

# Cruising for Fun

## Shimmering Lakes and Towering Peaks of Oregon's Cascade Range Viewed by Motorloggers on Trek Up 260-Mile Skyline Road

This newspaper is co-operating with the Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor Association to present a series of motorloggers under the general title, "Cruising for Fun." The average elevation of Oregon's recreation facilities. This article has been condensed from a full-page article appearing in The Oregonian, August 1.

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"The Oregon Skyline Trail follows the summits of the Cascades of Oregon from Mount Hood to Crater lake, a distance of about 260 miles. Some day it will be the wonder way of Oregon.

"The present trail is a combination of connection of rough mountain trail and road, located or constructed in disjointed manner, at different times by forest rangers, stockmen, miners, trappers and Indians. . . The average elevation of the trail is about 5400 feet. Eventually it may be made into a highway."

These excerpts are quoted from "An Ideal Vacation Land—The National Forest of Oregon," a comprehensive booklet published by the United States forest service in 1923. And a recent trip over the Skyline road by the white Oregonian-Oregon State Motor association travel car, with Secretary of State Earl Snell, Sheriff A. C. Burke of Marion county and the writer as passengers, demonstrated the accuracy of that 14-years-ago prophecy.

The Skyline trail has been made into a highway. Not a wide, smooth or straight highway, to be sure, nor one conducive to high speed, but a thoroughly enjoyable auto road, easily negotiated in less than two days, offering some of the grandest mountain and lake scenery of the state, if not the entire Pacific northwest.

Trip Begun Monday

The motorlog car left Portland early Monday morning, rolled down the Pacific highway to Salem, where the two official guests were taken aboard, then headed east through Stayton and Mill City toward the Santiam pass. Pavement is the rule as far as Mill City, with a short stretch of good gravel road beyond. Soon, though, the route becomes rough, rocky and narrow as it follows the tortuous canyon of the rushing North Santiam river.

At Detroit the motorlog encounters construction work in progress, extending almost to the juncture of the North and South Santiam routes. Over this part of the road the going is slow, although a good grade and wide curves engage an excellent piece of highway construction when it is finished.

Shortly before its juncture with the South Santiam route, the highway changes to smooth gravel with wide sweeping curves, and, passing the junction, skirts beautiful Blue and Suttle lakes. From Sisters the route is over pavement to Bend, where the motorlog group stopped briefly for lunch.

Southward on The Dalles-California highway, speeding along through central Oregon's pine forests with Broken Top, Maiden peak, Diamond peak, the three Sisters and other mountains of the Cascades towering to the west.

Soon after passing the little town of Chemult is encountered the paved road leading directly toward the mountains, Crater, and Diamond lakes waiting at the pavement's end.

A good night's sleep and breakfast at Crater Lake lodge, the too few minutes available for gazing in awed admiration at the shimmering indigo of the lake, and the trek north was under way.

As the highway leaves Crater's



Sheriff A. C. Burke of Marion county, left, and Secretary of State Earl Snell admire a Skyline scenic vista—Elk Lake with Bachelor butte looming in the background.

rim the motorist begins to get an idea of what will be encountered throughout the 260-mile trip: Ahead, beyond a vista of sweeping fire-clad ridges and valleys, Mount Thielsen pokes its sharp pinnacle 9178 feet skyward, with Mount Bailey seeming no less altitudinous, despite its more rounded peak. Between the two nestles the sparkling expanse of Diamond lake, while Bald butte and Hemlock butte rear upward in the background.

Out of Diamond lake the Skyline road rapidly gained altitude, until its narrow but surprising smooth dirt surface was winding along a high ridge, through the lodgepole pines of near-timberline. The entire section of road, including the crossing of Windigo pass, was dry, reasonably smooth, and well engineered to eliminate steep grades. The drive around Crater lake offers the motorist a delightful view of mountains and water, culminating in the arrival at the attractive resort situated on the lake's north shore.

Less than ten miles north of Crater lake is Odell lake, largest of the lakes adjacent to the south portion of the Skyline route. At the town of Crescent Lake is encountered one of the few signs of civilization seen on the entire Skyline road—it is the ruins of the Natron cutoff, Southern Pacific's cutoff from Eugene to Klamath Falls. Turning north from Odell lake, however, the Skyline traveler soon forgets this momentary intrusion of modern progress as he passes 6900-foot-high Kalkias mountain, glimpses lowering Maiden peak to the northwest, and sees numerous other high mountains, many white with snow, ahead.

