

Uranium-Seeking Motorloggers Travel to Historic Oregon Caves

Vacation Site
Features Tours,
Lodge Facilities

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There's no uranium in the marbled halls of Oregon. It was Joaquin Miller, literary giant of the Far West, who many years ago stood between two large columns deep in the Oregon caves near Grants Pass and turned the "marbled halls of Oregon" phrase that helped make the caves a great tourist attraction.

It was a motorlogging crew from The Oregonian and Oregon State Motor association that recently determined there was no uranium concealed in those subterranean passageways.

Really, we hadn't expected any. Wrong kind of country, our how-to-hunt uranium book said, although southwestern Oregon generally is considered a possible source.

The youthful guide looked at us with an expression that wavered between resignation (tourists will do anything) and disbelief (either I'm nuts or they are).

"Anyway," he said, "You're the first people to take a Geger counter through here." That makes our place in history secure.

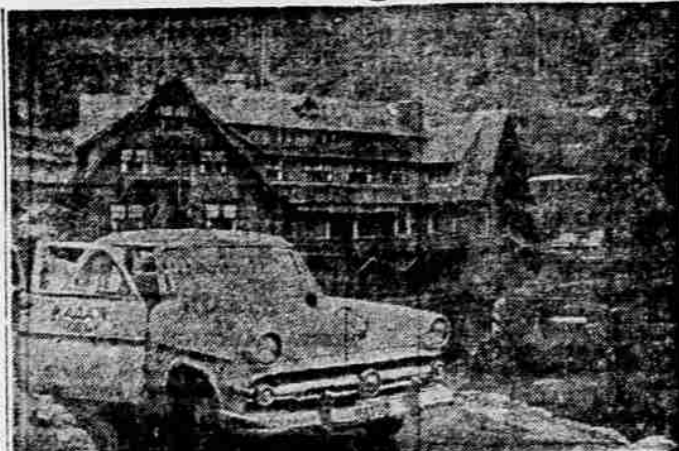
Hospitality was the keynote at the caves. Manager Richard Sabin, who joined the caves company staff under an uncle in 1924, has learned through the years how to make a tourist feel at home.

Discovered in 1874

The Oregon caves, probably third in importance among America's caverns, were discovered, the story goes, by Elijah Davidson, who in 1874 crawled fearlessly into a dark hole in the Siskiyou in search of a bear he had wounded.

The caves are about 4000 feet above sea level, and it seems impossible to the traveler that an ancient ocean once covered the area. In this ocean formed a thick deposit of lime, which later hardened into limestone.

This limestone was transformed under terrific pressure and heat into marble and was



Familiar white Oregon State Motor association car is shown in front of the comfortable \$400,000 chateau with 32 rooms at famous Oregon caves in the heart of Siskiyou mountains.



Map traces route taken to the marbled caves on motorlog, touching California.

raised above the sea as part of a mountain range. It was during this uplifting that the marble was broken in many places. Through these fractures water carrying carbonic and other acids began to dissolve the caverns.

The caves, in the heart of the Siskiyou mountains, became a national monument of 480 acres in 1909 and have been under control of the national park service, department of interior, since 1934.

The chateau building, privately financed, cost about \$75,000 to build. Today the plant is valued roughly at \$400,000. The lodge has 32 rooms ranging upward from \$8 double with bath to \$13 for suites. Rooms with detached showers are \$4.50 double. An extra cot will be provided for \$1.

Manager Richard Sabin also has seven two-room cottages

which rent for \$6 double with an extra cot available for \$1.

For those wanting to camp out, facilities are available at Grayback campground along the approach highway eight miles from the monument. Picnic facilities are available near the chateau.

The coffee shop in the chateau was entirely redone a year ago and is one of the most modern in the West. It is appropriately finished in natural woods and is efficiently arranged. It connects with a more formal dining room which has an added attraction of a creek running through it—a creek born deep in the caves.

Cocktails Available

A small bar was added to the facilities last summer, principally to serve the Californians who are used to drinking in the wonders of the West.

College students provide the bulk of the summer staff. The student guides are trained by the lodge management and the park service. The tours start daily at 8 a. m. and continue until 7 p. m.

