

Over The Valley Personals

Members of the Duncan family held their second annual reunion Sunday, with an all day meeting and a basket dinner at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, up the Mill creek canyon from Cove. Those present were descendants of Frederick W. and Elizabeth Duncan, who crossed the prairies from Missouri to Oregon by ox-team in 1864. Of their 11 children, but one is living now and he was present at the gathering Sunday — Fred Duncan, of Medical Springs.

Those who attended the 1934 reunion were Fred Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goble, Mrs. Grace Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and sons, Dennis and William, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Turner and children, Hope and Bruce, Mrs. Julia Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. James Goble and son, Leonard, all of Medical Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Duncan and three daughters, Doris, Fern and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Puckett, Laveta and Keith and Harry, Mrs. Mary Jamison and Mrs. Ida Osborne, all of La Grande, Cora VanHouten, of Sultan, Wash., Mrs. Nora Deacon and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. William Conlon and family, all of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bennett and children, Mr. and Mrs. Win Duncan, and three children, Roscoe, Mildred and Wilma, of Keating, Mr. and Mrs. George South, of Union, Mrs. Eileen Menzies, Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Duncan, Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Duncan and two daughters, Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Miller, Mrs. Blaine Geer, Mrs. Esther Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and sons, Bobbie and Billie of the Cove. The reunion of 1935 will be held on the last Sunday in August, up Catherine creek.

Miss Alice Lesman has returned to Portland after having visited for two months at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lester Peach, in the Valer district.

Up Mt. Emily — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller and son, Dick, Mrs. Will Adler and daughter, Genevieve, and Harvey Carter formed a picnic party at the point of Mt. Emily Sunday. Ray and Dick took the car with the provisions up the new road, while the rest of the party hiked via Fox hill. They left La Grande at 5:00 in the morning and reached their destination at 8:35. While it was a good day for a picnic, the conditions were not so good for the wonderful views which this peak usually affords. To prove that the hike was a minor matter, Genevieve topped her day off by climbing to the top of the lookout tower.

From Idaho — Mrs. Lida Stewart was here last week from her home at Caldwell, Ida., visiting her sisters, Mrs. Jim McKinley, of near Summerville, Mrs. Rose Garn, Mrs. C. M. Dennison and Mrs. H. A. Watson, of Imbler. Her visit here was the inspiration for a number of family gatherings.

Return To California — Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dobbin, who have been making an extended visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dobbin, at Union, have returned to their home at Berkeley.

Union Girls Camp — Sixteen Union Girl Scouts left Thursday morning for Benson Island to spend a week in camp. The girls expect to complete their first class work before returning home. They were accompanied by their captain, Mrs. Walter Davis, and Mrs. Edna Busick, Miss Marjorie Allen, of Cove, and Miss Betty Vogel, and Miss Marian Busick will assist in the instruction of classes. All work will be done on schedule, each girl assisting with the work about camp. The American Legion put up the camp for the girls and local stores gave them a discount on provisions bought, all of which was much appreciated. Visitors are welcome at the camp at any time.

In La Grande — Mrs. Bob Smith, of the Valeria district, has been spending some time recently in La Grande receiving medical treatment. Part of the time she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Turley.

Mr. Pickin III — From Union we learn that Tom Pickin, who was in La Grande and Union last week, coming from Pendleton to attend the celebration and visit friends, was taken quite ill while in this section. His daughter and granddaughter came over from Pendleton and took him home.

