

DIARY GIVES SIDELIGHT ON TRAVELS IN EUROPE

Mrs. Aubrey T. Williams Records Fund of Interesting Facts and Experiences

Dashing over to Europe is getting to be a mere week-end jaunt for many Winnetkans, but, judging from the many who fly back and forth from Paris to Chicago, they have little memory of what they have seen, aside from quantities of statues, cathedrals, and constant examining of passports.

But one Winnetka family who separated this summer kept accurate and fascinating diaries. The son went into the Canadian wilds. The younger children journeyed to northern Michigan. The father took several weeks hunting in Wisconsin, and the mother took a most interesting trip through Europe.

Mrs. Aubrey T. Williams of 163 Bertling lane, an accomplished musician, left New York on June 25 on the "Colombo," an Italian steamer. While on the trip over, Mrs. Williams took part in the ship's concert, giving a pianoforte duet with Miss Ruth Taylor, and a soprano solo in the services held July 4.

Mrs. Williams arrived at Pompeii the exact month when the volcano was scheduled to erupt. Every twenty years Pompeii is threatened.

In Rome, Mrs. Williams was accorded an audience with the Pope. The event was most impressive, with the famous Swiss guards parading in splendor and pomp.

Venice she described as "a great place to be lazy." Mrs. Williams met two Chicago friends in St. Marks. After the dinner the party rode in a gondola and "listened, enchanted, to Italian music."

Leaving Italy, the group went to Switzerland, where the "snow-capped purple, white and red summits surrounded the hotel. One never sees a rocker or door knob in Italian or Swiss hotels." Mrs. Williams writes that the song we used to sing at school, the "Lorelei," which means, "Listen," was brought back clearly to her mind by a visit to the castle.

Leaving Switzerland, and Germany, the group went on to Amsterdam, a city, like Venice, built on piles, and visited the famous diamond factory and the cheese factories, in the wooden shoe district. And they, as every traveler must do, sailed in the Zuider Zee to the Isle of Marken.

And then came Paris, and the Column of the Bastille, the cathedral of Notre Dame built in 1157, with its forged iron door, the rose windows, and the Latin quarters.

London came next and finally London, reeking in history, steeped with

stories, brought back to Mrs. Williams, "David Copperfield" "Old Curiosity Shop," and memories of stories of the Tower of London.

But vacations seem always to come to an end. To read the diary of one who travels with her eyes open is a trip in itself.

George S. Atkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Atkin, 556 Willow road, spent last week-end with his parents and attended the Wisconsin-Chicago game. George is pledged Kappa Sigma at the University of Wisconsin.



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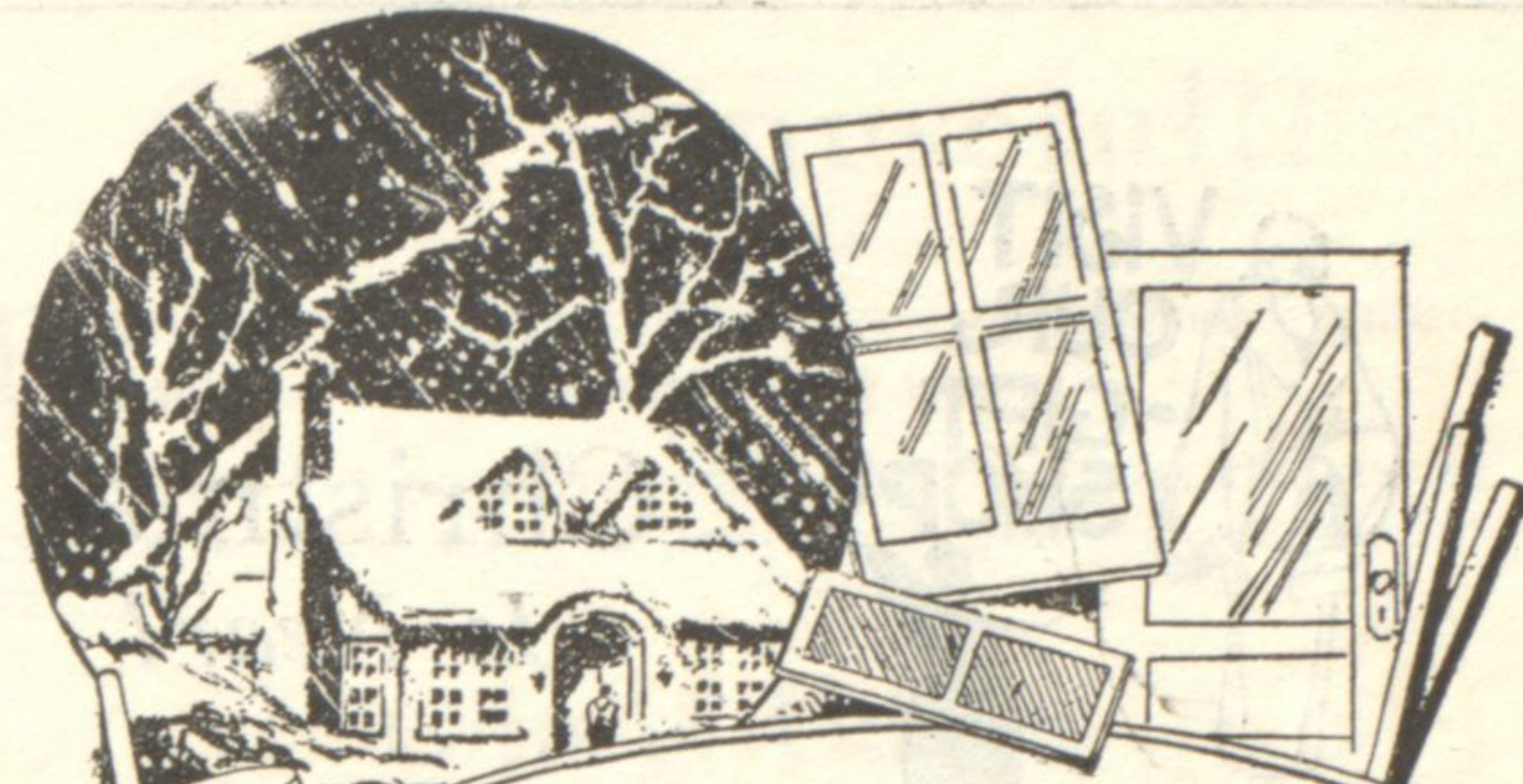
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