

TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

On the old Spanish trail, running between St. Augustine, Florida, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, I have been speeding Texas-ward to the Centennial Exposition at Dallas. The trip was decided upon in a great hurry and as I needed a rest from my duties I gladly welcomed the opportunity of a trip to a territory where I had never been but to which I had often dreamed of going.

W. Shelby Walthall, director of our local Dramatic Club, and a nephew of the well-known actor, the late Henry B. Walthall, decided to drive to the Exposition taking his sister to Austin, Texas, where she will attend the State University. His mother, sister, brother, Billy and myself, with all our baggage made a car-load indeed. A neighbor lady is caring for my family at home.

The highways have been exceptionally good and the traffic heavy. I saw no evidence of any depression. The people were busy; they seemed happy; business seemed brisk in comparison to the languidness of Florida in summer. Thousands of travellers were holiday-seekers and I saw more northern cars than I had expected. Each year more folks from the north seek the newness of the south for their holiday trip.

The first night out we spent in Pensacola, Florida, an old historic centre with its Fort Barrancas and old Fort San Carlos. There is also a naval air-base stationed there. We had driven 450 miles and we were tired so we found cabins and went to bed. The next morning the drive along the Gulf of Mexico to Mobile, Alabama, was delightful. The dew was still glistening and the air so fresh, making one feel exhilarated. As we speeded along close to this city on picturesque Mobile Bay, a car from British Columbia passed us. I looked for it along the city streets as we passed through but was unable to locate it. I wanted so much to chat with those travellers in a foreign land. From Mobile the road swung down to the Gulf route at Pascagoula. From there to New Orleans we hugged the Gulf closely through the resort districts of Biloxi and Gulfport. Pass Christian and Bay Saint Louis. Words fail me in describing the beauty of this old district, with its huge estates and palatial homes, many of which are open to tourist guests. It is a fishing and oyster haven and a fashionable pleasure and resting colony, where all the lavishness and fastidiousness of the cultured south is very much in evidence. We ate dinner in Biloxi at the Dinner Bell having a very delicious dinner cooked in the southern manner with all the splendor of the culinary art. It began to rain but it was a relief from the humidity. In that one day I travelled in four states, the western portion of Florida, the Gulf region of Alabama and Mississippi and inland into Louisiana as far as Baton Rouge, the state capital. The Old Spanish Trail from Ocean Springs on the Mississippi Sound to Bay St. Louis has the longest sea wall in the world, a distance of twenty-nine miles. That was a red letter day. It was Shelby's birthday and he had never been in those Gulf cities, though he had been born in Birmingham, Alabama. We arrived in New Orleans late in the afternoon and took time off to visit the wharfs where the big cotton ships are loaded, this port being the cotton shipping centre of the nation. Mobile and New Orleans are cities of the old world and the new. The greater part of their population is European, mostly French and Spanish. We drove through the oldest sections of them and marvelled at the exquisite beauty of the grill work on the old fashioned houses of French and Spanish architecture. The structures were high and rather severe except for the delicate, lacy grill patterns on the porches and balconies. The doors were shuttered as well as the tall windows. The boulevards where the most palatial residences were built had gorgeous gateways leading from the thoroughfare. These were pillared and intricate iron grill work formed rich patterns through which vines wound their way. Those entrances were just as stately and beautiful as those leading to castles in Europe. By the way, the main street, Canal street in New Orleans, is not called the main "drag" as in various cities,

but is known as "the main stem." Canal street is the second widest street in the world, or is said to be at least. There is a very wide and very beautiful boulevard in the centre and the high graceful light pillars are the most beautiful I have ever seen. They are not just light posts but designed for beauty as well as usefulness. Their height is twice that of the average city light. The street is so wide that extra traffic lights are necessary as the traffic cannot pass before the lights change. There is a charm about an old city, which speaks of other days, other nations and other peoples. I hope to not spend many more years of my life before I return to that lovely old city with its millions of different things. True New Orleans is supposed to be the most wicked city now in existence on the North American continent, even out-rivalling San Francisco as it used to be before the great earthquake. But every city has its wickedness and its slums. New Orleans is below the sea level and many of the coast sections have buildings built upon high foundations. For this reason the graves in the graveyard are built high above the ground, encased by stone and cement. If the caskets were placed in graves beneath the surface they would be submerged in water. Then too, New Orleans has the heaviest rainfall of any city in the United States. The poorer districts have very narrow, long houses, mostly all white. These are such a contrast from the huge homes in the wealthy sections, where the buildings are like hotels. The city has a population of 475,000, being the largest city in the south. We had supper there and the city was alive with people in gay attire, and the city itself was dazzling with millions of lights. The stores are second to none and depression seems to be unheard of. The speed limit in Louisiana is "reasonable and proper" and it seems to be used with discretion.

