

### HERMIT LIKE LIFE PLEASES JOHN MABIN

#### Caretaker at Crater Lake Lodge is Taking First Vacation

A hermit-like existence in a snowbound mountain lodge eight months of each year, holds no terrors, but rather has much charm for John Mabin, year-round caretaker of Crater Lake Lodge.

Mabin is spending a two-weeks vacation in Ashland—the first vacation he has taken in the last four years, and although he has been here less than two weeks, expresses himself as almost homesick and anxious to get back to his snow-bound mountain home. "One learns to love the stillness and isolation," Mabin says.

The road to the lodge was closed in November and from that time, until April 28 when he left the lodge to come to Ashland Mabin was alone, except for an occasional visitor, usually a participant in a ski race, who sought shelter and hospitality of the Lodge after having made the 21 mile trip to the summit of the lake.

Mabin occupies the big 150 room tourist lodge and much of his time during the long winter months is spent in repairing and re-painting the Lodge furniture, preparatory for the three-month tourist season which usually starts July 1 and ends the latter part of September.

One reason why Mabin is anxious to return to the Lodge, and plans to make his return trip Wednesday of this week, he expects "Fritz" the last of the 22 "tame" wild bears of the park, to "hole-up" for the winter, will be coming forth from his winter sleep and will be hungry.

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"Fritz," Mabin says, seems to require less sleep than his companions, as he always is the last one to prowl round through the snow and is the first one to hunt Mabin in the springtime, ready for his springtime breakfast.

A radio set did much to break the solitude of the snow-bound lodge this winter, Mabin says. All through the winter he was able to keep in touch with the big news events, and enjoy fine concerts and lectures. His radio is in fine working order at all times.

Mabin is not quite alone in the Lodge for he has "The Nameless One," a big Maltese cat as his constant companion. The cat objects to the clicking of a typewriter, however, and it was with difficulty Mabin succeeded in typing each day a brief resume of his activities. "The Nameless One," gives me someone to talk with so I keep my voice," the caretaker said.

There is a telephone at the Lodge and electric conveniences, which takes the primitive isolation away from the place.

Two days each month Mabin is away from the lodge, making the 21 miles trip to Fort Klamath on skis then after a night's rest returning home.

Mabin makes frequent trips to the beautiful but almost inaccessible places around the lake. More snow fell during this winter than has fallen during any winter for many years, and during March snow was drifted in great 40 foot high banks around the Lodge. Mabin is U. S. weather observer in addition to his job as caretaker of the Lodge.

Ray Ferguson and Gordon Bush of Port Klamath were visitors at the Lodge for several days in March and during this time Mabin filmed several reels of fine winter views of the Lodge and lake and vicinity, Ferguson and Bush furnishing the life of the pictures. They were shown at the Vining Theatre here Saturday night.

One woman, Miss Ida Brisco with her brother, Millard Brisco, made the trip to the Lodge from Port Klamath this winter. Miss Brisco, an expert on skis, was one of the few who made the long 21-mile trip over the snow without stop.

During the summer months Mabin is electrical engineer at the place and each of the other more than 50 employees always seek his assistance whenever any situation arises which they do not understand.

"I'm a slave of the lake and have seen others, returning season after season, all feeling the same devotion to the place as I do," Mabin says.

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### FIFTY SIX GIRLS JOIN HIKING CLUB

#### Club is to Meet Twice a Month Under Direction of Leaders

Fifty-six girls have taken membership in the girl's hiking club, which was organized last Wednesday, at the Southern Oregon Normal school as a result of a meeting called by Miss Virginia Hales, of the athletic department. Margaret Hammerbacher was chosen to head the hikers.

The members have been divided into five groups with the following as group leaders: Lois Joy Hanson, Vida Dent, Lila Dement, Cecil McCracken, and Lillian Van Natta. The five sections will meet twice a month on Thursday during the assembly hours. Each division will arrange its individual hikes.

The big hike of the year which will be made by the entire club, is to be a journey to the top of Mt. Ashland where the hikers will enjoy a night under the stars above the snow.

The hiking club plans to join the Athletic association which will soon be organized.

Members of the clubs are as follows: Dorothy Baughman, Lois Jay Hanson, Gladys Rice, Patricia Gale, Lynda Oeder, Ruth Bowman, Lela Patton, Louise Scroggins, Ella Hinton, Minnie Hanson, Anna Fedor, Lela Feldmaier.

### EPIDEMIC SUICIDES ATTRACT ATTENTION

LONDON, — (AP) — "Mirror suicides" are the latest attraction to those who take their own lives here.

Numerous cases of suicide have been found here recently where the suicide committed has been deliberately staged before a mirror. In each case a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind, has been entered.

Several noted pathologists and psychiatrists have recently devoted some time to a study of the apparent complex which causes suicides to stand before a mirror while taking their lives. One psychiatrist has declared that the cause is a "complex death" where the subject has so long thought of death that he is anxious to view for the last time someone in the agonies of dying.

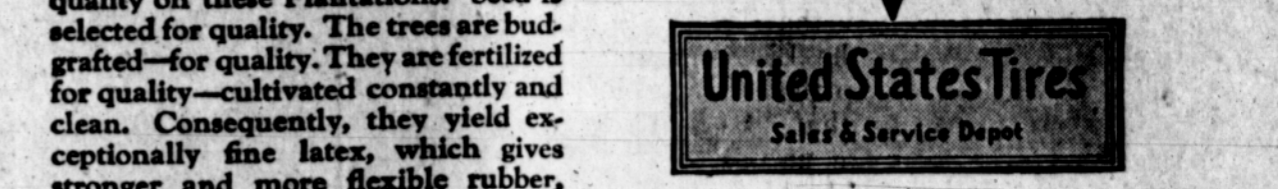
In one case recently a young woman, while standing in front of a mirror, had inflicted several wounds with a razor at various vital points in her body before com-

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The "Chapel Car" on the Southern Pacific siding near Ashland mills, is proving of lively interest to the children and grown-ups. Yesterday at 4:15 a crowd of boys and girls made the hour a happy one with their singing.

Rev. Chappelle told them a wonderfully beautiful story of Christian life and growth. Next Thursday at 4:15 there will be another children's meeting. The children have promised to more than fill the car. This is a rare opportunity for parents and Sunday school teachers. Services each night at 8 o'clock.

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### Feeding The Cannery (Part 2)

Last Friday in this space we referred to the need of Ashland's canning industry for a larger supply of fresh fruits and vegetables to keep the cannery running at capacity throughout the season.

Growers wishing to know specifically how their planting schedule should be arranged to fit into the canning schedule with profit to themselves, should confer with the manager of the cannery and follow his suggestions. From our knowledge, however, we can say here that an easily filled need is for small fruits and berries.

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