

Outdoors Boom Strains Government Facilities

WASHINGTON (NEA)—A year-round public craving for fresh air is giving U.S. Forest Service officials a headache.

More people are flocking every year to the great outdoors for skiing, hiking, boating, hunting, fishing, and horse back riding.

flowing into undeveloped areas, causing stream pollution and posing forest fire threats.

To combat the problem, Forest Service officials are conducting a massive rehabilitation and building program known as Operation Outdoors. But they are having

This will provide new swimming and winter sports facilities, roads, horse trails, camp site plumbing, dams and spillways. New restaurants and ski lifts are sprouting on land leased by concessionaires.

Forest Service officials even

303 public parks and picnic areas on their forest property. Forty-three of these businesses plan to build additional parks in 1961 while 93 companies plan park developments for later dates.

OSC Announces Seed Processor Short Course

Oregon's \$20 million seed industry, shooting for increased foreign sales, hopes to squeeze more efficiency from its already highly-developed seed processing plants.

A Seed Processors Short Course at Oregon State College, Jan. 19 and 20, will present new research on seed cleaning and discussions of warehouse management, marketing regulations, and other operations affecting Oregon's competitive position in domestic and foreign trade.

Local seed growers meeting recently at Portland tabbed Africa, the Far East, and Latin American countries as outlets for increased Oregon seed sales, but noted that both Canada and Europe were streamlining their seed industries in a bid for these markets.

Jesse E. Harmond, OSC agricultural engineer and chairman of the short course, said the two-day course includes morning lecture sessions and afternoon demonstrations on seed processing, plus a school on seed identification by the OSC official seed-testing laboratory.

New methods of separating different kinds of seeds involve principles of electronics, magnetic response, electrical vibration, dimensional differences in seed, and pneumatic process. Other topics are use of multi-wall bags for seed handling, maintenance of air-screen machines for cleaning seed, and fluorescent tests for seed viability.

Also scheduled for discussions are U.S. Department of Agriculture seed laws and regulations, and management and bookkeeping records for small seed cleaning plants.

Seed certification, seed-borne diseases, and control of insects, rodents and other hazards in seed cleaning plants are among topics slated for the course.

Senior Don Savini paced Columbia's football team in scoring with 26 points during the 1960 campaign.

Cardinal Will Tour Military

NEW YORK (AP)—For the 10th straight year, Francis Cardinal Spellman will spend the Christmas season visiting U.S. military bases in distant places.

His 17-day tour, beginning Dec. 16, will take him to Greenland, Alaska, Labrador and Newfoundland. The cardinal will celebrate Christmas midnight Mass at the Thule Air Force base in Greenland.

Honor Doctor

SHERWOOD (AP)—The American Legion paid tribute Wednesday night to Dr. Fred T. Rucker, a retired physician, for his years of service to the community.

Among those present were the first and last babies Rucker, 80, delivered in Sherwood: Mayor Stanley Heister, now 38, and Nicholas Hahn, now 6.

COMET'S VISITATIONS

Halley's comet comes close to the earth every 75 years. It was recorded in China in A.D. 66 and Chinese astronomers also observed it in A.D. 684 and 837.



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Principal locations for the boom are the national forests. Last year they were visited by almost 82 million people, millions more than the timberlands really are equipped to handle.

On a map, the 180 million acres of U.S. timberland appear big enough for any number of nature lovers. But Forest Service officials explain that only specified sites are supposed to be used for recreation.

Most of these camp grounds were built before World War II when less than 20 million people visited the forests annually. Today many of the old recreation spots are run down. Some are completely unusable. Thus, armies of campers have been over-

trouble keeping construction even with demand.

John Sieker, Director of the Forest Service Division of Recreation and Land Uses, explains that the building project was originally geared to handle a predicted 66 million visits by 1962. This is 15 million less than the number who showed up last year.

The goal now is to take care of more than 100 million visitors by 1962. This year's total is expected to be 91 million.

Within two years Forest Service officials hope to complete construction of 6,600 new camp sites. They also plan to finish rehabilitation and expansion of 4,700 old ones. The entire project will cost about \$85 million.

plan to add touches of modern day easy living to some of the new camp sites. Included may be flush toilets, coin-operated showers and laundries.

State governments are carrying on expansion programs of their own. By 1962, California's five-year recreation project will have cost almost \$60 million. Pennsylvania is spending \$4 million annually.