There is so much to tell you about Baton Rouge, its capitol, the late Huey P. Long and the influence he held in his state, that I must leave it till next week.

CEYLON

(Held over from last week.)

Week-end and holiday visitors in the community were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White and Edna of Toronto with Mrs. W. White and Laura; Mr. and Mrs. R. Nixon and family of Weston at Mrs. Ed. Dingwall's; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pattison and family and Mr. J. Pattison with Mrs. M. Pattison and Mrs. Gordon Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. M. Raney and Jean of Southampton with Mrs. D. Macphall; Mr. Will Hemphill and daughter, Jean, of Toronto, also Mr. Ken. Hemphill of Vancouver, B.C., at Mr. Sangster Hemphill's; Mrs. Coleman of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Coleman and two children and Mr. Clark of London at J. F. Collinson's; Miss Susie McKinnon of Toronto at Mrs. J. Oliver's and Mr. Donald McKinnon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Wharin of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLeod and Margaret Ann of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod and Sheila of London visited last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Marshall and family spent Friday in Toronto. Misses Jean and Barbara, who had been on an extended visit there, returned home.

Messrs. John Gibson, Dan. Stewart, J. P. Stewart and Fred. Marshall left on Monday for the city.

Mr. Joe Stubbles spent several days last week in Toronto.

Mrs. John Stewart left on Wednesday to visit her family in Toronto and Weston.

Mr. Will Gibson has returned from a vacation in the city.

Mrs. Harry David of Berkeley, accompanied by her son, Mr. Howard David, B.A., visited Mrs. F. D. Cairns on Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Snell has returned from a week's visit in Toronto.

Mrs. Archie McMullen, who has been visiting her family in Toronto, has returned home.

Mrs. Percy Hunt returned last week after spending the past two months in Toronto with her son, Mr. Stanley Hunt.

SAUGEEN JUNCTION

Mrs. Joe Sewell visited friends in Durham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White, accompanied by Miss Alma, visited at Mr. Robt. White's. Miss Alma remained.

Mr. G. B. Littlejohns is busy preparing for the school fair.

Miss Mildred Sharp spent the holiday with her sister, Mrs. T. White.

ORANGE VALLEY

(Held over from last week.)

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alcox and Leonard were: Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mr. Bill Fuller of Buffalo. Miss Martha Thompson, who had been visiting here, returned home with them.

Miss Bernice Whitmore of Durham has been visiting with Miss Gladys McFadden.

Master Oscar Brown, who spent the past two months at Lauriston, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller and family visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd.

Mrs. Petch has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brown, for a few days.

Visitors over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Alcox were: Mr. and Mrs. Percy Barton and Mr. Albert Kelly of Toronto. Miss Velma Alcox returned home with them for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Rufus Wickens of Kimberley spent a few days recently with the Alcox families.

Mr. Fred. Brown and Mr. Harold Lever visited friends at Chatsworth and with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woyce, East Berkeley, on Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Stafford is attending the Toronto exhibition.

Miss Edna Boyd of Toronto is visiting her parental home here.

Mr. Allen Love and Mr. Clarence Stafford have been in Bala. Miss Marion Stafford, who had been working there for the past month, returned home with them.

Mr. Leslie Boyd of Meaford called on his brothers and sister here recently.

Mr. Alex. Miller was a recent caller in Walters Falls.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clare Foster, who were recently married.

Mr. W. H. Hill and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alcox and Mr. Geo. Littlejohns attended the Toronto exhibition one day this week.

Mr. Pallister and family of Montreal were visitors with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Hill.

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