

National Forests' Visitors Set New Record in 1947

WASHINGTON—Forest Service people are about ready to proclaim that recreational areas on federal timberlands entertained more people last year than in any previous 12 months.

In 1946 they figured 18,240,677 visits for a record, just over the peak prewar year of 1941, which saw 18,004,785 visits recorded.

Indications are, the Forest Service people say, that the 1947 figure will be the best yet.

Generally speaking, recreational use of the forests is all for free, though there are lodges, resorts and hotels, as well as sports aids, such as ski lifts, operated by private individuals, and for which a charge is made. The operators pay the government for their permits.

California timberlands attracted the most visitors in 1946, 3,991,920. Texas, its rival in size, was in the middle group with only

71,100 visitors but the explanation is simple.

Most of the national forests were created from public land and when these reserves were authorized, as now, most of the public land was in the west—also most of the timber. In recreational interest, Utah was second.

Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina represented the non-western states in the top 10, which included these others: Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming.

There are 4,537 improved recreational areas in the forests and there are forests in 41 states.

ESSAY PRIZES WON

Two Roseburg girls, Carola Spackman and Sonia Lander, were winners of \$5 fourth place awards in the annual Green Guard essay contest sponsored by the Keep Oregon Green Association, it was announced today.

The planet Venus, being nearer the sun than the earth, is believed to be warmer than the earth.

About two and one-half million people in the United States are crippled.

Record Output of Pennies Exceeds Needs of Nation

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AP Newsfeatures
PHILADELPHIA—The lowly penny is more in demand than ever what with odd-cent prices, sales taxes, slot machines and the like but the U. S. mint assures there's coppers enough to fill all needs.

Superintendent Edwin H. Dressel says "We have more one-cent pieces than the nation can handle and we're now making about 250,000 daily."

The superintendent, appointed to the post here in 1935, says there are 97,786,000 pennies in the vaults.

In 1946, the mint here coined 991,655,000 pennies. In the first 10 months this year the total was 171,880,000 "and we're not getting rid of all those," Dressel asserts.

But don't sell the penny short, he advises.

In Greater Use Than Ever
"The one cent piece is being used more today than ever before," he says. "One of its big-

gest uses is in slot machines. Why a person can get practically anything out of a slot machine except a haircut and shave.

"Today everything is cash and carry. Dresses sell for \$4.99; food for 17 cents or 80 cents or 21 cents or \$1.64. There's very few things selling today that don't have an odd-cent or two tagged on the price."

Besides making domestic coins—pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars—the U. S. mint here makes hard money for 24 foreign countries.

"But even this business is down," Dressel says.

Timber Severance Tax Collection Reported

SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—Collection from Oregon timber operators under the 5 cents per thousand feet severance tax on timber totaled \$108,000 during the first three months of collection, the State Forest advisory committee reports.

Of this amount, \$44,870 was allocated to Oregon State College for study of uses of waste wood products. The State Tax Commission retained \$30,000 to administer the tax, and the rest went to the State Forestry board.

The 1947 legislature levied the tax to promote forestry research. Dean Paul M. Dunn of Oregon State College, who directs the research program, said the forest products laboratory at OSC now includes eight full-time technical workers, two graduate students, two maintenance men and two clerks.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
OSWALD-VANDROVEK—Leonard John Oswald, Jr., and Ruth Mary Vandrovcek, both of Roseburg.

HOLLINGER-HOWARD
Robert John Hollinger, Myrtle Creek, and Lois Mable Howard, Roseburg.

VROMAN-DOMINGOS—Charles Leroy Vroman, Roseburg, and India Lynn Domingos, Sutherlin.

BOUNDS-WILHELM—Jerry Douglas Bounds and Helen Catherine Wilson, both of Myrtle Creek.

CROONWETT-CARR—Charles William Cronowett and Dolores Lee Carr, both of Roseburg.

Fillmores Put In Bathtub, Truman To Build Balcony

WASHINGTON—(AP)—What good is a house with no back porch?

Well, in good times a lot of people throughout the country would sniff at a home without one.

President Harry S. Truman doesn't have an unbreakable lease, but like a lot of tenants he sees no reason why the landlord shouldn't keep his place abreast of the times.

So he is going ahead with plans to build a \$15,000 balcony on the south side of the White House. And he has indicated the objections of opponents, whether inspired by political or architectural considerations, won't stop him.

Disregarding the political side of the question—and it is an election year—there is no doubt that Truman has raised in symbolic fashion the question of who rules the roost, the landlord or the tenant.

Rents have always been frozen in the White House—just as they are for most tenants throughout the country at the moment—and the occupants have usually had their say about the changes.

