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PAYING INVESTMENT

By Charles V. Stanton

An earning factor of 4.5 per cent on the investment of public funds is "an extremely unusual accomplishment for any such public venture." Such is the opinion of W. M. (Bill) Tugman, publisher of the *Port Umpqua Courier*, Reedsport, commenting on the annual report of the Salmon Harbor management.

Salmon Harbor, the famed big fish recreational resort at the mouth of the Umpqua River has cost \$355,185.45 in the way of investment of public funds. The money was loaned by Douglas County and by the Port of Umpqua Commission to pay for improvements. From the past year's operation, the sum of \$12,838.41, was paid out of profits to apply on the loan.

A good many private investments don't earn 4.5 per cent. It is indeed unusual to find such a rate in a public enterprise.

Actually, the earning to the county is far above the 4.5 per cent realized since Salmon Harbor was built up for recreational use.

Taxes collected from increase in the assessed valuation of property connected with or affected by the resort will more than repay the investment by the county and Port Commission in the period normally set for amortization of a business investment.

New Records Set

Salmon Harbor has resulted in the establishment of new businesses at Winchester Bay, including tackle shops, restaurants, charter boat services, motels, etc., as well as contributing to business expansions likewise at Reedsport and Gardiner. These businesses, new homes, stocks of merchandise, etc., have added enough to the county's assessed valuation that the capital and interest on invested public funds doubtless are recovered several times over without counting the seasonal returns from Salmon Harbor earnings.

Even if the county received nothing back for its investment, the presence of such an outstanding recreational facility would make the cost worthwhile from an advertising and publicity viewpoint.

The annual report from Salmon Harbor, by Manager Harry Ludwig, shows many records broken.

Earned income gained 37 per cent. Gross operating revenues were \$25,891.19, a gain of \$17,045.84 over 1956. Operating expenses were \$11,578.19, while total operating funds, including the balance at the start of the year and deposits, amounted to \$29,691.19, leaving a balance of \$18,113, representing a distributable gain, or net profit, of \$18,838.11.

The management committee withheld \$4,000 to provide operating capital for the coming year, twice as much as a year ago, while turning over \$12,838.41 to apply on the money loaned by the county and Port of Umpqua. Under an agreement between the County Court and Port of Umpqua Commission, at the time a second loan was negotiated, all returns go into the county treasury and none to the port district until the second loan is paid.

Competition Growing

Salmon Harbor is under the management of a committee composed of Howard Hinsdale and Roy Henderson of the Port Commission and Charles S. Collins, parks supervisor. The committee is anxious to see more improvements made in the way of parking and mooring facilities to meet the demand from ever increasing usage.

There is a possibility that some improvements may be forthcoming from federal funds. So far local funds have paid for all development.

But, if Salmon Harbor, is to continue to meet the demand made upon it by the sports fraternity, it must add steadily to its accommodations.

Inspired by the success of Salmon Harbor, competition for patronage among coastal fishing resorts is growing rapidly. Salmon Harbor can't stand still. It must keep growing and it must increase its advertising if it is to remain in the spot it deserves as the Pacific Coast's outstanding summer sports fishing grounds.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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lets for foreign currencies instead of dollars.

Let's take a look first at this "escalator" clause the President wants repealed. It works like this:

As soon as a surplus is REDUCED—that is to say, whenever by fire-sales, giveaways or any other device, the stored-up surplus of ANY CROP is reduced, the PRICE SUPPORT MUST BE RAISED AGAIN.

What that means is that as soon as one surplus is moved out of storage incentives are automatically provided to BUILD UP ANOTHER SURPLUS.

Then that nothing could be more absurd.

The foreign currency device isn't much less absurd. What that means is that U.S. agricultural surpluses can be sold for foreign money—pounds, francs, lira, dollars, yen or what have you.

The trouble with that is that all over the world (except in hard-pressed, financially competent West Germany), the American dollar commands a high premium due to

the fact that we are selling more abroad than we are buying abroad. About all we can do with this foreign currency we get for our agricultural surpluses is to stash it away in a vault and hope that someday it will be worth something to us.

There will be plenty of blood on the moon as a result of Ike's farm program proposals. The political farmers—who farm the farmers for votes instead of farming the land for crops—will howl like wounded wolves. They will be joined in their howling by the big scale farmers who have benefited from mass production of the subsidized crops.

But—

The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof.

Here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California the pudding hasn't left a very good taste in our mouths. As land has been taken out of these so-called "basic" crops, it has been put into crops that over the years have been our specialties.

The result has been a GLUT in the markets for our specialty crops.

"ME the Goat?—Listen, Buster . . ."



Mentally Retarded Children To Start Class At Gardiner

Douglas County is scheduled to get another school for mentally retarded children.

This will be the second such school in the county. It is to be located within the Gardiner School District and will be operated and administered by that district.

The present school for exceptional children is the Park School in Roseburg.

Douglas County has entered into an agreement with the Gardiner School District to jointly finance the school, to be called the "West Douglas County School for Exceptional Children." The school will begin operating Feb. 1, and will run through the remainder of the 1957-58 school year.

It has been agreed that the operation of the school for the remainder of this school year shall be instituted as a "pilot" program. This action will be taken to determine if the school is feasible and can be successful.

District To Keep Records

The Gardiner School District will therefore maintain complete and accurate records of the cost of operation, the average daily attendance and the per pupil cost of maintenance to submit to the county.

Because this is to be a pilot program, and because enrollment might exceed the funds available for support of the school, it has been agreed to limit enrollment for the remainder of the year to eight students.

In order to limit the enrollment, an advisory admissions board will be formed to determine the children who most need the advantages such a school can offer. The admissions board will operate in the same manner as the admissions board for the present exceptional children's school.

