

Parks, Recreation Plan Being Formed

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McKennon Proposes Study Of Agri-Sprays

Salem — The growing concern with use of chemicals in agriculture will come before a study committee which will sift out and evaluate present information in this field, the state board of agriculture has been informed.

Frank McKennon, director of agriculture, told the board that he and Dean F. E. Price of Oregon State college have held preliminary discussions toward calling together a selected committee early in the new year. Representatives will be asked to participate from the state board of health, chemical companies, ground and air applicators and others directly concerned with the problem.

In connection with the discussion of spray residues, the board approved the stand taken by the State Department of Agriculture in the recent cranberry situation. Members agreed with McKennon that the first concern is for the needs of the public and its welfare but that within this framework the needs of agriculture should also be guarded.

Should Follow Directions

Ward Spatz, Medford horticulturist, referred to the need for sprays on fruits, but said, "I cannot see for the life of me why growers should not follow the recommendations made for the use of these products."

McKennon reported that the department has found no aminotriazole contamination in cranberries analyzed in its laboratories, nor was any found in samples the department sent to the federal laboratory in Albany, California.

The board approved a suggestion that the director of agriculture, in consultation with the OSC dean of agriculture, sift selections proposed by commodity commissions and that the governor make the appointment on basis of this screening. This proposal will be submitted to Governor Hatfield, who earlier asked that he be relieved of the many commission appointments.

Jacksonville Man Misses Whiteface

Salem — Sixty-nine cattle made the latest estray bulletin issued this week by the state department of agriculture's division of animal industry, with the largest loss — 32 yearling steers — reported missing from the Warm Springs area.

A whiteface heifer calf was AWOL from Springfield; four cows, with whiteface calves and one steer, are estray from Enterprise; seven whiteface and Angus steers have been missing since Nov. 1 in the Milton — Freewater area. A Jacksonville rancher reports the loss of one whiteface heifer. A blue roan cow, a steer and three Holstein heifers, are missing from a Eugene area ranch.

The largest losses were reported by a Princeton ranch: 15 yearling whiteface steers from one location and 32 yearling steers from another field.

The department's livestock officers and brand inspectors as well as sheriffs' offices and state police have been given descriptions of the animals.

Trusties Walk Out Of State Prison

Wethersfield, Conn. — (UPI) — Two trustees walked out of the state prison administration building Saturday. Their unauthorized freedom lasted less than three hours.

The pair, who had been working on a detail in the officers' dining room at the prison, were captured in a clump of bushes behind a building four blocks from the prison.

Man Killed, Wife Hurt in Auto Crash

Belmont, Calif. — (UPI) — Peter Christianson, 24, of San Jose, and his wife Celie, 23, took a spin in the new foreign car they had bought for Christmas.

The car spun off the highway here. The Christiansons were thrown from the vehicle. She was injured, he was killed. A big red ribbon was still on the hood of the car.

Comprehensive Program May Be Ready by July

By GREG NOKES
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

The city hopes to have a comprehensive parks and recreation plan ready by July, 1960, which will enable the city, specifically the parks and recreation department, to follow a systematic and orderly plan in providing parks and recreation to the people of Medford.

In the formation of this plan, the city parks and recreation department is working in conjunction with many different agencies, both public and private. This must be done so that the city's plan will meet accepted standards, supplement existing programs and create new ones as the need develops, while making sure that it is not duplicating efforts of other agencies or providing programs that the public does not need.

Included among the agencies being consulted are, the city and county planning departments, the county parks and recreation department, the Medford school district, the YMCA, Boy Scouts, and similar groups.

The city's parks and recreation program is and will continue to be a supplementary program, according to Robert Haworth, city parks and recreation director. It attempts to provide the public with those services that they can get nowhere else, and works to enlarge the existing services of other agencies to the point where the entire public is able to take advantage of them.

Meeting Standards
It is also the city's responsibility to make certain that agencies are meeting adequate standards and looking to the better interests of the public when offering something in the parks and recreation field.

Besides being a supplementary agency, the city parks and recreation department should also be a coordinating body, Haworth said, coordinating the recreational facilities offered to the people of Medford by all agencies in order to provide for the best possible use while eliminating waste and duplication of effort.

In short, the parks and recreation department is merely attempting to make sure that the necessary facilities are available to the public with high enough standards and in large amounts to satisfy their needs.

