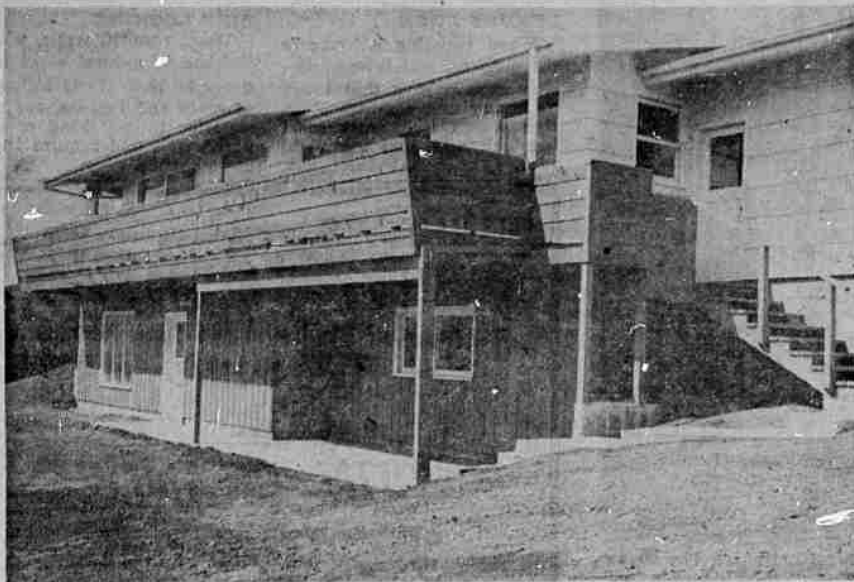




BUILT FOR VIEW—This house is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Parkinson, 2542 Old Military rd., Medford, built by Contractor F. W. Catalano. The house was designed with the view of the valley in mind. It has a deck along the front, and provides for a patio area on the ground level. (Landis Photo)

Many Outdoor Activities May Be Combined in One Week End Trip

There has been in recent years an increasing interest in sports activities in which the family may participate. And many of the activities may be tied together.

Camping trips may be combined into fishing trips, skin diving, water skiing, hiking, swimming, boating, mountain climbing, hunting, or just relaxing in one of the many camping sites.

Equipment of all kinds for these events is improving constantly, and additional equipment is being developed to help the participant be safe and more fully enjoy his activity.

Facilities Being Developed

Recreational facilities throughout southern Oregon and northern California are being developed at an in-

creasingly rapid rate to handle the demand of the public. The facilities are being developed not only by public agencies such as the county, forest service and bureau of land management, but also by private individuals.

One of the most recent additions to facilities in this area is Howard Prairie lake, and the increased size of Emigrant lake, where demand will require increasing recreational facilities for many years.

These lakes, along with Fish lake, Fourmile lake, Squaw lake, other private lakes, and thousands of small lakes in wild and wilderness areas, as well as area rivers, provide locations for almost all types of outdoor summer sports.

Winter Sports Locations

Some of these facilities provide locations for winter sports, which are being developed with an increasing interest.

Development of summer sports areas, or increasing the size of those already available, brings about problems which

require some regulation. But without the regulations, activities at many of the area lakes and rivers would be chaotic and extremely dangerous. Safety and courtesy in any sports or outdoor activity is constantly stressed so all those participating may enjoy what they are doing. Accidents will occur, but observation of basic safety factors will prevent most accidents.

Equipment To Be Displayed

This year's Crater Lions club sponsored Sportsfair, which also will include a Home and Garden section, will display equipment used in many outdoor sporting events. They will provide ideas for those who want to become interested in some activity, and they will display the most recent equipment and changes in some of the more popular activities.

If an individual doesn't find something he is interested in at the Sportsfair, sporting goods outlets in southern Oregon and northern California can provide many other ideas, both for indoor and outdoor activities.

Water Purification Equipment at Fair

Among exhibits at the Crater Lions Sportsfair and Home and Garden show will be one of chlorination-dechlorination equipment for purification of water.

This is a new service in southern Oregon. The water correction booth will be sponsored by Chuck and Gene Coggins of Chuck's Pump service.

The Coggins pointed out that well water contamination by sewage wastes is becoming a serious threat throughout the county.

One solution to contamination and similar problems such as water from lakes and farm ponds, sulphur elimination, and chlorination of swimming pools is through installation of an automatic chlorination-dechlorination and water purifier, which can make any water available for drinking purposes.

A sample unit for testing water for mineral, acids, and turbulents will be demonstrated on any sample of water brought to the Home show display.

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Skin-Diving Now Becoming Popular

Skin diving is becoming more popular in this area, and more women are participating in skin diving classes at the YMCA.

In the Jackson county sheriff's department six deputies are experienced skin divers. They include Sheriff Joe Walsh, Sgt. Veryl Vannoose, Investigator Lee Rice, Bill Rice, John O'Hara and Kay Vaughn.

Walsh feels that skin diving is an important auxiliary function of the department.

Noting that skin diving is being practiced more in Jackson county waters, the sheriff warned that spear fishing is illegal. Oregon state game laws restrict fishermen to a hook and line for sport fishing.

Like many hobbies, skin diving involves a minimum or "the sky's the limit" cost. A face mask and a pair of flippers is all some need for brief underwater excursions. However Scuba divers require an air tank and valve, a good pair of flippers, a "wet suit" or sponge rubber suit, and perhaps depth gauges and a compass. Along with this could be added underwater lights and various working equipment.

There are hundreds of miles of trails through national forests in this area to provide unlimited opportunities for hikers. Maps showing these trails are available from the forest service. Topographical maps are available at Swem's Book store, Medford.

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