

Days Off
Week-End Jaunts
"To be entirely at leisure for one day is for one day to be an immortal."
—Chinese proverb.

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By EDITH DURGAN

With Indian summer upon us and mileage rationing in the offing, it is almost imperative that those who wish to see Oregon's scenery at its best should make the attempt now. Soon the rains will come, mountain resorts will become less accessible and it will be next spring before many spots can be reached again.

Those of you who have come from distant points will want to see Crater Lake and the Columbia highway. The former is one of the wonders of the world and its grandeur can only be appreciated when you see it. Pictures of its deep blue are not exaggerated, especially during a clear, fall day. This is when the lake is really at its best, and you will not regret the time it takes for the trip when you see it. If possible, plan to see either sunrise or sunset, when the scarlet rays of the sun mingle with the blue and purple of the water and the deep reds and browns of the cliffs, which form a mighty wall rising thousands of feet above the lake's surface. But attempts at description are futile. We urge you to make every effort to visit Crater Lake, even if you have to do it in one day. It will take from five to six hours driving time from Corvallis.

Another drive which will show you some of Oregon's finest scenery is up the Columbia river from Portland through the Columbia gorge, at least as far as Multnomah Falls. The Mt. Hood loop, which winds around Mt. Hood, can be combined with the drive up the Columbia. Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood is one of the outstanding hotels of the country, but rumor has it that it is to be closed shortly because of reduced travel. The

buildings and handmade furnishings are especially interesting as they were planned by some of the foremost architects and artists in the country to express Oregon and the Cascade range. The hotel was built principally as a winter resort to accommodate skiing parties, although many other activities are available.

Trips to the Oregon coast have been numerous, and no doubt most of you have already dipped your fingers into the Pacific ocean, so any discussion of the many fine highways leading there is unnecessary.

Silver Creek falls, near Salem, is also of scenic interest, and the trip can be easily made in one day with hours to spare. As we feel the falls worth more than a passing notice, we are including a description written early this summer for the benefit of the cantonment workers at Camp Adair:

If it is possible, better rest your feet the day before if you want to get the most out of it, for there's as much or as little walking as you wish, but you won't see it all unless you take the loop hike. Nice to have some horseshoes with you, or a softball for a quiet game in the picnic grounds after the hike, or just sit on the rustic benches provided for the purpose and enjoy the cool, calm beauty of this fairyland.

The Silver Creek Falls state park includes a series of falls of unusual scenic beauty. Oregon state highway 214 will take you there, from Salem or Silverton.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of the park is the exceptional green of the foliage. The area abounds in vine maple which forms an arbor over the paths, in fine firs, alders and pines and a variety of ferns, plants, and grasses.

The South falls is the mightiest of the group, falling 200-feet into a pool of sparkling water. A hike of less than a mile will take you down a wide trail, under the falls and across the crevice below the falls, so that you see it from many angles. It is near the recreation camp, and you will feel that the trip has been worth the gasoline if you see only this one cataract and avail yourself of the splendid picnicking facilities. But why stop here when there are six others to visit? By the way, the camp ground

is free for your enjoyment, there are no admission charges nor are there parking fees.

The North falls is the first one to visit going to the park from Salem, and you may start your hike here. About 15 minutes on the trip will bring you to the Winter creek trail and the Winter falls, and you may return to the highway if only a short hike is desired. It is a good plan, if you are planning to visit all of the falls to have someone take your car to the recreation area and save the walk back. Next is the Lower North falls and from there a short side trail leads you to Double falls. Then there is Drake falls and Lower South falls, and maybe more.

So you can see you won't lack spots of interest. Perhaps an extra roll of film would come in handy.

But if I tell you any more things to take along you'll think you need a suitcase, so will just say, make the trip and see for yourself. You will agree that it is one of the most beautiful bits of country you've ever seen.

Oh, oh, pick up that chewing-gum wrapper, mister, we rather pride ourselves on our clean parks.

Nonsensored
By Hy Brid

An Ozark hill billy one day found a mirror which a tourist had lost.

"Well, if it hain't my old dad," he said as he looked into the mirror. "I never knowed he had his pitcher took."

He took the mirror home and tried to hide it, but his wife was suspicious and stole up to look at it.

"Hum-m," she said looking into it, "so that's the old hag he's been chasin'."

There was a young lady of Kent Who said that she knew what it meant

When men asked her to dine, Gave her cocktails and wine. She knew what it meant—but she went!

