

Camp Trip to Crater Lake 73 Years Ago Is Reviewed

Old Diary Recalls Narrow Escape for 2 Young Campers

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Reading an old diary, written 73 years ago, recalls a narrow escape Clarence Farnham and I had from being killed by a cougar at Crater Lake in 1883.

We were residents of Ashland and each 17 years of age when we went on a camping trip to Fort Klamath and Crater Lake.

We left Ashland on July 6, 1883, traveling on horseback. We took a pack horse to carry our camp outfit and supplies.

Camp at Night

The two of us traveled the Dead Indian wagon road, camping nights at Dead Indian Springs, Lake of the Woods and Pelican Bay. We then proceeded northward, circling around the northern end of the big Klamath lake and into the Wood River valley, known for its fine pasture lands.

Reach Crater Lake

We reached Crater Lake camp ground on the evening of our eighth day from home. There was no road or trail then leading up the hill to the rim of Crater Lake. We made camp, staked our horses close by, set fire to a big old fir stump and cooked our supper.

As we sat down to eat our supper, our horses were suddenly frightened and all jumped, broke loose and ran as fast as they could go.

I yelled, "Let's follow them!" We did. The pack horse got its rope caught in some logs, which held him. Since it was too dark to follow the two saddle horses, we decided to wait and hunt for them the next day. We searched until 3 p.m. and failed to find them, so we ate our lunch and went to see Crater Lake.

Fascinated by Lake

The wonderful sight so fascinated us, we viewed it for hours. Because so many millions of visitors have been at the lake since 1883 and have described it so thoroughly, I will say little concerning it.

The lake was discovered on June 12, 1853, by John Wesley Wellman. He named it "Deep Blue Lake". Later, it was discovered by two different parties. One party named it "Blue Lake" and the other named it "Lake Majestic". In 1869, the name was changed to "Crater Lake" by visitors from Jacksonville.

Those who have not seen Crater Lake are missing a thrilling experience. The bluest of blue water, 2,000 feet in depth, surrounded by perpendicular cliffs 500 to 2,000 feet in height, are to be found there. The lake is six miles wide and has a shoreline of 20 miles.

Tenth Day

On our 10th day, we got up early. I made coffee and "camp fire bread," baked in a fry pan. Clarence fried bacon and potatoes.

While eating our breakfast, I heard a noise. I looked up. There came our two saddle horses. They walked right up to the pack horse and stopped. We were happy! Soon, we had the load on the pack horse, our horses saddled and we were off for the Rogue River falls.

Cougar Hunter

The lone man at the falls was a cougar hunter and lived on a homestead. He said he owned the falls and all the land. He told us he expected to sell out to some power company some day. California—Oregon Power company owns the site today.

When we told him a bear jumped from a tree and frightened our horses, he laughed and said bears don't jump from trees. He said, "That was a cougar—sure and certain!" He knew the camp ground and had killed several cougars there.

Fire Burning

Asked if we had a fire burning, we told him the big stump had burned for two nights.

"That was surely luck for you kids," he said. "Cougars are deathly afraid of fires. That is the only thing that saved you boys."

Our last camp-out night was spent on the banks of the Rogue river. We went home when our piece of bacon was fried.



REMEMBERS TRIP—Frank S. Brandon, 211 North Ivy st., Medford, is 91 years old now, but still remembers his 1883 jaunt to Crater Lake with Clarence Farnham when both were 17 years old. The two were residents of Ashland at that time. Brandon, a retired miller, and his camping companion believe they narrowly escaped battle with a cougar. He recalled the incident while reading an old diary recently.

EAGLE POINT Many Travel Thanksgiving

By LOUISE M. BERG

Eagle Point — Many Eagle Point families traveled to distant places to be with relatives or friends on Thanksgiving day, while others stayed home and received guests.

Clifford Braun, biology and science teacher in Eagle Point High school spent Thanksgiving in San Francisco with friends and relatives.

