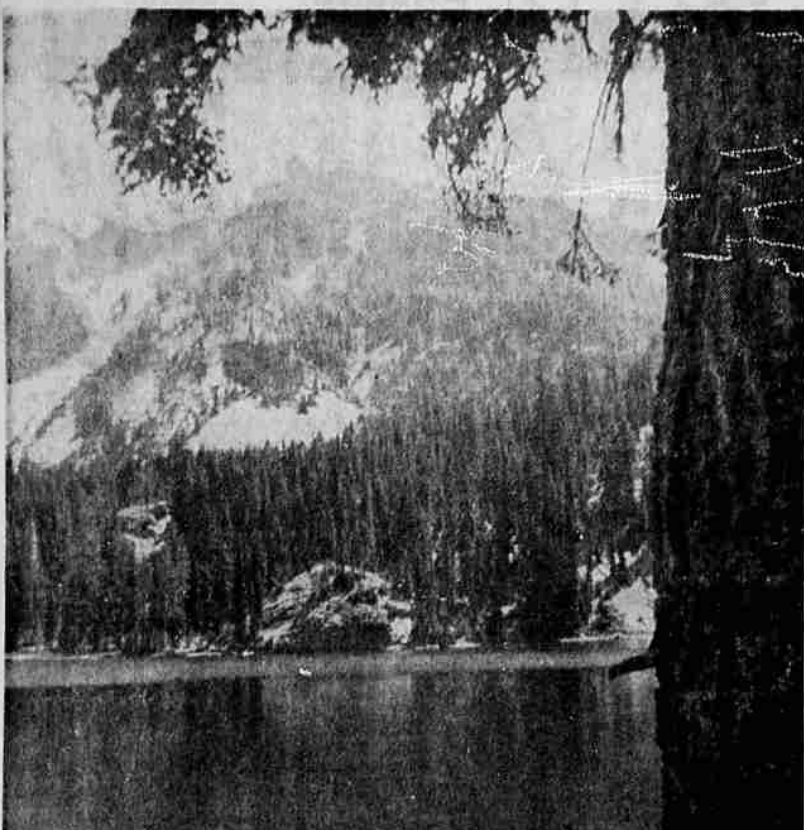
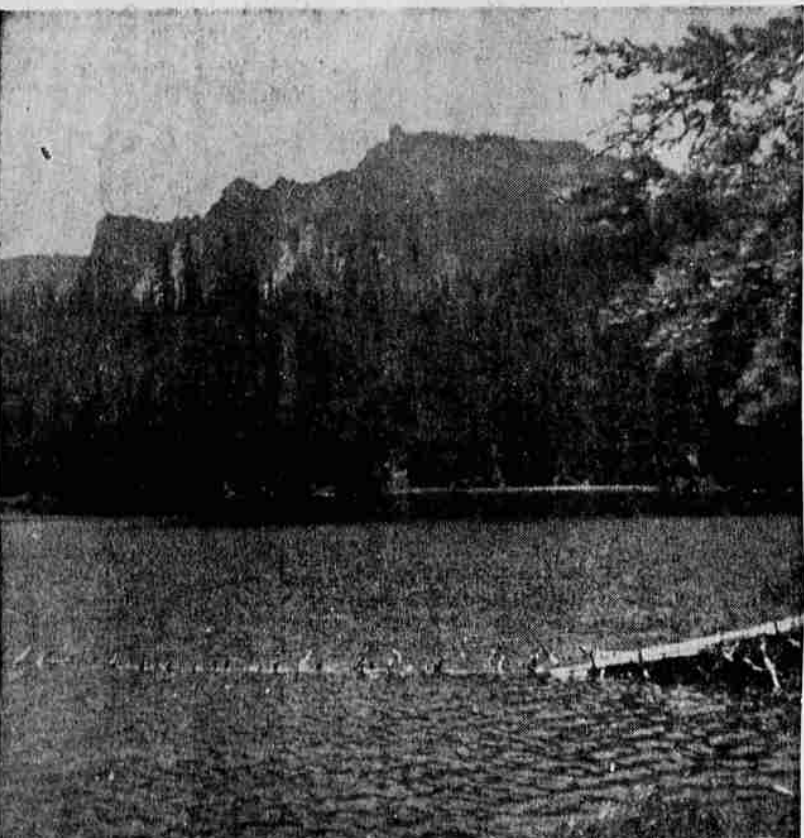


A Vacation Idea: Seven Lakes Basin Popular



RUGGED BACKDROP—Cliff lake has a backdrop of the rugged rocks of Devil's Peak that give the lake its name. Good mountain trails lead into the Seven Lakes Basin from both sides of the Cascade mountains.



