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Recreation Program Needs Help

The Cottage Grove summer youth swim program ran into a snag last week with too many children to cope with and too few funds to deal with.

The program here, run with funds from Community Chest, is directed by the Recreation committee. Most communities have recreation districts formed, or the city takes over the program. Here it is handicapped by lack of funds and lack of a permanent body to manage it.

Under the capable hands of Bob Dusenberry and other committee members the program has done pretty well. But this summer a total of 250 children turned out for swimming, with a bus capacity of only 160. So it was thought only beginners would be able to take the lessons begun this week at the Wilson Creek area at the dam. Red Cross instructors are provided free of charge.

Even if another bus were available, a driver, extra supervisors, life guards, etc. were not. And only $1,200 was available to run the program. This will run out about August 1.

An unexpected and much needed boost came to the program this week with the donation by local clubs of enough money to carry on the project and provide a third bus for intermediate and senior swimmers. A third bus now leaves Jefferson filled with happy children who otherwise would have been left behind on the curbstone.

The Red Cross also rallied to the cause by providing an extra instructor for the heavy program here.

The local organizations who unselfishly gave funds must be commended for their action.

The Recreation committee has said that it is "stumbling along" with the program. It has been suggested that the city budget extra funds for a recreation program next spring, or that a recreation district be formed.

Outside the city residents who take advantage of the program might have to pay for it if the city took over. In either case, taxes would be only a few mills to raise the necessary $4,000 or $5,000 that would carry the program for our youth into full and better operation. This would pay for facilities, rental of buses, drivers, life guard and supervisors' services.

Not only would the swim program be expanded, but also other programs such as recreation facilities at the park or some other area. Sights have also been for some time on a local swimming pool.

Petitions to form a recreational district were drawn up once before, but the organization put in charge of circulating them fell down because some members did not favor the plan. This same organization donated funds for the third bus service.)

It seems to us that facilities for our youth, especially in the summer, are a very necessary and vital part of a growing and progressive community and should be provided for systematically each year. (See story page 1.) (JHG)

Can the Republicans Do It?

The new deal and fair deal democrats are nearing a record in American history as the party who stayed in power the longest. Should the democrats win the fall election they will have broken a record of 20 years of rule by one party. Conceivably such a victory for the democrats could mean the end of the two party system. Up to now we have gone on the theory that one party serves as a check against the other and that if the ruling party became corrupt enough, the ruling party would be kicked out by the voters. And this theory was a good one too until 1932 when the present administration began to encourage the public to bring all problems to Washington.

Such governmental theories up to now have had a far greater appeal to the majority of the voters than any theory of personal liberty or methods of preservation of the two party system, which might end government corruption.

If the present rule of the democratic administration is ended, it will be up to the independent voter for since 1932, the so-called democratic party has been the major party of the United States. The ruling party is further strengthened by the fact that a total of 25 million people are affected directly or indirectly by the federal payroll.

The present rule can be ended if enough voters will, when going to the polls take into consideration what is best for the nation as a whole and not be influenced by men or issues offering personal gain. The ruling party has been able to stay in power for 20 years by reason of the fact that the administration heads have been able to offer either a government job or a government subsidy to the voter without any consideration as to how such a policy would affect the common welfare or how much corruption it might create within the government itself. There is nothing more selfish than politics and there is nothing that breeds corruption in government as fast as the voter, who permits personal gain to influence his or her vote.

Since 1932 we have suffered recurring domestic crises and while these crises did not become acute until after 1941, they have been spasmodic in their effect, depending on the foreign situation. In fact today's young men and women in college, don't know what you are talking about when you speak of normal times prior to 1932.

We have been using the same technique as the iron curtain countries, who when they want to divert their subjects away from domestic miseries, find an enemy to turn the public attention to.

The most worthwhile effort we can think of is to clean up our domestic situation before we start worrying about our foreign commitments or training more soldiers to fight an enemy, whose technique we are gradually stealing in the name of liberty.

We Can Brag a Little

We can do a little bragging about beautiful highways in scenic setting when the four-lane highway down Pass creek canyon is completed. One of the outstanding drives for the visitor would be to go south over the new highway to Anlauf and on to Drain and down the Umpqua over Highway 38. This trip to our way of thinking equals if not exceeds the beauties of the famed Columbia river drive.

