

Famed Sun Valley Winter Resort Offers Many Summer Attractions

Many Families Motor to Spa

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Under the winter snow banked and drifted around the lodges, inns and chalets of Sun Valley is the richest bluegrass lawn in Idaho. This grass, which lies frozen and dormant during the exhilarations of the skiing season, is symbolic of the transformation the resort undergoes from winter to summer.

Such a good job of bathing Sun Valley in dazzling winterized glamor has been done, what with peopling the place with movie stars, presidents, international celebrities, beautiful women and handsome men, that the average budget-conscious family was once timid about tackling the resort in the summer season.

Anyway, who would go to the nation's most famous ski resort in summer — when the snow is all melted?

Well, lots and lots of people, both the Hollywood species and the budget-reminded family are showing up at the Sawtooth mountain resort to sip a cool-temperated vacation loaded with all kinds of entertainment.

Many Arrive By Auto

Despite the fact the resort was built and is owned and operated by the Union Pacific railroad, a large number of guests arrive in automobiles, just as we did when we arrived in a white Oregon State Motor association motorlog car and highballed the family into a couple of comfortable rooms in the Challenger Inn.

Here, 13 hours' driving time from Portland, we began an exciting stay in the bluegrass principality of Sun Valley.

The hottest attraction in the summer is also the coolest. It is the 15,000-square-foot ice skating rink, said by the builders to be the largest year-round outdoor rink in the world.

In no time at all, say a few hours, children who have never been closer to ice than an electric refrigerator are actually standing upright on skates. In a few days, some are skating backwards, thanks to the help of the Olympic caliber skating pros.



One wintertime activity continues throughout summer at Sun Valley. Here the writer's children, Sheila and Joe, tried ice skating under the warm sun. This is popular attraction.

The rink is in front of the Lodge Terrace, so it is possible each night to enjoy the best food in Sun Valley and watch the skaters spin on the brilliantly lighted rink.

If you get either bored or bruised by the skating, there is the Sun Valley Opera House, which shows first-run movies each night; there are two bars, nightly dancing, two dining rooms and a cafeteria for the guy who has to watch the family dollars. There is also good television, for those who refuse to escape.

Hayrack rides and pack trips aboard horses to Trail Creek cabin where a jazz trio provides dancing music are offered twice a week.

Kids Have Playground

There are two swimming pools; a nine-hole golf course with 18 tees; one of the finest trap or skeet shooting rigs in the nation and a rifle and pistol range.

There is trout fishing in nearby creeks between June 4 and October 31 and restricted fishing for lazy guests in the Sun Valley lake. There are four tennis courts and a pro to improve your shots. There are also 100 western riding horses and a superabundance of wide open spaces.

A special playground, stocked with baby sitters, is provided for young children. Also, the

common between the two major hotels has no auto traffic, so children are safe walking there. Bicycles and tricycles can be rented for modest sums. Cycling is a favorite form of transportation for all ages.

The impressive lawn and landscaping, never seen by the winter visitors, is not just to look at. Comfortable lounges around duck ponds and picture-book bridges and waterfalls make the common an ideal place to soak up the sun and ignore the world.

Rooms and rates to fit most pocketbooks, ranging from celebrity-like accommodations in the lodge to dormitory rooms for four at motel prices, are available. You can spend as little or as much money as you like. However, most of the entertainment and rides, except for the swimming pools, which are free to hotel guests, will cost extra money.

Shoshone Is Railroad

The maximum average temperature in July, generally the hottest month in the valley, which is 6000 feet above sea level, is 80.1 degrees. August is about the same and September averages about eight degrees cooler.

Drivers from Oregon and Washington will approach Sun Valley from the west through Boise. It is 121 miles from Boise over U. S. highways 30, 26 and 20 to Shoshone, where rail visitors are picked up on buses for the 55-mile trip north to the resort.

Only an hour's driving time from Shoshone are the volcanic and lava splendors of the Craters of the Moon, one of the geological wonders of the nation. Four and a half hours more driving will bring you to Yellowstone national park, where nature has indulged in super-exertions to provide scenery.

Summer activities at Sun Valley run from June 1 until October 15, when the resort is closed down for repair and refurbishing in preparation for the ski season that opens at Christmas and runs to early April.



