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COUNTY PARKS PROGRAM

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An appeal by the Douglas County Park Department to the State Highway Commission for installation of a state campground at Susan Creek on the North Umpqua River, was favorably received. The State Park Department was authorized to study the project and report back to the Commission. The State Park Department is known to be greatly interested.

In receiving the application, the Highway Commission spoke approvingly of the Douglas County parks program and the achievements so far accomplished.

This program, in fact, has attracted so many inquiries that Supervisor Charles Collins has been forced to prepare a printed outline of the plan of organization, objectives and details of operation. The clerical job of replying to the numerous requests for information was taking too much time from regular duties.

Collins reports that the League of Oregon Cities has become interested in the project and has requested full details. A similar request has come from the Governor's Committee on Natural Resources. Service clubs and numerous individuals from all parts of the state have asked for information.

Douglas County has the only park department in Oregon. It was organized by order of the County Court December 27, 1950.

Prior to that time the project had been initiated through the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council and the various sportsmen's groups of the county organized with the Council as the central authority. Clubs had encouraged donations of land for recreational purposes and had sponsored development of park and picnic areas. Lands obtained by donation were dedicated to the public.

Administration Necessitated

It quickly became evident that administrative authority was necessary. An outline was drawn for the plan of organization of a county department. It was thoroughly studied by the sports clubs and recommended to the County Court by the Council.

The suggested plan of organization was adopted by the court with but few changes and was put into immediate operation.

Perhaps many residents of the county are unfamiliar with the details of the department and its method of operation. A brief explanation may, therefore, be in order.

The department has a board of four members appointed from as many sections of the county. John Amacher of Winchester is chairman. Other members are Frank Taylor, Reedsport; J. H. Hash, Canyonville, and Jim Stoop, Drain. The board employs a supervisor, Charles S. Collins, Roseburg.

One feature, which perhaps is not generally known, is that the department is strictly an agency of the County Court. It has no authority of its own. It handles the details of park and recreation work, but all final policy and business decisions rest with the Court. This provision was made to prevent the agency from becoming a political organization. It is subject to the policies of the County Court. County Court members are elected by the people. Should any attempt be made to use the Park Department politically, the county's voters have the power to halt any such abuse. On the other hand, the restriction on department authority prevents the county from becoming financially obligated without County Court knowledge and approval.

Looking To Future

The department was created to preserve recreational areas in advance of population growth.

