

### Tells of 25,000 Mile Trip Across U. S. to Alaskan Wilds

Beginning in this week's issue of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS appears the first of a series of Round Robin letters, written to Highland Park friends by the Robert Patton family, during their 25,000 mile trailer trip across the United States and up the west coast to Seattle, Wash., where they embarked for Alaska. The trip which started May 26, 1938, covered a period of 15 months with many unusual and interesting events. The various episodes are verbatim letters, hence the tenor is more personal than would be used if the episodes were prepared articles.

Because of the length, some of the letters will appear in sections, each week being a continuation of the previous one. Following is the first letter:

After three weeks hard travelling, covering close to 4,000 miles, we are parked in the most beautiful spot imaginable, some 6,500 feet toward heaven looking out over the San Joaquin valley to the west, a short walk eastward brings the high snow capped Sierras into view and everywhere around us are the huge Sequoias large enough to drive an auto through or as in one case we ran into yesterday, to park our car some 30 odd feet above the ground on the side of a windfall. This park is way up in the mountains and can be reached only after climbing about 5,000 feet in 16 miles. The government has very thoughtfully provided hydrants every four miles to take care of thirsty cars as they come up one hairpin turn after another. Believe me our coupe drank lustily at each opportunity. We made camp after dark dodging trees and rocks by the light of a rather dim flashlight. Sue did the heavy directing from the sidelines, while Dick helped with lots of wrong advice.

Getting back to the beginning, we got away Thursday morning, after working all day Wednesday taking care of a million tag ends.

Crossing Illinois was not particularly eventful and we made our first stop at a farm south of Irving on the Missouri side. While I was interviewing Mr. Hiram Farmer about why his farm was a much better place to spend the night than some filling station down the road, Sue was telling Mrs. Farmer and her city cousin from St. Louis who happened to be visiting, why we were blocking their driveway. After a certain amount of dubiousness on the part of Mr. Farmer and considerable eyebrow raising on the part of the ladies we were given the bridal suite beside the cow pasture. After dinner we held open house and the City Cousin insisted on our looking her up if we ever got to St. Louis. She was quite surprised to find anyone not on relief choosing a trailer to see the country in.

The next day brought us into Kansas City where I have cousins with whom we stayed. We have named our trailer Suming after two members of the family. There happened to be a vacant lot nearby where Suming roosted after jumping the curb and rolling along the side walk a short ways. The only event of importance getting to Kansas City was a blowout. I had been told to carry 45 lbs. in my rear tires and Old Man Sun said it was too much about 30 miles east of the city. The

tire went out with a bang as we were climbing a long hill and it was hotter than Billy-e-darned. Incidentally there were several detours, dirt roads that had not been smoothed out since the farmers made their tracks in the spring muds. Several things were found on the floor of the trailer but nothing broken.

Once again on the road heading west over rolling country, with rain intermittently. Somewhere about the middle of Kansas we were flagged down and told to go south to the parallel highway on account of a washout. That night another farmer very kindly dusted out his guest room for us. However, we woke up with a flat trailer tire which needed patching. To keep away the monotony we found the same thing the next morning which was one of life's surprises. I found the trouble was that my tubes were ordinary car tires and wouldn't carry the load, so now have truck tubes and no more trouble—maybe?

All of us were very surprised not to find the Rockies sitting on the Colorado line, but as a matter of fact, we travelled about 100 miles across rolling country before we saw Pikes Peak in the distance. Colorado Springs is beautiful and we found a glorious trailer camp in a beautiful clump of trees, with a mountain brook running through it. There we had power, a much needed hot shower. Pikes Peak road was closed off above 11,000 feet by heavy snow drifts, so we only got up to Glen Cove, where there is a magnificent view over hill and dale to the Continental divide 150 miles away.

Once again on the road heading south to New Mexico. I had allowed 3 days to get to Santa Fe figuring we would go through wooded rugged country and could camp and fish. The road ran east of the Rockies over barren arid country where the only fish to be found had very long ears and hopped exceedingly fast across the landscape, better known as Jackrabbits. Our first taste of mountain driving was going over Raton Pass 7,000 feet into New Mexico. We stopped for a grease job at Los Vegas and in pulling out of the Olds station developed an awful rattle below our feet. Examination showed a broken shaft in the transmission, apparently defective and with the extra load it decided to give up the ghost and ask for lilies. Anyway that night we looked at gorgeous scenery all about. A gas pump to the right, dirty, greasy broken auto parts to the left, and odd tires or so to the front, while the garage screened an alley to the rear.

(To be continued).

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### Council Chambers Filled to Capacity for Jury School

There was standing room only in the Council Chambers Monday afternoon when the League of Women Voters sponsored a jury school for the benefit of all women of this community. A large number of women not members of the League were present.

Mrs. Philip Ringer, program chairman, presided, and told briefly of how the League of Women Voters and the Women's Bar Association had worked for years for jury service for women and how their labors had at last been rewarded. She then introduced Judge Persons of Waukegan as a public officer who personifies the ideal of the league because he puts the interests of the community before party interest.

