

Need for More Recreation Area Grows As Resources Continue To Diminish

(Editor's note: This is the first of two dispatches reporting on the nation's need for more recreation area as the wide open spaces dwindle. Recreation facilities are not keeping pace with population growth. And in a nation where leisure time is on the rise, this hard fact spells trouble ahead.)

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New York—(UPI)—A new road replaces a baseball field in Tallahassee, Fla.

A housing subdivision goes up on what used to be a golf course near New York City. Planning authorities report that more than one million acres of rural land get turned into suburban settlements each year.

Yet, as the wide open spaces dwindle, the exploding population finds itself needing more recreation area.

"It is apparent that we are being caught in a squeeze between our recreation needs on one hand and our diminishing resources on the other," says Eivind T. Scoyen, associate director of the National Park Service.

"Proposals to divert land from park use undoubtedly will increase as our open space shrinks," he adds in a pessimistic appraisal.

Many Facets
Arguments about these proposals rage clear across the nation and have many facets to them.

Example: New York State wants to create a public park on 1,000 acres formerly occupied by the Sampson Air Force Base at Seneca Lake. Various communities in the state demand that the land be turned over to private industry because the income is needed more than the parks.

Example: Land once used for hunting in Washington State now is occupied by the Hanford Atomic Works and the Yakima Firing Range. Port districts in the state are claiming land used by waterfowl hunters. New hydroelectric projects are eliminating some popular fishing areas. Interstate highways are eating up hunting acreage.

School Plan Losses
Example: In California, the Monterey county school district last year sought to build a school in Big Sur State Park. A judge ruled, after a bitter dispute, that "there is no greater public use than park use." A similar school setback occurred in Bridgeport, Conn.

Example: Pointe Mouille, a vast state game area south of Detroit, is threatened by industrial expansion resulting from the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

Example: In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a mining company has kicked up a fuss by seeking to lease 933 acres of the 58,000-acre Porcupine Mountain State Park in order to dig for copper. Here again, the "we-need-it-again" forces are aligned against the "we-need-our-parks" side.

An example of another sort is seen in the South. The Seashore State Park in Virginia has been closed since 1955 because Negroes successfully sued for admission on a non-segregated basis.

As unused land gets taken away from public recreation bit by bit, cries of outrage are heard but seldom are they effective.

The problem is complicated by such factors as public apathy; the high cost of land around metropolitan areas, where recreation space is most needed, and the fact that town fathers, by tradition, are reluctant to remove land from the tax rolls.

The National Recreation Association has termed facilities "very, very inadequate" in communities having a population of 50,000 or more.

Have Not 100s
More than 100,000,000 Americans now live in 174 metropolitan areas, described as cities with 50,000 or more residents, so it is clear that most of us are in "have not" zones where adequate recreation facilities are concerned.

The Regional Planning Association has suggested that no more park land be taken away, except for essential highway construction.

The irony: where the need for more recreation space is greatest, competition for more available land becomes more intense.

New York's metropolitan area (15,000,000 persons in a 7,000-square mile area) now has about 400 square miles for recreation space. The experts say at least 80 square miles more must be added to the total within 25 years.

And this additional land must come from only 4,000 square miles of still undeveloped land. Will one square mile out of every 50 be set aside for recreation? The planners and recreationists hope so. But they know they'll have to fight for whatever they get.

Every state and some 3,000 cities and towns now have

recreation commissions of one sort or another. Some communities and states have more than one agency interested in leisure time facilities.

Facilities, Inadequate
But the fact remains that, in general, facilities are inadequate when viewed alongside either the growing population or the present population.

Take state parks as an example. In 1950, the nation's population of 150,697,361 could make use of 1,725 state parks that covered 4,657,155 acres. Today, there are 491 more state parks covering a total

of 5,247,682 acres. Population is past the 175,000,000 mark, however, and the added park acreage of 590,527 dwindles in importance when 25,000,000 more persons become potential users.

The treadmill that leads to inadequacy can be seen in many states. Massachusetts is aware of this problem, for it managed to add 10 state parks to the 30 it had in 1949. Attendance in 1949 was 500,000 visitors to 30 state parks. Today, attendance is 1,500,000 at 40 parks.

South Carolina listed 1,500-000 visitors to 17 state parks covering 35,144 acres in 1948. Now the state has 22 parks covering 46,138 acres. With only 10,944 more acres available, attendance has soared to 3,000,000.

Even Utah feels the squeeze. Some 74 per cent of the state's 700,000 population lives on less than 5 per cent of the land area and recreation facilities in the populated areas are overcrowded.

Recreation facilities are not keeping pace with population growth. And in a nation where leisure time is constantly on the rise, this hard fact can spell trouble ahead.

(Next: Solving the dilemma.)

Cholesterol Blood Level Rule Shattered by Yemenite Jews

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New York—(UPI)—In one tribe of human beings the cholesterol blood levels of the males

do not increase with age according to most members of the species. That's exciting because it is contrary to previous scientific findings concerning human males. The new evidence indicates that the males of the tribe of Yemenite Jews are the exception. These males had already attracted much scientific

wonderment because they seem all but immune to heart attacks.