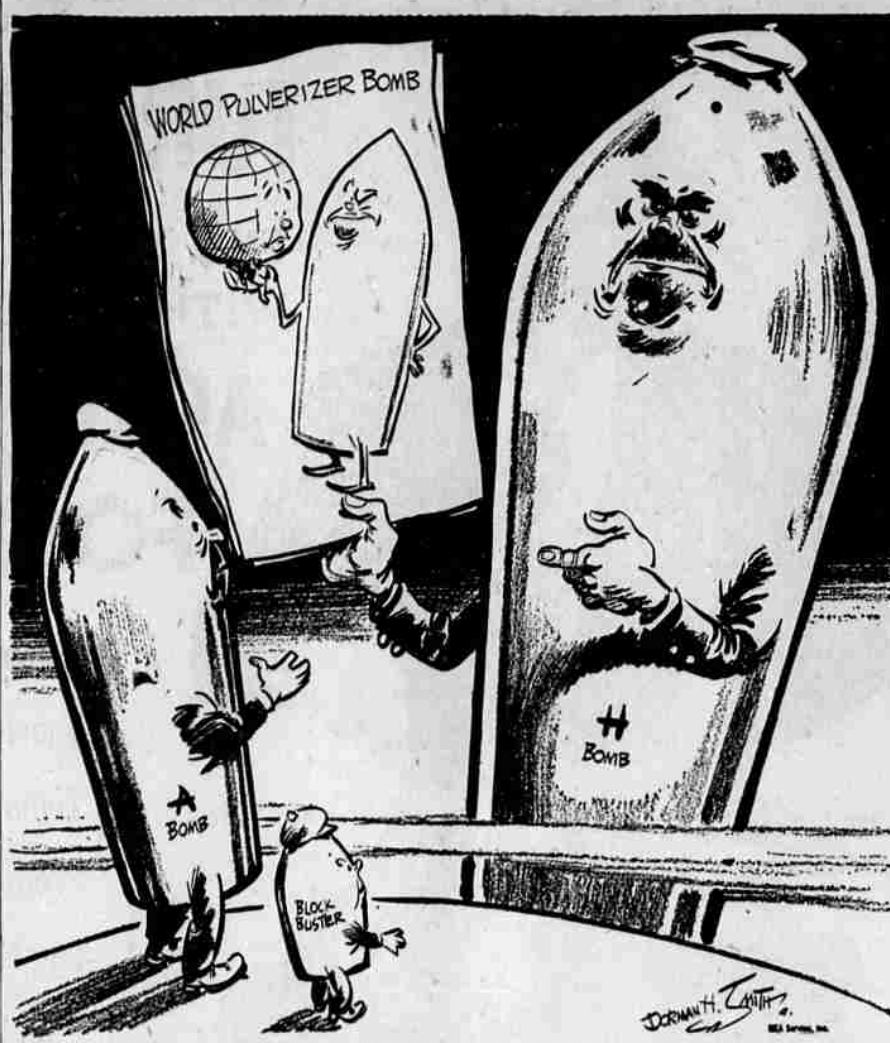
It was realized that in many parts of the state, and more particularly in adjoining states, population increases have resulted in excluding the public from much land previously available for recreational purposes. It was determined that efforts should be made in Douglas County to preserve some of these resources.

The county, through the department, has acquired 16 parks, picnic grounds and campsites. It is working with federal and state agencies on a master plan of development on the North Umpqua River, where more than 70 miles of river frontage have been set aside for public use. It has developed the famed Salmon Harbor project at Winchester Bay, the mouth of the Umpqua. It has worked cooperatively with community organizations on a few playground parks.

Several donations of land have been received, one of the latest being a tract on the South Umpqua River near Canyonville, a gift from the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club. This park is scheduled for early improvement. The department works on a very limited budget, yet has achieved great success with the few dollars expended in comparison with the tremendous results achieved.

It is little wonder that other parts of the state are intensely interested.

"There's Just One More Step, Boys; The W-P Bomb"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — I wish John Foster Dulles well when he takes over his duties as secretary of state, and urge him at this time to become better acquainted with Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, of Wisconsin.

Dulles has never expressed a great deal of fondness for McCarthy. But in view of the Wisconsin senator's position in the new Congress as head of the powerful expenditures and investigating committees of the Senate, it behooves the soon-to-be secretary of state to devote some thought to the subject. It would be ruinous for him to start his term of office under the handicap of a wholesale investigation of his Department.

There is already great dismay in certain circles concerning Dulles' appointment. There are those who say that on many occasions he is indistinguishable from the retiring failure now in office, in the matter of foreign policy. That remains to be seen. He couldn't possibly be worse.

There are more than 100 appointive officials in the Department of State, including — now — such as John P. Davies, John Carter Vincent and others who have dipped frequently into the poisonous policies that emigrated from the Soviet Union to spread like a blanket over the State Department. It would be folly for Dulles to retain these controversial figures even if he has personal fondness for them, which I don't know that he has.

In order to keep Senator McCarthy and other members of Congress off his back, however, Dulles will have to do more than unload the known Russian lovers who still cling to Secretary of State Dean Acheson's payroll.

Take for instance Carlisle H. Humelsine, deputy under secretary of state for administration. Humelsine already has let it be known that he is a good friend of Dulles and expects to retain his present position. If not rise to a higher one, under a Republican administration. Let us hope, for the sake of Dulles, that Humelsine is mistaken.