The tour of the caves takes roughly 1 1/2 hours, unless the party is held up by one section interested in probing for uranium, as ours was.

It seemed almost like desecration to put our atomic era listening device against the walls of Joaquin Miller's aged chapel, Paradise Lost, Garden of the Gods or other famous chambers within the caves.

But nature had the last laugh, for the clicks were far between in the earphone.

Talent Council OKs 1955-56 Budget Plan

Talent—The Talent city council passed the city's 1955-56 budget of \$26,170 at a special budget meeting this week.

The budget, \$530 less than last year's budget of \$25,600, calls for \$7,970 to be raised through taxes, compared to \$8,300 this year. Estimated receipts during the coming year total \$15,200. Last year \$14,220 was received.

The city council also issued a building permit to the Talent Sawmill to enlarge its pond. The enlarged pond will enable the mill to stock a supply of logs capable of lasting four months, according to Nona McAbee, city recorder.

King Haakon of Norway Suffers Broken Leg

Oslo, Norway —(U.P.)— King Haakon VII, 83, slipped Wednesday and broke his leg while visiting his summer residence, Bygdøe Kings Farm.

The elderly monarch was rushed to the Rikshospitalet, a hospital in Oslo.

The first bulletin from the hospital said he had broken the thigh bone, but that "everything taken into consideration," his condition was satisfactory.

Immediately upon the King being incapacitated by his accident, Crown Prince Olav became regent of Norway under an automatic provision of the Norwegian Constitution.

LEGAL NOTICES

Suit to Quiet Title SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
MANVILLE M. HEISEL, TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. HUBERT WRIGHT and JANE DOE WRIGHT, his wife; ELSIE WRIGHT and JOHN DOE WRIGHT, her husband; E. L. GILES and JANE DOE GILES, his wife; B. O. MCGEE and CORA E. MCGEE, husband and wife; the unknown heirs of Hugert Wright and Jane Doe Wright, his wife; Elsie Wright and John Doe Wright, her husband; E. L. Giles and Jane Doe Giles, his wife; B. O. McGee and Cora E. McGee, husband and wife; and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, estate, interest in the real property described in the Complaint herein. Defendants.
TO EACH, EVERY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the

above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the Complaint, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in his Complaint, succinctly stated as follows: That a decree be entered adjudicating any and all right, title, estate, lien or claim which you, or any of you have or claim to have, in, to or upon the real property described as follows, to-wit:

Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4; the fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 35 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, and all such claims null and void and decreeing that the said Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of said premises, and of the whole thereof, free and clear of any and all right, title, lien, estate or interest in, to or claim, by, through or under them, or any of them, be forever enjoined, restrained and barred from asserting, attempting to establish or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to said premises, or any portion thereof, and that Plaintiff's title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest, to-wit:

The date of the order for the publication of this Summons is June 29, 1955. The time prescribed for publication of this Summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this Summons is June 30, 1955.

SKYRMAN, OUELLETTE & HEISEL, Attorneys for Plaintiff, POST OFFICE ADDRESS: Center Bldg. P. O. Box 1108 Medford, Oregon

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE MEDFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: 1. That a special election will be held in the Medford Irrigation District, Jackson County, Oregon, on Friday, the 15th day of July, 1955, for the purpose of determining whether the Board of Directors of the District shall be authorized for and on behalf of the District to enter into a repayment contract with the United States of America, for the following general purposes:

To provide for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair and betterment by the United States of the facilities of the District, including but not exclusive of that portion of the District's irrigation facilities jointly owned with the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District. To obligate the District to repay to the United States, without interest, the cost of such reconstruction, repair and betterment in an amount not exceeding One Million, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 00/100 (\$1,475,466.00) Dollars for the work hereinabove described, in annual installments scheduled as follows:

(1) During the period from the first of January, 1956, through those years in which the District is obligated to pay annual installments of its presently existing bonded obligations, including interest, not less than \$100,000, or 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00), or December 31, 1969, whichever period is shorter, the annual installments shall be one-eighth (1/8th) of the completed rehabilitation and betterment costs as of the preceding December 31st.
(2) Thereafter the annual installments shall be the amount deter-

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mined annually by dividing the then unpaid rehabilitation and betterment obligation as of December 31 of the prior year, by the number of years obtained by subtracting the number of installments due under sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph from forty (40) years, except that the last installment shall not exceed the amount necessary to discharge the obligation. Said repayment shall be without interest, and the first of said annual installments shall be for the year following the year in which the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior notifies the District that the work on the facilities jointly owned by the Medford Irrigation District and the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District has been completed, and shall be due and payable on December 31 of the year following subsequent to a final installment shall be due and payable each December 31st thereafter until the total construction charge obligation is paid in full.

