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ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

Are the good people of this area going to permit race discrimination to rise up and arouse dissention among people of the area. Is it going to be a problem adding to all this area already has?

Reference is made to those who gave Swan Lumber Co. the ultimatum of "canning" a 60-year-old negro who happened along and asked for a job. This negro is reputed to be an excellent worker, co-operative in all ways, and easy to work with except by those who wish to take exceptions.

The Almighty created all men—created them equal and expected them to abide one with another without difficulty. Here, at a time when employment was never greater—when workmen were more in demand, someone has to come up with that problem again. Do these dissenters stop to think that many negroes gave their full measure of devotion to the United States in the last world war? Recently in Colliers Magazine appeared an article depicting the "great" sergeant in the Korean war—that sergeant is a negro, and his white squad of infantrymen think he's "tops." Is this area above that?

CURRY COUNTY NOW RECOGNIZED

Have you driven about Curry county much within the last month or more? Have you noticed any changes? Just how many of the old landmarks stand in a scene not altered at this moment? Know what this means? Have you heard of growth, or expansion? That's it!

Long forgotten by Oregon, expect for the little bit it might contribute to the tax fund, Curry county suddenly has been put under the spotlight in such brilliance that the whole world is cognizant of its existence—the whole world (no pun intended) now wants to locate here. Doubt this? Ask any realtor in the county how he suddenly is being flooded by inquiries—and from where.

People seek this country for many reasons, principally to get away from congested areas, where climate and opportunities do not hold out much for the prospective business man unless he is heavily financed, or subsidized.

At last Curry county is being recognized for its actual worth to Oregon and world economy.

HOME BUILDING BEGINS CLIMB

Home-building, to care for the influx of new residents in this area, is getting under way. Scarcely a day passes but one may observe ground being broken for a home on lots which were once considered just brush land. No sites are being overlooked by people who are coming to the area. It is not likely that there will be many left, which are close in, in the next month or so.

People who have large plots are now subdividing to make room for new homes which surely are coming. Frank Hallieb, recently from San Diego, arrived last week and plans to erect several on his property near Harris State Park. Ira Darst has plans for a number of houses on Tanbark lane. Such are but a few of the plans now being made for home construction.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Fans of the area are really concerned about the coming baseball situation since the Southern Oregon league dissolved when a number of teams withdrew to enter a "class" which the towns felt might be more even. That may or may not be the excuse, but the league is finished, and Crescent City, Brookings, Central Point are orphans without a league.

Sunday, Pete Lesmeister, business manager, went to Coquille, in an effort to get into Southwestern Oregon which includes Myrtle Point, Reedsport, Bandon and others, but he wasn't given any satisfaction, because they claimed it would increase the "long distances" for games. An effort may be made to enter a league including teams of Crescent City, Arcata and Eureka, or to re-instate in the Rogue Valley league, of which Brookings was a members two years ago.

Pete knows fans about the area want their baseball, and they want the best class possible. He is leaving nothing undone to accomplish that fact. It might be added that Pete's life has lots of room for baseball. It has been his hobby, he says, since his youth. He's too old and too fond of the sport to quit now.

Gold Beach, as of Monday, was energized through the line between here and the county seat. This move is another step toward realization of a long-felt need—power in the area. Later this year, and perhaps just after the beginning of 1952, Bonneville will have the circuit completed to Gold Beach, linking up the circuit which will prevent many outages which might occur.

Brookings is ahead on power schedule, but the northern end is still behind in its needs. When these needs are fulfilled, then the growth of the county will be given added impetus, and reason for more and continued expansion—more than people at the moment realize.

If our telephone situation were abreast, there would be cause for rejoicing. However, there is one good reason for lack of telephone expansion—capital. Being a stock company, it is regulated by all the commissions and bureaus of government, which tell these corporations how much stock to be sold for expansion, which is limited to a ratio not to exceed 30 to 40 per cent.

While I am not a public relations man of any sort, I believe I have the picture behind the telephone situation. Here in this area we have certain growing pains, and telephone service is but one. West Coast Telephone Company, extending from Everett, Wash., to Eureka, Calif., is swamped with situations which are comparable to the expansion in this immediate area. It is a task which takes plenty of capital to alleviate. I presume that capital is partially the trouble, and slowness in obtaining a lot of telephone materials make up another part.

The west coast never in its history has witnessed such an expansion. If capital were readily available I do believe the expansion would actually double its present tempo. Many phases contribute to expansion: power, telephone, materials and capital.

Right now, I doubt if any one phase can be said to be most important, so badly needed are all in its own particular way.

When West Coast Telephone Company installed the local exchange switchboard, it made its first mistake by putting a fifty-

line board, not capable of expansion. When a new board is installed, later this year, this will allow more lines and that will be grabbed up immediately. More trunk lines for long distance calls will eliminate that—when they can be installed.

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