

Motorlog Into John Day Country Combines Geology With Scenery

**Old-Timer's Fossil
Collection Allures
Visitors From Afar**

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Twenty-five years ago it seemed only a matter of time before a cutoff across the Warm Springs Indian reservation would link Portland with central Oregon more expeditiously than ever before.

Or so it appeared to Lawrence Barber, now marine editor of The Oregonian, who motorlogged over dim trails into the Warm Springs country in that era and noted, with obvious confidence: "In these days of economy and efficiency, such a highway is sure to be built sooner or later."

Just how much later than sooner it was to be, no one in 1930 could have predicted exactly. As it turned out, it was late 1949 before opening of the broad Warm Springs highway lopped 90 minutes and 33 miles off the trip from Portland to Bend.

Today, a drive following the U. S. highway 26 signs that mark this smooth boulevard is so routine that it isn't even a motorlog in itself—it was only a shortcut, the first leg of an Oregonian expedition by Oregon State Motor association Ford into the limitless expanses of central Oregon and the John Day country.

From Prineville—livestock and lumber center—our route



Oregon State Motor association white car stopped along state highway 19 near U. S. 26 junction for view of John Day cliffs.

lay east along Ochoco reservoir, impounded behind an earth-fill dam for irrigation, and through junipers and pines up and over the Ochocos, westmost spur of the Blue mountains.

Three miles west of Mitchell, we deserted paved U. S. 26 for a passable side road leading eight miles to Painted Hills state park. The alfalfa prospering from the waters of muddy, rolling Bridge creek was a lush green relief from the dry and rocky walls of the narrow valley.

But all at once, at the state park, the hills were not just dry and rocky. Sculpted by nature, in some places into forms suggesting nothing more vividly than giant elephant limbs, they were alternately red or yellow or a smudged black, depending on which chemical influence was strongest in the soil.

In no hurry to get anywhere in particular, we chose not to continue straight east on U. S. 26 to the town of John Day. Instead, the motorlog Ford pur-

sued a loop downstream along the John Day river past the storied fossil beds to Kimberly, then east following the north fork of the John Day through Monument to Long Creek on U. S. 395 and finally south to U. S. 26 again at Mt. Vernon.

This circuit took the car over good roads—paved except for the last few miles into Long Creek—through countryside suggestive at some points, because of the red hues and sculpturing of rock formations, of southern Utah around Bryce canyon.

In the city of John Day itself, ranchers occasionally drive whole bands of livestock right through the streets. It's a community in many respects like the stereotype of a western town—jeans, Stetsons and pearl-button shirts abound—yet the principal restaurants are the Anchor, the Canton and the South Seas, and there's even a motel called the Cote d'Or.

The John Day country being a geological showplace, before leaving we made a pilgrimage to the weathered pine home of Tom Weatherford, whose collection of John Day fossils draws distinguished visitors from around the globe.

Weatherford lives on a homestead west of Dayville, at the point where U. S. 26 plunges into the basalt narrows of Picture gorge. From a root cellar next to his house, he hauls out box after box of fossils from the Eocene, petrified wood and exotic rocks and stones.

As he replaced the jaw of a Pliocene mastodon into its box, he twinkled: "I've always said when I find a whole rhinoceros, I'm going to ride him home."

Tom Weatherford, veteran of the Spanish-American war, rugged rancher and dedicated student of the fossil beds, seemed to typify the country in which he lives.

He's been hunting rocks and fossils so long that he says he can't remember how he started. And no doubt he'll keep it up until—who knows—a news story from Dayville tells us he has indeed found a whole rhinoceros.



Travelers varied route by entering John Day country through Prineville and returning via Arlington after a scenic loop.

Bridal Shower Held at Lex Hall For Lynn Wright

By Delpha Jones

The L. O. O. dining room was the scene of a lovely bridal shower honoring Lynn Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Wright whose wedding to Ron Haguwood will be solemnized July 1 in Heppner.

Hostesses for the occasion were Gladys Van Winkle, Pat and Marie Steagall, and Mildred Davidson. Games were played with prizes being won by the following: Mrs. Emma Breshears, Coleen Padberg, Gene Leonard. The room was beautifully decorated with summer flowers, and a small table with a clever pastel parasol with gifts under it.

After the bride elect opened her many gifts, refreshments of angel food cake, whipped cream, and strawberries were served to the following: Mesdames Don Hatfield, B. J. Doherty, Randy Lott, Ray Dolven, Earl Warner, Mervin Leonard, Frances McMillan, Mae McCall, Audrey Ansted, Buster Padberg, Howard Crowell, Eldon Padberg, Leonard Munkers, Bertha Hunt, Morris McCall, O. G. Breeding, Oris Padberg, Charles

HEPPNER METHODIST CHURCH

L. D. Boulden, Minister
Morning Worship 9:00 a. m.
Church School 10:00 a. m.

Monday is Independence Day. "It should be the lesson of our life to grow into a holy independence of every judgment which has not the sanction of conscience and of God—No man can lift up his head with manly calmness and peace who is the slave of other men's judgments."—J. W. Alexander.

THE IONE NAZARENE CHURCH

Wilfred C. McKay, pastor
Sunday school is at 10:00; Worship service is at 11:00; Young Peoples meeting is at 7:15; evening church service is at 8:00. Bible study and prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Gale and Wilcox
Willis W. Geyer, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Young People 7:45 p. m.
Thursday Bible Hour 7:45 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Earl L. Soward, pastor
Sunday morning worship is at 9 a. m.
The pastor will speak on "Christian Patriotism".
Bible school begins at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages and grades, adults included.
Vacation Bible school had to be postponed until August 1.

