

### 16-Foot Snow Pack Seen In Crater Lake Park Area

Almost 46 feet of snow has fallen at Crater Lake park headquarters the past season, building up a 16-foot snow pack, according to Supt. Tom Williams.

The snow is "money in the bank" for farmers, loggers and sportsmen as stored water for next summer's use, Williams said.

Unoccupied buildings are humps in the snow field, although they are uncovered by bulldozers two or three times each winter.

The two snow survey courses are gauged monthly by park rangers in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service. On March 29, the course at Annie Spring had an average snow depth of 137 inches and contained 54.1 inches of water, 1.5 inches above the long time average. At park headquarters, on the same date, 174 inches of snow contained 72.7 inches of water, 8.3 inches above normal. A record snow pack of 18 feet was measured in March, 1952.

#### Winter Still Here

Although spring is arriving in the valleys, winter is still in progress at Crater Lake, and will be for some time. April averages over 47 inches of snowfall and has produced as much as 143 inches (1948). May usually sees about 24 inches of new snow but in 1933 experienced 103 inches.

The average winter snowfall is 618 inches, or about 52 feet. The record high, in 1932-1933, was 879 inches, or more than 73 ft. Conversely, the next year produced only 382 inches, or less than 32 feet.

Visitors to the park at this season drove a road that is a

15 to 20 ft. deep channel through the snow. The road is open to the rim of Crater Lake where the lake may be viewed in its winter glory.

Light meals, hot drinks and curries are available at the r on week ends.

#### Boy Scouts

##### Pack 14

Cub scouts of pack 14's den number two recently made a field trip to the Star Ranger station in Applegate. They inspected the station and fire fighting equipment, then made a trip to the woods area where conservation was explained by a forest ranger.

Scouts making the trip were Craig Horton, Louis Budge, David Sorenson, John Mast, Tom Bolton, Tom McIntyre, Eddie Mencke and Gregory Miller. They were accompanied by Den mothers Mrs. Merle Foland and Mrs. Fred Mast.

#### Norton Lumber Firm To Open New Branch

A second retail store for Norton Lumber company was opened last week at White City, the owner, M. E. Norton, Phoenix, has announced Ernest Smith, Sams Valley, will manage the store.

Norton said he had leased the building on Crater Lake highway from the White City Realty company. It formerly housed Desert Sales.

Norton has managed the Norton Lumber company in Phoenix since 1950. He said the new outlet was opened because of the optimistic future of the White City area and other communities in the northern part of the valley.

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