

Turkey for McKay?



Thanksgiving is some time off yet, but the governors of Oregon and Washington are already talking about turkeys. The fate of that large fellow pictured above depends on the actions of people using Oregon forests. Should Oregon have more man-caused forest fires than Washington, he will grace the table of Washington's governor, Arthur B. Langlie. However, should the users of Washington's forests cause the greater number of fires, a turkey dubbed "Chief No Fire" will leave the Okanogan country for a Thanksgiving date in Salem beneath the fork of Oregon's Governor McKay. Shown presenting the 17½ pound broad-breasted bronze turkey tom "Sir Keep Oregon Green" to the Oregon governor is Loren Johnson, Scappoose turkey raiser. Both turkeys should tip the scales at 40 pounds by Thanksgiving. The score in the unique contest was Oregon 201 fires, Washington 389 fires on July 1.

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equipment and uniforms were sold.

In another adjoining tent, were two television sets that were running all day and practically all night. The favorite show on the TV was the wrestling matches. Everyone would howl with delight when one of the grapplers would throw the other out of the ring or kick him in the face.

Just a little way from our section was the Texas sections. All day the boys from Texas would wear their ten-gallon straw hats, and their hand-tooled pressed paper holsters, with their 45 calibre cap pistols, pretend to shoot each other. Either that or snap their bullwhips out in the fields. Most of the boys brought a lot of horned toads with them as trading material, and some of the toads got loose somehow so when anyone walked past those sections, they would always watch the ground closely in hopes of picking up a free horned toad.

The Arena shows were some of the highlights of the camp. The Jamboree was opened June 30th with speeches by many outstanding people—one of which was President Harry S. Truman! Following President Truman's address, a large pageant was put on depicting the history of Valley Forge. One of the scenes portrayed George Washington kneeling in prayer, which was part of the Jamboree emblem.

On Sunday morning, services were provided so the boys could go to the church of their own choice, and on Sunday evening, a convocation was held, showing how religious freedom was barred in certain countries, and

how it was upheld in the United States and other countries.

July 4th, Independence Day, was just like any other day, for the most part, since fireworks are banned under Pennsylvania state law. Part of our troop worked as arena officials that day. (Arena official, another name for stage hand.) That night was one of the most interesting times of the whole Jamboree, for me, at least. Not only did I get to shake General Ike's hand, (although a friend of mine got his picture taken with Ike) but I was an Arena Official which entitled me and the rest of our troop to have very choice seats backstage. That night 8,000 boys participated in pageant on scouting activities, going good deeds, and saving fair damsels in distress.

Included in the night's festivities was a huge fireworks display which was licensed by the state. More than \$5,000 was spent in the course of an hour and a half with many moving displays and colored scenes. Following this beautiful sight, the Scouts were dismissed to their respective camp sites.

The night of July sixth, when we had gotten all ready to leave the camp, there was another program which was mainly a closing ceremony. Immediately after we got on the train headed for New York, we got as well settled as possible and went to bed. Waking up just a few minutes out of Manhattan, we dressed quickly and were all set for the trip to the Hotel Governor Clinton, before setting out for a ferry ride out to the Statue of Liberty, where several of us went all the way to the top of her crown. Soon our troop was on our way back to the hotel to rest a bit and eat dinner before splitting up, some going to see a radio broadcast at Radio City, and others going to see their first major league baseball game at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees won over the Bosox that night, 5 to 2. Six of the seven runs scored in that game were home runs with a man on a first base. Preceding the game was a home-run hitting contest. Being a fan of Joe DiMaggio, I could see why Ted Williams could hit more homers than DiMaggio, at least in Yankee Stadium, since it is only a distance of 367 feet to the right field fence, while to the left field fence it is a distance of 406 feet, thereby favoring left-handed hitters.

After the ball game was over, we that wanted to, went to see the famous Times Square at night, when all of the sign boards are lit up. We then journeyed a distance of about 12 blocks to our hotel. Speaking about hotels, while we were there, one of the many friendly people we met there asked us where we were pipes. Following the tour of the hardly believe us, and said, "Howja get in there? Gee, that's a ritzy place. Ya gotta dress snazzy in the morning, dress at noon, and dress at night. Howja get in there?" We finally satisfied him by telling him that it was all arranged by the Boy Scouts of America.

After a good night's rest, we went out to Coney Island, where I got my first glimpse of the Atlantic Ocean, and went on some of the rides, which, incidentally are priced much lower than out here in the west. After a very enjoyable time in the world's largest city, we boarded a train bound for Niagara Falls, then on to Detroit, where we were the guests of the Ford Motor company. Everyone was packed on a bus, we went out to Greenfield Village, where we visited the Ford Museum with the largest collection of antique cars in the world. Following a tour of the museum and the grounds, we were presented with a box lunch by the Ford Motor company, which included a model Ford about eight inches long. Soon we were on our way to the big city park, where we went swimming. Next stop Chicago!

At Chicago, we were the guests of honor at Tommy Bartlett's radio show "Welcome Travelers" and saw the Chicago Planetarium, which was very interesting. After our short stay in Chicago, we had a couple of days of solid travel before we got to Denver, and we made the most of it since we hadn't had too much of an opportunity to sleep, we usually got to our destination early in the morning. We had very little time in Denver, so we just walked around and looked

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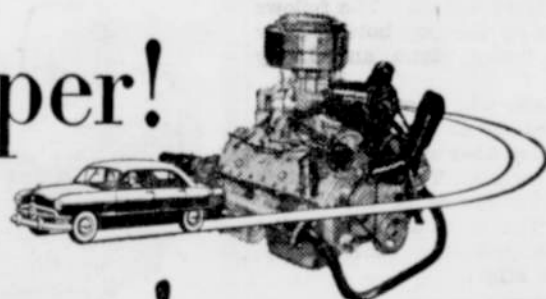
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