The parks and recreation department enters a specific field only when a needed facility is not available to the public through another means. If other agencies, such as the school district or YMCA, were providing the necessary services then there would be no need for the city to enter the field.

Specific Needs
However, the schools and other agencies have specific needs to meet and certain jobs to do, and can not adequately, nor should they be expected to, meet all the park and recreational needs of a community.

Providing park and recreational facilities has long been recognized as a responsibility of any large city, but it has only been a little over a year since Medford has attempted to provide these with a competent and professional parks and recreation department.

Before the department was formed in October, 1958, the few parks (there were almost no city sponsored recreational facilities) were under the general administration department and received operating funds from a special charter levy.

However, parks and recreation became too large and too specialized a field to remain under the auspices of the general administration department, and required its own full-time staff and department.

General Fund Money
The department now draws monies from the general fund in addition to the special levy, and has a budget of approximately \$85,000 a year, not counting the money allocated for the Jackson park pools.

Robert Haworth is justly satisfied with the progress made by the city in the parks and recreation field in the last year. The city can point with pride to the new Jackson park, with its Medco engine and proposed swimming pools.

The planning of this park would have run into many more difficulties had it not been for the existence of the parks and recreation department, which was able to give it professional attention.

Although the program has proceeded well to date, Haworth points out that the city still has a long way to go before it can adequately meet its parks and recreational responsibilities to the community, which, of course, will call for more money and a larger staff.

There are three divisions in the city parks and recreation department, the development and maintenance division, responsible for building and maintaining city parks and park structures, the recreation division, responsible for all of the city's recreational programs, and the aquatic division, responsible for pools, swimming programs, and swimming instruction.

Aquatics has been put into a division by itself, Haworth said, because it is one of the most important and complicated of the recreational services offered by the city and deserves special emphasis.

In pointing out the relative importance of swimming in Medford, Haworth said that it comprises three-fifths of this year's parks and recreation budget. This is justified he said, due to the fact that Medford's swimming facilities see more use by the public than any other facility the city can offer in the parks and recreation field.

By coordinating the work of local agencies which provide park and recreational services to the public, the city often finds that needed services can be adequately provided without additional cost or expense.

A good example of this need for coordination is in Medford's teen-age dances. Two agencies, the YMCA and the schools, are now sponsoring dances on somewhat of a regular basis, but very often the dances are held too close together to be successful.

Too far apart to adequately meet the needs of Medford youth. But, with the city helping the two to make sure that dances are held at separate times and at properly spaced intervals, the needs of teenage dancers can probably be met without any additional cost or work to either party.

Classified as Service
The city parks and recreation department should be classified as a service and not a revenue agency. Some people are not quite so sure of this, Haworth said, when they are forced to buy a ticket to use the city swimming pools.

However, this charge is necessary because the funds allocated to the department are not always adequate to meet all costs of a particular service, and this is so in the case of swimming pools.

The department has been authorized by the city to sell pool admission tickets, thereby gaining additional and necessary funds for their maintenance and operation. Haworth said that if the city ever starts making money on ticket sales, then it will immediately discontinue them, for the department is not in business to make a profit.

Sometimes private agencies complain that the city is competing with their recreational programs and hurting their business. This is not so, Haworth said, because the department is not a competitive operation and if these agencies were meeting the needs of the people and meeting them adequately, then the city would have no reason to enter their particular fields.

Enters Field
It is only when private and other public agencies are not adequately meeting the needs of the public, that the parks and recreation department will enter the field. So the city is not competing but merely supplementing or in some cases bringing existing facilities up to needed standards.

One of the cooperative efforts that the city is now participating in is the gymnasium program for Medford's youth. The city is sponsoring, in conjunction with the schools, a gymnasium program, whereby children can use school gyms after regular school hours and on weekends with adequate supervision and instruction.

This program was desirable, Haworth said, because the kids could not use the school gyms as much as they wanted to. The opportunity they had to use them during school hours, did not satisfy their needs, so with the city providing some of the supervision and the schools the gyms, which would otherwise be idle, a very satisfactory program was worked out.

Other Recreation Plans
In the plan now being drawn up by the parks and recreation department, the city hopes to include provisions for a city sponsored arts and crafts program and city supervised adult athletic leagues.

