

# Presbyterians Develop Property



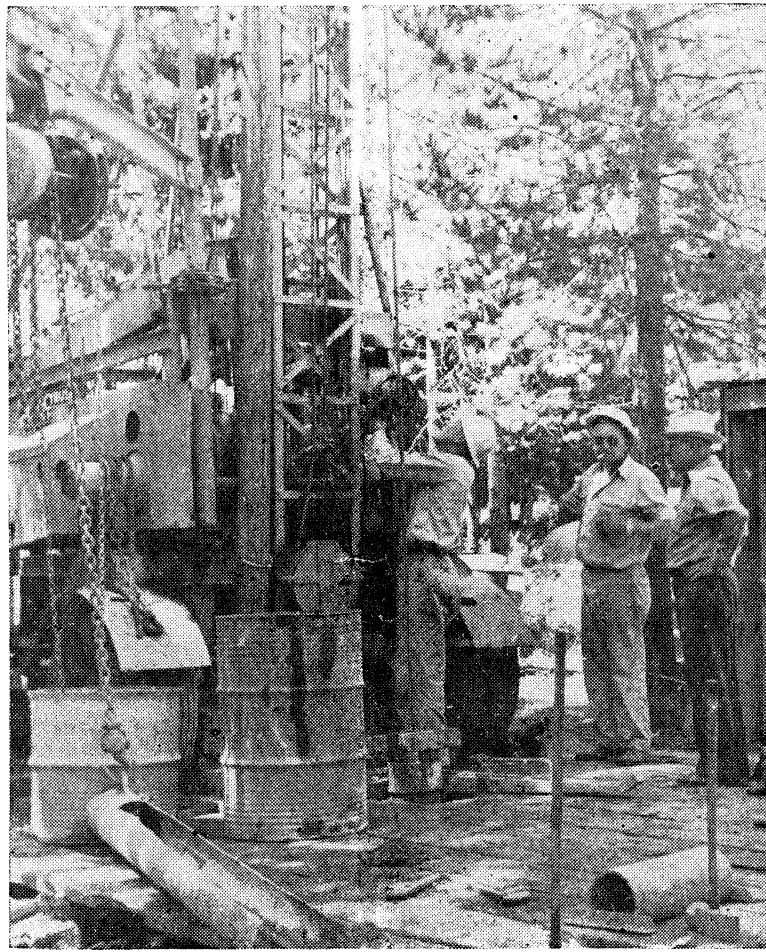
Generous donors made possible the development of the property for church and community uses. Above, left, Mrs. E. F. Terney, who made an initial gift of \$5000 as a memorial for her daughter, the late Miss Lillian Terney, who died last summer; right, Mrs. Don Grilley, whose mother, Mrs. Rose Harrah, gave the property. Not pictured is Earl Gillanders, another substantial donor.

Hard work by willing volunteers is making an ideal play and worship area out of approximately 30 acres of mountain property in the Blue Mountains east of Pendleton.

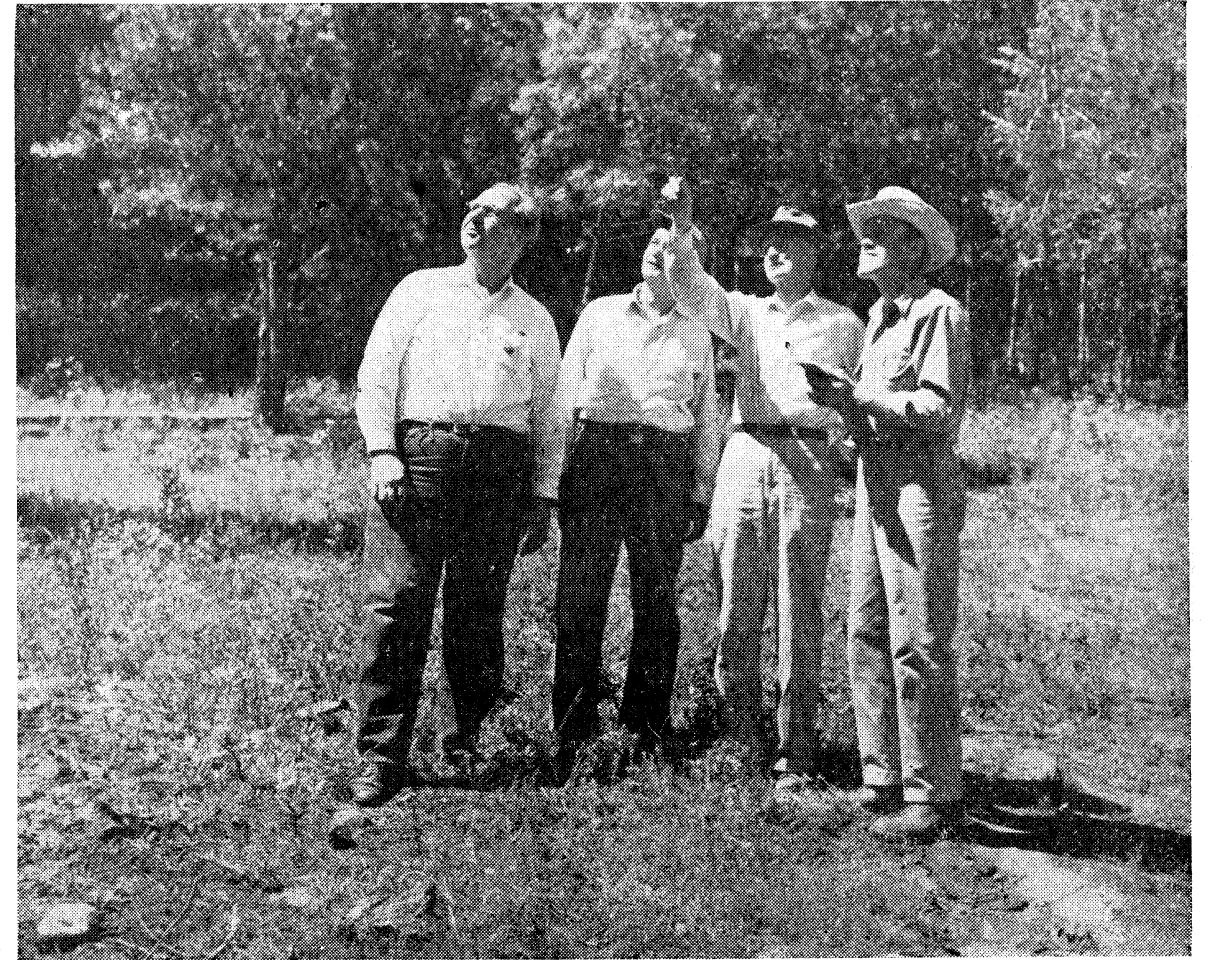
Owned by the Presbyterian church of Pendleton, the property is being developed not merely for the use of Presbyterians, but for members of other congregations and for the community at large. Work is progressing rapidly by means of volunteer work parties of church men and women held on Saturdays. Workers make a day of it, leaving Pendleton early in the morning and carrying a picnic lunch.

