



This is an artists' conception of one of the overnight camping units of which 50 have been authorized to be constructed both at Wallowa Lake and at Silver Falls State Parks as the first step in a new Highway Commission policy of providing for and permitting overnight camping in state parks. Each unit is to be equipped with water service, individually metered electric connections for cooking and light. Toilet conveniences and garbage disposal equipment is provided by the Parks department. Similar camping arrangements are contemplated for Sunset bay in Coos county and possibly other parks in the Highway Commission's Park department.

### Golden Wedding Of Harbor Couple Observed Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Randall, of Harbor, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Lake Earl Grange hall, Sunday. Their children, Mrs. Pearl Henry, and family of Harbor; Wendell Randall of Ukiah, Calif., and Bud Randall and family of Durango, Colo., were present, together with sixty-odd friends and families.

After enjoying a pot luck dinner a mock wedding, depicted the exciting wedding day of 50 years ago, the account of which was copied from "Aztec Independent Review," of Aztec, N. Mex.:

#### RANDALL ANNIVERSARY RECALLS EXCITING WEDDING DAY

"It will be fifty years ago on December 10, that a young couple, described by The Index as being among the most popular and esteemed of Aztec's young people, were married here. The ceremony was performed at the Cottage Home Hotel by Esquire Berry on that Tuesday evening. The couple were Mr. Owen Randall and Miss Bessie Austin.

"It was an exciting day. In fact, so exciting that there almost had been no wedding. Arrangements had all been made for the ceremony and guests had arrived. The charming young lady in her wedding dress was growing impatient and a little embarrassed. The prospective groom was missing. When his tardiness could no longer be ignored, friends were sent to find him. And where do you suppose they found him? In jail! But he was being held illegally, and definitely against his own wishes, so after a brief explanation and good-natured jokes by his friends, the wedding ceremony, though a little later than planned, went ahead as scheduled.

"It seems that Swifty Stevens, a notorious horse thief being held in the county jail in Aztec, chose the Randall's wedding day to make his third escape. About five o'clock that evening Al Carter, the jailer, took supper to the prisoners, but after a brief struggle, Mr. Carter found himself locked in the cell and Stevens and his friend Wheeler outside and in possession of his gun. The

prisoners decided to wait for darkness before departing as they were well known and would be recognized in the daylight.

"In a little while Owen Randall rode up to the jail on his bicycle to deliver a message to Mr. Carter. He was met at the door of the jail by Mr. Stevens with a cocked revolver in his hand and did not hesitate to accept when Stevens invited him to join Mr. Carter in the cell. We don't know why the county jail was such a popular place that evening but in a short time another visitor, Barnett Knickerbocker, arrived on his bicycle. Stevens told him that the damp evening air was unhealthy and that he should also come inside, and noticing the careless manner in which Stevens handled the gun, he hastily accepted also. The prisoners spent another half hour pleasantly in conversation with their three visitors, and after vainly urging a third prisoner to go with them, took the two "wheels" and started up the road toward Durango.

"About a mile north of town they met John Morrison who, with a healthy respect for Steven's revolver, unwillingly exchanged the valuable horse he was riding for Steven's bicycle and Stevens went on his way, leaving Wheeler to get along the best he could. Wheeler then tried to remedy the situation by stealing a horse from Harvey McCoy but was unsuccessful and started across the hills on foot. John Morrison evidently didn't know how to use the bicycle he had traded for, so walked into town and gave the alarm. It was then that the three reluctant inmates of the jail were discovered and released, among them being the unhappy bridegroom.

"But it was a happy wedding after all, and the escapade has been a source of amusement to the Randalls and their friends these many years. And it has been a good and happy life they have had together. Sadness came along too when one daughter, Mrs. Esther Pawley, died, but two sons and one daughter are left to them—their grandchildren have also been a source of pleasure and one little great-granddaughter, Esther King, lives in Aztec. The Randalls now make their home at Harbor, Ore.

"But you may be curious to know what happened to the vil-

### Building Going Up

Matot Company building is progressing rapidly, with one section almost ready for occupancy. The other section, for which the foundation soon will be ready, will contain a sheet-metal shop and plumbing shop. The section on the main street, across from the Pilot office, will be occupied by an electrical shop and appliance store.

lain of the story. In that case we'll tell you that Swifty Steven made the mistake of resisting arrest and promptly got a bullet through his head. But even if Mr. Gimes had missed, Swifty would have eventually met a violent death for he was wanted by the authorities of Sweet Grass County, Mont., where he was wanted known as Charles Brown, the Texas Kid, for cattle stealing, and in those days no one who indulged in horse and cattle stealing lived to a ripe old age."

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### LOCAL NEWS

Bill Wridge spent a short time at the Gold Beach hospital last week, returning home Sunday. Tuesday he was returned to the hospital for surgery. He is the uncle of Mrs. Flossie Buchanan. Mrs. E. A. Elston of Tacoma is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Neil

Nelson, and family this week. Mr. Elston's mother, Mrs. Dwiggins, of Alberta, Canada, accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Redfield Sr. left for Klamath Falls Tuesday. They will return Sunday.

Cliff Beem attended a special refrigeration meeting at Medford the first of the week.

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