The matter of changing and repairing the executive mansion has never come to a direct vote of the multi-million landlord owners. The attitude of most presidents seems to have been that:

The American people own it, all right, but they don't have to live in it. My wife does, and if she says we're going to fix up the place we're going to."

So there has probably never been a year since it was built that the White House hasn't been modified in some way.

Mrs. Fillmore Cleans House

In defending his balcony program the other day, Truman cited Mrs. Millard Fillmore. Fillmore, like Truman, became chief executive after the death of the elected president—"Old Rough and Ready" Taylor, who in 1850 washed down some wild berries with ice water against the advice of his physician and died of typhoid fever.

The executive mansion was a mess. A contemporary described it at the time that Mrs. Fillmore, a stern-faced lady with lace cap and ringlets, took over:

"The Fillmores found the White House in a miserable condition, dirty and bare, with no corner that seemed like a home. The great room over the Blue Room was covered with a straw carpet made filthy by tobacco chewers."

Determined Mrs. Fillmore—just like President Truman said—cleaned up the house, put in its first bathtub (scandalously exciting then and regarded by some as immoral) and installed a cook stove to supplement the fireplace, where state dinners for 38 people had hitherto been cooked.

More Changes Follow

The changes have gone on steadily ever since, molding the showplace home of democracy to fit the times and the needs of its tenants for more space. It has spread with the expanding republic and widening government functions. If it came to sprawl—well, so does America.

In 1870-71 one of the arguments used by those seeking to move the national capital was that the White House had cost \$1,515,978 from the time of Washington to 1858.

The proposal to hang on a balcony at the south end has stirred the same furor as many earlier changes.

Some friends of the President feel, however, he would have saved considerable controversy if he had called it a "back porch." Where Truman springs from—the farming Midwest—nobody would quarrel with a man who wanted to build a back porch.

Screened in against the mosquitoes, it's a wonderful place to sit in a rocker and see how the livestock's doing.

Two School Bus Drivers Tie for Safety Honors

SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—Two Milwaukie school bus drivers, Stanley Zelasko and Fred Sperr, have tied for the "driver-of-the-month" honors, Secretary of State Newberry reveals.

These two men have transported several million children to and from school during the past 24 years, said C. O. Knowlton, manager of the Oregon Motor Transport Association, sponsor of the driver contest.

Sperr, in addition to being driver of a Milwaukie bus, is also the town's mayor.

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Extension Course in Physical Ed. Offered

Registration for an extension course in physical education offered by the University of Oregon as part of its adult education program, will be held at 7 o'clock next Thursday at the Junior High School.

Any adult in the community may enroll. The course is designed primarily for teachers, said Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott. The course will include a survey of general physical education, rules of games and coaching methods.

Registration is also open for a course in Oregon school systems and law, which is required for Oregon certification for teachers, Elliott said. The class will meet at 7:30 next Thursday at the Junior High School.

Arthur Lee Hutchinson Funeral Held at Kellogg

Funeral services for Arthur Lee Hutchinson, who died Jan. 14, were held at the Kellogg Grange hall Sunday, Jan. 18, with the Rev. Mr. Buck officiating. Interment was in Kellogg cemetery.

Mr. Hutchinson was born at Oakland, Ore., Nov. 14, 1889, the son of pioneer parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hutchinson, and was a lifelong resident of the Oakland vicinity.

He is survived by a brother, J. Ross Hutchinson, former county commissioner.

Arrangements were in care of the Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

Cyrus C. King's Body to Be Sent to Michigan

Cyrus Christopher King, 63, who was found dead in his home Thursday, Jan. 15, at Sutherlin, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Aug. 18, 1884. He is survived by a brother, Carl N. King, Seattle, Wash.

The remains are being sent to Rhinelander, Mich., this Monday night for final services and interment. He had been a resident of Sutherlin for the last eight years. Arrangements are in care of the Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

DANCE THIS EVENING

American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly dance at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital at 8 o'clock this evening. It was announced by Mrs. Violet Hanon, Legion hospital worker. Refreshments will be served.

Labor Day Retained as State Fair Opening Date

PORTLAND, Jan. 19—(AP)—The Oregon State Fair at Salem was set by the Oregon Fairs Association Saturday for Sept. 6 to 12, opening the traditional Labor Day date.

The date ended a controversy over whether to hold the fair later in the year. State officials had objected postponing the fair.

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There are also some rate revisions, effective January 10, in long distance rates within the state. The five-minute initial period has been reduced to three minutes for station-to-station rates on 15c, 20c and 25c routes. Certain adjustments have been made in person-to-person rates and in the night and Sunday rates starting at 33 miles. Report charges have been eliminated, and some decreases in rates apply on intrastate station-to-station calls covering 175 miles and longer.

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