

New Type of Hiker Appearing on Section of Rogue River Trail

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GRANTS PASS — The Rogue River Trail, winding its way along the north bank of the Rogue in Josephine and Curry Counties, has long provided a favorite three- to six-day trek for intrepid hikers.

from Grants Pass via the Galice Road, are parked the numerous cars, pickups and campers of hikers who are out enjoying the beauties of this region, so recently almost inaccessible.

Reached By Riverboat

Rainie Falls, formerly reached only by riverboat, or by a path so precipitous it attracted only the most agile climbers or most ardent fishermen, is now an easy two-mile trek over a well-graveled footpath which winds around bluffs high above the Rogue with an often breathtaking view of the river below.

On a bright Saturday afternoon in October, on a hike with a troop of 30 Grants Pass Girl Scouts, we encountered on this stretch groups of fishermen out for a day in the woods — and, inevitably, a troop of Boy Scouts — with all manner of hiking, camping and fishing gear strapped to their backs.

Since, as of last summer, the Trail has been restricted to foot traffic only, there is one familiar type of camper or picnicker who will never be encountered here. This is the camper who, instead of trying to "get away from it all," seems to take it all with him. When you have to pack it in on your back, it's surprising how many things you can learn to get along without.

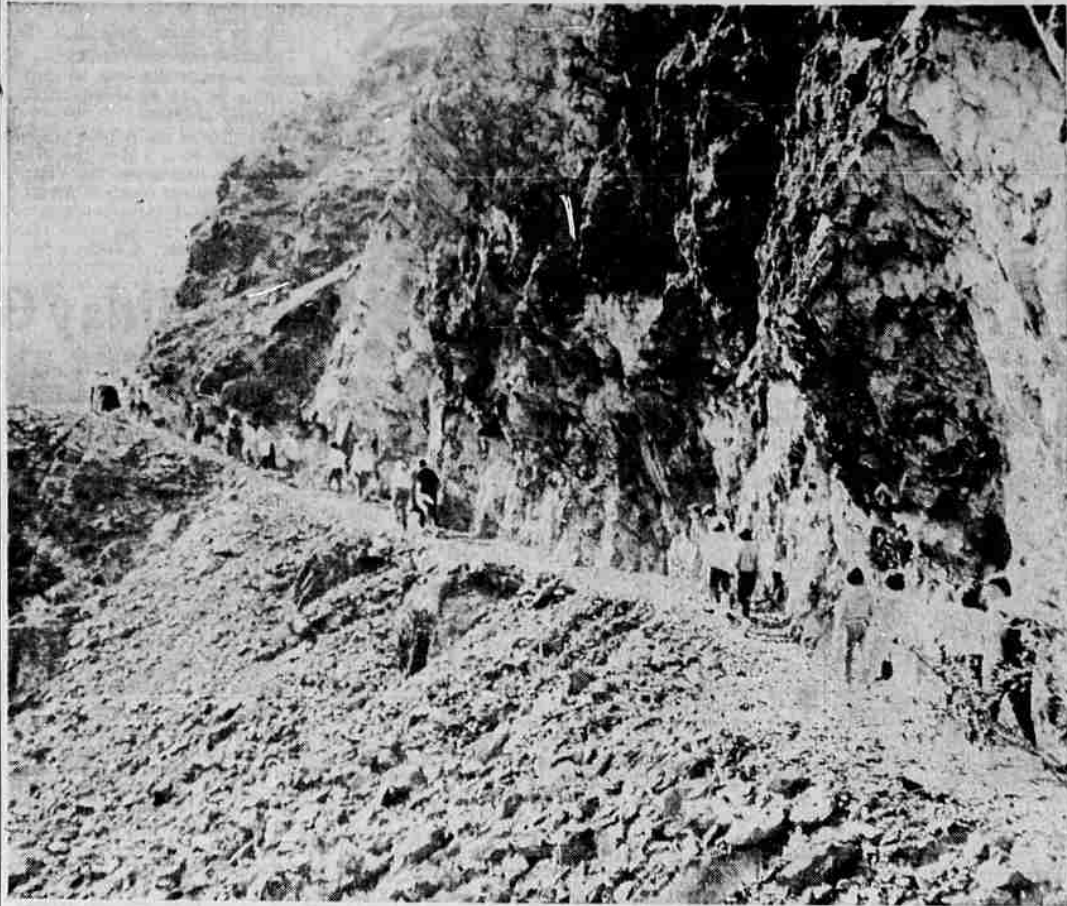
Once beyond Rainie Falls, the hiker can either return or push on 22 miles to Marial, in Curry County, where the next road meets the trail. He will find five campgrounds along the way, each in a flat spot and near a spring or stream.

Campground Facilities

Campground facilities are provided by the BLM, which manages the 10,000-acre Rogue River Recreation Area through which this portion of the Trail winds. Facilities include tables, fireplaces, toilets and garbage pits. A favorite canteen-filling spot is China Gulch, a short hike beyond Rainie Falls.

Campgrounds, and their distances from Grants Pass, are Rainie Falls, 1.8; Whiskey Creek, 3.4; Big Slide, 3.7; Russian Creek, 5.75; Horse Shoe Bend, 13.2; Kelsey Creek, 15.4; and Tucker Flat (near Marial) 23.4.

Those who push on past Rainie Falls, of course, are not as apt to encounter as many casual hikers as on the eastern portion of the Trail. Even so, an estimated 300 or 400 people hike the length of the Trail each season; the harder going beyond Marial to Agness (39.85), and the hardest following the Rogue clear to the coast at Gold Beach.



ALONG RIVER TRAIL—A group of Girl Scouts from Grants Pass are shown along the Rogue River Trail between Grave Creek and Rainie Falls. Several groups, including Boy Scouts and families on fishing trips, were using the trail on this weekend last month.

