

TUALATIN VALLEY FARM NEWS

Net County Taxable Value Shows Increase Over 1948

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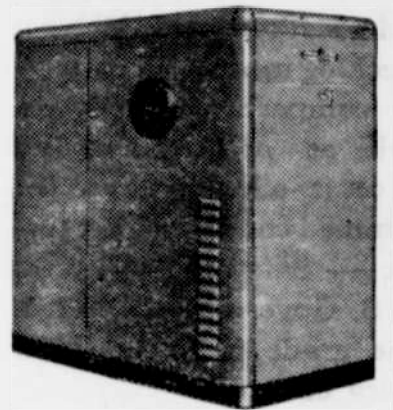
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Picturesque Areas of Three States Toured Via Three Flags Highway



Mysterious Abert lake, blue-green as the deep sea, lies beneath majestic Abert rim.

This is a condensation of a motorlog appearing in the July 31 issue of The Sunday Oregonian magazine, one of a series sponsored jointly by The Oregonian and The Oregon State Motor Association.

BY HERMAN EDWARDS

Some folks, having traveled and found a place to their liking, are content to stay put awhile and watch the rest of the world hurry by. Such folks as these are Charlie Brown and Orin Patterson, self-appointed historians of Oregon's picturesque Canyon City, who like nothing better than telling travelers of old times in the venerable Grant county seat—tales of Joaquin Miller and the fabulous days of placer mining.

Others like to travel, for how else are we to meet these interesting people and visit romantic and historic spots? So, let's gas up the familiar white Motorlog Ford of the Oregon State Motor Association and see what we can find of interest along, say, approximately 600 miles of the Three Flags highway—U. S. 395. This international route runs from Jasper national park, Alberta, into Mexico at Tijuana and beyond, but we'll start at Pendleton, Oregon's famous Round-Up City, and head for Reno, Nevada's "Biggest Little City in the World."

We go south from Pendleton through the ripening wheat fields of Umatilla county; through the busy sawmill town of Pilot Rock, past weather-beaten Ukiah. This is pleasant driving over the spur ridges of the Blue mountains and along timbered creek and river canyons.

At Mt. Vernon we see a gold dredge at work in the valley floor and a few miles away at the bustling town of John Day ugly mountains of gravel remind us that similar dredges took millions of dollars in gold from the beds of those streams in the old days.

We coax Charlie Brown, unofficial custodian of historical relics at Canyon City, from his service station to guide us to the cabin of Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras," who was Grant county's first judge in 1896 to 1870. The old cabin and its contents, enclosed by wire screening for protection, are in

good preservation. We feel slightly resentful that Canyon City doesn't advertise this rare treasure of its past glory, so that all may enjoy it. Then we return to view Brown's museum-like collection of relics, and the Indian treasures displayed next door by Orin Patterson in his real estate office.

Burns, long regarded as a typical "cow country" capital, has its origin, in name at least, not in wild west tradition, but paradoxically in the admiration held by its founder for the gentle Scottish bard, Robert Burns. George McGowan named the settlement Burns, for the poet, when he established the first store here in 1883.

At the state highway department's maintenance station, 20 miles south of Alkali lake, snake-proof wire fences surround buildings and signs warn

travelers to watch out for rattlesnakes.

Finally, the smooth highway varies its monotonous habit of rising to the horizon in the hazy distance and dips from the desert to descend to the shore of mysterious Abert lake, blue-green as the deep sea. We follow the lake nearly 30 miles under the majestic Abert rim, towering 2200 feet above the lake surface.

South of Abert lake we pass through Valley Falls and come to the pleasant green expanse of Goose Lake valley, where Lakeview, prosperous county seat of Lake county, sits under the shadow of the high Warner mountains. From Lakeview the highway follows the 25-mile-long shore of Goose lake south into Alturas, Cal., a distance of 56 miles.