Many other proposed ideas and programs will be included in the plan when it is completed but its main purpose will be to set up standards and priorities, so that future park and recreation programs will fit into a long range program and not be planned in a haphazard manner, as many



JUNK SKIPPER—Brian Platt, the skipper and only crew member of the Chinese junk High Tea, is shown in Eureka, Calif. Saturday after sailing 7,000 miles from Hong Kong without touching land.

Radio Moscow Spreads Sweet Yule Message

London — (UPI) — Lenin and Stalin would never know the old broadcasting studio. Sweet words of Christmas wafted from radio Moscow, spreading good will toward men.

One Christmas Day broadcast of the official voice of the Soviet Union, which holds that "religion is the opium of the masses," proclaimed that all Roman Catholic churches in the country held Christmas services and all were heavily attended.

Officials in the Vatican said this was "encouraging." They also said never in their memory had Soviet propaganda outlets so hailed the spirit of Christmas.

Moscow radio went to the unusual length of calling on Americans to pray for peace. The call was issued by Yakov Zhidkov, president of Russia's union of Baptists.

Especially under Lenin and Stalin religion was discouraged in Russia. It still is, though not actually suppressed. Nevertheless, newspapers are fond of reporting stories of alleged orgies at Russian Orthodox monasteries.

This made the radio Moscow outpouring of Christmas words all the more remarkable. Christmas is just another working day in the country. But a broadcast last night said:

"In wishing everybody a very merry Christmas, radio Moscow does so in the hope that the 'peace on earth, good will to all mankind' message of Christmas will be translated into deeds all over the world."

Political and church sources were at a loss to explain the sudden emphasis on Christmas which included a Christmas prayer for Finland and special Yuletide messages for New Zealand and Australia.

Best guess was that the Christmas cheer, which cost Moscow nothing and might gain it some friends, was tied in with the current Soviet sweetness and light campaign in international affairs.

4-H NEWS

Kooking Kays Club

The Kooking Kays 4-H club had their first meeting recently. We elected officers for the new year. They are president, Terry McManama; vice president, Suzanne Monsey; secretary, Donna Thompson; news reporter, Shirley Roach; game leader, Carol Roach; refreshment chairman, Linda Snyder.

Meetings will be the first and third Thursdays of every month. The next meeting will be Jan. 4.

Shirley Roach, Reporter.

Phoenix Herdsmen

The Phoenix Herdsmen 4-H Beef club held its second meeting Dec. 20 at the Phoenix Community club.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Harris. As our secretary was absent, Spencer Buffington was acting secretary. There was no old business. Under new business we passed out record books, talked about meeting dates, and paid for our buyers dinners from the banquet last August. Allen Harris said he would weigh calves Dec. 30.

Chip Buffington, Reporter.

Eugene Teen-ager Dies in Car Crash

Florence — (UPI) — A 15-year-old Eugene boy drowned early today when the car in which he was riding left slippery Highway 36 and plunged into the Siuslaw river six miles east of Mapleton. Four others were hospitalized at Florence.

Drowned was Emery Dennis, whose body was recovered. His sister, Rita, 13, was hospitalized after making it to shore along with Richard Collins, 20; Doris Widmaier, 13, and Jim Hotaling, 19, all of Eugene.

programs, both public and private have been in the past.

It is further hoped that the plan will lead to a greater voluntary coordination among existing agencies so that people can derive maximum benefits from future and existing facilities, instead of having commendable efforts in this field fall because of lack of planning and cooperation between agencies.

Memories of Colorful Era Noted in Old Medco Engine

When Medford corporation's "old Number 4" high-balled out of the big timber on company tree farm lands and chuffed toward its final resting place in the city's new park recently, it called up in the minds of early day residents nostalgic memories of the colorful era of railroad logging in southern Oregon.

Logging trucks, more flexible and efficient in today's modern age of tree farm management, have chased most of the steam-powered locomotives into oblivion, but the Lima Shay geared engine will always hold a favorite place in the old-time logger's heart.

These are fascinating engines, depicting a fabulous, boisterous period in the timber industry. Of all the steam locomotives used in the timber west of the Lake states, the locomotive known as the Shay contributed the major role and was the favorite.

Builds Better Machine
In 1879, a Michigan logger named Ephraim Shay — spurred by demands from a growing America for faster deliveries of wood products — built himself a better machine to speed trees from woods to sawmill. His invention became known as the geared Shay railroad locomotive.

Its design became the basis for a gigantic, steam-belching fleet of woodland juggernauts.

