

DIVIDE

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Billy Nadine Phillips of Yoncalla spent last week visiting the Chapman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ramsey of Stanfield were here visiting with friends during the Fourth of July holiday.

Frank Chapman has purchased a portable sawmill and expects to start sawing lumber before long. Clare Chapman brought Herschell Phillips out from Yoncalla last week and spent a couple of days building roads.

Iud Williams of Corvallis spent last week end visiting at the Clare Chapman home.

Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Jr. and two daughters, Sandra and Allison are spending the week here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lambert went to McKenzie Bridge Sunday and brought them down. A rattlesnake, 48 inches long and with 7 rattles and a button was killed a few days ago by Francis Chapman near their home. Francis is fifteen years old. Lots of rattlesnakes have been killed in this section but this is the largest one reported.

Household Hint

To remove the odor of onions from knives and cooking utensils, rub them with a damp cloth, then rub thoroughly with salt and wash well in hot, soapy water.

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Area That Rhinos, Camels Roamed Interesting Terminus for Motorlog

The following is a condensation of a motorlog appearing in the July 10 Sunday Evening Star, one of the best and most reliable prepared by the Oregonian in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association.

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THE BEST TIME to visit the John Day fossil beds is right after a rain—or so the natives of the area say.

The rains wash the dust and debris from the surfaces of the beds and leave them fresh and exposed, their delicate hues and tints glowing like an oil painting.

Now, in western Oregon it's no trick at all to visit some scenic spot right after a rain. In fact, the chances are pretty good that if you get a day off and want to go somewhere, it will be raining or have just rained, thus raining your trip.

East of the Cascades it's a different matter. It may not have rained the day or two before you visit the John Day fossil beds, but whether or not the rains have scrubbed them clean and shining, you still will enjoy the magnificent vistas that brighten the area.

The accompanying map shows the routes to and from the John Day fossil beds. On a recent motorlog in the white Oregon State Motor association car, we approached the area via Prineville and the Ochoco summit highway, U. S. 26.

Check Road Conditions

It is advisable to check road conditions east of Prineville, since portions are not paved and other streets are being improved this summer.

As you drive east from Prineville past the Ochoco reservoir, you pass rich grasslands on the valley floor, grazed by herds of sleek cattle. The road winds up to the summit, skirting one of the clearest, merriest little mountain streams in Oregon. We residents of western Oregon think fire are a malefic tree, but nowhere will you see more regal trees than the pines that line this stretch of highway.

Once over the Ochoco summit the road winds down into more cattle country.

Business center of this area is the tiny town of Mitchell in narrow Keyes canyon, now a peaceful hamlet, but once a roaring cow country community. Most of Mitchell's homes



Map of motorlog route.



Heart of Painted Hills state park area.

are located on a bench a hundred feet above the creek and well out of reach of any future flash floods such as damaged the town three times in the past.

About ten miles east of Mitchell, the highway crosses Bridge creek, over a covered bridge. At the east end of this bridge, a tiny, dirt road turns northwards. It's not a very promising looking road, but a five-mile side trip up it will reward you with sights you'll remember for many years, especially if you have a color camera with you.

Park to Be Dedicated

Just five miles up Bridge creek is the Painted Hills park area, one of Oregon's newest state parks, which will be dedicated in special ceremonies August 27.

Here the state has purchased over 13 acres surrounding varicolored mounds which rise 200 to 300 feet above the sagebrush plains. From these mounds the park gets its name.

The base of slopes paralleling the Bridge creek road are fine examples of the lower John Day fossil beds, exhibiting a ribboned sort of coloring, bright red at the bottom and shading upwards to pinks and yellows or dull grays. This coloration extends into the Painted Hills park. The hills are smoothly rounded off into even domes.

The fossil beds in the Painted Hills area are known for their plant and leaf specimens. Without being too technical, it is sufficient to say that these Painted Hills fossil beds were formed in an era when the now-dry sagebrush land was covered with verdant forests and lakes. Though vegetation was luxuriant, the area seemingly was devoid then of animal life, for only plant fossils are found here.

After lunch in the Painted Hills picnic grounds, it's back down Bridge creek to U. S. 26 and east into the sheer rocky

cliffs of Picture Gorge to the junction of U. S. 26 with Oregon state highway No. 19, which runs northerly along the John Day river.

Between Picture Gorge and Kimberly, on Oregon 19 the John Day river has cut down through hundreds of feet of varicolored, fossiliferous strata—reds, greens and buffs.

These are examples of the upper or later John Day beds, formed at a time subsequent to the Painted Hills strata, and contain the bones of many strange, primitive mammals. They bear witness to the theory that there once roamed this area such creatures as rhinoceroses, saber-toothed cats, three-toed horses, tapirs, peccaries and giraffe-camels.

Fossil Beds Explained
The formation of these fossil beds is simply explained by Phil Brogan, Bend geological writer, who says that many ages ago mid-Oregon streams were checked in their courses to the western sea by the rising Cascades. Some of the streams formed vast lakes. Others deposited their sediments on broad plains.

Later volcanic explosions showered more ash on top of these beds, piling up so rapidly that oxidation was checked. Therefore the colors of the middle John Day fossil beds are pale green, cream and white.

