

Motorlogger Finds McKenzie Pass As Charming as It Was in Youth

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NO MEMORIES endure so pleasantly through the years as those of high adventure in the days of youth, and seldom does an experience in the mature years bring the thrill of excitement one remembers, perhaps with the aid of vivid imagination, from the days when all life ahead was adventure.

My very first trip over the McKenzie pass left a memory which has been a pleasure all through my life.

Just a few days ago, in late May, we again found all the things that are important, the hurrying river, the cool forests, the lava, weird and forbidding as ever, the mountains no less majestic than they were in the days of our youth, and the in-viting pine trees standing on their clean carpet.

In the white motorlog Ford of the Oregon State Motor association we crossed the pass again, this time for a preview of its 1947 tourist season, for the road was officially closed and we were special guests of the Oregon state highway department. District Maintenance Supervisor A. J. Ford and Charles T. Thornton from the Eugene office went along to open the gate for us. A few days later, on May 27, the road was opened to the public.

Charm Still There

The sparkling McKenzie had lost none of its charm. There were more fishermen along its banks, more summer cottages, restaurants and service stations if we should need them. The road was a smooth highway. Ford unlocked the gate and we began the winding ascent of Dead Horse hill toward the summit, eight miles distant. The timber thinned as we climbed, we came again to the little lake, and then to the lava. Here, where once was the rock-studded trail a two-lane highway stretched into the blue haze of the distance.

At the summit we climbed the imposing rock cairn erected as a memorial to Dee Wright, an old-time forest officer and guide who supervised the start of development of the McKenzie pass highway. From it we had a magnificent view of the 65 square miles of lava beds and



The motorlog car is shown here in cut through a deep snow bank. The highway was opened to public late in May, few days after motorlog trip. A. J. Ford (left), district highway maintenance supervisor, and Charles T. Thornton (right),

of the Three Sisters which, an inscription told us, have 17 glaciers. The white mountains seemed almost close enough to touch. The slender Mt. Washington is but 5.2 miles distant, the bulky domes of the North Sister 6.6 miles, Mt. Jefferson, which many hold to be the most beautiful of the Cascade peaks, is 28.5 miles away and we could just make out Mt. Hood, 78.3 miles to the north.

The Cascades rise sharply from the western valleys, but the descent to the high plateau regions of Central Oregon is gentle. Six miles below the summit we were passed through the eastern gate of the pass by Maintenance Foreman J. B. Peterson, who had come up in a Sisters. We followed him on the smooth lane of the pass away, through the fragrant pines, to Sisters. Then we continued eastward across the sage

brush plateau, through the green fields of the Tumalo irrigation district, across the shallow canyon of the Deschutes river and into Bend. The following morning we retraced the route to Sisters and swept on with the flow of Sunday travel along the Santiam pass highway, which branches to the northwestward.

Old Road Tried
Ten miles west of Sisters we found an interesting route which would have taken us back across the mountains, but we decided after exploring it for ten dusty miles as it climbed up through the pines that we wouldn't want to recommend it for pleasure travel.

Years ago this was the important Santiam toll road, built in 1863 by Linn county residents as an outlet to the ranchlands of Central and Eastern Oregon.

We didn't like to turn back, for it had been our intention to return to the McKenzie by some route other than the regular pass, but it wasn't quite what we wanted. We retraced the ten miles to the Santiam highway at Metolius junction. We were still determined to go back by way of the McKenzie. Three miles west of the North and South Santiam junction we came to the Clear lake junction, which drops downhill southward from the South Santiam highway. This was what we were looking for, and we found it well traveled by fishermen.

LOCAL PEOPLE WITNESS BIG PENDLETON FIRE

A carload of Heppner people in Pendleton Monday were spectators at the fire which destroyed the Western Milling company flouring mill and which for a time threatened surrounding property. Mrs. Louis Gilliam, Miss Ona Gilliam, Mrs. Tom Wilson and Chucky Daniels

RETURN FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ogletree, Mrs. Jessie Barry and Vernon Bell returned Friday from Alabama, for which state they left immediately after the close of school. While having a grand trip, the Oregonians were overjoyed to reach the northwest and get out of excessive heat that prevailed in the region beyond the Rockies.

