

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

In this week's issue of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS is a continuation of the 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. They began their trip May 26, 1938 and returned to Highland Park early in September in time for the opening of school, in order that their son Dick might resume his schooling.

Because of lack of space, the letter was omitted from last week's issue of THE PRESS. Each letter or episode is divided in two parts, due to the length of each, so that a complete letter covers a period of two weeks. The following is a continuation of the first episode which appeared in THE PRESS issue of Nov. 2nd:

Our troubles are over and Summing's working great, getting a daily bath from the heavens above. Some one told me that the west is arid but evidently we are timing it just right to catch all the local showers.

Sante Fe is a most interesting town where one of the oldest churches in the country is found, built back about 1540 by the Spaniards. We spent two days here viewing the old town, the Indian pueblos, etc. One day we drove way up in the mountains and I tried to ease our expense account by catching a few trout out of a tea cup of water. I saw them, I coxed them, I offered them the freshest of salmon eggs direct from cold storage but they didn't like my looks. It even rained all the time I was fishing and I got back to the car looking like a drowned rat, with Sue fussing over the deepening shadows in the west and thinking of the steep roads ahead by the light of a silvery moon, if it stopped raining.

The good book, "The Lure of the Southwest" put out by Rays Wibles company to extol the beauties of the country and tell how they could be better enjoyed when using "Mobilgas" told us to be sure to see Acoma "The city of the skies." It appears an Indian tribe built their pueblo on top of a Mesa, rising 500 feet out of the plain with sheer cliffs on all sides. In order to reach it you climbed up steps cut in the stone with hand holds similarly hewn. We went up and were well repaid for our efforts, also paid well for the privilege. Right here let me say all the gold diggers are not in N.Y. C. A motley crew live in New Mexico with dark skins. The first request was \$1.00 a head to see the sights, then \$1 for a camera, but when I started to take pictures I was informed a movie was five bucks. Each Indian lassie then wanted the most she could get to have her picture taken. Any way I got a lot of pictures and hope they turn out good.

Grand Canyon is a magnificent spectacle, too vast to be beautiful, too barren to be pleasing. A great work of art by nature but both Sue and I felt rather negative emotions instead of being buoyed up by something surpassingly beautiful. The distances, the depths are too great to take in, although at sundown some of the drabness turns into soft pastel shades. An artist would appreciate the high lights and shadows.

The comfort of a trailer was shown reaching the north rim. We got to Flag Staff about 4 p.m. too early to put up for the night, so

started across the desert north. Three hours later, no camp, and a detour, so we just hauled off the road and parked for the night. We had light, food, ice and were very comfortable. So far all have plenty of room in the trailer and life is very easy. The only thing we both don't like is making up the big bed. It is hard work. Each morning I haul out and start the hot water heater and by the time I am dressed there is hot water to shave.

Bryce Canyon is really gorgeous, a vast arena filled with minarets of every size and shape tinted a wonderfully pretty shade of pink. You come onto them suddenly after crossing a dusty barren plateau. There are 13 separate amphitheatres each with its own colony and grotesque outlines. Words cannot tell the story of the beauty, the oddity, the unusual sights that so unexpectedly pop into view one after another. We stayed at the lodge having left Summing in a church yard 60 miles away. Everyone told us the appropriate time to see the canyon was by sunrise. Sue and I got up, we shivered, we froze, we congealed, our teeth chattered but we saw the sun appear in the east and decided our beds were more attractive. Bryce Canyon is outstanding, something so unexpectedly beautiful, as to be inconceivable. You simply can't picture it and photos are drab in comparison to the real thing.

Zion National Park is a rugged box canyon with sheer precipices several thousand feet high boxing it in. It is beautiful and the floor of the valley with its green is a welcome relief to the barrenness of the aired country.

Behind our schedule we pushed on, seeing Boulder Dam and enjoying a much needed bath in Lake Mead, with the temperature 110 plus. Our thermometer wouldn't go any higher. That night we left Los Vegas, Utah at 9 p.m. to drive across the Mojave desert.

Heat and more heat and we got here and are roasting in cool mountain air. Sequoia is glorious, the most beautiful spot we have found. There is a fine grocery store where Sue filled her insides last night on steak, which she had bought.

Episode I draws to a close, we sure like the trailer and being gypsies. We even tried out the tub on Dick the other day and it worked perfectly, but after hauling water for him, I decided I could go dirty another day or so.

As ever,  
Bob, Sue and Dick.

### Ahem...

Ellen Tempner of Highland Park appeared on the program of the Barwell Goodfellowship settlement for a musicale and tea at the Elks club Sunday afternoon... Marjorie Kurtzon, who is attending Connecticut College for Women at New London, Conn., is active in dramatics there... she is acting as co-chairman of the costume committee for "Our Town," fall production of Wig and Candle, dramatic society... the Thornton Wilder play, a Pulitzer prize winner, will be given in the new Frank Loomis Palmer auditorium... which was opened this fall...

And they tell one about Marina Baruffi, Highwood... the devoutest of Catholics... who couldn't bear to see her little granddaughter handle a little doll dressed as a nun... even to the rosary... so she took the doll under her protecting wing...

Francis N. Bard has to his credit the invention of an internal combustion hammer... and has assigned the use of the patent to Gas Tools patents corporation... Doris Carlson is secretary to a Waukegan lawyer... following the successful completion of a course at Lake College of Commerce... Lydia Zanotti clerks at the Highwood National... Faustina Cassidy ditto at another National store down the North Shore...

