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LESS TALK, MORE WORK

Formal opening of Roseburg's swimming pool Friday night deserves a real celebration. If all the talk, desires and efforts put forth on behalf of a swimming pool over a long period of years could be offset by a combined expression of satisfaction in a job well done, Friday night's program would be something astounding. Formal dedication of the swimming pool marks the end of many years of wishful thinking and a comparatively few months of actual work. Success of the project, once it received determined action, should provide a lesson. We can achieve almost anything we want if we want it bad enough to work for it. Whenever we have had solidarity of purpose and cooperative action on the part of our citizens, we have accomplished deeds of impressive civic merit.

Several years ago Roseburg decided it wanted a veterans hospital. Our citizens got behind the project, organized support from various neighboring communities and achieved the goal in the face of stubborn resistance.

Some of our people thought the County Fair should be revived, while, at the same time, the Sheriff's Posse wanted a site for a rodeo. So, getting together, an ambitious plan was worked out: We have had an annual rodeo for several years and this year will stage our first County Fair in more than 30 years.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club saw recreational sites passing rapidly into private ownership and envisioned the day when few spots would be available near Roseburg for public use. Through cooperation of many local residents it obtained one of the finest recreational properties in Oregon—3,500 feet of river frontage and more than 100 acres on the North Umpqua River at Winchester. The land is so dedicated that it can never return to private ownership but must forever be available for recreational purposes. Now, the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council has succeeded in having \$10,000 placed in the current county budget to make acquisition of public recreational sites a county-wide project.

When need for additional hospital facilities became apparent, plans to obtain them were formulated. Opinions divided regarding the best course of action, but one group, which favored the Community Hospital idea, went ahead and raised a large sum of money through public contributions and is starting preliminary work on a project that will approach a half million dollars in completed stage.

These are only a few of the more recent accomplishments in Roseburg—accomplishments successfully terminated when people quit beating their gums and started working together.

It is interesting to look back and see how far we have come during the past few years.

Often we grow discouraged because conditions are not to our liking and it seems that progress is altogether too slow. But when we stop to take inventory of our improvements, we have reason to be proud.

Our pride in achievement, however, should not permit us to become blinded to the fact that many betterment opportunities remain. We have amply demonstrated the power of cooperation and determination. We have shown beyond all question of doubt that when we make up our minds a certain development is essential and decide to do something about it, we can achieve our purpose. The swimming pool to be dedicated Friday night is only one of many pieces of evidence that community cooperation knows no limit in achievement.

Looking back on our swimming pool project, we can wonder why we spent so much time talking and quarrelling about it when it was so quickly accomplished once the community got behind it under able leadership and brilliant execution.

Friday night's celebration should be more than a dedication of a swimming pool. Those who participate, as well as those who do not attend, should dedicate themselves in spirit and purpose to future programs of civic cooperation and enterprise that many more important projects may be brought to successful completion through less talk and more united labor.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

CVA CONTROVERSY

The Dalles Chronicle

Since President Truman's proposal for a Columbia Valley Authority was introduced in Congress last month, there has been considerable controversy over the measure from coast to coast. A number of eastern newspapers have endorsed the proposal in principle, supporting their belief in the project on the supposed success of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

There is much opposition to the plan in the Northwest, however. CVA is ardently supported by public power advocates, New Dealers and some proponents of Columbia development who regard CVA as a more efficient method of handling construction projects.

Opponents of CVA base their criticism largely on extension of absolute federal control over the area's economy. They fear that future political regimes may exercise dangerous powers that will leave the people of the Northwest with no voice in CVA administration.

efficiency is worth the price of extreme bureaucratic control under direction of the federal executive department.

We cannot help but feel that CVA falls short of a change for the better. Indeed there are other proposals that would expedite development of this region and at the same time provide a maximum of local control.