Parents Provide Rides

Transportation for students won't be available and as a condition for admission, parents will be required to agree in writing to provide transportation to and from school without cost to the public. Prior to March 15, the Gardiner district will submit the operating records to the county and the two bodies will determine the advisability of continuing the program, based on the records, for the following school year.

Board's Duties Outlined

The board will determine policy, pass on individual applications for admission and prescribe the criteria for admission to the school. It will consist of seven members, four of whom will be engaged in the field of education and three laymen. One of the laymen will be a doctor of psychology.

The school will attempt to serve only those mentally retarded children who are not now in public schools or who cannot benefit by further training in public schools.

Total operating budget of the school for the remainder of the school year has been limited to \$2,200. Of this amount, the county will supply \$1,600. The school will be open to students from all districts in the county and the balance of the cost of operation will be borne by the school districts in which students live.

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Building Pegmit Valuation Shows 9 Per Cent Dip

Total dollar volume of building permits issued by major cities in the Pacific Northwest took a 9 per cent dip for the month of December, compared to the same month in 1956, but an increase of 15 per cent was recorded for Oregon cities.

The state of Washington showed a 29 per cent decrease, to account for the overall decrease in the Northwest, including besides those two states, Idaho and British Columbia.

Among Oregon cities, Roseburg showed a 46 per cent decline. Among three Oregon counties tested, Douglas County showed a drop of 96 per cent over the December 1956 total.

Multnomah County also showed a decline, but Lane County and Eugene each showed notable increases.

Residential building last month also dropped off 5 per cent compared to December, 1956, in the Northwest. Oregon was down 2 per cent. Roseburg was down 37 per cent from a year ago and 16 per cent from the previous month, November 1957.

The Northwest building total was \$5,499,305 in residential building for cities and \$19,829,524 for city building of over-all construction.

NILSEN NAMED

SALEM — State Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen was appointed by Gov. Holmes Wednesday to the civil rights subcommittee of governors.

The governors' committee was formed a few weeks ago. Holmes is secretary.

Nilsen administers Oregon's civil rights and fair employment practices laws.

Glide Grange Disbands, Community Club Formed

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

From the ashes of the Glide Grange which gave up its charter the latter part of December, a new organization has arisen, the Glide Community Club.

At the time the Glide Grange was organized in April, 1911, there were many prune orchards, small and large ranches in the area. Subdivisions with modern homes have replaced the prune orchards; grade school buildings have been added to the one school house at that time, ranch land has given way to Glide's outstanding rural high school, junior high, various business buildings, and the wide North Umpqua highway. Mrs. H. F. Halford of Roseburg is the only living charter member of the original Glide Grange.

Residents Meet

The membership of the Grange had dropped to such a small number that the members made the decision to disband. Faced with the loss of the grange property by this decision, due to a proviso in the deed, which stated that in the event of disbandment, a community club must be formed, the members called for a meeting of

all residents of Glide School District 12. That is Glide, Lloyd Park, and Dixonville.

A meeting was held Wednesday night at the grange hall. Former grange master Jim Watson was acting chairman and Mrs. Henry Carlson, former grange secretary, acted as temporary secretary.

Officers Elected

Officers of the new Glide Community Club are, Elbert Celler, president; Don Wright, vice president; Mrs. Ed Keyes, secretary; treasurer, Executive Board of directors is M. H. McCord, Ray Ballou, Elbert Celler, Jim Watson and Mrs. Henry Carlson.

The committee appointed to draw up the by-laws are J. E. Slatery, Calvin Christensen, Ben Serrano, Harry Bakken, Mrs. Norma Jean Wright and Mrs. Elbert Celler.

The club registered 39 charter members.

Enthusiasm for the new Glide organization has developed and many new members are expected to be enrolled at the next meeting to be held Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the old grange hall. Ladies are requested to bring sandwiches.

Mother Visiting

Spending several weeks at the Oscar Burke home is Mrs. Anne Pexxa of Carl, Minn. She is the mother of Mrs. Burke and came by train to Portland and here by bus.

Mrs. Cayless Hamlin has been ill for the past week at her home on Doerner Road.

Charles Dondoro of the Douglas County Housing Authority attended to business Tuesday in Reedsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ranck and Paul Arnold of Portland spent two days here this week with the former's father, Kenneth Trindall.

Tennile District Names Chairman, Sets Polio Party

By MRS. WALTER COATS

Mrs. Dewey Chamblen has been named March of Dimes chairman for the Tennile district.

The Tennile Ladies Club is sponsoring a polio party in the Scout Hall by the Tennile Store Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Hamburgers, pie, cake and coffee will be sold. All food will be donated by women of the community.

Emmitt Ray's orchestra will donate music for dancing starting at 9 p.m. No admission will be charged. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. The public is invited.

Visits Son

Mrs. E. T. Schoss of Tennile spent last week visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hammond, and sons in San Bruno, Calif.

She met her son, T. Sgt. Ted Schoss who has been stationed on Guam for some time. After spending the night at the Hammond home in San Bruno, Sgt. Schoss left for his home at Mountain Home, Idaho, where he will be stationed.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dement spent Thursday in Coos Bay attending to business matters.

Mrs. Ervin Rice of Red Hill was a business visitor in Roseburg this week.

Arthur Travis, who has been in Long Beach, Calif., on business, is expected back at the end of the week.

Bill Carstens, of Carstens Furniture store, returned here Friday, following a three-day stay in Portland attending to business.

Mrs. Al Steurer, Mrs. Ray Pack and Mrs. M. C. Dement spent one day this week visiting in Little River with the former's daughter, Mrs. Bob Cochran.