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Forty Million People Now Enjoy Vacations In National Forests

"Look-dad, I found one!" This excited cry came from a tan, bare-chested 12-year-old boy who was perched atop a heap of sun-drenched rock spool that had come out of a road cut.

It had started last summer as just another sight-seeing tour, with no particular stopping place in mind, for a New Jersey school teacher and his family. Their route took them to Mt. Hood national forest in western Oregon. Here they camped one evening at the Fish Creek recreation area. It was to be, like several previous stops, just for over-night. They stayed two weeks!

With Fish Creek mountain and the Cascade range in the background, they found the mountain trails a delight to hike. The area was provided with sanitary facilities, pure water to drink, fireplaces in which to cook

and tables and benches. There was space to pitch their tent and park their car.

In roaming the trails with his boys, the school teacher came across several rock ledges. In these ledges he discovered many interesting rocks, among them an occasional opal. His lapidarian appetite whetted, he drove to Oregon City, bought a book on semi-precious stones and had an absorbing time searching for and identifying them. While at the recreation area, he met several other parties of campers who were also on a national forest vacation. They spent a number of days in the sun, fishing; and in the evening, before the campfire just talking and sometimes singing. His boys discovered willing playmates in the children of other campers and his wife found the wives of fellow campers cordial companions. When it came time for them to start the trip back to New Jersey, they did so regretfully.

But they gave their camping area a good cleaning, put their fire dead out, levelled the ground where they had ditched around their tent, and then departed.

vowing to return another year.

Not all national forest recreation areas have interesting rock formations nearby, but many do, and there is a wide variety of places to choose from. There is the sandy beach of eastern North Carolina, the fish-rich swamplands of Florida, the mountain crests in the Southern Appalachians, Rockies, Sierras, Cascades; the piney flatwoods of the South and the immense water country of the Great Lakes and Alaska. Take your choice—swim, fish, ski, hunt, boat, ride horseback, hike, drive in an automobile, take pictures, cool off, warm up, or just sit in the shade listen to the birds sing and gaze at the soothing scenery. If you look, you'll find it in some national forest. Many American families are finding a national forest vacation different and refreshing.

Recreational development and use on the national forests has come a long way since the birth of the U.S. Forest Service 50 years ago. In 1907 Charles A. Forest Service tree nursery at Halsey, Neb. wrote the Washington office requesting "an appropriation of \$25 to buy some lumber with which to build a dance floor at the nursery."

"The reply to my request," Mr. Scott relates, "was a letter from my 'Chief, written in long hand—the only long hand letter I ever received from the Washington office. It told me in no uncertain terms that the forester's mission was not that of entertainment and your request for \$25 for the purpose specified is denied."

The U. S. Forest service never did go into the dance hall business, but in order to protect the forest from fire and the health of its recreation users, it has through the years developed camp and picnic-ground facilities on the national forests as the public demand for outdoor recreation skyrocketed. Last year 40 million visitors used the national forests for fishing, hunting, camping, skiing, and numerous other forms of outdoor recreation, compared with 1.5 million recreation visits in 1912, the first year Forest Service reports even mentioned recreation use.

The modern car, a higher standard of living, and the desire to escape the tension of today's living has helped to more than double the number of visitors to the national forests in the last 10 years alone. In addition to the 4,400 camp and picnic areas, most of which the Forest Service maintains itself, some 430 organization camps for scouts and other groups, 480 resorts, 200 ski areas equipped with 45 chair lifts and 250 tows and 1600 summer homes have been constructed on national forest land with private capital under permit from the Forest Service.

Picking up beer cans, ketchup strewn picnic tables, keeping sanitary facilities clean, repairing broken tables, and disposing of garbage are a few of the many costly tasks which the US Forest Service handles. The pressure of humanity on national forest recreation areas. The pressure of humanity on national forest recreation is tremendous. It shows itself in badly over-crowded areas, worn out facilities, and mounting maintenance and cleanup

BPW Picnic At Blue Lake

SANDY—The Sandy BPW met last Wednesday, July 20, at 8 PM at the home of Alice Ackers.

The year's program was planned with activity beginning in the fall. The monthly gift was won by Jessie Gunderson.

The club's yearly picnic will be held Wednesday, August 17, at 6 PM at Blue Lake park. Members are asked to bring a guest.

