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Community Spirit Proved By Projects

Two swimming pools in Douglas County will soon be making news, and both of them are practical, working monuments to the communities in which they are located.

Both of them were built as memorials to the dead, but both are more impressive reflections of vibrant, living communities.

Several years ago, a young boy drowned in the South Umpqua River near Myrtle Creek. Some people in the community vowed they would take steps to make as certain as possible that this didn't happen again. They decided swimming facilities under proper supervision would help avert such future accidents. That's when Myrtle Creek began building a fund through public subscription to build a pool.

Myrtle Creek isn't a wealthy town, but it proved it is rich in humanity. Building a public swimming pool in these days is an extremely expensive project, and funds for this one came in slowly. But, with the prompting of the Chamber of Commerce, the effort wasn't abandoned. As a matter of fact, it became a more significant project as people began to donate materials and many weekends of labor to installing the pool.

Fruition of the years of effort is expected this spring. It appears the swimming facilities will be available for use this summer.

At the other end of the county, the city of Drain will soon deed another pool to the Drain School District. The purpose of the deed is to allow the school district to make use of the pool for its physical education program. Summer use of the pool for the public will continue as it has in the past.

The existence of this pool for such extensive use is another story of a community's determination to move ahead.

It was one of the first projects which established Drain as probably the state's most outstanding "do it yourself" community.

The North Douglas Living War Memorial Swimming Pool took idea form in 1942. Then, fund raising for the project got under way in earnest in 1945. Construction started in 1947, and the pool was opened in 1948.

Since then, it has become the focal point of one of the finest recreation areas in the entire county. This was the beginning of a string of Drain accomplishments which would make communities many times its size blush. In old-time barn raising fashion, the people of the community built a city hall, a Masonic temple and a sewage disposal plant—all without going into debt. They did it by donating material and countless hours of labor to the job. The city government and its employees were inspired with a desire for civic improvement to efforts far beyond the average call of duty.

Now, not only does Drain have one of the finest communities in the state, but it also has a magnificent *esprit* and no civic indebtedness.

Both Drain and Myrtle Creek reflect perfectly a paragraph in an editorial in the Myrtle Creek Mail last week. It says:

"The money we invest in our community in these projects returns to us in better living facilities manifold. And—we find our area an object of steady growth as people from elsewhere see our steadily growing improvements and think, too, that this will be a fine place to live."

These communities believe it. They've proved it in the past, and they are looking forward to more projects in the future.

Lock It Up Before It Has Pups!"



Powell Has Color, Pulpit On His Side

By ROBERT C. RUARK

It is not surprising that the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, who has suddenly been discovered to own some clayey boots, uses his color as a defense against attacks on his moral character and his fitness to be a Congressman, if not a minister. The good pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church—when he is home in Harlem and not living it up in Puerto Rico or junketing around Europe with a bevy of beauties—has always played racism to his hilt when somebody

took a swing at him.

Powell has been getting his jumps lately from Delaware's Sen. John Williams, who broke Congressional precedent by attacking violently a member of the other house. The attacks were so strong that Powell, who heads the House Committee on Education and Labor (purely due to the House rule on seniority) came back from Puerto Rico's sunshine to face pneumonia in defense of himself.

Racism Used
He immediately charged that

Williams' onslaught was based on the fact that he, Powell, was a Negro, and that Williams owned property at Rehoboth Beach, Del., which bars Negro occupancy. That figures; during the last Presidential campaign Powell said that anybody who voted for Dick Nixon was not only a bigot, but also was working for the Ku Klux Klan.

The fact is, as the good grey New York Times points out in an overseas edition, that Powell is in contempt of Congress—"brazenly, incorrigibly." The Times bases its argument on several things—his front-page escapades in Europe with other people's wives; his shocking record of absenteeism in Congress; his tax delinquency; the fantastic salary to which he raised his wife (from \$3,000 something to \$12,974 for the job of staying home in her native Puerto Rico "to answer mail"); and to his involvement with conflict-of-interest housing loans.

