

Malin Dream Realized; Swimming Pool Finished

By MRS. F. G. WILSON
MALIN — The Malin park and swimming pool, a dream of some six years back, became a reality this summer on the completion of a beautiful public park and a fine swimming pool; that rates first, for its type, in the state. The entire project has been accorded state-wide recognition and honors.

It marks a milestone of success and is a great credit to those civic-minded individuals who first gave thought to a community recreational project.

Proposed
The project was first proposed in the chamber of commerce in the fall of 1943. It was first planned to build a swimming pool in connection with the schools. Out of this embryo grew other ideas until the plan for a public park, a public swimming pool, a community recreational hall and library, a building for both the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and a caretaker's cottage evolved.

Money was at this time quite plentiful and it was agreed by the members planning the project that if a sound program was set up, that substantial sums could be raised from private sources. A drive for funds was started early in 1943, some large contributions were made by successful farmers and others in the community and those along with scores of smaller donations brought the amount collected to a total of \$41,000.

Commission
At this time the members of the chamber of commerce were not organized as a district, so from out of the chamber of commerce membership there was appointed the Malin community center commission to handle the development of the park. After a great deal of legislation the program as outlined was passed by the Oregon legislative session and the program proceeded. However, in the early spring of 1944 the commission was reorganized and the Malin community park and recreation district was formed. The required election was held and Dick Hensel, Mike Stastny and A. Kalina were elected as directors.

Hensel Elected
The first meeting of the board was held July 7, 1944, at which time Dick Hensel was elected president and T. A. DeMerritt was appointed secretary and treasurer. The first business transacted by the board was to acquire a park site. A 30-acre tract at the edge of town adjoining the highway where it enters the town from the north was selected and \$20,000 paid for the property. The site once acquired became a viable nucleus for the few "doubting Thomases" who still maintained that the project was much too large for a small community. So with the purchase of the land and the remaining \$100,000 the way became a bit smoother.

Sheldon Brumbaugh was engaged as the architect and early in 1945 the plans and specifications were completed. A replica of the proposed park, in minute detail with the pool, all of the proposed buildings and the landscaping was presented to the directors by Sheldon Brumbaugh and this model was featured at all of the meetings and in all the money raising campaigns. Many still recall seeing both Mike Stastny and Mr. Kalina, then mayor of Malin, trudging down the streets of Klamath Falls with it under his arm.

Stumbling Blocks
As in all enterprises there were unforeseen setbacks and obstacles to overcome. The first and most serious in this particular case was that, by the time the project was ready for actual operation, labor and materials had doubled in price. If the program was to go through, more money must be raised. The receipts of the farmers and business men were generally down, the uncertainty of prices and business was reflected in the collections. Having gone this far, the group was determined that the program, though somewhat curtailed, must go on. There could be no let-down now. Plans were now concentrated on constructing the pool and landscaping the grounds.

A group of local women under the chairmanship of Mrs. William C. Dalton personally called on everyone in the community, soliciting additional funds. Bingo games were featured all winter long in the Broadway hall, all help in running the games was donated, and all prizes for the games were purchased at cost. In addition to the games, various groups of organized women, such as the Helping Hand society, the American Legion auxiliary, the Social club of the Eastern Star and the Altar society served supper to the crowds, turning the proceeds over to the commission. The games and suppers netted a total of some \$7000. Potato gift boxes was another source of revenue and brought in an additional \$1000. A car sale netted over \$5000. In the meanwhile collections made each winter until 1946, together with the other sources of income brought the total to \$120,000, all of which was on deposit with the country treasurer.

Work was started on the park in January, 1948; all the roads, the

leveling of the lawn area, the planting of the lawn and the landscaping in general was well along by the next fall.

Work on the pool was completed in July of 1948. The 45 by 105 foot open air pool, with its sparkling blue water, its surroundings of a beautifully landscaped park has become a reality, and Malin offers its facilities as a gift to the entire basin and assures everyone they are welcome to use it.

The pool is flanked on the north by a two-story structure housing dressing-rooms, administrative quarters, water heating and chlorinating equipment, spectators' benches and a branch library. It was opened to the public on July 16 for full operation. It is operated on a non-profit basis, the only objective being to collect enough to meet actual current expenses. Adults pay 40 cents, high school students 20 cents and grade and pre-school children 14 cents. There are trained lifeguards in attendance at all times.

Crowd
More than 400 children and adults in organized groups from the Malin, Merrill and Tulelake area attended the swimming and lifeguard classes.

