

Cruising for Fun

Skyline Road Sector Traversing Mount Hood National Forest Abounds in Thrilling Mountain and Lake Scenery



The motorlog car on a typical stretch of forest-shaded Skyline road; inset, signs at Detroit

This newspaper is co-operating with The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor Association in presenting a series of motorlog trips designed to stimulate travel and increase appreciation of Oregon's scenic and recreational areas. This article has been condensed from a full page article appearing in The Oregonian August 5.

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Although it is the north portion of the Skyline road, extending the whole distance from Crater Lake to Mount Hood along the summit of the Cascades, the Detroit-Breitenbush-Olallie-Clackamas-Government Camp sector has an importance all its own, because it makes up part of an easy one-day motor trip.

The motorist may drive south over the Skyline from its juncture with the Wapinitia cutoff, then follow the Santiam highway from Detroit to Bend, and return via the Wapinitia for a circuit which not only may be encompassed in a single day without difficulty, but which will unfold before the eyes of the traveler some of the state's most majestic mountain and lake scenery.

From the upper Willamette valley an alternate loop is from Salem through Mill City and Gates to Detroit, up the Skyline to Mount Hood, and return by way of Portland. For a short distance west of Detroit, however, this road will be found unpleasantly narrow and rough. From eastern and central Oregon the loop may be made through Sisters to Detroit and back via the Wapinitia.

Three-Day Trip

The Detroit-to-Government Camp part of the Skyline road was followed by The Oregonian-Oregon State Motor Association travel car on the concluding day of a three-day trek to Crater Lake by way of Bend and The Dalles-California highway, and return via the mile-high Skyline route. Passengers were Earl Snell, Oregon secretary of state; A. C. Burke, sheriff of Marion county; and the writer.

First day of the motorlog took the white travel car to Crater Lake, while the second day found it rolling north past Diamond, Crescent, Odell and Elk lakes, as well as almost innumerable smaller ones, to swing away from the Skyline route temporarily for a night at Clear Lake, a few miles down the South Santiam highway.

Detroit, 55 miles east of Albany, is the point where the Skyline route, which has been merged with the North Santiam highway from Sisters, again starts out on its own. Road signs here indicated Breitenbush lake 25 miles and Olallie lake 31 miles, to the north and east.

Up the Breitenbush river, a delightful little stream, now dashing its way along a narrow canyon, now pausing as if to catch its breath in deep green pools, wound the road. Although the south portion of the Skyline had been found in excellent condition, along here it was even better—a smooth gravelled surface, and although narrow, with sufficient room for passing other cars which was well, for traffic in and out of Breitenbush Springs was somewhat heavier than that encountered elsewhere on the 200-mile Skyline route.

Lefty Ridge Climbed Leaving Breitenbush, the road steadily climbed, until it began to follow a lofty ridge. On every side were rhododendrons in full, riotous bloom, while the scenic vista which unfolded whenever mountain meadows provided openings through the timber was probably the most spectacular of the entire journey up Oregon's "backbone."

To the south towered Mount Jefferson, its jagged peak seemingly framed by Breitenbush mountain on one side and geometrical Pyramid butte on the other; north, extended a rocky range, hardly less altitudinous. In places here the road was actually blasted from solid rock as it wound along the ridge.

Shortly before arriving at Breitenbush lake, the motorlog car had passed into the Mount Hood national forest, one of five national forests—Crater, Umpqua, Deschutes, Santiam and Hood—traversed by the Skyline road.

After crossing a high pass, until recently closed by snow, the road began to descend with unrelenting forest and mountain scenery unfolding all the while, to pass Horse-shoe and Monon lakes, and then to skirt the shore of Olallie lake, popular picnic and camp spot.

Heavy timber surrounds this lake, while well-developed trails lead to points of interest—including several smaller lakes—in all directions through the forest. Every conven-

ience for the camper or picnicker is provided by the forest service camp, while a commercial refreshment store and cabin facilities. North of the lake is 720-foot Olallie butte; to the west are Double Peaks and Twin Peaks, with a dozen or so small lakes scattered through the valley between.

