

Century-Old Yakima Valley Post Restored, Motorloggers Discover

Five Buildings Left Standing At Fort Simcoe

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The white man and the Yakima Indian did their last important fighting about 100 years ago. Today they are cooperating in one of the Pacific Northwest's most intriguing historical projects.

This is the restoration of old Fort Simcoe, reached by a road that comes to a dead end in the pine foothills of the Cascade mountains 28 miles west and south of Toppenish, Wash.

This is a good motorlog target for a one-day or two-day trip, and the scenery hereabouts is worth taking a rather long way around to get there.

We took our white Oregon State Motor association Ford east on highway 30 from Portland and across the Columbia river at the Paterson ferry—50 cents—about ten miles upstream from where we had turned onto highway 730 near Boardman.

It's a fast 27 miles to Prosser, Wash. From Prosser to Toppenish you can make better time by taking highway 3A, which is a fine road, rather than highway 3, which the map indicates is the main road. The latter has more larger towns with reduced speed zones.

The 27 miles from Toppenish to Fort Simcoe is mostly well paved, but there is a five or six-mile stretch of gravel road before the visitor passes through the heavy timber entrance to the site of the old fort.

Restoration Shared

The restoration is principally the work of the Washington state parks and recreation commission, together with the national parks service, and with the support of the Fort Simcoe at Mool-Mool Restoration society at Yakima, Wash.

The Indians are very much in the picture, because the site is on the Yakima Indian reservation. It is under a lease agreement with the Yakima Indian nation that the fort is being restored as a monument to the Indian wars.

Progress so far on the project includes restoration of the commandant's house and one officer's home as well as raising several later structures to allow more room for picnicking.



Commandant's house, finest of structures at old Fort Simcoe, is being restored to original condition under project of Washington state parks and recreation commission, along with the national parks service and Yakima Indians at reservation.



Map indicates route of motorlog up highway 30, by Columbia, then across Paterson ferry and through Horse Heaven hills, with the highway steeply descending into the Yakima valley.

The program will also involve furnishing the residences as they once were.

Fort Simcoe had been established after the Yakima Indian war of 1855-56 at the suggestion of Maj. Gen. John Ellis Wool, commander of the department of the Pacific, according to Albert Culverwell, historian for the Washington state parks and recreation commission, writing in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly.

The name "Simcoe" comes



Motorloggers in white AAA car found curio shop in an Indian tepee at army fort.

from the Indian "sim-ku-ee," meaning "saddle in a hill," derived from a noticeable saddle-like dip in a ridge north of the fort.

Fort Served Purpose

Only small groups of Indians engaged the soldiers stationed at Fort Simcoe in the brief time between its construction and abandonment by the army. Fort Simcoe served a purpose in being there during the tag end of Indian fighting in central and south central Washington. It was a base for operations elsewhere for one thing, and it also had the salutary warning effect of a policeman in sight.

Soon abandoned for its original purpose, it owes its partial survival to its aptness for conversion to another use. In 1859 the army moved out, the buildings were turned over to the department of Indian affairs, and an Indian agency that had been established near the mouth of the White Salmon river was moved to the fort.

The agency remained at the site of the old fort, tearing down many buildings and erecting others, until 1924, when it was moved to Toppenish.

It's a pleasant, scenic drive down highway 97 from Toppenish, through Satus pass, to the Columbia river, and for Oregonians it's the shortest way home.

In and Around Rogue River

Rogue River — The funeral for Irwin L. Hogan, who died July 12 in Grants Pass, was held at the Assembly of God Church Saturday, July 16, with the Rev. L. D. Hall officiating. The body was shipped to Portland for interment in the Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mr. Hogan was 72 years old and had spent several years in Rogue River.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of Newton Andrew Sharples, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have been appointed Administrator of the above estate by an order made therein on July 20, 1955, and creditors having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, and with proper vouchers attached, to me at the office of Roberts, Kellington & Branchfield, 201 1/2 N. National Bank Bldg., Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BARBARA A. LEEFVRE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED AND WHO SHOULD BE CONCERNED:
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that the above entitled court on the 25th day of July, 1955, entered an order and decree changing the name of Barbara A. LEEFVRE to BARBARA A. GREGG. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Circuit Court this 26th day of July, 1955.

