

FORESTS DRAW MANY VISITORS

Reports from field officers to the district forester's office, Portland, show that there were 3,082,710 visitors in 1925 to the twenty-two national forests of Oregon and Washington. This is 911,178 more than were reported for 1924. These figures cover only the twenty-two national forests and do not include the Rainier and Crater Lake national parks which also report large increases in visitors.

These figures are estimates made by the local forest officers and are classified into campers, picnickers, transients, motorists, hotel and resort guests, and summer home permittees and guests. These visitors come by private automobile, or stage, railroad, trolley lines, wagon, horseback, or afoot.

Forest officers point out that the auto has not entirely superseded the ideal way to enjoy the rugged scenic charm of the national forests for the estimates show that there were 23,674 hikers alone in Oregon's forests while foot travel would seem to have been more popular in the Washington forests for the estimates show 31,543 hikers. This represents an increase for the year of 17,319 more national forest hikers in Oregon than in 1924 and 16,852 more in Washington's national forests.

Travel into the national forests by private automobile has also increased tremendously in Oregon, the 1925 figures showing 817,641 more than in 1924, while Washington shows an increase of 16,292. This Oregon increase is almost entirely due to the opening of the Mount Hood Loop and the completion of the McKenzie Highway, while the opening of the Stevens Pass highway in Washington was largely responsible in that state, forest officers say.

Oregon Visitors.

The Mount Hood national forest shows the largest increase, of 448,303 over the previous year's total, due to the opening of the Mount Hood Loop highway, which accounts for almost this entire larger number, forest officers believe.

The Siuslaw forest, stretching irregularly along the Oregon coast, from Tillamook to North Bend, Oregon, reports the unprecedented number of 273,322 visitors, or 205,681 more than for 1924.

Other Oregon numbers are the Cascade forest with 85,469, the Deschutes with 76,230, and the Umpqua with 25,367, while the Siskiyou reports 59,241 visitors or 13,966 more than 1924, largely visitors to the Oregon Caves. Every national forest in Oregon shows an increased popularity with campers, fishermen and autoists except the Crater, Santiam and Wallowa, which report a smaller number than in 1924. Forest officers state that this apparent decrease is due not to less visitors but to more conservative estimates on the part of local officers.

Washington Figures.

The Wenatchee forest leads the eight national forests in Washington with 684,179 visitors, while the Snoqualmie forest had 163,281 in 1925, an increase of 145,806 over 1924. The Olympic forest stands second in increased recreational use with 88,459 visitors, or 36,436 increase over 1924. The Mount Baker jumps from 27,495 in 1924 to 38,247 in 1925, and forest officers predict this popularity will be greatly increased in 1926 upon the formal opening to the public of the Mount Baker highway into Austin Pass meadows.

Tolstoy's Home and Works to Be Given Soviet Recognition

TULA (AP)—Soviet Russia will recognize the attainments of Leo Tolstoy, the famous novelist and social reformer, with the issue of a centenary edition of his works at the celebration September 10, 1928, of the writer's hundredth anniversary. The Tolstoy Museum in Moscow will be made a permanent edifice.

All the buildings at Yasnaya Polyana, Tolstoy's home and birthplace, near here, will be repaired and the village made over into something of a national shrine and educational center. Already a Tolstoy museum has been established there, the curator being Tolstoy's daughter, Alexandra.

Candidate



"Uncle Jimmy" Hyde, professor of metallurgy at Lehigh University and U.S. Senator from California, is a candidate for the U. S. Senate against Senator Sam Shortridge. He's a dry, independent Republican.

School News

(By Marjorie Maguire)

Sophomore Stunt Given.

At the Friday morning assembly, there was the usual hub-bub and excitement. After the customary announcements by Mr. Fowler, the meeting was turned over to one of the Hi-Dads, Mr. McKennon, who addressed the student body on the essentials and possibilities of football, shortly afterwards the sophomore class presented its stunt, in which La Grande walked off with all victories in a football game.

Short Story Contest.

The literary staff of the Mimir is holding a short story and poem contest for the Mimir this year. Many students are entering this contest and it is known that there will be a goodly number of stories and poems turned in. The contest closes December third.

Skit Given.

An assembly was held Tuesday at the afternoon intermission for the purpose of presenting before the student body a skit of the "Belle of Barcelona" which is to be given the fourth and fifth of December. The entire cast was included in the performance and assured the student body that the operetta was going to be good. The entire student body is backing the play to a finish. The tickets were given out after the assembly and the students have not had any trouble in finding buyers.

Sped Records Received.

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Finishing Touches.

The finishing touches on the operetta are being attended to. The cast is planning on giving the public something different this year—a Spanish comedy—"The Belle of Barcelona." Daisy Hobbs, soprano, is playing the part of leading lady, Margarita. The leading man is Edward Buchanan, who takes the part of Harold Wright. The rest of the cast is as follows: Mercedes, Grace Geibel; Emelia, Marian Crowe; Senor de Montero, Marian Miller; Senor de Montero, Melvin Parker; Senor de la Viga, Tom Bruce; Pal Malons, Jack Coldidge; Miss Ayres, Edna Holloy; Dona Anita, Sylvia Malone; Dona Marcela, Charlotte Walker; Pedro, Raymond Griffin; Don Juan, Percy Lovell; Don Jose, Richard Gold. There are about twenty-five in the chorus this year.

Junior Activities.

At the junior class meet last Friday, the president, Betty Cochran, told the class that they must contribute 25 cents for the purpose of buying the directors of the junior rings and pins is not coming in very fast as yet. But it is thought by the president that they will be able to collect it all before Christmas. The junior girls were victorious in basketball this year. The Juniors won over the seniors with a score of 20 to 8 and over the sophomores with a score of 24 to 10. The Juniors are scheduled for a game with the boys' second team some time after Thanksgiving.

Domestic Art.

The domestic art III classes are making various kinds of lamp shades. They are delicately tinted and very clever in design. Much interest is shown in this work as

nothing like this has been made before.

Takes the Cake.

The freshmen "took the cake," using a slang expression, when they presented their stunt in front of the student body at an assembly Wednesday morning. It has been the custom in the past few years for each class to give a skit before each football game of importance. The freshmen have won first prize for the last two or three years. This year they had Coach Dutton impersonated by Cameron Miller.

Hi-Dad Meet.

An interesting feature of last week was the Hi-Dad meeting at the home of Coach Dutton. The main topic for discussion was of securing a permanent coach for J. H. S. An applicant was interviewed previous to the meeting. The verdict has not been known, as no definite statement was made as to the appointment of a coach.

Luncheon of Service Committee.

The members of the service committee of the A. G. S. held a luncheon Wednesday for the purpose of discussing plans for the future.

No School.

There was no school Thursday and Friday of this week because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

SIX HURT IN AUTO WRECK

EUGENE, Or.—Frank Humphrey 21, a student of the University of Oregon from Portland, was injured, perhaps fatally, and five other persons occupied with slight injuries when two automobiles collided on the Pacific highway eight miles north of Eugene.

Humphrey, in company with his sister, Mrs. Hazel Candor, another student, Jerry Bernard, 20, and Mrs. Rae H. Elliott, all of Portland had started for that city to spend Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Candor, who was driving, attempted

to stop up when a larger car in front stopped suddenly, but was compelled to swerve to the left when a car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toyes of Aberdeen, Idaho, appeared and the two collided. Examine your fire extinguisher frequently to determine if it is full and in working condition. Many a motorist has tried in vain to put out a fire with an empty extinguisher.

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