The property, the gift of the late Mrs. Rose Harrah, is located adjacent to the old fox farm buildings about 1/4 miles east of Emigrant Springs on Highway 30.

Pictures on this page, all East Oregonian photographs, show volunteers hard at it at one of the recent Saturday work parties.



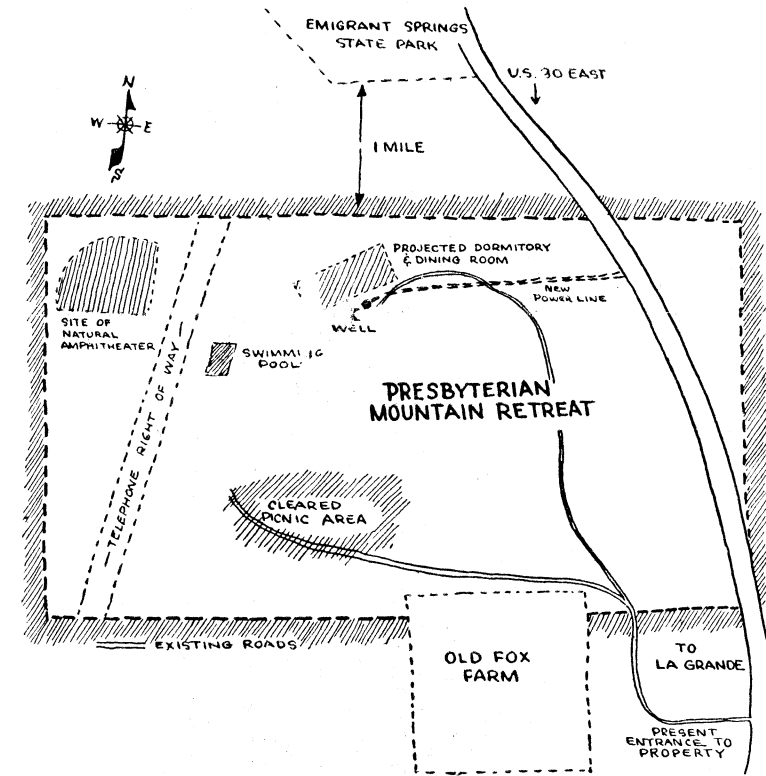
Finishing touches are put on the recently completed well. Dug at a cost of \$3000, the well is 303 ft. deep and assures adequate flow for the development of all the property, including a swimming pool. Water is 38 degrees, the coldest found in the area. Above, from left, Don Smith, weldigger, Walla Walla, Wash.; Carl Stockton, assistant well digger; and Judge W. C. Perry.



Above, members of the property development committee look over a cleared area. From left, Ted Roy, J. R. DeSpain, J. C. Woodworth, chairman; and Joe Gjertson. Not pictured are William Purchase Sr. and Frank Hayes. The committee has ambitious plans for the property, which is scheduled to include, in the long run, a main building, natural amphitheater, picnic area, and swimming pool.