"We must face the fact that the menaces of inflation and bankruptcy are second only to Communism and invasion by a foreign enemy. Most people do not realize how rapidly these dangers have advanced in the past several years."
—Clarence Cannon.

The above ads from the Travel Information division, Oregon State Highway department, are typical of those appearing in various publications advertising the play spots of the state.

The travel division sent out the mat upon request of numerous newspapers in the state, telling of the beauty spots that invite vacationers to Oregon.

ONLY THING HE FEARS!

AN EDITORIAL

"Spenders" Under Fire

An opinion poll revealed recently that more than twice as many voters are now concerned about government spending and high taxes as were concerned last January.

Sen. Carlson of Kansas elaborated on this fact when he said that "never before have the American people made their protests about taxation and spending so well heard."

This public realization of government waste and extravagance is all to the good. Only an aroused public opinion can protect the nation against the reckless spenders. However, if the bureaucrats are forced to realize that the public really demands economy, they may agree, with Sen. Carlson, that "now is the time to act in accord with this loud voice of the people."

Stock Ownership Lags

Stock brokers and other interested parties got a rude shock from the first comprehensive study of stock ownership in this country. Those who have proclaimed the breadth of John Q. Public's stake in capitalism through stock ownership were surprised to find recently that only 4.2 per cent of the population, or 6,490,000, actually own stock.

This is a somewhat smaller number than some financial observers had estimated. One bright note was that there has been a decided rise in the number of stockholders in recent years. About one-fifth of the total became share holders in the past three years and six per cent acquired their stock in 1951.

Nevertheless, the survey emphasizes the need for greater participation in capitalism by the American people. More and more effort must be expended in telling the story and advantages of private investment. If the people are to support private enterprise they must have a piece of it.

An interesting sidelight to the survey was the refutation of the old adage about women owning the country. Men owning stock were in the majority by a slight 30,000, according to the survey. Moreover, the men owned more stock, averaging 160 shares apiece compared with 115 for the ladies.

Mabel Merryman, Grove Pioneer, Dies Wednesday

Mabel Wynne Merryman, a resident of Cottage Grove most of her 78 years and active in the Old Schoolmates group, passed away Wednesday, July 16, at Jacksonville, Oreg. She was born in Cottage Grove, December 6, 1874, a daughter of pioneers, Dr. A. L. and Sarah Perkins Wynne. She was married September 30, 1900, in Cottage Grove to John Adrian Merryman, who passed away in 1939 at Dorris, Calif.

With the exception of a few years spent at Dorris, Calif., most of her life was spent here. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Order of Eastern Star and the Old Schoolmates.

Surviving are one son, John Wynne Merryman of Klamath Falls; two grandchildren; two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Olivia Eakin, Mrs. Orpah Benson and Armand Wynne, all of Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be announced later by Mills Mortuary.

Fern Victoria Owen

Funeral services for Mrs. Fern Victoria Owen, age 47, were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 12, at the Drain Methodist church. Interment was in the Comstock cemetery. Mills Mortuary of Cottage Grove was in charge of arrangements, and the Rev. E. S. Bartlam of Eugene officiated.

Mrs. Owen, a resident of Anlauf for 30 years, passed away Monday, July 7, 1952, at Oakridge. She was born in Portland December 10, 1904, and was married to Joe A. Owen in 1922 at Roseburg. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Surviving are her husband; five children: Archie W. Owen, Joe A Owen, Jr., Charlie W. Owen, Mrs. Fern Marie Chostner and Mrs. Genevieve F. Duerst; seven grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Floyd Blomberg, Mrs. John Wertz and Mrs. Clayton Harris.

Marjorie Seymour

Marjorie Edna Seymour, age 64, passed away at her home in South Drain Tuesday, July 8, 1952. She was born Marjorie Hutzler May 1, 1888, at Maple Grove, Wis., and was married August 5, 1905, at Drain to Vivus Seymour, who survives her. Mrs. Seymour was a member of the Methodist church. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Donald, and one daughter, Mabel Blomberg, both of Drain: one brother, Jerome Hutzler in Wisconsin; and one sister, Nora Brown, California.

