

Local Couples Home from Exciting Trailer Caravan, Old Mexico Trip

Upon their return from a two month's trailer trip through old Mexico, Mrs. O. A. Fossum completed her travelogue for the Herald. In a recent issue the first part of the trip was described. Dr. and Mrs. Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Mr. and Mrs. David Jones joined the 500 trailer caravan for the tour.

Mrs. Fossum continues: "Our preceding letter to the Herald left us stalled at the Rio Lorenzo River. After two days the bridge was considered safe and we crossed only to find another river, the Plaxity and no bridge. So again we are lined up on the highway and for two days and nights we inched up car by car as the natives took us across on pontoons.

The little village of San Blas was the first glimpse we had of the tropics. The dense undergrowth of palms and ferns and the thatched roof huts made a beautiful setting. In the evening, their plaza was decorated by the school children. Singers and dancers performed and the mayor greeted us.

From there we stopped at Tepic where the oldest mission on the Continent is located. La Cruz Mission is noted for a green cross in the courtyard. It always stays green and is neither watered or cut.

Guadalajara was the first town where we found modern stores. We were not too interested in these but the open markets were fascinating. We spent so much time there that we missed many of the side trips.

But all too soon we had to leave Guadalajara and on to Quirogo. We camped on the shore of Lake Patzeuara. We were now in the Indian country. Their homes are very different, they are built of adobe brick. The Indians are very poor, they roamed the camps begging for food and clothes. All the little towns have open markets, gay with colored pottery and brass. The men and women sit on the ground with all their wares around them. Although very dirty, it is a colorful sight. We are climbing steadily, some times reaching an altitude of 10,000 feet. The mornings found the fields white with frost.

We are anxious now to reach Cuernavaca, a quaint little town built on the side of a hill. Then on to Taxco, the silver city of the country. It too is built on the side of a mountain, with narrow cobble stone streets and with dozens of stores shining with silver. We could have spent hours more than the time allotted us. The famous Cathedral of Santa Prisca with its thirteen altars of gold and its priceless paintings and carvings were magnificent.

Then farther south to Acapulco, the city of sunshine and romance. This is a city of fabulous hotels. We took a very interesting trip on the Barca de Ora, the ship that sailed around the world. We covered the bay in the glass bottom boat. Saw the native divers jump from a height of 150 feet into a churning sea between huge rocks.

One evening about nine hundred caravanners met at the Los Americas, a hotel on the tip of a mountain, for a smorgasbord. It was a beautiful spot overlooking the ocean with millions of lights on shore. No one can describe the beauty of these hotels, they seem to cover acres,

with swimming pools, palms, plants, trees and flowers of all kinds.

Our last stop with the caravan was Mexico City. After the heat of Acapulco we all shivered. We closed up the trailers and got out our warm clothes. There was so much to see in Mexico City. We spent one day at Xochimilco, the floating gardens. Boats covered with flowers are piloted up and down the waterway. Little and big merchants selling their wares, floating musicians follow the flower decked boats. Here we saw the pyramids of the sun and the moon, the palace of fine arts with its famous Tiffany glass curtain, the castle of Chapultepec, the home of Maximilian and Charlotte. The upper floor is furnished and shows the grandeur in which the early rulers lived. The lower floor is now a museum. It is filled with beautiful paintings, jewels and mementoes of their historic past. Of course, we took in the night clubs and spent all our spare time in the interesting stores in Mexico City.

Here our caravan disbanded and we were on our own for our return trip to the States. We had just one day to get out of Mexico when our car had a tussle with a truck. Here the

Millers and the Jones left us and for two weeks we rested and relaxed while they tried to repair the car. The car was beyond repair so we purchased a new car for the return trip. "We'll hold fond memories of our trip, we've many things to tell, but most of all, we're thankful, we're home safe, sound and well."

SERVE EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter theme for women members of the Lomita Presbyterian church, according to Mrs. Eldon Durham, is "get an apron instead of a dress for Easter." Aim of the theme is to remind church women of their first Easter breakfast to be served at the church hall, Easter Sunday morning.

Beginning services at 7 in the morning for those who attend Sunrise Services, a breakfast of hot biscuits, bacon, eggs and potatoes will continue until 11 a.m.

Mrs. Robert Phippen is general chairman to be assisted by Mrs. Earl Theaken, posters; Joe Haslam, kitchen; Alfred Trethen, decorations; George Mackay, dining room; Lowell Shelhart, tickets.



