

PROPOSED . . . OREGON COAST NATIONAL PARK

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WHITE MEN first saw Oregon from the sea. Four centuries ago a Spanish mariner, Bartolome Ferrello, sailed north of the 42d parallel and from the poop-deck of his frigate sighted a majestic coastline.

Capes jutted into the ocean. Grim headlands frowned down on the water, Mediterranean-blue where it dashed against the rocks. Breakers greeted the silent wilderness with a dull roar. Grassy swales and dark hills framed the horizon. Fir trees fringed the ridges. Here and there the verdure was pocked with broad meadows.

This spectacle that the swarthy navigator saw is still to be seen, outliving the maritime dominance of the country which discovered it. Today it is the most impressive stretch of seacoast along the western rim of the United States. Nothing between Puget Sound and the Mexican border matches it. Soon it may be the major national park in the nation bordering exclusively on the ocean.

Now only two parks touch either ocean. A narrow strip of the Olympic park has been extended to the Pacific, and the small Acadia park in Maine encompasses some beaches which border on the Atlantic. The Oregon park would take precedence over both of these in the magnitude of its seacoast vistas.

The proposed park has been tentatively outlined to include 30,000 acres of land in Curry county, which forms the extreme southwest corner of the state. It would be approximately 2 1/2 miles long and four miles wide at the broadest point. It would start just south of the town of Gold Beach and would end slightly north of the town of Brookings, which is only six miles from the Oregon-California interstate boundary.

This is the story of a motorlog trip to the area which may become a federal playground for people from all over America. The motorlog, sponsored by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association, numbered as travelers Wallace Sprague, secretary of the Oregon Statesman; Ralph Gifford, photographer for the Oregon State highway commission; Glep O. Stevenson,



Some of the Oregon coast's most scenic land will be included in the new park.

landscape architect for the state department of parks, and the writer of this article.

The national parks of the United States are inspiring to see. The Grand Canyon and Yosemite Falls make the heart beat faster. The one criticism of these magnificent regions is that there is not sufficient recreational activity to keep the average American occupied. The contemplated Oregon coast park would remedy this deficiency, if any park could. It would have virtually all the recreational facilities available in the outdoors.

There would be surf-bathing, of course. At several places the slopes level out into enough flatland to make a golf links possible. The ocean is generally smooth and tranquil and boating would be safe. Easy trails would be suitable both for hiking and horseback riding. Beaches and grassy hillside would make ideal spots for picnicking. Above the steep headlands are open areas where hotels, inns, tourist cabins, tennis courts and other structures might be built.

Most favorable circumstances confront the Oregon coast park. A bill providing for a national park along the coast of Curry county, not to exceed 30,000 acres in size, has been introduced by Senator Charles L. McNary, Oregon's distinguished senior senator. His measure has been approved by Secretary Harold L. Ickes and other officials of the department of the interior.



The proposed Oregon Coast National park on the map.

Violent bickering has shaken recent efforts to establish new parks but the Oregon coast park is menaced by none of this grumbling. The park would encompass comparatively little land of economic importance:

And it would be only 30,000 acres in extent, as contrasted with the 432,000 acres of Kings Canyon and 898,000 acres of the Olympic. There is scarcely any local objection to the idea. Governor Charles A. Sprague favors the proposal. Nor is the scheme confused by the long-standing and extremely bitter dispute between the national park service and the United States forest service.

This dispute has intruded into nearly every attempt to create new parks. This is because the bulk of the new parks have been areas taken from the jurisdiction of the forest service and placed under the sovereignty of the park service. Rivalry has been intense. The Oregon coast area, although only a short distance west of the Siskiyou National forest, is not within the forest proper. Thus the controversy between the two government bureaus is escaped.

It is estimated that the park would cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to buy out the private land holdings in the park area. This includes the upper slopes and the meadows above the capes. The tidal lands along the ocean, thanks to precautions taken many years ago by Oswald West when he was governor, belong to the state of Oregon. For half a million dollars it is believed the national government can acquire a playground of matchless grandeur.

COUNCIL SLATES PUBLIC HEARING ON SETBACK LINE

Proposal to Build Close to Sidewalk at West Main and Oakdale Is Received

The city council last night adopted a resolution calling a public hearing on a proposed ordinance changing the setback lines for construction of buildings on lots 6 and 7 of Merrey's addition.

The hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p. m., July 31, before the planning commission in council chambers at city hall.

The lots in question are situated at the northwest corner of West Main street and Oakdale avenue, the property being occupied now by the former South Methodist church which became Wesley chapel of the First Methodist church when the two churches united a few months ago.

It was not divulged what buildings were proposed for erection on the property nor was the identity of the prospective builder revealed.

40-Foot Setback Now.

The property is now in a conditional retail business zone which requires a 40-foot setback from the center line of the street. This means a ten-foot setback from the sidewalk. The proposed ordinance would make the setback 30 feet from the center line of the street. This change would permit the erection of a building up to the sidewalk line like business places downtown. The proposed ordinance would modify an existing ordinance which requires the 40-foot setback.

A communication from the planning commission to the city council stated that after the situation had been studied at a recent session the commission decided to ask the council to modify the existing ordinance with reference to the building line paralleling Main street "in order that a building might be constructed adjacent to the property line on Main street only, provided, however, that this modification would be contingent upon the owner of the said property providing off-street parking space facing Oakdale avenue and to move the present curbs on both Oakdale avenue and Main street back to the present sidewalk line and to pave the additional roadway space thus provided."

