

Lake Recreation Facilities Near Complete



BEST ROOM FACILITIES—Bob Johnston, manager of Johnston Stores, Medford, concessionaire at Howard Prairie reservoir, (left) and Robert Haworth, city-county parks and recreation director, examine the foundation and basic plumbing of one of the restroom facilities being constructed at Howard Prairie reservoir. At extreme left with his back to the camera is Sid Wilkinson, Medford resident.

Road, Restrooms Among Work at Howard Prairie

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Work on recreation facilities is nearing completion at Howard Prairie reservoir. Two miles of road into the lake has been asphalted. Work is nearing completion on large, modern and comfortable restroom facilities. Many of the picnic tables and benches have been put in place under the trees. With them are small, neat concrete outdoor fireplaces. Near the lake shore is a small wooden concession stand set on skids so it can be moved around the reservoir as recreational water use shifts from one part of the lake to another.

As these facilities are completed, people like Bob Johnston, of Johnston stores, which runs the concession, and City-County Recreation Director Bob Haworth ponder on how much the lake will be used and what future problems will arise.

They know that these facilities are a good beginning. But more facilities will be needed. Showers may be added to the restroom facilities or a separate shower building erected near the trailer house area at the west side of the lake. Washing machines may be added if the area gets the hoped-for electricity.

Johnston sees his initial try as a concessionaire as a non-profitable, experimental one for this short summer season. He plans many more improvements if he is fortunate enough to get the bid as a long lease concessionaire.

Now the small store near the lake shore holds a few staple goods such as soups, canned vegetables, canned milk, matches and occasional fresh fruit.

Since there are no telephone connections messages must be sent to the Johnston stores in Medford and supplies brought in the next day or two.

Lack of telephone communications also complicates the boat reservation problem. Fishermen and other outdoorsmen can reserve boats by calling the Johnston store in Medford not later than Wednesday to use the boats on week ends.

However, Johnston says those wanting to go boating in mid-week can be pretty sure of getting boats by merely driving to Howard Prairie.

Later a permanent store, moorage and dock and restaurant facilities may be possible. More launching facilities are needed than the single concrete ramp now far above the water - line due to the heavy draw-down for irrigation needs. A similar water recreation spot in the state of Washington has six or eight ramps side by side, Haworth noted.

Next summer, Johnston, who has an 18-months lease, plans to move in 35 trailers which will contain the bare necessities. People using these neat, modern, comparatively inexpensive trailer - houses will have to do their bathing, cooking and take care of other necessities outside the trailers.

Twenty-five deluxe type trailers with all the modern conveniences including showers will be brought in later. These trailer homes can be used in place of cabins.

Haworth estimates during peak days 5,000 people will use the recreation area. He estimated 2,800 recreationists used the area during last Memorial Day. He figures 10,000 people will use the facilities during a long holiday.

Reading reports on other outdoor camping and general recreation areas, 10,000 people doesn't seem a large number of people. An article in the June issue of Outdoor Life refers to the "Crisis in Camping" Michigan, for instance, according to the article, reported it had to turn away 247 camping families, not just persons, from state parks during the past season.

In March, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller told the New York legislature that "many families must wait on the roadside, sometimes for as long as two or three days, to gain admission to a public campsite."

"Over 107,000 persons," he said, "were either without accommodations at campsites, or were moved to inadequate camping locations (during the last year)," Rockefeller said.

The governor recommended a bond issue to be paid off by fees and other charges for use of the facilities.

