

San Juans, Islands of Contentment, Draw Visitors Seeking Relaxation

Motorloggers Travel To Puget Paradise By Auto and Ferries

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Pervading atmosphere of the San Juan islands, sensed even after a brief visit, is the contentment of the islanders with their away-from-it-all existence.

A good many of them left homes and jobs on the mainland to settle on the isolated islands, which make up San Juan county, Wash., after first feeling the spell while on vacation. These newcomers now outnumber the "natives," and the process continues.

A resort owner on the sleepy island of Lopez said one trouble with the resort business was that this summer's paying guest, like as not, will buy a bit of beach property and will be back next summer building his own cabin.

She didn't say it maliciously, however. She was happy about it. She, too, came for a visit eight years ago and came back to stay.

San Juan islanders love folks who love their islands.

Isles Number 172

The 172 small, beautiful islands, which are tops of a mountain range that sank beneath the sea, lie north of Puget sound between the United States mainland and Canada's Vancouver island, within a comfortable day's drive from Portland.

If you relish the quiet life, try them for a full vacation. Should you yearn for bright lights after a brief interval, give them the quick tour by ferryboat and car.

In the familiar white Oregon State Motor association Ford, we drove to Anacortes, gateway to the San Juans, and spent the night there. We spent three days touring Lopez, Orcas and San Juan islands, the regular ferry stops; then drove down Whidbey island to Keystone, ferried to Port Townsend and came home



Motorlog took writer north to Anacortes, then by ferry to three of San Juans; home via Whidbey island and Hood Canal route.



White motorlog car pauses at coast guard lighthouse on San Juan island, county seat for the Puget sound group. Across the water is Vancouver island, reached by Washington state ferries.

via the scenic Hood Canal highway.

There was no need to hurry at any time in the trip of about 700 miles, a good part of it over San Juan island roads.

Washington state ferries offer regular year-round passage to the San Juans, and during the vacation season through them to Sidney, on Vancouver island. The ferry ride itself is a scenic marvel, winding among the many beautiful islands, sometimes within slingshot distance of the shoreline.

Lopez island, our first stop, is somewhat flat but with the beautifully rugged, rocky shore typical of the San Juans. Farms, many of them tended by fishermen in their off season, dot the landscape. It's a great place for complete isolation from city life, and only recently has it become resort conscious.

Resorts Offer Cabins

Orcas, the largest and most picturesque of the islands, is the most popular with vacationers. Some 35 resorts make the tourist dollar a most important part of the island's limited economy. As on the other islands, resorts offer chiefly housekeeping cabins, comfortable but unpretentious. Average rental is \$35 a week for two, with \$5 extra for each additional person.

On Orcas is Moran state park, 6000 acres, most of it within virgin forest, with four lakes and camp grounds.

Orcas' prime attraction is 351 Constitution, 2400 feet, highest point on the islands. Its stone observation tower affords one of the world's most spectacular marine views.

The San Juans lie calmly below, seemingly almost under foot. There in the near distance is Bellingham, there Anacortes; snow-capped Mt. Baker and the

Cascade mountains line in one direction, Vancouver island's peaks in another and the Olympic range in another.

Artificial vacation excitement on Orcas, as on the other islands, is almost non-existent. You fish—for salmon on the troll, for bottom fish near the rocks or for trout in the lakes—you go hiking, you sit in the sun away from your office. Take your choice.

That a great many people love restful San Juan vacations is indicated by the fact that accommodations are crowded in July and August. The traveler should have a reservation in those months.

San Juan Historical

San Juan island, site of Friday Harbor, the county seat, hasn't the scenic attraction of Orcas, but the fishing is just as good and the island history is here—along with the island doctor (who uses a private plane), theater, and liquor store.

Here was the final boundary conflict between the United States and Great Britain. Each nation claimed the islands, and in the 1850s each occupied a part of San Juan island. The old block house of the English camp still stands, along with some other buildings.

Friday Harbor's annual Rendezvous, this year scheduled August 14, is a summer highlight, a free salmon barbecue for visitors. This year plans are afoot to feed a crowd of 3500.

Game is so plentiful in the islands that residents look on their small deer and pheasants as pests. San Juan island itself has so many rabbits, offspring of a colony of Belgian hares, that high schoolers, it's said, make spending money from a modern type "snipe hunt"—blinding the rabbits with bright searchlights, then netting them!

Graduation To Be Next Week at Boardman School

By Flossie Coats

BOARDMAN—The Boardman high school Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 23rd at the Boardman Community church with the Rev. A. E. Davis, Methodist minister, officiating. Music will be furnished by the church choir accompanied by Mrs. Frank Barlow.

Commencement exercises will be Monday evening, May 24 at 8 p. m. in the Boardman gymnasium. Dr. Frank B. Bennett, president of the Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande will be the guest speaker. Special music will be by the trio, Miss Jean Scott, Miss Zelma Cowan, and Mrs. Eugene Harwood, accompanied by Mrs. Lowell Shattuck, who will also play the processional and the recessional.

