to Congress in New York. Clivic sectors in the com-bank. Eight more generator will have a same as nine others in the com-pleted powerhouse on the west bank.

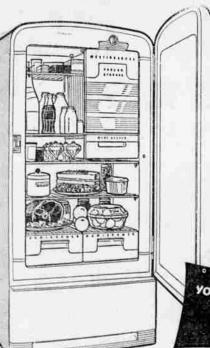
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We have listed only a few lost opportunities in and around Roseburg, but we could add dozens more affecting every community in the County.

Douglas County's population has doubled since 1944. It THEIR dilemma is made pretty distinctly across the tracks in probably will double again in the next few years. Due to shorter work weeks, more paid vacations, shorter business munist leader. He says: hours, etc., people have more leisure time and require more room to play. Furthermore, growing population is absorbing more and more of the desirable picnic groves, recreanational front." tional spots and river frontage, at the same time barring access by the public. If prompt action is not taken to acquire lands, the public soon will be unable to find a place to spread a picnic lunch or reach a stream for fishing without going into the national forest.

It is our hope that the County Court will make land acquisition a major project in the coming-years. The County should obtain access ways into favorite fishing spots. It should encourage donations of recreational lands to the of the first water in the Commu- heavy County's park system. Whenever rights-of-way are pur- nist vocabulary. They call us Faschased for roads bordering or paralleling streams, the purchase should include land between the road and water.

Personally, we believe it is as much the responsibility of the people of the County, through their elected representatives, to consider recreational facilities for the public as seriously as we treat health and safety. The County Court. in our opinion, is as responsible for safeguarding recreation munism, it "macht nichts aus" what happened on the fateful as for protecting health.

This responsibility is not yet fully recognized because, with sparse population and ample playgrounds, it was not too important. But, thirty years too late, we are beginning to awaken to necessity. The cost now will be higher than thirty years ago, but it will be less than ten years hence.

We're very pleased that the Budget Committee is recommending a start, small though it may be, on the recreational land acquisition program.

afraid of their own Communist set-up there. Maybe these East Germans they've made Commu-nist soldiers of have their fingers crossed and won't play. has been elected to Congressional New York City's congressional district to fill the vacancy created by the death of Congressman Sol Bloom. Eight more generators will fou-tow the one to be put in action by the president Friday morning. Two will go into service later this year, three in 1950 and the final three in 1951.

Franklin Jr., wasn't even a resident of the district, which is

HEIR dilemma is made pretty distinctly across the tracks in clear by a guy named Ulbricht. New York. He moved in when he across the Sierra Nevada. who is a top East German Comdecided to become a candidate

and put up in a not too hotsy-"The Communists should not totsy hotel. By doing so, he bedraw the line against accepting came what we used to call a former Nazis into the pro-Soviet national front." carpet-bagger in politics. He moved into a district where there

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That made it a cinch, because we're invariably for the under cists. Upon Fascists they have heaped all the odium they can dog and proud of it. A year ago, everybody was agreeing that

lay their tongues to. Harry Truman, the little man But circumstances alter cases. This is the BIG PINCH. It is from Missouri, didn't have a chance. It was too bad, but he the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party. If they'll was just out. That made Harry agree to beat the drum for Com- the under-dog and we all know what they may have been or may second day of November,

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