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A City Swimming Tank

The other morning Sam Epperson was in this office with a problem. It concerned the boys who have to the best of his knowledge been swimming in the city water reservoir. And naturally enough Sam was perturbed. He knew, even as we know, that the best causes of sanitation are not given a boost if and when the young fry take a cooling dip in the fount of our city's water.

True enough, as he pointed out, a paper such as The Sentinel can warn them... and we hereby do just that. It is a serious offense to pollute a city's drinking water, and both youngsters and parents should be warned of the gravity of this conduct.

But... more than that, it seems to us of The Sentinel that enough time has elapsed in the discussion following recent talks on juvenile recreation for some type of action.

We would say point-blank that a city the size of Coquille should be ashamed of not having a municipal swimming tank of some kind where the children and even adults can partake of this sport during the summer, and if possible from a financial point of view, an inside natatorium for all-year round swimming.

Tillamook's foresighted city planners over twenty-five years ago placed a swimming tank in their public schools and consequently every lad and lass who attended Tillamook public schools took to swimming as a natural part of gymnasium training.

In the Willamette valley it is an odd town that does not have at least one open swimming tank, and some have two—one large tank and one wading pool for the small fry as they do their first experimentation with water.

Certainly Coos county with its closeness and intimate relationship to water should provide swimming training and recreational resources for its youngsters and its oldsters.

Planning could well be done at once.

Of Six-Year Olds and Natatoriums—

(Reprinted from the Coos Bay Times)

"A natatorium? Humph! Instead of spending money on that kind of foolishness, this d— town oughta cut its taxes and pile up some more dough." Thus spoke a prosperous businessman here recently when the proposal of a natatorium as the first unit of the civic center was proposed by the city planning commission.

The answer of his thinking appeared in this newspaper yesterday. The headline was terse and stoic, but it dramatized better than any editorial the need of a natatorium. The five-word headline simply said, "Six-Year-Old Drowns Here."

As the story was written in this office, we wondered what little Don Crawford's parents thought about a natatorium. Why, they could reasonably ask, should our youngsters have to play around sloughs? Why, when we spend so much money on everything else, must we overlook the welfare of our most precious possessions?

And perhaps, during the last five years, other parents have had cause to wonder. When the army and navy published figures showing that up to 65 per cent of the casualties in some invasion landings were caused by drownings—men who could not swim 100 yards—it causes us to think more seriously about swimming.

Parents cannot keep their youngsters away from water. They should not. The fascination of water and the conquering of it has always been with us. Children love it, and if they cannot swim in tanks under proper supervision they will swim in sloughs and rivers and lakes. Death by drowning is not only menace they will encounter. Typhoid and other water-borne disease abound in the backwaters.

The function of a city is to provide the necessities and accessories to modern living that cannot be provided by the individual residents. Schools, streets, sewers, police and fire protection are basic points. Thereafter come the adjuncts to better living—libraries, parks, swimming pools, civic centers, good water supply, cleanliness, etc. This area is blessed with most of these assets, through the work and planning of many past officials. But we cannot stop.

It must be our plan to make a community attractive to its residents—a place in which they enjoy living, a place of which they are proud, a place that offers them advantages.

The Coos Bay city planning commission is doing a splendid job in preparing for necessary new developments. It is up to their city council to back their proposals, such as the natatorium, and earmark the necessary moneys to complete the projects.

We need the natatorium and need it as fast as it can be built. For any member of the city council or our successful businessman who doubts that need, we again refer to yesterday's headline—"Six-Year-Old Drowns Here."

Community cooperation was never better expressed than in the leaders who volunteered their time and effort to making a happy Girl Scout camp in Patterson Grove the past two weeks. It meant effort upon their part to leave their homes, but it was well worth while, as the 90 girls who took part will testify.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 30, 1926)

To avoid the too eager attention of their friends, Grant Wilcox and Miss Della Lund drove up to Myrtle Point last Saturday evening, after visiting the county clerk's office, and were quietly married by Rev. Thos. Barklow.

The roaring Lions and their friends, to the number of 80, enjoyed a very fine time last evening at the Norway grove. Baseball, a talk by Mrs. R. A. Robert of Fairview, and the picnic lunch were the outstanding features which kept them occupied for about four hours.

