

Modern Vacation Resorts Rising In Pristine McKenzie River Area

Forests and Lava Attract Tourists

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Exposure to the charms and enchantments of the Three Sisters country of the upper McKenzie river is not recommended to the vacationer who would remain faithful to more prosaic and better advertised summer pleasure spots.

A taste of the narcotic beauty and pristine splendor of this primitive area some 50 miles east of Eugene on highway 126 can come dangerously close to making an addict of you overnight.

The development of this region's tourist accommodations, unlike the fast boating area of the lower McKenzie, is only now getting under way. Lately, enthusiastic Californians, who instinctively know how to please travelers, are investing in first-class cabins, motels, restaurants, recreation areas and even a beauty parlor, so solid are they on this region.

Priests Build Camp

Even the Dominican fathers of San Rafael, Cal., have succumbed to the charms of the Three Sisters and have invested more than a quarter of a million dollars in a summer camp for students studying for the priesthood.

In an Oregon State Motor association motoring to the region, the writer and his family visited scores of fine cabins strung along the fast, sparkling McKenzie.

We stayed at Laughing Waters in a two-bedroom cabin, done in natural wood and sporting a huge stone fireplace in the living room. A furnished kitchen had clean, ample facilities for meals, which could be topped off with rainbow, outthroat and Dolly Varden trout, caught easily by



Lava flows dammed the Upper McKenzie creating Clear lake. In its depths, an ancient, drowned forest can be seen.



Highway 126 follows the white water of the McKenzie and near Bend skirts to the north of the scenic Three Sisters.

standing on the cabin porch and dropping a line directly into the McKenzie.

But if the fishing is fabulous, the hiking is nothing less than spectacular. There is the excitement of discovering Sahalee and Koonah waterfalls, two of the finest in Oregon; the thrill of journeys to the Three Sisters and the lava beds beyond and a trek to cold Clear lake, or to warm, shallow Fish lake nearby.

Clear lake was created when volcanic flows dammed the canyon and trapped a forest, more than 1000 years old. The reser-

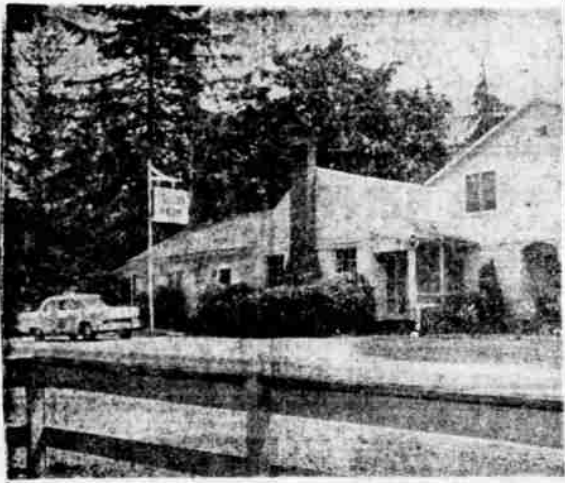
voir-clear water, at places nearly 200 feet deep, fails to hide the ancient trees, preserved like museum relics in clear plastic. At Clear lake, where the fishing (rainbow and cutthroat) is unpredictable, is Great Spring, principal water supply for the lake whose outlet is the McKenzie river. Rowboats may be rented for 50 cents an hour from the Santiam Fish and Game association, which also operates cabins and a restaurant and store.

Volcanoes Active

Dr. Howell Williams, University of California geologist who studied the Three Sisters region, believes there was more volcanic activity there during the past few thousand years—since the time of Christ—than in any other part of the high Cascades.

Evidences of later glaciers that gouged out the old volcanoes can be seen along the McKenzie highway. The North Sister, largest and oldest of the Three Sisters group, offers good hiking trails at its base and on its slopes gives a moderate test to the skilled mountaineer.

Here, then, is a vacation land with an enchanting and seductive past, once a "cinder box of Hades," now a Thoreau-like land of surprises, like heated swimming pools, an air strip for winged travelers, good roads, covered bridges, restaurants, first-class motels and cabins, beauty parlors and cocktail lounges.



The white motoring car visits Holiday Farm, one of the many modern tourist accommodations in the McKenzie area.

San Diego Turns To Spanish Tempo For Fiesta Days

San Diego, Calif. — This community will return to the day of the Spanish dons this summer when its annual Fiesta del Pacifico will be celebrated with parades, balls, street dances, sports events and a spectacular outdoor musical pageant depicting the history of California.

The Fiesta, scheduled to open July 24, will be climaxed with Governors' Day of the 11 western states, Hawaii and Baja California, Mexico, have been invited to be special guests at receptions, bay tours, parties, dinners and a grand Governor's Ball in their honor the night of Aug. 16.

Members of the Inter-American Defense Board, representing 20 Latin-American nations and the United States, will arrive in San Diego July 22 and will be guests for the Fiesta's Inter-American Days July 25-28.

"The California Story," the largest non-movie spectacular in the world will be the central attraction of the Fiesta. Lucille Norman, the mezzo-soprano will star in the outdoor musical pageant which will be presented in the 22,000 seat Balboa Stadium for 13 performances.

Beards To Be Grown The pageant will depict the colorful history of California from its discovery by the explorer Cabrillo through the Mission days and the Gold Rush to the present. More than 1,300 actors, singers and dancers will appear in the production.

Scenes from California history also will be illustrated in the Historical Pageant Parade which will move through downtown San Diego and along the edge of Balboa Park July 27.

Other Fiesta events are open house aboard Navy ships in the harbor, a replica of a Spanish market place, costume street dances, a choral festival, a chil-

dren's parade, an avenue of the flags which have flown over California, a Latin-American Indian ballet, appearances of the Mormon Choir, outdoor light opera, plays symphonies, a world championship RCA ro-

deo, bullfights in nearby Mexico, horse racing and aquatic events.

Thousands of San Diegans will grow mustaches and beards and wear colorful Mexican costumes during the Fiesta.

Paroled Killer Murders Family

Santiago, Chile — Police said today a paroled killer has admitted hacking to death a woman and her five children.

The confessed mass murderer was identified as Jose Roldan Concha, 27, an iron miner. His victims were the wife and children of another miner, Custodio Gomez Chaco, at Los Colpuhus iron mine camp at Pupunahue in Valdivia Province.

Roldan Concha was released on parole for good behavior after serving one year of a five-year prison sentence for killing a man in self defense.

Monday night, according to police, he went to the home of Gomez Chaco while the miner was working on the night shift. Wielding a huge woodsman's ax, Roldan Concha killed Mrs. Gomez Chaco and the children, who ranged in age from one to 14 years.

Then, while neighbors spurred by the terrified screams of the woman and children rushed to summon Gomez Chaco, Roldan Concha fled into the woods.

Police captured him after an all-night hunt. They said he surrendered without a fight and freely admitted the killings but would give no reason.

Recital Scheduled At Medford High

A stringed instrument recital will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Medford High school cafeteria.

The recital marks the end of five weeks instruction as part of Medford public school summer program. Classes included beginner, intermediate and advanced.

All parents and other interested persons have been invited. Instructor is Elmer Ayres.

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Madison, Wis.—A newsboy found a Siamese cat answering the description of one lost by Mrs. William D. Walker before she left on a trip to Michigan. At her direction, he put the cat on a plane for Detroit. Today the cat was back in Madison. It was the wrong one.