

## Motorlog: Through San Juan Islands To Tourist-Crammed Victoria, B. C.

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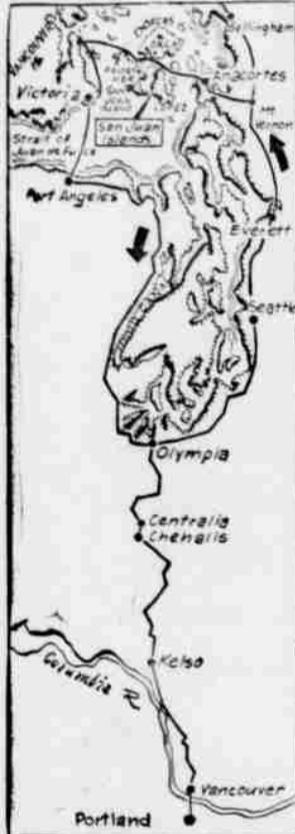
VICTORIA needs more tourists about as much as Rover needs more fleas.

Victoria's transportation facilities and hotel accommodations, even before the summer vacation season begins in earnest, were taxed to the utmost by the weekend throngs from the United States and the Canadian mainland who wanted to partake of the old English atmosphere of the British Columbia capital.

### Hotels Overflowing

Facilities so far have been available in midweek in Victoria hotels and motels, but weekend crowds already have been overflow in size. When one thinks of staying in Victoria the famous hotel Empress comes to mind but remember that for vineyards that vine should be sought a good long covered establishment, mecca of many conventions this summer.

Victoria itself appears to be returning to prewar normal. Shops (which are closed Wednes-



This map shows route of The Oregonian's recent motorlog trip through San Juan Islands to colorful Vancouver Island.

### KINZUA NEWS . . .

By Elsa M. Leathers  
A number of Kinzua boys and girls are attending summer school at Corvallis, leaving here Tuesday and will be there ten days. Those going down are Nona and Barbara Graham, Joanne Adams, Marlene Neth, Dale Harrison, Jimmy Walker Jr. and Donnie Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green are the proud parents of a daughter, Joyce Ann, born at The Dalles hospital on the 9th.

J. B. Dyer returned to Kinzua after taking a barber course in Portland the past seven months. Roger Graham is spending a week at his uncle Arthur Stevens' place near Spray.

days and Sundays) have won dials filled with British-made merchandise, though the quantity is still limited. Sweaters from Scotland and woolens were being featured along with such spring-like items as English-made lawnmowers, Canadian-made guitars, dolls and American-made dresses.

Shops along "Antique" street display bric-a-brac which is a delight to any woman with a few pence in her pocketbook. Good grades of China dishes are hard to find, however.

### Night Life Available

Night life is to be found for those who desire it, though not in such abundance as in San Francisco or Los Angeles. The Empress hotel has sedate dancing, with jitterbugs an oddity three times a week. Bottles must be kept under the table at the two places by those who wish to indulge.

Restaurant prices are much lower than in Portland. A medium-sized steak can be had in several eateries for 65 cents complete with vegetable, potatoes and a drink. The Empress charges only \$1.85 a person for its supper menu.

Except for the ferry service, the islands have been entirely isolated from the mainland in past years, although Island Airways has been flying twice a week.

Because of this isolation a few of the inhabitants have never left their insular communities, we were told by a resident we met in Victoria.

Some of the 172 islets are little more than rocks, but three of them, Orcas, San Juan and Lopez, are good-sized and have year-around populations.

### Golden Blooms Noted

Spring is an ideal time to make such a trip, we found. The usualness of the drive from Portland to Seattle was relieved by acres of golden blossoms.

Such blooms are especially

from Port Angeles south along the Hood canal was embowered with blossoming rhododendrons and orange and cold turkey plate in such quantity as we had never seen before.

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