Humelsine is the patriot who announced in a loud voice that anyone in the State Department who transmitted information to Senator McCarthy would be fired forthwith. His admonition covered all department employees, including stallion, gravel beds in which vegetable scraps and other wastes would be consumed by bacteria. As a last resort the climatologists tried spraying the river of waste water back on the land, in the hope that the ground itself could be turned into a huge filter.

"The first tests in an unused open field of clover failed. The soil soaked up only so much water, then turned to soup! But when the spray nozzles were moved up to the edge of a patch of woods, an amazing thing happened.

"No matter HOW MUCH water was sprayed into those woods, it was soaked up as fast as it fell—fifty inches of man-made rain in ten hours, and since 1949 up to a hundred feet of water a year in some spots.

"Today, it is as if the woods cannot grow fast enough. Seeds germinate that would otherwise have been dormant. Small shrubs and vines twist together into a solid mass of greenery. Through the jungle-woods run far larger than the usual normal numbers of such small animals as wood-mice. Scientists studying the changes in plant and animal life have to hack their way through this outdoor laboratory with machetes. The U.S. Geological Survey... is studying the effect on water levels. Why will the woods soak up so much water while open fields of the same soil will not?"

In the Day's News

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few personal possessions that could be brought in a small ship.

No hotels. No motels. Just the raw, freezing wilderness. In that raw, frozen wilderness they had to make their way. All they had to fall back on was what little they had brought with them in the tiny Mayflower.

No wonder the going was rough.

But, eventually, spring came. They planted crops—with the aid and advice of the savages among whom they had landed. The harvest brought rejoicing.

So—Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists THAT THEY WERE STILL ALIVE.

That was the BIG thing they had to be thankful for on that first Thanksgiving Day.

For them, it was sufficient occasion for joy and overflowing gratitude.

Look around you today. Let your mind run for a little while on your BLESSINGS. Forget your grievances. Compare your situation with the situation that faced the Pilgrim fathers and mothers when they landed that grim day on the grim winter coast of Massachusetts some three centuries ago.

I think you'll find you have PLENTY to be thankful for.

I suppose that in closing we should say a word about turkeys. How come that Thanksgiving Day has come to be known rather generally among us as Turkey Day. It's an interesting story.

It wasn't just the Pilgrims that joined in the feasting on that first day of thanksgiving. They were joined by the INDIANS. Fancy that! Here was an INVASION by a foreign expedition. It was an invasion that was to result in the taking away by the white man of a continent that had been owned by the red man.

Yet the red men joined heartily in that first celebration of the SURVIVAL of the white men who were to conquer and take over this new land. They brought wild TURKEYS (along with venison) as their contribution to the feast.

That was how the turkey came into Thanksgiving Day.

It's a strange world, isn't it?

Record Funeral Staged For Beloved Mongrel

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—"Nightlife" is going to have a big funeral — perhaps the biggest ever for a little brown mongrel.

A lot of people knew and loved "Nightlife," especially in the bars on this resort city's northside.

They'll be on hand to watch a 30-car procession taking his body to a cemetery.

Traffic was jammed outside the funeral parlor where he lay Thursday as more than 2,000 persons filed past his little white casket to pay their last respects.

"Nightlife," owned by a bartender, was crushed under the wheels of a car Wednesday.

Roller Skating Show Attended By Ericksons

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Erickson attended the roller skating show in Portland at The Oaks last weekend.

The Ericksons, who operate the Rollette Rink here, have been taking in skating shows where possible with the view toward staging one in Roseburg this winter, and incorporating ideas they obtain.

Mr. Erickson asked that Roseburg skaters wishing to try out for places in the show contact him as soon as possible.

Drain Lions Conduct Mock Trial At Kiwanis To Boost Titular Football Battle



PROMOTE TITULAR GAME — Jim Whipple, Drain, reads charges against Roseburg, and Leo Reagan presides at a mock trial staged by Drain Lions Club members at the Roseburg Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday noon. The affair was to promote the Drain-Wallowa state B championship football game scheduled in Roseburg Friday at 8 p.m. on Finlay Field. (Paul Jenkins picture.)

