

Scouts' Camp Area Improved By Volunteers, Buying Plan

By RUBY FRAZIER

The 400 boys who have attended or will attend Boy Scout Camp Lucky Boy on Blue River this summer may not realize it, but some intelligent purchasing and a lot of volunteer labor has brought their camp to the highest peak of fun and efficiency it has ever attained.

The 140 acres in the heart of the mountains is owned outright by the Boy Scouts, and is protected on nearly every side by Forest Service property. The complete job of maintenance is up to the scouts, and since the war, much has been done to improve the property.

Purchasing surplus war material gave the camp much of its new equipment — equipment that for the most part can be moved if the necessity to change the camp site ever arises.

Possible Development

And the fact that the camp may have to be moved some day is a possibility that Boy Scouts must face. If tributaries of the McKenzie River are dammed, a dam may possibly be thrown up across Blue River at a point that would render the camp useless.

Many improvements at the camp were made prior to this summer's season. New boats were added, bringing the total number to seven, and new water front equipment was purchased, including life rafts and float.

"The large float that holds the diving board cost the government \$966, but it cost us only \$10," Roger Bales, local Scout executive pointed out.

"The life rafts cost us only \$4 each. The chlorination and filter unit for the water supply was worth \$1200, and we got it for \$60. Actually, all the equipment we have bought is worth thousands of dollars more than what we paid for it," Bales said.

Other new additions include bunks with built-in springs for all the cabins, new first aid tents, some new tables in the mess hall, two new stoves, and a new shower

house with nine showers for scouts and one for the staff.

Volunteer Labor

"Labor used to install all this equipment was volunteer," Bales pointed out. "We had several work parties, with the scouts furnishing meals. Volunteer help put in the shower house, and the new bridge across the river. We also built several new latrines, and painted most of the buildings this year."

Tentative plans for the future are many, including construction of a new mess hall. A refrigeration unit will also be added as soon as possible.

For practice in scouting skills, a new rope yard and a yard were added prior to camp this year, and are stocked with equipment to enable scouts to practice knot tying and skills with an ax.

Plenty To Enjoy

Activities that boys may enjoy in their improved camp are many and varied, and an experienced staff of 16 is on hand to guide them. Frequent hikes are taken to near-by Cascade range peaks during each period, including one to the Middle Sister. Good fishing is close at hand, and all types of swimming and boating skills are taught on a waterfront that may well be the envy of many another Camp of this type.

In addition, the regular scouting skills are learned and practiced, and instruction is given in many fields toward the earning of merit badges.

Responsibilities, Too

"We are trying to put increased responsibility on the boys," Bales declared. "We use them for song leaders, and give them more responsibility at their patrol tables

during meals. They have regular jobs to do around camp, and must keep their cabins and surrounding area neat."

This year, too, the emphasis is away from dividing the boys as to age groups, and favors the division on the basis of troop attendance. Boys of the various troops and communities represented live, work, and play together as closely as possible.

"We like to see the boys have a good time at camp," Bales said. "The ones that come back year after year are the ones that the future of the camp depends on. They build up such an interest in Scouting and in the camp that when they are grown they become our best sources of help."

Blaze in Hotel Room Brings Man's Arrest

James S. McDonald, 31, Carlsbad, N.M., was jailed early Thursday morning on disorderly conduct charges after firemen had been called to extinguish a mattress fire in the Bangs Hotel at 88 Eighth Ave. W.

The alarm was turned in by the desk clerk at 1:47 a.m. McDonald was arrested at a taxi stand where he told police he had gone to turn in the alarm. He told police he bypassed the clerk to avoid "trouble."

Police said he was carrying his traveling bag when arrested. The hotel estimated damages at about \$100 and the cause of the fire was not determined.

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At McKenzie Bridge

MCKENZIE BRIDGE — Correction in the date of the business meeting for the Ladies' Rifle Club. It will be Friday Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. instead of Wednesday as previously announced.

Attention is also called to the forthcoming outdoor shooting match, Sunday at the Ranger Station, public invited.

Monthly meeting of the Women's council is at McKenzie Recreation Park Friday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Emma Stevens will present this month's topic, "The World's Children of Today." Gladys Ward will and Betty Rosinsteel have charge of the refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fox, of Lost

Creek Ranch restaurant and Service Station, are taking their guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Malone of Columbia, Mo., on a trip along the Oregon coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker and daughter of Fresno, Calif., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cave. Lewis Cave is being released from the Sacred Heart hospital after spinal surgery, the result of a logging injury.

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- 10:30 a.m.—Radio play from Willard over KORE.
- 12 to 4 p.m.—Swimming at Anchorage for children.
- 6 to 9 p.m.—Swimming at Anchorage for adults.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Tennis at U. of O. courts.
- 12:30 to 3 p.m.—Touch football at Lincoln and Condon.
- 8:30 a.m.—Baseball school boys play Springfield at Springfield.
- 11 a.m.—Edison swimming hike.
- 11:30 a.m.—Lincoln hike to Hendricks Park.
- 10:45 a.m.—River Road swimming hike.
- 12 p.m.—Willard hike to U. of O. natural history museum.
- 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Play areas open.

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