The Shay locomotive has a silhouette something like a traditional steam locomotive, but at this point the similarity stops. The locomotive boiler is set off to the left side of the engine frame. On the right side are three vertical steam cylinders with pistons turning a crankshaft connected to a horizontal driveshaft running the full length of the locomotive. The driveshaft is joined together by a series of universal joints to permit sharp turning. This driveshaft is geared to all wheels along this side, including those of the tender.

The traction advantages of this engine over the rod engine are readily apparent.

The Shay was designed for getting over any reasonable kind of railroad bed whose rails, or reasonable substitute thereof, managed to protrude above the earth's surface, and all the Shay has ever asked was that the ties keep the gauge within a reasonable proximity of 4 feet, 8½ inches.

It was the turn of the century when the woodland locomotive really began ruling supreme as far as log transportation was concerned. These were times when temporary tracks were lifted from logged lands and moved to new timber areas and the sturdy, dependable "lokiess" chugged right along with the fallers and buckers.

In the early days of western logging, the steam geared engine was required to cope with steep grades as the timber was followed up the rugged slopes. Normally, mills were built at sites which were near the source of supply, but also at points where the product could be brought to market easily and cheaply.

As harvesting progressed, the logging railroad followed the timber to higher elevations.

Three Types Noted
Three types of geared locomotives vied for favor in the early days. These were the Heislner, the Climax and the Shay — each of which had a distinct type of propulsion.

The Heislner had its cylinders set at an angle directly under the boiler, patterned after the fashion of the V-type engines, driving a center shaft which, in turn, was geared to the trucks. The Climax had two outside cylinders set at an angle of about 45 degrees, driving an articulated gear assembly.

It was the Shay that found greatest popularity. It was built for "getting there." "End of an Era," a booklet about steam railroad logging offered by Rayonier Incorporated, tells why:

"It could travel almost anywhere the tracks could be laid; it could traverse steep grades and twist its way around short-radius curves that rod-driven locomotives could never have managed. It could find traction on rails laid on 'floating' ties set on road beds of little more than forest humus; it could safely traverse the shaky timber spans that men of the woods put together with more optimism than skill to cross rivers, streams and deep ravines in the forests. Where other locomotives could not venture, the Shay was sent to do the job."

Speed never was one of the Shay's distinguishing achievements. "She'll do 13 miles an hour when the grade's her way, maybe faster of the edge of a cliff," said one old timer.

Added to Lore
Simpson Logging company, which recently donated its last 90-ton Shay to the city of Shelton, Wash., adds this to the lore in another booklet:

"The sight and sound of a Shay clawing its way up a mountain grade was unforgettable. The short rods of the triple cylinders thrashed wildly and the frightful crash of the rapid exhaust sent frightened animals scampering into the timber for dear life."

Remarked one old timberbeast: "It sounds like 100 miles an hour and looks like hesitation mixed with uncertainty."

ed by Rayonier Incorporated, which built the engine which now rests in Medford's park.

Times change, and so do methods. The old "cut and get out" days are gone forever, and in their place is an era of sustained-yield tree farm timber management. Permanent yields meant development of a permanent transportation network. Modern roads and fast trucks have largely replaced the old lokies. In most cases where railroading remained the best method of log hauling, the old steamers gave way to modern diesels on non-strenuous permanent transportation routes.

Selective Harvests
Under Medford corporation's forestry program of selective harvesting, periodic thinning and salvage of dead and down timber, trucks and truck roads are vital to permit the company to shift its crews as needed.

But the company continues to operate some 30 miles of mainline railroad from Butte Falls to its main plant near Medford, and here railroad logging still lives on — its log cargoes fed to it at Butte Falls by truck from scattered woods operations.

"Equipment will continue to change as forestry techniques advance," summed up B. L. Nutting, company general manager, "but under the advancing tide of tree farm management the forest will always be there."

Big Crowds See Follies in Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nev. — (UPI) — The Follies Bergere opened Friday night at the Tropicana hotel before two jam-packed audiences that saw a lavish spectacle but less nudity than expected from the famed French show.

Duluth-Twin ports of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, on Lake Superior, are the second busiest in total shipping volume in the United States.

The last Lima Shay left the Ohio shops in 1945. Another 33 locomotives, dubbed "Lima Pacific Coast pattern Shays," were constructed by Willamette Iron and Steel company, Portland, between 1922 and 1929.

It was the Portland firm



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