

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

Following is a continuation of the Round Robin letters, written by the Robert Patton family, to Highland Park friends, while enjoying a 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 began in May 1938 ended early in September of this year.

On Board Princess Alice. Headed North, July 14, 1938 Episode II

Dear Friends: We are now headed toward the midnight sun, polar bears and 60 minus zero, sailing in a cloudless sky with snow caps a mile or so away to the east and virgin timbered hills to the west. Last night was glorious with a full moon lighting up Seattle as it faded in the distance. It was with a feeling, kin to unrealizations that we sailed away to Alaska where both Sue and I have wanted to go ever since we were kids, and we both couldn't help thinking how uncertain everything is, for who would have thought a year ago what we would be doing this year. Even our most imaginative friends wouldn't have credited us with a trailer, gypsing across the country.

Getting back to Sequoia, where Episode No. 1 left off, I think we enjoyed our 5 day stay there the most. It is a beautiful spot way up in the sky, mountains crowned with the giant trees. The General Sherman tree the largest living thing in the world is 37 feet in diameter at the base and the first limb is 120 feet from the ground. I started to get a spade to dig it up and transplant it to our front yard, but was afraid the Rangers might object. We took an 8 mile hike over hill and dale passing grove after grove of these magnificent trees. A peculiar thing about them is their resistance to fire. Their outside bark is like punk, it smolders and goes out. Most all of them are fire scarred but still thriving. The deer in Sequoia come around regularly to the trailers or tents to beg food. We have pictures of one muzzling his nose in a paper bag, I held after crackers which we tried to keep on hand.

Our next stop was Yosemite, so we dropped down the 4700 feet in 17 miles. We had come up to Visalia. It seemed like a descent from heaven to the other place judging by the thermometer. A long days pull up and down, but mostly up, landed us in the park after one 11 of a 40 miles. The regular road was not the right one and we had sand ruts, hairpin turns all up on a road just wide enough to set a toothpick between our outside tires and the beyond. Yosemite is very commercialized being prepared to

take care of 30,000 odd visitors at a whack. The popular stunt is to watch the fire fall from Glacier Point which rises about 5,000 feet straight from the valley. A huge bonfire burns down to embers and is pushed over the cliff each night, making a most picturesque sight.

The scenery is very beautiful, Yosemite falls dropping some 1,700 feet in one jump and 500 in the second attempt. One p.m. we drove over to Mariposa Forest to see the tree the road goes through and then back to Glacier Point for dinner, where the fire fall is made. A gorgeous panorama opens up to the east as the snow capped Cascades with several falls dropping into the valley.

Cutting across country to Monterey one of the vagaries of motoring occurred. Bump, bump and the glad tidings of a flat tire registered upon us all. Believe it or not a stem from somebody's tribe went through a new casing I had gotten in Kansas City. We were in the valley, the sun shown bright and the only breeze, blowing came from the expletives popping out of my mouth, and needless to say they were neither cooling nor soothing.

Monterey peninsula was foggy and chilly and nothing to brag about. One incident we had showed the "Rugged Individualism" of some Americans. We all took a ride in a glass bottof boat and saw a number of overgrown minnows. I asked the boatman about the big fish and he told me they were further out and it would cost us \$2.00 per head to go out for an hour.

Sue and I finally decided to part with four bucks only to learn the boatman couldn't take us out, because his botts were tied up with the more profitable short \$1.00 trips. We waited around the pier and noticed when we left that two of his boats were still where they were an hour before and the human motors of said boats acquiring a little more tan.

Our next point was San Francisco where I wanted to see the two bridges and Al Capone's new mansion.

Monthly Report of H. P. Red Cross Unit

The Highland Park Unit of American Red Cross has sent the following articles to the National headquarters in Chicago during the past month for distribution: 3,769 surgical dressing for Chicago hospitals, and 69 knitted garments and 45 layette refugee garments sent to Hungary for Polish refugees. This represents the month's work of an average of 50 at each meeting and of 90 different women.

The next meeting will be held as usual on Friday, Nov. 24, at Trinity church parish house from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All work is sent out from Chicago and there are no dues. There have been 125 different women coming to the meeting.

