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Grandeur of Northwest's Dams Magnetic Attraction to Tourists

Power Reservoirs Can Be Visited By Auto Route

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The following is a condensa-tion of a motorlog which ap-peared in the July 19 issue of The Northwest's Own Magazine. It is one of a series of motor-logs sponsored by The Orego-nian-Oregon State Motor asso-ciation.

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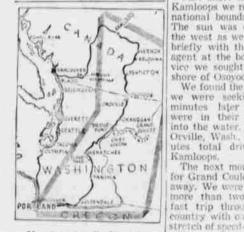
NATURE'S WONDERS are without question No. 1 attrac-tion for most vacationers tour-ing the Pacific Northwest, but there's another kind of wonder -the man-made variety-that probably is entitled to more tourist attention than it's been getting

To residents of the Northwest the story of the region's great power-producing dams is an old one. Newspapers and magazines have published hundreds of pic tures, thousands of words abou these marvels of envineering science. They have told the story of the dams through their various stages, planning, construction and completion.

But the story and the picture is no substitute for an on-the-spot look. And it's a welcome change, too, for the scenery-seeking tourist who has been spending day after day viewing natural grandeur.

We "discovered" the dams on the homeward half of our seven-day Northwest motorlog. Wheel-ing the Oregon State Motor as-sociation's white car southward lake region. through the Okanagan country from Kamloops, B. C., we were bound for eastern Washington. Harren hills were ahead, and we weren't enthusiastic about our chances to see anything equaling way dropped to the shore of Kalamalka lake. A few miles farther it left that lake and ran along the shore of Woods lake the scenery we had beheld in British Columbia's Pender harbor and Fraser river regions. to the south

But we reckoned without the dams-Grand Coulee, Chief Joseph and Bonneville. Before we reached Fortland we had visited all three, and would have taken



Map traces writer's route.



D. Roosevelt lake pours over spillways at Grand Coulee dam.

a look at construction work on the new The Dalles dam except that our itinerary didn't allow From Government Vista on the south side of the Columbia river south side of the Columbia river below the dam visitors can view bia river to the view point.

We turned our white car southward from the Kamloops ing the Thompson river valley and its yellow clay hilbides be-from the spillways, and stretches water cascales down 500 feet from the spillways, and stretches nearly a third of a mile across the front of the dam. High hind. Highway 6 wound up through hills covered with sparse pine forest and open range land, above, on the one-way road across the top of the huge conthen descended again as it ap-proached the town of Vernon at the north end of the Okanagan crete structure, human sight-seers appear the size of ants. It is a view in a thousand. You find yourself feeling a deep re-spect for the minds of the men We were again in lush farm and. Fruit occhards bordered the lakes, and here and there were fishing resorts and picnic spots, Beyond Verion the highvho conceived and directed its

construction. Periodically, guides conduct one-hour tours of the power plant and model room. In the latter, scale replicas of the re-gion and the dam itself are used to explain its construction and

South of Penticton the road operation. followed the Okanagan river, through valleys where glacier-deposited boulders covered the land on both sides. A wide, fast highway bor-dered with a profusion of blue, pink and yellow wildflowers took our motorlog ear to Bridge-port, the site of Chief Joseph

Just short of 200 miles from Kamloops we reached the inter-Ramoops we reached the inter-national boundaries at Osoyoos. The sun was dropping low in the west as we stopped to chat briefly with the U. S. customs agent at the border. On his ad-vice we sought a motel on the chora of Oraces Islas. dam, in less than an hour. An attendant handed us a brochure explaining the project and pointed out that the spill-way part of the dam is 81 per cent completed. The project is due for completion in December, shore of Osoyoos lake. We found the accommodations

1955, when four of its generators we found the accommodations we were seeking, and a few minutes hater the youngstern were in their swim suits and into the water. We had reached Orville, Wash, 5 hours 45 min-utes total driving time from Kambaos will be on the line. More generators will be added as they can be installed after 1955, until 27 finally are operating. Second in size to Grand Coulee among Northwest dams,