COUNTY CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT KINZUA NEWS . . .

Jan. 1, 1947 to July 1, 1947

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Jan. 1 Warrants outstanding	\$ 2,212.59
Total of 284 claims allowed by County Court	
Warrants issued for above claims	24,816.38
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	\$27,028.97
	24,905.84
July 1 General Fund Warrants outstanding	\$ 2,123.13

GENERAL ROAD FUND ACCOUNT

Jan. 1 Warrants outstanding	\$ 3,064.36
Total of 329 claims allowed by County Court	
Warrants issued for above claims	30,261.44
Total warrants paid by Treasurer	\$33,325.80
	30,313.93
July 1 General Road Fund Warrants outstanding	\$ 3,011.87

ROAD SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

Total of 35 claims allowed by County Court	
Warrants issued for above claims	\$ 5,525.45
Total warrants paid by Treasurer	5,525.45

COUNTY HOSPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

One claim allowed by County Court and warrant issued	\$ 50.00
Warrant paid by Treasurer	50.00

DOG FUND ACCOUNT

One claim allowed by County Court and warrant issued	\$ 33.60
Warrant paid by Treasurer	33.60

RODENT FUND ACCOUNT

Total of 15 claims allowed by County Court	
Warrants issued for above claims	\$ 2,954.26
Warrants paid by Treasurer	2,907.56
July 1 Rodent Fund Warrants outstanding	\$ 46.70

TAYLOR GRAZING FUND ACCOUNT

One claim allowed by County Court and warrant issued	\$ 100.00
Warrant paid by Treasurer	100.00

COYOTE BOUNTY FUND ACCOUNT

Total of four claims presented and warrants issued	\$18.00
Warrants paid by Treasurer	\$18.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MORROW COUNTY, OREGON, July 1, 1947

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$229,696.18	Warrants Outstanding (Gen. Fund)	\$ 2,123.13
United States War Bonds	36,000.00	Warrants Outstanding (Gen. Road)	3,011.87
Taxes Receivable (Delinquent)	12,595.35	Warrants Outstanding (Rodent)	46.70
Taxes Receivable (Current)	21,639.72	Estimated Revenues (Taxes)	34,235.07
	\$299,931.25	Current Surplus (Includes amounts due School Districts and other funds)	260,514.48
		Outstanding Road Bonds	\$159,000.00
			Respectfully submitted,
			C. W. BARLOW,
			County Clerk.

TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT Jan. 1, 1947 to July 1, 1947

Balance on hand January 1st, 1947	\$476,191.29
RECEIVED FROM	
Taxes from Sheriff's Office	\$ 35,388.91
Land Sales	15,880.63
Clerk's Office Fees	1,279.65
Sheriff's Fees and Mileage	126.90
Sheriff's Auto Permits (temporary)	138.50
Realty Rentals	270.00
Sales and Rentals, Road Department	2,369.35
Miscellaneous Fines	1,188.75
Interest on War Bonds	512.50
Forest Reserve Sales and Rentals	1,051.02
State Refund on Motor Fuel Tax	991.05
Miscellaneous Refunds	7,687.44
Motor License Fund	6,687.44
State School Support Fund	18,329.23
Secretary West Extension Irrigation District	3,211.44
Dog Licenses	328.00
Secretary Rural Fire Protection District	91.84
Alcohol Control Account	268.07
Interest on Time Deposit at Bank	250.00
Taylor Grazing Act	212.34
Umatilla Electric Cooperative Assn.	221.99
General Miscellaneous	78.04
	\$ 89,795.26
DISBURSEMENTS	
General County Expense	\$ 24,905.84
General County Roads	30,313.93
General School Fund	15,456.99
School District Specials	180,345.62
Non-High School District Funds	7,792.91
School District Bond and Interest	26.25
City Specials	13,302.69
County Bonds Redeemed	5,500.00
County Bond Interest paid	4,184.24
Irrigation District Orders	6,921.37
Forest Fire Patrol	166.32
Rodent Control	2,907.56
Coyote Bounty	18.00
Claims on Dog Fund	33.60
Sent State Game Commission	150.00
Taylor Grazing Act	100.00
Hospital Fund	50.00
Rural Fire Protection District Funds	2,369.60
Road Sinking Fund	5,525.45
Discount on War Bonds redeemed	220.00
	\$300,290.37
Balance on hand July 1st, 1947	\$265,696.18
	L. W. BRIGGS, County Treasurer.