ON MAIN TRAIL—South lake is located on one of the main trails entering the Basin. Good fishing and beautiful scenery are main attractions of this area for people who don't mind a little walking.

7 Major Lakes Are Scattered in Four Square Miles

(Editor's note: In another few months, hikers and fishermen from southern Oregon will be taking some of the area's trails to isolated mountain lakes and streams. The following story about the Seven Lakes Basin was written by Jim Fisher, who was affiliated with the state department of forestry in Medford before being transferred to Corvallis last year.)

By JIM FISHER

Some 50 miles northeast of Medford lies an area popular to both fishermen and hikers for its clear mountain lakes and breathtaking scenery.

Located just south of Crater Lake National park, the Seven Lakes Basin is as picturesque as any back country of the Cascade mountains in Oregon.

At elevations varying from 6,000 to 6,500 feet above sea level, seven major lakes are scattered over a four-square-mile area. Five of the lakes are located within the basin that is drained by the Middle Fork of the Rogue river. One of the other lakes lies in a small cup overlooking the Middle Fork. The remaining lake is located just over the rim of the basin to the west.

Several other smaller pools of water within the basin are only tiny reservoirs of water from melting snow. These pools are dry by late summer, or too shallow for fish to thrive.

Reaching the Basin

The Basin can be reached by mountain trails from both sides of the Cascades. From the west, trails lead into the area from both Imnaha and Lodgepole guard stations north of Butte Falls. A longer and steeper trail follows the Middle Fork of the Rogue river just north of Imnaha guard station.

On the east side of the mountains, a trail leads into the Basin from Sevenmile Marsh. In addition, the Oregon Skyline Trail passes through this group of mountain lakes, offering a north or south entrance to the more ambitious traveler.

Each of the seven lakes has a beauty all its own. Grass lake is perhaps the most popular with fishermen, particularly if they ride horseback into the area. Good horsefencing in an enclosed, grassy area along one shore of the lake can be found here.

To provide camping facilities for persons coming here for the fine fishing, the forest service has constructed the only rustic shelter in the Basin at Grass lake.

In addition, several other semi-improved campgrounds are found here. These camping areas have been cleared of dangerous snags and also feature small latrines hauled into the back country by pack animals.

About 300 yards uphill from Grass lake is Middle lake. This lake covers about 30 acres, making it equal in size to Grass lake. Excellent fishing can be found here, especially by those who have a rubber raft with them so that the deep waters can be fished.

Two other mountain lakes are located another 500 yards uphill from Middle lake. About 200 yards apart, Cliff lake covers about 20 acres at the base of a rugged ridge that leads to the top of Devil's Peak, less than a mile away. Good unimproved camping areas are located here as well as more good fishing.

First Lake Seen

South lake is the first lake seen by most travelers entering the Basin from the West. It is slightly larger than Cliff lake and can be another place for good fishing.

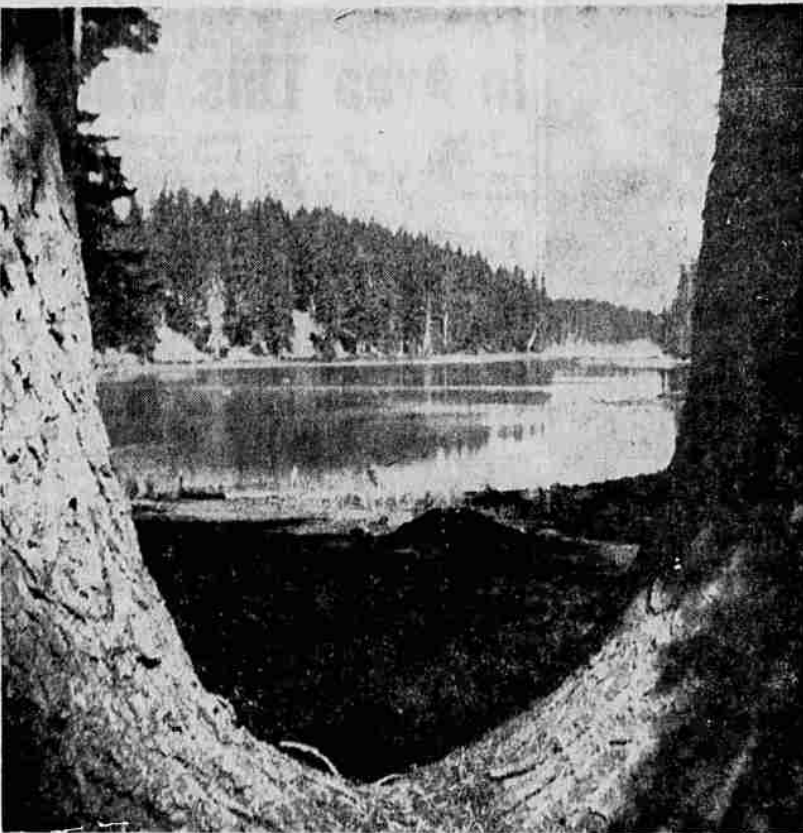
North lake is a shallow lake located at the north end of the Basin. It is not reached by main trails, but fishermen have made paths leading to this lake from Middle lake. North lake covers about 20 acres.

