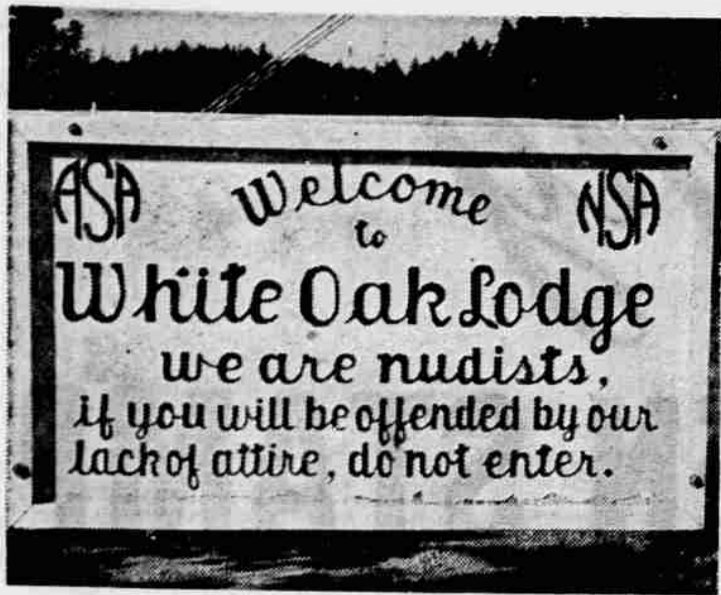


# American Sunbathing Association Holds Northwest Regional Meeting



**ENTRANCE**—Forthright sign on entrance to White Oak lodge, located off the Tiller-Trail highway, gives visitors fair warning on what to expect inside. Those that accidentally get on the road leading to the lodge usually turn back because of a sign further down the hill reading "private property—dead end road."



**ROYALTY**—Selection of a king and queen was one of the activities of the Northwest Regional convention of the American Sunbathers association held at White Oak lodge last week. Choice of the judges was King "Les" and Queen "Bev" above. They were chosen on the basis of personality, devotion to the principle of nudism and suntan.

## White Oak Lodge Site of Event Attended by 500

By A Mail Tribune Staff Writer  
In a secluded spot on hill side, overlooking a broad expanse of green canyon in northern Jackson county, some 500 members of the Northwest district of the American Sunbathing association gathered last week for their annual five-day regional convention.

Purpose of the conventions, held every year around the Fourth of July, is to elect officers for the coming year and conduct other business of the organization, as well as to compete in various athletic games and to just plain "loaf" in the sun—all in the altogether.

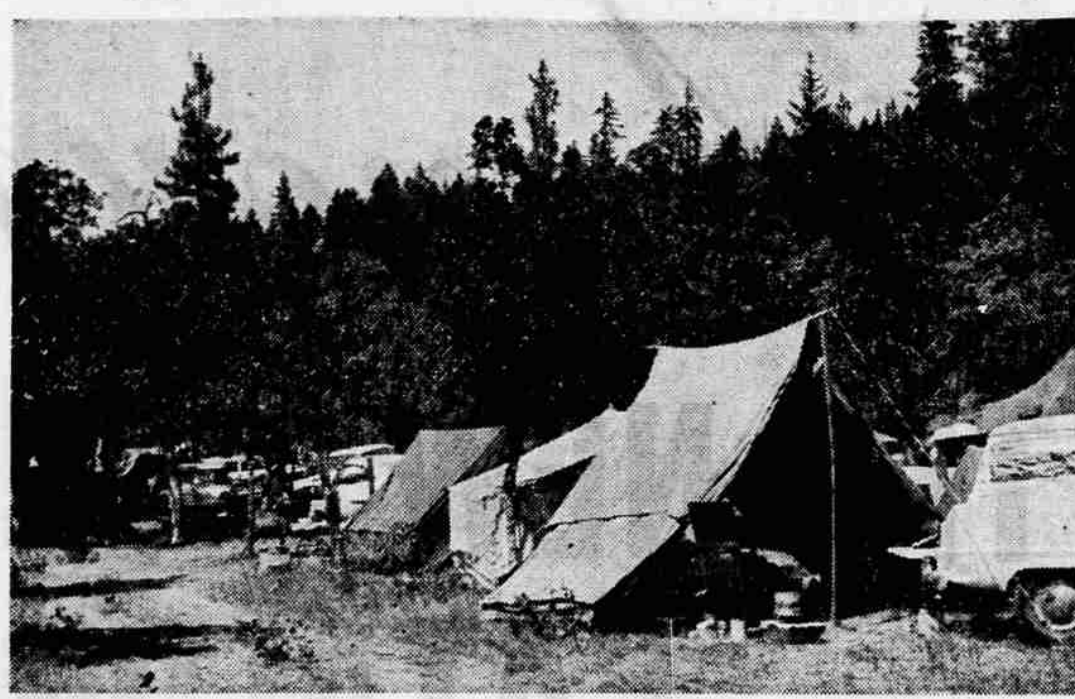
The convention this year was the largest ever held in the region which included the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and attracted sun bathers from as far as Los Angeles and northern Alberta, Canada. The site of the gathering was White Oak lodge north of Trail, which has been a "going" nudist club since 1951...

