Swimming Pool Action by Rotarians Denotes Progress

It seems that a swimming pool for Hillsboro has at last passed beyond the talk stage in which it has been off and on for 50 years. Action of the Rotary club pool committee with the concurrence of the Rotary board of directors looks toward possible vote by the citizens of Hillsboro next November.

Rotarians propose to back up their investigations and recommendations by appropriating a sufficient amount of money to obtain an estimate of total costs and an architectural illustration of the completed project. They also propose to co-operate with city councilmen and, if advisable, institute an initiative petition to put the project on the ballot. The same committee that has worked on the project throughout the year will carry on.

A pool has been the dream of countless Hillsboro people for many years and the culmination of these dreams would be one of the most progressive steps that could be undertaken here. Nearly every sizable community in the country has provided swimming and recreational programs for its young people. Usually they are a definite part of a community's park and recreational system. By going ahead Hillsboro will be a more attractive place in which to live.

There are those who will doubtless say that they never had such opportunities in their younger days and will oppose the program, but that has always been the story of progress. Many doubtless waste within a short time the amount it would cost them individually.

Sentiment as evidenced over the years indicates strong public opinion in favor of a pool, but if it comes to a vote proponents must put up a real campaign in its behalf.

A serviceman has suggested that the swimming pool be erected as a memorial to local boys who have made and will make the supreme sacrifice for their country. He declares that a living memorial is much more suitable than slabs of granite.

Many have lost their lives in this war and in peace times through inability to swim. The saving of one life through providing proper swimming and instructional facilities would more than justify the expenditure.

Our neighbors at Newberg, McMinnville, Carlton, St. Helens, Astoria, Oregon City, Salem, Portland, etc., have such facilities, why not Hillsboro?

A Fine Testimonial

A splendid testimonial to the work of the Red Cross was given recently by Pvt. Ronald D. Soldier, a Washington county soldier, under "Letters from Service Men." The Red Cross is a great humanitarian organization in which all the people are given an opportunity to participate through the annual war fund drive and the Argus is pleased to repeat Soldier's estimonial, written from a hospital bed "somewhere in England." It follows:

"I've had so many people ask me what it is like here, my version of the war and so on. I've finally decided to answer all questions through you. First we will take up the Red Cross. This is all war over here. We are living in a place that has had war for quite a number of years now. The British Red Cross and the American Red Cross to us fellows over here is like a home is to the average American. The kindness of the Red Cross women is fully appreciated. And we thank the many thousands of American people who made it possible for us to be able to have the Red Cross in the war today with us."

The next session of the legislature should set up laws to give protection to income tax payers against unqualified "tax experts." The report comes out of Portland that between 500 and 600 citizens who made their first payment of Oregon state income tax for 1943 through one group must pay a second time. The tax commission points out that no one is authorized to collect income taxes for them, even though help may be required in filling out forms. Tax payers should be sure that the man they employ to do their income tax work is qualified and should remember that a cheap fee can sometimes be the most expensive in the long run.

Chamber of commerce officials and others are realizing the fruits of their labors to alleviate the critical housing shortage here with work starting on 14 new homes in various parts of the city. Co-operative effort through an organization like the chamber of commerce is of inestimable value to any community and every business firm should be helping to carry the load by holding a membership.

A lot is being written and said about the split in the democratic party in Texas and the bolt away from a fourth term for President Roosevelt. Recent talks with Texans would indicate that in the final analysis they won't stray too far away from the democratic fold next November. The democratic label seems to be too firmly implanted on them.

Capt. Rickenbacker declares that all American servicemen and women "regardless of age" should be given the right to vote and exercise the rights of citizenship. It seems perfectly logical that if a young man is old enough to fight and die, if need be for his country, he should be old enough to vote. In a great many instances our young men and women in the services would use their vote a whole lot more sensibly than a lot of their elders.

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News of the Churches

Zion Lutheran, Scheiffelin—Divine worship, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30. Lutheran hour is heard at 9:30, topic: "The Wages of Sin." Zion Ladies' society meets today (Thursday) at 2:15 p. m. Members are requested to bring their missionary offering. Walther Leaguers will meet Friday evening for a social at the August Petersen home.—C. J. Krueger, pastor.

Aloha Community Baptist—Sunday: Church school, 10 a. m.; morning worship at 11; sermon, "A Prosperous Church." Youth fellowship, 7 p. m. Evening worship at 8. Teachers' forum, 9 p. m. Prayer meeting, 8 p. m., Wednesday.—Rev. Loree, pastor.

