

Legion Climb Setting Noted For Beauty

The setting for the annual "climb" up the north face of Mount Hood, sponsored by the Hood River American Legion post, is one of continuing beauty and grandeur from the time the motorist leaves the city of Hood River until he arrives, as one of the climbing party, at the summit of the mountain.

Highly-productive orchards sprinkle the floor of Hood River valley to within a few miles of Legion camp, just below timberline on Tilly Jane creek, which serves as a base for the climb.

When the climb was first organized 17 years ago, a small party was taken by cars over dirt roads to the end of the valley, then on foot through deep volcanic ash and over loose glacial morain, following a pack train to the camp. The next day the stronger and more enterprising members of the party made the ascent up Cooper Spur, over the snow field and through the chimney to be rewarded by the sublime summit scenery.

In spite of the long trip, the crude accommodations and the tedious journey on tired legs back to the cars, the venture was such a success that it was repeated the following year and each year thereafter until the present.

Many changes have taken place in the 17 ensuing years. Now people from far and near drive over the paved Mount Hood loop highway to the spot where the pack train and hiking used to start. From there a graveled road, constructed by the forest service, winds up to the camp on Tilly Jane creek. At the camp a forest ranger, assisted by several men, supervises the parking of hundreds of cars where the mule pack train used to be corralled.

Stoves, wood, running water and many other conveniences are supplied to people who wish to establish their own camps. A foot bridge and well constructed trail leads across a tumbling mountain stream of clear, icy water to a site set aside by the forest service for use by the Legion post. Here the Legionnaires have established a camp unique in that it supplies an unbelievable number of comforts without destroying nature's setting. Tables under the alpine trees seat hundreds of our visitors. The walls of a natural amphitheater are lined with tiers of log seats overlooking the bonfire program which has become an ever more attractive feature of the camp.

A huge stove constructed of rocks, concrete, railroad irons and slabs of boiler plate enables the kitchen crew to work in comfort while they supply food for as many as 1000 people at a meal. An abundance of hot and cold water, showers and a well-stocked commissary are also fitted between the rocks and under the trees. Bed rooms are as God made them and extend from the camp as far as anyone wishes to go.

That's the setting for the climb, which begins at 3 A. M. Sunday morning and ends approximately 12 hours later, when the speediest of the "descenders" begin coming into camp. The mountain itself furnishes the grandest part of the background, with other snow peaks, including Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens, Mount Jefferson, the Sisters and occasionally a few others visible on clear days.

The climb is open to everyone old enough to make the trip, and in good health. The Legion has always welcomed climbers from outside the county, and every effort is expended to make the trip a memorable one for the visitors.

Judge Hill Talks On Christian Science

Judge Frederick C. Hill, C. S., of Los Angeles, Calif., member of the board of lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, gave a lecture here last Tuesday entitled "Christian Science: The Law of Life Abundant."

Judge Hill declared, "Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the

life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.' It should be the endeavor of every individual to promote and to preserve his highest understanding of life. To this end mankind has established various codes of human laws and has declared that every individual shall be secure in his person and in the preservation of his property. It will be admitted that individuals may possess much earthly goods and may be quite secure under the terms of the human sense of the law and not be demonstrating 'the way, the truth and the life,' referred to by Christ Jesus. The question for us to consider is, Does Christian Science show us the way to a higher sense of the life abundant?"

Bonnevilleites in The Dalles

By Hazel McShatko

The Dalles chamber of commerce played host to the government crews last Thursday night with an enjoyable dinner at Mac's cafe. Those present were: H. Ping, H. Nelson, N. Hyde, C. Rheinhardt, F. Marks, T. Jones, G. McMullen, D. Burlback, and H. McShatko from the survey crew; Nate Davis and Bob Woodward from the drillers. Mr. Nelson of the chamber of commerce acted as toastmaster assisted by Mr. Baker of the port commission, and Mr. Penny of the city.

We are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Nate Davis and Mr. Woodward leave our group. Their drill holes are completed and they returned to Bonneville.

Bob White inspected the job on Tuesday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McShatko were fishing and picnicking on Badger creek Sunday and returned with a few fish. They report a goodly supply of "ticks" however.

Norm Mann drove to Bonneville Thursday night in celebration of his wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson attended the dance at The Dalles auditorium Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hickok spent the week-end at their home in Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwerdfager spent the week-end in Portland visiting Mrs. Schwerdfager's sister, Mrs. Alice Fields. They also attended a dance at the Alderwood country club.

PEDIGREED TREE STOCK STUDIED BY FORESTERS

Effect of heredity on tree growth in Douglas fir forests of the Northwest has been partially determined through a twenty year study by the Pacific Northwest forest experiment station according to announcement this week by Thornton T. Munger, director. Results of the study are contained in a bulletin by Munger and William G. Morris, assistant silviculturist of the station. Discoveries will be important in determining character of seed trees necessary to be left by loggers for propagating future forests, and to govern selection of trees from which to collect seed for planting.

Seed for these heredity tests was collected in 1912 from 13 scattered localities representing various differences of topography and climate, as well as age and defect of the parent stock. More than 11,000 trees from this seed were planted under widely varying conditions of soil and altitude, and careful check made of results.

Of primary importance is the discovery that age and vigor of the tree or disease and decay resulting from age show no effect in the survival or vigor of the tree progeny. This means that unmerchantable trees not as desirable as their neigh-

bors for lumber are entirely suitable for use as seed trees, the report states.

Attempt to grow trees in a climate different from that to which they were adapted by heredity, however, is "another matter". In general, trees from low altitudes an warm locations do not thrive in higher altitudes and

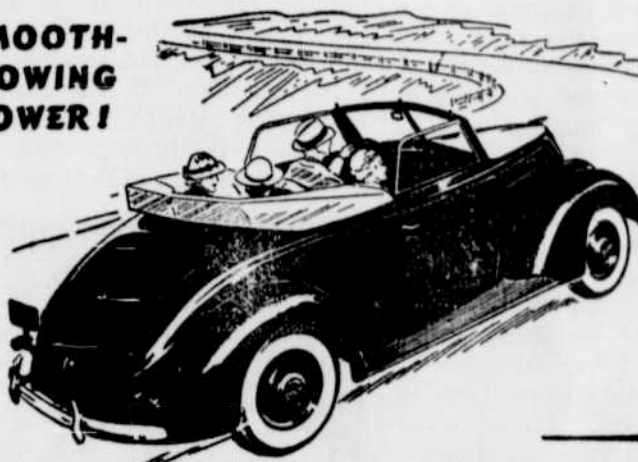
colder climate, and the reverse to some extent is true. However, it is found that some strains of Douglas fir are better than others, making better height growth than average in every locality where plantations were made.

Experiment showed that trees planted on favorable sites will grow as

much as three times as fast as those on poorer sites. (Douglas fir land being divided by foresters into site classifications based on soil, topography, and other factors.) On the best sites, Christmas tree crops can be expected in ten years, and posts and mine props in twenty years, the report points out.

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