"And now Mrs. Hooley, will you be kind enough to tell the jury about your husband's mistreatment of you. He was in the habit, was he not, of striking you with impunity?"

"Wid what, sir?"
"With impunity."
"Well yes, sor, now and then; but he struck me oftener wid his fist."

Wasn't that too bad about the absent minded buck private who shot himself the other night?
I didn't know about it. What happened?

He was on duty as guard, and he forgot the pass word.

Buddy—Did you take out an insurance policy before you joined the army?
Pal—Yeah.
Buddy—Accident?
Pal—No, I took it out on purpose.

A yardbird and his pal were walking down the street when one

of the big Ukes was seen approaching them at a fast clip.

"Boy," breathed the yardbird, "if one of those babies ran over me what would you do?"
"Oh, I'd take you home and slip you under your door!"

Two young fellows stood watching a train speed past.

"Isn't it funny," said the first one, "why there are so many more auto wrecks than train accidents?"
"Well," answered the other one, "did you ever see the fireman hugging the engineer?"

Rastus was wearing mourning for his girl who had just died.

"Aren't you carrying it pretty fair?" asked his pal, "wearing black tighties?"
"No sub," answered Rastus, "when I mourns, I mourns all over."

"Look here, Peter, how would you punctuate this sentence, 'Mary went swimming and lost her bathing suit?'"
"I'd make a dash after Mary."

How was the first swimming practice?
Fine; a lot of good men were uncovered.

There was an old sculptor named Phidias, Whose knowledge of Art was invidious
He carved Aphrodite Without any nightie— Which startled the ultra-fastidious.

It was a cold morning in December. Two Jews were walking down the sidewalk, and one of the pair was talking and gesticulating wildly. The other remained silent. Finally the first Jew paused long enough to say:

"Vell, Moe, don't you agree vid me, vat I say?"
To which Moe replied: "Ikey, you can talk all you vant, but I'm going to kip my hends in my pock-ets."

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Men in Service Get Nod in Officer Schools

Enlisted men already in the service are given further preference and opportunity to gain commissions through officer training with the announcement that applications to seven of the officer candidate schools of the administrative group are no longer being accepted by the United States army from volunteer officer candidates.

Men already in the military service and registrants whose induction or whose processing at reception centers is now being accomplished will not be affected by the new restrictions.

The seven schools closed to the VOC's, according to the announcement from the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, are Army Air Force administrative, the Army administrative, Quartermaster, Medical administrative, Finance, Military Police and the Adjutant General's. The announcement is taken as another step in providing further opportunities to the men now in service, particularly those who are designated for limited service. Limited servicemen were informed last week that applications for officer candidate schools from that group were acceptable in the administrative branches.

Exceptional opportunities are available to all qualified applicants especially Antiaircraft Artillery, Coast and Field Artillery, Engineer, Signal and Tank Destroyer schools.

No Goldbricking for Hospital Attendants On Nocturnal Duties

By Pfc. Bert Shandler
Being a night ward-attendant at Station hospital is no goldbrick job, according to Pvt. George O. Ross, medical section, SCU 1911, who has been one for the past 17 months. George works from 7 o'clock at night to 7 o'clock the following morning, six days a week in Ward 403 (Dermatology). Before coming to Camp Adair he had been a medic at Fort MacArthur, Fort Ord and Camp McQuaide, all in California.

George claims that Camp Adair has the best ward set-up because the wards are bigger and there are more soldiers to man them. The most pleasant part of his job, he says, is making friends with the patients who hail from other outfits, and the most disagreeable is taking care of post-operative cases.

This means bedpan duty and application of all types of dressings.

George's duties during the small hours include giving sleeping pills and aspirin tablets to restless patients, administering medication at specified hours and making out night reports. Regular nightly rounds are made by the night nurse, the Administrative O. D. and the Medical O. D. When things get dull, George reads Western magazines and writes letters. It's easier to write love letters during these hours, says he.

Eerie screams from patients who have nightmares no longer bother him, but he wagers the most hardened M.P. would turn pale at some of them.

Recalls Blackout
George remembers the unannounced blackout at Camp McQuaide, Calif., the evening of December 9 when unidentified planes flew over northern California. His 15 patients became jittery but George kept his head and everything remained in order. The blackout lasted four hours.

Crank patients are few at Camp Adair, and nurses here are efficient and pleasant to work with, adds George. Pvt. Ross believes a night ward-attendant must take a sincere interest in his work if he is to do a good job. Ward 403 patients put George in this category.

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