

## Oregon's Alpine Highway

(Cover Picture)

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A modern highway drapes itself around the verdant shoulders of Oregon's highest mountain, 11,245 feet, to provide Beaver State motorists and out of state vacationists with a scenic route unsurpassed in the world.

The Mt. Hood loop highway, which actually begins at Portland, heads east through the spectacular Columbia river gorge, around much of the mountain and then back to Portland. The one-day trip is a source for uncounted "Ohs and Ahs" and at once an inspiration for out-of-state visitors to linger longer in vacation lands which to so many have no peer.

Summertime comes late to Mt. Hood's alpine heights, heralded by squaw grass in the foreground which seems to appear in the very footsteps of King Winter, as snows are driven upward by the warming sun.

In its comparatively brief reign, summer offers many vacation opportunities in Mt. Hood National Forest, a travel magnet for many thousands of visitors from afar and from Oregon, itself. Against a volcanic background intermingled with remnants of the ice age, vacationists have many miles of trails to explore, miles of streams to fish, many lakes to boat and quiet summer afternoons for relaxing when Mother Nature seems to show special interest in the uplands.

Yet many Oregonians have not availed themselves of recreational treasures held in store for them by the Mt. Hood area and other Oregon regions. Some of them have seen the Taj Mahal in far-off India. They have thrilled to the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace; they have enjoyed the languor of the South Seas, South America and tropical climes; they may recall glamour of the Riviera, and, of course, the sights within the U.S.A. coast to coast.

No, they have not yet had time to see all of Oregon, or even a substantial part. This they can do next year, next summer or during the fall, they declare, but somehow they seem never

to have the time when opportunity is right.

This spring then, Oregon's great scenic areas extend special invitation to Oregonians who not yet have taken advantage of treasure troves of vacation joys which may be theirs for the driving of a few miles over fine highways, and letting exotic invitations to faraway places wait until another day—but only after they have fuller appreciation of Oregon's own attractions.

## Veterans' Activities

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Eighteen states and two territories—Alaska and Hawaii—have approved World War II veterans' bonus payments to date. Many veterans have come to Oregon from other states since their discharge. Those who entered service from the "bonus states" would be wise to check the following list to make sure they apply for their benefits before deadlines expire, as has happened already in two states.

Application forms are available locally for most of the state bonuses, through county veterans' service officers, the major veterans' organizations, and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, 305 State Library Bldg., Salem, and 415 S. W. 11th avenue, Portland. States paying bonuses, and application deadlines, follow (address listed where application blanks not available locally):

CONNECTICUT—Deadline June 30, 1951. Apply to office of Treasurer, Veterans' Bonus Division, Hartford 15, Conn.

DELAWARE—Deadline Jan. 1, 1951.

ILLINOIS—Deadline June 30, 1951.

INDIANA—Deadline Jan. 1, 1951.

IOWA—Deadline Dec. 31, 1951. Apply to World War II Service Compensation Board, Des Moines, Iowa.

LOUISIANA — Deadline expired Nov. 30, 1949.

MASSACHUSETTS—No deadline. Apply to Commissioner of Veterans' Services, State House, Boston, Mass.

MICHIGAN—Deadline March 20, 1951.

MINNESOTA—Deadline Dec. 31, 1950.