

northwestern Oregon, and I think people of Oregon, more than most States, are inclined to enjoy their wildernesses. Every year, the number of backpackers in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area is increasing 20 percent. Of course, the number of people seeking car campgrounds is increasing, also, but I think that the number of backpackers is increasing even faster.

Every year, more and better lightweight backpacking equipment, and lightweight food is available. More and more people are taking their friends and relatives out camping, and there are large Scout camps and church groups. They learn, as I did, and they start taking their friends out, and I think that more and more people are becoming disgusted with the conditions in car campgrounds, and they are still attempting to find the solitude and primeval beauty, and more and more of them are going to be taking to the trails.

I have a statement for the record, Mr. Chairman.

Senator CHURCH. Miss McGinnis, let me say that you have made a very fine statement, one of the very best that has been made, I think, in the course of the hearings so far.

When you make a plea for building campgrounds for people instead of automobiles, you really strike to the heart of the American problem.

Miss MCGINNIS. I think that the whole trouble of America is that we are educated today to think—obviously, there is a great deal of money involved in motor vehicles—we are trained to think in terms of motor vehicles.

Senator CHURCH. I was just going to say that the problem extends beyond campgrounds. Our problem is, Are we going to build the country for people instead of automobiles?

So far, I think, the automobiles have clearly won.

Miss MCGINNIS. I just bought a car, and I suddenly realized, countries and cities are built for automobiles. If you don't have an automobile, you are out of it.

Senator CHURCH. The country is increasingly built for the automobile. We are its servant.

But I do think that, in this particular plan for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness, if I understand the testimony that the Forest Service made yesterday, that they do contemplate the kind of development for Lake Marion that you have advocated.

Miss MCGINNIS. Yes.

Senator CHURCH. In other words, they are not going to build automobile roads and macadam roads to the lake, and they are not going to occupy the shoreline with parking lots.

Miss MCGINNIS. Yes.

Senator CHURCH. But they are going to do the very thing you have in mind, as I understand the testimony. It will be necessary to hike up to the lake.

Miss MCGINNIS. Yes; I would like to see the road set far enough back that you have to carry a canoe in, and if you don't want to, I think that is tough, you know.

Senator CHURCH. That, as I understand it, is the plan the Forest Service has for Lake Marion.

Miss MCGINNIS. What about Square and Long Lake, and part of the Fire Camp Lakes?