A few minutes' drive brings the motorist to Olallie meadows, where another forest camp is situated amid the colorful mountain wildflowers which carpet the ground everywhere at this season of the year. Then comes Lemiti forest guard station and Lemiti butte, to the right of the road; visible across

the rolling timbered hills on the left is Sisi butte, and Pinhead and North Pinhead buttes lie ahead. Each has its own particular beauty of rugged contour and adds its share to the accumulation of scenic thrills offered the traveler.

Up, and yet higher, climbs the road to pass over the shoulder of Summit butte, skirt Buckskin point and drop sharply into the basin which holds Big meadows and Clackamas lake. Here is the Clackamas lake ranger station, with a group of several buildings, and at this season a staff of several forest service employees.

Anxious to reach the pavement of the Wapinitia highway before dark, the motorloggers paused here only briefly to chat with Everett Lynch, superintendent of the forest district.

Excellent Roads Excellent condition of the forest roads in the Mount Hood area, Lynch explained, as well as those in other national forests through which the Skyline road passes, is due in some measure to the policy of barring them to traffic until they have dried out, to prevent formation of ruts. The forest service is constantly improving the roads throughout his district, he said, and is anxious that the public derive the fullest possible measure of benefit from the recreational areas thus made available.

Past the north forest gate, where two Oregon State college students passing their summer as forest guards kept watchful eye on persons entering and leaving the Olallie area, the travel car turned into the Wapinitia highway, seven miles south of its junction with the Mount Hood loop road and ten miles from Government Camp.

A fitting climax to the magnificent vistas of the 200-mile Skyline road was provided by the majestic outline of Mount Hood, silhouetted against the evening sky, with a sprinkling of stars and a young moon casting shimmering reflections across its sweeping snowfields.

From Government Camp the motorlog car rolled through Zigzag, Santiam and Gresham to Portland, completing the loop, which had taken it almost from the north to the south borders of Oregon, along some of the highest road in the state.



Map indicates motorlog route

NATIONAL RED MEN OFFICERS COMING HERE NEXT FRIDAY

An official visitation will be paid next Friday evening to Medford council of the Improved Order of Red Men by Harvey O. Burnett of Harrisburg, Pa., great Inchoonee, and Herbert F. Stetser of Philadelphia, Pa., great chief of records. Br. Burnett is national head of the organization.

An event of the evening arranged especially for the national officers will be the initiation of a class of new members by the degree team. Plans are being made by the Medford council to entertain the visitors who will arrive by train from Portland Friday evening. Mr. Burnett will be accompanied by his wife and niece, Miss Catherine Davis, also of Harrisburg.

The council meeting Friday evening will be held in the Red Men hall at 231 Apple street.

On Saturday the visitors will be taken to Crater Lake national park as guests of the local council. They will leave by train Saturday evening for Oakland, Calif.

The national officers are making an official tour of the country, attending state conventions wherever possible. It is seldom that the chief executives of the order visit a single council and the Medford unit officers said they feel highly gratified by the visitation.

ALL PINBALLS IN MARION TO WALL

SALEM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Every pinball machine and marble-board in Marion county was either moved out or at least was out of sight when Sheriff Burck's deputies completed a survey of the county late last night. Confiscation of the machines previously was ordered by Assistant Attorney General Moody.

"Marbleboards and pinball games are as hard to find as a needle in a haystack," Deputy Sheriff Honeycutt reported.

A letter received here today from District Attorney Bruce Spaulding of Polk county indicated that he had ordered all marbleboards and pinball machines in that county removed.

Leather Tough Cowmen CENTRALIA, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The going was rough for cowboys yesterday at the opening of Centralia's Pioneer Days rodeo, and three were in hospitals today.

Red Men Officers Coming



Harvey O. Burnett (above), great Inchoonee, and (left) Herbert F. Stetser, great chief of records of the Improved Order of Red Men, who will pay an official visitation to Medford council next Friday evening.

WEeping WALTER HITS SUGAR ACT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Representative Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Ore., criticized President Roosevelt's attitude from the floor of the house in voicing support of the sugar legislation.

"I wish that our president could be brought to see the light. We cannot yield to the old free trade ideas. We must protect our own people who are spending their money buying our own farm products," he said.

The sugar beet industry in his county, he said, would not be affected by the exclusion of Hawaii or Puerto Rico.