Buchanan, Emma Breshears, and the Misses Cherry Grey, Maureen Groves, Barbara Steagall, Georgia Gibson, Nancy Wright and out of town guests, Mrs. O. G. Haguwood, Heppner; and Mrs. Sam Esteb, Ione; Ava Field, Vera Haggold, Betty Hamilton and Vivian Kane of Heppner and the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wall of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allyn from Anderson, California, and Mrs. Lena Taylor of Pendleton were visitors Sunday at the George Allyn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt were hostesses to a surprise birthday party honoring Miss Cherry Grey at the Hunt home on Sunday evening. The party enjoyed swimming at Ione, returning home where they enjoyed a wicker roast and had birthday cake and ice cream. Miss Grey received many nice gifts. Those attending were George Hermann, Keith Grey, Anna Jepsen, Donald Hunt, Lee Cornilison, Eugene Wardwell, Asa Way, James Laney, Sue Laney, Juanita Angel, Mickey Grey, Jeanine Hunt, Dora Sue Davidson, Mrs. Nita Grey, and the hostess and host.

Dennis, Martha and Rodger Doherty entertained a number of their friends at their home in Black Horse canyon on Saturday evening with a party. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed. Later Mrs. Doherty served refreshments to the following children and their mothers, Bobby, Beverly and Dora Sue Davidson, and Mrs. Robert Davidson; Hank, Louise and Tommie Pointer; and Mrs. Don Pointer; Tommie and Jimmie Martin, Linda Van Winkle, Keith Peck, Gregory and Hugh Leyva, Barbara Steagall, James and Sue and Roberta Laney, Paula Barak, Mickey Grey, Sandra and Karl Beach, Charlene Jones, Steven Klinger, Larry Angell, and Mrs. Delpha Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and children and Beverly Davidson were visitors Sunday in Cove at the Dewie Lovelace home.

Mrs. Dean Hunt, Cherry Grey and Mrs. E. E. McFadden were The Dalles visitors on Monday.

Audrey Ansted was a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital following a car accident early Monday morning.

The Lexington Christian-Congregational Sunday school held their annual picnic at the church on Sunday with the youngsters going to the school house where games were played. There were about 40 present.

Mrs. Agnes Noble of Walla Walla Washington is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Breshears.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green and Floyd Green of Arlington, was a guest at the Jess Orwick home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig had as their guests the first of the week, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox of Portland who brought Mike and Johnny Koenig home after a two weeks visit at the Fox home.

Bridge Club Meets At Allen Case Home

Mrs. Allen Case entertained the Renegers Bridge club Wednesday evening, June 22nd at her home.

Others present were Mrs. Bradley Fancher, Mrs. Richard Meador, Mrs. Robert Gammell, Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, Mrs. William Labhart, Mrs. Jack Marshall, Mrs. Robert Ferrell, Mrs. William Barratt, Mrs. Alex Thompson, Mrs. Gene Hall and Mrs. James Noreen.

Mrs. Fancher had high score, Mrs. Meador second and Mrs. Gammell was low.

Dessert was served at the beginning of the evening.

Lonerock News

Mrs. Alcy Madden made a trip to Hardman Tuesday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins, during the day.

The rainfall of .35 inch from the thunderstorm of last week, brightened the outlook for the ranchers in this area. Due to hot weather and continuous dry winds, it was beginning to show its effect in the wheat fields and vegetation. It is hoped there will be more rainfall within the next week or so.

George Fichter and J. S. Boyer were business visitors in Condon on Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Wick, Mrs. Lewis LeTrace and daughter of Echo visited the Lester Wick family on Saturday.

Deanna and Candace Hayes of Corvallis are visiting their grandparents the Glenn Hayes family, during their vacation.

Willis Cason of Olex, and his brother-in-law, Arlie Brown of Goldendale, Wash., were calling on old friends, in and around Lonerock, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Cason, mother of Mrs. Brown, are visiting at the Cason and Knighten residence over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Carter and James Moore were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis, Carolyn and Evan visited at Rhea Creek Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Hicks of Kinzua and Bill Hicks from Condon were visitors in Lonerock on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Haynes and Marilyn made a trip to Heppner Sunday.

IONE NEWS

Mrs. Omar Rietmann attended a high school reunion at Park Place Sunday. There were 67 present. She was a guest of Mrs. Agnes Wilcox and Mrs. Mabel Denney while in Portland.

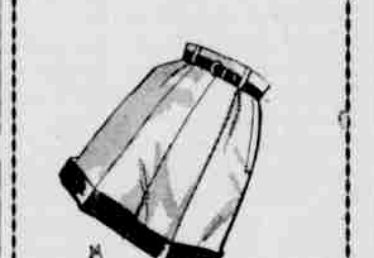
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goodrich of Husum, Wash. were weekend

guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Goodrich visited at the home of their granddaughter and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Les Downing in Walla Walla Saturday. Norman Goodrich and Tommy Breshears returned home with the Goodrichs after visiting at the Rays for a couple of weeks.



COTTONS

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Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.
Services and Sunday school meet in the SDA church in Heppner, Pastor's residence, Lanham Apartments, No. 8.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Robert E. Becker, Pastor
Saturday Services:
Sabbath school, 9:30 a. m.
Sermon, 11 a. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. Bible Studies.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sundays
8 a. m. Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m. Church school.
11 a. m. Morning Prayer.
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7 p. m. Y. F. F.
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