Nestled in a valley is Davis lake, nearly as large as Diamond, Crater and Odell, but offering variety in setting with its margin of meadowlands. Elk lake, where the boating and fishing attracts many central Oregon vacationists, has a delightful setting, with grim-visaged Bachelor butte seemingly rising almost from the water at its west shore. From Elk lake the road swings east to skirt the rugged Three Sisters; a 24-mile portion of the Skyline through the Three Sisters game refuge, and over the very shoulders of the peaks themselves was the only section not yet open to traffic. It was still closed by snow, so the motorloggers headed for Bend, passing Devil's lake and Sparks lake.

Merges With Santiam

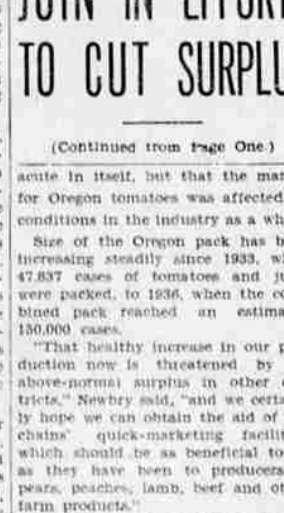
From Bend the route led again to Sisters, and back across the Santiam highway. Here for a distance of 87 miles the Skyline road and Santiam highway are one and the same. Although not directly on the Skyline route, Clear lake—the motorloggers' second night stop—is well worth the short time required for a side trip, as are many, many others of the lakes situated from one to several miles from the main route.

Branching from the North Santiam to the South Santiam route, and from the latter on a forest road which passes Fish lake and penetrating a heavy stand of tall first-growth timber, the travel car arrived at Clear lake shortly after 7 P. M.

Recapitulating the day's journey from Crater lake that evening the motorloggers found they had passed through portions of one national park—Crater lake—and four national forests—Umpqua, Deschutes, Crater and Santiam—and had traversed some of the most rugged terrain in the state on a road which had been surprisingly smooth and easy to drive.

The next morning was to find the white travel car returning to the Skyline road for the continuation of the trip north to Mount Hood.

Map indicates route followed by motorlog car.



Occasional thunder storms early in the week added a touch of spice not originally planned in the program. Huge drops at unexpected moments sent campers scurrying beneath the trees or under cover of tents at meal time, and sent slightly dampened wardrobes to the clothes line to dry. Hiking was a popular sport, a few preferring to take to the trails before breakfast.

Enjoy Daily Programs

An outstanding event of the week was the program of songs, music and stunts around a bonfire every evening, which closed with vesper services. At this time campers looked forward to getting a glimpse of themselves through the camp newspaper given "over the air" through station BLOW. "Side Glances" were featured in one broadcast of the paper.

Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, home demonstration agent, was camp director, and was assisted by Miss Helen Ann Thomas of Corvallis, home demonstration agent at large.

The fifty campers were an industrious lot, and in addition to doing the crafts taught each day by Mrs. Amelia Sager, state leader from Corvallis, and preparing an assignment for the evening program, many en-

Serving on the committee with Newbery are: Otto Bonhart, Central Point; Ben Webster and George E. Maddox of Talent; Theodore J. Fish, E. Lester Newbery, and George Alford of Medford.

### Moose Of Oregon Select Officers

CORVALLIS, Aug. 2.—(AP)—W. S. Waterland of Portland will head the Oregon Loyal Order of Moose. He was named president at the closing session of the convention here Saturday night.

Other officers elected included S. E. Fish, Rainier, first vice-president; Will Winkelman, Powers, second vice-president; P. G. Motschenbacher, Klamath Falls, third vice-president; W. E. Henkey, Eugene, fourth vice-president; Clyde Thomas, Klamath Falls, prelate; J. F. Scott of Corvallis is junior past president.

48th ANNUAL

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Cora W. Barber, 48, who died of injuries last night, sustained in an automobile accident, brought Portland's fatal auto accidents to 49 for the year. She was run down in a safety lane here, police stated, by a car driven by a 16-year-old boy.

