

Highways, Resorts and Other Attractions Listed for State As 1955 Tourist Inducements

Salem — New highways, new recreation facilities and added accommodations promise the Oregon traveler happy holidays in 1955.

Already reports are coming in on new facilities and accommodations planned in various parts of the state to take care of the ever increasing visitor business.

New Facilities

Oregon State Parks will have many new facilities to take care of overnight campers and picnickers and several new roadside areas have been added by the Highway Department for the convenience of motorists. Along the Oregon coast (U.S. Highway 101) additional camping facilities will be installed at Cape Lookout, Short Sands, Honeyman, Big Creek, and Humboldt State Parks. Inland new facilities will be found at Cove Palisades, Wallowa Lake, and Detroit Lake parks. State park facilities are being expanded to handle 10,000,000 persons annually by 1965. Over 5,800,000 used the parks during 1954.

Three new state parks will be ready for use this coming summer — they are located at the site of Ft. Stevens near Astoria, at Ochoco Lake east of Prineville and at Bandon on the southern coast. Ft. Stevens and Bandon will offer picnicking facilities and Ochoco Lake will contain both picnicking and overnight camping facilities.

Resort at Detroit

Announcement has been made of a multi-thousand dollar resort to be established through the U.S. Forest service by a concessionaire at Detroit Lake, east of Salem on Oregon highway 22. At least part of the facilities, including a lodge, store, service station, restaurant, cabins, boat landing and 100 boats are expected to be in use before the end of the 1955 travel season.

From all over the state, too, are reports of new motel and hotel accommodations. A half million dollar motel has just opened on the Columbia River highway in Portland, additional units and new motels are completed and in the making at Salem and similar activity is taking place in nearly every larger community in the state. New city park facilities for vacationers are reported from Oregon City, Stayton and Lakeview.

A hotel at Gearhart along the Oregon coast has installed a 50-foot heated swimming pool and made available new facilities including children's equipment, horses, enlarged meeting room for conventions and summer theatre.

New Guest Ranch

In southern Oregon, a new guest ranch is open on the west side of Upper Klamath lake and

a newly paved highway leads to this and Lake O'Woods.

Some additional communities reporting new accommodations include Bonneville, Albany, Bend, Coos Bay, Medford, Ontario, Cave Junction, Heppner, Klamath Falls and Pendleton.

Oregon's highways too, are making travel even more enjoyable. Half of the new multi-million dollar Portland-Salem expressway is now open providing more leisurely or faster

Marble Makers Ask Relief From Japanese Product

Parkersburg, W. Va. — (U.P.) — Things are still rolling at a local plant, and its veteran employees want the federal government to make sure they always will.

The firm, one of the country's seven, manufactures those brightly colored marbles that clutter up Junior's pockets and find their way under adult footing at unexpected times.

The 60 employees at the local plant are concerned about competition from Japanese marble makers who, because of cheaper labor, can undersell the American product. At least one local worker declined to do something about it.

Mrs. Evelyn Dye, of Vienna, W. Va., wrote to Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W. Va.) and asked his aid in revising present tariffs on imported marbles.

"I can't see taking jobs away from people in the United States for the sake of the Japanese," she wrote.

Label Asked

To emphasize her point, Mrs. Dye said that during peak years, the seven United States marble plants employed a total of 900 workers. Now, she said, the seven plants employment is down to about 300.

She offered a suggestion to put American marbles on a competitive level again. Why not, she asked, require "made in Japan" labels on all marbles imported so the cost of labeling would necessitate higher prices.

Japanese marbles presently shipped in bulk with only the container labeled. That way they also can be shipped as "ballast" from Japan to San Francisco for only \$10 a ton.

Officials of the seven American marble firms—six of them are located in West Virginia and the seventh at Ottawa, Ill.—met here recently and asked U. S. Customs for some sort of relief.

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travel, as the motorist prefers, between the state's two largest cities. Elsewhere in the state many millions of dollars have been spent and are being spent to make vacation and intra-state travel safer and more pleasant.

Attractions Listed

Lake County Chamber of Commerce says visitors interested in rocks should try Dry Creek, Crane creek, and the Hart mountain area. (More details may be had from the chamber office.) Water skiing on Drews Reservoir is a popular pastime in that area.

Some unusual things to see in Oregon this season include the new "vertical street" city elevator just completed at Oregon City; municipal free Lithia Springs fountain at Ashland; special tours through Oregon's capitol at Salem and new museums at The Dalles, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Eugene and Astoria. The Jackson County museum at Jacksonville is a favorite with persons interested in early history and placer gold mining days.