BERETH P. HOPKINS, CLERK
By Jeanne W. Brown, Deputy

NATIONAL FOREST

SEALING BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Forest Supervisor, his authorized representative at the Forest Service office, Post Office Building, Medford, Oregon, beginning at 2:00 p.m., August 29, 1955, for all live timber marked or designated for sale in Jackson County, Oregon, as particularly below: Diamond Lake Highway Beetle Salvage: Sealed bids will be received up to and not later than 2:00 p.m., August 29, 1955; W.M.: estimated volumes are 505 M board feet more or less of Douglas-fir, 39 M board feet more or less of all species of pine, and 250 M board feet more or less of white fir and other species of sawtimber. No bid of less than \$29.05 per M board feet for Douglas-fir, \$46.10 per M board feet for Douglas-fir, \$53.75 per M board feet for all species of pine, and \$9.35 per M board feet for white fir and other species will be considered. In addition to the prices bid for stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$1.20 per M board feet, to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.40 per M board feet, to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of the agreement, will be required. Woodruff Meadows Salvage: Sealed bids will be received up to and not later than 2:00 p.m., August 29, 1955; area embraces about 38 acres within sections 6 & 7, T. 31 S., R. 12 E., W.M.: estimated volumes are 610 M board feet more or less of Douglas-fir, 170 M board feet more or less of all species of pine, and 120 M board feet more or less of white fir and other species of sawtimber. No bid of less than \$23.75 per M board feet for Douglas-fir, \$33.75 per M board feet for all species of pine, and \$9.35 per M board feet for white fir and other species will be considered. In addition to the prices bid for stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$1.20 per M board feet, to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.40 per M board feet, to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of the agreement, will be required. A deposit of \$1,000.00, made payable to Forest Service-USA, must accompany each bid for each sale area, to be applied on the purchase price, returned, or retained as liquidated damages, according to the conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, or the District Ranger, Union Creek Ranger Station, Prospect, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION OF WATER

Notice is given hereby that W. A. and Wanda White have filed an application for the approval of a change in point of diversion of water from Little Butte Creek.
By decree of the Circuit Court for Jackson Co. entered Aug. 15, 1949, in the matter of the determination of the relative rights to the use of the water of Little Butte Creek and its tributaries, a water right was adjudicated in the name of Nicholas Young for the irrigation of among other lands, 12.2 acres in NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 9, T. 36 S., R. 1 W., W.M., from Little Butte Creek with a date of priority of 1899. These lands are irrigated thru the Young and Butte ditch, the point of diversion of said ditch being located 540 ft. N. and 817 ft. E. from SW corner of Sec. 9, and being within SW 1/4 SW 1/4, said Sec. 9, T. 36 S., R. 1 W., W.M.
The applicants herein, owners of the lands above described, propose to irrigate said lands by means of a pumping plant, the point of diversion of said pumping plant to be located 570 ft. S. and 1050 ft. W. from the N 1/4 corner of Sec. 9, and being within NE 1/4 NW 1/4, said Sec. 9, T. 36 S., R. 1 W., W.M.
All persons interested are notified hereby that a hearing will be held at the county court house at Medford, Ore. on Sept. 8, 1955, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All objections to the proposed change, if any there are, will be heard at said time and place. Any objections shall be prepared in writing, one copy to be served on W. A. and Wanda White, Rt. 1, Box 110, Eagle Point, Ore., and one copy made to the State Engineer, Salem, Ore., together with a \$2 filing fee, at least ten days prior to the date set for hearing. If no objections are filed, the application may be approved by the State Engineer without a hearing. Dated at Salem, Ore., this 12th day of July, 1955.
LEWIS A. STANLEY, State Engineer

He is survived by his widow, Anna Hogan, and two sons and three daughters, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith returned Friday, July 22, from Fortuna, Calif., where they have spent several weeks while he was building out the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker.

Allan McGregor Sr. is spending two weeks visiting his wife and son and daughter who are employed at Anchorage, Alaska.

Born July 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Artie Smith at St. Helens, Ore., was a baby boy who has been named Zane Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Weigart and children returned this week from a trip as far east as Chicago.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Elmer Milton home last Tuesday with pictures being showed of the Milton logging operations and of the trip Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Colson took from Zero, Mont., to Rogue River. Those who enjoyed the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Colson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Elders, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Milton and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Milton.

