Bound For Texas—Clem Shefchif, 19, left, and Bob Heise, 20, take a last look at Milwaukee as they set out on the first leg of out on the 1500-mile horseback trip which they figure will take their journey to King County, Texas. The youths plan to camp about three months.

WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD

by Norman Blair

THE UNITED STATES

Not long ago the big question regarding television was what, if anything, would be its future. Today the big question is: What is the future of those who look at television, and how will it change their lives and habits?

Princeton and Rutgers Universities have been conducting surveys regarding these matters, and although they are somewhat limited in scope, some of the conclusions reached are highly interesting.

FAMILY UNITY: Television has brought the family together in one room as nothing had been able to do in the past. Even after a year or more of use the set in the average household is "on" for 3 to 5 hours a day, and to maintain a degree of household harmony strange com romises are often essential. Thus the television wife may find herself speaking a casual authority regarding the punching ability of Rocky Graziano, and father may be wondering if there is no end to the puppet shows that intrigue the younger generation. The kids, of course, look at almost anything.

But although the family is brought much more closely together than before, if all members sit in abject silence hour after hour, there may be actually less real family sociability than formerly.

RADIO LISTENING. There isn't any doubt that radio listening is being drastically affected by television. An overwhelming majority of television owners report that they now listen less to the radio. In the evening when the best television programs are on, most of their radios are not operated at all. In the daytime, when household chores prevent motionless concentration in front of the television screen, radio is no; noticeably affected. Maw still listens to the "soap operas". But it's increasingly clear that the broadcaster who tries to operate both radio and television is pretty much in competition with himself.

READING: While the younger generation seems able to do homework and listen to the radio at the same time, television does not allow for reading a book while watching the screen. But apparently reading is one habit which is at first rather strongly affected by television and then gradually tends to return to its old level. Among those who read books the decline in reading may run as high as 30 per cent or more during the first six months after a set is bought, but after a year or so the decline is hardly noticeable.

CONVERSATION: Whether the art of conversation is to be killed by television is a subject of much keen debate. One writer says that, with television demanding silent concentration on the part of viewers, Americans tend to become a "chair-bound, myopic and speechless race". The lack of speech is most noticeable during the first days of set ownership, however, and experienced viewers report that, at a later date, conversation may be stimulated by video programs.

INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN: This is of prime importance because the habits of children may be decisively influenced by the almost-continuous show coming into the home. Television introduces even the very young to the sort of entertainment which, ordinarily, they would not be seeing until much older. On week-ends there have been cases of children looking as much as 8 or 9 hours a day — almost half their waking hours; and it is a rare household which, at one time or other, has not found television a problem in the matter of completing home lessons.

The decision as to the "right" time for supper may also result in a discipline problem, what with video programs for youngsters running uninterruptedly from 5 to 8:30 p.m. For the parent, television is a mixed blessing. It can keep a child occupied if the adult wants relief from youthful noise and energy; but it can also keep the child occupied far too much for his own good.

Possibly, for a column of this kind, I have commented at too great a length on such a subject. Still, I don't think so. There is a real possibility that television may prove to have as great an effect as the American — and, later, the Canadian way of life — as did the invention of the automobile.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem is gradually returning to normal. Tank-traps and barbwire are being removed except in a few places and buses are beginning to trun again on old routes instead of the roundabout ways occasioned by road-blocks. Many modern shops are springing up on the rubble of bombed buildings.

Most of the requisitioned holy places are being returned, except such as Notre Dame, which is on the front line and will probably be the last to regain its complete sanctity. In the old walled city life goes on in the same ancient Oriental fashion that has not changed over the centuries. There is little water and no electricity.

At many points along the Jerusalem-Palestine border there is the problem of "illegal" immigration. Arabs are trying to come in at any cost. They had established a black market and smuggling operations which would have reached large proportions except for Israeli vigilance. The only thing which stopped such maneuvers were clashes over prices or deliberate murder. Sometimes bodies with contraband goods still intact were in evidence.

Cigarettes were one of the main items of this illicit commerce. Where they cost 75 cents a package in Israel, they can be bought in the old city for 27 cents. There was also smuggling of human beings.

That wholesale "illegal" immigration has now been stopped. Arabs no longer try to infiltrate in any large numbers as it means death or long prison terms; and the Jews are not eager about it for the same reason. Now it seems to be a matter of ordinary police action to maintain the status quo of present population distribution.

SPORTS

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

For the first time in Lo! these many years a traveller through Ontario finds the people in the small towns and villages actually taking an interest in—of all things—the doings of the Toronto Baseball Club.

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This is somewhat surprising as—with the exception, of course, of the hockey Leafs—Toronto teams and anything connected with the Queen City are not particularly popular throughout the balance of our fair Province.

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But the team which Joe Ziegler and Del Bissonette got together seems to have caught the fancy of one and all. It didn't do so well at the start due largely to an inexperienced catching staff. But the coming of Mr. Wagner to do the receiving made all the difference, and the Leafs recently performed the rare feat of coming out of the depths and climbing right to the top of the heap, largely while performing on foreign fields.

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It's only the game fish, the saying goes, which swims against the current—although the truth of this, like that of a lot of other hoary adages is open to question, as we seem to recall seeing several varieties of fish battling upstream that were never classed as particularly game.

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But there's no doubt that it takes a ball team with plenty of viscera to play better on alien soil than they had been doing right on their own home pastures. So it would not be surprising to see, before the season is over crowds flocking Torontowards not because the races are on at beautiful Woodbine or gorgeous Dufferin, but to see some baseball of better than fair calibre.

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It can happen again, just as it used to happen back in the days when the Maple Leafs were winning pennants — something they have done just eight times out of sixty-four starts. But lest you think this is a pretty feeble percentage of wins, we might add that only Rochester with ten, and Baltimore with nine have topped the Toronto mark.

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We don't imagine very many of our readers will recall the first time the name of Toronto—like that of Abu Ben Adhem who used to bore us so much in Public School—led all the rest to the payoff station. For that was way back in 1887—gee, we can hardly remember it ourself—and the club that year was managed by Charlie Cushman. All we can tell you about that team, aside from the manager's name, was that a gent named Slattery stole 112 bases that season, which leads to the thought that either pitchers didn't pay much attention to the base-runners in those days, or else that it was a good job the saliva test had not yet been invented.

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Burleigh Grimes' winning of the pennant in 1943 is too recent to require comment—although it doesn't seem too fearfully recent for Maple Leaf Stadium regulars who have sat and suffered ever since. And as it looks as if space is fast running out on us, we'll only add that although Del Bissonette's 1949 athletes may not bring Toronto its ninth pennant, right now they look like an outfit that will be fighting right down to the wire.

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