Past policy has been to treat Columbia dams as purely appropriation projects, combining flood control, navigation, reclamation and power, with a specific amount allotted for each. Despite Bonneville's primary purpose of power generation, the Congress must appropriate funds each session for operation of the administration.

A more logical approach would be creation of a CVA by the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, with representatives from each state comprising the governing board and naming an administrator.

This authority could borrow, on a businesslike basis, funds from the U. S. treasury for construction of Columbia projects, to be repaid over a period of years with interest.

Power and reclamation should be self-liquidating from revenues. Navigation improvements should be paid for by the companies and persons using the waterways, the

It's a Gift, Son!



Shanghai Police Wage War on Gangsterism



In a determined effort to rid Shanghai of crime, Municipal Police execute five gangsters who had victimized residents of various parts of the city. A total of 25 persons were executed in two days in this city facing imminent Communist siege. Red advances and war jitters have prompted an increase in the city's crime. Photo by Warren Lee, NEA-Acme staff correspondent.

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viaknett S. Martin

Who could help enjoying "A Connecticut Yankee?" As one who has always taken delight in the stories of King Arthur and his sixth century court, I find my pleasure heightened, not lessened, as I recall Bing Crosby gallily going his way through the pages of history: with the help of Mark Twain, a horse that presumably catapulted the youth of 1905 backwards into time, and a screen play that must have been fun for everybody in the making.

The duel between Who-ever-he-was and Sir Boss was a riot. Since the whole thing was a dream, anything went—and did. After all, if it somewhat satirizes King Arthur, shall we mind? Surely King Arthur, like all the celebrities who have followed and preceded him in history, must have had his moments when so much hero-stuff palled on him. Besides, it's just a dream!

It would be a pity to miss the opportunity to make the most of the picture in its relation to certain English courses, especially in the lower schools; it could even be used as a take-off into the Tales of King Arthur, the Round Table, and especially, ah, especially, the Idyls of the King!

Children, who can step at once into fantasy with the minimum

same as railroads must pay for laying their own tracks. Flood control should be financed by taxation of the areas receiving benefits.

At present every Columbia project proposed to the Congress is treated as an appropriation, and consequently must be a part of the annual budget. If government expenditures threaten to exceed revenues, as appears to be the case this year, river development is one of the first budget items to be cut.

Construction of dams on an amortization basis is the only sound method of development of the great Columbia. Power rates must be sufficiently high to guar-

antee a reasonable return on the investment.

Construction and operation of a CVA by the Northwest States would remove the danger of excessive federal control but still accomplish utilization of our greatest resource. Development would be expedited because congressional appropriations would no longer have to be sought, and construction of new power projects would be dependent upon demand.

Power would be sold at wholesale rates at the point of generation, with public and private power companies building their own transmission lines for carrying the power to consumers. Thus

the government would stay entirely out of the power distribution business, with local units of government deciding whether public or private concerns are to serve them.

Perhaps our thinking is wholly wishful, however. The powers in Washington want more federal control, and seldom treat with favor any suggestion for state or regional jurisdiction in resource development. We challenge CVA proponents to provide a logical argument in favor of a federal authority as opposed to a state-controlled CVA as outlined above.

WHO OPPOSES CVA?

Industrial News Review

The proposed Columbia Valley Authority is a national, not a regional, issue. It is true that the bill applies only to one group of states. However, it is equally true that CVA, if it passes, will be the pattern for other valley authorities covering every section of the country where there are important hydroelectric resources.

The powers that be, fearful lest the growing opposition to CVA may prevent its passage by Congress, are turning the heat on in an effort to sugar-coat the pill, to hide the fact that it would mean the death of local autonomy, and to silence dissenters. In the light of that, it is important for the public to understand just who is opposing CVA. Here is a partial list of individuals and groups which have gone on record against it: the governors of Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Nevada and Wyoming; the superintendents of the three most prominent municipal power systems in the area, Seattle, Tacoma and Eugene; every major newspaper and some 85 per cent of all newspapers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho; about 100 local agricultural, industrial and civic organizations, and a majority of the Northwest's Congressional delegation.

