

Propriety Rules Iceland Life Of American Troops

Strict Regulations, Customs Prevail; Decorous Maidens Dance, but Dates Taboo

By TOM HORGAN

REYKJAVIK, Iceland.—American forces assigned to this amazing land of ice and fire may purchase for \$2.50 a paper-covered, illustrated guide book which contains no truer or more significant advice than the following:

"It must be stated that those who seek a life of boisterous gaiety and attach importance to bodily comforts, have at present little reason to come to Iceland."

Of boisterous gaiety, there is none. The capital's leading hostelry, Hotel Borg, holds the only liquor license, and spirits are sold only to patrons who purchase a full meal, and then in strictly limited quantities between the hours of noon and 2:30 p. m., and in the evening between 7 and 11 o'clock.

Domestically brewed beer is sold freely, but even residents claim for it only one per cent alcoholic content, and it has much the same flavor, aroma and potency as the Icelandic lags which come rolling in from the sea without notice.

The closest approach to merriment may be found at the Borg in the evening, when a three-piece orchestra furnishes dance music, thus disclosing a distinctive Icelandic custom. Groups of unescorted young women arrive shortly after the dinner hour. Some have hair the color of new Manila cordage; a few are as raven-haired and gray-blue eyed as any Irish Colleen, a reminder that more than 20 per cent of Icelandic blood can be traced to the Emerald Isle.

Maidens Are Decorous

The girls come to the hotel frankly eager to dance with the American and British officers, but they firmly decline to sit at the same table with their dancing partners or to accept refreshments.

Conversation while dancing usually is confined, in excellent English, to, "I am very sorry, but I do not understand English."

The Borg, and one other hotel, have been declared by military authorities out-of-bounds for enlisted men, but they probably would not be disposed to pay hotel prices anyhow—\$1 for a double Scotch about the size of a single pot on at home. The law limits each patron to three double Scotches.

No Couples Seen

In more than a week, this correspondent did not see a single man, American or British, with a girl companion. Common gossip has it that as punishment for associating with British soldiers, the flaxen tresses of several Icelandic maidens were shorn close by indignant countrymen.

However that may be, Iceland women are far more independent than their sex in most countries. Divorces are not only easily obtained but common, and they and illegitimacy are not frowned upon with great severity. Some of the descendants of the bold Vikings now come to the police station with literally tearful complaints when the affections of their womenfolk stray to the uniformed visitors.

Residents of rural sections, according to Americans who have been stationed here some time, are much more cordial than city dwellers and soon there should be

Army Drafts Falcons



Thunderbolt, first falcon drafted by U. S. Army, perches majestically on hand of Lieut. Thomas MacClure at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Thunderbolt and falcons to follow will be trained to intercept carrier pigeons.

a new version of the marine and the farmer's daughter—"Hinky, Dinky, Parley Voo."

Riddle

RIDDLE, Aug. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pfaff and Peggy Adanson of Glendale spent the week-end here visiting relatives. G. E. Alkins has been at Leona the past few days attending to property interests.

Mrs. Effie Ledgerwood and her brother, G. O. Willis, returned to their home here Saturday after visiting at Portland and Harrisburg the past week.

Miss Vivian Thompson, who spent the summer with her parents at Leona, has returned here and will attend the local high school again this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Woods were guests at the home of Mrs. Woods' brother, Arthur Robbins, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Valentine and their infant daughter, April Evelyn, of Coquille motored over Friday evening to spend the week-end visiting Mrs. Valentine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hammersley.

Art Smith, manager of the Riddle cannery, announces that work will begin about the middle of the week on tomatoes. A run of six weeks or two months is expected.

Mrs. Arthur Pfaff has been confined to her home the past few weeks with a leg infection resulting from a varicose vein.

Prof. and Mrs. Loren Butler and son of Pullman, Wash., are enjoying a vacation visit at the T. J. Butler home on Shoestring. Prof. Butler is an instructor in the college at Pullman.

