

Modern Vacation Resorts Rising In Pristine McKenzie River Area

Forests and Lava Attract Tourists

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Exposure to the charms and enchantments of the Three Sisters country of the upper McKenzie river is not recommended to the vacationer who would remain faithful to more prosaic and better advertised summer pleasure spots.

A taste of the narcotic beauty and pristine splendor of this primitive area some 50 miles east of Eugene on highway 126 can come dangerously close to making an addict of you overnight.

The development of this region's tourist accommodations, unlike the fast boating area of the lower McKenzie, is only now getting under way. Lately, enthusiastic Californians, who instinctively know how to please travelers, are investing in first-class cabins, motels, restaurants, recreation areas and even a beauty parlor, so sold are they on this region.

Priests Build Camp

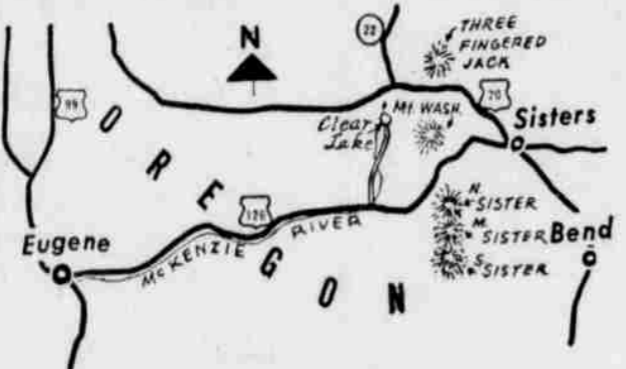
Even the Dominican fathers of San Rafael, Cal., have succumbed to the charms of the Three Sisters and have invested more than a quarter of a million dollars in a summer camp for students studying for the priesthood.

In an Oregon State Motor association motorlog to the region, the writer and his family visited scores of fine cabins strung along the fast, sparkling McKenzie.

We stayed at Laughing Waters in a two-bedroom cabin, done in natural wood and sporting a huge stone fireplace in the living room. A furnished kitchen had clean, ample facilities for meals, which could be topped off with rainbow, cutthroat and Dolly Varden trout, caught easily by



Lava flows dammed the Upper McKenzie creating Clear Lake. In its depths, an ancient, drowned forest can be seen.



Highway 126 follows the white water of the McKenzie and near Bend skirts to the north of the scenic Three Sisters.

standing on the cabin porch and dropping a line directly into the McKenzie.

But if the fishing is fabulous, the hiking is nothing less than spectacular. There is the excitement of discovering Sahalle and Koozah waterfalls, two of the finest in Oregon; the thrill of journeys to the Three Sisters and the lava beds beyond and a trek to cold Clear lake, or to warm, shallow Fish lake nearby.

Clear lake was created when volcanic flows dammed the canyon and trapped a forest, more than 1000 years old. The reser-

voir-clear water, at places nearly 200 feet deep, falls to hide the ancient trees, preserved like museum relics in clear plastic.

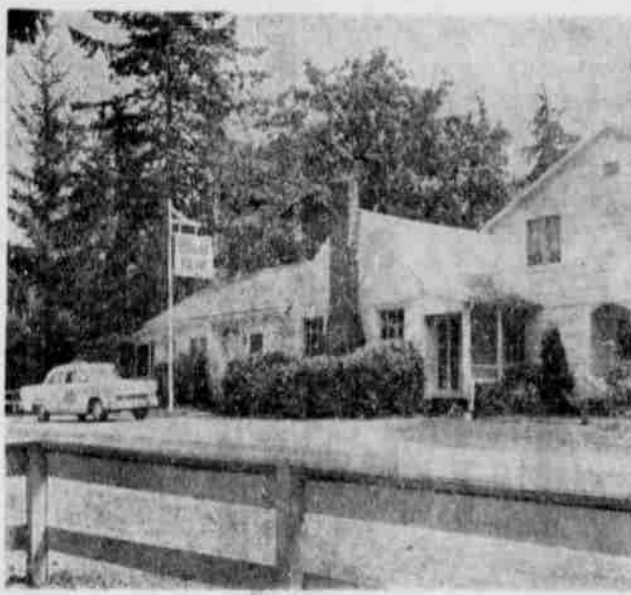
At Clear lake, where the fishing (rainbow and cutthroat) is unpredictable, is Great Spring, principal water supply for the lake whose outlet is the McKenzie river. Rowboats may be rented for 50 cents an hour from the Santiam Fish and Game association, which also operates cabins and a restaurant and store.