He said he was tired of having departments tell congress "what it can do and what it cannot do," adding, "that goes against my grain."

COURT ACTION IN UPSTATE RECALL

SALEM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mandamus proceedings, to compel County Clerk Grant Boyer, to certify the County Judge Siegmund recall election, will be filed in the circuit court here Monday, J. S. Baker, one of the re-

DEATH COMES TO DOCTOR ACCUSED OF GIRL ATTACK

BEL AIR, Md., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Dr. Armen Greenhut, convicted by a circuit court jury of criminal attack on a 13-year-old school-girl-patient, was found dead this morning in his cell. Sheriff Granville C. Boyle found the prisoner dead in his bed when the former called him for breakfast this morning. After a coroner's jury viewed the body Magistrate Sanley S. Spencer adjourned the inquest until Monday. The jury made no statement.

Sheriff Boyle and Frederick Lee Coburn of the defense counsel said Greenhut probably died in his sleep. The attorney added he thought "he died from nervous excitement and the strain of the trial." He did not request an autopsy.

Late yesterday, Dr. Greenhut stood rigidly at attention, his right arm held aloft in accordance with court regulations, and heard a youthful jury foreman pronounce him guilty of having criminally attacked 13-year-old Ruth McGowan, his school girl patient.

Conviction made the death penalty possible, although the jury recommended mercy.

Tragic Fate PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A 91-year old woman and her 69-year old niece died today in a fire which trapped them on the second floor of their home. They were Miss Nancy Boyce and her niece, Mrs. Jennie Cole.

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GEORGIA DEMANDS RETURN FUGITIVE FROM CHAIN GANG

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Georgia snapped today an appeal to federal courts for the return to its chain-gangs of Robert Elliott Burns and other less noted fugitives who have found haven in northern states.

Governor E. D. Rivera instructed Assistant Attorney General W. H. Duckworth and Marshall Allison to confer with U. S. District Attorney Lawrence Camp on possible mandamus action against states which have denied extradition of escaped prisoners because of Georgia's penal system.

Efforts to reach Burns in Newark, N. J., where he runs a tax consultant's service, were unavailing and New Jersey officials withheld comment.

In June, 1922, Burns, a war veteran, escaped from the Campbell county chain-gang while serving six to ten years for a four-dollar holdup. He was recaptured in June, 1929, in Chicago, where he had become the respected publisher of a trade magazine.

WILLAMETTE VALE PLANS BIG WORK

EUENGE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The Willamette valley project committee discussed plans yesterday for strengthening local support and enlarging the state legislature in the fight for the proposed \$26,000,000 valley development program.

Committee members voiced the opinion that action by the legislature was a necessity, and suggested that the responsibility for putting over the program be shouldered by the state as a whole.

R. H. Kipp, secretary, said the legislature probably would help and discounted fears of opposition from southern and eastern Oregon.

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 7.—(AP)—George Dorvce, 13, was held today on a warrant charging first degree murder after the fatal slaying of his brother Claude, 19, in a quarrel over a squirt-gun.

ROGUE MUD ISSUE BESTIRRED ANEW

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A federal survey of the Rogue river to determine the hotly-debated effects of muddy water on aquatic life in the stream has begun, according to reports from Gold Beach. Dr. Ellis of the federal bureau of fisheries arrived at the mouth of the river early this week with assistants.

A suit for injunction to prevent Josephine county gold miners from muddying the Rogue is now on file in the Curry county circuit court, the main charge being that mud destroys fish life.

Great numbers of fish are now seen in the river near Gold Beach, the Curry County Reporter said, but few salmon have been caught. Frank Colvin said that there were more fish in Perry hole than on the record occasion a few years ago when commercial fishermen took 1,500 fish there in one night in their nets.

Senate Votes For Census Of Jobless

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The senate approved today the taking of a national census of the unemployed.

Officials of several government agencies approved the proposal, and estimated it would cost between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Political Bee Buzzing WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—J. P. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, said today he was seriously considering running for governor of California but that it was too early to make a definite decision.

CHAPPED LIPS OFTEN SERIOUS

People on picnics and outings during this hot weather are very apt to have sunburned lips. This is laughed at and considered a very minor trouble, but it is really a rather serious condition, often leading to much discomfort and the danger of serious infection.

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