

PAYETTE LAKES GROWING RESORT

Paris Martin Tells of Growth of McCall and Many Changes for Next Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Martin and children just returned from Payette lakes, where they have spent their summer vacation. Mr. Martin says that the lakes not only are now, but are destined to be more and more as years go by the summer resort for the people of the Boise, Payette and Weiser valleys.

"This summer has seen the greatest number of people that ever visited the lakes in a single season," he says. "From August 12 to 27, an average of 85 people took their meals each day at the Payette Lakes Club Inn. The old timers tell me that they can easily remember when only five or six families from the valleys would visit the lakes in a season, and that this was practically true up to 10 or 12 years ago. Each year the number of families building cottages around the lakes, putting up tent frames and camping has increased and this year the number of families enjoying the scenery, the temperature, the bathing, the pines and the mountain air was greater than ever before.

Many Towns Represented.

"Beside the number mentioned at the Payette Lakes Club Inn, there were many people at Sylvan Beach, Picnic Point, the Ontario club, the Weiser club, the Nampa club, and at other community camps, Boy Scout camps, and the like, besides the town of McCall itself. Then there are a great many cottages scattered along the lake shore and tucked away among the pines. Next year Gus Harvey of Boise will have a house boat on the lakes. He is having the logs gotten out now for the house boat.

"The town of McCall at the lower end of the lakes will likely undergo many changes in the near future. Even the casual observer recognizes the fact that the lakes are becoming more and more a summer resort. It is said that an amusement company capitalized at \$40,000, Boise capital, either has been formed or is to be formed in the near future, to install bath houses and a dance pavilion, etc., on the lake shore, just about where the sawmill now stands. The saw mill is to be moved up the lake shore next year. The main street at McCall will then be parked and in time should be paved. Some enterprising Boise boys have purchased the garage. The Williams store has lately sold out to new purchasers. The drug store has lately changed hands. I understand that Blackwell's pool hall, etc., was lately purchased by new owners.

Will Move Sheep Trail.

"Another improvement that will take place soon at the lakes is the moving of the sheep trail so that, instead of the trail running close to the east side of the lakes, it will run back away from the lakes a mile or so. Instead of the sheep crossing the river at the outlet of the lakes near Lardo, they will cross on a new bridge to be constructed a couple of miles down the river from the outlet. This improvement will do away with much of the dust that is annoying to those on the east side of the lake.

Bathing and Mountain Climbing.

"Besides the usual hunting and fishing, provision is to be made soon for a new diversion for the lake visitors. There is to be a golf course in the meadow back of the Payette Lakes club and S. H. Hays property. It is expected that the golf course will be put in next summer, so that golf will be an added diversion to this already attractive place."