A scene from a Saturday work party. Volunteer workers shown above are clearing the picnic area of trees and brush; most of the work done so far has been of this nature. Weekly work parties are held on Saturdays, with potluck lunch at noon.



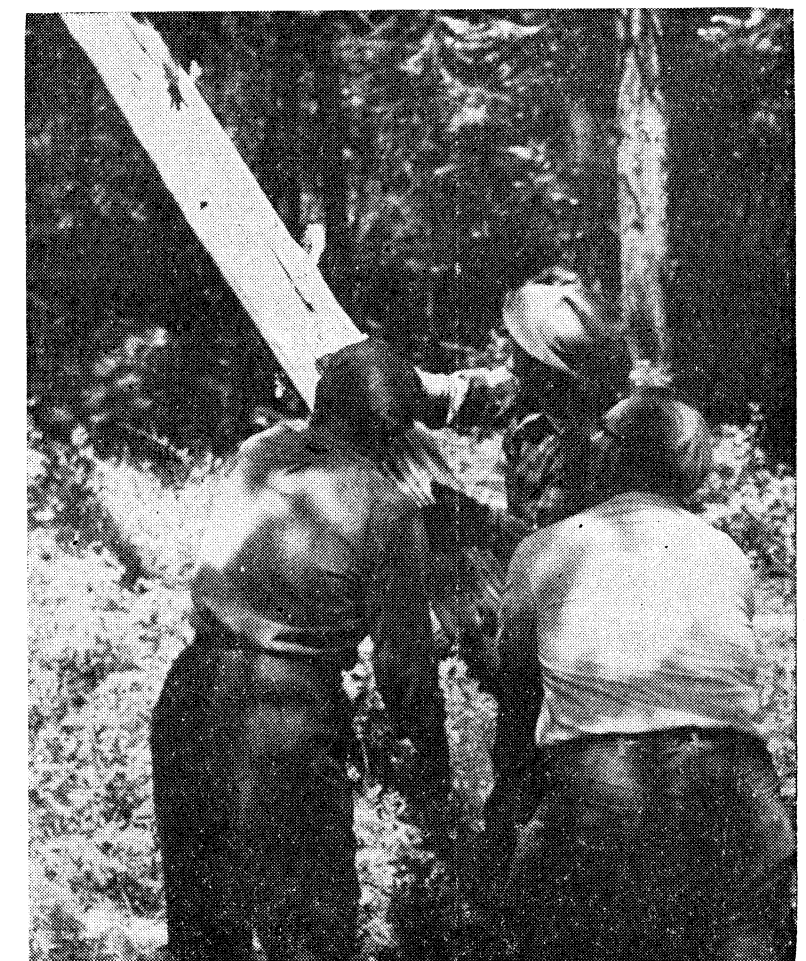
Standing on the spot proposed for the shell of the amphitheater, from left, Ted Roy, Dr. Earle P. Cochran, pastor of the church; and Miss Roberta Ritchie, director of Christian education. On the northwest corner of the property, the amphitheater location is a little ravine with a natural gentle slope. Plans call for the setting up of split log benches up the slope, which has such an ideal grade that recently 60 boys were seated row on row up the bank, with perfect visibility for all. Workers expect to erect an adequate stage with a shell sounding board so that the amphitheater may be used for worship services and musical events.



Helping clear the picnic area, Guy Hugunin saws up a small tree. Now in the planning stages is a large central building near the well, which will include indoor eating facilities for less favorable weather. A delegation went to Yakima, Wash., recently to look at a similar type of building owned by the Presbyterian church there.



In the long-range plans for the development of the mountain property is a swimming pool, which will be located approximately on the spot on which the three persons above—Dr. Cochran, Miss Ritchie, and Gayle Grilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Grilley—are standing.



Guiding the fall of a newly-sawed tree in the picnic area are Jack Fuquay, Don Buchanan (in plaid shirt), and Ted Roy. The picnic ground is the first spot reached on the present road, which leads past the old fox farm off Highway 30 shortly east of Emigrant Springs state park.

So far, workers haven't decided on a name for the area, but several suggestions have been made, according to Dr. Earle P. Cochran, pastor of the church.

Development of the area was made possible by numerous generous gifts, including an initial gift of \$5000 by Mrs. E. F. Terney, as a memorial to her daughter, Lillian, who died in the summer of 1950. Another generous donor has been Earl Gillanders of Pendleton.

Several firms in the Pendleton area have donated materials for construction and clearing. Among such donors listed by J. C. Woodworth, chairman of the development committee, are the Pilot Rock Lumber Co., Harris Pine Mills, Pendleton Lumber Mill, Oregon Lumber Yard, Irons Lumber Co., Taylor Hardware, W. J. Clarke Hardware, Zimmerman & Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hugunin.

Planners hope to take full advantage of the many possibilities of the area by utilizing the grounds for a main building to take care of at least 125 persons for dining and sleeping purposes; a picnic site with tables and fireplaces, a natural amphitheater, and, sometime in the future, a swimming pool, tennis courts, playfield, and baseball diamond.

All this, of course, will take time; but cheerful, hard-working men and women are determined to bring their plans to realization.