The condition of Leslie Erickson, a former resident of this community, who was very seriously injured last week, is reported slightly improved although little hope is held for a recovery. Mr. Erickson was engaged in logging operations near Lorraine and was hit by a falling snag. His back was broken, almost severing the spinal cord and both legs broken.

Mrs. A. P. Johnson and son, Jimmie Lee, of Vancouver, Wash., who came down to attend the family reunion of the Riddle family have spent the week here visiting relatives. They

will return to Vancouver Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Boyd, who reside near Eugene visited here Saturday and Sunday at the Paul Hausotter home. They were accompanied by Dick Hausotter, Mrs. Boyd's brother, who works near Eugene. Miss Betty Hausotter was also home over the week-end.

Mrs. Boad Freitag, her son, Delavan and daughter Wanda, of Grants Pass visited here for a few hours Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Wilhelm expects to leave Tuesday to join her husband at San Diego where he is employed. Mrs. Wilhelm, who was Willametta Logsdon before her marriage in June, has been attending summer school at the state university at Eugene.

Dr. Robert Langley of Los Angeles and his brother, Ernest Langley, arrived here Sunday afternoon by plane and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grant over night. Dr. Langley, who formerly practiced medicine at Riddle, travels in his own private plane and landed at the Missouri bottom air field Sunday.

The Riddle grange, through the efforts of some of the more active members, sent a very fine exhibit to the community fair at Canyonville Saturday, thereby winning the blue ribbon and a prize of ten dollars. The exhibit consisted of a large variety of farm products, canned fruit, needlework and quilts.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Meagher

and children, Phyllis and Everett, Jr., of Ventura, Cal., are spending a few days here looking after property interests and visiting. The Meagher family were at their home here most of last winter.

Glide

GLIDE, Aug. 26.—Myron Vleck spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vleck. Myron is stationed at Twin Lakes lookout.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Asam and Jannette and Mrs. E. Layton and Lyndall spent the week-end at Diamond lake. Mrs. Layton and Lyndall have been vacationing here and after the week-end at Diamond lake left for their home at Berkeley, California.

Mrs. Don Kunkle, Sr., and Jean accompanied Mr. Kunkle to Kelsey valley guard station. Mrs. Kunkle will spend the remainder of the fire season at Kelsey valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo O'Mara and daughter of Marshfield spent Wednesday with Mr. O'Mara's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ream.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mather and daughter of Eugene are visiting Mrs. Mather's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holland, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Mather were accompanied here by Mrs. Mather's mother, Mrs. Carl Holland, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers and son, Stanley, from Glendale, California, are visiting at the C. E. Vleck home. Mr. and Mrs.

Rogers and son and Mr. and Mrs. Vleck and daughter spent Wednesday at Diamond lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pribble of Myrtle Point spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Pribble's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holland, Jr.

Mrs. Carl Messing and Jean and Jane have gone to Diamond lake to join Mr. Messing. Mrs. Messing and daughters will remain until school starts.

Mrs. W. B. McMillin and Eileen have left on a two weeks' vacation to Marshfield and coast points.

Gordon Kenny has returned from Olympia, Washington. He accompanied Carl and Jack Holland to Olympia with their boat, the "Dixie Lee." The boat draws about 30 inches. The superintendent there said it looked like a good boat and a very good job of construction. The boat was evenly balanced and it bobbed like a cork. The Hollands will be at Olympia about a week while putting on navigation lights.

Vets' State Aid Board Reports Gain in Receipts

SALEM, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The world war veterans' state aid commission reported today that this year's receipts are the highest since 1937 while it is earning six per cent on its state-owned properties.

The commission's receipts, from loans and state-owned properties, totaled \$1,477,771 during the first seven months of 1941, compared with \$1,358,390 during

the similar period of last year. Receipts so far this year average \$211,110 a month, largest since 1937, when the average was \$214,218.

The commission owns 409 farms and 619 pieces of city properties, with a total value of \$1,368,675. It has 5,965 loans in force, with a total value of \$7,661,608.

Beggars on the streets of New York City make \$15,000,000 annually, according to estimates.

In Kansas a campaign has been launched to compel big trucks to wear aprons on their rear wheels to protect cars against muddy shower baths.

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