Thief Joseph will have a capac-ty of 1,738,000 kilowatts. It will The next morning we headed for Grand Coules dam, 91 mile away. We were there in a hill spound a lake of Columbia ver water 51 miles long, covmore than two bours, after fast trip through rolling op ring 7150 acres

Grange was held Saturday at giving her this opportunity. Later

the Lexington Grange hall with refreshments of hamburgers, hot

assed Bonneville dam, a key The impact of measive Grand calization of northwest Oregon.

they visited at the W. I. Miller IONE NEWS ITEMS specialist on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin en- left arm near the wrist. He spent tertained Mrs. Audrey Ansted one night in the hospital in Heppand Pat Majeske and Mr. and ner. Mrs W. E. McMillan at their Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nottage home one evening last week, the of Portland were recent visitors at

Mickey and Cherry and Keith Nottages had just returned home November 5. Grey have returned home after a from a trip by plane to Europe. visit in Salt Lake City and Mackey They visited in Copenhagen and Idaho. Bill Steagall who visited Stolkholm. with them has also returned and Miss Gladys Breashers of Los ington high school.

motored to Leavensworth, Wash. then they also visited in Lyle and ington one day last week, after Husum, Wash, and, also went Earl Papineau, their son who has huckleberrying. Miss Breashers been visiting there.

enjoying a new Packard.

Messenger Sr. and family attend-ed a family reunion of the Bar. Elise Bauernfeind, John Bristow, McKinney home. ed a family reunion of the Barlow and Mefford families at Ruby Bergstrom, Donald Bristow, Boardman. There were about 50 members of the family present. Ruby Ann Rietmann; Whitman The function was held at the college, Shirlee McGreer; Washhome of Mrs. Root. Later in the evening Mrs. Messenger, Mrs. Baker; Lutheran Pacific college, Contr. Coats and Mrs. Gillispie visited Gerald Peterson. Helmuth Her with Charles Barlow at the hos. mann will attend the Dental Donald school in Portland later. pital in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan dinner Friday evening of last visited an aunt and uncle of Mrs. week, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mc

Horton of Grants Pass who is Donald and Jerry Bristow. Guy Cason of Portland stopped Mr. Horton is a sister of Mrs. to visit his aunt, Mrs. Ida Grabill Friday of last week while on his Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Haugen of

passed away in that city Monday and also, attended the Round-Up. morning of a heart attack. The

years of age. He has lived in Ore- several years, is a patient of the gon 57 years and many of those vet's hospital in Portland where years were spent in Morrow he underwent major surgery. Mr. county. He is survived by a step- and Mrs. Wilcox make their home son and step daughter, Kenneth in Ashland, Ore. He is reported

is an uncle of Mrs. Vernon Mun- Don Pointer, Alec Lindsay, Don

Mrs. Vernon Munkers is a pa- bur Steagall. Lovely refreshments tient in Emanuel hospital in were served after the meeting. Portland where she underwent Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arndt and major surgery on Thursday Tom Breshears, father of Mrs. Arndt, all of Vancouver, Wash-

Robert Wilcox, who lived here for Charles Breshears home

Congressional Farm (Continued From Page 3)

The Congressional hearings on in Washington, D. C. in October. farm problems will be held in occasion being Mrs. Irvin's birth- the home of their parents, Mr. will be held November 4. They and Mrs. Johan Troedson. The were originally scheduled for

> Both the midwestern and western hearings schedules have been

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray.

Heppner to Portland.

Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs.



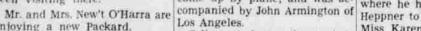
Pendleton a day earlier than orihearings at Cheyene, Wyo., Noginally planned, Sam Coon announced today. The hearings

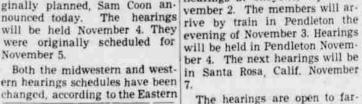
Oregon.

came up by plane; and was ac-

College students going back to

Grand Matron of the O. E. S. of said.





