

Hart Mountain Trip In May Proves Wet But Fun



DRIPPINGSTONE MANOR was the name given this camp at Hart Mountain last month. Despite the inclement (wet) weather, the trip was highly successful. Here Head Cook Dick Eimers starts the job of unpacking the grub as soon as the camp has been more or less waterproofed. —Photo by Author

Rain Fails To Dampen Spring Trip

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Edmund Ware Smith, author of the wonderful "one-eyed poacher of Mopang" stories, once stated in a story that deep in all of us is what he refers to as the wilderness wish.

The urge to get out in the open, to hear the murmur of the pines, thrill to the flash of white water, listen to the song of the high flying geese.

Well, on May 16, 1959, to be exact, three of us were stricken with the wilderness wish to the point of tossing the sleeping bags in the car and taking off for the wide, wet spaces.

Dick Eimers came down from Portland where he holds down the job of bureau chief of the Associated Press. John Henderson, production manager here at the Herald and News, came along and brought his camp stove. I made up the third party.

We got away from Klamath on a fairly bright and sunny Saturday morning and headed east. Final destination was to be the old hot springs on the slopes of Hart Mountain.

By the time we got to Bly we had talked ourselves into going over to Lakeview via Dairy Creek. Being of prudent nature, at least during this stage of the trip, we paused briefly in Bly and checked in at the ranger station. Found Herb Hadley mowing the extensive lawn around the place and cut into his chores long enough to get a little information. He allowed as how the trip was



WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF? At least that is what it looks like Dick Eimers is saying as he de-rains the roof of the camp at Hart Mountain. This picture was taken early the next morning after the rain had slacked off to some extent. Earlier suggestions to Eimers that he stay up all night and keep the roof at the right angle to shed rain had been rejected.

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