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THE FAIR STILL GROWS

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The Douglas County Fair is growing faster than the facilities provided for it. Despite the many improvements made in preparation for this year's event, experiences indicate that much more expansion will be required if adequate accommodations are to be provided.

Probably the most pressing and immediate demand is for additional parking space. Saturday's crowd, which broke all existing records, would have been still larger had there been room to park cars.

Sheriff's Reserve members, who did an outstanding job in controlling traffic, report that many persons drove to the fairgrounds but left when they could not find parking places. More than 300 cars were counted parked on the new highway, a condition that will not be permitted when the highway is opened to through traffic. Cars were parked on the baseball diamond. All available space inside the fairgrounds proper was in use. Cars were lined along the county road.

Digressing for a moment, I would like to give a pat on the back to the Sheriff's Reserves. Members worked the three days of the fair parking cars and directing traffic. They receive nothing for their labors. Yet they performed a fine service for the public and actually saved motorists a good deal of money, for, without traffic control, there doubtless would have been many crumpled fenders and other car damage, together with serious traffic jams. The organization works many events where traffic is involved, particularly at the school grounds, yet frequently does not even receive a word of thanks.

Road Should Be Widened

One reason for inadequate parking space is that a considerable chunk of land was taken for right of way for the new highway. But this loss is only minor in comparison with the amount of land needed.

Another effect of the new highway is that of a bottleneck on the county road in front of the fairgrounds. It is quite evident that a four-lane road will be required between the fairgrounds and the highway traffic exchange structure.

During the past year some very fine improvements were made. The new Community building more than proved its worth. The success of the fair probably would have been far less had it not been for the new structure. The County Court and Fair Board are to be commended for speeding construction to make the building available for fair use.

Another fine improvement was blacktopping the walkway from the entrance to the pavilions. The walkway helped keep down dust. But, despite the improvement, dust still was a serious problem. It is reported that more pavement will be laid before next year's event.

Dormitories Sought

Frank von Borstel, 4-H Club Agent, reports a need for more dormitory space. Club members residing at a distance are provided with dormitory facilities at the fairgrounds. This year all space was taken. More could have been utilized. Additions must be made, he said, if the fair continues to expand.

Among the thousands of people who praised the fair was Dr. E. B. Stewart, chairman of the State Fair Board. Now engaged in final arrangements for the state fair, starting next week, Dr. Stewart took time to thoroughly view the county fair. He had high commendation for the program, exhibits and facilities.

He would like to see an expansion in the open class. It is the hope of the State Fair Board, he said, that county fairs be developed to the point they can serve as elimination contests for open class exhibits. The state fair then would accept only blue ribbon winners from the county fairs, thus improving quality of exhibits.

If the Douglas County Fair is to enlarge its open class, however, considerable expansion in the way of exhibit space will be required.

Altogether, the fair was a success in every way. As was stated previously in this column, it hardly seems possible that it could grow so rapidly. But this year's experience proves that growth has not stopped. One success leads to another, so next year's show may be expected to set still newer records.

Everyone connected with the event is deserving of commendation and thanks for a job well done.



NEW YORK (AP)—What is a war hero like 10 years after he leaves his last battleground?

Ten years ago Audie Murphy, still too young to vote or grow a mustache, came home as America's most decorated soldier of the Second World War. His 24 decorations included the Medal of Honor and a Purple Heart for each of his three battle wounds.

The fanfare of a nation's acclaim first bewildered the 20-year-old kid from Texas, then made him a bit resentful.

"All I wanted was some peace, and time to think things through," he recalled.

Audie, one of nine children of a tenant farmer, wanted to forget the war that everyone he met seemed to want to remember. He first thought he'd like to go to West Point, but decided against it. He felt he wouldn't make a good peacetime soldier.

Then he thought of going to college and studying to become a veterinarian. But there was a stumbling block—he had only an 8th grade education. Then a movie offer came along, and he felt he had to take it.

"I had the responsibility of helping two younger sisters and a brother who were in an orphanage while I was away at war," he said.

In Hollywood Audie went up like a rocket—and came down almost as fast. His contract was dropped. He made a marriage that lasted only a year. He lapsed into a semi-obscure.

But in the years since then Audie has shown the stubborn fighting qualities that made him outstanding in combat. He is no flash hero.

He has now appeared in 15 pictures. His latest, Universal's "Hell and Back"—based on his own fabulous career—has brought him to the top again. He is married happily, and has two children. His future looks secure.

"I still wish I could have come back to school," he said a little wistfully, "but it has worked out better this way—at least financially."

"I average about \$2,000 a week now and have a six-year contract. In another five years I should be independent. By that I don't mean able to have a ranch or a farm and enough put by to send my children to college."

Audie, part of whose right leg was shot away, draws \$93 a month pay as the result of a 50 per cent disability rating. For three years, until he joined the Texas National Guard as a captain, he refused the money. Now he feels it is fair to take it.

Murphy still holds a steadfast

Where the Do-It-Yourself Craze Began



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Federal Power Commission Will Be Asked To Reconsider Granting Hells Canyon Dams

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Power Commission will be asked this week to reconsider its granting of a license for three private utility dams in the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake River, along the Idaho-Oregon border.