In a small cup in the side of Boston Bluff above the other lakes lies Lake Ivern. An old trail leads to this lake, but few fishermen travel it because of the distance from the other lakes and because of the rough country. Only 10 acres in size, Lake Ivern is the most isolated of the Seven Lakes.

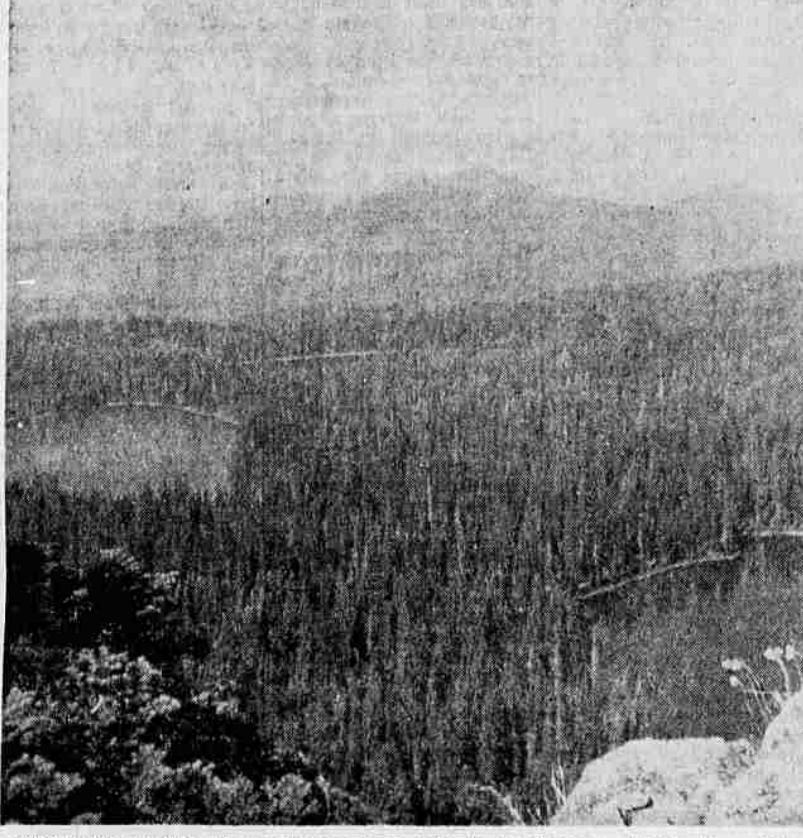
Across East Shore

On the west side of Violet Hill, just a few hundred yards out of the Basin, is Lake Alta. About 25 acres in size, this lake is hour-glass shaped and over half a mile long. A main trail leads along the east shore of the lake.

Recently, a retired employee of the forest service recalled his part in the naming of the Seven Lakes. John Holst, now living near Gold Hill, was sent into the area



OUTSIDE BASIN—Over one-half mile long, Lake Alta is located just outside the Basin, Falls rancher who at one time grazed his cattle in this country. It was named for the daughter of a Butte Falls rancher who at one time grazed his cattle in this country.



THREE OF LAKES—Three of the seven lake in the background. Elevations of the lakes can be seen from a ridge at the south end of the Basin. South lake lies to the right, Middle lake to the left, and Grass

about 1930 to name these lakes. Grass lake was already a common name because of the pasture available here for horses. Holst recalls too that North lake was also an accepted name because of its location in the Basin.

Holst continued the pattern of naming the lakes by selecting Middle lake and South lake as names of two of them. Cliff lake was named by Holt for the rocky cliffs and shale ridges located on one side of the lake.