Claiming that it takes Drain to bring honor to Douglas County by producing a winning football team, Drain Lions club members barged into the Roseburg Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday noon and held a mock trial.

Leo Reagan wearing a mop, was presiding judge, and Jim Whipple read the charges against Roseburg in general and certain individuals specifically. The affair was held to promote the Drain-Wallowa state "B" championship football game scheduled for Friday at 8 p.m. on Finlay Field.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel was charged with giving the blessings of the city to the visiting teams and extending them the necessary courtesies.

School Superintendent M. C. Deller was charged with the responsibility of turning over the athletic facilities to the teams. Leroy Inman, News-Review, was charged with the responsibility of publicizing the affair. Harold Schmeier, president of the U. S. National Bank branch, was charged with accepting any overdrafts, that might be incurred.

The Drain delegation included, besides Reagan and Whipple, Frank Jacobs, Hugh Whipple, Pat Brown and Bill Griswold. Each took part in the affair.

Sound Movies Presented

On the more serious side was the presentation of a color, sound motion picture on "Oregon and Its Natural Resources" by Richfield Oil Co. to the Roseburg school system. Arnold Espey, Richfield district manager, made the presentation to Mayor Flegel, who in turn presented it to Supt. Deller. The film was then shown to the Kiwanians. Ken Linder, local Richfield manager, and Ed Drysdale, office manager, were also in attendance. The film was produced by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Ken Bushey announced the Kiwanis Christmas party will be held Dec. 12 at the Riverside Grange. H. C. Berg, lieutenant governor, presented J. E. Slattery, immediate past president, with a past president's award.

Berg also announced a Kiwanis organizational meeting at Roseburg Sunday, starting at 8 a.m. Delegates are expected here from the various clubs in this district, which extends from Tule Lake to Coos Bay and north to Eugene. Especially urged to attend are all outgoing and incoming officers.

Special guests were Athletic Director Cecil Sherwood and the coaches of Benson, Rose, Fullerton and Riverside schools. Harry Hill, chairman of the football jamboree committee, gave a brief report on the Jamboree, which netted in excess of \$500. The proceeds

will be used to purchase suits and other equipment for the above named schools, together with Melrose, Wilbur and Winchester, to be added to the football program next year.

Albert Micelli was introduced as a new member.

Next Tuesday's club meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds, in connection with the Northwestern Turkey Show.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License
MADLOCK-RUSSELL — Virgil Edward Madlock and Maxine Russell, both of Glide.

Divorce Suits Filed
HARP — LeVina E. vs. John S. Harp. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks property disposition.
SHELTON — Cuba LaVerne vs. James L. Shelton. Cruelty charged.

WANTASWAP?



GOT AN OLD MODEL LIKE THIS? (the outboard motor, not the girl). Look at the serial number and report it to a Johnson dealer, or to Johnson Motors at Waukegan, Ill., and you may get a new 1953 Sea-Horse 3 in exchange or qualify for one of 40 merchandise prizes. The manufacturer is looking for the oldest 10 of its outboards in existence to use for display over the country along with its soon-to-be-produced millionth motor. Entries may be registered until December 24th, at

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Where do you suppose the "wettest forest on earth" is? A veritable jungle that was, three years ago, an ordinary wooded area with scattered underbrush, slender second-growth oak and poison ivy. This story, I do believe will be of interest to Oregonians, especially the older residents who have seen the woods logged off, and consequently the springs often dried up entirely or slacked off, and streams lessened in flow. Only this story is the reverse!

"The Seabrook Farms, largest combined truck farm and frozen food factory in the nation, covering 20,000 acres had a critical problem: the disposal of 12-million gallons of waste water every day! A National Geographic Society story this week tells what they did—thanks to discovery made by the Johns Hopkins laboratory set up on the Seabrook Farms for the study of climatology."