Oregonians can reach Sun Valley by auto via U. S. highways 30 or 30 to Boise, U. S. 20 to Shoshone, then onto U. S. 93.

Buddy and daughter Rosetta motored to The Dalles on Tuesday taking Pvt. James Laney there where he took a bus to his station in California.

Mrs. Ethel Dunbar motored to Arlington on Tuesday taking her son Norman Miles to the bus. He is returning to a Coast Guard station in California.

Mrs. Eldon Padberg entertained with coffee and cake on Friday morning honoring Mrs. Lois Hunt. Those present were Gladys VanWinkle, Lorene Ledbetter, Mildred Davidson, Cherry Hermann, Lois Hunt and Eileen Padberg.

O. Laney and son James were visitors in Lakeview last week. Mrs. E. E. McFadden is employed at Gonty's shoe store in Heppner this week.

Mrs. Marilyn Pullen and sister, Rosalie Dickenson, were visitors at the O. G. Breeding home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McFadden entertained a sister of Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Elouise Gibbs, and Boyd Turner of Hermiston, on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austin and children, Salem, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Butterfield, left Monday for Elgin where they will visit Mr. Austin's sister, Mrs. Boyd Standley and family.

OSC to Test Rye, Clover Grasses From Australia

New clover and rye grass varieties developed in Australia and New Zealand will be tested by Oregon State college next year, reports D. D. Hill, head of the O. S. C. farm crops department.

The varieties were discovered by J. Ritchie Cowan, OSC agronomist, when he attended the International Grassland Congress in New Zealand last year, Hill said. Seed stocks of possible high-yielding rye grass and orchard grass varieties and a new variety of strawberry clover are now being checked for forage production under local conditions and as possible parent materials in plant breeding projects.

Cowan's trip to the congress was financed in part by the Hyslop Agricultural Research foundation, according to Hill who is secretary of the foundation. The foundation was established 11 years ago as a memorial to the late Prof. George R. Hyslop, former head of the OSC farm crops department.

Gifts donated by friends of Professor Hyslop have been set up in a trust fund, with the income used to support research and other investigations on plant pro-

duction problems. The foundation is still receiving gifts, Hill said, either to be added to the trust fund for specific research projects with both principal and income used to solve some farm crops problems.

The Australian strawberry clover variety, named Palestine, caught Cowan's eye because of its high yield. Strawberry clover has been found very useful in moist, seepy areas and on alkali lands in Eastern Oregon. Hill explained, but forage yields of presently used varieties have been only fair.

Cowan also reported that the Australian and New Zealand workers have done considerable research on use of minor fertilizer elements—such as copper, zinc, molybdenum, cobalt, and magnesium—to solve grassland problems. Some of their findings might also be useful to Oregon farmers, he said.

Traffic Accidents Decline in State

Nearly 24,000 traffic accidents occurred on Oregon street and highways during the first five months of this year, the Department of Motor Vehicles' traffic safety division reported today.

While this figure falls short of the number of accidents reported

for the same period a year ago, safety officials said it is "only tentative" and may have to be revised upward if delayed reports are received.

Injuries during the first five months of the year totalled 6,042, also a slight decline when compared with the same period in 1956.

During May, latest month for which figures are available, there were 2,107 accidents in Portland; 1,365 mishaps in other urban areas of the state, and 1,299 accidents in rural locations.



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Lexington News

By DELPHA JONES

Dick Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital suffering from second degree burns and shock when he was injured at the farm of his grandmother, Mrs. Elva Ruhl, during a wheat fire on Monday.

Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth is again at home after major surgery in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Word has been received in Lexington of the injury of Ernest Fredricks of Salem. He is in a hospital in that city.

Mike Patrick spent the weekend in Portland.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske motored to

Portland on Saturday taking her grandson, Stevie Ansted, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounts, met him from their home in Randle, Washington.

Mrs. John Ledbetter entertained with a swimming party on Friday honoring Mrs. Dean Hunt's birthday. Those attending were: Mrs. Genia Leonard, Mrs. Bernice Lott, Mrs. Iris Campbell, the honoree Lois Hunt, and the hostess Lorene Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Papineau are spending some time in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Northrup and daughter Peggy took a load of delegates to the Christian church summer camp at Cove on Sunday.

