

# Scenic Jackpot Hit on Motorlog To Washington's Mt. Rainier Area

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Like most residents of the western slope of the Cascades, this writer and his family are quite familiar with the western Mt. Rainier country, but had never visited the eastern approaches to the mountain and Rainier national park until a recent week end when we headed the Oregon State Motor association's white Ford in that direction.

We hit the scenic jackpot—the majestic Columbia gorge, the sagebrush of central Washington, the green orchards of the Yakima valley, rushing mountain streams, virgin pine timber on the eastern slope of the Cascades, the verdant green of the moist west slope.

### Two Days Sufficient

We found that a Portland motorist with scarcely more than 500 miles of driving can see all this and visit both sides of Mt. Rainier national park in as little as two days—or as many more as he cares to devote to the trip. He can stay in comfortable hotels and mountain lodges and eat in modern restaurants, or he can camp out in the open in forest and national park camp grounds.

Our assignment was to log a loop trip from Portland up the Evergreen highway to Maryhill, then north on 97 through Yakima and northwest by highway 410 over 5440-foot-high Chinook pass, then west by Washington state highway No. 5 through the southeast corner of Mt. Rainier national park to the junction of the Pacific highway at Marys Corner, the well-known western turning-off point for Mt. Rainier.

Two days before we left Yakima to explore the upper reaches of the Cascades and determine what the loop was like, Chinook pass had been opened. A record winter fall of snow had been sliced through by



Fishermen try their luck in Naches river north of Yakima.

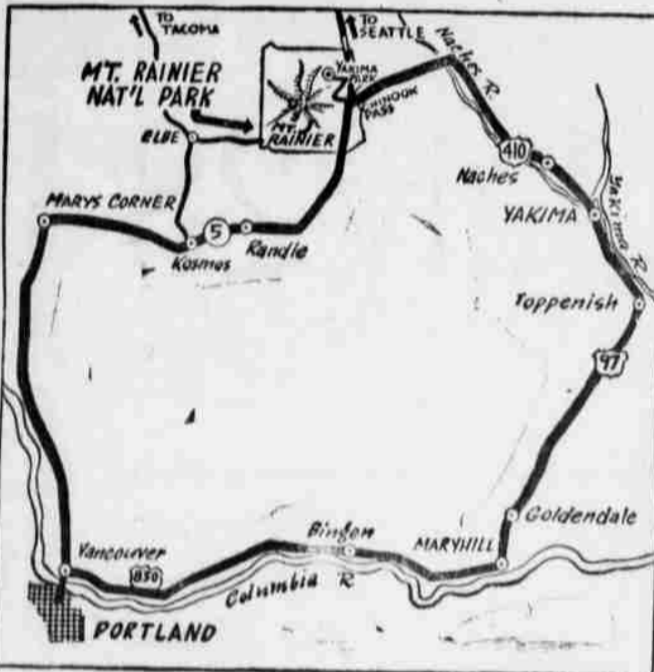
snow plows, as with a knife, leaving huge banks of snow on either side of the highway. Much of this snow will remain well into the summer, it seemed certain.

We passed the summit, crowded with skiers, amateur camera

enthusiasts and just plain sightseers, and reached the junction where highway 410 continues on to Seattle and state highway 5 heads west for Marys Corner. There a sign, "Road Closed," blocked the entrance to highway 5. We had to retrace our route through Yakima and back to the Evergreen highway. We had made the trip a few days too early, but a check-up on our return revealed that by the time this article is in print the road will be open and the east and west entrances to Mt. Rainier park as well.

Western Oregonians and Washingtonians are prone to think of the areas east of the mountains as desolate stretches of sagebrush except where irrigation has caused orchards and green fields to sprout or dry farming has developed grain fields. There are such stretches and from the valleys the hills seem bare compared with the country west of the Cascades, but our trip up the east slope of the high range was a revelation to us.