Pastor And Family Return To Alaska

SANDY—Pastor and Mrs. Clare Bishop, Freddie and Betty Jo, of Ketchikan, Alaska, returned home Wednesday by plane after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wheeler of Sandy Heights.

While in the States they spent a week visiting with the parents of Mrs. Bishop in Nevada. They also attended a weekend at the Seventh Day Adventist Camp meeting in Gladstone, and visited with their many friends in this area.

Pastor Bishop spent over two years as pastor of the Sandy, Gresham and Estacada Seventh Day Adventist churches previous to his transfer to the Alaska Mission, where he is doing evangelistic work.

Baby Shower Fetes Mrs. D. Eliason

SANDY—A pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Daryle Eliason was held at the home of Mrs. George Potter Monday evening, July 25. Twelve guests were present.

A baby buggy decorated in pink and blue crepe paper contained the many gifts for Mrs. Eliason. Mrs. Bobby Steenson won the prize for the games played during the evening.

Individual molds of ice cream in stork, bootie and baby in a bassinette design, was served with assorted cookies and coffee.

Pat Burg Notes Seventh Birthday

SANDY—Patrick Burg celebrated his seventh birthday Saturday, July 23 with a party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Burg of Bluff road.

Youngsters enjoying the afternoon of games and entertainment out of doors were Diana Persons, Dortha and Dennis Starnis, Darlene and Dennis Wolf Dennis.

A large birthday cake, decorated in a natural theme, was the center of attraction when refreshments were served. Ice cream and punch were served with the cake.

