

Record Found Indicating Earliest Visitor at Crater Lake, Williams Says

What may be the earliest record of a visitor or "tourist" at Crater Lake was learned recently, according to Park Superintendent Tom Williams.

W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service, Portland, wrote Williams recently that he had stumbled upon a Sept. 9, 1865, issue of the "Owyhee Avalanche," published in Ruby City, Nev., which contained a reprint from the "Jacksonville Sentinel" (date unknown), titled "Oregon's Great Curiosity". The article is as follows:

"Several of our citizens returned last week from a visit to the Great Sunken Lake, situated in the Cascade Mountains, about 75 miles north-east from Jacksonville. This lake rivals the famous valley of Simbad the Sailor. It is thought to average 2,000 feet down to the water all around. The walls are almost perpendicular, running down into the water and leaving no beach.

"The depth of the water is unknown, and its surface is smooth and unruffled, as it lies so far below the surface of the mountains that the air currents do not affect it. Its length is estimated at 12 miles, and its width at 10. There is an island in its center, having trees upon it.

"No living man ever has, and probably never will, be able to reach the water's edge. It lies silent, still and mysterious in the bosom of the 'everlasting hills,' like a huge well scooped out by the hands of the giant geni of the mountains, in the unknown ages gone by, and around it the primeval forests watch and ward are keeping. The visiting party fired a rifle several times into the water, at an angle of 45 degrees, and were able to note several seconds of time from the report of the gun until the ball struck the water. Such seems incredible, but it is vouched for by some of our most reliable citizens. The lake is certainly a most re-

markable curiosity."

In this year of Oregon's Centennial, it is of particular interest to learn that Crater Lake drew interested visitors about 100 years ago. Although the party traveled only about 100 miles, they must have been hard miles, for there could have been little or no roads available to them, Williams noted.

Scene Little Changed
Today, 94 years later, Crater Lake attracts well over 300,000 people each year. Except for roads to make the scene accessible, and other facilities necessary to shelter and feed visitors, Williams believes the scene is little changed since the Jacksonville party saw it.

In 1916, Congress created the National Park Service to regulate the use of national parks and monuments by such means and measures as to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoy-

A government study found that annulment and divorce rates are highest and the probability of second and third marriages greatest among women who were wed for the first time at the age of 19 or younger.

The African Gray Parrot is known to survive as long as 80 years in captivity.

ment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. Over the years the National Park Service has resisted applications for developments that are inconsistent with that mandate from Congress.

Faced now with the rapidly increasing use of the parks, the National Park Service has embarked upon a 10-year conservation program known as Mission 66, which is designed to protect and conserve those natural features for which the parks were set aside, by proper development, and adequate staffing to insure proper use, and yet leave the areas, Crater Lake foremost among them, in their natural state, Williams said.

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4-H Club News

Saddlelites
A meeting of the Saddlelites was held July 6 at the farm of Chris Prentice, where a demonstration on fitting and showmanship was given by Mrs. Larry Hammond, former club member.

Members discussed the ride scheduled for July 25 into Seven Lakes basin. Committee members Verna Adams, Sharon O'Connors and Diane Hittle were named to plan the food.

Saddlelites at the Phoenix pre-fair demonstrated two classes that will be in the 4-H fair in August. Sharon O'Connors, Chris Prentice and Eloise Herbert demonstrated halter showmanship and John Hughes, Edna Welch, Jim Anderson and Sheila Franklin demonstrated western pleasure riding.

Diane Hittle, Reporter

In 1956, the latest year for which figures are available, the average age of American males marrying for the first time was 23.1 years and for females 20.2 years.