The FPC issued an order Aug. 4 granting the Idaho Power Co.'s application to construct three dams in an area where the federal Hells Canyon project has been proposed. Its rules require that rehearing requests must be submitted within 30 days.

Attorneys for the National Hells Canyon Assn., which advocates the federal proposal, plan to file a rehearing motion on or before Friday, the deadline.

They recently were authorized by association directors to ask a rehearing, and to appeal to court if the request is denied.

Idaho Power, meanwhile, has indicated construction of one of its dams will be started late this year. And sponsors of Hells Canyon Dam authorization bills are talking about continuing their fight when congress convenes in January.

Rep. Gracie Pfozt (D-Idaho), sponsor of the House Hells Canyon bill, said in the congressional record last week the fight for the federal dam "is far from over."

She said that, after both Senate and House subcommittees had approved Hells Canyon bills, "the Federal Power Commission with ruthless haste awarded the Idaho Power Co. a license."

"We who believe in the full development of our natural resources for the benefit of all of the people are not giving up," she declared. "In the end the people's interest will prevail."

"We successfully fought the infamous Dixon-Yates giveaway (a proposal to permit private industry to supply power for the Atomic Energy Commission to the Tennessee Valley Authority)—and I predict we will fight the Hells Canyon giveaway to an equally successful finish."

How the Hells Canyon bill sponsors will fight the FPC's action has not been disclosed. The bills squeaked through reclamation subcommittees of the Senate and House this year, marking the first action on measures which have been introduced in the past sessions.

No vote was risked in the parent interior committees, however, apparently because sponsors feared the bills would be rejected. The subcommittees voted before the FPC acted on Idaho Power's applications.

If the legislation is brought up during the next session, sponsors will be faced with the problem of changing the votes of members who were against the idea of building the federal dam.

Hells Canyon Assn. lawyers have not yet decided whether they should ask an injunction against Idaho Power Co.—when and if they go to court—to prevent dam construction pending court action on the appeal.

There's plenty of possibilities for speculation as to what could happen in the Hells Canyon case. For instance:

Suppose the court upholds the validity of Idaho Power's dam construction license and in the meantime Congress authorizes the federal project—then who would build a dam or dams? There's no precedent for such a situation.

Or, suppose the Idaho Power Co. gets a dam completely or partly built, the court finds against it and Congress turns thumbs down on the federal dam—then would the government have to pay Idaho Power, and what would it do with the project or portion thereof?

Massachusetts officials report that in 26 cities and towns affected 135 establishments have suffered heavy flood damage.

These are samples of a condition that is general in the flood area.

The federal government is giving out large aid—both in loans and in service by the Corps of Engineers of the army. But this aid will go largely into repair of CAPITAL damage, such as reconstruction of damaged or ruined municipal sewer systems, water systems, etc., along with the repair of damage to the industrial establishments that provide employment for the people.

There will be insurance to help out in the case of these damaged establishments. In this age when TAXES enter into every conceivable way of life, there will be tax deductions to be carried forward into the future.

And so on.

But these items will go chiefly toward restoration of capital facilities so that employment may be provided again as quickly as possible for the people whose livelihood depends upon their wages and their salaries.

But—

These benefit people themselves—many of whom have lost all their physical possessions, along with their jobs—must be cared for. They must be clothed, if they have lost all their clothing. They must be fed during the period when they will have neither money nor credit to buy food for themselves. They must be housed somehow during the period when they will have no money with which to pay rent.

It is the Red Cross that provides this vital service to the disaster-stricken PEOPLE. The Red Cross gets its money from those who GIVE. The more promptly generous people give, the more promptly needed aid can be given.

These floods, following two hurricanes, are a REAL disaster. They are a generous giving on the part of those of us who escaped them.

ILLEGAL DRIVER FINED

Thomas Isaac Williams, 32, Roseburg, was fined \$70 and 35 court costs Monday when he pleaded guilty before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff to a charge of driving with a suspended license. Williams was arrested Sunday by state police.

At the same time, the report issued by the advisory group which drafted the code sees a crucial link between the soldier and the civilian life from which he springs.

What the group really is saying is that the fighting man's resolve to resist, whether on the field or in the prison camp, is made at home—in the family setting, the school, the church and the community.

It notes that many U. S. soldiers who were captured cared little for

82 New Federal Buildings Said Needed In Oregon

WASHINGTON — The biennial report to Congress of "eligible" new federal buildings lists 82 that are needed in Oregon.

The listing, filed by the General Services Administration and Post Office Department, does not necessarily mean the buildings ever will be constructed.

The report is only the first step toward possible congressional authorization and appropriation.

Eleven proposed buildings are additions to the list filed two years ago. The additions—all post-offices with a proposed cost of not more than \$250,000 each—are at Klamath Falls, Elsie, Harrisburg, Merrill, Ocanalca, Pilot Rock, Port Orford, Rogue River, Taft and Willows.

The two largest projects on the carryover list are proposed for Portland—the \$11,600,000 federal office building and the \$6,600,000 parcel post annex.

Other projects with a proposed ceiling of a million dollars or more include a post office-court house at Klamath Falls costing \$1,190,000 and post office buildings at Eugene \$1,765,000 and Salem \$1,000,000.

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