

Crater Lake 'Must' on Tour of State

Trailer Trip Takes Bauer Family To Expanses of Southeast Oregon

The following is a condensation of the second installment of a motorist's tour in the Oregonian, one of an annual series sponsored jointly by the Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor Club. These travel articles describe vacation trips and destinations recommended for out-of-state visitors coming to Oregon during the Centennial Year Observance.

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Third day — From Ashland and around Crater Lake — 153 miles.

No tour of Oregon can be complete without touching at that phenomenon of nature known as Crater Lake. Let it be reported here, finally and irrevocably, that Crater Lake is not in California. We reached it by driving north from Ashland.

And a very pleasant drive it was — on a warm, sunny morning. There are several camping spots along the stretch of state highway No. 62 between Medford and Crater Lake Park.

On the way we stopped for lunch at Casey State Park on the upper Rogue River. Picnic and camping sites, including national forest camps are much more plentiful on the west approach to Crater Lake Park than on those from the south and north.

As for the lake itself, this natural wonder of the Oregon Cascades is really beyond any description. It is even bluer than the photographs in the national slicks.

As a result, it has attracted most interstate travelers who have time to spare to leave the main routes. We were lucky to have a suggestion from the park superintendent, Thomas J. Williams, that we make camp on Lost Creek, on the spur of the now tightly-closed East Entrance highway.

Creek Camp Ideal

For the overnight camper who complains that the ordinary public campground packs families more tightly than a veterans subdivision, the Lost Creek camp is an ideal vantage point from which to enjoy Crater Lake. We spent one rest day there, just three miles from the rim drive around the lake and only 13 miles from the Rim Village, at which are located such facilities of civilization as the celebrated Crater

Lake lodge, a cafeteria which serves as a warming hut right through the winter of 20-foot snowfalls, the more congested campgrounds, and other postcard features of the crater's rim.

We were treated to a 36-mile circumference of the Rim drive under the personal guidance of District Chief Ranger Robert R. (Slim) Mabery. There we saw the first bulldozer bites in the national park service's "Mission 66" to improve tourist facilities. There will be, by the 1958 summer vacation season, a series of a half dozen new picnic sites around the beautifully-surfaced Rim drive.

Mission 66, which is the federal government's propaganda term for its long over-due program to rehabilitate the national parks, has taken notice of the shortage of overnight accommodations at Crater Lake. A spacious new campground and a trailer park were, in August, 1957, nearing completion just southeast of the South Entrance on state highway No. 62. By this summer there will be scores of comfortable camping spaces at this site (the Mazama campground serviced by hard-surfaced roads and the most modern auxiliary buildings (showers, laundry, toilet facilities).

We discovered that there will still be a number of campers who, as we will still prefer the remote exclusiveness of the Lost Creek camp, where the eight sites existing in the summer of 1957 will be increased to 15 by this summer season. Here, far off the beaten path, the sun shines benignly on the pine forest; Lost Creek supplies a challenging, if not richly-infested fishery; and there is scarcely ever the sound of an exhaust.

Fourth Day — To Hart Mountain, via Klamath Falls, Merrill, Lakeview and Plush — 276 miles.

This was the fourth day of travel. Our eight-day-around-the-state can (we proved it) be executed in that time or even less. It is entirely possible to circumnavigate the state in one week's vacation. But the vacationist with two weeks can



Trailer travelers stop on gravel highway circling Crater Lake for view of lake and typical Warner Valley scene.

enjoy a rest now and then — as we did the day before this — especially if he has a vacation trailer, such as the 15-foot Jewell model furnished to us by trailer dealer Everett Spencer of Portland.

We strike off now into eastern Oregon and the big, vacant places on the road map. The highway from Klamath Falls through Lakeview is fast and carefree. At the latter junction we debated the advisability of traveling an extra 150 hard-surfaced miles through Burns in order to reach Frenchglen; but, finally, decided on the direct route over the Hart Mountain plateau.