George Putnam and family had Thanksgiving dinner with the Frank Putnam family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young were in Portland with Young's mother and sister for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mittelsteadt, former residents of Eagle Point, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Kent this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Olson spent Thanksgiving in Vancouver, Wash., with Mr. and Mrs. William Lacey, and will visit Mr. and Mrs. Dick Girls in Dayton, daughter and son-in-law of the Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Vanderlip of Shady Cove Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Chet Flury returned from Portland to spend Thanksgiving with her family. She has been in Portland caring for a sister who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Short were entertained Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Turnquist on Mountain road.

Dick Hillis, of Formosa, will speak Sunday Nov. 25, at the Community Bible church on Oriental Crusade. Hillis will speak at both morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Francisco of Klamath Falls, drove to Vancouver to bring Mr. Art Kent, father of Mrs. Francisco, to his home here. Mr. Kent has been in the hospital in Vancouver, having undergone major surgery.

Little Applegate Diversion Dams Are Built Last Week

Three dams for diversion of irrigation water from the Little Applegate river were completed last week, according to Clem Ault, local soil conservationist for the Rogue Soil Conservation district.

The dams will provide water for the Upper and Lower and Gin-Lin ditches, he said. The dams are heavy concrete structures, he added.

In the past, according to Ault, temporary earth and log structures were used for diversion of water. They were subject to damage or complete removal because of winter flood waters, he said. The new dams are anchored into rock to safeguard them against damage or removal by flood waters, he said.

Fish ladders have also been constructed, Ault said, to assure fish free movement up the river. Water from the dams will be supplied for 560 acres of crop land, he added.

Owners of land in the Little Applegate area receiving water from the diversion dams are the Circle G Ranch, James Sewell, Grace Sharp, O. E. Hukill, Lawrence Dunshee, Jim Miller Jr., and E. P. Merrick.

The design for the three dams was developed by Clifford Jensen, local soil conservation service engineer. Technicians of the state game commission assisted on the fish ladder design. Construction work on the dams was done by Armin Richter and Associates, Medford general contractors.

News Agency Reports Damage by Base Fire

Carlo—(U.P.)—The semi-official Mideast News Agency reported Saturday that a fire of undetermined origin caused "extensive damage" to the British base at Akaba, Jordan.

Britain has both air and ground forces at Akaba under its treaty with Jordan.

REQUEST APPROVED Ashland — The Ashland city council last week agreed to comply with a Chamber of Commerce request to erect Christmas street decorations and the traditional large community Christmas tree in downtown Ashland the day following Thanksgiving.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Suzanne B. Biesee, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Milly Hazel Glass, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
William Foster Doak, failure to stop at traffic light, \$5.
Bert Elden Mahoney, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Arthur Larry Peterson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Knaps, failure to stop at traffic light, \$5.
Vidia Garner Ballard, no driver's license, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Paul Bruce Ownby, failure to display PUC plates, \$15, bail forfeited.
Ralph Earl Baldwin, no operators license, \$10, bail forfeited.
John Rudolph Alexander, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jackie William Pech, passing at intersection, \$10.
Madeline Ada Storm, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.
Henry George Schrack, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Elmer Fred Mangelsen, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles Dean Lucht, violation of basic rule, \$20.
Roger Gary Black, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Harold Leon Heavilin, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Henry George Schrack, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Knaps, overpaid, \$50.
William Martin Barlow, inadequate muffler, \$15.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
John Vince Isaac, 1101 Leland ave., Medford, and Eleanor Ruth Miller, 3210 North Pacific highway, Medford.
Larry Russell, Rock, 2074 Crater Lake ave., Medford, and Jaren Marie McCoy, 214 A Lincoln st., Medford.

Committeeman Asks Butler to Resign

Denver—(U.P.)—George Rock, Democratic national committeeman for Colorado, Saturday demanded that Paul Butler resign as the party's national chairman so the national committee can pick a new one.