From Kimberly the tourist can continue north to the Columbia and west to Portland. Not having to hurry, we backtracked to Picture Gorge and turned east through more cattle land to the John Day and Canyon City area, an area rich in Oregon historical lore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sven Labek and Karen spent the Fourth of July holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Lewis at Walla Walla, Washington. Her niece, Gail Vixie, returned with them to spend the summer.

The Harry Garner family spent the holidays visiting relatives at Strawberry Valley, Calif. Harry Jr. remained for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thacker.

Guy Armitage came down from Richland, Wash. and took the Verne Armitage family home with him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold of Van Nuys, Calif., have returned home after visiting several days with their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell left Saturday for a vacation in Los Angeles.

The Rodney Dillon family visited her parents at Dundee over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kotric and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Dillon spent the holidays fishing at Twin Lakes in eastern Oregon. Several side trips were enjoyed and enough fish caught to eat while there.

Mrs. Dora Allen spent a day in Eugene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirchoff last week. She went to visit her friend Mrs. Low Rholfsen of San Bernardino, Calif., who was at the home of her sister.

Jimmy Parker, Gary and Russell Mitchell are attending 4-H summer camp this week. Several girls will attend next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kragebrink, recent delegates to state Grange, gave a complete and interesting report on their activities at the last Grange meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chusen were given first and second degrees. Refreshment committee was composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Norton.

Uno Igo club will meet Friday, July 14, with Mrs. R. G. Conner.

Mrs. J. Sulter and children and Mrs. Dora Allen visited with Grandma Sallie Allison and with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilman at Curtin Sunday afternoon.

New OCE President Takes Over Duties

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth—Dr. Roben J. Maaske, Oregon's new Director of Elementary Teacher Education and President of O.C.E., has officially taken over the responsibilities of his office. Dr. Maaske arrived in Monmouth on July 1 and has been busy since with a survey of the O.C.E. physical plant and an intensive study of administration and academic organization.

Dr. Maaske, formerly president S.O.C.E., was named to his new post to replace Dr. H. M. Gunn, who resigned to accept the position of superintendent of schools in Palo Alto, California.



DR. ROBEN J. MAASKE

O.C.E.'s new chief executive has a long record of administrative and executive experience since his first teaching job in a one-room rural school near Bertrand, Neb., in 1922. He received the B.A. degree at the U. of Nebraska in 1927, serving as high school principal in alternate years to earn his own way, the M.A. from the U. of Oregon in 1930, and the Ph.D. from the U. of Minnesota in 1938.

The quality of his undergraduate work is indicated by the fact that he was named as Rhodes Scholar alternate for Nebraska in 1927 when he graduated at U. of Nebraska. In that same year he became superintendent of schools at Irrigon, Oregon, and except for brief intervals has been a resident since.

He served in turn as supervisor in the Portland public schools, 1929 to 1931. From 1931 to 1936 he was deputy state superintendent of public instruction at Salem. While serving in this post, he continued advanced study during summer recesses and took his M. A. degree at U. of O. in 1935. In 1937, he became professor of school administration, U. of N. Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. Carolina, and editor of The High School Journal, the post which immediately preceded his appointment to E. O. C. E.

Dr. Maaske has long had an interest in the interpretation of educational problems. He is the author of more than 100 articles as well as some 13 manuals, brochures and pamphlets of various subjects in education.

Gov. McKay Sets Farm Safety Week

SALEM, July 12 — Governor Douglas McKay, supporting the national proclamation of Farm Safety Week for July 23 to July 29, today declared the same period as Oregon Farm Safety Week.

Governor McKay issued this statement: "Oregon farmers and farm workers are being killed, maimed or otherwise hurt at a rate alarming to those who want this state to progress safely toward new records of agricultural and industrial production.

"May I emphasize that claims filed with the Industrial Accident Commission for covered farm fires or farmers for the calendar year 1949 ranked seventh in volume among the 25 occupations industrial categories of Oregon.

"The theme of Oregon Farm Safety Week—to learn and to obey Farm Safety rules—could not be a better instructional guide for farmers and farm workers to follow during Oregon Farm Safety Week, nor for the year to come. "Let us make Oregon a better place to live and a safer place to farm."

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—The Sentinel

CAR PLUNGE KILLS BABY

Glenn Sue Stinson, 10 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Stinson of South Shafter, California, met death when the Stinson car plunged over a fifteen foot embankment early Sunday morning near the Dexter junction on Highway 58.

The car is said to have made the plunge when the 19 year old father went to sleep at the wheel momentarily. The baby was thrown from the lap of the mother out of the car window and in the path of the car. The couple were treated for cuts and bruises in a Eugene hospital.

DRIVERS LICENSE TESTS TO BE HELD HERE MON.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Cottage Grove, Monday, July 17 at the City hall between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

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Unemployment In State Decreases

Despite entrance of thousands of students, housewives and immigrants into the labor market last month, Oregon's unemployment declined to 29,100, lowest figure reported by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission since October, 1948.

Only three areas—Portland, Eugene and Klamath Falls—reported any appreciable rise in unemployment, although little change was noted in the Ontario, Grants Pass, Lebanon and Corvallis districts. Largest decreases came from Hillsboro, Astoria, Salem, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Baker and Free-water areas.

The July 1 figure was 13,000 less than a year ago, about a thousand under June 1, 1950, and lower than any mid-year report since the end of the war nearly five years ago.

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