Sunday, July 26, 1959

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. 7

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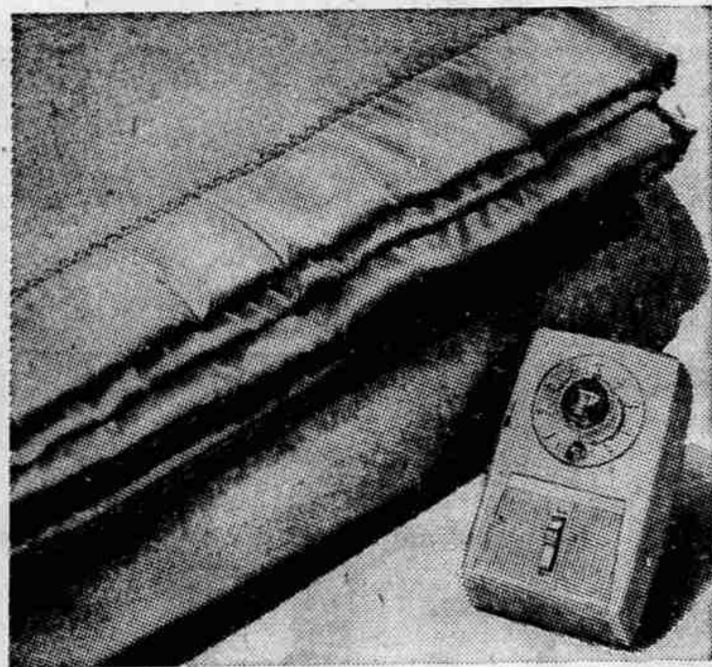
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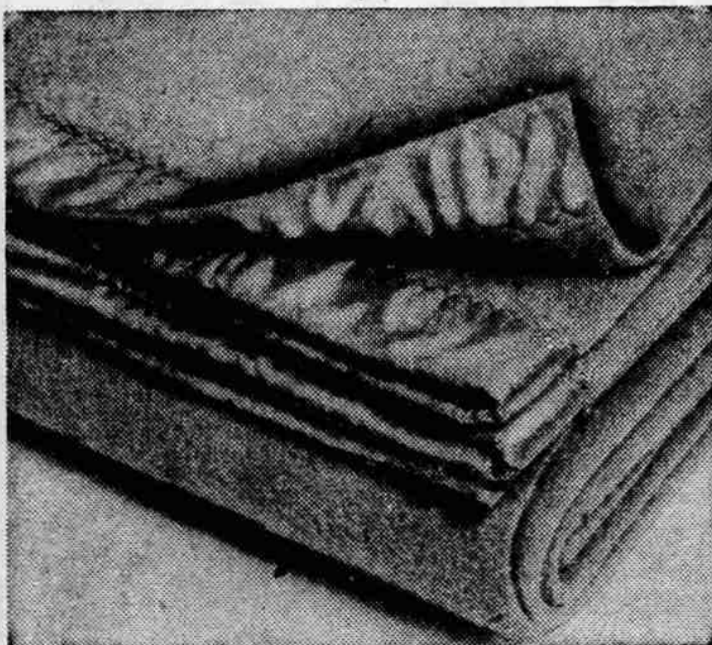
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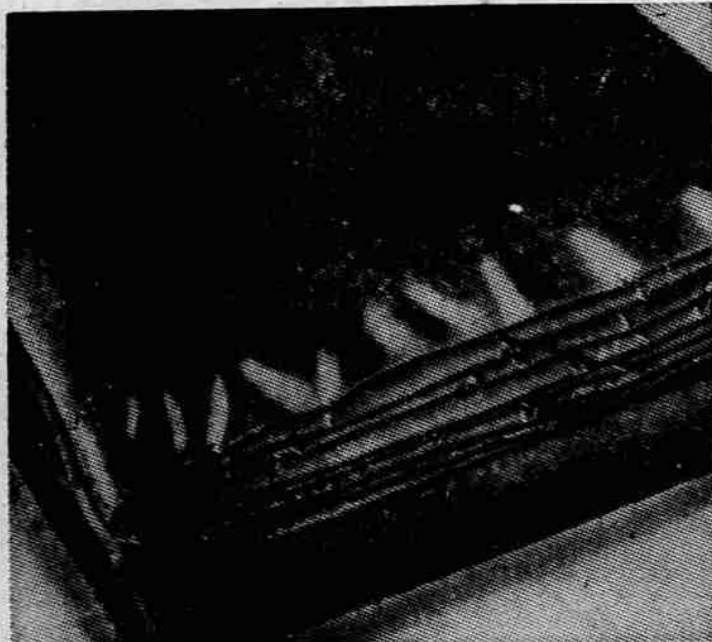