Judge Persons told of his early championship of woman suffrage and his personal pleasure in having women serve on juries. He said that a panel of sixteen were now on a jury in his court, half of them being women. He had invited all the women members to this meeting and introduced Mrs. Booth of Waukegan audience. He explained that when a jury consisted of men and women two bailiffs or deputy sheriffs were employed, one being a woman. He introduced Mrs. Booth of Waukegan as the deputy's sheriff serving the woman jurors at the present time. Judge Persons then discussed the legal qualifications of a juror and the classifications of those exempt from jury service. These include doctors, lawyers, newspapermen, ministers, pharmacists, undertakers, firemen, postmen, teachers, and several other categories.

Mrs. Ringer then presented Mr. Herbert M. Lautmann as an old friend and advisor of the league. Mr. Lautmann, well known attorney and resident of Highland Park, with great clarity explained the essential points and principles which a juror should know about a trial. He said that he believes jury service to be

the highest civic duty a citizen could perform. It is a solemn duty he explained because in many cases the jury is deciding upon the life and liberty of a fellow-man. He advised prospective jurors to be conscientious and to answer all questions regarding their qualifications fully and frankly.

He discussed how the jury is chosen and sworn in and the procedure of the trial. He emphasized that the first function of a jury is to listen to the evidence and to keep an open mind until all the evidence is heard.

Many questions were asked of both Judge Persons and Mr. Lautmann and Mrs. Norwood of Highland Park who is serving on the jury in Waukegan, was asked her reactions to being a juror. She replied that she considered it a privilege and she thought women should make good jurors.

### Ahem...

Emmett Burke has secured a position with the social security board in Baltimore, Md. . . . and so will leave his present niche at Arwell's in Waukegan. . . .

Marie Lawther's name is linked with Herb Miller . . . formerly of Waukegan, now of Cleveland, Ohio . . . the duo follows the story pattern of the secretary and the boss' son. . . .

One of the commercial teachers at the high school, so they say, is a former member of Herbie Kay's orchestra . . . Shirley Clark does clerical work in Glencoe these days. . . . A Chicago building on North Pulaski is two-faced . . . a church occupies part of it . . . a saloon the other half. . . .

Remark gleaned while eavesdropping: Highland Parkers are noted for marrying out-of-town people . . . Anything to keep the public amused

. . . a recent account of a wedding read . . . "the bride was married in the hectory" . . . meaning "the bride was married in the rectory". Nancy Santi is taking night work at Northwestern . . . Enea Picchietti has a nice set of vocal chords . . . Arvid Magnuson is linguist de luxe . . . knows French, Swedish, German, Danish, Norwegian . . . all self-taught . . . dotes on philosophy . . . Sons Lloyd and Edwin are amateur photogs . . . in the course of their picture-taking . . . they have rubbed elbows with Gene Tunney and Roscoe Turner. . . .

The Fred Fells are back from honeymooning . . . all over the East, including Washington, Baltimore, New York . . . but, of course, Niagara Falls, included. . . .

#### Pi Delta Club

The Pi Delta Program Committee has planned an evening of bowling for the group on November 9. Members will meet at the "Y" at 7:30 p.m. Please remember to bring an Armistice offering for veterans.

### Parents Club Gives Second of Series of Benefit Bingo Parties

The second of a series of six Bingo parties given by the Parent's club for the benefit of the Highland Park-Highwood Drum and Bugle Corps will be held at the Labor temple, 387 North avenue, Highland Park, on Tuesday, November 21.

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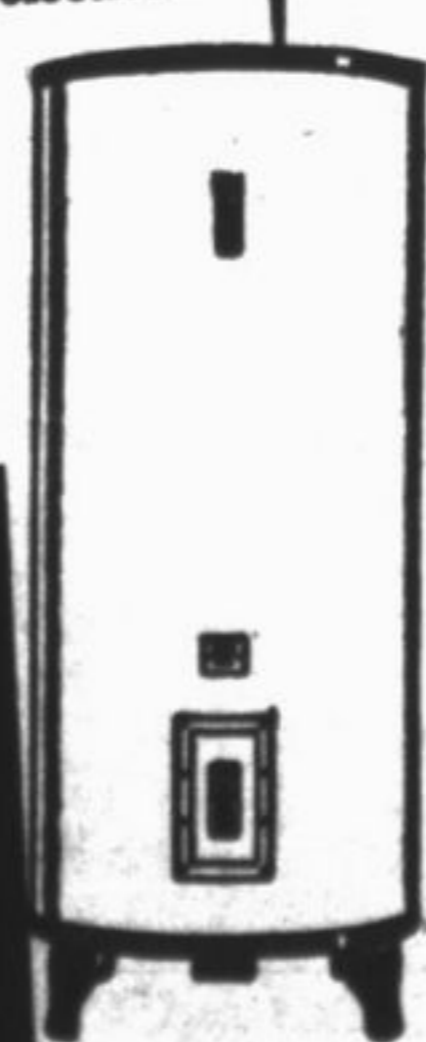
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