There were over forty, half of them ladies, in attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday evening, which was devoted entirely to the University of Oregon and its coming semi-centennial celebration, Oct. 18-25. The meeting was presided over by Vice President Fred A. Wimer. Fred Lorenz, an alumnus of U. of O., gave a very interesting talk. "Spike" Leslie, freshman coach at the university, spoke also.

A "Jenny Lind Sextette" was organized Tuesday evening by seven of Coquille's leading singers and musicians. The ladies met at the Lyman Carrier residence, and the following officers were chosen: president, Mrs. Edith Miller; sec.-treas., Mrs. Effie Johnson; accompanist, Mrs. Zettie Hawkins; director, Mrs. Clara Carrier. The other members are Mrs. Birdie Skeels, Mrs. Amy Aasen, Mrs. June Walker.

Lee Goodman has been appointed city marshal by Mayor E. E. Johnson.

Dr. Low reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Benham here Sunday morning.

A. W. Chapin expects to open his new barber shop in the W. O. W. building next Monday.

The production of Coquille Valley dairy herds suffered considerably from the dry weather during the month of June. The average of 798 cows tested during the month was 35.9 pounds of butterfat and 817 pounds of milk, as compared with an average for May of 41 pounds of butterfat and 920 pounds of milk.

executive committee meeting will be held August 10 or 17 to discuss the matter and set the proposed amount.

Officer Quotas Raised
The War Department has announced the increase in quotas, for recall to active duty, of 1,000 National Guard and Reserve officers of all grades for service with the Civil Affairs Division, an additional 40 for service with the Intelligence Division, 35 for service with Foreign Liquidation Commission, and 50 additional for service with Finance Department.

Lumber Yard Opened

A new wholesale lumber yard has been opened in Long Beach, Calif. by Coos Bay Lumber Co., with Jerry Dimmick of Coos Bay in charge of the outlet.

Riverton Store Sold

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A pay rise will be asked by timber workers, it was announced last week by Doyle Pearson, executive secretary of the AFL, Lumber and Sawmill workers district council. An

Timely Topics

By HON. R. T. MOORE

The untimely deaths of many middle-aged businessmen from diseases of the heart may be the result of the extraordinary strain to which they were subjected during the 30s. A hostile attitude toward business has harmed small firms most. Regulatory directives and statistical demands pouring forth from hundreds of federal bureaus has made compliance next to impossible for small concerns unable to afford the necessary accounting and legal talent. Needless to say, the nervous strain on the small businessman is excessive under such circumstances.

Local representatives of federal agencies are seldom able to accurately define the law because they, too, are unable to keep abreast of directives. Though he tried hard to find out, the small merchant often learned the law only after some field man had dragged him into court for innocent infraction. This sort of thing undermines business morale and violently disrupts the unity of the nation. It is a tribute to the patriotism and resourcefulness of American enterprise that huge productive volume was maintained in spite of this severe handicap.

Some improvement in this chaotic situation is to be expected now that the Administration recognizes the grave need for production and the political menace in continually denying the expected satisfaction of public demand for goods. But entrenched bureaucracy is hard to dislodge, as the 30 year old Spruce Division exposed by Representative Norblad proves, an dthere will still be too much waste time in preparing reports and statistics that may be interesting but not essential to production. The trend toward return of many governmental functions to the states for administration will help in this regard. The people always get greater efficiency for their tax money when agencies are under their watchful eye.

Operating concurrently with and largely financed by the repressive policies towards industry was the inculcation of the idea that a better distribution of wealth forced by federal directive would mean higher living standards for all. The fallacy of this theory is becoming apparent. You can not distribute that which does not exist. Wealth must first be created through the combined effort of the working public. The nation can ill afford further waste of tax money on paternalistic schemes that sap the virility and self-reliance of the people. The present inflationary situation warns that we must exert utmost effort to even hold present standards of living. We must go to work and remain there not only to save the nation but our own skins as well.

It will be difficult to shift from habitual dependence on government to dependence on self. The latter offers only callouses and blisters in competition with the visions of flowery beds of ease offered by the former. But thoughtful people will nevertheless choose the hard path. There is no profit in a flood of paper money. Misguided slow-downs by labor and profiteering by irresponsible segments of industry merely add to the eventual hardships of the working man. Seizure of particular advantage by one political group at the expense of the others accomplishes only the deterioration of the whole.

When a people loses desire to make and do things from pride of accomplishment rather than mere hope of monetary reward it rapidly decays. We must guard against temptation to reap where we have not sowed. We must restore the dignity of labor. All honor to those who work with head or hand.

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