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Is a Small Town Really Small?

A MAN from a small western town recently went to Chicago on his first trip out of the west. Now he was going "to see things and do things." In a fine hotel he listened to the radio—heard Amos and Andy, Jack Benny, Major Bowes—same programs he hears at home. Went to the theatre—same pictures with the same actors he sees at home, only it cost him more in Chicago.

Elaborating on the story, the New West Trade states: "The House of Lords in London is a very long, narrow room. It takes a little time for sound to travel from the front to the rear of that room. It was said on the occasion of a speech from the throne that a man in his home in Whitefish, Montana, heard the words of the king before those in the rear of the House of Lords did."

And so it was, found the man in Chicago. He went to buy some clothing of the latest style and found no later styles than he had seen in the clothing store at home. He priced the food and found it higher than at home. He found that everywhere he went, the distance was so great he had to have a taxi. At the end of a few days he went home to rest and really enjoy himself.

Any town big enough to have a good school, good churches, swimming pool, athletic field, newspaper, motion picture theatre, retail outlets for each line of goods and a library has, considering radios in the homes, more than Chicago, New York or London can offer home-loving citizens.

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town. Perhaps they have overlooked the major points they should have advertised in their town and perhaps they should have welcomed an occasional trip of their customers to nearby towns to prove the points. Perhaps, too, they have been too jealous of each other and through lack of loyalty and cooperation themselves discouraged those qualities in their customers.—Dayton (Wash.) Chronicle Dispatch.

When to Swim

SCHOOL is out, warmer days have come and the next activity to claim the community will be the swimming tank. Heppner may well be proud of its swimming tank and it is to be hoped that each succeeding season will see more people making use of it.

In this connection it seems timely to pass on to the public some advice on "when to swim" given by the Oregon State Board of Health in a recent bulletin:

"A person should be in good general health and free of organic disease if he is to engage in swimming," the bulletin states. "He should be free of communicable diseases, including the common cold, because if he swims under such conditions he may endanger both the health of himself, others with whom he comes in contact, or persons using the same swimming pool."

"It is well known that swimming may aggravate chronic respiratory defects or organic diseases of the eye, ear, nose, throat and skin. Persons who have such defects or common diseases should avoid swimming because even perfectly clean water may cause painful irritations, damage, or force infection into the sinuses, middle ears and possibly other parts of the body."

"It is generally agreed that one should not swim for an hour or two after eating a meal, and it is a wise precaution to follow this advice."

The question of where to swim is adequately answered by Heppner's fins pool. It might be well, however, to consider the advice offered by medical authorities in the board health bulletin.

An Early Spring

IT may seem a bit early to start the annual warning about forest fires, yet the very nature of the season causes forest service officials to look toward the warm, dry weather with foreboding.

The present spring is proving to be one of the wettest in several years. Grass and foliage is rank. When the rainy season is over and this heavy growth begins to dry out the fire danger will manifest itself. That will be about the time that people begin to flock to the timber and it will also be the time when the forest service will be on the alert.

It should not be necessary to stage a campaign each year against carelessness in the forested area. The forest service and other agencies have harped on the subject for years and the public should be forest fire conscious. A great many people make it a practice to exercise reasonable care when camping in the mountains or even when passing through and to these there is little need of harping on the subject. It is to the great mass of non-thinking or just plain careless camp-

ers and motorists that the appeal is made with the hope that eventually the public as a whole will become conscious of the inestimable value of the forests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Driscoll and son James drove to Portland Friday evening where they spent the week end with the Blaine Carney family. They called on La Verne Van Marter Saturday and report him improving and cheerful.

M. L. Case returned Saturday evening from Ritter where he spent several days resting and taking the tub baths at the hot springs. He reports that Miles Mulligan, who accompanied him to the springs, is showing some improvement and will remain there for several weeks.

Don Peters, who has been employed with the local forest office, has been transferred to flood control service in the Walla Walla district.

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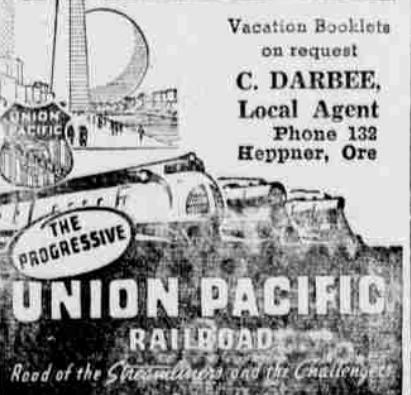
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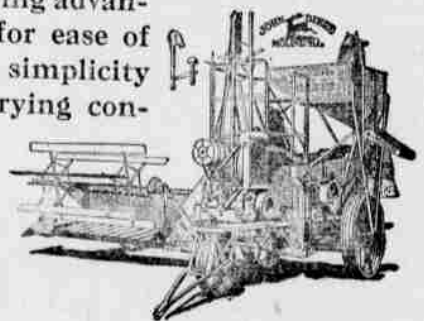
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