To make the contract obligation the general obligation of the District, to provide for the assumption of control of the District's works and construction, and for the inspection, care, repair and protection to the District's works and construction with respect to matters in performance of the provisions of the Federal Reclamation Laws and all acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

2. That the maximum amount of money proposed to be payable to the United States by the District for said reconstruction, repair and betterment purposes is One Million, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,475,466.00).

3. That for the purposes of said special election, the District has been divided into three election precincts, as follows:

Precinct No. 1, bounded as follows: That portion of the Medford Irrigation District lying East of Bear Creek and North of the North line of Sections 32, 33 and 34, Township 37 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.
Precinct No. 2, bounded as follows: That portion of the Medford Irrigation District lying West of Bear Creek and South of the corporate limits of the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon; and East of the County Road known as King's Highway being in the East boundaries of Donation Land Claims No. 82 and 84 in Township 37 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, and Donation Land Claim No. 38 in Township 38 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, and that portion of the District lying East of Bear Creek and South of the North line of Sections 32, 33 and 34 in Township 37 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

Precinct No. 3, bounded as follows: That portion of the Medford Irrigation District lying West and South of the corporate limits of the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, and West of the County Road known as King's Highway, being in the East boundaries of Donation Land Claims No. 82 and 84 in Township 37 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

4. That for the purposes of said special election, the polling places for each of the three above described election precincts has been established

and located by the Board of Directors as follows:
Precinct No. 1—Hilcrest Orchard House, Hilcrest Orchard, Hilcrest Road, Jackson County, Oregon, being situated within the District.
Precinct No. 2—Phoenix Grade School Gymnasium, Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon, being situated within the District.
Precinct No. 3—Oak Grove School, Jacksonville Highway, Jackson County, Oregon, being situated within the District.

5. That the special election shall be by ballot; that the proposition to be voted on at the election shall be as follows:
Proposition:
Shall the Board of Directors of the Medford Irrigation District, Jackson County, Oregon, be authorized to negotiate and enter into a repayment contract with the United States of America, in conformity with the proposals specified in the notice of this election, under the provisions of the Federal Reclamation Laws and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and of the laws of the State of Oregon, authorizing the District to enter into such contracts,

and the ballots to be used at the election shall put the foregoing proposition to the qualified electors by the following words and symbols:

Contract with the United States —Yes

Contract with the United States —No

6. That all persons qualified to vote at irrigation district elections under the laws of the State of Oregon shall be entitled to vote at said special election, and the election shall be held and the result thereof determined in all respects in conformity as nearly as practicable with the provisions of law governing the election of irrigation district officers.

7. That the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock on the morning of the day of said election and shall be kept open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon

when the same shall be closed. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEDFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT. (SEAL) J. A. HOFFBUHR Secretary

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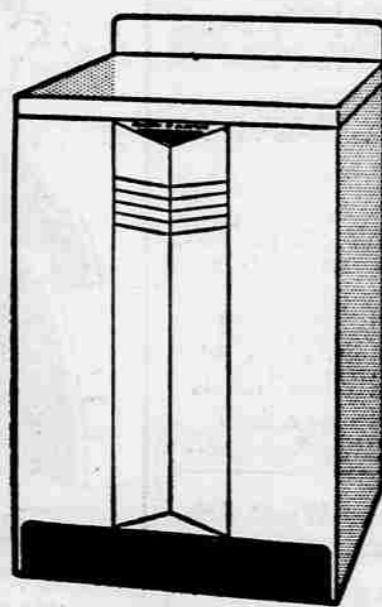
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