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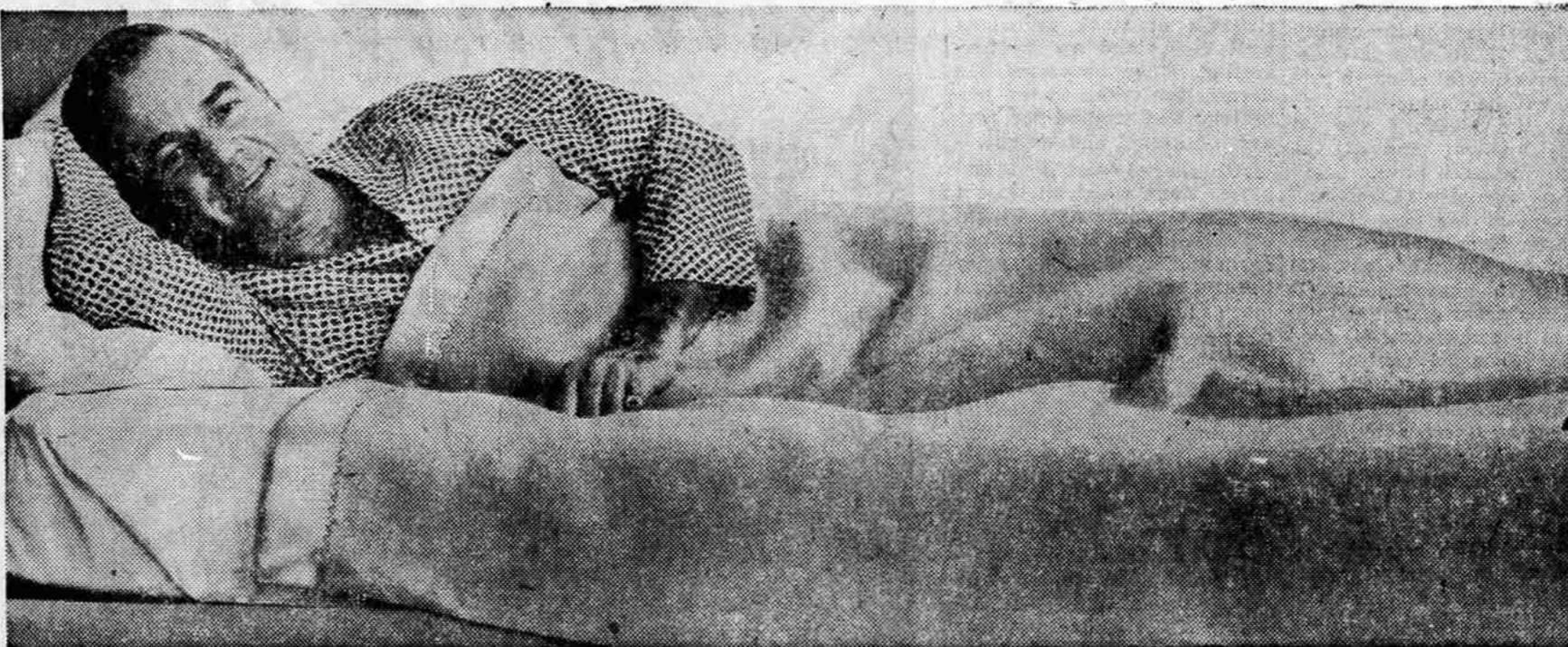
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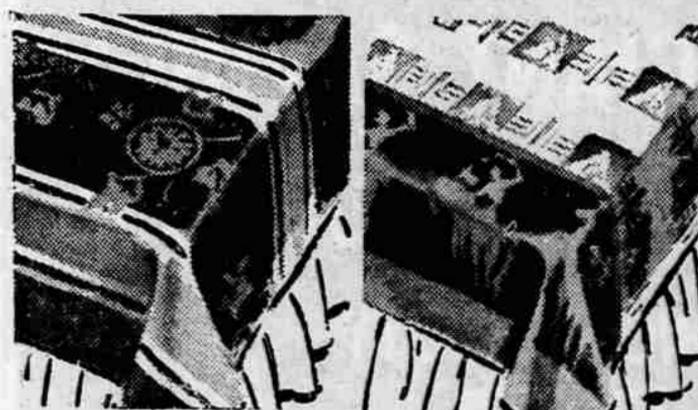
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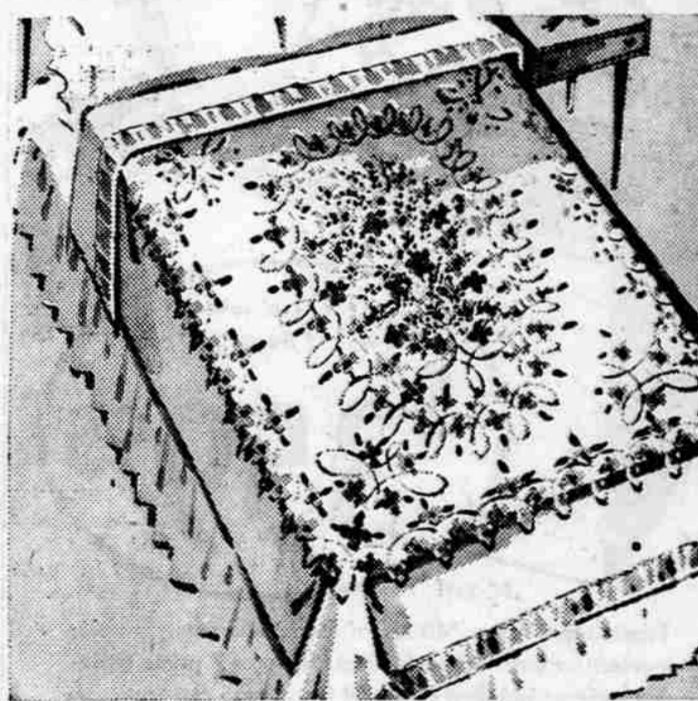
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