## OUTDOOR VACATION ENJOYED IN CAMP FOR HOMEMAKERS

### Five Days of Rest and Recreation at Union Creek Park Ended Last Week—Programs Enjoyed Daily

Jackson county women, as well as those from Klamath and Josephine counties, are swinging into their work with a new vigor this week upon their return Friday from a five-day period of rest and recreation at the county homemakers' camp held at Union Creek forest park last week, which was sponsored by the Oregon extension service.

A real outdoor camping spirit prevailed, inasmuch as meals were served on outdoor tables decorated with huge burs and wild vines, and campers slept in tents or under the stars as they chose. All meals were prepared from carefully selected menus by Mrs. Carl Suttison from the state college, and were cooked in the community kitchen. Mrs. Mildred Drury of Medford was assistant cook.

Daily Trips

A few hours each day were devoted to trips to surrounding points of interest, including the natural bridge over Rogue river, Crater and Diamond lakes, Rogue River Gorge, and Hershberger lookout. Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor at Medford, was among those who furnished transportation. Clayton Weaver, ranger at Union Creek, accompanied the motor caravan to Hershberger, explaining the functions of the fire detection force. He located a typical fire in a distant canyon for his visitors, which caused mild excitement, and afterward explained that the smoke came from Lewis Brothers' sawmill at Prospect.

The Master Bard

The grand and uncomplaining one, As lasting as the oak; Among all stars he is the sun Who shines afar and high.

Approach his dramas where we will And read the glowing lines, They instruct still, exalt the will, And rule where worth defines.

Then emotions follow faster Than word or thought may tell, As low-bending we cry "Master!" And live within his spell.

Surrounded by the waters wide He spoke to every shore, In tones that flew beyond the tide, Resounding more and more.

Ah, who may more exalt his fame? It grows while ages roll, And Time's own finger writes his name Upon a world-wide scroll.

—Delroy Getchell.

### CHICKEN DINNER NETS \$25 FOR C. P. LIBRARY

CENTRAL POINT, Aug. 2.—(Sp.)—Owing to other attractions the fine chicken dinner given by the ladies of the Civic club Tuesday evening was not as largely attended as they had expected. However, about \$25 was netted for the library fund and the ladies wish to thank all who assisted in donations and work.

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## Meteorological Report

August 2, 1937.  
Forecasts.  
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer.  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer interior south and east portion. Gentle northwest winds off coast.

Local Data.  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 91; lowest, 55.  
Total monthly precipitation, none.  
Deficiency for the month, none.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1936, 16.85 inches.  
Deficiency for the season 0.99 inch.  
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 16 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 81 per cent.  
Tomorrow: Sunrise, 5:07 a. m. Sunset, 7:27 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m. 120 Meridian Time.

City	Temp	Wind	Clouds	Moisture
Boise	72	42	Clear	
Boston	72	64	55	Cloudy
Chicago	82	62		P. Cdy.
Denver	90	62		P. Cdy.
Durham	62	50		Clear
Helena	62	40	33	Clear
Los Angeles	82	54		Clear
MEDFORD	81	49		Clear
New York	88	66		Clear
Omaha	94	74	.04	Cloudy
Phoenix	106	74		Clear
Portland	73	54		Clear
Reno	82	44		Clear
Salt Lake	80	52		Clear
San Francisco	74	52		Clear
Seattle	72	48		Clear
Spokane	66	48	.01	P. Cdy.
Washington, D.C.	90	68		Clear
Yakima	96	52		Clear

## IRRIGATION STUDY MAIN FEATURE AT EXPERIMENT FARM

### Problems Of Pear Grower Continual Care Of Scientists at Orchard Near King's Highway Here.

Under the joint leadership of R. A. Work of the U. S. bureau of agricultural engineering and of Dr. W. W. Aldrich of the U. S. bureau of plant industry, the Medford experiment orchard south of Medford near King's highway is now in its sixth year of activity.

Maintained by the two above mentioned federal departments and by the Oregon agricultural extension service, this organization is the only experiment station in the world which confines its research entirely to pears. Study of irrigation and closely-related problems in pear production constitute the work at the station.

Study Many Angles  
Snow surveys, irrigation water supply forecasts, studies of irrigation water penetration, studies of duty of water, and measurement of soil moisture conditions as affected by pear trees are all included in the activities of the U. S. bureau of agricultural engineering at the station. Meanwhile, the U. S. bureau of plant industry studies the tree responses to different irrigation practices and the relation of irrigation to pruning, fruit thinning and fertilization to yield and quality of the fruits.