South of Alturas over the 186 miles to Reno we find many spots of interest, reminders of the bitter Modoc Indian wars, the pleasant green valley of Honey lake, a five-mile side trip into Susanville, one of the oldest towns of northern California. The Reno chamber of commerce, operating on a generous \$140,000 promotion budget, maintains a housing bureau in the state building until 11 p. m., and endeavors to find accommodations for every visitor. They average 5000 a day in this city of 38,000.

Reno's famed gambling establishments, the city's carefree night life, the divorce mill in the drab Washoe county courthouse first claim our interest, but Reno residents, eagerly friendly and such good boosters they share their tourists with neighboring attractions, give us a list of "musts" to visit.

So we take a day for a 100-mile tour, deserting our 395 highway almost for the first time, to climb the near-9000-foot Mt. Rose pass to blue Lake Tahoe, follow its shores south and back across the mountains, to historic Carson City, Nevada's "Smallest Capital in the U. S."

This is a grand finish to a grand vacation trip, and we're ready to head back home and stay put while some of the other folks travel.



Map shows motorlog route

The United Kingdom previously contracted to take 97 percent of New Zealand's exportable butter and cheese. The price for this next year is around 25¢ a pound for the best grade of cheese, and around 45 cents for the best grade of butter.

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Filbert Crop Estimate 21% Over '47 Record

The board of directors of Northwest Nut Growers has approved September 15 as closing date for 1949 walnut and filbert grower membership rolls, in line with earlier recommendations by managers of local unit associations, according to John E. Trunk, general manager.

No re-opening of the rolls during the current or future harvest seasons will take place, as has occurred in some previous years, Trunk said.

Crop and marketing conditions are such that the handling of the harvest and packing with well planned operations is of utmost importance, Trunk declared, and these plans, once established, cannot be changed without creating added problems which reflect on all members.

"The estimate of 10,680 tons of filberts as the area production for this year, is a 21% increase over the previous record crop of 8800 tons in 1947, and is 66% greater than the 1948 tonnage," Trunk remarked. "While the Oregon-Washington walnut crop is estimated at 29% less than the bumper tonnage of 1948, the crop estimate for all growing areas, if it materializes, will bring to market the largest tonnage of walnuts ever produced. Almonds also are estimated for a record crop, and will be bidding for their place in the consumers nut buying preference."

"If a sizeable portion of the 1949 nut crops produced in Oregon and Washington can be made available for shipment to buyers in the national market during pre-holiday months, when demand is greatest, much can be done to prevent a prolonged and costly selling season on this bumper nut crop," Trunk advises growers.

Space Shortage Cramps Exhibits At County Fair

Cleanup of the fair grounds in preparation for the opening of the Washington County Fair, August 31, was underway with a small crew this week, Leon S. Davis, manager, reported.

Plans this year do not include any additional building with the exception of a stairway on the north front side of the 4-H building to give immediate access to the farm crops and vegetables exhibits on the second floor.

This also will make immediately available additional space to be used for the historical exhibit which was in the log cabin a year ago. The Native Sons and Daughters exhibit this year will be larger, according to plans. The log cabin then will be used for registration of pioneers and for a lounge room available to women and children attending the fair. Changes also are being made on the cattle lot where two large, new tents will be erected to hold the dairy cattle show. The tents and show ring will be concentrated at the south end of the lots while the front part will be devoted to a huge machinery show being planned by the Implement Dealers association.

The fair board now has under consideration a plan which would award to some boy or girl, a bicycle equipped with two-speed transmission, and front and rear brakes. Also included will be headlight and other accessories. Cards announcing the rules for awarding the bicycle and time of the award, will be dropped from airplanes over all communities of the county at a date to be announced later, Davis related this week.

Space demands for commercial exhibits still continue at a high rate and lack of space already is indicated. Space in the new quonset building, devoted last year to school and commercial exhibits, all is being devoted this year to the schools because of large exhibits and more schools requesting space.

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