

Moore Park Draws Compliments From Many, But More Money Needed To Develop It And Other City Projects

"Your Moore park is a beautiful place." This is the compliment being paid our city more and more frequently from our out-of-town visitors. It comes from the north, from the east, from the south, from the west, from the east are outspoken in their praise. A surprising number of our fellow Oregonians join with those from other states in seeing and appreciating the beauties which we daily overlook.

Perhaps without realizing it we have developed one of the outstandingly lovely parks of the entire state. Let us take a look at it. In area it is about one hundred and twenty-five acres, mostly natural woodland. Here are the native trees, the shrubs, the plants which Mother Nature, in her wisdom allotted to the Klamath country. They are well adapted to our climate, and to the soil in which they flourish. Study them and you will find an interesting story, as they change from spring to summer, summer to fall, fall to winter and winter to spring again.

Note the view of the lake and mountains from the lookout points. Here, spread out before one's gaze is a panorama of blue waters, studded with islands, rimmed with hills terminating with the rugged skyline in the vicinity of Crater lake. This is a big country, viewed from there. The lake front is also a part of the park. The bird life, which abounds along the waterfront is a volume within itself. In our location, here east of the Cascades we are on one of the main bird's paths or flights of the United States. The lower end of the lake and the woody area which makes up the park is a haven for the water birds, a rendezvous for the migratory flocks and a year around home for a goodly number of varieties, which will afford many happy hours in identifying.

Winding around through the trees are some two and a half miles of well paved roads and many delightful trails that will bear exploring. The spacious lawn affords room for hundreds, old and young alike. The picnic grounds, animals and bird pens, tennis courts and a mere bit of recreational equipment guarantee an interesting day to any who care to come. And you are invited and urged to come.

This is only part of the story. Scattered around throughout the city are a number of small tracts ideally located for neighborhood parks. They are for the most part unimproved. To mention a few of them, there is Finley park, the small triangular plot at the junction of California and Conger avenues. Another is Richmond park on North Third street. Another is the old high school property at Fifth and High, now called Ewauna park. Another is the triangular plot along Pacific Terrace and Esplanade. Kiwanis park, in Mills addition is coming along nicely, thanks to the generosity and constructive planning of our local Kiwanis club. Beyond the Mills school is the Home Avenue park. Over across Link river, on South Riverside is Maple park, a

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splendid donation to the city by the late Mrs. Clara A. Moore. And on this side of Link river is the Veterans Memorial park. Aside from rounding out one or two incomplete tracts we obviously do not lack for property. Our problem is to improve what we already have.

The park department has been operating on a one half levy, and the wonder is that so much has been accomplished with the inadequate funds it has had. It requires a small staff of men to operate Moore park, to keep it clean and presentable. Feed for the animals, machinery and equipment, gas and oil are routine and necessary expenses. The smaller parks, in their various stages of improvement also require some care. Very little is left for development after this current maintenance is paid.

At the May 21 election you are being asked for an additional one mill. You are entitled to know

constructed before the Recreation Department can open it as a summer playground, the Veterans Memorial park is a positive challenge. This last, the Veterans Memorial park can be made the beauty spot of the city. We only have the strip between Main and Klamath avenue from Center street south now. We should have the entire area down to the lake's edge. Acquire that, then pump in a few feet of good rich silt out of the bottom of Lake Ewauna. Plant trees, grass, shrubs, flowers. With a close location, a waterfront, a spacious lawn sloping down to the lake, shade and shrubbery, this park can become a priceless asset to the entire city. We hope to get at it this summer.

In the long range plan Moore park is far from completed. There is an additional 125 acres that has not even been touched yet. It is large enough to accommodate its guests for many, many decades to come. More tennis courts would help, more animal shelters, with a vastly increased variety of animals would add to the interest and enjoyment of many. We are getting little or no use out of our water frontage, it alone being an asset which many cities would give almost anything for. There is room for bathhouses, wharves, sailboats, motorboats and all that goes with it. Your park board is not without vision, merely without money.

It is going to take time to bring these things about. The start must be made sometime if we are ever to have them. How soon depends entirely upon the funds we have to work with. The mill which you are being asked for will enable us to at least make a start on the most important developments. For the average family the cost will be about two cents per week. On this basis your park board, as fellow citizen to fel-

low citizen recommends a YES vote on the park issue.
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