## HOLZGANG FINED IN AUTO SMASHUP

Fred Holzgang, 35, of 30 Rose avenue, was fined \$25 in city court this morning after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Holzgang, driving a Ford coupe, crashed into the rear end of a parked 1936 Chevrolet sedan registered to George L. Johnson of Medford Point, about 12:35 a. m. today, according to city police. The Chevrolet, parked just south of the Riverside apartment house on South Riverside avenue, was knocked 20 feet by the impact. Holzgang, who was traveling north, received a bad knee cut that was dressed by City Physician L. D. Inakep.

James M. Roberts, 38, and Jack M. Baker, 30, both of Medford, pleaded guilty to being drunk last night and were given \$10 fines in city court.

Paul Billings, 38, of Medford, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk, and his trial before City Judge Allen D. Curry was set for 3 p. m. today.

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. A. M. Wordon, 70, long chairman of the city's library board, died Saturday after a prolonged illness.

## Waldport Crowded By Education Meet

### WALDPOR, Ore., Aug. 2.—(AP)—This town of less than 500 population was strained to the limit today to house visitors attending the state convention of Vocational education leaders this week.

More than a hundred were in attendance yesterday at the opening program and about a hundred more were expected today.

The group will divide into groups for consideration of the various phases of educational work in the state. Several out-of-state speakers will address the meetings.

## CAPTIVE ADMITS BANK ROBBERIES, DENIES MURDERS

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—United States Marshal Jack Summerville said today Claire Ralph Gibson, 31, brought here last night from Roseburg where he was arrested for questioning on a series of bank robberies and murders in the middle west, admitted participation in two robberies in Minnesota.

Summerville said that while bringing him to face Federal Judge James Alger Fee here, the prisoner was talkative and confessed to burglarizing the State bank at Cold Springs and the Farmers State bank at Kyan in Minnesota last year. He denied knowledge of other bank robberies in South Dakota and three murders in that state and Iowa.

Gibson will not fight removal to Minnesota to face the charges, Summerville said. Gibson expressed his willingness to go there to "have it over with as soon as possible."

The fugitive was arrested by a posse of federal, state and county officers in western Douglas county. They likewise arrested Violet Bruss, 23, with whom he was living. She was held on charges of harboring a fugitive.

Gibson told the marshal and his deputy, Al Price, that the young woman had no knowledge of his crimes, but was living with him as his wife. He said she joined him at Winona, Minn., and came west with him.

Miss Bruss told the same story, saying she thought Gibson was hiding from a former wife to avoid paying alimony.

## TOMATO GROWERS JOIN IN EFFORTS TO CUT SURPLUS

huge custom-built electric range, of 80 kilowatt capacity, made by the Lang Manufacturing Co., of Seattle, and is conceded to be the last word in hotel and restaurant cooking equipment. The range, built to order to fit the varied requirements of the busy Hotel Medford dining room and coffee shop, consists of a 120-inch cooking top especially designed for all types of cooking and three large full automatic ovens of the latest type and design.

The addition of this new range, which is one of several recent installations of heavy duty equipment in Medford and other leading communities on the Copco system, gives the Hotel Medford a modern, electric kitchen of which the management is justly proud. Electric refrigeration, an electric dishwasher, mixers, grinders and many smaller appliances have been used by the hotel for some time but it was only recently decided to fully modernize the kitchen by replacing the old type fire range by this new, custom-built electric range.

"We are indeed pleased with our new Lang range," stated Emil Mohr, Jr., today. "We feel that it will aid us materially in giving our patrons the utmost in sanitation, cleanliness, and efficiency, as well as providing cool, comfortable working conditions for our kitchen and dining room staff."

RAZE ANCIENT BUILDING ON MAIN STREET IN C. P.  
CENTRAL POINT, Aug. 2.—(Sp.)—The ancient building formerly known as "Hawk's blacksmith shop," and later as "Walker's dance hall," is being removed from Main street where it had long outlived its usefulness and become an eyesore.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Frank L. Knowlton, former women's physical education instructor at Oregon State college, died today after an illness of several weeks.

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