He accused Butler of being "arbitrary and dictatorial" in his conduct of party affairs before and during the recent national campaign.

He said if Butler did resign he felt "he would not be re-elected."

However, Mrs. Marguerite Peyton Thompson, Colorado's Democratic national committeewoman, said she did not think it was the proper time to make such a demand on Butler and said she felt his status with the party would come up in January when the national committee meets.

London Man Denied Divorce on Adultery

London—(U.P.)—Stanley Clements has been denied a divorce on grounds of adultery despite the fact he found his wife and another man nude together, court officials said Saturday.

The judge pointed out that all three principals in the case were nudists and "what might be reasonable for ordinary people to believe might not be reasonable in this sort of society."



APPOINTED—Jim Backen, a senior in secondary education, was recently appointed news bureau director at Southern Oregon college. The appointment marked the first time that the position has been held by a student. He will assist Hugh Simpson, publicity director, in SOC publicity releases to all parts of the state. A resident of Roseburg, Backen is majoring in English and expects to obtain a BS degree this spring.

Pletsch, Warner Attend Convention

Mr. and Mrs. John Pletsch have returned from Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa., where Pletsch attended the U. S. Savings and Loan league convention Nov. 12 through 16.

Pletsch, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, said business regarding the savings and loan industry was discussed along with the shortage of money and ways to improve the money market by additional effort in urging people to save a portion of what they earn.

En route home, Mr. and Mrs. Pletsch stopped in Chicago.

Also attending the convention from Medford was Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner. Warner is president of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association.

Is That So?

The Idaho novelist and author Vardis Fisher has worked himself into a fine state. To extricate himself, he has appealed to the readers of my column.

What's more, to any reader helping him out, he's willing to donate a free copy, postage paid, of his latest book "Pemmican," specially inscribed to boot.

It's this way: The title of the book derives from "Pemmican," the dried buffalo meat pounded into paste with hump fat, which was the main item in the diet of frontiersmen in the early days of the American West.

Fisher wrote me: "While writing the novel the thought of Pemmican, the food, was never far from my mind. So when I was through I decided I had to have a taste of that famous staple of the mighty men of the North or die."

Widely Sought
The result? He combed the Peace river country of Canada. He wired to Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Montreal. He wrote to Edmonton. Friends wrote to big game hunters in Northern Canada and Alaska. He even air-mailed a letter to his home state senator. He heard some pemmican was taken down to the scientists now working in the South Pole. That "pemmican" was a trade name—concocted by a man who apparently couldn't tell a Holstein from a buffalo!

Vardos Fisher is still hoping, and getting slimmer. And then I rashly promised I'd help; and now the offer—to anyone sending a genuine half pound of Pemmican to the publishers—Doubleday and Company, 575 Madison Ave., New York City, care of Miss Louise Thomas, there'll be this free copy autographed by the author. On second thought: Better bottle that package.

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OVERCOME BY EMOTION as they arrive in Hampshire, England, this Hungarian family kisses English soil at Blackbusch Airport. They flew from Vienna. (International)

Defense Department Is Drafting Budget That Will Cut Air Force

Washington—(U.P.)—The defense department is drafting a fiscal year 1958 military budget that will cut back the Air Force's 137-wing goal, highly placed defense officials said Saturday.

The move is certain to provoke another dispute in Congress where Democrats have charged President Eisenhower is surrendering air superiority to Russia.

The multi-billion dollar defense budget will be presented to Congress in January. There has been no final decision on the cutback but defense sources said there will be a downward revision.

The Air Force now has 131 wings. It is scheduled to reach 137 wings by next June. This goal was set in 1953 as part of the administration's "new look" military program.

A wing varies from 30 heavy bombers to 75 fighters.

The department's argument is that the increasing power of new weapons, planes and missiles makes it possible to revise the 137-wing goal without reducing overall airpower. In fact, officials claim, the Air Force undoubtedly will have even greater power.