Pendleton visitors on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Morris McCarl

and Bertha Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hermann entertained with a dinner party Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt on their birthdays. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Lew Green and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg and daughter Jill were visitors at the Bissinger home in Pendleton on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miles were Hermiston visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Canham, niece of Cecil Jones, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Jones and family from their home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Laney and son

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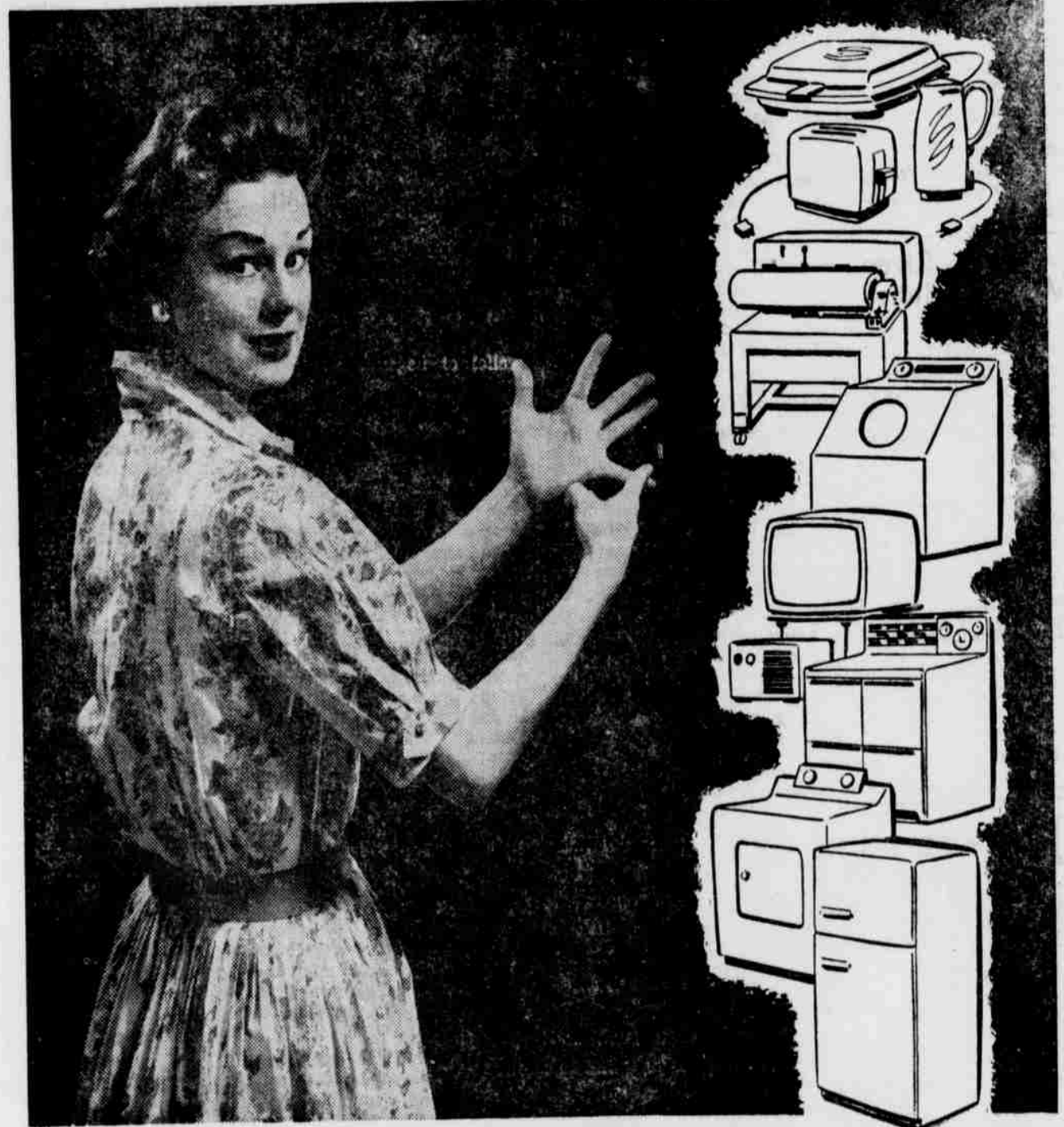
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