The 500 guests, a good number of whom were children, for nudism is based on family participation, camped in tents or stayed in trailer houses parked in a special area near the lodge. A few families stayed in the cabins on the premises. Laundry was no problem.

The camp would remind one of any one of a number of southern Oregon resort areas, with people standing here and there talking or on their way for a soft drink or a swim. Children played table tennis or badminton or took turns on a big rope swing, completely nude and without embarrassment.

Nudists believe that there is nothing indecent about the human body and that vulgarity is only in the mind. They also claim that among teen-age members of nudist families, there are almost no records of delinquency. They accept the body as something perfectly natural and not an object of shame or subject of levity. They admit, however, that not everyone is psychologically capable of becoming a nudist.

At White Oak lodge, as other reputable nudist clubs, no alcoholic beverages are allowed and rowdiness is strictly out. Individuals are screened carefully before being admitted as members. Although single persons are allowed to join the organization, most of the membership is made up of family groups. Married persons are not admitted without his or her spouse and children, if any. Annual membership dues amount to about \$30 in most areas.



**CAMP AREA**—Facilities at White Oak lodge would accommodate only a fraction of the 500 sunbathers that attended the regional convention there last week, so many families brought their own camping gear. Others came with trailer houses or slept in station wagons. The convention is reported to be the largest ever held in the Northwest region.



**SWIMMING POOL**—From the road that leads to the camp area on the grounds of White Oak lodge, one looks down on the swimming pool and badminton and volleyball courts beyond. Grassy slopes, where sunbathers may relax, are kept neatly mowed. Nudists often put on a shirt or jacket if the weather is chilly, or if the sun gets too hot on bare shoulders.

Not only is it good exercise, but it helps them cool off between sessions in the sun. The lodge itself consists of several cabins, a good-sized concrete swimming pool, a snack bar and the main house where the owners live, in addition to volleyball and badminton courts and several pieces of playground equipment for children. Now under construction is a 50-foot circular pavilion with a fireplace in the center which will serve as a place to hold community barbecues. Other conditions are planned for the future, according to the owners.

The lodge is situated so that it is almost impossible for "peeping toms" to gain access to the 40 acre area, and only once in seven years has it been necessary to call police to check on a prowler. An electric eye will soon be installed on the road leading to the lodge so that visitors will automatically be announced. This week end the club is holding its annual Sunorama, a special gettogether for area members. No attempt has been made by the owners to conceal the fact that a nudist club existed in the area, yet it has not been widely known. The club has been and is open to new members.

**ROMAN GALILEON FOUND**  
Grosseto, Italy—UPI—An Italian diver Wednesday reported finding what appeared to be the ruins of a 2,000 year old Roman galileon. The find was made by Capt. Leonardo Fusco at a depth of 170 feet in the Mediterranean off Italy's west central coast. Plans were being made to recover the wreckage.