Record Scandalous
There is no doubt that Powell's record as a legislator is scandalous, but the chances are that nothing is going to be done about him. He has been elected to Congress approximately since Teddy Kennedy was born, and will be elected again if he so desires.

Congress being Congress, it will never dare tamper with seniority, even in going so far, as the Times suggests, as to dock his pay for absence due to causes other than illness. It will not censure him for racketeering around Europe on the taxpayers' money with a couple of white chicks while his Puerto Rican wife stayed home, presumably answering the mail.

Nothing Expected
They will say nothing to him on his tax rap, because that is now in the courts, and when it is in the courts it is not technically on the Internal Revenue books. There are too many technicalities in nearly \$11 million worth of loans approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency for Powell and a group of associates for that one to stick. About the only thing you could really hang on him is that he got a divorce from Hazel Scott, a very good piano player, and doesn't show up in the pulpit much often than he hangs his hat in the legislative halls.

Powell Is Power
And you are not going to catch Congress censuring a Negro who will yell racial prejudice at the first harsh word—and who, in the yelling—will alienate hundreds of thousands, maybe a few million, of Negro votes from the Democratic party. Powell is a power in the party, and he knows it almost as well as Jack Kennedy knows it.

Previously he had announced that he was retiring both from his pastorate and from politics to devote full time to his private enterprises in Puerto Rico. Now, his dander well up, he says he is going to hang onto the pulpit and run for re-election to the House.

I would say he's a shoo-in for victory in both counts, and I will not be surprised if summer does not find him back in Europe, doing the better waterholes with a couple of salaried (female) members of his staff. It is hard to beat a man these days who has both God and color going for him, and Adam Clayton Powell has both.

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The Editor's Corner By Charles V. Stanton

Metropolitan Papers Join Editor In Lashing At Bill

While I was expressing an opinion that the Oregon press was failing to inform people of a dangerous situation, with reference to the Natural Resources bill before the Legislature, Portland's two leading newspapers, The Oregonian and The Oregon Journal were making me "eat crow."

At the same time I was relating my unhappiness concerning what I thought to be a lack of publicity, the two Portland papers blasted away editorially at methods now being used in an apparent effort to crowd the thoroughly distorted proposal for a Department of Natural Resources through the Legislature on a program of resentment, dissatisfaction and emotion.

In a former discussion of the governor's plan it was stated in this column that the bill would be too extensively patched by amendments to be acceptable.

This has happened. But Gov. Hatfield has been quoted in the press as saying that while the bill at present is "barely satisfactory" it is a "step in the right direction." "It is a start," he is reputed to have said, "and can be corrected in future sessions of the Legislature."

The Oregonian points out that the legislature is not being asked to vote on an engrossed bill, but that the original bill, 154 pages in length, is now shot through with amendments "containing some language proposed by interested commercial groups." "It is not even in one bundle," The Oregonian declares.

The normal procedure, when engrossments (amendments) are approved, is to have the bill reprinted with the language in the form in which it is to appear. In this case, legislators are reported to be asked to vote on amendments covering several typewritten pages, completely divorced from the bill itself.

Attention Called
The Oregonian calls attention to the fact that "On the single issue of the potential destruction of one of the best game commissions and departments in the United States, we are forced to condemn the entire reorganization bill."

The Portland newspaper also points out that other departments proposed to be included or destroyed by the bill are "just as alarmed as are organized sportsmen." They are "resentful" it is stated "of the gangling up of commercial fishermen, anti-doe hunters and the Oregon Coast Association" and their complaints against the policies of the Game Commission.

There can be no question but that the Game Commission has taken a sound beating. It has been criticized from all sides. Because the Game Commission has been "woodshedded," the commercial interests have greatly improved their chance of pushing their program through the Legislature.

Was this abuse of the Game Commission deliberately designed and promoted?