Read in the church notices... 11 a.m. Sunday service, slightly damaged, greatly reduced in value... could it be referring to the service... or is the sermon so titled...

Elizabeth and Frank Peyraud exhibiting paintings at the Chicago Galleries association until Nov. 25... many local people are planning to attend the grand opening of the Italian exhibit of art masterpieces at the Art Institute on Friday evening... the biggest art event in Chicago... ever... as the paintings will never again be shown outside Italy... they are coming from San Francisco...

There ain't no justice... Leon Efrati is sporting a doctored hand these days... he isn't getting two cents out of his boxing in Chicago... and no one can blame him for being disgruntled... he boxes before a crowd of 30,000... and what does he get... nuthin... compared to what's made off him... so that his heart's not in the sport... sort of a "Golden Boy"... his home town, Rome, looks good to him now...

### Richard J. Lyons to Address Young Republicans Sunday

The Lake County Convention of Young Republicans, to be held at the Hotel Karcher, Waukegan, on Sunday, November 19, commencing at 2 o'clock p.m., will feature Richard J. Lyons, of Libertyville, Republican candidate for governor, as its banquet speaker.

The convention will be opened by Robert McClory of Lake Bluff, chairman of the Lake County Federation of Young Republicans, who will report on Young Republican activities during the term of his administration. After a report of the secretary and treasurer of the Federation, the meeting will break up into committees, for which all interested persons may appear. The committee, which will include resolutions, constitution, organization, program, credentials and finance, will prepare reports which will be delivered when the convention reconvenes at 4 p.m. to pass upon the reports of the various committees and to elect its officers for the succeeding year.

At 6:30 p.m. the Young Republicans will hold their convention banquet, at which Richard J. Lyons will speak.

A committee in charge of the convention is planning light refreshments for those attending the convention who do not care to participate in the more serious business of the convention. The convention is open to the public and all persons, young or old, interested in Republican party politics are invited to attend.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from Young Republican representatives or at the Hotel Karcher, immediately preceding the banquet. Among the local Young Republicans who will participate in the convention sessions are: Hugo Schneider Jr., chairman of the Highland Park Young Republican Club; Mrs. Grace Jacobsen, secretary of the Lake County Federation; Mrs. Margaret Simmers, William Veech and Mrs. Edith Krater.



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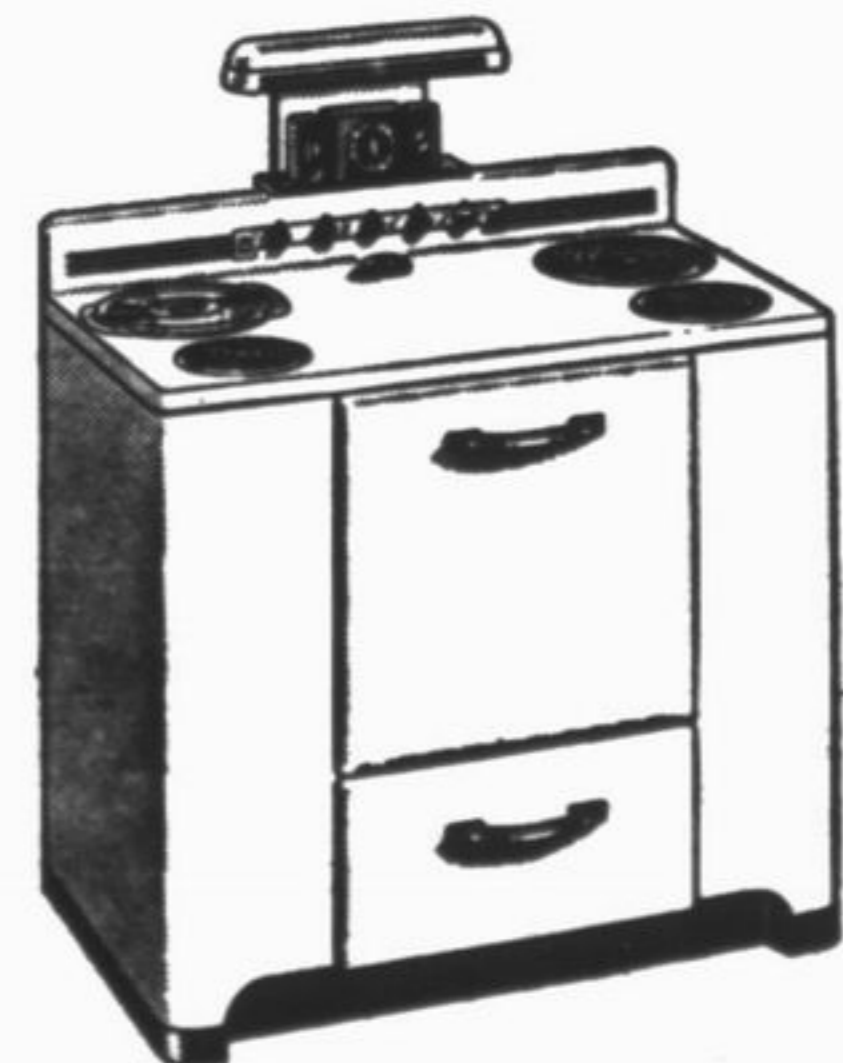
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