The road from Lakeview to Adel, through the Warner Canyon winter sports area and along well-fished Camas Creek, is a good one, the last paved road we were to feel in nearly a day.

Plush Still Unplush

North from Adel to Plush, the way skirts the marshy shores of Pelican, Crump and Hart lakes, jewels in the Warner lake chain which lies at the base of Hart Mountain. These and the often-dry beds of Bluejoint, Stone, Flagstaff, Mugump, Campbell and Anderson lakes are what remain of the massive Lake Warner, which perhaps 10,000 years ago spread over the valley.

Plush, jumping-off point for the Hart Mountain trek, was, according to "Tam" McArthur, named for a 19th century celebrity of the Puente Indian tribe, who in turn owed his name to a crooked poker hand. He held a flush which was topped by a flush achieved on the draw by the dealer, and ever afterward he referred to

the means of his downfall as the "flush."

So there came to the Oregon map another place name that can be traced back to the peculiarity of Indian phonetics. Plush does not appear to have changed much since the time of its hapless founder.

There is a sharp climb up the rim of the plateau of the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. A clear eye can pick out an occasional pronghorn antelope in the sea of sagebrush.

On the tableland some 15 miles or so from Plush is the oasis of well-tended stone buildings housing the antelope refuge headquarters. It is well to check in here before venturing farther along the virtually unmarked road that leads 48 miles on to Frenchglen.

Accommodations Fine

By the time we arrived at the headquarters (about 6 p.m.) we were willing to call it a day, and we can recommend highly the extraordinary overnight accommodations available near there.

We were directed to a secluded glen about four miles south of the headquarters station, on the route to that celebrated summer gathering place of the Order of the Antelope — the Blue Sky hotel. There, among the trembling (or quaking) aspens, a stream invites overnight camping. And there is, in addition, the incredible luxury of a concrete-walled hot mineral bath.

The Bauers plunged in to enjoy a family soaping, Japanese style. There was no greater pleasure in our eight days around the state.

(To be continued)

Trujillo Jr. Takes Parting Broadside At United States

Ensenada, Mexico — (UPI) — Playboy-Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr. of the Dominican Republic sailed toward Acapulco today, thinking "the worst" about the United States — its newspapers, lawmakers and Army school.

The dashing, 29-year-old general, made a colonel at 3 by decree of his daddy, Dominican strongman Rafael Trujillo, took a parting broadside at the United States as he turned his one-shot "man of war" south.

Filmland Loves Discussed

Meeting with the Mexican press (he wouldn't see American newsmen), Trujillo discussed his filmland loves and told the world he thought the American press and lawmakers were "liars."

Asked what he thought of the United States, the generous general said: "I think the worst."

"I don't know the origin of all my troubles in the United States but I think it was when I got angry about the words of a senator in Washington about the money I spent," Trujillo said.

"The senator said I was spending the money from the Republic. When they attributed my money as coming from Washington, it was scandalous and ridiculous. I think that there was a total of \$600,000 from the United States to buy surplus material. The agreement was signed in 1953. Those people (senators) are liars because I am spending my family fortune."

It was Trujillo's penchant for plying beautiful actresses with rich gifts that attracted the attention of lawmakers in Washington. They wanted to know if he was using foreign aid funds earmarked for the Dominican Republic to buy gifts for actresses Kim Novak, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Joan Collins.

Lie by Press Charged

On attendance at the U. S. Army school at Ft. Leavenworth where he received a "certificate of attendance" only, the mustachioed, be-ribboned general said: "The American press lied about the school when they said I was not passed. This is what happened."

"It was an unfortunate maneuver of the school. I was sick and it was necessary to leave the school for surgery and I was not informed that I would miss the tests. And since they didn't advise me I was unable to take the tests."

"I didn't fail. I just didn't take the tests."

Four Men Drown At Brownlee Dam

Boise, Idaho — (UPI) — Four men were drowned at Brownlee dam on the Snake river between Idaho and Oregon today, Morrison-Knudsen Co., the construction firm, announced.