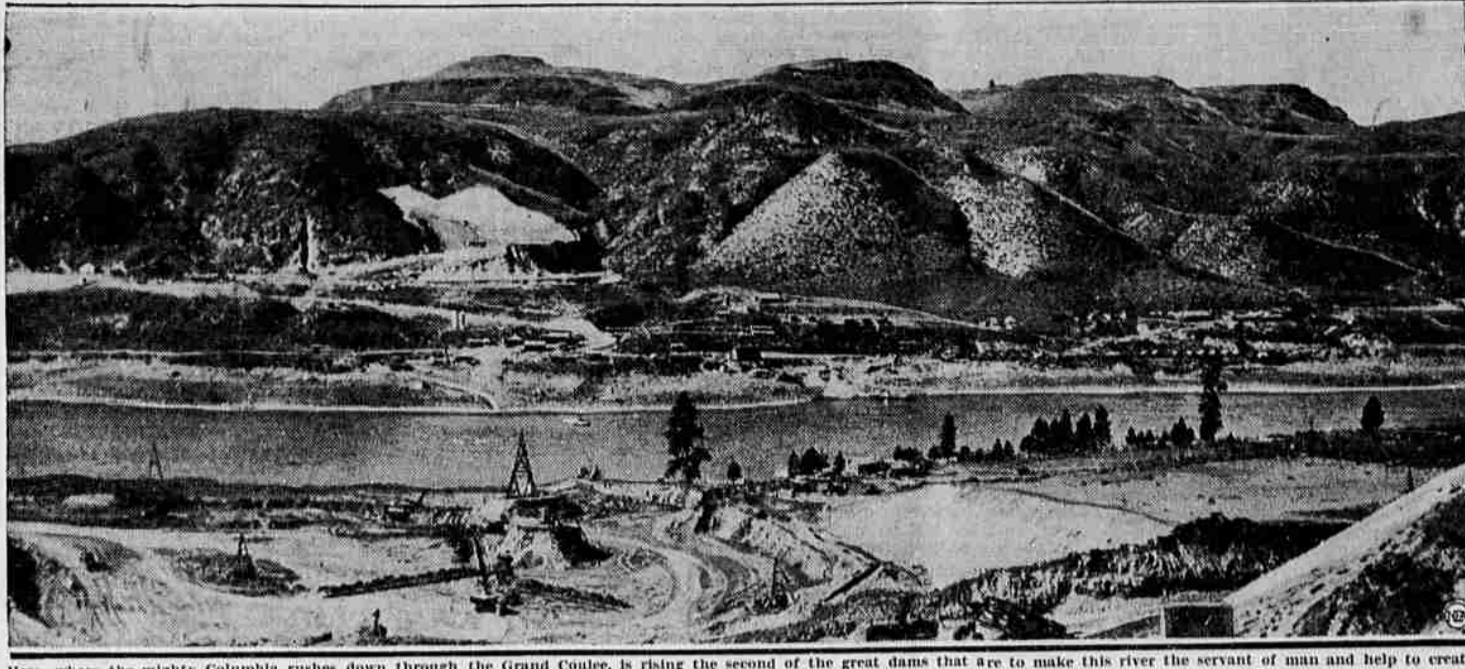
From Fresno — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and children, Stanley and Betty Jean, of Fresno, Cal., and Mrs. Ella Troyer, of San Pedro, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Boulet at Rinehart and at the home of Mrs. Edgar Coffin at Summerville.

Other Eclipses — Miss Helen Glenn, of Halfway, has been elected to teach the third and fourth grades of the Richard school this fall in place of Miss Bonnie Frazer, who has been employed to teach in the Baker schools. Miss Harriett Glenn, of Halfway, has been chosen to teach the Big Flat school in the Hereford section. She will succeed Miss Agnes Dougherty, who has accepted a teaching position in Union county.

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DIES — WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The state department announced today that a naval cruiser would carry the body of the Belgian Ambassador, Paul May, back to his native country for burial.

The diplomat died here last night. Police associations in New York city have been ordered to drop the names of honorary members.

COULEE DAM TO TRANSFORM VAST ARID REGION INTO INLAND EMPIRE



Here, where the mighty Columbia rushes down through the Grand Coulee, is rising the second of the great dams that are to make this river the servant of man and help to create among these barren hills a new and fruitful garden spot like California's Imperial Valley.

By Willis Thornton (NEA Service Staff Correspondent) SPOKANE, Wash., July 31 — In the broad bottom of the Grand Coulee, a deep gorge where prehistoric glaciers once gouged and scoured their way, lie more than 1,000,000 acres of fertile farm land. They are rich with a volcanic soil.

But they are almost useless. Without water, they produce little. Though vast amounts of electric power will be produced at the Coulee dam, the principal objective here is to provide the water by irrigation that will make these barren acres blossom and produce.

It is silly to spend millions to irrigate such land while there is over-production of farm crops already? The government doesn't think so. For with this goes the program for buying up and foresting millions of acres of poor land that can't produce its taxes.

A farmer might get a better living on 20 acres of irrigated land here at the Coulee than on 150 acres in the barren, dust-swept lands of the Dakotas.

Work May Pay For Itself So irrigation it is, and a big start has already been made at the \$63,000,000 Grand Coulee project under direction of the bureau of reclamation. It is hoped that this work will eventually pay for itself through sales of power to industries and farmers expected to move into the valley.

More than 3000 men are at work where they have been for months excavating and stripping the site of the dam. Soon that number will rise to nearly 10,000 men, for contracts for actual construction of the dam have been let to three companies at about \$30,000,000.

At present the dam will be built only 145 feet high, and the first power units installed will generate less than 500,000 horsepower. But the construction will be such that later the dam can be built up to 370 feet in height, and generate 3,520,000 horsepower, the largest power plant yet built or proposed.

It will take 13 years to finish it, and total cost may reach about \$170,000,000. The present phase of the building should be completed in 1937.

Town Built At Site Contrasting with the wooded cliffs of the Bonneville section, the Coulee dam is in the midst of a barren, almost desolate part of the Eastern Washington plateau. It is 100 miles from the nearest real town.

