

MEANT TO HAVE everything packed and ready for an early start—but a few things happened, so that our own personal baggage remained to be done before leaving; still, we were on the way Monday at 9:45 a. m. Because of this delay, I myself decided to take the McKenzie Pass route, as shorter than the alternative route to Sisters, first way marked on our path to Nez Perce, through Idaho.

We met few cars after we entered the Pass, which really began the start of The Trip, to only about 20, but nearly as many logging trucks! Before going far, we could see snow-capped peaks, and soon there were patches of wet fern beside the road, bent down to show the snow was not long gone; then patches of snow, and finally fields full in the lava beds. We stopped at Craig Monument, putting on the coat before climbing to the observation tower built on a rocky crag. The wind sweeps here, and COLD! Windows in several directions and varying heights point the view toward open or more snow-topped mountains, name and elevation given. I myself did not make the climb, trying to strain a weak knee. The small dog, did not like either, and it worried him that I did. He stepped gingerly on the snow, lifting his feet high—there was waiting for us, wagging and welcoming, when we descended.

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SNOW BANKS GREW from a foot to seven feet in depth at the roadside as we reached the summit—first time we'd gone through when there was snow like this. We went down into Ponderosa pine forests, where two deer started away from the road as the car approached. Sagebrush and aspen trees, the Three Sisters were in view, and the town of Sisters for luncheon stop.

At Redmond, we saw our first log cabin cellar of the trip. These were like sunken barns, just the roof above ground, and the roof covered that. Wooden chimneys provide ventilation, and there is heat inside to prevent freezing, we were told. They are a common sight through eastern Oregon, Idaho, Northern California and in the Klamath country, returning to Oregon.

Red lava rock is used on the roads in Eastern Oregon, and the stockpiles beside the roads are like sawdust . . .

FIRST NIGHT STOP was at Mitchell, a small town (350 pop.) in a canyon through which a stream meanders. Part of the homes are high on the mesa to the west, and our motel was on a sort of "shell" half way up the east wall—"Sky Hook Motel" its appropriate name.

In the morning, we passed Ochoco Lake, newly formed by building of a dam. A few boats and fishermen's camps were visible, but the area, which promises much for future resort use, still is undeveloped—like the Oakridge lake area. There was wild life—rabbits, quail and pheasant—to be seen, because it was early.

On the way to John Day, we noted the many fences in short lengths built as snow guards, usually on a bank where it might drift. Wire line fences in this country are weighted; about every other post is an X arrangement with rocks piled at the base.

John Day was a busy town with good stores, a small residence section; evidently serves a large rural area.

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WE CLIMBED Dixie Mountain, and went through Blue Mountain Pass in Whitman National Forest of tall pines. At Unity, the next small town, we saw a party of three riders, two cowboys with a girl accompanying them. We'd met our first "cowpoke" the few towns back, and a more brown and weathered, unburned and dried-up creature none ever saw! He wore leather chaps no browner than he, his hat was rolled at the sides, a lariat was coiled on the saddle.

Entering Malheur County, we went on Mountain Time, losing an hour. This is truly "different" country, treeless and empty, to the coast and valley dweller. Rolling hills are clothed only in scrub sagebrush, velvety at a distance. Houses are far apart in a narrow valley bisected by creek and highway. Cows on the road—we could have rustled quite a herd had we been collecting them . . .

Ironside, a mill town with a few shacks, a general store; then Vale at noon, in a rich farm country where fields grow onions, potatoes, beans. Highway construction, detours and mud!

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AT NYSSA, the first thing we noticed were Mexicans, many of them. Then we saw the sugar factory, idle now, which employs them. Amalgamated Sugar Co. makes White Satin sugar there

Markets carry tortillas and Mexican peppers.

Caldwell, Idaho, was a busy small city like Eugene, its streets at 3 p.m. Tuesday filled with people. There was a nice residential district, pretty lawns and flowers.

Homes we'd passed on the prairie were without flowers of "trimmings." Nampa was another good-sized town; reminded us of Albany. It had a large wholesale district. Most of all, we shall remember its public park, acres and acres, with a municipal pool headed by artesian wells.

At Meridian, we were astonished to see a seagull, out on a flat prairie. Himself informed us there are land gulls, too.

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BOISE, AND city traffic. Had planned on dinner and a movie here, but we were not the "stuffy fellow" we'd thought to be—just a journey tired. Found a court, and Himself brought in sandwiches. A bell chimed in a Spanish mission-style edifice up the street. We thought perhaps we'd go to Mass next morning. However after a short walk with Patricia, Himself reported that my "chalet" was a railway depot!

Wednesday took us through Mountain Home and Bliss, small places both, to Twin Falls with its beautiful Magic Valley. They approach to the town is by bridge over a deep canyon, in which pour the twin falls and several others. Far beneath is a green valley of poplar trees and the meandering river . . . a really fairland of beauty.

Sagebrush and emptiness, miles and miles of it; over a rise more and more of the same. Some humorist lives in that area. In the midst of this desert was a sign, poorly lettered and framed, reading: "Spearfishing prohibited in this area." Furthermore, another one stated: "Limping rabbits have right of way."

Saw our first "dobe house" on Rogerson. In late afternoon reached Wells, Nev., goal for the day, 700 miles from home. Freshened up in a court, went out to eat. I phoned our hostess-to-be, letting her know we'd reached her country (the nearest town, 10 miles away; groceries and mail delivery three times a week). Himself talked to a friendly barber who said yes, he knew the Vaughans. Later we learned that he also was the owner of the motor court where we were registered, and our arrival was heralded.

A black and white portrait of a man and a woman. The man, on the left, is wearing a suit and tie. The woman, on the right, is wearing a patterned jacket over a white collared shirt. Both are smiling.

(Schultz Photo, Willshire Engraving)
MR. AND MRS. C. W. SHAW were installed Monday, June 28, at 8 p.m., in Greenwood Hall, Junction City, he as Commander of American Legion Post No. 61, and she as president of the auxiliary.

Three Methodist women of Eugene are delegates at the bi-annual conference of the Western Jurisdiction of Woman's Society of Christian Service at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

They are: Mrs. Pascal Penke, vice president of Eugene district; Mrs. George P. Blinkhorn, secretary of promotion, Eugene district, and Mrs. Wayne Stauffer, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Eugene district. The latter is substituting for Mrs. C. V. Winterfeld of Bend, conference secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities.

The three Eugene women are among eight delegates from the state of Oregon. Each will attend a study course clinic in her own field during the ten-day conference which includes delegates from 11 states,

Westway Club card honors at the club's recent meeting at the home of Mrs. William Mishler went to Mrs. Harry Wheeler and Mrs. Russel Moe. Mrs. Mishler served a 12:30 p.m. luncheon preceding cards.

Next meeting will be a 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting July 8 at the home of Mrs. Fred Gibbons 111 Ingalls Way.

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