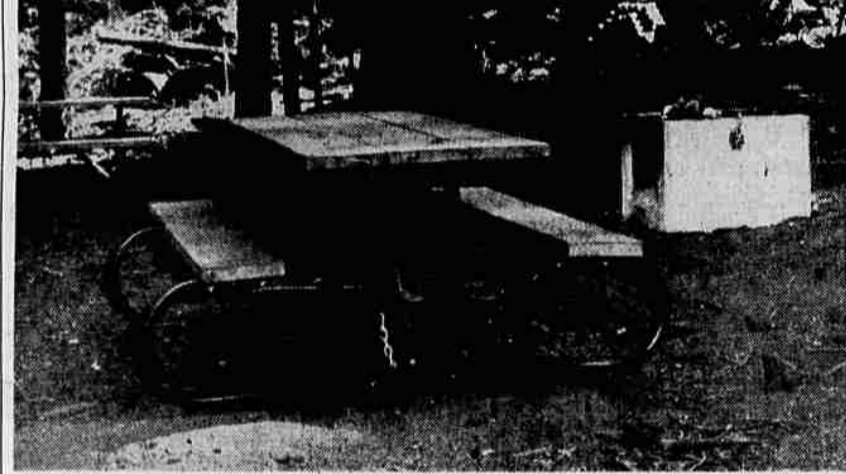
Haworth and Johnston



OKAY, SHOVE OFF!—Art Nelson shoves off Ted Schopf, Southern Oregon college athletic director, sitting amidships and Cliff McClane bending over motor. After the three men were water-borne they soon had their fishing poles out angling for the big ones in Howard Prairie reservoir. Last week a boom was run out into deeper water making it easier on the small boat handlers.



CARETAKERS CABIN—This large comfortable looking cabin is being used by the caretaker and concession operator at Howard Prairie reservoir. For the general public, Bob Johnston, of Johnston stores, Medford, hopes to have house trailers located north of the picnic grounds.



PICNIC TABLE AND BENCHES—This is one of the many picnic table-bench units which have been located at the picnic grounds at Howard Prairie reservoir. Notice the one unit, sturdy construction and the chain which anchors each unit to the ground. Next to it is the one-piece outdoor fireplace which also goes with each table and bench unit.

point out that southern Oregon is within a two-day drive of San Francisco and Portland, large metropolitan areas. It will be only a matter of time before people discover the southern Oregon scenery, and what is now a spacious outdoor recreation area.

Wyoming, a state with wide-open spaces and a permanent population of only about 300,000, had out-of-state visitors totaling 6 million during the combined travel seasons of 1957-58.

It was estimated that 50 per cent of all visitors to Yellowstone National Park (which is predominantly in Wyoming and under federal control) were campers, and mostly from out of state. Yellowstone has more than 900,000 visitors a year and a half million are campers.

C. B. Colby, who wrote the article for Outdoor Life, said his family visited 18 states, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Idaho and Indiana.

He reported he was startled at both conditions found in the outdoor camping areas and replies from officials in charge of these outdoor facilities.

A family, possibly your family, drives to Howard Prairie. You set up a tent at the camping area on the west side of the lake or move into one of the rental trailers, or perhaps you have one with you. First thing you want is refrigeration for your food.

You need ice, groceries, fresh cold water and a place to cook your food, shower and launder your clothes. Decent sanitary facilities are a must; especially if you go camping as a family.

The money which went into the recreational development

water-skiers to use it this fall, county officials say.

Emigrant will need picnic tables, outdoor stoves or fireplaces and toilet facilities. It will need shade trees for the picnickers and swimmers who want to get out of the sun. It will need more boat ramps, to mention only a few needed facilities.

Outdoor recreation authorities point out that only a comparatively small part of the overall population uses such outdoor areas. However, they are for the use of anyone who wants to use them. Such recreation projects are not popular with many legislators. With increasing numbers using recreation areas, this view may soon change.

Local recreation promoters are concerned with the lack of long-range, extensive planning for Howard Prairie and Emigrant lake areas, particularly. Because of the great increase in outdoor recreation and the predicted population increases it's like flying a jet airplane, they point out. County recreation authorities must see far ahead to an objective.

Grandma Moses One Month Shy Of 100th Birthday

Manchester, Vt.—UPI—Artists, friends and neighbors paid homage in words and music Saturday night to Grandma Moses a month before her 100th birthday.

The frail, little artist whose real name is Mrs. Anna Mary Robertson Moses, came 45 miles by automobile from the home of her son in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. to the southern Vermont art center.

She was presented a portrait of herself painted by Dean Faussett in a simple ceremony preceding a public tribute to her in the center's theater. The portrait was unveiled by a great grandson of the woman who gained fame for her works have been reproduced as Christmas cards.

More than 600 persons thronged the theater to pay personal tribute to the artist and attend a program that included a "Grandma Moses memory book musicale."

A 24-voice chorus directed by Hugh Ross of the Berkshire music center chanted songs of the past century as photographic slides depicted the times and works of Grandma Moses.

Jackie Bell and Lynette Metley of Manchester and Susan Bagg, a summer resident of Dorset, portrayed Grandma Moses at different periods in her life.

Grandma Moses, whose painting career did not begin until she was 77, has many friends in this town at the foot of Mt. Equinox in the Green mountains.

