

# View of Crater Lake from Surface Not Such Familiar Sight

## Police on Scene Break Up Fight

Medford police were called to the Medford High school baseball practice field at an early hour Friday morning and their arrival apparently called an immediate halt to a planned fight.

About 30 youths had gathered in the area, according to the report telephoned in by Jack Cummings, caretaker, who was awakened by the arrival of numerous cars at the scene. He saw youths shedding their coats and hanging them on the fences preparatory to the settlement of some feud in the old-fashioned manner.

Several names were dropped as police appeared and the crowd scattered but no arrests were made.

Police were told that trouble started at the Medford Armory dance. The youths involved decided the dance was not a good place to fight. They agreed to meet at the baseball field. Five of the youths were from Eagle Point, police were told, and the others from Medford.



ON LAKE SURFACE—This picture was taken looking southwestward toward Phantom Ship on Crater Lake. Watchman peak is at far right in picture, and Rim village is directly behind the Phantom Ship.

Crater Lake, viewed from the rim, is a familiar sight to many. Not so familiar is the view from the lake itself, looking up the steep rim.

The shoreline cliffs, varying from 500 to 2,000 feet high, are of multicolored lava. Continuing through Labor Day, scenic boat trips are available several times each day and row boats are available for fishing. No fishing license is required.

The boat landing may be reached via the Cleetwood trail, opened a few years ago. It is 11 miles northwest of Rim Village on the Rim drive. The 1.1-mile trail to the water's edge is steep in places.

**Trip Encircles Lake**  
A 25-mile boat trip, which encircles the lake, pauses at scenic Wizard Island, a symmetrical cinder cone 760 feet high, and the Phantom Ship, a mass of lava 169 feet high resembling a ship under sail.

The trip takes 2½ hours and a park naturalist is aboard the 35-foot launch. The boat's capacity is 30 persons. The trips leave daily at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

During the trip, passengers have a close look at the brilliant blue of the water. Its color is said to be caused chiefly by the scattering of sunlight in its clear depths; the blue rays of the sunlight being reflected from the water and rays of other colors being absorbed.

Four trips each day take passengers to Wizard Island where a trail leads from the shore to the crater, which is about 90 feet deep and 300 feet in diameter. The launch leaves at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m.

The boats are stored during the winter in two boat houses on Wizard Island out of danger of avalanches.

The first boat built on Wizard Island was in 1914 or 1915, according to Ralph O. Peyton, who is with the Crater Lake Lodge company and is one of the boat concession operators.

**Boat Lost in Storm**  
This boat, Peyton explained, was lost in a storm and is "somewhere" on the bottom of the lake.

The Sparrow, a 35-foot inboard boat still in use, was built on the island from parts carried down the old trail. It was constructed by Wilbur Telford, Klamath Falls, in 1918, and has been maintained through the years.

It is named for Alex Sparrow, an early superintendent of the park.

The other 35-foot inboard is named Min, in honor of Mrs. Minnie Price, wife of the owner of Crater Lake Lodge from 1921 to 1954.

Telford also built this boat, but in Klamath Falls. It was "launched over the side" of the rim July 17, 1929, according to Peyton.

**Plan To Lower Launch**  
The plan was to lower the launch by rope and winch, using a tree for snubbing. The boat "got away" about 500 feet from the water and landed on the rocks below, smashing most of the planking, Peyton said.

Once repaired it was placed into service and is still being used today.

The Fisher, a 17-foot inboard, was launched over the side last year "uneventfully," Peyton recalled, but it cost \$5,000 to get it in the water. He added that the boats are worth twice as much in the water as on the rim.

The smaller boat was purchased from the Tuna fleet in San Diego and was built for rough water, Peyton commented. It will carry 12 passengers and is used on trips to Wizard Island from Cleetwood Cove where the dock is located.

**Named for Ranger**  
The boat is named for Don Fisher, an early ranger at Crater Lake who was instrumental in having the Lava Beds National monument created in California.

People taking the boat trips will get a close look at the "Old Man of the Lake"—a 30-foot hemlock tree which has floated around the lake for a number of years. The tree floats vertically because

its roots are wrapped around a large boulder. It never goes aground.

For those who wish to fish in the lake, row boats may be rented at the dock. Crater lake was stocked with both sockeye salmon, a landlocked fresh water fish, and rainbow trout in the 1930s.

While no fishing license is required, there is a limit of 10 fish. So far this year rainbow have been ranging in size from 8 to 26 inches and salmon from 8 to 16 inches, according to Peyton.

People who suffer from sunburn, should take precautions before the boat trips

since the boats are not covered. The sun's reflection of the water can cause severe burns.

Peyton explained that reservations for the boat trips are not necessary because more than one boat may be used if more than 30 persons arrive for a trip.

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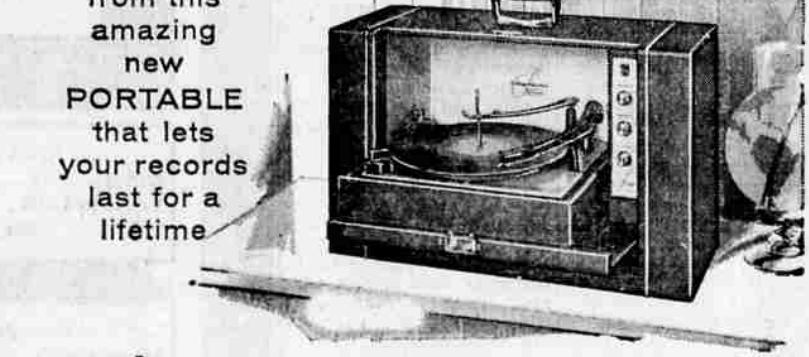


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Yreka — The Hassell Logging company, Ashland, submitted the highest sealed bid for 2,000,000 board feet of pine and fir blowdown timber located in the Lovers Camp blowdown unit of the Scott River working circle.

Total advertised value was \$13,113. The value based on the highest bid was \$34,073.

Other companies submitting bids included J. F. Sharp Lumber company, Yreka, Calif.; Pine Mountain Lumber company, Yreka, Calif.; Fruit Growers Supply company, Hill, Calif.; E. A. Bullinger, Scott Valley, Calif.; and Cal-Fir Pine, Inc., Hornbrook, Calif.