Possible Violation Of Zoning Indicated

The Jackson County Court has referred to the district attorney's office a possible violation in the South East Ashland zoned area.

In a letter sent to the court by George J. Brenner, planning director, it was noted that Jack C. Eaton has moved a house trailer onto property owned by Mrs. Bessie J. Purcell, 2900 Highway 99 South, in an area exclusively zoned for farm use.

In correspondence received by the planning office and the court, it was the understanding that Eaton planned to operate the farm for Mrs. Purcell.

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GOES AROUND FALLS—Rogue River Guide Grant Garcia of Galice "lines" his river boat Rainie Falls, while hikers stop to watch the operation. Boat passengers take to the trail down the fish ladder on the north side of this part of the boat trip downstream.

Children's Book Week Plans Announced by Local Library

An extensive program, featuring a variety of topics, has been announced for the local observance of Children's Book Week, which opens today to continue through Nov. 16, Mrs. Bayard Getchell, head of the children's department at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, and the department staff announced today.

The idea for a Children's Book Week was first conceived in 1915 by Franklin K. Mathews, chief librarian for Boy Scouts of America. Mrs. Getchell recalled the history of the observance. The first committee to carry out such a week's program was appointed in 1919 by Fredric G. Melcher who was associated with R. R. Bowker, publisher of children's books, and became concerned about the poor literature often available to children.

The goals of the week's program are to publicize: "What a book can mean to a child, what good books there are, good old books that may have been forgotten and the wonderful new books now available."

Slogan for Observance

The slogan for this year's observance is "Three Cheers for Books."

There will be exhibits of new books at the main library and at all the branches. Included will be books which the children can read to themselves and books to be read to children.

There are new biographies and travel books, mysteries and sports and one table of award books. This table will include the Newbery award books, the Caldecott award books and Young Readers' Choice. The latter group consists of the books chosen by the children of the Northwest each spring.

Demonstrations Planned

Tuesday at the main library, Mrs. Richard Doi of Southern Oregon College will speak to school classes at 9:30 a.m. and demonstrate origami, the art of Japanese paper folding. At 2 p.m., Robert Church, meteorologist at the Medford branch of the U. S. Weather Bureau, will give a talk and demonstration on weather predicting.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m., Dr. Russell Davis of Southern Oregon College will tell animal stories and at 1:30 p.m., Dr. Leon C. Mulling of Southern Oregon College will talk on Guam.

Thursday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m. Hugh Simpson of Southern Oregon College will talk on the Air Force, and at 2 p.m., Mrs. Virginia Card, who has done extensive research on Oregon

Dr. McNeal To Speak At Portland Event

ASHLAND — Dr. Roy W. McNeal, professor emeritus at Southern Oregon College, will be the guest speaker at a special observance of Education Week by the Portland Scottish Rite Bodies of the Masonic Order Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the temple. "It's Time to Think" will be the title of Dr. McNeal's speech.

Dr. McNeal, who has been associated with Southern Oregon College since 1927, received the degrees of masonry in the summer of 1926, serving as worshipful master of the Ashland lodge in 1935. He served as a district deputy of the grand master from 1935 to 1946 and was elected junior grand warden in 1951 and second grand warden in 1952. In 1953 he was the deputy grand master and in 1954 was elected as grand master of the masons in Oregon.

Dr. McNeal has been a member of the Scottish Rite since 1946 and elected to the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1953.

Winners of Photo Exhibition Noted By Organization

June Hoeft and Roy E. Martin, both of Medford, took top honors in the Southern Oregon Photographic Association's still life exhibition held at the November meeting.

Miss Hoeft's "Three Musteers" and "Fruit Delight" placed first and second in the black and white division.

"Weathered Wood" by Lloyd Smylie placed third with honorable mentions going to Howard Lind, Medford, and Mrs. Leroy R. Tompkins, Talent.

In the color division, Martin placed first and third with "Flower Girl" and "Blue Swans." "Sea Treasures," entered by Mrs. Tompkins, took second place and honorable mentions were won by Lawrence E. Kuttner, Talent, and Howard Lind and Bryan Pierce, Medford.

The exhibitions were judged by members of the Photographic Society of America. The black and white entries were judged by Robert Porter of Florida and the color entries by Wayne Foster of Phoenix, Ariz. The judges made tape commentaries, giving the exhibitors suggestions on how their photography could be improved.

The winning black and white prints are now on display at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

The annual banquet of the Southern Oregon Photographic Association will be held at Kim's Restaurant Dec. 2, Mrs. Martin Johnson announced at the meeting.

The Photographic Association exhibition in the Medford Art Gallery is scheduled this winter for Dec. 18 to Jan. 3.

LOGGER KILLED

PENDLETON (UPI) — Clyde Robert Wagner, 49, of Reith, was killed while logging in the Camas Creek - Pearson Creek area 13 miles east of Ukiah Thursday.

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Tax Collections Show 5 Per Cent Gain

SALEM (UPI) — Collections through October totaled \$36 million, a gain of 5 per cent over the \$34.3 collected in the first four months of the 1962-63 fiscal year, the State Tax Commission said Friday.

Personal income taxes amounted to \$32.3 million and corporation taxes \$3.2 million, the commission reported.

Phoenix Students Are Commended

PHOENIX—Phoenix High School Seniors Danny Cooper, Dick Sanders, and Fred Swingle have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Qualifying Test given last spring.

Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, John M. Stalnaker.

Stalnaker recently stated that about 32,000 students throughout the country are being awarded Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding performance on the qualifying test. Although they did not reach the status of semifinalists in the current merit program, they are still capable, he noted.

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