This opposition is not primarily concerned with the fate of the private utilities in the Northwest, nor in other commercial aspects of the matter. It is concerned with two salient facts. First of all, the region doesn't need CVA to get the most out of its power facilities. As Tom Humphrey of the Portland, Oregon, Journal, has written, "Oregon, Washington and Idaho are among the top 8 states in rural electrification, without a TVA, while Tennessee is 44th. The region has cheaper power than TVA."

Secondly, those who oppose the extension of autocratic socialism know that the region can handle whatever power problem it may have without surrendering more

In the Day's News

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motor stopped. So no news by teletype.

The news is put into type on a machine that is run by a motor. It uses melted metal. The metal is melted electrically. When the current stops, the metal cools and solidifies. It takes about an hour to heat up and get going again after the current comes back on.

EVEN the pictures in the paper depend on electricity. The print is made from the negative in a jigger that contains a bulb. No current, no light to print pictures with.

When the type and pictures are finally assembled into pages, we have to cast them into round metal businesses that will SPIN FAST when they go on the press. The machines that do it are run by electricity. The metal is melted by electricity.

You might say that only the boys who deliver the paper to you run on their own power. About everything else depends on what comes from Copco.

WE newspaper people have gone modern.

We have rest periods during which we relax and restore our energy that has been torn down by the speed and nervous tension of our exacting duties (that's our story and we stick to it). Our chief restorative is coffee. To save time, the coffee is made in a little kitchen of our own and served at nearby tables—when we don't carry it off to our desks.

Listen:

When the power went off, we had just absorbed most of the coffee AND THE MACHINES THAT MAKE MORE ARE RUN BY ELECTRICITY. We couldn't even sit down peacefully in the midst of the wreckage wrought in our day by the power outage and soothe ourselves with fresh, hot Java.

That came darned near to being the straw that broke the camel's back.

I CAN remember vividly yet the agonized howl that came from the men's wash room in the shop along about mid-afternoon. Somebody had gone in to take a hot shower. There issued suddenly these winged words, freighted with exasperation:

"No hot water! ****?!!SSS!!!. What the kind of a place is this anyway?"

Human flesh is frail. It can take just so much. When the hot water failed to flow, the bursting point arrived.

YOU remember Scheherazade's tale of Aladdin's lamp? If so, you'll recall that Aladdin became heavily dependent on the genie that appeared and did his work for him whenever he rubbed the lamp. When he lost the lamp, he was sunk.

Well, in these days were sunk when we lose our electric current, which is the modern genie of the lamp. (Especially in the newspaper business, where we're mechanized to the last degree.)

ME, I'm an old-fashioned bird. I've never been able to acustom myself to an electric typewriter, and when the current went off I went right ahead and finished the column I was working on.

AND THEN WE COULDN'T PRINT A PAPER, AND SO THE COLUMN I HAD WRITTEN COULDN'T BE PRINTED THAT NIGHT.

So that ruined MY day.

I'M never going to forget the sweet-voiced oldish lady who said to me over the phone: "You know, without the paper, my supper tasted flat like I was eating it cold out of a paper sack."

For me, that saved a day that otherwise was a complete failure. People are wonderful.

of its rights to the politicians. At present, it has a power pool made up of private utilities, municipal systems, and the existing Federal plants. The organization may not be perfect, but it is working. It got over the tight power period of last winter with a minimum of dislocations. It can meet the people's needs in the future.

CVA, like TVA, would be an all-powerful super-government, which would dominate an empire. That is the alien philosophy which those who oppose CVA are trying to check.

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DOWN IN THE DUMPS—A couple of scavengers try on brand-new gas masks for size in a Chicago dump. A war surplus dealer is having two million of them burned because he can find no market for them. The masks cost the government \$3.25 each during the war. The dealer paid five cents per mask last year and now has them piled three stories high in his warehouse.

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