Funeral services were held at the Drain Methodist church Thursday, July 10, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Carl Conrad officiated with interment in the Drain Cemetery. Mills Funeral Service of Drain was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Letters to the Editor

Don't Buy It!

Dear Editor:

I would like to warn the public of the fact that each year at Rodeo time there is a group that comes to Cottage Grove selling and asking for donations for some small trinket. When they approach the public they mislead them to think the money asked for is going to the Disabled Veterans.

To my knowledge they do not represent any bona fide veterans' organization. These men dress in such a manner as to mislead the public to believe that they do represent some veterans' organization. They usually wear dark clothing and a black overseas cap such as the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars wear, but you will note they wear no insignia on these caps of any of the veterans' organizations.

DO NOT give your money to these men. They are no doubt taking this money for their own personal profits, not for any vets' organization, as they mislead you to believe. They are **NOT** backed backed or sponsored by any veterans' organization in Cottage Grove.

Ray Fuller,
Commander, Post 32
American Legion
Cottage Grove, Oregon

DRIVER NEEDS BRAKES

Four-wheel brakes are not going to help the driver who has no brakes on the wheel in his head.

A chronic grouch can tell you every ailment that afflicts this country—but can't diagnose his own trouble.

Howdy RODEO Fans!

Here's hopin' you-all have a good time this weekend. And for good times motoring always use Chevron gasoline.

ART NOLT
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Out for a SPIN
With
Paul Hansen

I guess we've all heard motorists boasting that they could stop a car on a dime . . . but it doesn't make much sense. And anybody who thinks he can do it is going to be short-changed in a hurry. I just saw some figures put out by the AAA . . . and they're as startling as a knock on the door in the middle of the night. You know, when you're traveling twenty miles an hour you'll cover twenty-two feet after you see you have to stop . . . before you get your brogan on the brake. And you'll go another thirty feet before you do stop. That's a total of fifty-two feet.

At thirty miles an hour you'll cover more than a hundred feet before you stop. At forty you'll go 164 feet . . . and at sixty it takes you over three hundred feet to stop a car after you see an emergency develop. That's more than the length of a football field . . . which is a big chunk of real estate. Ask any lad who ever tried to tote a football from one end to the other. So think ahead . . . and drive ahead. Give yourself and the other fellow a break.

It did not take the republicans long to nominate "Ike" for president once the balloting started at Chicago last week and it took even less time to nominate his running mate, Sen. Richard Nixon for vice-president. According to Mrs. "Ike", that gent Ike is quite a man. Any way he could be the next president of the U. S. if enough people believe as Mrs. Ike.

Some of our customers have been speedier than the republicans in reaching a decision to buy a car from us, once they have seen what we have to offer.

When it comes to making turns, greater caution and courtesy should be displayed in making left turns because drivers must cross other streams of traffic. But in any case, the signal should be made in advance . . . without straddling of lanes, or swinging one way before turning the other. This eliminates "jockeying for a position" right before the turn.

Have you seen our choice used cars? Come in and look around. They're all good, clean jobs . . . and priced right. Every car we sell is backed by our reputation . . . and guaranteed to give you real service. You're sure to be satisfied at HANSEN BROS. 5th & Washington. Phone: 760.

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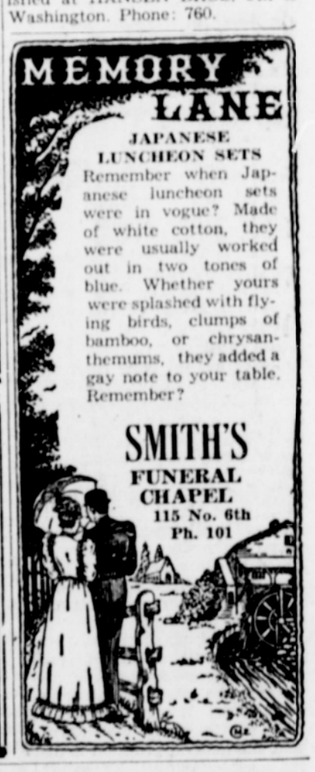

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