So building roads, a town for workers, and establishing a postoffice called Coulee Dam were just part of the preparation. Three schools, two newspaper plants, and a church have already been built.

If the development proceeds as expected, this should some day become a permanent city, as industries and farmers begin to be attracted to the region by cheap electric power.

The Coulee dam is expected to be able to generate power cheaper than any other site in the world. The huge lake which is to be backed up behind Coulee dam will reach 151 miles up the Columbia all the way to the Canadian border. At least three more dams are to be reared between the border and Portland along the Columbia to complete the control projects as is hoped.

New Inland Empire Then the northwest, the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and Western Montana will be another inland empire with a water outlet to the sea down which to send its apples, wheat, truck and salmon.

It was in 1804 that Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to make their way to the Pacific, claiming land in the name of the United States of America. Near the very spots where the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams are rising, once gleamed the campfires of Lewis and Clark, explorers in a wilderness.

RICHARDS HURT AT BAKER, ORE.

According to word received here from Baker, Walter Richards, formerly in business here, sustained a fracture of the arm and had cuts on the leg when the arm car he was operating by hand in the city rock quarry overturned on him yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the St. Elizabeth hospital for treatment.

SAYRES HOME FROM COQUILLE

County School Superintendent and Mrs. E. A. Sayre returned last evening from Coquille where they have been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sayre, previous to their visit there. Mr. Sayre attended the meeting of county school superintendents at Eugene and the summer school for superintendents in Portland.

MRS. PUTMAN IS RECOVERING

Mrs. Clyde Putman, of Grants Pass, formerly of La Grande, is here for a brief visit with her many local friends and is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binger. Mrs. Putman is recovering slowly from injuries received in an auto accident some time ago.

VICE PRESIDENT GARNER TAKING LAZY MAN'S REST

By R. W. Barry LEVALDE, Tex. (AP) — "Come on, let's go look at my settin' hen," said Vice President John N. Garner.

He pulled himself out of a restful chair, parked in the sun-room of his comfortable home, buttoned the neckband of his collarless shirt, fastened his belt and sauntered leisurely toward the barn on his 15-acre place.

Garner is taking a real "lazy man's rest" from arduous duties as president of the senate and confidant of the president.

"Why should anyone want to go to Siberia or some place for a vacation when he can stay at home and be himself?" he asked as he made his way to the hen-house. A dozen chickens was sprawled over a dozen eggs — his "settin' hen."

Has Many Visitors "A president can't turn the corner these days without being followed and guarded like a prisoner," he commented. "Why, it's like being in jail."

"Every time he steps out there is a 'sheriff' in the lead, a 'sheriff' in the rear and a 'sheriff' at either side."

"I am happy here at home," Garner approved really happier than the night, nearly two years ago, when he was elected vice president. Certainly he looked healthier, as he stepped with a spring.

STATE AID BOARD GIVES REPORT ON YEAR'S BUSINESS

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — State-owned properties under the World war veterans' state aid commission, July 1 this year totaled 1,399, or an increase of 309 taken in during the past year; it was learned from Jerome Owen, executive secretary of the commission.

But while the number of tracts have increased, most of them taken back through failure of veterans to keep up payments, a larger percentage has been rented and now is bringing in returns to the commission.

A review of the activities of the commission's property division reveals that during the year five farms and four city properties were sold at a total return of \$13,773.

Of the properties owned by the state, the commission has invested a total of \$3,195,157, one-third of which is in the 428 farms and the balance in the 971 city tracts. Of the number there are 301 farms rented and 742 city properties rented, for a total of 74 per cent bringing in returns to the state. Rental income totals \$8,213 a month, only 62 per cent of the property was rented a year ago.

The veterans' state aid commission has sold a total of 355 properties since its inception about 12 years ago, Owen stated, showing a profit in land turnover of \$4,879, showing that loss investments have resulted in gains to the commission. Work of the property division has been intensified during the past year, Owen said.

with each snook wrapped in paper bearing the name of Tom Connally, junior United States senator running for re-nomination. Garner would not say he was for Connally, however.

"Not taking any interest in 'Texas politics,'" he said sharply. "You know," Garner remarked, "we got gifts from everywhere. Just today there came by express another dog. I don't know what kind; all I know is his pedigree is as long as from here to the moon."

Garner told his granddaughter, Genevieve, only child of his only son, Tulley, that "you'll have to pay board on that dog."

It developed that the animal was a wire-haired terrier. Genevieve read the registration papers carefully and came clamoring to her grandfather.

Adam's Surlin Amuses "Granddad," she exclaimed, "I can understand what registration is, but can you please tell me what 'kerrification' means?"

Garner takes his "alostia" regularly after lunch. On this particular day he had been reading historical documents and a biography of Martin Van Buren.

He said he had been thinking about the "evolution, or progress" of government since our grandfathers.