Volcanoes Active

Dr. Howell Williams, University of California geologist who studied the Three Sisters region, believes there was more volcanic activity there during the past few thousand years—since the time of Christ—than in any other part of the high Cascades.

Evidences of later glaciers that gouged out the old volcanoes can be seen along the McKenzie highway. The North Sister, largest and oldest of the Three Sisters group, offers good hiking trails at its base and on its slopes gives a moderate test to the skilled mountaineer.

Here, then, is a vacation land with an enchanting and seductive past, once a "cinder box of Hades," now a Thoreau-like land of surprises, like heated swimming pools, an air strip for winged travelers, good roads, covered bridges, restaurants, first-class motels and cabins, beauty parlors and cocktail lounges.



The white motorlog car visits Holiday Farm, one of the many modern tourist accommodations in the McKenzie area.

Monument News

By Martha Matteson
(Too late for last week)

Mary Leasie and children of Fox visited her brother and family, the Roy Bowmans, Tuesday. The Monument Scheme Teens held open house June 24 at the grange hall and invited teenagers 13 to 19 from Mitchell to join them. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

Darlene Boyer, Edna Moore and their children and Thelma Williams drove to Ritter hot springs Tuesday afternoon for swimming and a picnic.

Mrs. June Ayers spent Tuesday at the Wayne Leathers ranch on Copper creek.

H. D. Hinton and Recta Hunt and daughter Diana were in John Day Tuesday.

Lois Bleakman and two daughters and Bobby Cox drove to John Day Tuesday for polo shots.

Miss Marlene Gilman of Corvallis was a visitor Tuesday at the Van Detta home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Barbara and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ingle and son Robert Dean drove to Portland and Salem for the week. Wheelers returned Thursday and Mrs. Ingels and son stayed on for a longer visit.

Mrs. Joe Mellor and children drove to Heppner Wednesday morning to get her niece, Miss Diana Cox who is spending the week here while her mother Mrs. Stanley Cox took her brother David to Portland for surgery on his foot.

Louisa Flemings drove to Canyon City Wednesday morning on business then went on to Prairie City to visit her daughter Donna Lee Kimberling. She returned home Thursday evening.

Vern McCarty is busy hauling horses to Redmond and wool to

home last week from Frontier, Wyo., where she was a guest at the Kallister home. Miss Jo Kallister returned home with her for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lieualen of Pendleton visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobyns left Monday for Portland.

Baker for H. M. Hanson of Long Creek.

Miss Sharon Hinton spent the past week at the Wayne Leathers home with Deanna.

Mary Ella Hinton spent the past two weeks at Dayville with her grandfolds, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thorpe.

Charles Holmes and Boyd Hinton are building road out from Butter creek for the Tom Ross logging crew who are moving there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern McCarty and two sons drove to Heppner Friday for dentist work.

Stanley Boyer, Owen Smith, Elzie Emory have been cutting grass on vacant lots.

Donald Gilman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman, left John Day July 1 for Boise, Idaho to be inducted into the armed forces. He was a Monument high school graduate in 1952 and he went to Eastern Oregon college for four years. He and his wife, Joyce, both taught last year at Corbett. His father Mead Gilman, Sr. is a veteran as also is his brother Mead, Jr. His mother, Linnie Gilman, wife Joyce and her grandmother, Mrs. Aas of La Grande accompanied him to John Day and from there

Joyce and her grandmother drove on to La Grande.

Mr. Albert Chan arrived the past week to take over the ministry of the Pr sbyterian church at Monument and Dayville. His wife and baby will arrive next week.

Mrs. Dottie Smith left the first of the week for Montana to be with her mother for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Settle left Thursday morning with Willard and Moya Gilman for the middle fork on a camping and fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Slocum left Tuesday to spend two or three days in The Dalles on business. They went by way of Pendleton.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Hams of Hardman were recent visitors at the home of their sons and family, Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Hams.

Those spending the Fourth at the John Bryson home were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray, Mrs. Arvilla Swanson, Mrs. Frances Piper and John Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunther of Pendleton spent the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hausler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders and sons of Portland were visitors here last week. Mrs. Sanders is a sister of Mrs. John Eubanks and Lloyd Morgan.

Mrs. Ray Boyce entertained the bridge club at her home Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Pete Cannon received high prize; Mrs. Walter Corley second high, and Mrs. Delmer Crawford low.

Miss Dorothy Dobyns returned

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