Hillsboro Methodist, Third and Washington streets—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11; sermon, "The Fruits of the Spirit." Methodist youth fellowship, 7 p. m. Evening gospel hour at 8; sermon, "Jesus, the Name High Over All." Choir rehearsal, 8 p. m., Wednesday. Prayer meeting, 8 p. m., Thursday.—Dr. H. F. Pemberton, pastor.

Congregational, East Main and Fifth—Morning worship service at 11 with sermon by the minister, Dr. A. J. Sullens. Church school at 10 a. m., with classes for all ages.

St. Paul Lutheran, Sherwood, 1½ miles west of Six Corners—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; church services, 10:30 a. m.—J. H. Meissinger, pastor. tf

Hillsboro Free Methodist, 5th and Oak; parsonage, 366 S. 5th—Bible school, 10 a. m., Sunday, followed by service of divine worship at 11 o'clock.—Earl F. Aiken, pastor.

Reedville Community Presbyterian—Sunday school, 10 a. m., Mrs. Ida Kirkwood, superintendent; worship service, 11 a. m.; young people's C. E., 7 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible study, Thursday, 7 p. m. Women's Missionary society meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 2 p. m.—Victor Hovda, student-pastor. tf

Dixie Mountain Baptist—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship 11 o'clock. B. Y. P. U., junior and senior, 7 p. m. Mid-week service, 8 p. m., Wednesday. tf

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Services every Sunday at 11; Sunday school at 11. Wednesday services, 8 p. m. Free reading room open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 until 4 p. m. Sunday's topic is: "Life."

Assembly of God, Aloha—Sunday school, 10 a. m.; worship service, 11 a. m.; Evening evangelistic service at 7:30. Regular mid-week service Thursday at 7:45.—Rev. Orville Poulin, pastor. tf

Cedar Mill Church—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11. Young people's meeting, 7:15 p. m.; evening worship, 8 o'clock.—Rev. Simon E. Forsberg, pastor. tf

St. Peter's Lutheran, 2½ miles south of Cornelius—Divine services, 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. A cordial welcome to all.—Arthur E. Bohlman, pastor. tf

Seventh Day Adventist—Services each Sabbath (Saturday). Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11; young people's, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting, 8 p. m., Wednesday.—C. R. Aimes, resident pastor, 615 W. Garibaldi. tf

Pilgrim Lutheran, Beaverton—Sunday school, 10 a. m.; divine services, 11 a. m. Lutherans of this vicinity and others with no church affiliation are invited to worship with us.—Rev. Walter R. Buhl, pastor.

Trinity Lutheran, 3rd and Walnut—Divine services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 9:30. Lutheran hour, KALE, 9:30. You are cordially welcomed to worship with us.—G. Reule, pastor.

Foursquare, S. 4th, near Baseline—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11; young people's crusader meeting, 6:15 p. m.; evening service at 7:45. Tuesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer and Bible study.—C. E. Hay, pastor.

Christian, 3rd and Baseline—Bible school meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 and is followed by morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon topic: "Investments for Eternity." Evangelistic service 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal 8:45. Attend church somewhere next Sunday and strengthen your Christian morale for these chaotic days through which the world is passing.—R. C. Leonard, minister.

All Saints' Episcopal, corner 4th and Lincoln—Sunday: Holy Communion, 6:15 and 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11. Tuesday, 12:05 to 12:20 p. m., prayer service.—Newton Penberthy, vicar.

North Plains Church of Christ—Sunday school, 10 a. m.; church service, 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Church service, 7:30 p. m.—Julius Fleenor, student pastor. tf

Orenco Presbyterian—Services every Sunday, 11 a.m. Every other Sunday there is held an evening service, opening which we enjoy 15 minutes of song. This service is held at 8 o'clock. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.—Rev. Leeds

Assembly of God, 246 E. Lincoln—Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; morning worship at 11; young people's, 6:30 p. m.; evangelistic, 8 p. m. Tuesday night cottage prayer meetings. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Jail service. Friday, 8 p. m., Bible or question night.—C. E. Freeman, pastor. tf

Tualatin Plains Presbyterian—Sabbath services, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; C. E., 8 p. m.; Missionary society last Wednesday of each month, 2 p. m.—J. F Gibson, minister. tf

Why They Want In

"After the war, everybody in Vienna expects to come to America." So sounded the message from over there.

