

HUDSON PARK

Hudson Community Park originated in Beaver Valley Grange in 1935. Sam Trotter, as Master, appointed J. E. Johnson, T. A. Parcher, and Henry Thompson as committee to purchase seven acres of ground from Federal Land Bank. This was done, and T. A. Parcher made the first payemnt — amount \$25.00.

August 24, 1935, the Grange paid Mrs. Olga Albertson \$50.00 for ten acres of land.

March 14, 1936, final payment to Federal Land Bank on seven acres was made—amount \$77.87.

The next mention of the Park (aside from routine committee reports) was on May 8, 1937, when T. A. Parcher reported that the park project at last looked hopeful to him.

On June 12, 1937, we were advised that the application for W. P. A. appropriation had been sent to Washington D. C. for approval.

July 10, 1937. We find the project received Presidential approval to the sum of \$25,000.

Sept. 25, 1937. Talked with County Judge about buying the ad-

joining ten acres, which was owned by the county. After due consideration, the court annexed said ten acres to Park, thereby making 27 acres in all.

Oct. 9, 1937. Brother T. A. Parcher reported work would start on the following Monday, Oct. 11, 1937.

Nov. 13, 1937. Committee reported attending the budget committee meeting, to work for a county appropriation.

Nov. 27, 1937. J. E. Johnson reports he, Brother C. R. and Sister Narcia Parcher and Brother Giese, attended the Budget meeting where this appropriation received some favorable support, some unfavorable comment, and \$1,000.

Dec. 11, 1937. Brother Jack reported contacting Clatskanie Kiwanis club in regard to patronizing a dinner here, for the purpose of raising funds for Park project.

Jan. 8, 1938. J. E. Johnson reported W. P. A. crew making cedar benches and tables for the Park.

Jan. 22, 1938. He says date for chicken dinner is set for Jan. 28,

tickets \$1.00 each. Sister Elsie Thompson assisted him in sales of tickets in Clatskanie and Rainier.

Feb. 12, 1938. Treasurer reported sales of tickets totaled \$102.14. Total expense of dinner \$19.38.

March 26, 1938. Supplies of cement and lumber were delivered to the Park.

June 25, 1938. Committee reports they have the digger ready to work and thinks it the logical time to ask through the County court for another W. P. A. appropriation.

Work started under the supervision of Fred Zimmerman, who landscaped and did most of the clearing. He was replaced in June by Waldo Jacobson, who superintended the construction of shelter house, swimming pool and bridge. The first appropriation of \$25,000 was exhausted in September, 1938. Considerable donation work was necessary to put the ball grounds in shape, this was done by A. J. Unruh, Donald Parcher and Jim Stennick. Seeding was done by C. R. Parcher.

Jan. 14, 1939. Brother H. L. Parcher suggested having a Park sign placed at the highway, which was later done by the Highway Commission.

April 22, 1939. Brother T. A. Parcher reported calling on the County Judge in regard to project which allows \$2600. for labor, \$800 material work to be on grandstand and minor improvements.

May 27, 1939. Received donation of 20 yards of sand from Longview Bridge Co.

June 24, 1939. Brother C. R. Parcher spoke of raising funds to finish up the project. Suggested the Master appoint a committee to

get the community interested in mowing the grass and other cleaning which is not taken care of by W. P. A. workers.

July 8, 1939. Reported very few turned out to help. Committee asked for and was granted donation of concrete blocks, owned by Shell Oil Co., at Goble site.

Dedication picnic July 23, 1939.

Work started on August 8, 1939. The next step was to secure lumber for grandstand.

Sept. 9, 1939. In the meantime Brother Andrew Heman had been appointed part time supervisor for the Park. He reports a registration of 1361 visitors over a period of 26 days. Some of these being from very distant states. Brother C. R. Parcher reports that two of the grangers, Sisters Narcissus Parcher and Mary Giese had solicited funds in the surrounding communities. They collected \$130.75 in cash, lumber and pledges.

At the Sept. 9, 1939 meeting a resolution was introduced by Brother T. A. Parcher, asking the County Court to further maintain and develop the Park, for the use of the public. This was adopted and copies were sent to other Granges, commercial clubs, etc., asking them to cooperate, which was done unanimously. Allowance was made in the County budget of \$500.00

Oct. 14. We received \$36.00 from Fern Hill Grange.

Nov. 25, 1939. Park Committee reports the grandstand finished. Painting was donated labor, according to accounts received by me, Sister Elsie Parcher did the lion's share of it.

All help is duly appreciated and thankfully received.