Sincerity Unquestioned
I do not question the sincerity and honesty of the majority of persons writing in opposition to Game Commission policies. There always has been, and always will be, a great deal of disagreement over fish and game management technique. In fact, even the experts don't always agree. But did a propaganda letter to the editor here and there embolden a large number of critics? And did prodding from nonvandalists have anything to do with the organization of dissidents and the circulation of petitions seriously striking at Game Commission prestige? I'm frank to say I don't know.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hubble were in Portland for a few days recently. Twenty-three students from East Elementary School were listed on the third nine-week honor roll, according to Richard Scott, principal.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1923
Dist. Atty. George Neuner told the law enforcement conference here that Douglas County is one of the cleanest counties in the state so far as liquor law violations are concerned. "Of course there are still in the county," he said, "but they are very few. There is possibly 200, of them, more or less, but we have no knowledge of them."

Because of heavy traffic to Marshfield and Coos Bay over the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway, the Coast Auto lines have been required to arrange for another daily trip to accommodate their patrons.

25 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1938
President Roosevelt today par-

doned Dr. Francis E. Townsend, old age pension advocate, as he was about to enter a Washington, D.C., jail to begin serving a 30-day jail sentence for contempt of a House committee.

Ministers and lay delegates of approximately 20 churches in western Oregon met in Roseburg for a two-day district conference of the Methodist - Episcopal Church, south.

10 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1953
Sheriff Cal Baird has been the principal target of accusations growing out of the shooting of C. D. Burgoyne near Riddle, Feb. 1. The Douglas County Grand Jury Monday will convene to consider facts of the case.

Advertisements

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Man Finds Space In Cars Shrinks

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—For 16 years Stephen Spingarn, a former member of the Federal Trade Commission, toiled around in a 1946 sedan. Life was good then.

But a couple of months ago, disaster struck. His faithful old conveyance succumbed to fatigue and Spingarn was forced to go out shopping for a new car.

"It was then that I discovered," he said in relating his adventures, "that I had become a Rip Van Winkle among motorists."

His rude awakening came when he tried to get in one of the 1963 models. First he banged his head on the roof. Then he cracked his knee cap on the steering column.

"To my amazement, I found that the cars I thought had been getting bigger were only getting bigger on the outside," he said.

"On the inside they had been shrinking."

Fine For Reptiles
"They are fine for cobras and other reptiles that can crawl in on their bellies, but a man has got to creep into his own car like a midnight thief. Then he has got to curl up in the natal position before he can drive it."

Spingarn, who stands just under 6-feet-2 and weighs 250 pounds, test-entered every make of car that sells for less than \$3,000, picking up new abrasions along the way.

"The only way I avoided a concussion was by training myself to stop and say 'Look out, Spingarn! Don't bump your head again!' before I opened the door," he said.

At some point, possibly as a result of too many lumps on the cranium, Spingarn changed from a Rip Van Winkle into a sort of latter day Captain Ahab.

He lost all interest in mileage and other performance features and became obsessed with the pursuit of an auto whose portals permitted easy ingress and egress. They were even rarer than white whales.

Inner Space Crusade
Finally, Spingarn found a dealer who promised to remove the front seat track and reinstall it four inches farther to the rear. Being a lawyer, Spingarn made him put it in writing.

Then he carried the signed stipulation to another dealer, who agreed to match the terms. But, it turned out that the seat tracks

on some cars can only be moved back about two inches.

Nothing could be done about the roof and this is what has prompted Spingarn to organize the "inner space crusade." Its aim is to bring pressure on the auto makers to produce in at least a limited edition a model with a high roof and abundant leg room.

Many recruits have been rallying around the "inner space" banner, including Sen. Edwin L. McCarver, R-N.M., who is 6-feet-3 and who offered to make a "bipartisan revolt."

I personally, however, am not interested in joining such a crusade. I'm holding out for one of those cars shown in the U-Drive-It commercials where the driver floats down from the sky.

Dunes Seashore Viewed As State Point Of Pride

To The Editor:
It was in the spring of 1959 that the survey team appointed to study the entire Pacific coastal strip reported to the National Park Service that of all the areas along the Pacific Coast it found the Oregon Dunes seashore and Point Reyes in California the most unique, beautiful and worthy of preservation.

