

Treasure Awaits Driftwood Fans



At Driftwood Cove, off North Jetty road, Kris Hansen chooses piece of driftwood in shape of slingshot. Mrs. Keith Hansen and family dog Toby take close look at specimen.

Collectors, Interior Decorators Find Plentiful Variety in Long Beach Area

The following is a condensation of a motorlog appearing in the Sunday Oregonian, one of an annual series sponsored jointly by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor Assn. These travel articles describe vacation trips and destinations throughout the Northwest and are recommended for out-of-state visitors coming to Oregon during the Centennial Year observance.

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When Aunt Agnes and the kids arrive from Kansas this summer you can heap frosting on their cake if you follow this foolproof AAA motorlog recipe. Take a day or two or three—whatever you can manage—and head for the Long Beach Peninsula. Located on the southwestern tip of Washington, this stretch of beach long has been famous among clam aficionados as an outstanding hunting ground of the delectable razor clam. But there is another, usually overlooked, hunting preserve here that should appeal to the latent interior decorator in most women—a humdrum of a spot that draws driftwood and frequently glass floats as picnics attract yellowjackets!

The peninsula is about a three-hour drive from Portland and there is a choice of routes. We recommend the Oregon drive to Astoria—Sunset Highway for speed, Columbia River for scenery—then across the mouth of the Columbia by ferry to Megler. It's just a few short miles around Baker's Bay to the Long Beach Peninsula.

But when time is an important factor, you may find it advisable to cross the Interstate Bridge to Vancouver and drive down the Washington side of the Columbia River. Popularity of the Megler ferry ride, particularly on Sunday evening return trips from the peninsula, sometimes makes for quite a wait for boat space.

Once on the peninsula, there are a number of reasonably-priced accommodations in the various communities. If you want to make advance reservations you can get the names, rates and descriptions from the Portland Chamber of Commerce information center, the



Driftwood collectors can find plenty of material along North Beach peninsula. Motorlog car here is parked by North Jetty which protects north shore of Columbia mouth.

Oregon State Motor Assn. travel department in Portland or by writing the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

There's no trick at all to finding the fore-mentioned driftwood mecca. Just take a road leading west out of Ilwaco, the southernmost community on the peninsula. Signs are apt to read Beard's Hollow, North Head, North Jetty, Fort Canby or Cape Disappointment. When you see any of these, you'll know you're on the right track. Stay on this road till it ends in a fork.

Take the one to the right and you'll find yourself immediately on Coast Guard grounds and a sign admonishes you the area will be closed to the public at sundown. You've arrived. You're on Cape Disappointment.

Jetty Collects Driftwood

From here the long, thin arm of the North Jetty reaches out into the Pacific and with the aid of tides and the Columbia River current collects about its base magnificent heaps of gnarled, twisted, sea and sun-silvered logs and roots, small and mammoth.

Here is the hunting, limited only by imagination, to delight the artist, the collector, the decorator and the bargain-hunter. (These polished, graceful, sometimes ludicrous, creations of nature bring fantastic prices even in cities on the coast.) Just wait till Aunt Agnes shows her bridge club back in Kansas the piece of driftwood or glass ball she discovered HERSELF!

While there have been ghastly crimes committed in the name of driftwood decor, there is frequent handsome evidence of its versatility. To the artist and to most the piece is beauty in itself, complete. Its popularity in flower arrangements can be seen at any show.

As a single point of interest on a brick fireplace wall, for example, it can be striking. There is sharp divergence among driftwood collectors as to its ultimate use.

To the utilitarian type, the stuff is worthless if it can't be transformed into a lamp base or coffee table pedestal.

The other camp maintains that while there is an occasional creation of merit along these lines, on the whole such desecration is on a par with Venus statues with a clock in the stomach! This latter camp has equally strong feelings on the subject of painting, lacquering, varnishing or any other means of defacing the natural gray-silver sheen.

The temptation to pile the car high with driftwood objects d'art is a powerful one. And the problem of what to do with it all, once home, is sometimes a knotty one.

But just remember—the fun is in the finding—and if that gorgeous, twisted chunk turns out to be too big for the pot you had in mind, don't worry, it makes a wonderful fire!



Motorloggers may take two routes to Peninsula, one on Washington side of Columbia, the other on Oregon side via Megler ferry at Astoria.

Stormy Weather Reported From Texas Northward

By United Press International

Winds up to 47 miles per hour drove sheets of rain over Southeastern Texas late Wednesday, causing at least one death.

Heavy rain pounded the Atlantic Coast and thunder-showers in Minnesota were accompanied by hail up to 1½ inches in diameter. Showers also were reported over large areas of the Rockies from Idaho to Arizona.

The Miami, Fla., Weather Bureau said today that tropical storm Becky, roaring into the Caribbean in a west-northwest direction, is expected to miss Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The storm is also expected to miss the Florida coast by

several hundred miles.

Upsets Boats

The Texas storm swept out of the Gulf of Mexico, lashing Galveston Bay to a white froth, and pounded up the Houston ship channel upsetting boats.

Winds of 47 miles per hour hit Houston, blowing down power lines and tree limbs and killing a railroad section hand when one of the falling limbs struck him.

The Coast Guard rescued 10 persons from Redfish reef, 12 miles from Galveston, and picked up the two-man crew of a shrimp boat forced aground by the storm. The crew of a tug which capsized was rescued by another tug nearby.

There were reports of a three-foot tidal wave washing over fish camps. Galveston reported 3.44 inches of rain. Inland, Ft. Worth reported hail quarter of an inch in diameter followed by heavy rain while Dallas reported the hottest

Mechanical Horse Electrocutes Child

Roy, Utah—UPI—A 4-year-old girl was electrocuted here Wednesday by a mechanical horse at a grocery store.

Debra Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil C. Barber, Syracuse was dismounting from the machine when it sent an electrical charge through her body. She was pronounced dead at a hospital after doctors tried unsuccessfully to massage her heart back into action.

Swine Specialists Isolate For Tests

University of Nebraska swine specialists have broken the chains of disease transmittal in their "isolation booth" type of program.

Their goal, as told in the August issue of the National Hog Farmer, is to establish a disease-free stock on as many as 15 Nebraska farms by next spring, and re-populate the swine herd at the North Platte experiment station.

The pigs are taken surgically from the sows and raised

in sterile surroundings to keep them free of their two worst enemies, atrophic rhinitis and virus pneumonia.

After a month of isolation and breathing purified air, the pigs go to the steam-cleaned, disinfected research center. But they are never permitted contact with pigs farrowed normally. On the farms, all hogs must be removed and quarters thoroughly fumigated before the disease-free pigs are placed.

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day of the year, 105 degrees. Thundershowers in the north central section of the nation dumped half an inch of rain at Alexandria, Minn., along with hail. The storms marched eastward into North-ern Wisconsin and across Up-per Michigan but rainfall dropped to a trickle.



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State Fertilizer Sales Run Behind

Salem — Fertilizer sales in Oregon during the first six months of 1958 are running slightly behind the record-breaking 1957 figures. Lime sales are up.

J. D. Patterson, state chemist, said on June 30 this year 132,511 tons of fertilizer had been sold in the state. At the same time in 1957 138,926 tons had been sold. These

figures include both simples and mixes.

Figures taken from inspection fee reports made to the department also show sales of agricultural limes increased about 10,000 tons over last year's June 30 total. Six-

months sales in 1958 were 27,700 tons.

A smaller quantity of agricultural minerals — including soil sulfur, borax and gypsum — was sold in 1958. This year 11,233 tons were sold by June 30; last year the figure was 13,091 tons.

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