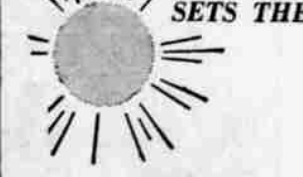
Archie Mae Johnson, an American Red Cross volunteer, who was trained by the American Red Cross at their training school at Bremerton, Wash., early in June, was in charge of all the swimming and lifeguard classes. She was assisted by Hazel Gift of Langell valley. Ward Stone was the paid manager of the pool and also assisted with the swimming classes. Ed Greene has supervision of the landscaping of the grounds and Dutch Milligan is employed as head gardener.

Dick Hensel remains as chairman of the board, the directors remain the same as those originally selected and Ted DeMerritt still holds the job of secretary and treasurer.

Success
The pool was closed on September 6 after a very successful summer. Despite the fact that the pool was not opened until late July, the records show a total of 14,712 paid admissions. The picnic area was filled to capacity every Sunday and numerous picnics were scheduled for the weekdays. The wading pool located in the park area proved to be a big attraction for the young fry. All in all, 1949 climaxed a long, hard struggle, but has brought into realization a great achievement, a community park and pool acquired by the untiring and ceaseless efforts of a group who would not rest die.

This is not the end—the story of the program as originally planned will, too, become a reality in the near future.

The planet Jupiter is larger than all the other planets combined.



JERRY AND TERRY, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris, celebrated their first birthdays on September 1. Grandparents are Mrs. Elizabeth Norris of Henley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peck of Arzville, Ill. —Evergreen studio.



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Chiloquin Couple Wed Recently

CHILQUIN — Annette Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kirk of Chiloquin, became the bride of Buddy Haskins, son of Mrs. Frances Fitzwater of Grass Valley, Oregon, in a late afternoon service held at the parsonage of the Pentecostal Assembly of God on Friday, October 14.

The ceremony was read by the evangelist, Rev. Beauford Miller, of Brooks, Ore., who was conducting a series of meetings in Chiloquin at the time. The bride, who attended Chiloquin high school last year, wore a becoming dress of dark blue. Only a few friends were present when the vows were exchanged. The young couple will make their home in Chiloquin.

Bazaar Planned

LANGELL VALLEY — Mrs. Alma Embe entertained the guild of St. Barnabas church at the parish hall for the October meeting. Final plans were made for the annual turkey dinner and bazaar to be held on November 9. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Sixth Birthday

WEST SIDE — A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yates in honor of her son Larry on his sixth birthday. Those participating in the games played were Mrs. Waino Karjala and daughter Dianne, Gerald Thompson, Ginger and Lyndell Munday, Barbara and Earlene Cox, Mrs. Lloyd Yates and Toni Yates. Mrs. Yates was assisted with refreshments by Earlene Cox.

Officers Chosen

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Only a few of nature's creatures seek to escape the seasons to which they are born. Envy the few, or mimicking them, man has come to do it more and more; until today almost as many people as birds hie themselves to warm spots; to gloat over stay-at-homes with saucy postcards and off unwanted sympathy.

You'll think, perhaps, that this is sour grapes. Not so, for when we feel like it, Fanny and I go South too, and enjoy it—but enjoy it most when we've had our taste of Winter's blasts, bitter cold and depths of snow. Not that icy streets are conducive to contentment; just that unpleasant contrasts make the balmy, comfortable things of life more appreciated.

Irksome
Though we reach a time when being shut in irks us, we should not forget the joy with which we once welcomed Winter; the bobbleheads, skates, and snowshoes; the tramps over snowbound trails, sleigh-ride parties; the kiddies' snow men, their snow forts and snowball battles in the yard.

Life is made for youth, we are likely to lament when chills run up our creaking backs, and fireplaces roar. Maybe so, yet our outlook on life contributes much to discomforts which we loathe. In fact points of view create most of man's discontent.

The happiest, most contented people seldom leave their native heath, some never have. One old fellow, past 80 now, has told me a dozen times about the single journey of his long, contented life. He went to the Chicago World's Fair—the early one back in 1893.

When I meet him after returning from a trip, he will ask if I was in Chicago. Then he'll be off: "I was in Chicago once" and in great detail he'll go over it again, missing nothing and always ending in chuckles as he whispers, "and I saw the hoochie-coochie too."

The more we go and the more we see, the more we want to; and the less contentment we are likely to get out of the spot where most contentment should abide—home. Life becomes a carnival of endeavor or to go places and see things which outdo our last experience.

My contented friend has lived 56 years of enjoyment of a trip to Chicago. His description of the ferris wheel still is as vivid as if he saw it as a new invention yesterday. Airplanes fly over his house, speeding cars roar past his door, but he does not want to go anywhere. Because he went to Chicago once.

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"So you should preach!" you'll say. One may preach if he has discovered that contentment comes from within his soul and not from his surroundings. Those who cannot be content at home will seldom find true contentment elsewhere.

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