Named For Daughter

When he came to a small isolated lake, Holst chose the name of his daughter, Ivern. Lake Alta was named for Alta Allen, daughter of John Allen, a rancher who grazed his cattle in this area. Holst had often stayed at the Allen ranch north of Butte Falls on trips into the Seven Lakes Basin as a forest service employee.

Because the Seven Lakes Basin is located within the Butte Falls ranger district of the Rogue River national forest, the future of this back country lies with the U.S. forest service.

The Basin is located now within the Sky Lakes Limited Area that covers much of the country between Crater Lake National park and Fourmile lake along the backbone of the Cascades. This has been an administrative area designed to protect the primitive conditions of the country before final plans are made affecting the area.

Recommendations Planned

Forest Supervisor Carroll Brown of the Rogue River National forest recently stated that recommendations on the future of the Seven Lakes Basin-Sky Lakes area will be submitted to the regional forester in Portland. He, in turn, will add his recommendations and forward it to the chief of the forest service in Washington, D. C. Before final plans are made, public hearings will be held on the area.

Areas with mountain lakes, including the Seven Lakes Basin, will probably be included in a new "wild area"

Facilities to Teach Juveniles in County Home Are Discussed

Educational facilities for juveniles being held at the Jackson county juvenile home were discussed recently at the courthouse at the request of County Judge Earl Miller.

Members of the advisory council committee to the juvenile court asked for the meeting to review their findings regarding an adequate school program.

Judge Miller led the discussion, and County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold served as recorder.

Attending were Judge Edward C. Kelly and Judge James M. Main of the county circuit court, both juvenile court judges; John Harr, pres-

ident of the Jackson County School Administrators association; Mrs. Owen Kunkle, chairman, protective committee of the Jackson County Parent Teachers association; Mrs. Kay Crowell, director, Jackson county juvenile department; Robert Swan, superintendent of the detention home; Lawrence Tweedy, Robert Schmidt, and Mrs. Elsie Moore, counselors for the juvenile department; Shelby Tuttle, chairman of the advisory council; and Mrs. Ben Day, member of the advisory council and chairman of the education program committee.

Review were the objections of parents of juveniles in custody to the lack of instruction which, in itself, can add "insurmountable difficulty and failure" to a youth already in trouble. Council spokesmen have noted that the average length of detention is 11 days.

It is the determination of the advisory council that those who assume even temporary custody of other people's children have no more right to ignore compulsory school-attendance laws than do the parents of those same children.

Discussed also were the possibilities for constructive direction of youngsters who have not found a motive for learning, and the advantages of dealing with special learning problems on an individual basis in a non-competitive situation.

Factors involving solution of the problem included determining the scope of the program, establishing financial and supervisory responsibility, teacher qualifications and salary, and the adaptation of the present facilities to the program.

Credit Association Elects New Officers

Mike Alesko, manager of Weisfield's of Medford, was elected president of the Medford Retail Credit association last week.

Other officers include Doug Fosbury, credit manager at Haupt Tractor company, vice president; and Hugh Roberts, manager of the Credit Bureau of Medford, secretary-treasurer.

The credit association represents most of the business and professional firms of Medford and vicinity engaged in credit work. The association meets twice monthly.

City Employees Pay Compares Favorably With Other Cities

Salaries paid Medford city employees compare favorably with salaries paid employees of other Oregon cities, according to a report prepared by the bureau of municipal research and service at the University of Oregon.

The bureau surveyed the pay scales of 181 Oregon cities and compiled the salaries for representative employees of each. The surveyed cities range in size from Portland (pop. 372,676) to Antelope (pop. 46).

The report cautions that while comparing salaries of employees in different cities, it should be remembered that some positions having the same title may have different functions, duties, and responsibilities. In addition, salaries may vary according to length of service, ability, experience, and performance on the job.

Efficient Administration

It is pointed out that the efficiency of city administration is largely dependent on its personnel policies (i.e. salaries and fringe benefits). Also, salaries and wages constitute the largest single item of expenditure in most cities, and how to attract and retain qualified personnel for careers in municipal government is therefore one of the most important aspects of city administration.

Accordingly, most of the larger cities in the state provided blanket salary increases for all city employees during the past year, as did a number of the smaller cities. These increases generally ranged from 3 to 5 per cent, or from \$10 to \$30 per month, per employee.

The amount of salary paid a city official generally, but not always, depends on the size of the city. The larger the city, the larger the salary.