Company spokesmen said that first details indicated that the drownings occurred when a small boat capsized in the dam's diversion tunnel.

The dam is being built by Idaho Power company.

Couple Decides To Give Children Away

Singapore — (UPI) — Jerome G. Forbes, 45, said today he and his wife have decided to give away their 10 children for adoption and start life afresh in Ceylon.

Forbes, a former clerk, said he is unemployed and in poor health. He said the aid he received from the social welfare department here was not enough to maintain his big family.

FOUNDER DIES

New York — (UPI) — The founder of the Gold Star organization of mothers of servicemen killed in action, Mrs. Matilda Burling, died here at 78 on Monday.

Oregon Beavers En Route For Brussels World's Fair In Exchange for Bears

New York — (UPI) — Four Oregon beavers headed by air across the Atlantic today for Brussels and a "cultural exchange" with four Russian bears.

The beavers, shepherded by the director of the Portland, Ore., zoo, left aboard a cargo plane supplied with goodies captive beavers have learned to love — four bunches of carrots, some beets and apples, and two loaves of stale bread.

Likes Human Flesh

They were due to reach the

Brussels world fair shortly after midnight tonight.

Their chaperone, Jack L. Marks of Portland, said one of his charges had picked up a taste for human flesh on the way from Oregon to Newark, N.J., Tuesday.

It happened in Chicago, he said. "I was trying to get the water pan from the cage when one of the beavers resented the intrusion and chewed my finger," Marks said.

The 50-pound beavers are being exchanged for the Russian bear cubs in a deal arranged by U.S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Soviet Ambassador to the United States Mikhail Menshikov.

Photographers Snubbed

The so-called "cultural exchange" is scheduled to take place July 31 at the Belgian fair.

Marks ran into more trouble later when the beavers snubbed attempts to line them up for photographers.

They hemmed and hawed about leaving their aluminum dog kennel cages to pose. Once outside, cameramen had a rough time finding suitable background to photograph the black-coated animals.

NOT HER TYPE

Chicago — (UPI) — The reputation of Lincoln Park Zoo officials as matchmakers took a beating Tuesday. Zookeepers introduced a 350-pound boy gorilla named Sinbad to a lady gorilla named Lotus, who bit the suitor a half-dozen times and had to be quieted with a tranquilizer.



PROUDLY WEARING CROWN as 1958 "Secretary of the Year" is Mrs. Genevieve B. Bell, Portland, Ore. Event featured annual National Secretaries Association convention in Minneapolis. Ruth C. LeMay (left), Chicago, held title last year. She placed crown on Mrs. Bell.

FINEST MAJOR GASOLINE

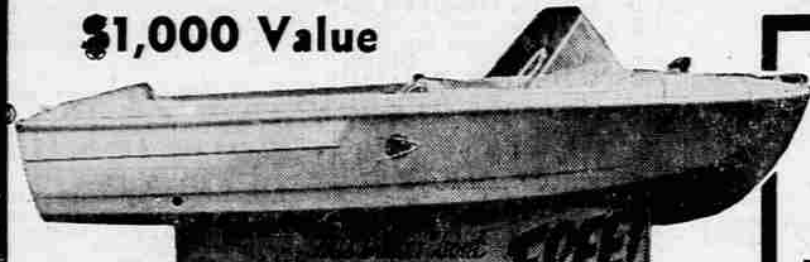
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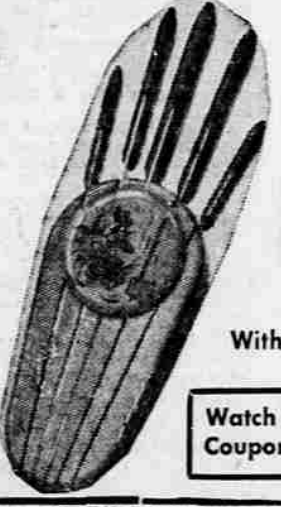
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