



The city of Bend takes particular pride in lawns, whether a modest residence or a palatial home, of which Bend has a surprising number. The park area which borders Mirror pond presents a fine view for the folks in the upper picture who have neatly kept homes in that section of the city. Below, kids and dogs play along the parkway and despite the chill of the water, find swimming invigorating on a warm day. Almost every home, which has a frontage on the pond, boasts a rowboat for the young fry.

Bend Is Shining Example Of Well-Planned Project

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up on claims, the big lumber operators of the Minnesota and Wisconsin areas came in and stored up the timber against the time when their own would be gone.

Planned by Drake
With the coming of timber operations, Bend began to take on the aspects of a town. The layout of Bend goes to the credit of A. M. Drake who came from St. Paul, Minn., in the first decade of the century. He built a log house on the Deschutes river, the house still standing, and now the home of the Bend Masonic lodge. Drake put in a small sawmill and a power plant and platted the nearby area giving it wide streets. The park addition he left unplatted for future development. Drake sold out in 1909 or 1910.

The power plant and dam put in by Drake below where Pilot Butte Inn now stands, caused the water to back up and form a beautiful, natural looking pond which has long been known as Mirror pond. Wide lawns, home sites, a playground established through the W. E. Harmon foundation, walks and flower bordered paths, make Mirror pond desirable from every point. To the north of the town is Pioneer park where smooth green lawns sweep down to the water's edge and where picnic tables tempt the townsfolk.

George Palmer Putnam, former publisher of the Bend Bulletin, platted seven acres on the west side of the town which he sold as home sites. This also borders on the water. Now Bend, despite her acres of park and lawn area, has no specific park levy but included in the annual city budget is an item for park purposes. The budget for the current year is \$7330 and includes parks and recreation. The budget figure for last year was \$5425. There is no charge for park facilities.

and there is no park board. Bend has a commission manager form of government and the manager is responsible for park operation.

Swans Multiply
Some 15 years ago, the city bought a pair of swans. Now the swan families have grown. There are many wild ducks on Mirror pond and they stay and their families stay and the wild life is a delight to old and young.

More could be said of Bend, its interesting history of rail development which is quite like our own, but there is another comparison to be made. It's our own town.

Klamath Falls started its Topay growth on the banks of Link river. Hence, Linkville. Later, the part of the town which stretched east became known as Stringtown. Then Klamath Falls.

Too many people came to our town to "make money and leave as fast as they could buy a ticket." But much to the surprise of their families, a lot of men liked the place. Liked the atmosphere. But their wives didn't. As little as 20 years ago, the women folk wept because "they couldn't grow anything." But then they discovered the secret of water and the gardens and lawns did grow for those that wanted to put them in.

Let's start with the proposed Veterans' Memorial park. This is the outgrowth of planning commission discussions. On November 7, 1944, voters gave the city the right to start purchase of property and the exchange of property along the river. It was termed a "blight-

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ed area" in commission discussions and folks coming into town were getting a pretty bad impression. The wheels started moving and soon all property was acquired with the exception of one small piece which is assured as soon as it is free of legal entanglements.

Possibilities There
The property lies between Link river and Lake Ewauna, some six acres described as from Center street to the Link river bridge and Main street to Lake Ewauna. It is wedge shaped and the surprisingly lovely old trees give a promise of something that can really be accomplished in an ambitious face lifting job.

Sheldon Brumbaugh, Klamath Falls architect, has prepared a model of Veterans' Memorial park which will be a real entrance to this city in the near future.

The moment all the property is acquired, titles cleared and the green light on, the property will be turned over to the park board which will be the administrative body for execution of plans and development. This should be within a six months' period.

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This attractive sign advises motorists and homeward bound folks that they are entering "Bend, Gateway to the Oregon Cascades." This picture shows a small house at the water's edge just above the dam with surrounding country surprisingly like that of Klamath Falls.

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Along Link river and Lake Ewauna, grass can grow, native shrubs and trees planted, old trees cast their shade on expansive lawns, and Klamath Falls will begin to put on her long neglected party dress.

The Deschutes, whose waters are the life blood of the region to the north, has made Bend beautiful. Little Link river can be expected to do just as much, but it's up to the citizenry to help and not by talk alone. It's pick and shovel, trowel and spade, concentrated effort and the will of the town to help the little lady out of her gangly adolescence.

The Dalles Mill Gets Allotment Of Wheat

THE DALLES, July 12 (AP)—A 3000-bushel wheat allotment, to be repaid from the fall harvest, will go to United mills here

to provide flour for the region. The department of agriculture production and marketing administration said half the flour would go to bakeries serving this area, and the other half be saved for possible Willamette valley emergencies.

Basin Spud Festival Slated For November

MERRILL, July 12—The central committee of The Klamath Basin Potato Festival, meeting at the city hall recently, announced festival dates as November 1 and 2.

The various committee chairmen were announced as follows: decorations, Al Kuehne; concessions, Virgil Barron; dance and queen, Jim Merlees; commercial exhibits, Ed Strack; parade, Darrel King, and L. H. Holden; barbecue, Maurice Crystal; banquet, W. H. Homes, and sports, Thomas Chaturba, Jr. Members of the central committee are: Jack Adams, Maurice Crystal, O. V. Reeves, Joe Bailey and Riley Delap.

Discharged—Donald Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Erickson of 2641 Front, has received his discharge from the navy. At the time of his discharge he was a yeoman 3/c and had seen service in Okinawa and Japan.

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