Fete Past Officers at O.E.S. Meeting

November 15th was past officers night at Campbell Chapter, O.E.S. Mrs. Helen Abercromby and Arthur Hollands presided in the east with a fine attendance of members and friends present. Mrs. Ellen Bleimehl, a member of Campbell Chapter was guest of honor in the east.

Past matrons and past patrons filling stations were: Agnes Nelson, associate matron; Edward Strenger, associate patron; Catherine Levin, secretary; Hugo Schneider, treasurer; Gertrude Goozman, conductress; Anna Carlson, associate conductress; Marie Schneider, chaplain; Norman Culver, marshal; Gertrude Thomas, organist; Blanch Miller, Adah; Lillian Moon, Ruth; Jean Sinclair, Esther; Adelaide Greene, Martha; Lillian Swanson, Electa; James Thomson, warden; George Weiss, sentinel; George Marshall, flag bearer.

Henry Hansen played an electrical transcription which he had previously made giving a brief summary of the history of Campbell Chapter and also greeted the new officers.

Harold Vant of Deerfield Chapter showed travel slides of the New York World's fair.

Recently elected officers for the ensuing year are:

Mrs. Dorothy Thomson, worthy matron; James Thomson, worthy patron; Elsie Col-

lin, associate matron; James Whitehouse, associate patron; Evelyn Bridle, conductress; Frances Masbauer, associate conductress; Catherine Levin, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Culver, worthy matron and worthy patron who have efficiently served Campbell Chapter this past year are retiring with a very successful year to their credit.

The newly elected and appointed officers will be installed in office at a public installation Wednesday evening, December 6th.

Ridge School Will Hold Book Fair Dec. 2

On the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 1st, and all day Saturday, Dec. 2nd, the Ridge school will hold a Book Fair in the auditorium of the school.

Many books will be on display. The old familiar classics, many new books that will become classics, all the latest in "hobbies," adventure, poetry, and fiction for both children and adults.

In addition to the books there will be a fine selection of boxed games and Christmas wrappings so this will be an excellent opportunity to do one's Christmas shopping in an easy convenient way.

Looking Backward

at progressive Highland Park through the files of The Press

LOOKING BACKWARD TWENTY YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1919 Patrick Fitzgerald, a resident of this city for over thirty years, died Monday following a brief illness. Mr. W. S. Cook, assistant general foreman of maintenance of way department of the North Shore Line, had his left foot crushed off just above the ankle by the concrete car at Laurel avenue, Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Bergen are entertaining at a supper party Dec. 30th preceding the Junior dance at the H. P. Club for Miss Catherine Winters and Mr.

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Flavel Robertson of Kansas City... Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Carrie Long of Salem, Ill., and Mr. Oscar Lundgren, which took place Sunday... Mrs. Bruce Blaine gave a birthday dinner for her brother, Carl Anderson, Sunday evening... Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Black announce the birth of a son, Thursday... Mr. and Mrs. William Leffert are the happy parents of a daughter, born Nov. 15.

TEN YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1919 Miss Rachel Hautale, 18, of Highland, who sustained a fracture of the skull when she fell out of an automobile Nov. 10, died Friday night in Highland Park hospital...

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Meissner and children have moved into their new home on Atiken drive, Bannockburn... Mr. and Mrs. George Conrad entertained several friends at their home Saturday in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary... The Wm. Mason Reay's announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy to James Arthur Younglove of Glencoe... Miss Margaret Siljestrom gave a shower Monday evening for Miss Eleanor Loomis, who is to be married Thursday, Nov. 21, to Mr. Frank Moss of Tulsa, Okla... The Citizens State Bank of Deerfield is opening Saturday, Nov. 23... The Ward Gauntlet's of Deerfield announce the birth of a daughter, Oct. 31.

New Gold Hunt Brings Famed Ghost Town to Life. Din of trucks, machinery and builders shattering the silence of 50 years in which the once-roaring boom town stood deserted and forgotten in the desert. Be sure to read this thrilling true tale of a modern rush for gold in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Chicago Herald-American.

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