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Now What?

The state highway commission last Friday rejected a proposal to take over Prescott park on Roxy Ann butte as part of the system of state parks.

This action is disappointing and we think short sighted. Considerable development (estimated at more than \$100,000 if it were to be brought up to the standards the state parks department has set itself) is necessary.

In rejecting the proposal, however, the highway commission turned down the opportunity to take over a big, beautiful and unique mountaintop area, suited to little else but recreational purposes.

Lying, as it does, outside the city of Medford, which now owns it, the area presents a problem, both in financing and in upkeep, to the city.

We are now back where we started from. What are we going to do with Prescott park — which was used by 1,950 cars (probably 5,800 or more people) over a three-week period?

THE city obviously can't do the job that needs to be done, unless the people approve a tax levy for that purpose, and since the park is used by anyone who wants to, this hardly seems like a feasible idea.

The state has turned it down. There is no federal agency which logically could take it over.

Private groups do not have the resources or facilities for maintaining and developing such a project.

Nobody wants the responsibility, yet virtually everyone who has been there agrees that it should, as a major asset, be preserved and cared for.

IT MAY lie in a section of Oregon law (paragraph 11 of ORS 203.120) which says, in listing the authority and powers pertaining to county commissioners to transact county business, quote:—

To provide, establish, maintain and regulate the use of public parks and recreational areas within the county outside the boundary of any incorporated city...

This is a power which the Jackson county court has not, to our knowledge, exercised.

BUT the court is receptive to the wishes of the people.

If it were made known that the people wish it to accept this responsibility, we believe it would do so.

It might be well to remember, in this case as in so many others involving tasks of local government, that Jackson county has nearly 65,000 people now, with more coming every day; that its third-greatest source of income is in the tourist trade; and that both residents and tourists are more recreation-minded now than they have ever been in the past.

Unless something is done, Prescott park, a beautiful sightly spot in a beautiful county, with unmatched views in all directions, will continue to be a haven for poison oak, an occasional cow illegally grazing there, and the few thousands of visitors who go there, development or no—an eyesore and a disappointment.—E.A.

Humane Problems

Through the generosity of one individual, the Southern Oregon Humane society has been given a new lease on life.

The basic problem, however, has not been solved. That problem is, what is to be done, on a permanent basis, about the three functions of the society which are not otherwise readily available?

These functions are (1) the disposal of animals, which, for whatever reason, are unwanted and which would be better off dead than dragging out a miserable existence, (2) the enforcement of those humanitarian laws which punish cruelty to animals, and (3) the placement of homeless pets in homes where they will be welcomed and appreciated.

THE other functions, such as the boarding of pets and so on, can be and are provided by privately operated kennels and animal hospitals. It is possible to have an animal painlessly put away through some of the same sources. But, as businesses operated for a profit, these cannot be expected to perform the same service free for homeless or unwanted animals.

And the police agencies, while charged with the enforcement of all laws, lack the time, the experience and the background to become effective as humane officers.

WE would like to suggest to the county court that it appoint a committee, including residents of both towns and the country areas, to make a study of the problem and to discuss it with officers and trustees of the Humane society and with interested individuals, and ask that committee to come up with recommendations.

Governmental contributions to the Humane society have dropped and dropped over the years until now they amount to nothing at all. Yet this problem is a real if relatively minor one, and certainly seems to fall within the assessment of government which declares government should do for the people that which they cannot do, or do as well, for themselves.—E.A.

Future Headlines Predicted; Admission of Red China Eyed

United Press correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

Package Deal

European diplomatic sources say that a long-range package deal is in the works to admit Communist China to the United Nations. The West's price would be the coincident admission of West Germany. Red China's admission would be a bitter pill for the United States to swallow.

Atomic Clam-Up

Don't be surprised if a ruckus breaks out over the Atomic Energy Commission's policy of secrecy. The AEC let a handful of newsmen witness this season's first two nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific.

Qualitative Creep-Up

Some experts are saying that Western air force officials who

visited the recent Russian air show were much more impressed than they have admitted publicly. Type for type, one expert said, Russian planes "now stand in the same general class as those in service in the United States and British air forces."

French political experts believe Premier Guy Mollet will be able to continue his tight-rope act as head of a minority coalition government at least until mid-October. Mollet is expected to get his emergency tax bill through Parliament next week, then adjourn the session.

Turkish Protests

Bring New Element To Cyprus Situation. By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent. The tangled Cyprus situation has entered a new phase.

Britain has been unable to find a basis for renewed negotiations with the Greek Cypriots who demand that the island be given to Greece.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permitted.

About Teak

To the Editor: The tree-fuchsia furniture item stimulated considerable correspondence. (Even Auckland and Christchurch are not too distant in these air mail days).

School District Gets Tentative Entitlement

Jackson county school district 4, Phoenix high school, has been awarded a tentative entitlement of \$2,280.35 by the office of education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare under public law 874, according to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Billy Rose and Wife Will Visit in Moscow

Berlin — (U.P.) — Showman Billy Rose and his wife left Berlin today by air for Moscow on invitation of the Soviet Culture Ministry.

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Congressmen's Voting On School Bill Said Minor Election Factor

Washington—(CQ)—Will Republicans reap a crop of Negro votes as a reward for voting 3 to-1 in favor of the Powell anti-segregation rider to the school aid bill?

