A Lunch of Liquid Gold

Tony Thompson, ah, there's a name with a Whiney ring to it. Tony is the young, tweed-backed, articulated brew master at the Portsmouth Brewing Company (PBC) where the two of us spent a most enjoyable noon-hour last week sitting at a large table in the Burgundy house brew house indulging in a liquid lunch. In my opinion, one of the minor triumphs in recent Portsmouth history was the refurbishing and reopening of the century-old brewery for downtown Street in the delightfully restored Bonnetkiddle neighborhood of the River City. Gone, past, of most of our youth, or should be, so that our newsmates, Bob Mole, did an instrumental role in the renovation of this historic damek.

Tony is a home-towner and shared with me his beer-making interest stemmed from high-school days during which he indulged in and dreamed about brewing process with his brother who, at the time, was studying chemistry at the University of Virginia. Tony is a well-read and self-taught brew master who makes his drink at the PBC on a part-time basis and finds full-time employment as a technical manager (ten-out-of-ten), not dry, not excessively hoppy and no pre-chilled glasses. The foam eliminates the need for them in my beer. I want an apricot, I'll eat a fresh one. I do not go fruity. If I want a yeast rush, I will bake bread; if for a malty treat. Oh, but I had a camera with me to record these liquid beauties.

The first pour was a golden hellesbrau, a wheat beer in the Bavarian tradition, and one which Tony, quite rightfully, takes much pride in. In general, I do not like wheat beers while which become so immensely popular these days. It seems every micro-brewery in the country is marketing its own style. Perhaps the best known domestic brand is Coors Blue Moon. Many State-side breweries add fruit and/or spices to their wheat beers, and I find them too fruity. If I want a yeast rush, I'll bake bread; if for a malty treat, I use an apricot, I'll eat a fresh one. I do not go fruity. If I want a yeast rush, I will bake bread; if for a malty treat, I use an apricot, I'll eat a fresh one.

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Took me to sit in the sitting area and enjoy a meal. Tony is the young, tow-headed, home-towner and shared with me.

Remembering Bert Leach

In August 1912, the NEC obtained a tract of land in the Ohio Valley along the Pike River in Pike County for the site of the Portsmouth Atomic Plant. The selection was based on its potential of a vast expansion of relatively flat terrain. The total tract was 4,000 acres, of which 1,000 acres was available of a man made pond, a valuable source of electrical power, a dependable source of water local facilities and suitable transportation routes.

In March 1956, the plant was completed five months ahead of schedule by construction contractor Peter Kiewit Sons of Nebraska. The contract price of $750 million, considerably less than the estimated 1.2 billion for construction cost, more than 4.5 million man-hours, more than 67,000 drawings and plans, and 7,000 construction workers at one time, peaked in the summer of 1954. More than 1,200 acres were cleared and almost 4 million cubic yards of earth were moved.

In the 1960s, the Portsmouth plant's mission changed from enriching uranium for nuclear weapons to one focused on processing uranium to be used in nuclear power plants. Until 2001, Portsmouth and its sister plant in Paducah, Kentucky, worked in tandem to enrich uranium for use in nuclear weapons. The Paducah plant enriched uranium up to 2.7% and then shipped it to Portsmouth for further processing. In May 2001, USEC consolidated its enrichment operations at Paducah. The following year, transfer and shipping operations were also consolidated at Paducah.

Portsmouth Fast Track Speedway

Several drivers from the 1950s who raced at old Portsmouth Speedway were slated to take a lap down memory lane at Thunder Rumors III at Portsmouth Speedway on Saturday, June 18 at Lazy Valley Campground and RV Park, 13610 U.S. 62 West Portsmouth.

The event is a yearly celebration for the fans and drivers of the old Speedway. Although there wasn’t any racing, the thunder of racing engines could be heard for a few minutes on a few weekends and drivers of the bygone days of the quarter-mile oval.

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Swimming Pool Integration in Portsmouth

When I was growing up on Charles Street in Portsmouth, I knew that a wonderful institution called the Terrace Club Swimming Pool had been built. Many white kids spent their summers. It was originally open only to those who lived in the North End of Portsmouth, and the Terrace Club was a private, nonprofit organization. Many local kids had to travel great distances to reach the swimming pool.

In 1952, due to the segregation that was in place at the time, I decided to go to the pool with some of my black friends. We were all very excited about going, but we were nervous because we didn’t know what the white people at the pool would think. We were also afraid of the possibility of violence, as there were reports of hate crimes in our area.

When we arrived at the pool, we were greeted with open arms by the white kids who were already there. They helped us move our belongings, and we were able to relax and enjoy our time in the pool. It was a great experience for us, and it helped to break down the barriers that existed between our communities.

In the years that followed, the Terrace Club continued to welcome kids of all races, and it became a symbol of racial integration in Portsmouth. It was a place where we could all come together and enjoy the simple pleasures of summer.

Swimming Pool Integration

In the summer of 1964, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its unanimous (9-0) decision in the case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, which ruled segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional.

The decision was a landmark event in American history, and it paved the way for the eventual desegregation of public schools. It was also a symbol of progress for the civil rights movement.

In Portsmouth, the Terrace Club became a symbol of the broader struggle for racial integration. In 1966, a group of white and black kids joined together to swim in the pool, thus breaking down the barriers that existed between our communities.

The integration of the Terrace Club was a powerful symbol of the broader struggle for civil rights, and it helped to shape the course of history in Portsmouth and across the United States.