"And what is it that makes this good land of ours so worth while to the people who live outside? Why has God blessed America?

The answer is that here dwells a people who seek out God's will, to know it and to do it. They are his purchased possession, bought with the blood of Christ and indwelt by the Spirit of Christ. They hate sin, are separated unto Christ and live by Power from On High.

Some of them had but a feeble, flickering spark of faith, when they turned to God. They knew their sinful state and believed the Bible—that the blood of Christ would wash away their sins and that He would indwell them himself. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," says the Good Book. They believed and the mighty God honored their tiny spark of faith and received them unto himself.

Through these people, God set down the foundation of our schools, hospitals and the things that make America different. And yet only as a Christian stays in the land, can those things live and prosper.

Our fathers held close to God and the Bible and prayer; through them God blessed America. Will you turn to God, that America may continue to stand?

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Letters from Service Men

Aids in Training

Dear Verne—Well now that I am finally settled I will write and tell you what my address is so you can send me my paper.

I have been moving fast ever since I have been down here. That is the reason that I haven't written to you. I didn't want to send for it until I did get a permanent address as there is so many of the boys that get and come that it is so hard to keep up with all the changes and I know that it is the same way with you up there.

I am stationed here as a permanent party as a training cadre. Our job is to train the new boys that come here. We put them through 17 weeks of training before they leave camp. After that they are to be shipped out to all four corners of the world to do their part. We have to put in long hours of training most of the time, so we don't get much time to have much fun. After you get done with a day's work you want to go to bed most of the time. We have the week-ends off if we don't happen to be on duty. The weather down here has sure been hot the past few days. It sure has been a change from what I was used to up north.

The only good thing about the country is that it does cool off at night so you can get a good night's sleep.

Well, Verne, I guess I had better close for this time so I can write a few more times to some of the folks back home, then to bed, for there is another day's work again coming around again tomorrow.

Hoping to get the paper soon.

Thanking you again for sending the paper to us.

Oh yes, I met one of your Hillsboro boys the other day. It was Pete Peterson. He ran the Signal service station on Baseline street.—As ever, CARL VANKLEEK.

Meeuwsen in Invasion

Gerald Meeuwsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meeuwsen of the North Plains community, is taking part in the invasion and writes of his activities in an interesting letter to his mother:

Dear Mom—I suppose you've already received my V-mail letter informing you of my slight change of location from England to France. I've been here just a week today and am feeling fine. I can see it's going to take quite some time for this guy to get used to this type of life. Things are plenty rough and rugged here, although at present we are a distance from the fighting front. No doubt you're reading the newspaper everyday to see how this invasion is coming along so you may have a slight idea of what is going on over here. I've seen quite a few things already that really proves there's a terrific war going on here and that we're really in it, but that sure gives a guy a funny feeling when he sets step on a few days ago enemy held territory, really makes one do a lot of thinking. Our outfit is operating as a gas company, as that's what it is cut out to be. We haven't been overdoing it yet but we probably will be working like hell every day in the near future. Our living conditions are quite different here than they were in England where we lived in hotels, barracks and tents. Here we dig in every time we move and our barracks are known as "Fox Holes." I never dug one in my army career until we hit France. I guess I will take up gravedigging when I come back home. We really have to be careful what we do as we are always sweating out snipers and raids. I know I never, like probably most all the other guys, slept much the first couple of nights, but we're gradually getting used to it. One thing that is bad is the food problem. These K rations are the last straw—day after day—but naturally better than nothing. I guess a guy will eat most anything when he is hungry. You won't have to worry about me being too particular about my eats when I come home. Now is the best time you can send me some packages. I feel like I could really go for some fig bars and candy. I hate to keep asking for packages but I guarantee you there's a good reason and that nothing shall go to waste. The packages are always in pretty fair shape when they get here.

France looks quite a bit like England to me. Just looking at the scenery you wouldn't believe there is a war going on. England wasn't a bad country after all. I've seen a few Frenchmen but was unable to speak their lingo, naturally. One of my buddies can speak French, he learned it in college and he's talked to a few already. I was with him once, and I just stood there like a danged fool.

What's happened to all the guys from around Roy? How are they all making it? Do you know of any other guys from around there that were in on this invasion. No doubt there were some. Whatever has become of my old mate, Marine Bill? I haven't heard from him in about 6 months. Sure hope he's O. K. By the way, I wouldn't doubt it a bit that the Nierman boy was in on this as the paratroopers really are making a haul. I'm glad I never volunteered for that outfit now.

