

Locals

Sumpter Valley Panning Yields Gold

The following is a condensation of a motorlog which appeared in the Sunday Oregonian, one of an annual series sponsored by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor Assn. These travel articles describe vacation trips and vacation spots of particular interest to out-of-state visitors coming to Oregon for the Centennial Celebration.

By RICHARD NOKES
City Editor, The Oregonian

You, too, can be a gold miner this Centennial summer. Just like the prospectors who discovered gold near Auburn in Baker County 98 years ago, any tourist this year can strike it rich with a gold pan.

Well, maybe not strike it rich, but Vern Manary, manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Baker, says that for approximately \$1 a head any tourist may pan for gold with a guarantee of "color" in historic Sumpter Valley.



You can still find gold in them thar hills in Northeastern Oregon if you are patient. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood of Baker are "weekend panners" in California Gulch. Mrs. Wood shows Kathy (left) and Gail Nokes how its done.

Take Tops \$2,000,000

From California Gulch in which you will pan, more than two million dollars in gold was taken by miners, although the stream is so narrow you can step across it.

We tried our luck at gold panning at the "weekend" operation of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood of Baker. They have a neat little cabin on California Gulch, a cabin which they bought from a prospector and have enlarged to make it comfortable. It is here the tourist will be able to try his skill with a pan with the promise of finding at least a trace of gold.

Harold is a superintendent at a lumber yard in Baker while Mrs. Wood works for the Baker Democrat-Herald. But both of them repair to their hideaway each weekend and work at their hobby of trying to extract gold from the sand and gravel of the stream.

So far they haven't hit a mother lode (the biggest piece of gold they have found was worth about 20 cents), but they have had a lot of fun.

Visitors Agree

And so did we have a lot of fun.

In fact, young Douglas Nokes said the gold panning was the most fun of the whole trip he took through four northeastern Oregon Vacationland counties on a motorlog sponsored by the Oregon State Motor Assn.

How do you pan for gold? Well, first you get your pan—a plain looking pan about 16 inches in diameter with sloping sides. You undoubtedly can borrow a pan when you want to try your hand at it, but wife Evelyn wanted a couple

for her own so we acquired them (\$1.25 each) in Baker and now use them on the patio as serving dishes.

After you have pan in hand, you scoop it into the sand and gravel of the stream bed. Then you swish the water in the pan back and forth and wash out the light pebbles and dirt until (if you are lucky) you have left only the heavy black sand. If you are luckier still, the black sand will have flecks of yellow in it—and that's the stuff men have fought and died over.

While Harold rigged up his hydraulic rig, Mrs. Wood explained that the black sand is important in gold panning. "You might find black sand without gold," she said, "but you'll never find gold without the black sand."

Doug and his sisters Kathy and Gail found black sand and flecks of gold in their pan, but there may have been a bit of "salting" from a jar kept by the Woods.

With gold in our blood for sure now, we headed up Sumpter Valley in the heart of the Blue Mountains. Extensive work is being done on the old road for the first few miles beyond the Wood cabin, but equipment operators were cooperative in making way for the white AAA station wagon as we headed for the "almost ghost town" of Sumpter where miners kicked up their heels in the lush days.

The first few miles along the Powder River were beautiful beyond compare. The remains of the old narrow-gauge Sumpter Valley Railroad right-of-way were still visible along the gravel road, old fashioned rail fences bordered farms and ranches; cattle grazed in the verdant pastures and the sun alternated with storm clouds over the Blue Mountains to the right and the left.

But halfway up the valley we came upon a shocking sight. We had heard of the devastation wrought in God's countryside by gold mining operations, but never before had we seen it firsthand. Tailings as high as the two-story building covered the valley for hundreds—probably thousands—of acres. Yellow subsoil, stones and boulders stretched as far as we could see.

This was the result of dredging operations along the Powder River from 1913 to just three years ago. The dredge that created this havoc while digging out 80,000,000 in gold still sits like some prehistoric monster in the town of Sumpter. Don't miss it when you drive in there.

The monster, making its own lake as it waddled up and down the valley, churned the earth down to bedrock and buried the rich topsoil forever in search for riches.

Quartz Available

Doug and Evelyn did find in the tailings some sand and rock with yellow flakes which they brought home and "panned out" in the kitchen. There also is plenty of quartz for rock hounds.

The town of Sumpter is colorful. The entrance sign says the population is 147. Many of the old buildings are still occupied, but others of this once-thriving gold town have been deserted many years. One modern note is the Sumpter School.

