

Grandeur of Northwest's Dams Magnetic Attraction to Tourists

Power Reservoirs Can Be Visited By Auto Route

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NATURE'S WONDERS are without question No. 1 attraction for most vacationers touring 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 pictures, thousands of words about these marvels of engineering 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 motoring. Wheeling the Oregon State Motor association's white car southward through the Okanogan country from Kamloops, B. C., we were bound for eastern Washington. Barren hills were ahead, and we weren't enthusiastic about our chances to see anything equaling the scenery we had beheld in British Columbia's Pender juror and Fraser river regions.

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



Map traces visitor's route.



Frothing as it cascades down 500 feet, water from Franklin 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 time for a trip across the Columbia river to the view point.

We turned our white car southward from the Kamloops country at Monte Creek, leaving the Thompson river valley and its yellow clay hillsides behind. Highway 6 wound up through hills covered with sparse pine forest and open range land, then descended again as it approached the town of Vernon at the north end of the Okanogan lake region.

We were again in lush farmland. Fruit orchards bordered the lakes, and here and there were fishing resorts and picnic spots. Beyond Vernon the highway dropped to the shore of Kalamalka lake. A few miles farther it left that lake and ran along the shore of Wood's lake to the south.

South of Pentleton the road followed the Okanogan river, through valleys where glacier-deposited boulders covered the land on both sides.

Just short of 200 miles from Kamloops we reached the international 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 advice we sought a motel on the shore of Osoyoos lake.

We found the accommodations we were seeking, and a few minutes later the youngsters were in their swim suits and into the water. We had reached Osoyoos, Wash., 5 hours 45 minutes total driving time from Kamloops.

The next morning we headed for Grand Coulee dam, 91 miles away. We were there in a little more than two hours, after a fast trip through rolling open country with only an occasional stretch of speed-bumping express.

Coulee dam on the eyes of the uninitiated tourist is staggering. From Government Vista on the south side of the Columbia river below the dam visitors can view the entire length of the mammoth structure.

A curving drapery of green water cascades down 500 feet from the spillways, and stretches nearly a third of a mile across the front of the dam. Hills above, on the one-way road across the top of the huge concrete structure, human sightseers appear the size of ants. It is a view in a thousand. You find yourself feeling a deep respect for the vision in December, 1955, when four of its generators 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, Chief Joseph will have a capacity of 1,738,000 kilowatts. It will impound a lake of Columbia river water 51 miles long, covering 7150 acres.

Forty miles from home we passed Bonneville dam, a key source of power in the industrialization of northwest Oregon.

giving her this opportunity. Later refreshments of hamburgers, hot dogs, and coffee was served on the O. W. Cutsforth ranch lawn with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buchanan 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 Kallispell where they visited friends, and enjoyed a trip through Glacier National Park.

Miltzie Lee Orwick of Newport, Washington is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Less Orwick. 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 extended 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 Jeanette visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle Sr.

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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By Delpha Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scott of Portland visited his mother Mrs. Laura Scott over the weekend; a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson.



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left arm near the wrist. He spent one night in the hospital in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin entertained Mrs. Audrey Ansted and Pat Majeske and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan at their home one evening last week, the occasion being Mrs. Irvin's birthday.

Mickey and Cherry and Keith Grey have returned home after a visit in Salt Lake City and Mackey Idaho. Bill Steagall who visited with them has also returned and all four have enrolled in the Lexington high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nickols motored to Leavenworth, Washington one day last week, after Earl Papineau, their son who has been visiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. New't O'Harra are enjoying a new Packard.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Sr. and family attended a family reunion of the Barlow and Mefford families at Boardman. There were about 50 members of the family present. The function was held at the home of Mrs. Root. Later in the evening Mrs. Messenger, Mrs. Coats and Mrs. Gillispie visited with Charles Barlow at the hospital in Walla Walla. Donald Gillispie also visited Mr. Barlow with the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan visited an aunt and uncle of Mrs. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Horton of Grants Pass who is visiting in Cove, on Wednesday. Mr. Horton is a sister of Mrs. Fred Bristow of that city.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 10 a. m. from Folsom's Funeral chapel in Pendleton for William P. Luttrell, who passed away in that city Monday morning of a heart attack. The Rev. C. H. Eller of the Lutheran church officiated with burial in Olney cemetery. He was born in Knoxville, Tenn., and was 75 years of age. He has lived in Oregon 57 years and many of those years were spent in Morrow county. He is survived by a stepson and step daughter, Kenneth Lane of Pendleton and Mrs. Chas. Low, Tacoma, a brother Omer C. Luttrell of Hermiston and a sister, Mrs. Luther Stout of Wishram, Washington. Mr. Luttrell was well known in Lexington and is an uncle of Mrs. Vernon Munkers of this city.

Mrs. Vernon Munkers is a patient in Emanuel hospital in Portland where she underwent major surgery on Thursday morning.

Word was received here that Robert Wilcox, who lived here for

Congressional Farm Hearing Date Changed

The Congressional hearings on farm problems will be held in Pendleton a day earlier than originally planned, Sam Coon announced today. The hearings will be held November 4. They were originally scheduled for November 5.

Both the midwestern and western hearings schedules have been changed, according to the Eastern

Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Louise Irving, Associate Grand Matron of the O. E. S. of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell and son have moved to Heppner where he has a milk route from Heppner to Portland. Miss Karen Goddard of Condon was a weekend guest at the Earl McKinney home.

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