Other building programs are being carried on by lumber, pulp, paper and plywood companies that own about 60 million forest acres. A recent survey by the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., shows that about 50 million of these acres are open to the public.

About 107 companies operate

Sham Fight

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Company D. of Ashland attacked Cavalry Company of Fort Klamath at close range—bayonets were used—a man to man combat.

It was thought in one instance that personal feelings entered into it for one soldier pressed so close his opponent retreated—and that would have been all right only he turned about and there was another call for Dr. Cox as well as one for someone to mend the seat of the injured man's pants.

After this joust the chief and his subs, the commander and his lieutenants and Gus Melhase sat in council and at last they smoked a pipe of peace all so realistically that the audience was spellbound, even the dogs kept silent.

Mess call sounded. The notes were quick, light and full of portent announcing the barbecued dinner that followed. Not entirely a barbecued dinner as the women had cakes and cookies and pies and cheese and pickles and all the what-nots of a feast.

The flag flew high and proudly over this assemblage that could after a quarter of a century meet with their former enemy as one people. While the sham battle was a huge success it did not serve the purpose for which it was intended: That of establishing a permanent Army post at Fort Klamath.

The austere buildings of the old fort long remained a beautiful sight as their whiteness dotted the green-turfed parade grounds that were rimmed in the distance by the snow-capped Cascades.

And as today's tourist passes over the same site he sees to his left traveling north a lush green meadow rimmed entirely by timbered mountains. Also here are the graves of the three Modoc Indians who were hanged by U.S. military orders, among them the notorious Captain Jack who had kept the soldiers of Fort Klamath at bay even when they were augmented by seasoned soldiers from the Presidio out of California as well as regulars sent in from the north. A gas station now stands about where the fort's hospital was located.

Poet's Corner

FANCIES DELIGHT

I took them and put them to bed, each one
I hugged them and kissed them
and tucked them in
I told them a story of laughter
and tears
Of elfins a-dancing and wiggles
worms fears
Of gingerbread castles and fairies
so bright
Of little ones climbing the stars
in the night
Of dew drops and roses and
sweet scented mist
Of rain drops and posies and gar-
lands a-twist
Till I thought to myself as I
turned off the light
Was there ever a dream such as
fancies delight.

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CHRISTMAS

The Christmas tree with lights
aglow
Holly and mistletoe
And gifts spread out below
To be opened by the cry
Of children laughing as they take
The wrappers from the gifts we
make
Exclaim in childish glee and joy
As they see each gift and toy.
We wonder as such joy we see
If our joy is not complete
For little hands and little hearts
Will ever show the love that's
here

To comfort us and give us cheer
For God above in wisdom great
Has given us the love we take
And more than this his only child
Tender, meek, and oh so mild
Whose birthday we do bring our
love
As little ones to us theirs give.

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OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Just an old fashioned Christmas
When hearts were young and gay,
And youthful cheeks were bloom-
ing
In a happy sort of way,
And tender hearts were yearning
For the spirit of the times,
And loving voices carolling
The sweet old Christmas rhymes.

Just an old fashioned Christmas

When Dad was but a boy
When he was courting Mother
dear
And she was "oh so coy"
The sleigh bells tinkled merrily
As on the runners flew,
The frosty air hung heavily,
Their loving hearts were new.

Just an old fashioned Christmas
Full of laughter ringing clear
With fruit cakes in the oven
And cookie forms to cheer
The toys made by a loving hand
With fondness and great care
A summer spent in wishing
And now the time is here.

Just an old fashioned Christmas
With children gathered 'bout
Their lusty voices bringing
A merry tune and shout
As little hands were stringing
The popcorn for the tree
As little hearts went winging
In hope and ecstasy.

Just an old fashioned Christmas
When hearts were young and gay
And youthful cheeks were bloom-
ing
In a happy sort of way
And the yule-log was burning
As round the stories told
And happy hearts were humming
In the Christmases of old.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

Here in the wintry woods
the cold, green scent of fir
sharpens the frosty breath
of white and crusted snow.

Above the fragrant silence
and shadow of this hollow
the sun strikes glints of fire
along the pine-spined ridges.
Ruth Welch
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CARTWHEELS ROLL IN

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP)—
John Vonetes told his wife she
could have all the silver dollars
they took in at their restaurant.
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Vonetes said she quit counting
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