By the middle of June the road from Sumpter across the Blue Mountains to Granite in Grant County will be open and tourists will be able to see Oregon's only major gold operation, the Buffalo Lode mine.

It has produced almost all of the gold reported by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries in recent years (\$118,335 in 1957 and \$57,750 in 1958).

You may finish the loop over the Forest Service roads to Anthony Lakes, camping, if you please, in Forest Service campgrounds.

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Weather

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Tuesday. Low tonight 48. High Tuesday 80.
Western Oregon: Considerable cloudiness with few showers tonight. Partly sunny Tuesday. Warm on Tuesday. Low tonight 45. High Tuesday 70-80 except near 65 along coast.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 63; below normal 2.
Record high this date 104 in 1922.
Record low this date 43 in 1925.
PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight 0. Midnight to 10 a.m. 0. Total this month 0.05 in. below normal.
Total since Sept. 1 12.85 in. 4.99 in. below normal.
HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 31%; highest this a.m. 65%.

City	High	4:30	24-
		Day	Low
Brookings	65	49	08
Grants Pass	80	46	08
Klamath Falls	75	43	08
Medford	80	54	08
Portland	72	54	08
Seattle	66	51	08
Spokane	69	52	08
Yakima	76	43	08
Eureka	62	50	08
Red Bluff	65	49	08
Sacramento	91	57	08
San Francisco	65	53	08
Los Angeles	86	64	08
Phoenix	107	85	08
Denver	87	60	08
Chicago	89	63	08
New York	74	68	08
Washington, D.C.	87	68	08



WIPING OUT VILLAGE with loss of 200 lives, Combeima River near Ibagua, Colombia, overflows banks. Large boulders are all that remain of rural road running through village. Bodies of many victims are being sought.

Six County Youths Held in Rape Case

Six Jackson county youths from 18 to 20 years old are being held in the Jackson county jail today pending investigation of possible rape charges against them, according to sheriff's deputies.

The alleged victim, a 16-year-old girl from near Jacksonville, charges that the incident happened Friday night on the Applegate. A formal complaint is to be filed later today by the district attorney's office. Meanwhile, the sheriff's office and the district attorney's office is making further investigation.

Ben-Gurion To Head Israel's Destiny

Jerusalem, Israel - (UPI) - Resigned Premier David Ben-Gurion will continue to guide Israel's destiny because of the tense international situation and the growing Suez canal crisis with Egypt, informed sources reported today.

Ben-Gurion turned in the resignation of his cabinet Sunday night when four rebellious left-wing cabinet members ignored his ultimatum to them to quit. The cabinet crisis was brought on by Israel's sale of \$3,500,000 worth of grenade launchers to West Germany.

San Francisco - (UPI) - Teamsters President James R. Hoffa said today his union has made an agreement with Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union for the organization of Hawaii.

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower will hold a news conference Wednesday.

AIR CONDITIONER

Montpelier, Vt. - (UPI) - Vermont state Rep. Margaret Hammon won the heart of every male legislator when she moved that they be allowed to shed their coats during the summer months of the session.

LITHIA DRIVE-IN THEATRE

ENDS TUESDAY!

GODS LITTLE ACRE

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TYNA LOUANE - RAY SPAIN

PETER CUSHING
MELISSA STRIBLING

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Obituaries

JESSE B. WATTS
Services for Jesse B. Watts, 62, of Grants Pass, who died in a local hospital yesterday, will be held at Conger-Morris Funeral home Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. W. O. Fisher, of the Grants Pass Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Committal will be in Marshall, Ark.

Mr. Watts was born Jan. 7, 1897, in Marshall, Ark., and had lived in Grants Pass for the past four years. He was a veteran of World War I. He was married Jan. 9, 1916, in Marshall, Ark., to Zetta McCutcheon, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Clyde D. Watts, Las Animas, Colo., and Larry Watts, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Willodean V. Soles, Portland; a brother, James Watts, Sutter, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Orlinda Luttrell, Sutter, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Thompson, Leslie, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

MRS. MAMIE PAUP
Services for Mrs. Mamie Paup, 722 Grant street, who died Saturday, will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Conger-Morris Funeral home. The Rev. D. Kirkland West of the First Presbyterian church will officiate. Committal will be in Hillcrest Memorial park.