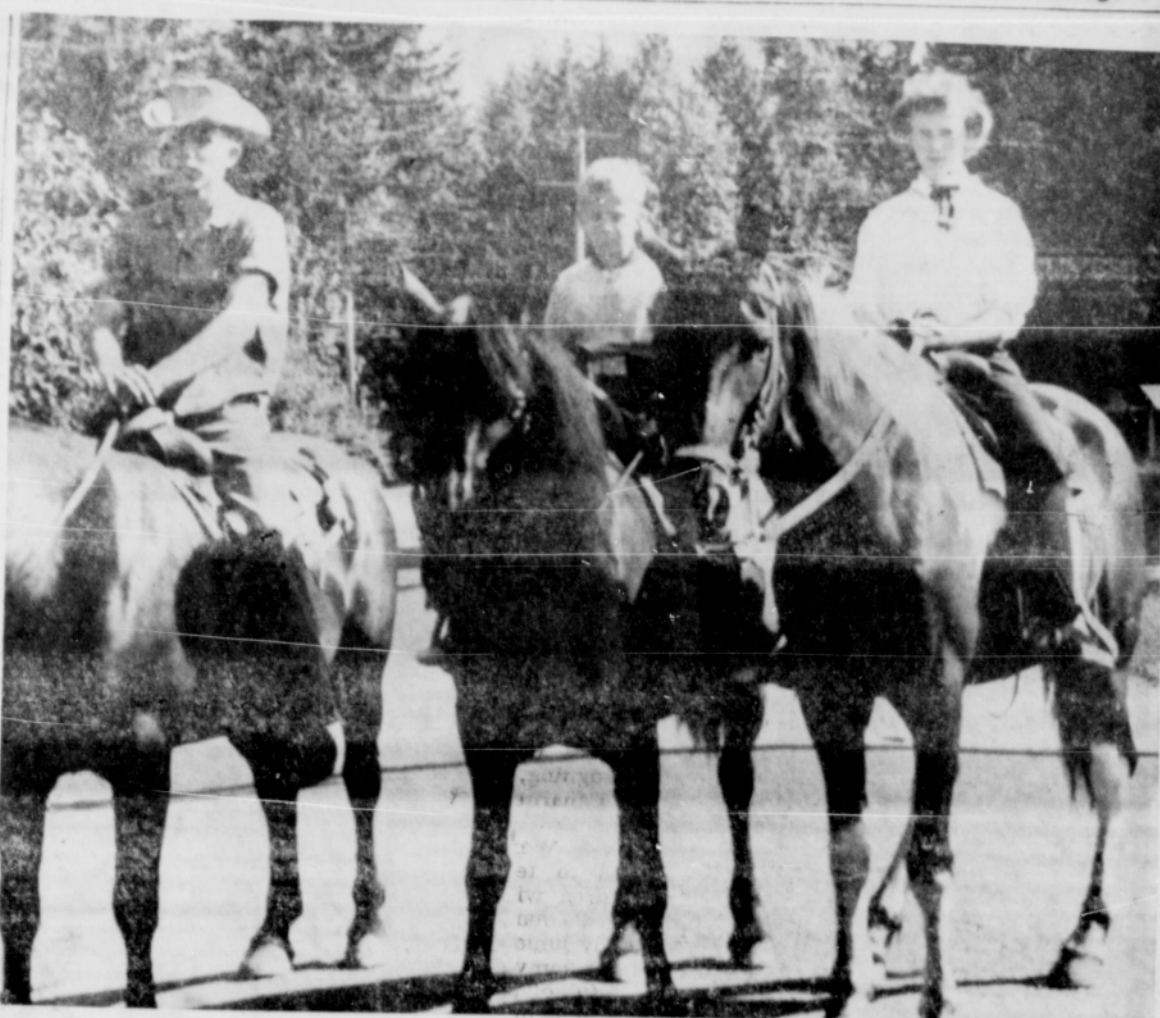
Fish On Deschutes

KELSO—Vance Hewitt, Clarence Neiman, Loren Bennett and Thomas Caddy enjoyed a fishing trip to the Deschutes river last week.

While the men were fishing, Mrs. Bennett visited Mrs. Thomas Caddy. The three sisters, Mrs. Vance Hewitt, Mrs. Clarence Neiman and Mrs. Alice Neiman were luncheon guests of Mrs. Hewitt's daughter, Mrs. Melvin Updegrave.

costs. To meet this challenge, the forest rangers are doing their best with the limited means at their disposal but are engaged in a losing battle.

man's family and a sincere appreciation for the other recreation of proper woodland manners would lighten the Forest Rangers task. All the ranger asks of a forest visitor is his co-operation in keeping the area clean, protecting the facilities, and being careful with fire. By so doing, the citizen will make his recreation tax-dollar go farther and find more presentable places to bring his family.



WELCHES—Riding the picturesque mountain trails in the Hoodland Valleys area has become an increasingly popular pastime this summer with the countless visitors and summer residents in the Mt. Hood area. Pictured above is a group nearing the Cascade Trails

Ranch, owners of the saddle horses, following a late afternoon ride through the wooded area. From left to right, they are: Errol Riley, guide; George Herren and Suzanne Herren, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herren of Portland.

Another Steller Wrestling Card For Benefit Of Ambulance Fund To Be Held Next Thursday Night

The Sandy Volunteer Fire department which staged a highly successful professional wrestling program here two weeks ago will provide another wrestling night at the same spot next Thursday, August 4th. The program will kick off at 8 P.M.

Headlining the all star program at the First and Main streets Pontiac Garage building will be Luigi Macera and Kurt Von Poppenheim in a one hour, best two falls out of three match.

Portland matchmaker Harry Elliott who is working with the firemen to help them get funds for ambulance equipment says that in his opinion the Von Poppenheim-Macera melee will be the top match of the week anywhere.

Macera, vitriolic Montreal Canadian-Italian, has crossed swords with the iron cross emblazoned German before, and has been itching for another chance at the spike mustached dandy. Macera has his Italian back breaker hold, but varies it with a multitude of other moves, while Poppenheim specializes on his bow and arrow twister. Whoever gets his pet hold on first has a good chance of winning the match.

Vieing with the main event in interest will be the first appearance of Golden Boy Henry Lenz here. He will go against the highly esteemed John Foti of Detroit who turned in the upset of upsets here a week ago when he beat the highly dangerous Doug Donovan, the Kansas City Butcher Boy.

Lenz left the country when fans started comparing him with Pederson. The California adonis made his return at the Portland armory a week ago and says he

take preliminary bookings here.

Additional seats have been brought in and the ringside seats will be rearranged for the comfort of the crowd. Advance sale of tickets has already started at Jacks Tavern, Irenes Tavern and the Dewdrop Inn, all of Sandy.

Fire Chief Lyle Seaman said he would have a crew of his volunteers on deck at 7 P.M. at the arena to accommodate early comers to get choice seats. Seaman urged fans to get their ringside seats early for this one as the supply is limited. Proceeds for the night will go to buy a new ambulance for the area.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hasenbrack of Billings, Montana, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cody and family for a few days. Mr. Hasenbrack is Mrs. Cody's brother.

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