New Missiles

After years of research, officials point out, the military is now starting to get—or will in the near future—some of the fantastic new missiles which will "revolutionize" warfare.

As these missiles supplant manned interceptors and ultimately supplant manned bombers, it is argued, it should be possible to cut back on the number of Air Force wings.

Another argument is that the United States must have "sufficiency" of airpower, not necessarily "superiority." If the United States has airatomic power sufficient to "kill" Russia, probably several times over, it is argued, then it has enough to deter war or destroy the enemy, even if Russia should gain numerical superiority.

The administration advanced this "sufficiency" argument last year before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on air power. But it had little apparent effect on the Democrats who emphasized "superiority."

Renew Dispute

Reducing the wings will renew the dispute. The airpower subcommittee, headed by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), former Air Force secretary, is expected to make a critical report on the adequacy of the nation's airpower shortly after Congress convenes.

There have been suggestions from Senate sources that the subcommittee will reopen the

hearings if the defense department reduces the Air Force goal.

Even with the reduction the military budget is expected to rise. The 1958 fiscal year starts next July 1. The present outlook is that the spending budget will total \$38 billion—A \$2 billion increase over this year.

The increase will result largely from the fact that the new missiles and weapons coming into the military's arsenals are much more costly than the weapons they replace.

The Middle East crisis also is forestalling some of the cuts the administration had been planning, although defense officials said it would not result in any substantial increase.

The defense department for instance, is postponing some of the four to six per cent slash in manpower it had been planning before the Middle East crisis arose. It reasons that it would not be psychologically wise to announce the cuts at this time. Later, if the world situation brightens, it still would be possible to make cuts.

Party Teams Meet to Decide Organization of Oregon Senate

Portland—(U.P.)—Republicans and Democrats sent threeman teams into a huddle here Saturday to try and decide which party will organize the evenly divided State Senate but both sides refused to give ground and disbanded after agreeing that future meetings might find a solution to the problem.

In yesterday's meeting, Democrats cited the fact that the people had elected a Democratic governor and given control of the house of representatives to their party and interpreted this as a mandate that the people

meant for their party to provide the program for the state government.

GOP Arguments

Republicans based their arguments for control principally on the fact that their members, as a whole, will go into the 1957 session of the legislature with more experience on the job.

Although the meeting yesterday failed to reach agreement, spokesmen for both groups seemed inclined to believe that further discussions will provide the answer.

Failure of the two parties to reach an agreement could hold up the inauguration of Governor-elect Robert Holmes. With the Senate evenly split with 15 members from each party, a delay in naming the Senate president, who in effect serves also as lieutenant-governor, could upset the schedule. Under state law the governor is inaugurated after both houses are organized.

Representatives Present

Representing the Democrats at the meeting were state Sens. Phil Brady, Portland; Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie; and Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls. The Republicans sent Sens. Lee Ohmart of Salem; Howard C. Belton, Canby; and Rudie Wilhelm Jr., of Portland to the meeting.

The Republicans offered a compromise at the meeting, suggesting that they should organize the Senate but give the Democrats the chairmanship of the Taxation and Ways and Means committees.

Both groups were to report to the full membership of its side of the Senate.

Man Suffers Leg Injury When Car Hits Train

Portland—(U.P.)—A Portland motorist was injured Saturday when his automobile collided with a Southern Pacific passenger train inbound from San Francisco at a city intersection.

Police said Vernon Hamilton was taken to a local hospital for treatment of a leg injury suffered when the car plowed into the train after running through a crossing signal about 8 a.m.

Landmark at Smithfield Leveled by Friday Fire

Salem—(U.P.)—A landmark of the Smithfield area, the Chet Zumwalt residence, built in 1877, was leveled by fire Friday night.

Firemen said the 11-room, two-story house was virtually destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. The old farm home, about seven miles from here, was partly covered by insurance.

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