Church Units Plan Meetings

Circles of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Christian church have outlined their schedule for the coming month. Members of the Carolyn Watkins circle have become actresses and are presenting the Easter program for the entire Fellowship. The play entitled, "Easter Dawn in India" is being directed by Mrs. Fred Lincoln, Jr., program chairman. This is a sacrificial breakfast meeting tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. and all members are urged to attend. A devotional Easter program will also be given. Nursery care will be provided. The Wicks, teenage circle, is especially invited to attend.

Dr. Donald Rice circle, Mrs. Ed Pletschke, leader, will meet Wednesday, April 13, in the home of Mrs. H. M. Sippel, 2914 Onrado, for a 12:30 dessert luncheon.

Ruth Leslie Circle, Mrs. W. Jackson, leader, will meet at the church Thursday, April 14, at 12:30. Mrs. Elmer Moon and Mrs. Jackson are hostesses.

Carolyn Watkins Circle, Mrs. C. H. Thompson, leader, will meet Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Parker, 17516 Elgar Ave.

Mary Sippel, president, will entertain the Wicks Circle at her home, 2914 Onrado, April 18 at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Paul V. Jones, 2030 Cabrillo, will be hostess to the Dr. Hope Nicholson Circle, Tuesday, April 19 at noon. Mrs. C. B. King is leader.

Faith McCracken Circle will meet Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Eckert, 805 Hickory Ave. Mrs. Dorothy Hadley is leader.

ON FISHING TRIP

Charles Mullen and sons, Michael, Robert and David are spending this week on a fishing trip on the Colorado River. They plan to return for Easter.

Dancers Give Easter Parade

The public is invited to attend either the 6:30 or 7:30 p. m. 11th annual dance workshop at the Three Arts Dance Studio, 2252 W. Carson St. between the Torrance Health Center and High School Saturday evening April 9.

There will be clever solo dance numbers in Tap, Modern Ballot, Character, Toe and outstanding class numbers such as the Beginning pre-school dancing "Funny Little Bunny With The Powder Puff Tail," and the advanced pre-school giving "Peter Cottontail."

Intermediate classes will dance "Egbert the Easter Egg," "Easter Parade," "Peter Rabbit," and the Teenagers will dance "Easter Sunday Morning," "Easter Mornin'," and "Drum Beats."

MRS. RAACK IS PARTY HOSTESS

Mrs. Paul Raack entertained her card club Wednesday evening at her Marjorie Ave. home.

Besides the card games the club members enjoyed watching the awarding of "Oscars" on television. At the close of the evening the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Raack's guests were Mrs. Dean Fisher, James Gordy, William Sullivan, Jack Thomas, James E. Anagnost, Gene Langford, Forrest Wright, John Agapito.

Mrs. James Gordy will be the hostess at the April meeting.

Stork Story

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gomez, Jr. have a son, Paul Joseph, born Feb. 27 at 9:27 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He is now making the acquaintance of two sisters, Kathleen Anna, 5½ and Cynthia Louise, 11 months at their home, 1906 Ruhland Ave., Redondo. The 5 lb. 11½ oz boy will be grandson to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sieger of South Gate, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gomez of San Gabriel, as well as Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Soist of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mainscalchi of 947½ E. Fairview Blvd. welcomed their first child, a boy born Feb. 28 at 7:40 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. His birth weight was 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and he is being welcomed by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Williams of North Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mainscalchi, of Los Angeles.

Gary Wayne is the third son for Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jones of 5879½ Postoria, Bell Gardens. He was born March 1, at Torrance Memorial Hospital and joins brothers, Larry Dee, 5 and Danny Alfred, 2. Grandmother is Stella Prewett of Bell Gardens, and grandfather, W. A. Jones of Selma, Calif.

First child for Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Evers was born March 1, at 1:21 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He will answer to the name of Steven Allen.

Birth weight was 5 lbs., 14 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roloff of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. John Evers of Wyckoff, Minn.

Terry Lee Brown, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of 1739 So. Western Ave. has a new baby brother in the person of Steven Robert who chose March 2 for his birthday. He first saw the light of day at 7:56 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wakeman of Wilmington; Mrs. Johnnie Brown of Holland, Texas and Mrs. Ophelia Brown of Temple, Texas.

Talking about a new baby brother will be William Richard, 3 and Mary Patricia, 17 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Oaks, of 22304 Linda Drive. John Chester made his appearance at 7:50 p.m., March 4, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 7 lb. 3 oz. boy will be grandson to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Oakes, of Jewell City, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Thurston of Norwich, Conn.

Gladys Marie Means will celebrate March 3 as her natal day. She made an 8 lb. 12 oz. debut at Torrance Memorial Hospital at 1:44 p.m. on this day. First child for Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Means of Redondo Beach, she will be granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Camomille of Fawnskin, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Means of Redondo Beach.