Point Reyes has now been set aside as a National Seashore and so is protected and preserved for future generations to enjoy. Now it is heartening to learn that our beautiful dunes area may soon receive the same protection through passage of Sen. Neuberger's bill to create an Oregon Dunes National Seashore, a bill which Secretary Udall has endorsed.

The past four years have been filled with misunderstandings and the misgivings of some of the residents in the area. Few have realized the great economic benefits which establishment of the park will bring. Those who are reasonably content with the present, fear any innovation which might possibly change their accustomed ways.

In other areas, however, such as Cape Cod and Hatteras, the reality of the national seashore development, with all the improvements and economic gains it has brought, has won the doubters from their former opposition to a happy acceptance and there are signs that this change is already beginning in Oregon.

The advantage of the Neuberger bill over that of Congressman Duncan's is that it will preserve a natural and beautiful environment on both sides of Highway 101, which will be the main road through the park. Were this not done there would surely be unsightly and unwanted commercial developments on privately held land on the east side of the highway. Also, this bill gives greater control over lake access and use while in no way disturbing the private homes now built there.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, April 17, the 107th day of 1963.

The moon is in its last quarter. The morning stars are Venus and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars and Mercury.

On this day in history:
In 1519, the Diet of Worms excommunicated Martin Luther from the Holy Roman Church after the former monk refused to admit to charges of heresy.

In 1790, Benjamin Franklin died at the age of 84.

In 1941, Yugoslavia capitulated to Germany.

In 1962, Capt. Joseph Kaufman of the U.S. Air Force was found guilty by a court martial of having passed military secrets to East German Communists.

A thought for the day—Benjamin Franklin said: "Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom appear, as by little advantages that occur every day."

It will be a beautiful National Seashore and one we will all enjoy and take pride in. And so will our children and theirs.

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Social Security Called Too Costly, By Reader

To The Editor:
Is Social Security too costly? It is very costly in the terms of money and in the term of turning the United States of America into a socialistic nation. Taxes are steadily increasing; yet the national debt keeps getting larger and larger. I am not against general taxes or the Social Security program, but a definite stand must be taken some place or we will be a bankrupt nation. A bankrupt nation is a weak nation, and we dare not be weak at this crucial time we are living in.

Did you know that by 1968 each employee will be paying \$220 a year for Social Security, while the employer must match this figure. A grand total of \$440 per person. If the "Medicare" program is passed by Congress, the bill would cost each wage earner \$31.50 more, plus an additional employer contribution of \$31.50. A grand total of \$507.00 per year or \$42.25 a month. The base Social Security tax is computed on, is \$4800.00, so roughly about 10 percent of the total salary is going for Social Security. The "Medicare" bill will only cover hospitalization of our aged and not doctor bills, so it is quite possible that we will be paying more than the \$507.00 a year by 1968.

The question is: Is Social Security too costly? I think it is! Do you?

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Opening lead—♥4	

to four spades. Actually three no-trump is a better contract and any pair that arrived there also got full bidding credit, but all had to play the hand at four spades.

West is directed to open the four of hearts and South notes that he has nine easy tricks and a lot of ways to go after the tenth. He also has one best line of play and that is going to work.

South must take the first heart and play the ace of spades to see that trumps aren't going to be all bunched in one hand. When both opponents follow he should play the ace and queen of diamonds. West will probably take his queen of hearts and lead a second heart to his partner's jack, whereupon East will lead the jack of clubs.

South will play the queen in case East has led from the king, but West will produce the king and the trick will be won by dummy's ace.

Now South must ruff a diamond

Baptist Women Slate Speaker, Installation

Edyth McCarty, American Baptist missionary recently returned from Thailand, will speak at the First Baptist Church in Roseburg this Thursday at 11 a.m. Miss McCarty's home town is Springfield, Ore.

At noon a luncheon will be served by the Wanda Kelley Missionary Circle and at 1:15 p.m. Mrs. Les Peterson of Oakland will install the new officers of the Woman's Mission Society using the year's theme "Crown Him Lord of All." Mrs. Gwen Reddekopp will assist in the service as soloist.

Mrs. Melva Mobley, president of the Woman's Society, will be presiding over the day's activities.

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