## City's Recreation Program Gains Increased Interest

Medford's summer recreation program is gaining steadily increased interest from children of all age groups, according to City Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth.

As the first special event of the season, Haworth reported, a Jackson County Baton Twirling Trick meet has been slated for Aug. 1 at the Medford Senior High school boys' gymnasium. Competitions for beginners, intermediates and advanced baton twirlers will be included, he said. Entry blanks may be picked up at Hawthorne park or in the city hall parks and recreation office.

According to recreation leader Sarah Watson, Haworth said, interest and attendance in the Hawthorne park and Union street park recreation programs are picking up steadily. These programs include arts and crafts, small games and story hours. Baseball Park

A total of 350 boys participated in the recent baseball clinic at Medford High school, according to recreation supervisor Dean Benson, Haworth continued. The boys, he said, have since moved to six ball fields throughout the city to carry on with a season of inter-playground and intermunicipal diamond contests.

A full complement of 200 beginner and intermediate swimmers signed up for the first two-week course of instruction, now in progress at Hawthorne pool, Haworth reported. Three more courses for these groups, as well as instruction for full-fledged swimmers, junior life savers

**ANGLER'S ANGLE**  
Minneapolis—UPI—If you're willing to stay out in the rain, fisherman, you have a good chance of catching your limit. It seems stormy weather makes the fish very hungry because the water becomes cooler while insects become scarcer.

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## Philip Gets Flies, Advice

Vernon, B. C.—This city in the British Columbia Okanagan valley gave Prince Philip a specially inscribed box containing a gross of trout flies yesterday, and Mayor Frank F. Becker added some unsolicited advice on how to use them.

The flies were contained in a wooden box bearing a brass plate, noting that Queen Elizabeth and her husband stopped here en route to a three day holiday in the British Columbia interior. "Tips up and tight lines," the inscription said. Vernon, a community of 12,000 persons in one of Canada's richest apple growing areas, was the royal couple's last stop before arriving at Kamloops, B. C., in the Canadian interior.

## Four Iowans Hurt in Crash

Cascade Locks—UPI—Four persons from Iowa were injured Friday in a car-truck collision on U. S. Highway 30 here.

Critically injured was Mrs. Grace McClellan, 56, of Newton, Iowa. She was given emergency treatment at Hood River Memorial hospital and then transferred to a Portland hospital.

Her husband, Homer McClellan, 65, driver of the car, was reported in "fairly good" condition at the Hood River hospital with possible arm and shoulder fractures.

Two other passengers in the car, Mrs. Eveline Brand, 22, and her son Mark, 2½, also of Newton, were reported in "good" condition here.

The truck was driven by Don Thornton, Newberg. He was unhurt.

Federal funds are available to encourage American school children to drink more milk at lunch time.

## Organization Plans Reunion in Ashland

Ashland—Reservations are still being accepted for the Old Timers' Reunion at Southern Oregon college Aug. 7, 8, and 9, it was announced by Worth Harvey, president of the group.

The Old Timers' organization, made up of those who attended the college prior to its closing by the legislature in 1910, will be conducting its third reunion. Those who have not as yet made reservations are asked to do so soon for the program includes a Festival presentation of Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" for which early reservations must be made.

Events during the three-day reunion include also a roll call by classes, tours of SOC's enlarged campus and Lithia park, Old Time music and viewing of the Old Time pictures exhibit at the Britt Student center. Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, SOC president, will speak at the banquet in the Commons dining hall.

Any students who attended the college during that period who wish to attend the reunion but who have not received personal literature may request reservation forms by contacting the Director of Information, Southern Oregon college.

## ICC Approves Delapp Transfer

Salem—UPI—The interstate commerce commission yesterday approved an application for transfer of the interstate operating authority of Lester Delapp Trucking company, Salem, to Caravan Lines.

Announcement was made by Harold McCoy, commission secretary.

The ICC found that Caravan Lines was "fit, willing and able to properly perform" the authorized service.

Caravan Lines is an Oregon corporation headed by William Healy, former assistant secretary of state. An application for transfer of Delapp's interstate permit is pending before the public utility commission.

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