

**Phoenix Club Picnic Slated**

Phoenix - A picnic for members of the Phoenix Garden club is planned for Friday, August 9 at 1 p.m., at the home of Mrs. R. A. Klarin, Dodge road.

A question and answer period will be conducted and a discussion on plants also is planned.

Those who attend should take food contributions for the picnic.

To reach the Klarin home, officers suggested that members travel by way of Table Rock road to Modoc road, on which they should continue until reaching Antioch road. From there they should go to Dodge road, and turn right from it to Mrs. Klarin's home.

**Woman's Relief Corps Holds Picnic In Central Point**

Central Point - During a recent picnic meeting for the Central Point Woman's Relief corps of the William Harrison post, Grand Army of the Republic, members decided that no fund raising projects would be needed for the coming year.

The event was held at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Greb. Mrs. Frank Smith conducted the meeting.

During the month of August corps members are to attend funeral services for veterans of the Veterans Domiciliary at White City.

The next corps meeting so will be a picnic at the home of Mrs. Smith. Members are to take food contributions and table service.

**Travelers Overwhelm British Columbia City**

Revelstoke, B.C. - Thousands of persons (689,838 so far this year) are heading for eastern British Columbia to drive across Rogers pass on Highway 1. So when these three travelers asked the way to the Big Bend highway we got only stares.

For those not familiar with the area, new 91 mile long Rogers Pass highway between here and Golden replaces the 179-mile highway of gravel which followed Columbia river's "big bend" between the two towns.

The old gravel highway, closed in winter, made it necessary for travelers to drive its rough, dusty surface between the two towns or ship their car via railroad.

We wanted to travel paved

modern Rogers pass both directions-east and west-so we took the long way around from here coming over the pass from the east then leaving by it headed east. While Rogers pass is comparable to Going-to-the-Sun highway in Glacier park in Montana, the Big Bend route follows along scenic Columbia river. Today the travel is light on the old route and only near the end did we encounter loaded logging trucks, also southbound, but who pulled out for us to pass when the highway widened and the dust settled enough for the driver to see.

While British Columbians expected a rise in the number of travelers seeing their new highway with its numerous snowsheds, Revelstoke was not prepared for the fantastically high number who have arrived. Nightly the more than the dozen motels, three hotels, and numerous camping grounds are filled and the Chamber of Commerce mans a booth arranging accommodations in private homes. The latter number averages more than 300 per night, the Chamber officials report.

We three were among the late arrivals Thursday evening as we had entered the Revelstoke area from the south along Highway 6, a five-hour ferry ride on the Upper Arrow lake and a gravel road.

Our landlady for the night was a Mrs. Duck who welcomed us, but later in the evening tried to discourage us from driving the Big Bend route. Prior to leaving Revelstoke at 7:30 a.m. we arranged for lodging for the night.

"Back" Country The traveler who has a little time to spend, doesn't like freeways and wants to see a little of the "back" country, should plan to take the south approach to Revelstoke.

Highway 6 goes north from Highway 3 about 30 miles north of Trail. From there it winds through farming country and the unpainted houses of the Doukhobors (Russians) are quite evident. About 20 miles north of the junction the pavement ends and Sloan lake comes into view. This lake, some 30 miles long, is followed by the highway nearly its entire length. Several viewpoints from the highway, more than 1,000 feet

above the lake, gives the traveler an opportunity to view the entire valley and mountain regions.

The last 10 miles of highway are paved as one enters Nakusp. It is here that the ferry for Arrowhead, at the head of Upper Arrow lake, leaves daily at 1:30 p.m. except on Tuesdays. Restaurants are available and since food is not available aboard the ferry, it is recommended that one eats here. This community has about 1,700 population so tourists can browse in the shops until ferry time.

Since the ferry only carries

12 cars, the cars begin to gather at the dock long before loading time. Once the ferry arrives we learn that all cars must be backed into the ferry since neither Arrowhead or Nakusp have floating docks and the stationary dock would interfere with the ferry's propeller if it were to back in.

The ferry is finally loaded after driver after driver had inched their vehicles up the steep ramp and then along the sides of the ferry's superstructure-only inches wider than the cars.

During the ferry ride na-

ture's unspoiled beauty can be appreciated. Upon approaching Arrowhead the ferry docks and the caravan of cars heads for Revelstoke in a column of dust.

Along this 28-mile road there are two ferry crossings of the Columbia river. We were eighth in line and groaned when we saw the small ferry, but with our car last-eight was its capacity-the ferry pulled out from the bank. The skipper couldn't have fitted us in tighter if he had had a shoe spoon.

**Big Bend Trip** The story was quite different in the Big Bend trip. The area is quiet again and our Old Faithful was about the

only car on the road during the first 150 miles.

At the point about 100 miles from Revelstoke where the Columbia river makes its swing from north to south there is an area called Boat Encampment. Some locked up buildings mark the place today in addition to the bridge across the Columbia. On a bank is a stone marker telling of the area's history.

"This was the point of transshipment in fur-trading days," the marker states. "Boats from Fort Vancouver on the Lower Columbia in Washington waited for pack trains coming over the mountains from Jasper House. "First visited by David

Thompson in 1811, this point was for almost half a century a meeting place for the fur brigades of the North West company and later of Hudson's Bay company.

"By-passed by the railroads, this historic spot was made accessible to visitors by the coming of the Big Bend highway in June, 1940."

With the opening of the Rogers pass highway, the area again is "by-passed" by modern man.-P.H.

**Return** Hornbrook - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward returned home last week from a vacation spent at Mrs. Ward's ranch at Yoncalla, Ore.



The Misses Juli Heath and Peggy Saunders, Grants Pass, and Mary Wolfe, Portland (left to right) were house guests of Dr. and Mrs. David C. Boals and family during the recent Southern Oregon Junior Golf championship tournament held at Rogue Valley Country club. The three guests are shown here with David Boals, who with his sister, Susan, and their parents, entertained at a dance Tuesday night at the family home, Fairview drive. The Squires played for dancing.

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