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PARKS PROGRAM GROWS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

If Douglas county's public parks program never got further than the Winchester Bay development, it would be a very successful project.

We had the pleasure of accompanying the county parks board to the lower Umpqua area last weekend to inspect activities in that community. The prospects for recreational development are stupendous.

The Winchester Bay Tidelands Park and Boat Basin is a recreational project with almost unlimited possibilities. Here we have a large bay offering year around angling. To date only the unique summer salmon season has been exploited, but there is no reason why this resort area should not have all-year patronage.

The salmon fishing is spectacular. The season begins about the middle of June and lasts through September. Salmon migrating along the coast enter the bay to feed. Peculiarly, few of these are Umpqua river fish. Tag studies show that they are salmon on their way to the Columbia or to rivers of British Columbia. At the same time, the bay is abundant with striped bass, black bass, and other big fish. Occasionally, the fisherman may hook a halibut. In any event, he may be reasonably sure that any fish he hooks will be big. For this reason, fishermen come from far and near to throng the bay.

Difficult Management Problem

The county has obtained title to the entire bayfront, together with all riparian rights. Through donation from John and Ruth Ziolkowsky, the department has acquired a five-acre tract to be converted into picnic grounds.

Land acquisition now is well in hand, but the management problems offer many headaches.

With several hundreds of fishermen using the bay almost daily, space must be provided for parking automobiles, which have numbered as many as 2,500 in one day. Sanitary facilities must be built and maintained, boat traffic, safety regulations, etc., must be directed. One of the chief problems is that of handling concessions. It is necessary that rental boats be made available, but there is little space in which to operate boat moorages. This is a matter which must be settled soon. More facilities for charter and rental boats are imperative.

The Winchester Bay recreational development is in its infancy. The resort is beginning to attract more and more winter and spring anglers. It is a fine spot for perch, tom cod and various bottom fish. Local anglers are at present fishing a nice run of blueback trout. When fishermen from other localities begin to learn of the recreational possibilities of the bay at times other than the widely featured salmon season, the community will be busy throughout the entire year.

Favored Recreational Spot

We have long been of the opinion that the lower Umpqua area eventually will develop as one of the Pacific coast's favored recreational spots. It has everything. Within a radius of a few miles from Reedsport, one can enjoy bay and surf fishing, river trolling, bait casting, fly fishing, etc. Also nearby are lakes where one may take bass, perch, and in season, silverside salmon and sea-run cutthroats.

It will not be long, we predict, until big money starts moving into that area to commercialize recreational resources. The trend already has started at Winchester Bay, where new investments will yield in taxes within a few years far more money than has been spent on development. We expect to see large resorts built up soon throughout the area, with widespread advertising to attract vacationists throughout the entire year instead of during the summer season only as at present.

Many Sites Available

Our parks department very wisely has concentrated rather heavily in that section of the county and is gathering up lands in advance of commercialized recreation, thus protecting the public interest. Winchester bay will forever be accessible to the public, regardless of how many commercial enterprises move in.

We traveled over miles of mountain road to reach a park site at Ada on Siltecos lake. While difficult to reach by road, it is only a few minutes away from Westlake by boat. We also saw a delightful site on Smith river, at Otter slough. The county owns sand dune property near Gardiner. Several additional picnic sites are expected soon as donations.

The present outlook is that even though much river and lake frontage may be taken over commercially, as we believe is certain to occur during the next few years, the public will have enough access sites, picnic grounds, etc., that it cannot be crowded out.

Improvement and development of sites other than the Winchester Bay properties can be delayed, as they are not immediately needed. But the day will come, we predict, when the foresight of the parks department in preserving sites will meet enthusiastic and grateful commendation.



By Viaknett S. Martin

Gladys Workman (Scottsburg) told me such a lovely story recently when we stopped in to ask how her plan of taking Aileen Latin down to the Los Angeles Hobby show had worked out. The Workmans engaged a nurse, you know, for Aileen, and drove down in the station wagon. Aileen stood the 900-mile trip "just fine!" She could hardly wait to start working at the Hobby show!

Aileen holds her paint brush, or ceramics tools which have been extended, in her teeth. "She is a star pupil," says Gladys. "She can do just about anything my other students do! And what an attraction she was at the show! She is such a happy person. Never a mile sorry for herself!"

But fourteen years ago Aileen was not happy. She lay in an iron lung, and had given up hope. Then she heard Helen Keller speak on the radio. She asked the nurse to write her thanks to Miss Keller. She received Miss Keller's book, "Let Us Have Faith." She wrote her own thanks for that book by learning to hold a pencil in her teeth.

Gladys Workman became interested in her—as she is in all handicapped people. She travels hundreds of miles teaching them, gratis—and then:

"How would you like to go to



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Reader Opinions

WASHINGTON—Of Would-Be Hoovers: Liberals, left-wingers, assorted Democrats and a brace of peephole journalists in Washington have a new hero. He is Edward Morgan, chief of the enforcement division of the Office of Price Stabilization.

