Forest Service Launches Campaign For Improvement Of Recreational Facilities

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Forest Service has launched a campaign for a five-year program called "Operation Outdoors" designed to improve the recreational facilities of the national forests.

If Congress gives it the go-ahead with funds this session, the Forest Service hopes to invest $85 million in the program before it is completed. President Eisenhower asked Congress to put up $11.5 million this year to get it started.

"With the steady growth of our population, there is an increasing need for recreation under natural outdoor conditions," the president said in his message to Congress on the program. "This is of major significance to the physical and mental health of the nation."

The reason for the improvement program is similar to what motivated the 10-year "Mission 66" program for improvement of the National parks — more and more people are using these great outdoor playgrounds to get away from the urban life they normally lead.

About 55 million visitors used the national forest recreation areas in 1955, according to Forest Service estimates. That's about double the number that used them in 1950. By 1962, they calculate the figure will be up to 66 million.

National Park Service has estimated the visitors to their recreation areas for 1955 at 50 million, with expectations of it rising to 80 million by 1966.

Like the national parks, the national forests' recreational facilities were built up during the depression days, left to deteriorate during the war years and to become greatly overused with the great increase in public usage.

Some sections have been closed indefinitely because structures were completely worn out. Visitors, unable to find proper picnic and camping facilities, have gone to places where there are no sanitary arrangements or fire-places and other fire-prevention improvements. As a result, streams that supply water to nearby towns have been polluted and the incidence of forest fires has increased.

In one instance, a camper who couldn't find space in a crowded recreation area camped elsewhere and caused a fire which cost $500,000 to suppress, not to mention the damage to the watershed.

Under the "Operation Outdoor" program, only forest-type recreation facilities will be provided, such as facilities for camping, swimming, hiking, horseback riding. Private business interests will be encouraged to build profitable facilities, such as restaurants, motels, ski lifts, ski tows and boat docks.

Roadside, trailside and waterside zones are to be kept in more or less natural condition. This will lead to a restudy of unclassified sections of the national forests, some of which may be reclassified as wilderness areas.

The forest improvement program, like the park program, is expected to be favorably received by Congress, despite efforts to trim the budget. Several senators, including Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), have already called for such a program. Both are members of the Senate Interior Committee.

A second aspect of the new program is planned for unveiling later. It will deal with improvement and management of wildlife habitats in cooperation with state game departments.

Bridge Ramps To Cover Site Of Old Fountain

PORTLAND — Bridge ramps eventually will take the site of the noted Skidmore Fountain in Portland.

Fred Fowler, city traffic planner, disclosed here that ramps leading to the Burnside Bridge are planned for construction in about five years, and they will use the S. W. First and Pine intersection where the fountain has been these many years.

The fountain isn't there right now. It was dismantled last year for cleaning. Then up came a controversy on whether it should be put back there or go to some other location.

When the fountain was new, First and Pine was one of the finer intersections in Portland. Now the city center has moved away, and the site is a commercial area of wornout buildings.

The fountain is waiting in a warehouse.

"There wouldn't be any harm in putting the fountain back there until these other developments are made. It won't be expensive to put it back where it was for the time being." Fowler told the Portland Art Commission.

King Saud Will Be Given Royal Welcome By U. S.

WASHINGTON — King Saud of Saudi Arabia will receive a "red carpet" welcome — including an airport greeting from President Eisenhower — when he arrives here next Wednesday for a three-day official visit.

For the first time, Eisenhower will greet a foreign visitor at the airport rather than on the White House steps.

Saud is scheduled to arrive in New York Tuesday, and will fly to Washington about noon Wednesday aboard the President's plane, Columbine III.

Eisenhower and Saud will start their first conference three hours later.

In addition to Eisenhower, the airport welcoming group will include several top officials, among them Secretary of State Dulles and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Care Of Incapacitated Aged Becomes Pressing Problem For Federal Government

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WASHINGTON — Creation of a Bureau of Older Persons in the federal government to look after the most pressing problems of the nation's senior citizens is expected to be one of the issues to come up before the 85th Congress has written its complete record.

Two Northwest lawmakers — Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) — are among the sponsors of legislation that would establish for the first time an agency devoted exclusively to finding solutions to the varied problems facing older persons.

The Eisenhower administration has indicated it is opposed to creating a new bureau for this purpose, believing that the established agencies which already are working in this field can do the job. Last spring the president created a Federal Council on Aging to try to improve the effectiveness of existing government agencies, each of which has a representative on the council. Its chairman is Marion B. Folsom, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The administration's attitude was voiced by Assistant Secretary Roswell Perkins, whose idea the council was. He said he thought it wrong to create a bureau which would have the psychological effect of gathering under its wing every person when he reached a stage in life where he was considered "older" and no longer capable of being a part of the mainstream of American life.

The issue is becoming more important because of the increasing number of older persons in this country. There are now about 14½ million persons in this country who have reached or passed the age of 65, and the number is rapidly increasing, thanks to medical science which is lengthening the life expectancy. This indicates why members of Congress are growing more and more responsive to the needs and desires of the nation's older persons, who as a group represent a very sizable voting bloc.

New Program Launched

Whether or not Congress and the Eisenhower administration get together on this issue, continued attention will be given to improving conditions for older persons in other ways.

The Labor Department recently started a new program to help older women gain employment after it found that about one-third of the unemployed in this country are regarded as older women. The Civil Service Commission has taken the lead in breaking down the age barrier to employment by eliminating the age factor in hiring considerations for federal jobs.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency is working out new methods of encouraging construction of housing designed especially for older persons, with such features as non-skid floors and strategically placed hand grips around bathtubs and shower stalls.