She paints landscapes from memory. "I just start a picture and add to it as I go," she once said.

When fame came to Grandma Moses, she accepted it with traditional Yankee modesty. Though some paintings were sold for big fees, Grandma Moses painted other canvases for gifts to friends and neighbors.

A score of her paintings were exhibited at the center in commemoration of the forthcoming centennial of her birth.

Oregon Professor Dies in Portland

Portland—UPI—Dr. Merrill G. Swenson, 67, head of the prosthetics department at the University of Oregon dental school, died of an apparent heart attack here Friday night.

He was on vacation from his post when the apparent attack occurred.

Dr. Swenson, a native of Gaylord, Minn., was a graduate of the University of Minnesota dental school and his teaching career included positions at the University of Minnesota, University of Denver, Medical College of Virginia and New York University.

Survivors include his widow, Cora; a son, Jack; two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services are scheduled Monday.

Stocks Advance in Three Of Five Sessions, But Still Finish Low on Light Volume

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New York — (UPI) — Stocks advanced on average in three of the five sessions last week but still managed to finish slightly lower on continued light volume.

The list finished slightly higher on Monday, thanks mainly to an 8-point gain in Procter & Gamble; fell the next two sessions; and rose on Thursday and Friday, with the best gain registered in the closing session.

The market's movements last week were a disappointment to the more bullish segment of the trading community who had hoped the previous week's late rally following the margin cut would touch off the long awaited, traditional summer rally.

But there was nothing stimulating in the business news background to fuel any such rise and the market quickly settled back into the slow downward under way before the margin reduction.

The Thursday afternoon and Friday rallies were considered by brokers to be only technical since they were not touched off by any specific news development.

But some analysts say there are enough encouraging news items around to influence some buying and possibly extend the advance through a few sessions.

Year-to-year gains in freight loadings, a not a gasoline price rise, good July store sales, and the first increase in New York City bank loans to business were cited as possible buying stimulants.

But there also is room for some pessimism when one considers declining profit margins in many firms, scattered dividend cuts, and a dragging rate of new orders for durable goods.

The steel industry, which last week received some encouragement from two of its top executives in regard to a steady rise in steel operations for the rest of the year, was told by Iron Age magazine that the rise will not be as big as anticipated.

The magazine pointed out that the steel mills, in effect, are borrowing from future business by pressuring customers to place orders now which normally would have been made late this month, or even in early fall.

Avco Most Active
The slowdown in the economy continued to have its effect on corporate dividend payments. Standard and Poor's reported dividend action in July compared unfavorably with a year ago for the fourth consecutive month.

The weekly business statistics showed steel production, retail sales, electricity output, coal production and bank clearings all up from the week before. Carloadings slipped on the week but ran above a year ago. Crude oil output slipped.

Sales last week totaled 12,843,800 shares, for a daily average of 2,568,000 shares, against 13,863,740 shares, or 2,772,748 shares per day a week earlier.

Avco was by far the most active stock with volume of 527,800 shares. It finished up 1 1/2 points. Boeing was runner-up with sales of 244,100 shares and a gain of 5 1/2. American Motors, Standard

Oil New Jersey and Ampex rounded out the top five.

North American Aviation and Douglas also were active and strong in response to the government's announced intention to spend a huge sum for new jet transports.

The Dow-Jones averages at Friday's close showed 30 industrials off 2.44 to 614.29; 20 rails off 0.62 to 134.64; 15 utilities unchanged at 82.83; and 65 stocks off 0.66 to 203.26.

Blue Chips Down
Procter and Gamble, up sharply early in the week in response to a favorable endorsement for its Crest toothpaste by the American Dental Association, finished by only 4 3/4. A good earnings report and announcement that the company was entering the electronics field boosted Lionel 4 points. S. H. Kress fell 3 1/2 as directors omitted the dividend. Munsingwear jumped 6 on a raised dividend.

The airfracts showed Douglas up 4, General Dynamics up more than 2, and Beech, Bendix and Martin up more than 3 each.

The blue chip industrial average was pulled down by losses of 3 1/4 in General Electric, 2 3/4 in Union Carbide, 2 1/4 in Du Pont and 1 3/4 in Eastman Kodak.

Oils were helped by the gasoline price boosts. Honolulu gained 4, Amerada 3 3/4, and Richfield 1 1/4. With the auto industry now pausing before the start of the 1961 models, auto stocks dipped slightly.

