

80 'Hostelers' Go Through Chiloquin, See Crater Lake

CHILOQUIN — Nearly 85 young people are on their way to Eastern seaboard homes with a first and thrilling view of Crater Lake tucked into their memories. They are from 15 years of age to the middle 20's and all are skilled at outdoor cooking and bike riding.

Chiloquin to Crater Lake and Portland to Mt. Hood are the only two scheduled stopovers in Oregon for the two-month trips—which zigzag through the United States and Canada—planned by the American Youth Hostel to give tourists a knowledge and love for America, its people and scenery. Two groups this year also visited Klamath Falls.

The old English word hostel meant a resting place, a place where one was welcome. The hostel movement means growth of hiking, biking or canoeing trips where inexpensive and informal homes or buildings are available for overnight stays. It began in Europe in 1910, came here in 1924. Nineteen states, chiefly in the East, have hostel groups.

The popularity of hosting is due to its low cost compared to other types of travel, its opportunity to see more than conventional spots, and its back-to-nature methods, where all the equipment the person will use is carried on the bike or back.

The fourth group this summer itemized some of its equipment: sleeping bag, first aid kit, clothing that could "take it," cameras, souvenirs, notebooks, toilet kit and soap, mess kit—even an enamel pan.

Each group of nine with the leader is organized in relaying teams for the planning of meals, preparation, clean up and for recreation. Food budgets are strict, but variety is stressed. One hot meal is required, preferably two are eaten. There were a few groans about lack of fresh milk on some of the side trips — too bulky to take.

Hostelers are warned about impure water, are forbidden to swim or get in a canoe without passing swimming tests; all must have health exams.

Although in the East accommodations are always available, stops in Oregon are planned in advance and young people use the school grounds.

The American Youth Hostel sponsors trips in both the U. S. and in foreign countries. An AYH card is

honored in 2,400 hostels throughout the world. The cost of foreign trips is below the usual minimum. Four weeks in England and Scotland, planned this year around coronation cost less than \$500, including ocean or air travel. A 10-week central European trip costs \$810.

Leaders of organized trips have special training and must have taken an AYH trip previously. Helen Carter, for example, leader of Group 4, went to Europe in 1950. The AYH trained 25 leaders early this summer at a 10-day session in Northfield, Mass., former national headquarters before it was moved to New York. This year the group ranged from a junior in college to a 52-year-old person, and included four Europeans—from Ireland, England, Italy and The Netherlands. Their expenses to Massachusetts were paid in return for their summer services at home.

Four others lead the groups that came through Oregon. Sandra Brown of Brooklyn, leader of the second group, will teach physical education this year in the Midwest, and Helen Carter will teach

biology at the University of Miami in Ohio.

The trips were routed from New York to Chicago to St. Louis; the Grand Canyon to Los Angeles; Yosemite to San Francisco; Crater Lake, the Mt. Hood Loop and on to Seattle; by ferry to Victoria, bike 70 miles to Nanaimo, to the mainland at Vancouver, on to Jasper, Banff, Calgary, east to Winnipeg and return to New York. The big hops are made by train. The rest by bike except from Chiloquin to Crater Lake when Bill Lorenz traditionally meets the groups and hauls them and their equipment to the rim.

Asked if it was hard to adjust to biking, group 1 said its second day out the ride was 29 miles in 109 degrees temperature. They all ride light weight bikes with narrow tires; most have gears for climbing and many are English made.

A 15-year-old boy was being threatened by his group after he bought a mechanical bike which continuously played, "On Top of Old Smoky."

Most of the travelers remarked on the friendliness they encountered.

At Grand Canyon one group ran into rain and were invited indoors for breakfast and then for a car ride. There were a few minor accidents; a boy who won a bike race which happened to be scheduled in an eastern town, a case of two of homesickness, a number of flat tires and cooking failures—all will add to the memories.

Just a sampling of names and hometowns: Robert Gurfelt, Great Neck, Long Island; Peter Davis and Joseph Browdy, Brooklyn; David Malev, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Peter Bradie, Baldwin, N. Y.; Jim Nehlin, Darien, Conn.; Revla Tancer, Manhattan; James Morganstern, Pittsburgh, Pa. Boys vastly outnumbered the girls this year.

Two large groups of riders were



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SITA group included a few young people from Canada, and was chartered by a young couple, the Mitchell Schaffers. They lead groups all year long, including ski trips in winter.

The SITA groups were making

the same trip, but in reverse and were on their way south. They had one other variation: instead of biking back to Chiloquin to catch the train, they rode from Crater Lake to Klamath Falls. They also had a more serious accident, a broken

collar bone. The boy was making the rest of the trip in the truck. And as one boy said, "We have another record. I had to finish a case of whooping cough before catching up with the others in Canada."

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LONDON (AP)—The Soviet parliament rubber-stamped its approval Monday of the purging of Lavrenty P. Beria and ordered the case against the Kremlin's former No. 2 man to the Soviet Supreme Court.

The decree of the Supreme Council (parliament), broadcast by Moscow radio, indicated that the stage is being set for the trial of Premier Georgi M. Malenkov's onetime top deputy who rose to power as the head of Stalin's dreaded secret police.

The broadcast said the Council had confirmed the 54-year-old Beria's ouster for "criminal and antistate activities," approved stripping him of "all awards and ranks, and (approved) transferring (his) case for consideration by the U.S.S.R. Supreme Court."

Ironically, the parliament acted at a session in which earlier it had wildly applauded announcement of a new Soviet achievement in a program which the West generally believed Beria bossed—the development of atomic weapons.

Malenkov told the Council Saturday that the United States no longer had a monopoly on the hydrogen bomb. The West accepted the statement as an announcement that Russia has built, or knows how to build, the fearful bomb. Many experts were skeptical of Malenkov's claim, however.

Beria's downfall early in July came after persistent rumors of a titanic struggle for power in the Soviet high command. It launched a widespread purge of his proteges and favorites both within the Soviet union and in various of the restless satellites.

Medford-KF Road Via Lake Proposed

MEDFORD (AP)—State Rep. Robert Root of Medford said Monday he had proposed to the state highway commission construction of a primary standard highway to connect Medford and Klamath Falls via Lake of the Woods.

The highway would be extended 16 miles to meet a road now being improved to primary standards from Klamath Falls to Rocky Point, Root said.



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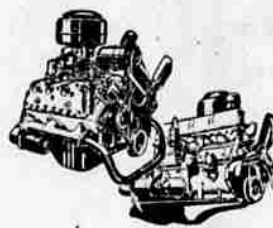
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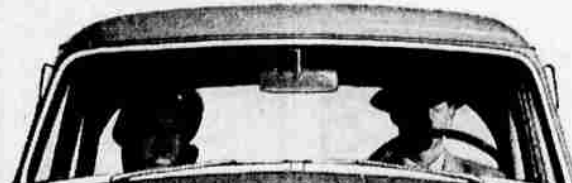


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