The mountains were covered with green timber—high, large dimension, virgin stuff, unspoiled by cutting. Naches river, running swift and high from the snow banks above, was as pretty a stream as we had ever seen west of the mountains. Fishermen dotted its banks, trying their luck with rod and fly. Cool, grassy camp grounds along the river looked inviting.



Map shows loop trip that takes in both sides of Rainier park.

## Smokey, The Fire-Preventin' Bear, Says:



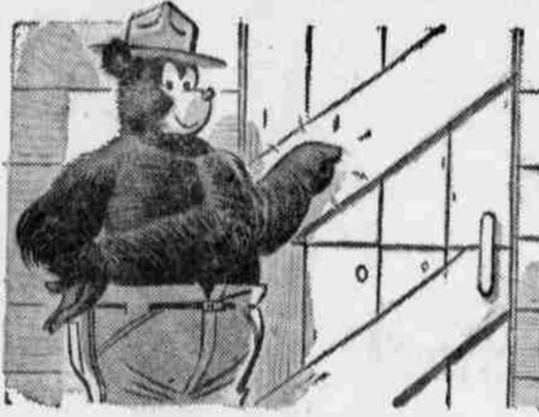
# "Guess who starts the most range fires?"



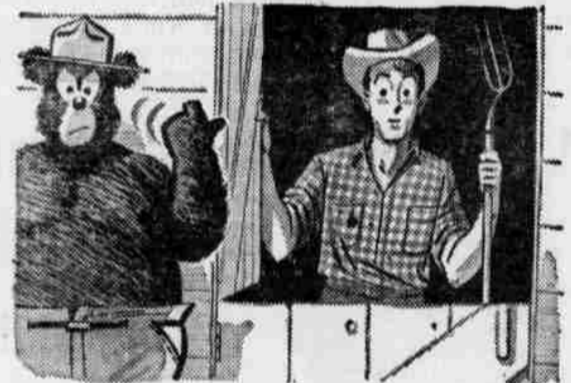
This year, with grain and feed still critical, we can't afford range fires! But they'll continue unless we get wise to who starts most of them. Lightning, for instance, gets a lot of blame but starts only 1 fire out of 10.



Some folks think most range fires are deliberately set—by criminals, arsonists, and other demented people—but that's all wrong too. The fires started for revenge and other such reasons are almost negligible.



Now . . . get ready for a shock. Behind this door is the real culprit that does the big damage. This will hurt, but we've got to stop burning America's ranges. So . . .



Yep . . . it's Mr. A. Good Citizen . . . an average American fellow like you who starts the most range fires. Just plain carelessness on your part accounts for nine out of ten!

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### Tillicum Club of Boardman Sponsoring Rodeo Princess

by Mrs. Flossie Coats  
Boardman—Miss Nancy Rands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rands and a senior in the Boardman high school is the princess chosen from Boardman for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo this year. The Tillicum Club is sponsoring the Princess and the dance will be in Heppner Saturday night July 28th.  
The Tillicum Club met at the Mrs. Elvin Ely home Tuesday evening July seventeenth. The following officers were installed for the coming year. President, Mrs. Clayton Allen; Vice-president, Mrs. George Gwinn; Recording secretary, Mrs. John Walker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. Gauer and treasurer Mrs. Dale Russell. Installing officer was Second vice-president of Oregon State Federation of Womens Clubs Mrs. Marion Weatherford, Arlington. Other out of town guests were Mrs. Kiestler and Mary Holland, Arlington. Fifteen members were present.

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1. Observe rules in areas closed to smoking. Stop to smoke in safe places.
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3. Drown your campfire, then stir and drown again.
4. Ask about the law—and a permit—before burning grass, brush, fence rows, ferns, or trash. Then follow safe rules! Burn only on still evenings; have help handy; kill every spark!

This year—with more folks traveling through the grazing country—America's ranges may suffer the greatest catastrophe in history! It is imperative that you be particularly careful with fire outdoors.



# Remember - Only you can PREVENT RANGE FIRES!

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