Envisioning himself as a sort of junior J. Edgar Hoover, Morgan is playing the role of OPS Director Michael DeSalle's Dick Tracy to the hilt. He has the job of running down price gougers, although after two months in office little other than rumors and predictions of pending arrests has materialized.

Morgan is best remembered in Washington as the man who mixed the whitewash used by the Senate subcommittee that "investigated" Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's charges of Communists in the State department. He is a short-tim ex-FBI agent who actually believes it when told that as a good Democrat he someday may replace Hoover as FBI director.

About the only comparison to this misfortune would be President Truman had replaced Gen. Douglas MacArthur with Gen. Harry Vaughan. And public reaction would be as loud and long.

Morgan came up with a cute gimmick the other day that explains how seriously this junior G-men regards himself. He wrote letters to FBI police academy graduates pointing out the virtues of playing economic cops and robbers in Washington under his direction.

The FBI police academy is an advanced training school in crime detection, including subversive activities, which is popular with police officials and county sheriffs.

The county sheriffs I talked to said Morgan indicated that the success of the nation's defense program depends on the enforcement of the OPS enforcement division, hence he was trying to hire city and county officials. Instead of being flattered by the attention, most of the sheriffs considered their police duties now, and specially in the event of war, of more importance than chasing butchers around the block—Morgan notwithstanding.

Of Oyster Forks:—As reported

Las Angeles... "Out of that loving desire to give a room-bound invalid something new to think of, came such things as a trip to the circus for Aileen! Visits to movie studios, Stars asked to have their pictures taken with her, Norris Leap a reporter on the Los Angeles Times, wrote her story. The editor of Ceramics became interested. So did Mae West's writer, Ben Ellison... There was a party at the Brown Derby with Aileen as the star... The Times publicized the Aileen Luffin fund which was started by Fred De Liden, Ceramics editor, and Gladys Workman, each giving \$50. The fund is growing fast. Aileen has been accepted by the Sister Kenny foundation. In about a month the Workmans will take her down to California again to enter there.

Best of all, while working at the Workman exhibit at the world-known Hobby show, an interested crowd always surrounded her. Aileen one day felt a twitch in one arm, again... there was perceptible movement in her feet. After fourteen years. Now she can sit in a rocking chair and rock. Rock! Think of it!

And oh, how happy the Workmans are over the bright future for the invalid they lifted out of helplessness, and opened to her so many doors!

War Thriller Movie Offered Civic Group

"The Fleet That Came To Stay," a film depicting the U. S. fleet at Okinawa resisting the suicidal aerial attacks of the Japanese kamikaze planes, is available for showing to any interested civic group, announces Chief A. L. DeMott, U.S. navy recruiting officer, Roseburg armory.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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might bring Russia into the fighting and thus start another world war.

That doesn't make sense to me. Trying to look at it logically, it seems to me that no matter what we do the Russians won't start a war until they think they are READY AND CAN WIN.

When they think they are READY and are sure they can WIN, they'll come in with everything they've got—REGARDLESS of what we do.

That's the way war goes.

Here's another thing that doesn't make sense to me:

Everybody admits that Russia could take all of Western Europe. She is supposed to have 175 divisions all set and ready to march at a moment's notice. Relatively, we have no strength at all with which to oppose her if she should strike with everything she has for the English channel.

We're starting out to BUILD UP strength in Europe. According to what we are told, it will take us at least two years to get strong enough there to stop the Russians dead in their tracks if they should start something.

Can you imagine Russia sitting tight and sucking her thumb FOR TWO YEARS while just across the fence we build up the strength with which to lick the socks off her? I can't!

A proposition such as that just won't make sense so far as I am concerned.

Let's look for a moment at this "war of attrition" we're waging in Korea.

The Chinese, we are told, are losing men at the rate of a million a year. According to the figures given to us, that is at least ten times our losses.

So—

The reasoning goes—

If we go on long enough KILLING ENOUGH CHINESE, we'll have Red China where the hair is short.

That, also, doesn't make sense. I don't know what the Chinese birth rate is, but it is high. I'm certain it's far over a million a year. The Communist idea is that Chinese manpower is cannon fodder—strictly expendable.

Suppose we go on indefinitely

into the future killing and maiming a million Chinese a year at a cost of 100,000 Americans annually killed and maimed.

Where does that get us? Here, I'd say, is where it will get us: "Plitty soon no more Americans."

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We once knew a little girl who determined she'd give her mummy a scrumptious gift: she learned a poem!

Then there were the three married daughters who arrived at Mother's bright and early on Her Day and cleaned the house from top to bottom. One of them even darned grandpop's socks.

A busy executive found he wasn't too busy to write his mother a ten-page letter telling her everything he'd been doing.

A teen-age youngster swept out the garage, cut the grass, put up the screens and finished in a blaze of glory by making his own room really ship-shape.

Another family took Mother on a picnic, and for once they let her pick out the spot where she wanted to stop.

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