Whether the motorist visits the point farthest west in the U.S., reachable by road at Cape Blanco, or the high elevations of Crater Lake National park or Timberline lodge at Mt. Hood, he does so on good all-weather roads. And he may visit the unforgettable beauty of the Columbia River gorge on a water-level highway extending eastward all the way to The Dalles. If he wants a more leisurely trip, the highway department also maintains the lovely scenic route from Troutdale to Idson, via Crown Point and the Sandy river, and the Rowena viewpoint section just west of The Dalles.

Observance Due

The state will also observe the sesquicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition to Oregon (1805-1955) during the year. A pageant is planned at Ft. Clatsop county celebration beginning Aug. 21, and other special observances will be held in various parts of the state. Other major events during the year are the Portland Rose festival, June 8-12; Timberline Carnival at Albany, July 2-4; Miss Oregon Pageant at Seaside, July 15-17; Oregon Shakespearean festival during August at Ashland; Astoria Salmon derby, Aug. 27-Sept. 5; Pendleton Round-up, Sept. 15-17; and Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, Oct. 17-22.

Further information on Oregon events, Lewis and Clark observances, state parks, and points of interest may be had free of charge by writing Travel Information Division, Oregon State Highway department, Salem, Oregon.

Atomic Locomotive Seen Possibility for Railroads

New York — (U.P.) — An atomic locomotive is a "definite possibility" in the sweeping advances projected by the nation's railroads.

Steelways, magazine of the American Iron and Steel Institute, says the idea of bringing nuclear power to railroading has a growing list of proponents. While the atomic locomotive is still a long way off, a whole list of eye-opening innovations are already riding the rails, with more due soon.

High on the list is the gas turbine-electric locomotive—second cousin to the jet plane—of which Union Pacific already has 10 in service with 15 more on order. A "siesta" car with sleeper facilities at little more than coach fares is ready for production. Low lightweight Talgo trains like those now in European service are expected soon to be put into operation by both the New Haven and Rock Island roads.

'Skylight' Domes

New passenger cars — many with full-length "skylight" domes — are coming out every month, and built-in air-conditioning is in growing evidence. More self-propelled rail-diesel cars are bringing faster, more frequent service to small stations. Piggyback service—which is the moving of highway trailers on rail-

road flatcars—promises to revolutionize the freight business by cutting both shippers' costs and increasing railroad revenues.

It was the sudden coming of age of the diesel locomotive in recent years that led to many of the improvements in railroad performance. Where diesels moved only three per cent of the freight and eight per cent of the passengers in 1944, they have now taken over 80 per cent of all railroad motive power and are riding better-kept roads.

New Track Methods

Until shortly before World War II, most track maintenance was a matter of men wielding various tools. Now fantastic steel machines have taken over the work.

If the passengers are getting a better ride, so are the trainmen and engineers. With radio telephone, they can talk to wayside stations and engineers or conductors on other trains. Three years ago there were 4,100 radio telephone stations in railroad use. Now there are 14,712, with more on the way.

Replacing Telegraph

Microwave is replacing the telegraph, and the railroads are among the biggest buyers of electronic equipment. Automatic block signaling is now installed on 110,000 miles of track to flash

data to the engineer on the condition of the track ahead, and many roads provide the additional protection of automatic controls which actually stop or slow trains if engineers fail to hear signals.

The movement of trains over hundreds of miles of track is now controlled by a single operator through the railroads' Centralized Traffic Control, and an electronically operated reservations board, already in service in the Pittsburgh terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad and earmarked for ticket windows in other cities, speeds passenger service with up-to-the-minute data on available space for the coming week.

Oslo, Norway's capital, claims to be the smallest city in the world served by a subway. It starts at the National Theater but emerges above ground far short of its terminus, 1,500 feet up on the hill of Frognersteren.



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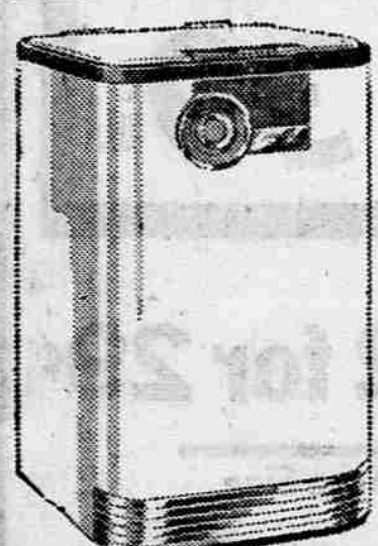


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