Steels showed Republic down 1 1/2 on a lower earnings report; U.S. Steel up 3/4, and Bethlehem off 1/4. Upjohn jumped 2 1/4 in the drugs while Vick fell 3 1/4 and American Home Products 2 3/4.

Beckman rose 3 1/2 and Varian lost 2 in the electronics. Polaroid featured on the upside with a rise of 10 1/4. American News gained 5 1/4, Houston Lighting rose 3 1/4 and Vendo rose 5 1/4, while Minneapolis Honeywell fell 4 1/2, and McGraw Hill dropped 6 3/4.

Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — Dallas voters, in the face of a federal court order to start school integration in 1961, Saturday rejected desegregation by a 4-to-1 margin in a referendum that apparently has little meaning.

Complete but unofficial returns from all of the city's 134 precincts showed a vote of 30,324 "against" integration, and 7,416 "for."

While the vote was about 12,000 short of pre-election estimates, it still was a record turnout for a school election in Dallas. The previous high was 26,000 for a school board trustee election in 1958.

Federal District Judge T. Whitfield Davidson suggested the referendum to sample public sentiment on mixing the races. He had indicated that if the vote was "for" integration, he would order immediate and sweeping integration of the schools.

It had been predicted that possibly 50,000 voters would cast ballots Saturday, but this estimate appeared too high. White voting was moderate to heavy, but voting in Negro districts was light.

There was some organized support against integration. A small airplane flew over Dallas today, trailing a sign that said, "Vote against integration."

Several Negro election judges felt there was no point in voting, and the ballot itself — marked "for" and "against" — as confusing to some persons, both Negro and white.

Texas' two largest cities — Houston and Dallas — have now expressed themselves as against integration, but both are under orders to integrate.

Federal Judge Ben C. Conally ordered Houston schools to start "stair-step" integration next month.

The Dallas district is under orders to start a "pepper-and-salt" plan of integration in September, 1961.

Under the "pepper-and-salt" plan, favored by Judge Davidson, no one would be compelled to attend an integrated school. But certain schools would be set aside for integration. The other schools would remain segregated.

The referendum was at least an attempt to comply with a state law which forbids integration without a favorable vote in the district. This law was passed by the legislature in 1957 in an attempt to stave off mixing.

Porter Takes Passport Fight to Supreme Court

Washington — (UPI) — Republican Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has appealed to the Supreme Court in his 14-month fight for a passport to travel to Red China.

Porter's attorneys filed a petition Friday asking the high court to review lower court rulings upholding the State Department's refusal to issue him the passport.

The Supreme Court will decide later whether to consider the case.

In his petition, Porter said he wants to visit Red China for the more knowledgeable performance of his congressional functions. He said he needed first hand information concerning the most populous country of the world whose activities and purposes almost daily confront the Congress.

The U. S. Court of Appeals dismissed Porter's passport suit on grounds his congressional status alone did not exempt him from the State Department's ban on travel to Communist China.

Porter contended that any member of Congress should be allowed to visit any nation in pursuit of legislative duties.

Grand Jury to Consider Evidence In Murder Case

A Jackson county grand jury will be called Tuesday, Aug. 16, to consider evidence against Keith Duane Adams, 32, accused of murdering his wife in her residence Thursday, District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said Friday.

Adams was arraigned in district court Friday, formally charged with first degree murder and bound over to the grand jury.

He is accused of fatally beating and strangling Mrs. Hazel Jean Adams, 28, while she lay sleeping at her residence at 1205 Withington st., about 1 a.m. Thursday. The couple had been divorced only since Monday.

Adams admitted the killing in a signed statement to Medford police.

Reeder said he now has evidence that Adams choked his wife the Saturday previous to the alleged murder. Adams has admitted it, he said.

"Mrs. Adams was advised to sign a complaint then but didn't want Adams to have a record," Reeder said. "She was afraid it would reflect on the children."

Meanwhile, relatives have asked to take the children, Reeder added. Adams is being held in the county jail without bail.

Man Charged With Molesting Girl
Medford police arrested a 36-year-old Canton, Wash., man Saturday afternoon on a charge of "immoral acts."

John Dennis Fuller is accused of molesting a 9-year-old Medford girl in a downtown department store about 12:25 p.m. He was apprehended shortly after the act and a city police officer. Police said the girl was not harmed.

Fuller was confined in the city jail.

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