

Motorloggers Preview 'Dream' Highway Down Wilson River to Tillamook Region

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This is in the nature of a summer tradition—a progress report on the Wilson river highway linking inland Oregon and the Tillamook country. And this is probably the last year it will be necessary.

For after ten years of disappointing setbacks the fast new trunk route to the coast is so near completion that highway officials are almost certain of the exact opening date—Labor day.

Even today, with 11 miles of the road remaining to be surfaced, a motorist—equipped with a hard-earned pass—can skim the 77 miles between Portland and Tillamook in little more than an hour and a half's driving time. He won't have to break the law or the dictates of safety to do it, either. We know, because we just did it in a preview of the route.

Trip One of Series

We cruised the new highway in the white travel car of the Oregon State Motor Association in one of The Oregonian's summer series of motorlog tours.

Driving eastward from Glenwood, where the new highway takes off from the old Gale's creek road, west of Forest Grove, we rolled forth on a "dream" highway banked and graded to "railroad" specifications, with no grade steeper



The motorloggers stopped on a graded section of the highway to "kibitz" WPA workers leveling the crushed surfacing rock.

than 5 per cent and no curve sharper than 10 degrees. Almost every foot of it is "mile-a-minute" highway.

Briefly, here is how we found construction within three months of the completion date:

Surfaced and open to public travel—29 miles from Tillamook east to Camp McNamers. Minor work on this stretch remaining to be done includes curve-straightening and widening on the old state road between Tillamook and Mills bridge, six miles east.

Graded and ready for surfacing (with the exception of one nearly completed cut and one long fill)—10.8 miles from Camp McNamers to Glenwood.

Being graded—three miles of new construction between Glenwood and Washburn on the old Gale's creek road, a project designed to unbend several dangerous highway elbows.

Completion Due Soon

All this, we were assured by Superintendent O. G. McIntyre, will be completed by the first week in September.

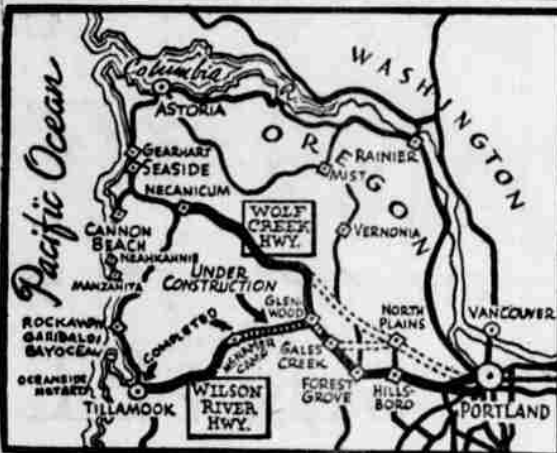
There is irony in the story of this Wilson River highway, irony in the gray-black snags that border 30 of the 40 miles between Glenwood and Tillamook.

Ten years ago, when a paved highway to link Portland and Tillamook was still a dream, The Oregonian noted regretfully that hard pavement and automobiles were to invade one of the last great expanses of primeval wonderland.

Well, a greater destroyer of wonderlands than ax or shovel beat the road builders to the Wilson river country—the great fire of 1933—and the virgin timberland is now a ghost forest.

There are gashes on the green mountainside where the road builders have left their mark, but grass, maple, salal and other native brush will soon heal them.

But it will be generations before Wilson river sees another forest like the one fire ravished.



Black line shows completed section of the new Wilson River highway, broken line the part to be finished by fall. The new road cuts 30 miles from inland Oregon-Tillamook journey. Dotted line shows eventual "by-pass" route.

BOULDER LAKE RAPIDLY HEADS FOR OVERFLOW

Denver, Colo. (U.P.)—Tons of water from the world's largest reservoir will swirl over the spillways of the world's highest dam sometime early in July as spring floods finish the six-year job of filling Lake Mead behind Boulder dam.

S. O. Harper, chief engineer for the federal reclamation service at Denver, says record flood crests roaring down the Black canyon of the Colorado river have sent Lake Mead to its highest level since Boulder dam was completed in 1933.

The water was only 15 feet below the top Boulder dam spillway in mid-June, Harper said, and Lake Mead—115 miles long—was four-fifths full.

"The water will go over the top sometime early in July," Harper said. "There no longer is any doubt but that Lake Mead will be filled to capacity."

The big man-made lake has a capacity of 30,500,000 acre feet—enough water to bury most of the west a foot deep or to provide every man, woman and child in the nation with 67,000 gallons.

In Deep Lament

Las Cruces, N. M. (U.P.)—Less than 24 hours after he had bought the license an unhappy bridegroom returned to the county clerk's office and asked that the license not be recorded. The bride disappeared 15 minutes after the ceremony with his car, \$100 in cash and her wedding clothes—which he bought.

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The seven units are each 20 feet by 28 feet in size, including garage. In three of the cottages complete kitchen facilities are available including gas range, refrigerator and all cooking utensils. The kitchen portion may be quickly closed off from the living room without sacrifice of space. The cozy bedroom is screened from the living compartment with drapes if desired. Complete tiled bath and every facility, even to electric razor plug-in, complete the compact, yet roomy and comfortable units.

Gas is used for heat with thermostatic temperature control in each cottage. Every provision has been made for home-like comfort of "99" Motel guests. The entire project, including station and motel, was undertaken by local concerns. The station and motel were erected and furnished by Medford concerns.

METHODIST CONFERENCE HAS BUSINESS PROGRAM

Eugene, June 19.—(U.P.)—Business sessions filled most of today's program of the annual Oregon conference of the Methodist church.

Bishop Bruce Baxter is presiding at his first conference since elevation to the episcopacy last summer. Ministerial appointments will be read Sunday.

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