How is everyone and everything at home, fine I hope? Suppose the kids are probably picking strawberries. I've nearly forgotten what a strawberry looks like.

Well I guess that's about all I know for now, so I will say so long for now, always hoping to hear from you. I've gotten one letter since I've been here.—Love, GERALD.

P. S.—Dick and I are sharing the same fox hole. We manage to have a little fun.

Miller Brothers Expect Further Pacific Action

Mrs. Frank Olson of Hillsboro received a letter from her son, Cpl. Orville (Buck) Miller with the marine corps in the South Pacific area, telling of further action for three of her four marine sons. Buck and Ray Miller are veterans of Tarawa, Tulagi and Guadalcanal, while the third son mentioned in the letter, Emmerson (Bud) Miller, saw action at Tarawa. The letter follows:

Dear Mom—Just a few lines to say hello to everybody and let you know we are still Okay. Hope you are all in the best of health.

Did you get those Jap pictures and things I sent to you? I sure hope you get them all right.

Well, Mom, we are going into action again. So just cross your fingers and hang on because all three of us are going to be in this one too. Don't worry we'll make out Okay.

By rights Ray and I ought to get to come home after this one's over, but we probably won't get to. By the time you get this letter we'll have over two years over here and our third hot battle.

Well I guess I'll sign off until next time. Hoping to see you all again one of these days.—Your loving son, BUCK.

On Invasion Ship

Dear Verne—I have had good intentions of writing a letter to you for the past few months. Letter writing is such a task when you are on a fighting ship as we can't tell where we have been or what or where of the present.

The president made the remark that our ship, the U. S. S. Nevada, had come up from a watery grave in Pearl Harbor to lead the invasion with Wallace McCamant of Portland as speaker.

Oswald Grieg installed noble grand I. O. O. F. lodge.

Fletcher store at 6th and Ford burns.

Hillsboro loses three games over July 4th, 2 to Banks and 1 to Columbia Hardware of Portland.

Deaths—Antone Krieger, a Verboort founder, June 30. Father Joseph L. Buchholzer, first resident priest for Hillsboro, July 2.

Forty-five Years Ago

Argus, July 13, 1899—Oregon volunteers arrive in San Francisco from Manila.

New fire bell placed on top of fire hall by Contractor Bouchein and group of firemen.

E. B. Tongue installed chancellor commander Knights of Pythias.

Judge Charles T. Tozier, former sheriff and county judge, buried here Saturday.

A Tribute to A Brave Lad

It was just a telegram from the War Department saying, "Your son lost his life in the service of his country." Just one of many of such messages being received in many American homes as a result of this greatest of all tragedies, but those of us who knew Sergeant Martin Ryan, read a great deal more than was contained in those few lines of the message.

We again saw Martin as a school boy, honest, clear minded and true. We saw him do his hitch in Battery E, Hillsboro National Guard, and then, four years ago, enlist in the Marines. We saw him serving his country in Iceland, in Guadalcanal, in Tarawa, and finally make the supreme sacrifice in Saipan.

He was reserved, resolute and fearless in his short life, he endured much but asked no favors. A Good Citizen and a Good Soldier.

Martin's friends will miss him, but they know that he died as he would have wished—facing the enemy unflinchingly in the cause of humanity.

His death will serve as an inspiration to us to finish the job for which he gave his life.—A friend.

In Other Days

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, July 11, 1929—Governor Patterson present at Fourth of July celebration to crown Alma Varner as queen.

L. J. Merrill re-elected chairman Hillsboro U. H. S. board.

M. P. Cady installed as president Rotary club.

Harry Floeter of Portland wins annual bunion derby from Portland to Hillsboro.

Hillsboro goes into 1st place tie in Portland Valley league by defeating Oregon City Sunday 5-4. Gus Tolke strikes out 14.

Rev. E. Schmidt celebrates 50th year of ordination as minister at Rock Creek church.

G. Russell Morgan opens law office here.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, July 9, 1914—Hillsboro holds big Fourth of July celebration.

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7:45 p. m., Evangelistic Service, "Carnel Forces and Spiritual Power," by the Pastor.

TUESDAY—7:45 p. m., Evangelistic Service, "Lord, What Would Thou Have Me To Do?" by Rev. Oren Hutchison.

—REV. MELVIN E. JAMES, Pastor

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