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## 140 Thousand is a Lot of People . . .

During the past few weeks there has been so much hoop-de-do about the possibility of the state voting a \$14,000,000 bond issue to end the Gold Beach-Brookings bottleneck on highway 101, that we wonder how many people noticed an item in the Pilot concerning the number of visitors that took advantage of Harris Beach state park during the 1956 year.

Ever since the day we moved to Brookings, almost three years ago we have maintained that the setting at Harris Beach is unsurpassed in beauty anywhere in the entire country—bar none.

The State Highway department reported that Harris Beach is visited by 140,000 people every year. That, friends, is a lot of people. The thousands that camped at the recently expanded Harris Beach camp site aren't included in the figures handed down by the Highway department.

It can be assumed, of course, that there is a lot of local traffic included in that 140,000, because the people living in Brookings figure that Harris Beach is a pretty nice place to visit too.

However, it also follows that a great many of tourists, probably from every state in the union took a good look at Harris Beach. We're sure they left Brookings and Oregon with a very high opinion of our beauty spot, and we're also sure that they'll tell their friends about it too.

The number of visitors to the park has been rising each year—and we feel safe in assuming that it will continue to rise as the word gets around.

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