Welcoming their first child at the local hospital are Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stark of 22607 S. Vermont St., Torrance. Donna Jean joined her parents on March 4 at 9:24 with a birth weight of 8 lb. 1 oz. Fond grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Himes of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stark of Columbia, South Carolina.

Fourth child for Mr. and Mrs. John Skubik of 26463 Leesdale Ave., Harbor City, is John Lawrence who joined the family, March 3 at 2:15 p.m. The 7 lb. 1 oz. boy is making the acquaintance of sisters, Shirley June, Joyce Ann and brother, Charles. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Spratt of Lomita and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Skubik, also of Lomita.

SOCIETY MEETS

Women's Missionary Society of Calvary Church, 255th and Oak Sts., Lomita, will meet at 10 a.m. April 7 at the church.

Mrs. D. Holdsworth, president, announces that the morning session will be for business and the afternoon will be spent in sewing.

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EARLY CALIFORNIA HISTORY... with its Indian Braves and Spanish Explorers was depicted in a delightful program at the Fern Ave. cafeteria Thursday when Brownie Troop 552, sponsored by the Fern-Greenwood PTA, staged a play for the entire student body. Spanish explorers, from left, are Janice Rubco, Pamela Marleau, Beth Augenstein, Carol Anderson, Susan Miller and Indian Chief, Mylie Rapstad. All are third and fourth grade students. The play was directed by Mrs. Milton Miller and the Indian dances by Mrs. Jack Eardley, Mrs. Delores Marleau is leader of the Brownie Troop

Camp Fire Girls Receive Honors At Harbor District Council Fire

Approximately 150 persons were present at the San Pedro Elks Temple on March 25 to watch 150 Camp Fire Girls, Blue Birds and Horizon Club members from this area receive honors at the annual Harbor District Council Fire. An identical ceremony had taken place a week before in Gardena to recognize girls from the district living in that vicinity.

The Camp Fire birthday theme, "Let Freedom Ring" also served as the theme for the evening's program. The ceremony was built around a narration between a Camp Fire Girl and the spirit of a Pilgrim maiden, portrayed by Mary Jane Pointen and Judy Zane. Lighting candles representing the four freedoms were Bonnie Tripaldi, Freedom of Speech; Diane Culwick, Freedom of Worship; God; Diane McCune, Freedom from Want; and Rosemary Balow, Freedom from Fear.

Roll call of groups was taken by Mrs. Thomas G. Smith, secretary of the Harbor District Board of Directors. Girls, who in the past years have "flown up" from Blue Bird to Camp Fire groups, were presented symbols of advance by William H. Avarell, chairman of the District Board. Girls earning their first rank of Trail Seeker were recognized by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. W. A. Guidinger, District Awards Chairman congratulated the new Wood Gatherers and Fire Makers.

Cynthia H. Keyes, district Camp Fire executive, gave credit to those girls receiving 3 and 6 year membership awards, and those who had been given the 1954 Birthday Honor. Safety Citations were made by Mr. H. V. DeMott, vice-chairman of the District Board.

Elmer J. Pointen, district financial chairman, extended congratulations to the Ka Pa Princesses, girls selling more than 150 units of candy during the 1954 Candy Sale.

Mr. Avarell introduced to the group the winner of one of Camp Fire's highest leaders' awards, Mrs. H. V. DeMott, who was honored during the past year for her leader's report by being presented the national Wakar Award.

Judy Gleghorn, a Camp Fire girl from one of the Harbor City groups, thanked leaders winning last year's Day Camp Service honors. Mr. Avarell read names of the leaders receiving the leader's Summer Honor, explaining that this award was given to leaders holding at least 6 meetings during the summer months.

During the program the combined groups sang many traditional Camp Fire songs. Blue Birds, who were guests for the affair, participated in the program by singing "There Is a Little Girl" and repeating their Blue Bird wish in a most captivating manner.

The Camp Fire law was worked out in pantomime by eight of the groups present. Candle extinguishing ceremony was performed by Hisako Watanabe and Mary Alice Fraser, "America The Beautiful" was used as a recessional. Council Fire Committee Chairman from the Leader's Association was Mrs. Doris Teague. Mrs. Matt Perlich supplied piano accompaniment to the group songs.

Following are names of those girls and leaders recognized for the various awards and ranks: Safety Citations: Jo Ann Ault, Verena Bushee, Billie Jo Condlie, Donna Cox, Diane Culwick, Linda Donaher, Sherilyn Ellis, Judy Gleghorn, Martha Goodrow, Lora Harrison, Ruth Ann Holton, Laura Kaufman, Judith Moore, Sharron Powell, Diane

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