Recent visitors at the Lloyd Smith home were Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Longview, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Coleman, Emporia, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Evert Colson, Zero, Mont. While here they enjoyed a trip to Lake O' Woods. Smith is a brother of Lloyd and Coleman a nephew. Mrs. Colson is Mrs. Smith's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman and children stopped over in Rogue River en route from Butte, Mont., to San Fernando, Calif., where they will make a new home.

Mrs. Orvis Reeter, Mrs. Adel Raber of Rogue River and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laws of Eugene were called to Santa Barbara, Calif., by the illness of the girl's father, Earl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhoten and Dick Rhoten were week end visitors with home folks. The boys have logging operations at Ft. Bragg, Calif.

Mrs. Hattie Harris, Lewiston, Ida., and Mrs. Francis Harris of

Mother Praxedes, Founder and Onetime Administrator of Hospital Here, Dies

News of the death July 23 in Montreal, Canada, of Mother Praxedes of Providence, founder and former administrator of Sacred Heart hospital here was received this week by sisters of the Charity of Providence at the local hospital.

She was 84, and had retired only a few years ago from active life in the order.

Mother Praxedes came to Medford May 26, 1911 and took charge of the building of the present Sacred Heart hospital. It

Craigmont, Ida., returned home July 14 after a week's visit with Mrs. Hattie Harris' sisters, Mrs. James Whipple and Mrs. Zorah Wiley and families.

Mrs. Mae Shults returned home Friday from several weeks stay at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Cummings and family. While there she had a visit with her grandson, Cloyd Porter and wife and son, Wichita, Kans., where Cloyd is in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens, Grants Pass, spent the week end with the L. A. Miller family. The Owens expect to leave soon to make their home in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown were Medford shoppers Thursday and drove a new car home.

John Carter and Jack Miller returned Friday from a pleasure trip to Portland.

Rogue River Church of God will hold its annual camp meeting starting July 28 and continuing until Aug. 8. The Rev. H. Shaw, pastor of the church, will be in charge. There will be out of state speakers and four services will be held each day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wright and two children of Klamath, Calif., have purchased the Footh Creek store and cabins which for the past three years have been managed by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lane.

The Rogue River Hobby club met Tuesday, July 26, at the country home of Mrs. Sam Bunch at Cave City. Most of the members were present and report a pleasant day.

was begun on June 5, 1911 and the nearly completed building was occupied Jan. 2, 1912, the patients having been transferred from the yellow house named Southern Oregon hospital, then situated on the corner of 11th and South Central ave. Within the year this building was torn down.

Sisters of the order here explain. "The speed and dispatch with which the building went up from its first conception to the date of occupancy seem sufficient proof of the builder's energy and devotion to duty. Mother Praxedes had had considerable experience in business administration, as superior of a 400-bed hospital, St. Paul's, in Vancouver, B. C., before coming here."

They added, "Contractors who examined the building a few years ago conceded that it was built for 100 years, whereas most buildings are built for 50 years."

From here Mother Praxedes went again to British Columbia and was named Provincial Superior in charge of some 20 houses, hospitals, schools, homes for the aged and orphans. Later she was chosen superior general of the Community, comprising some 160 institutions in Canada and the United States.

The mother general visited here in 1943 to take part in the observance of the 50th anniversary of consecration to the works of charity of Sister Claire d'Assise, who had spent 30 of those 50 years in Medford.

That same year the order of the Sisters of Charity of Providence celebrated their 100th anniversary. The group was co-founded by Bishop Ignace Bourget and Mother Emmelie Gamelin in Montreal, and is governed by rules of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul formulated in 1635.

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HEAT BLAMED

Marshalltown, Ia. — (U.P.) — Police reported a boy they found breaking up his bicycle, piece by piece, said: "It's my bicycle and I can do as I please with it." The officers figured maybe it was the heat.

Anti-Cigarette Tax Group Gets Signers

Portland—(U.P.)—Tobacco Distributors, who object to collecting a cigarette tax for the state, have announced they are going over the top in their drive to block collection of the tax due to start Aug. 4.

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