JACK RICE
Jack Rice, a long-time resident of Eagle Point, died today in Eagle Point. Arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

LORRAINE BUCK
Mrs. Lorraine Buck, 51, of 521 Beatty st., a resident of Medford for the past 11 years, died in a local hospital this morning. Arrangements for funeral services will be announced by Chapel Mortuary.

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MEETING—With great animation, Mrs. Richard Nixon meets a friend at a reception at the Russian Embassy in Washington. The reception was given for visiting Soviet First Deputy Premier Frou R. Kozlov (right). At rear are Vice President Nixon (left) and Russian Ambassador Menshikov.

Industrial Stocks Record New Highs

New York - (UPI) - Individual gains ran past three points today as industrial stocks rose to new all-time highs.

The summer rally picked up where it left off last Thursday before the market closed for the long holiday week end.

Steels were strong as a group with most of the leaders at new 1959 peaks. Motors were higher and new tops were set by some of the pivots. Nonferrous metals were in favor as were selected drugs and electronics. Tires, oils and aircrafts were lower.

American Home Products was an individual standout, rising 7 points at its high before running into some mild realizing of profits.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 660.09, up 5.33; 20 railroads 169.12, up 0.20; 15 utilities 88.74, up 0.64, and 65 stocks 220.34, up 1.42. Sales today were about 3,720,000 shares compared with 3,610,000 shares Thursday.

Today's prices on selected stocks:
Allied Chemical 118 1/4
Alum Co. Am. 106 1/8
American Can 45 1/2
American Motors 46 1/2
A T & T 82
Anacosta Copper 64
Armco Steel 79 3/8
Bendix Aviation 77 1/2
Boeing Steel 59
Boeing Air 36 1/2
Caterpillar Corp. 115
Chrysler Corp. 69 1/4

Portland Produce
Portland - (UPI) - Dairy market: Eggs - To retailers: Grade AA large, 42-44 doz.; A large, 39-41 doz.; A small, 35-37 doz.; B, 32-34 doz.; C, 29-31 doz.; D, 26-28 doz.; E, 23-25 doz.; F, 20-22 doz.; G, 17-19 doz.; H, 14-16 doz.; I, 11-13 doz.; J, 8-10 doz.; K, 5-7 doz.; L, 2-4 doz.

Farm Market
First shipment of 1959 crop Yakima valley apris went to the Portland market today at 58 for 30 pounds with 14 pound flats of Weibels and Biland varieties going at \$2.75. Bush beans from Portland's St. Johns district went at \$2 a bush. Best local strawberries went at \$2.50-2.75 a flat while Oregon red raspberries went at \$2.25-2.50 a flat.

Poultry, Rabbits
Live Chickens - Quoted to growers at Portland, Salem and south to Eugene: L.o.b. ranch, No. 1 quality fryers, 2 1/2-3 lb., 19c lb.; light hens, 7-8c; heavy hens, 9c.

Dressed Chickens - No. 1 grade dressed to retailers: Fryers, whole drawn, 33-36 lb.; cut up, 38-41c; hens, heavy type whole drawn, 35-38c; light-type cut up, 29-34c lb.

Dressed Turkeys - To retailers: Frozen, ready to cook, A grade, young toms, 40-43c lb.; according to weight; A grade young hens, same basis, 38-40c lb.

Breeder Turkeys - To producers: A grade hens, 24c on an evaporated basis; A grade toms, 30c on the same basis; to retail: A grade hens, 30-33c lb.

Rabbits (average to growers f.o.b. killing plants) - Live white, 3 1/2-4 1/2 lb., f.o.b. Portland, 19-21c; colored pelts, 1c under. Fresh killed fryers to retailers, 56-58c lb.; cut up, 60-62c.

Portland Hay, Grain
Portland - Wholesale Hay Prices: New Crop No. 2 green, alfalfa, baled f.o.b. Portland and Seattle, \$32-33 ton; some to \$35 at Portland.

Wholesale Prices as reported by the Portland USDA market news service. Basis by the ton, bulk, prompt delivery, f.o.b. track, Portland: No. 1 white, \$66.50; No. 2 Milo, Eastern shipment \$55.00; No. 2 corn, Eastern shipment \$37.50; No. 2 Wh. oats, Coast, \$33.00-33.50; No. 2 Western barley, Coast, \$44.00-45.00; Soybean meal, 44 percent protein, \$81.50; Standard millrun, \$37.00-38.00.

BIRTHS
MOSS - To Mr. and Mrs. Willard, post office box 331, Jacksonville, July 5, 1959, a