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### Increased Use Taxes Campground Facilities In the National Forest of the Pacific Northwest

Public use of the National Forests of the Pacific Northwest Region for recreation reached an all time high in 1958, according to a recent announcement by Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone. Crowding and over use of the recreation facilities of these forests continued to be a major concern of the Region. Field offices reported that during 1958 approximately 7,815,000 persons visited these National Forests. This involved 10,122,000 days of man-use. Recreation visits have increased 71% since 1954 and in 1958 alone, the rate jumped 20%. In this same year nation-wide visits to the National Forests increased by 12% according to a recent release from the United States Department of Agriculture. According to Regional Forester Stone, approximately 42% of the visits were made to camp and picnic sites. These two types of areas accommodated 3,297,000 people in 1958, compared to the 2,770,000 visits in 1957.

Many new recreation facilities have been constructed or developed in the last year and a half under the U. S. Forest Service program "Operation Outdoors." During this period, the Region constructed 58 camps or picnic sites, including 622 family units (for a picnic site a family unit

includes a table, bench and fireplace and for a campsite a tent spot and parking space are added). In addition two winter sports areas, one government-owned organization site, two water sports areas and two viewpoints were constructed. However, in spite of these efforts, the Region is still losing ground in its efforts to provide adequate facilities for the forest visitors. This means that existing facilities are being taxed considerably beyond their capacity, and that there is real danger of serious damage to soil, water and recreation resources in many areas.

Camping, picnicking, and general enjoyment attracted over 60% of last year's visitors. Other visits were made for fishing, winter sports, hunting, water sports and hiking, in that order of popularity.

The Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon was by far the leading recreation forest of the Region. This forest alone took care of 2,753,800 visits or approximately 38% of the total for the Region in 1958. The Deschutes Forest in Oregon and the Gifford Pinchot, Mt. Baker, Snoqualmie and Wenatchee Forests in Washington all had over 500,000 visits during 1958.

### Softball Ass'n. Board Picks All Star Team

Top pitcher of the week was Ralph Earhart who threw two one-hit games for the Mehama town team.

Wednesday, the 24th, the first game was played between the Gates Firemen and Simpson Loggers of Idanha with the Firemen winning 6 to 4. In the second game, the Mehama Town team defeated the Mehama Firemen 8 to 4. The smoke eaters were off to an early start but lost their lead after five innings. In the seventh inning with two men on base Phil Carey hit a home run ending the game.

The first game Friday night was another good one with the first 6 1/2 innings being scoreless. In the third inning the Mehama Townies got runners on base but were unable to score. In the bottom of the seventh, Harold Wiltse got on, on a walk. Phil Carey hit a single, sending Wiltse to second. Ralph Earhart then hit a home run to left field ending the ball game. 1-0 for Mehama against Simpson of Lyons.

Simpson of Idanha defeated the Jaycees 4 to 2 in the second game. Monday Simpson of Lyons defeated the Mehama Firemen 5 to 1. In the second game the Gates Firemen defeated the Mill City Jaycees 14-4.

League Standing		
	W	L
Simpson of Lyons	9	2
Gates Fire Department	9	4
Mehama Town Team	7	5
Simpson of Idanha	6	5
Mill City Jaycees	3	8
Mehama Fire Department	1	11

**All Star Team Picked**  
The all-star ball club was picked by the board of directors Tuesday night at a meeting held in the banquet room at the Last Frontier.

The board picked the following men for the game here July 4 against Randalls Chuck Wagon of Salem, last year's state champs. Managers will be Frank Spellmeyer and Harold Wiltse. Players are Frank Spellmeyer, Dean Mansfield, Gale Carey, Burnie Miotke, Bud McDougall, Ralph Earhart, Bob Fisher, Chuck Morgan, D. Heuberger, Delmar Syverson, Dale Horrocks, Chet Howlett, Harold Wiltse, Maurie Bassett, Dennie Frank, Dick Boedigheimer, Phil Carey, Jim Grant, Herb Mays, Al Ward, Bernie Callahan, Jack Ruth and Lou Morgan.

### Earharts Injured in Car Accident on Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Earhart and sons Robert and Everett were involved in a serious auto accident Sunday on highway 213 near the Colton Intersection. Robert was driving when the car in front of them suddenly turned left, causing the Earhart car to crash into it, although Robert swerved to try to avoid the accident.

Mr. Earhart and Everett received severe head injuries with other members of the family just shaken up. A registered nurse happened to be in a passing car and gave first aid. They were then taken to the Oregon City hospital and are now recovering at home.

Ironically, Mr. Earhart had been laid up with a back injury for several months and was on his way to see about a job when the accident occurred. Their car was completely demolished.

### New Arrivals

Report From Santiam Memorial Hospital  
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