The hearings are open to farmers and anyone else interested Mrs. Louise Irving, Associate in attending, the congressman

Oregon Congressman, in order to

At present the committee plans

"Within the limits of its time Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell the committee wants to meet and son have moved to Heppner with and hear the ideas of as where he has a milk route from many farmers as possible, because it believes that our agri-

Miss Karen Goddard of Condon cultural program should be forwas a weekend guest at the Earl mulated at the grass roots and not in Washington."

DR. EDWARD K. SCHAFFITZ OPTOMETRIST

Next To Hotel Heppner Entrance - Heppner, Oregon

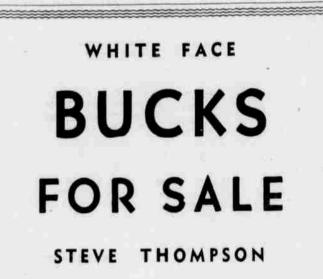
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all four have enrolled in the Lex- Angeles, Calif. is visiting her Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nickols They met her in Portland and

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Truman

Gillispie also visited Mr. Barlow Mr. and Mrs. tonowing at a entertained the following at a

McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cabe and children, and John, visiting in Cove, on Wednesday. Fred Bristow of that city.

Funeral services were held on way to the Round-Up. Wednesday at 10 a.m. from Fol-Portland spent the weekend with som's Funeral chapel in Pendleton for William P. Luttrell, who her mother, Mrs. Fannie Griffith,

Rev. C. H. Eller of the Lutheran James Lindsay, Mrs. Herbert Ekchurch officiated with burial in Olney cemetery. He was born in attended a reception at Madras

Knoxville, Tenn., and was 75 Lane of Pendleton and Mrs. Chas. to be doing very well.

Low, Tacoma, a brother Omer C. The Lexington Catholic Altar Luttrel] of Hermiston and a sis- society met at the home of Mrs. ter, Mrs. Luther Stout of Wish- Bob Daidson last week, with Mrs. ram, Washington. Mr. Luttrell Bernard Doherty as co-hostess. was well known in Lexington and Those present were Mesdames

kers of this city. Hatfield, Charles Breshears, Wil-

morning Word was received here that ington, visited Wednesday at the

Forty miles from home we with only an oreasi maning entry

Frothing as it cascades down 500 feet, water from Franklin look at construction work on Coulee dam on the eyes of the

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scott of evening Pat McMillan, princess Jan, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and Portland visited his mother Mrs. of the rodeo gave a very interest- Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth as Laura Scott over the weekend; a Ing account of her experience and hostesses sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. fine time that she has enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buchanan Dickinson



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sone_n. was served or Master Cecil Jones in the chair. the O. W. Cutsforth ranch lawn After the regular business of the with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMil-

and thanked the Grange for has received news of the wedding Saturday of her daughter, Ida, to

James Swindle, of Seattle. The young couple will make their home in that city where both are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jenson returned Monday from a trip to Washington and Montana. When in Spokane they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jenson, and later went on to Kalispell where they visited friends, and enjoyed a trip through Glacier National Park.

Mitzie Lee Orwick of Newport, Washington is visiting her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Less Or-wick. She is the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Orwick. Earl Miller and Max Breeding are spending the week in La

Grande visiting Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt returned this week from an ex-

tended visit through Idaho, Montana, and visited relatives in Missouri and then enjoyed leisure trip through the Southern states. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter returned this week from a trip to South Carolina and Missouri, While away, their daughter Jeanotte visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle

Mrs. A. F. Majeske and daughter, Audrey Ansted, motored to Portland Tuesday taking a daughter, Pat back there after a vacation spent here. Pat is starting her last year of training at Good Samaritan hospital there. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and children and Pat McMillan motored to La Grande Sunday where

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