



FINISH PAVING — Workman with a heavy roller is shown putting the finishing touches on campground paving project at Diamond Lake. The largest in the Pacific Northwest region of the Forest Service, Diamond Lake campground receives heavy summer use. (Forest Service Photo)

Paving Project on Diamond Lake Roads Nearing Completion

Work on paving roads in the Diamond Lake recreation area is progressing, according to Larry Thorpe, recreation staff assistant, Umpqua National Forest. Hughes and Dodd Company, contractors, have the first portion completed, and have started on the final phase of the operation, Thorpe said. When finished, all main roads, campsite spurs and boat-launch parking areas will have a hard surface.

During the past few years the Diamond Lake recreation area has been receiving increasingly heavy usage. Between 1956 and 1961 the number of campers increased from 30,000 to 97,000. In 1962 the usage dropped to 53,300 and then soared to an estimated 110,000 in 1963. Thorpe estimated that usage will reach 264,500 by 1975.

Project Undertaken
According to Thorpe, a \$33,000 campground improvement project was undertaken last fall. Part of a long-range rehabilitation program, the project included construction of roads and campsites in overflow areas, graveling all roads in preparation for paving, and installation of approximately two miles of traffic guards.

During the early part of last summer, tables, stoves, restrooms and an additional 13,000 feet of traffic guards completed the project. Thorpe indicated that a campground is designed to function at 50 per cent capacity. This gives the sites opportunity to "rest," and the tender mountain grasses a chance to grow. However, Diamond Lake camp-

'Open-House' Plan Being Carried Out For Visitors Aboard

By MURRAY J. BROWN
United Press International
NEW YORK (UPI) — Thousands of Europeans voluntarily open the doors of their homes to American visitors in the interests of better understanding and friendship between peoples of different nationalities.

These are "average" working, business and professional class citizens taking part in such good-will programs as "Meet the Danes," "Don't Miss the Swiss," and "Get in Touch with the Dutch."

Through these programs sponsored by national and local tourist associations in various countries, American tourists can

make arrangements to spend a few sociable hours with a European family of similar background and interests.

These "open-house" programs afford the American traveling abroad a rare opportunity of meeting and chatting with the "real" people and getting a first-hand idea of how they live. Too often, the American traveling in foreign lands comes in contact only with those persons associated with tourism—guides, hotel workers, porters, taxi-drivers, waiters, etc.

This works both ways, the U.S. travel service (USTS) reports many overseas visitors are most anxious to meet

Americans in their homes.

"They want to see first hand how we live," said Yvett Gilmore, director of USTS. "Many visitors expressed one disappointment—they didn't have the opportunity to sit down in an American home and 'chevy the fat' with an American family over a cup of coffee."

USTS has been working with civic and other interested groups throughout the United States, and more than 20 communities already have set up "open house" programs. Among them are Kalamazoo, Mich., Hollywood, Fla., Philadelphia, Washington, Detroit and Chicago.

Housewives in Miami Beach opened their homes to more than 600 foreigners who visited Florida early in 1963. They enjoyed it so much that they now set up their program on a permanent basis.

Logan Program
Then there was a group of French visitors who expected to spend a one-day stopover in Logan, Utah, resting. But the people of Logan arranged a complete program for them, including visits to local homes. The French travelers later said the Logan stop-over was the highlight of their tour.

"The overseas visitors want not only to see our sights but also

how we live," said Gilmore. "And, he wants to get to know us. By establishing programs to invite overseas visitors to a home for a cup of coffee, communities are fulfilling the desires of visitors and helping him get a true picture of the American way of life."

The "open house" programs here and abroad are similar. The service is free. It costs the guest nothing (unless he wants to bring a small gift.) And the host neither receives nor expects compensation.

The American tourist simply files his request to meet a local family with the tourist or travel office on arrival in cities

where such programs are set up. Among them are Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Zurich as well as other cities in those countries and elsewhere.

The "Meet the Danes" program probably was the first such service. It was started in 1945 by the Danish Allied Committee for American and British servicemen who flocked to Denmark on leaves after the war.

(U.S. communities interested in information on the "open home" program can write to Visitor Service Division, U.S. Travel Service, Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20235.)

New Publications

Include Cook Books
NEW YORK (UPI) — New publications of interest to women:

"The Second Chafing Dish Cookbook" by Marie Roberson Hamm aims to restore the once standard equipment to its former busy position as a hostess' accessory. Especially recommended are recipes for one-bite meat balls in dill sauce and ham l'orange.

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