Under a housing bill passed last year, HHFA has also been working out financial terms to permit more older persons on limited incomes to purchase modest, pleasant homes. This is to cope with the situation today which finds 19 per cent of the men and 31 per cent of the women who have reached 65 not having homes of their own in which to enjoy their years of retirement. The problem is basically because the average income of older couples is $1500 annually.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has said he will try to get the age for women to receive social security benefits reduced to 60 years. Congress last session dropped it from 65 to 62. Other proposals are expected in the weeks ahead, as Congress pays increasing attention to the concerns of senior citizens.

Style Opening High-Fashioned Strip Tease

FLORENCE, Italy — Schuberth turned Italy's international style openings here into a high-fashion strip tease.

The Rome designer packed a surprise in every dress. Street dresses turned into cocktail gowns. Full skirts became narrow with the flick of a wrist. Skirts changed color and turned into capes.

The transformations were a matter of jackets and removable, reversible overskirts. The basis of each costume was a strapless, clinging sheath. Over it went a jacket and a tied-on apron overskirt.

Some of the overskirts finished at the side seams. Others met in the back to conceal completely the sheath underneath.

Schuberth hypnotized his audience with lovely fabrics, particularly dramatic prints, and exquisite embroideries. And the convertibles would be a boon, no doubt, to the social butterfly who must rush from shopping to cocktails to dinner to dance.

One model appeared in a full-skirted white shantung suit. She eased out of the jacket to show a low-cut brown and white floral print bodice. Then she undid the white skirt and there was the rest of the print sheath. Next she reversed the white skirt, and the slim sheath became a bouffant print dress.

Bodices were tight-fitting, the waistline normal.

Nuclear Power For Use By All New Ships Seen

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. —Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover predicts by the early 1960s every naval vessel authorized for construction will be propelled by nuclear power.

"The ultimate objective in the development of nuclear power for the Navy is the nuclear-powered task force capable of remaining at sea indefinitely without refueling," he said at an American Legion meeting.

"Such a task force has become possible by the proved use of nuclear power for submarines. It will be widely dispersed over an ocean area as large as the state of Maine and would be able to control an area of 60,000 square miles," he said.

Rickover is chief of naval reactor development.

Library Keeps Convicted Woman, Raises Salary

PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa. —Mrs. Mary Knowles who was convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about Communist affiliations has been retained in her job at a Quaker library and will be given a salary raise.

A board of the Quaker - operated William Jeanes Memorial Library said yesterday it wanted to "restate our confidence" in Mrs. Knowles.

She is free on bail pending an appeal of a 120-day jail sentence and a $500 fine given her in Federal District Court in Washington by Judge Ross Rizley.

Radio Actress

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37 Canvas shelters
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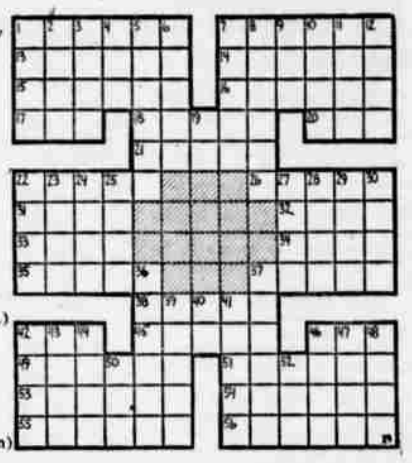

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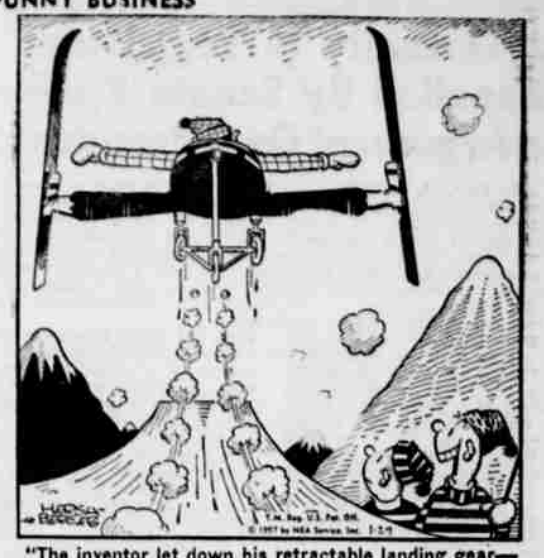

"The inventor let down his retractable landing gear—he made a bad take-off again!"

FROM NINE TO FIVE

By Jo Fischer

I don't think a girl should marry a man for money . . . unless he's rich.

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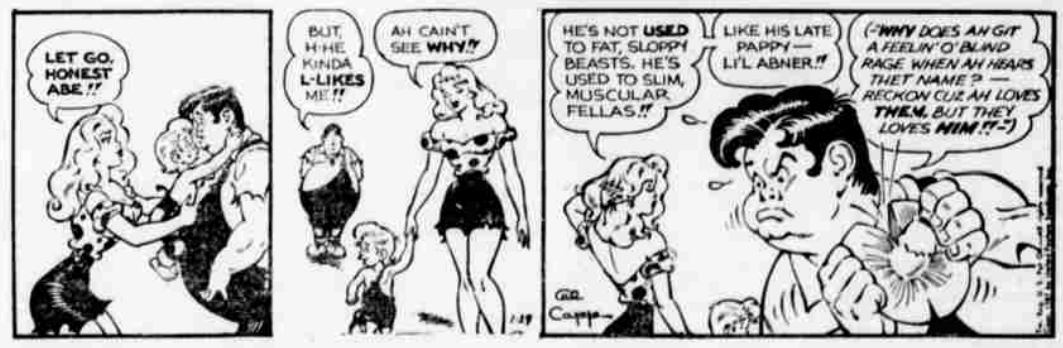

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