Drs. Daniel Brunner, Gideon Manolis, and K. Loeb, research scientists in the government hospital, Jaffa, Israel, made exhaustive measurements of the fatty substances in the blood of 76 of these males, 41 of them between 18 and 20 years old and 35 between 30 and 50. There were no significant differences in cholesterol levels between the young group and the older one.

They made the same measurements in 160 Jews of Eastern and Western European origin, the Ashkenazi Jews. Forty-five of these were 18 to 20 years old and the remainder were between 30 and 52.

Here the difference between cholesterol blood levels between young and not-so-young were found to be approximately the difference found in males of other races and climates in the previous investigations which in their aggregate had caused many scientists to think that aging inevitably increased the blood cholesterol levels of males.

These previous investigations had been of such diverse males as groups in Minnesota, New York City, Italy, Sweden, and the Bantus of South Africa. The incidence of male heart attacks is high in the United States and Northern Europe, but low in Italy and among the Bantus.

Very Special Tribe
The Yemenite Jews are a very special tribe which lived a segregated life for 2,000 years in Central Arabia before it immigrated to Israel 10 years ago. Since then they have been living with the Ashkenazi Jews whose blood cholesterol patterns were shown to be of the general pattern of the Europe from which they originated.

In reporting to the International Technical Journal, "The Lancet," the scientists said their studies showed that a rise with age in cholesterol blood levels was "not an inevitable physiological phenomenon." They suggested that differences in the modes of living of the Yemenite and the Ashkenazi Jews must account for their differences in blood chemistry. Those living differences remain to be investigated.

Oregon Telephone Manager To Retire
Portland—(UPI)—Frank A. Dresslar, vice president and general manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for the Oregon area will retire Aug. 31. Dresslar will have completed over 40 years of service with the company.

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He joined the Rogue River National forest in October, 1957, as district ranger at Butte Falls.

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Wiese spent 4½ years from 1941 to 1945 in the North Atlantic Wing of the Air Transport Command. He served in Labrador, Baffin Island and Hudson Bay area attending weather stations and rescuing pilots from disabled aircraft.



HE'S STILL NO. 1—Clarke Priebe of Des Moines, Iowa, enjoys all the comforts of home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where his wife, Margaret, was named Mrs. America. Mrs. Priebe was to be served breakfast in bed but because of Father's Day she served him. Here, Mr. Priebe enjoys cigar while wearing her crown.

Most Nations to Keep Exhibits at Trade Fair

Portland—Anthony Brandenthaler, chairman of the Oregon Centennial Commission, has announced that in addition to the six nations of Europe which intend to exhibit at the Exposition through Sept. 17, the following nations will also remain for the full 100 days: Austria, Bulgaria, Republic of China, Finland, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Korea, Morocco, Norway, The Philippines, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

On Saturday the six European nations of Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands announced plans to continue their exhibit for the entire 100 days ending Sept. 17.

Marge Alexander, director of the International Trade Fair, advised Brandenthaler Sunday that 16 to 18 of the private companies featuring products from other lands will also stay until the close of the Exposition.

Genzo Maezawa, executive director who is in charge of Japan's exhibit at the International Trade Fair said Sunday he was expecting favorable reply momentarily to his cable to Tokyo requesting that Japan, also remain at the Exposition through Sept. 17.

The Centennial Commission also reported that Okinawa will open an exhibit June 25 for the balance of the Exposition in the International Trade Fair.

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Tips Given for Long Drive Trips

Medford drivers planning long trips this summer have been reminded by Police Chief Charles P. Champlin that a trip takes special planning if it is to be safe as well as pleasant.

The chief said the first rule for drivers to remember is that "too long behind the wheel can spell danger no matter how good a driver might be."

He suggested that drivers stop frequently on long trips, especially in hot weather, and that they lower their speed whenever they drive at night.

If the trip takes you through mountains, Chief Champlin said, drivers should be sure to check the steering mechanism, foot and hand brakes, and brake fluid both before and during the trip. These mechanisms can "burn out" on long, steep, downhill grades, he said.

Another good vacation practice, he said, is a morning check of tires. If one shows more wear than others, it may be a sign of improper wheel alignment.

REVOLVING ROBBER
New York—(UPI)—Miss Monserate Roman, 27, told police a man jumped into a revolving door subway turnstile with her Tuesday night, and took \$6 from her purse, kissed her, and escaped by train.

BRITISH LAUNCH MISSILE
London—(UPI)—Britain opened its first guided missile range Tuesday with the launching of a U.S.-made Corporal missile. The range is located in the Hebrides islands west of Scotland. A national announcement said the launching "was successful."

PRISONERS' BENEFACTOR
Greenville, Miss.—(UPI)—Circuit Judge Arthur Held sentenced Norman Tanksley for violation of parole. Once a month for the next five years, he must call at the county jail with gifts "not exceeding the value of a carton of cigarettes" — for the prisoners.

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