Highest Paid Employee

Medford's highest paid city employee, the city manager, receives a salary of \$12,000 a year. Eugene also pays its city manager \$12,000. Salem (an All-American city this year) pays its city manager \$14,863.

Portland does not have a city manager form of government, and pays its mayor a salary of \$15,018.

Among those cities with a smaller population than Medford, Corvallis (pop. 21,485) pays the city manager \$11,500; Springfield (pop. 19,916) pays him \$9,600; and Klamath Falls (pop. 16,949) pays him \$10,600.

Ashland pays the city manager \$12,283, and Grants Pass pays him \$9,000. Cornelius (pop. 1,131) pays its city manager \$5,200—the lowest salary paid any city manager in the state.

Receive Little or Nothing

Most Oregon cities having the city manager form of government pay their mayors and city councilmen little or nothing. An exception is Klamath Falls which pays its mayor \$2,100 and councilmen \$300 apiece. Medford pays its elected officials nothing, as does Eugene and Salem.

Medford pays its police chief \$7,980. Salaries for police chiefs in other Oregon cities are: Eugene, \$7,992; Salem, \$8,243; Portland, \$12,480; Corvallis, \$6,780; Klamath Falls, \$6,646; Grants Pass, \$6,672; and Ashland, \$5,976. The salaries for fire chief are comparable to what is paid the police chief in all of the cities.

A letter of transmittal submitted along with the report indicates that many city budget committees will again be faced with requests for salary increases. It points out, however, that many of these

requests will be contradictory since the economic picture is contradictory.

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said he does not "at this time" anticipate any salary increases for city employees during the next fiscal year. He noted, however, that city budget preparations for the 1961-62 fiscal year are still in their preliminary stages, and this could change.

15 Influenza Cases Reported in County

Fifteen cases of influenza and 13 cases of mumps in Jackson county accounted for most of the communicable diseases reported to the county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Seven cases of mumps were reported in Jacksonville, two each in Medford and Gold Hill and one each in Phoenix and Shady Cove. Central Point reported four cases of influenza. Phoenix reported five cases and Shady Cove and Medford each reported three cases.

Other communicable diseases reported last week include strep throat, Grants Pass, 1; pink eye, Phoenix and Central Point, 1 each; measles, Medford, 1; chicken pox, Phoenix, 3; Eagle Point, 2; and Jacksonville, 2; gonorrhea, Medford, 1; and infectious hepatitis, Ashland, 2, and Central Point, 1.

MOTORING COSTS

Detroit—Gasoline taxes, state and federal, and other levies on motor vehicles, will raise an estimated \$35 billion in revenues the next 10 years,

Lenten Message

By THE REV. GEORGE F. KEMPSELL JR., Rector, Church of St. James the Less, Scarsdale, N.Y. (Written for UPI)

Lent has, for too long and for too many, been a season of the church year in which particular emphasis has been placed upon "giving up" rather than "taking on."

It is true, as our Lord's example has taught, that it is helpful for us to deny the flesh by fasting, but it is also true that the spirit of man in order to grow and mature, must accept new challenges and responsibilities. Therefore, it is my prayer and hope this year that Christians throughout the world in observing Lent will daily offer this prayer, written and authorized by the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, the Bishop of New York, to be used throughout his Diocese:

Spirit of Wisdom

"O God the Father, creator of all races, nations and peoples, we pray Thee, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to strengthen the bonds which unite us all as brothers of one Lord and Saviour; endue us with the spirit of wisdom and understanding that we may live with each other in love, in good-will, and in peace; take away prejudice and ignorance and all those evils which keep us apart and embitter life.

"May we be grateful for those good relations which the Gospel through Thy Holy Church has established among men and na-

established by the forest service to insure that future generations will be able to fish the mountain lakes and travel the scenic trails into the back country of southern Oregon.

New Numbers Are Listed in Ashland

Ashland—New telephone numbers for Ashland area subscribers were announced recently when Pacific Telephone-Northwest mailed post cards to about 3,000 firms and individuals in Ashland.

The new numbers, called "all number calling," will become effective May 4 when the new telephone equipment here goes into service. Directories with the new numbers will be distributed before May 4, P.T.N. officials said.

All numbers in Ashland will be composed of seven digits, with the first three being 482 in all cases. Four other numbers will identify the individual telephone.

tions, and make us so to live day by day that finally, we may attain unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

We pray daily, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." God's Kingdom cannot come, nor His will be done until every man acknowledges God as Father and every person of all races, nations and peoples as his brother. Peace in the world begins with the love of the soul for God and good-will in our hearts for our fellow men.

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