The answer will be forthcoming Nov. 6. Meanwhile, however, a Congressional Quarterly study suggests that few Representatives of either party may expect to win or lose their own elections because of their votes on the Powell amendment. But in these few instances, the issue may be decisive.

The subsequent defeat of the school aid bill may, of course, overshadow in political significance the vote on the Powell amendment, Democrats, a majority of whom voted against the Powell amendment but for the amended bill, point out that the Republican majority, after helping to write the amendment into the bill, then voted to kill the bill.

For their part, Republicans blame Democrats for voting almost unanimously against a move to substitute the administration's version of the school bill for the ill-fated Democratic-sponsored measure.

However the voters choose to assess the blame in November, the roll call on the Powell amendment is certain to furnish effective campaign ammunition in some of the close Congressional races. This may be especially true in those districts where the percentage of Negroes in the population exceeds the Representative's margin of victory in the 1954 election, giving to the Negroes in those districts at least a theoretical balance of power.

All told, there are 61 such Congressional districts outside the South. In 1954, 32 of these elected Democrats to the House and 19 chose Republicans. Of the 32 Democrats, 19 voted for the Powell amendment to bar federal school aid to states with segregated schools, while 12 voted against it. All 31, however, voted for the final bill, The 32nd Democrat, Rep. William T. Granahan, of Philadelphia, died May 25.

'No Slush Fund,' McKay Declares

Portland — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay, Republican nominee for U. S. Senator, says "The Democrats have been making a lot of noise lately about a 'slush fund' we don't have."

He told the Republican state central committee here Saturday that the Democrats were wrong in contending that his campaign to unseat Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in the November election had an unlimited fund.

The committee treasurer, E. Stanley Goodall, said "As of Monday, the exchequer will be without funds."

McKay said: "Apparently the Democrats think a campaign can be won with money. They want it to appear that we have vast resources and they are operating on a shoestring. The fact is that we cannot match the money they are throwing into this campaign — nor would we want to if we could."

McKay and other leaders called for a stronger party organization, particularly on the precinct level, and predicted that the outcome of the campaign would rest upon how well the GOP is organized and united in the state.

Wendell Wyatt, of Astoria, was reelected as committee chairman.

1954 will be open to serious challenge by Republican opponents who choose to capitalize on the segregation issue. All of these Democrats probably received a large majority of the Negro votes cast in their districts, and could be defeated if these voters shifted to the Republican column in November.

Of the 29 Representatives from Negro "balance-of-power" districts, 23 voted for the Powell amendment, although nine subsequently voted against the school aid bill. Only two of the 23 received more than 55 per cent of the 1954 vote. Since a majority of Negroes presumably voted against these Representatives in 1954, any switches induced by the Powell roll call would improve the incumbents' chances of being re-elected in November.

But the nine GOP members who voted later to kill the entire bill may be challenged by their Democratic opponents on the sincerity of their anti-segregation stand.

Only five of the 29 Republicans voted against the Powell amendment.

On balance, then, the possibility that a vote against the Powell amendment could lead to defeat in November affords only a dozen Democrats. But gains registered by Republicans among Negro voters might be just enough to assure the reelection of several GOP members whose seats are shaky.

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And are you listless? The Bible says that you will never come to Christ to be saved until God draws you—"No man can come to me except God the Father draws him and I will raise him up the last day."—John 6:44. Christ said it. God must draw you to Christ and then on Resurrection Day, having received Christ as Lord and Savior, He will raise you up to eternal glory.

And may you saved folks know how great a work you do for God when you plead with him to bear down until the lost receive Christ as God the Savior who died for them.—Adv.

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO July 16, 1946 (It was Tuesday) Jack Frost gives five-minute talk on "Why Men Fail" at meeting of Medford Toastmasters.

20 YEARS AGO July 16, 1936 (It was Thursday) Planning commission's final report on zoning filed with the council.

30 YEARS AGO July 16, 1926 (It was Friday) For the first six months of 1926 Medford ranks fifth in the building programs of the state with 192 permits, valued at \$513,002.

40 YEARS AGO July 16, 1916 (It was Sunday) Professor F. C. Reimer, superintendent of experiment station, and C. C. Cate, county pathologist, to give demonstration on pear blight in Talent.

The Rogue Elk Resort, owned by McDonald brothers, to be formerly opened Saturday night.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 77 Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. The U.S. ended its fiscal year 1955-56 with a big or small deficit, big or small surplus, or just about breaking even?

2. Dissension is widely reported in the royal family of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain or The Netherlands?

3. Who was Vice President in F. D. Roosevelt's second term?

4. Burnoses are used in the Orient to protect from the sun, kill weeds, spread information, kill snakes, or lasso cattle?

5. About one-third, one-half or two-thirds of all federal employees are war veterans?

6. Mobair comes from rabbits, lambs, goats, llamas or sheep?

7. Republican national chairman is President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Senator Knowland, former Speaker J. W. Martin or former Rep. Leonard W. Hall?

The answers: 1. With small surplus. 2. The Netherlands. 3. John N. Garner. 4. Protect the head from the sun. 5. About half. 6. Goats. 7. Hall

Southern Pacific Names New Pacific Coast Head

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Southern Pacific Railroad today named Robert A. Miller as head of its Coast Division to replace James J. Jordan, who retires on July 31.

Virgil E. Anderson, superintendent of the Salt Lake division will replace Miller in his present capacity as head of the High Sierra line. Anderson will be replaced by Milton A. McIntyre, assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles division.