Property Owners Heard.

At an informal conference, affected property owners voiced their attitude on two petitioned improvements: the paving of Mae street from Jackson boulevard to Saling avenue and the installation of water and sewer lines in the Hillview and West Medford additions in the neighborhood of the end of West Second street. At the conclusion of the conference, the two projects were referred back to the streets and roads committee for report and recommendation at the next council meeting.

Estimated cost of the paving

improvement was given as \$3.38 a front foot. The petition represented 52 per cent of the frontage, the council was told, and property owners favoring the improvement said they could procure additional names to bring the total to 60 or 65 per cent of the frontage involved. It was indicated that the council was inclined to sanction the improvement, though a formal public hearing remains to be held.

Cost Estimated.

Estimated cost of the proposed water line was given as \$1.70 a front foot and of the proposed sewer line \$1.39, a combined estimated cost of \$3.09. The petition represented 54 per cent of the frontage but one of the largest property owners in the affected district asked, in a letter to the council, that his name be stricken from the petition as he was not in favor of the proposition after learning the estimated costs. Since owners of at least 51 per cent of the property involved must be in accord, it was indicated this improvement would not be sanctioned.

In both proposed improvements, the costs were to be levied against the property owners under the Bancroft act which permits payments over a ten-year period.

Councilman J. F. Erickson was absent.

row, on a tour of the three states and California. Tomorrow they will be guests at a banquet to be given by the Cal-Ore. Hereford association of this section. The visiting party numbers 15 or 20 persons.

The tour will spend most of tomorrow visiting Crater Lake, arriving from Bend, and the Nion Tucker stock ranch near Prospect.

Friday the party will visit the Montcrest Ranch of Reginald H. Parsons in the Siskiyou, and other farms in northern California.

TOWNSENDERS TO GIVE FREE DANCE

Mrs. Alexander's string orchestra will play for a free dance sponsored by the Townsend Youth. Thursday at Dreamland hall on East Main street. All are urged to attend. There will be free refreshments.

Members of the Townsend Youth and their friends are urged to attend a short mat-

ing starting at 8 o'clock, before the dance, which will start at 9 o'clock.

T.Y.A. delegates are expected to be back from the convention and will have many interesting things to tell the T.Y.A. members.

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VALLEY GRAIN CUT BY EXCESS RAINS

No grain crop in the Rogue River valley, has produced a yield as good as expected. County Agent Robert G. Fowler reported today. Too much moisture during the winter and early spring is given as reason for the decline. The total grain yield will be below last year. Threshold of wheat, barley and other grain is now in full swing.

The tomato crop is coming along fine, and will be slightly earlier than last year, the county agent said.

Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy said the Bartlett pear crop would be ready for picking by August 1.

COAST STOCKMEN COMING ON TOUR

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LOUISE BASFORD GIVES REPORT ON ZONTA CONCLAVE

"The things we read about in the newspapers, they are living"—in this manner Miss Louise Basford yesterday summarized

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the inspiring personalities who composed the program of 20th convention of Zonta International, in Estes Park, Colo. Miss Basford attended the convention as delegate of the Medford branch.

With speakers, representing the problems of practically every section of the world today, a delegate's chief desire at the convention was for "more ears with which to hear," Miss Basford declared.

The status of refugee children, she pointed out, was one of the major convention topics and a free will contribution of over \$300 was made, when the problem was presented by the Canadian delegation.

"No period in our history has brought so many skilled, accomplished and capable people to this country in so few years as has the recent refugee immigration," the report submitted reads. "The very character of the emigrants promises that the future of our country will be enriched for providing them asylum."

The committee also emphasized, Miss Basford stated, that all the refugees come into this country under the immigration quota, that not one is to be eligible for relief and that many represent trades unknown to this country and bring with them international patents.

peace is, of course, one of the continuing major objectives of Zonta International," Miss Basford related from the convention, adding that committees have been set up for a thorough study of world trade as a definite step in this direction.

The status of the married woman worker was much discussed at the convention, Miss Basford stated, and all clubs were instructed to get the views of federal and state candidates on this subject before casting their votes and to be ready for group action when the various legislatures meet.

Problems of the Orient were brought to the convention in interesting review by Miss Ann Guthrie, who pointed out that China has been suffering for several years from totalitarian forces, but that there is still a "free China, a really true democracy, where the slogan has been 'We must eat bitterness to endure.'" Miss Basford concluded.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
New York, July 17.—Because of the broadcast from the democratic convention scheduled for tonight, the Lew Jenkins and

Henry Armstrong fight has been advanced 15 minutes to 5:45. The scrap will be described on WJZ-NBC.

Convention pickups will start off all networks at approximately 6 o'clock or sometime thereafter depending on developments.

Tonight: Europe including convention, subject to change—CBS 4:55; MBS 4:15, 6; NBC 8.

Thursday: Europe including convention, subject to change—NBC 4 a.m.; CBS 4 a.m., 2:45 p.m.

Seek Reno Divorce.
Reno, Nev., July 17.—(AP)—Divorce suits filed here included: Louise Ferrari vs. Arthur M. Ferrari of Klamath county, Oregon; married at Medford, Ore., August 27, 1928; cruelty.

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