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Mon. 11/5 already!

Dear Oscar,

Please excuse the delay in answering your 2 nice letters. Us retirees sure can get awful busy---!!

After all these years it was a treat to finally get to see the great NW. Of course much of the interior of such states as Wash. and Oregon is quite drab--more so than our own. But northern Idaho and the coastal areas cannot be beat for pure wild scenery. I would sure like to see the waves beating on the coast in a real storm---even under mild conditions the waves are magnificent. Of course during about 3 weeks in that area we only saw the sun for about 3 days!! Not that there was rain; there was just somuch overcast, clouds, and some of the thickest FOG that I have seen in years.

Fishing turned out to be poor. The rivers were so low due to lack of rain that the salmon had not begun their runs. The mineral collecting was also poor, at least in the NW. We looked up a couple famous locations and drew a blank. In Cal. at Boron (where the U.S. Borax Co. operates) we could not find much in the dumps but then we ran into a foreman who had some material FOR SALE---and we snapped it up.

Home again it always takes a week or so to unpack the Rig and get it serviced and cleaned up, sort the mail, pay all the bills, get the boat back into the lake, and take care of the accumulated lawn and garden chores. And I finally got a man who actually wanted to work and so we (I acted as his helper) put in a new flagstone walk and built a new "hot-frame" for the Mrs. this was the heaviest work that I have yet done but it was good for me. Later I got my semi-annual check-up by my Doc and he gave me the go-ahead to do anything I wanted to tackle. I of course will have to use a great deal of judgement.

I must admit that I have done nothing yet to contact the Wilson's at the greenhouse. I have meant to get up the energy (mostly mental) to organize a trip with them up to that old cabin that they mentioned. It may turn out to be more strenuous than I can manage now. Of course it may also be too late for this year; if we run into the hunting season we no longer would dare to risk going into the wilderness, at least without a brass band to precede us. Then again there is now a bit of snow in the higher elevations at least and some may extend lower. If we do promote something in next couple weeks will keep you posted. Enuf now, have to sign off--

best regards to you and the Mrs.---

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