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SHERIFF'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TAX COLLECTIONS

Receipts	
On Hand and on Deposits, December 31, 1946	\$1,638,668.20
1946-47 Taxes	\$1,710.71
1945-46 Taxes	1,828.60
1944-45 Taxes	635.62
1943-44 Taxes	174.19
1942-43 Taxes	64.45
1942 Taxes	60.19
1941 Taxes	96.93
1940 Taxes	89.39
1939 Taxes	107.84
1938 Taxes	19.43
1936 Taxes	16.10
1935 & Prior	106.39
Land Sales	15,204.78
Total Receipts	\$38,104.62
Total on Hand and Received	\$51,772.82
Disbursements	
Turned over to County Treasurer	\$51,269.54
On deposit in bank June 30, '47	79.08
On Hand, June 30, 1947	411.46
Under collections	12.74
	503.28
Total Disbursements	\$51,772.82
Temporary Auto Permits	
Receipts	\$140.50
Disbursements	138.50
Balance on hand	2.00
Civil Fees and Mileage	
Receipts	\$126.90
Disbursements	126.90
Respectfully submitted,	
C. J. D. BAUMANN, Sheriff.	
By FRANCES MITCHELL, Deputy.	

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taking one of the parts of the planer for repair. Slippery Wright flew to Lewiston, Idaho, to get another part for the same machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green took their infant daughter to The Dalles for medical treatment on Friday.

Mrs. Herb Wright Sr. of The Dalles is visiting at the home of her sons, Herb Wright Jr. and Bill Wright.

Jack and Leonard Samples from Kinzua and Bud Kapa of Camp 5 drove to Milton-Freewater Saturday to see Bud's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kapa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hale of Milwaukee were visiting friends in Kinzua over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are former residents of Kinzua.

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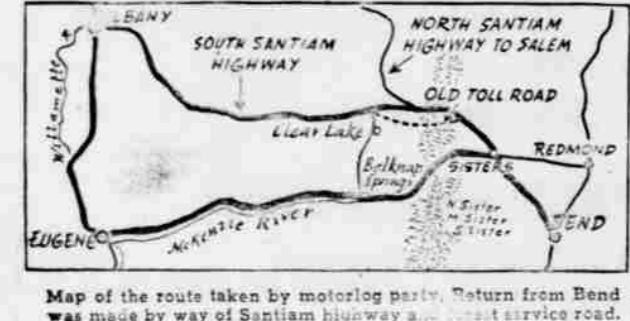
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Map of the route taken by motorloggers. Return from Bend was made by way of Santiam highway and east service road.

OPEN ROADS ARE CALLING

Plan Now... FOR A PLEASANT VACATION

The highways are jammed with cars crowded with folks going on a summer vacation trip. Most of these cars are 7 or 8 years old. Naturally, there is a lot of car trouble and the garages along these vacation routes just can't take care of the demand for auto service and repairs. They are snowed under with work.

If you are planning on an auto trip, be sure to get your car in as near perfect shape as possible before you start. We are anxious to help you have a trouble-free trip . . . so NOW bring your car to us for a complete and thorough inspection and "Check-up."

LET US CHECK YOUR MOTOR and see if all the parts are working alright. Look over your generator, your spark plugs, your battery, battery cables, fan belt, cooling system and see that everything is in good order.

1 BRAKES are most important. Poor brakes are dangerous. Too many reckless drivers are on the road for you to take chances. Your brakes should be in proper adjustment . . . and if needed be relined.

2 HEADLIGHTS should be correctly focused and adjusted. Faulty headlights are one of the greatest road hazards.

3 STEERING WHEEL AND WHEEL ALIGNMENT. If your steering wheel is loose and your car shimmies and shakes, you should be sure to have it corrected before you start out on a short or long trip.

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