Miss Dayle Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones is the Valedictorian, and Leonard Ilmstead is the Salutatorian. Seniors finishing school are besides the two mentioned, Rena Anderson, Evelyn Hulit, Wilma Hug, Edna Knight, Bernadine Kress, Larry Thorpe, Ted Zivney, Keith Ferguson and Bob Smith.

Eighth grade graduation will be Wednesday afternoon May 26 at 2 p. m. with superintendent of schools at Irigoin, Eugene Inskip delivering the address to the following graduates, Duree Johnston, Donna Ferguson, Donna Waits, Barbara Gantenben, Kathleen Duncan, Ivan Kress, Jim Aardappel, Jim Thorpe, Jerry Peck, Gary Moore, Dennis Duncan and Gerald Anderson.

Wednesday evening, at 8 p. m. will be the school class night when all the awards will be presented to the various students, by the teachers.

Phil Jones had the misfortune to get one of his legs broken between the knee and the ankle Monday afternoon while helping unload heavy road equipment at Enterprise. He is now in the Enterprise hospital. Mrs. Jones, Etta and Archie Jones motored to Enterprise Sunday to see Phil.

\$27.00. The benefit dance for the Henry Copper family raised about \$44.00 to help build their new home.

Stanley Musgrave took Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith to Hansen, Idaho to get their household goods. They will be employed at the Mt. Vernon Rest Home. They left early Sunday morning and returned Monday.

Harold Cork was called to Bend Monday to see his mother, Mabel Cork, who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Johnson.

The city council met Tuesday evening and voted to raise \$750.00 my taxation to put street lights in Monument.

The Galloping Goose party met for an early morning breakfast with Babe Showalter on the old Tommy Hayward place last Wednesday.

Onida Cork, Ossie Engle, Naomi Hooker, Pearl Martin, Ann Kimmell, Mattie Stubblefield, Reta Copper met at the home of Edith Batty to hold Ladies Aid meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kincaid and Millie Wilson were business visit-

ors in John Day and Canyon City last Tuesday. As soon as the Kincaids reached home, they left and drove to Baker that evening.

Mead Gilman Jr. and daughter Marlene will visit Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman Sr., until June 4th when Mr. Gilman will report at Fort Lewis.

Mrs. Darlene Boyer, Mrs. Isobel Neel, Mrs. Jessie Jewell and Mrs. Margaret Holmes were all shopping and having medical check-ups in Prineville May 11th. They returned the same day.

Roy Leathers and Jim Wedgeworth were doing jury duty in Canyon City this week.

Doc Hinton took his sister Ella, Durst to Heppner on Sunday to visit her husband, Heffy Durst, who recently underwent surgery at the Heppner hospital.

Monument's town team of baseball drove to Mitchell Sunday to play the Mitchell town team. Several car loads of people went with the team. Mitchell's team was winner by a large margin.

Grass-Land Field Day Slated at OSC June 2

A grass-land field day will be held at Oregon State college June 2 instead of the annual farm crops field day. H. H. Rampton, associate agronomist and program chairman, has announced. OSC's grass-land research program will be featured.

Visitors will gather in the sheep and beef barn and judging pavilion area at 9:30 a. m. Tours of the OSC hill pasture, south farm and dairy pastures will then be conducted by the college's scientists with discussions on the latest grass-land research findings of the agricultural experi-

ment station. Those attending will also have an opportunity to see a self-feeder silo at the Wyatt farm.

Coffee will be provided at noon but visitors are asked to bring their own lunch.

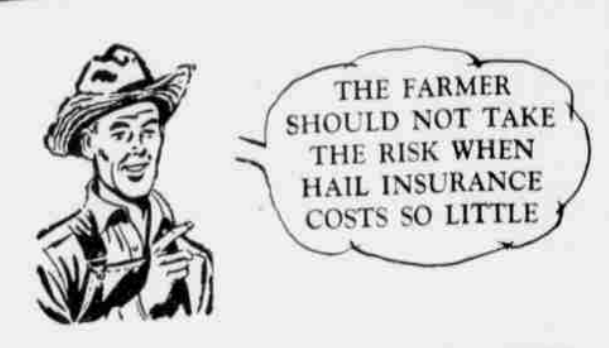
Mrs. W. B. Barratt of Salem is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt.

DIVORCE GRANTED

A decree awarding Vera E. Butler a divorce from her husband, Bonnie G. Butler was entered by the county clerk of Wasco county, Oregon on May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt were in Spokane a few days the end of last week.

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Monument News

By Millie Wilson

Andy Beardsley was injured while working on his barn Tuesday. His wife, Mildred took him for medical aid. It was feared he had broken some ribs.

The schoolmasters dinner sponsored by the Ladies Aid netted

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