"Did you know," he asked, "that John Quincy Adams got up every day about 5 o'clock and took a plunge in the Potomac? Can you imagine what the reaction would be if an occupant of the White House in this day and time would slip out before daylight and take a swim like that?"

F. R. To See Gateway Of Newest Domain

(Continued From Page One) In cutting through the mountains, the great river develops steep rapids which have always been one of the great potential sources of electric power in the country. Now it is to be developed, navigation extended as far as the Snake river, and a promise of irrigation brought to nearly 2,000,000 acres of now arid and unproductive land.

When the cruiser Houston has wound its way up 100 miles of the lower Columbia, the presidential party will alight Portland, largest fresh-water harbor on the west coast, nestling below Mount Hood on the Willamette river where it enters the Columbia. And the president will realize that the making of that river channel and the building of this fresh-water port is a triumph of planning and determination such as he now hopes to repeat and extend farther up the river by the new dams.

Work Under Way On Dam The lower Columbia once had only a narrow, shallow channel of shifting sandbars, and navigation was hazardous and difficult. Now, by extensive planning and public works, the channel is fixed and deep, and the port has ample docking facilities for the great trade in grain and lumber that takes ship here direct for Liverpool and the ocean ports of all the world.

Forty miles up the Columbia above Portland, the foundations of the Bonneville dam are completed, and the 72-foot structure is beginning to rise. Crags half a mile high tower above the construction camps on either side. Upstream is the roar of Cascade rapids, soon to be stifled, for ever by the rising waters behind the dam. Back of the cliffs rises the majestic ever-white cone of Mt. Hood, 11,000 feet tall.

Locks Will Skirt Dam Ships will sail over the submerged rapids, and pass the new dam by means of locks. Even the salmon which work their way up the river each year by leaping up the falls and rapids will be provided a "fish ladder" by which they can pass the dam. Two railroads and two high-ways must be moved from territory that will be under water.

The \$11,000,000 just allotted by Public Works Administrator Ickes to the job should bring it close to completion. Work started last year with an original allotment of \$20,000,000. The dam itself and six units of the powerhouse are being built with PWA funds, but other power units may be added later if needed. Fifteen hundred men are now at work on the preliminary work at Bonneville.

Vast Lake To Be Formed When the dam rises to its full height of 72 feet it will create a huge lake behind it and make slack water as far up the river as The Dalles and Celilo Falls, 60 miles upstream. When the power units are all installed they will produce 450,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, or 600,000 horsepower.

The plans for the Bonneville dam project were drawn by army engineers, who have been studying for years the latest possibilities of the Columbia river. Navigation as far up as the Snake river will be assured by the Bonneville dam, and locks to permit river and perhaps even ocean steamers to pass are being provided.

At least three more dams between the Bonneville site and the Grand Coulee are projected for some time in the future, to make up a complete system of river control and use like that visioned for the Tennessee valley.

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Like To Mix Dough Garner has a fine grape arbor as well as a pean orchard and a garden that produces virtually all kinds of vegetables. He has been putting in much time picking grapes and preparing them for jelly. They make good wine, too, he explained.

The vice president simply is lounging around. He takes an overnight trip to a cow camp or goes fishing now and then. He sits in the yard of his home, in the shade of his pean grove, and smokes Mexican cigarettes rolled with real corn shucks, but resorts occasionally to his well-known cigar.

Since his return to Texas he has been smoking cigars sent to him by candidates. He had a box handy.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

Mrs. Bae Searle, who underwent a major operation at the Wallowa hospital last week, is reported to be doing splendidly and her family and friends are much encouraged over her rapid improvement. Her sister, Mrs. Edgar Mitchell, of Enterprise, has charge of the insurance office during her absence.

H. J. Martin, resident of the Whiskey creek district, was brought to town Friday, when he became very ill, and he is at the home of his son, Gordon Martin. Mr. Martin, who is past 80 years old, is suffering from a diseased heart and other complications and his recovery seems doubtful.

A party of Wallowa women morning, taking along a potluck lunch and spent the day with Mrs. Margaret McDonald at her cottage there. In the group were Mesdames Bruce Cox, George Dale, Charles Hauptreich, J. B. Gregory, J. Ward Evans, Ross Hood and C. A. Hunter, Kathryn Gregory and her guest, June Stalcup, of La Grande, accompanied by the party and enjoyed a swim in the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McClaran have as guests this week their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Greyer and small son, Peter, of San Francisco, who are to spend a two weeks' vacation in Wallowa. They plan to take a camping trip up South Fork canyon and spend a few days fishing while here.

The many friends of Mrs. K. W. McKenzie are happy to know that she is recovering nicely from a serious operation she underwent at the local hospital last week.

Little Miss Geraldine Childers celebrated her 4th birthday on Wednesday and a lovely party was given for her at the country home of her aunt, Mrs. Harold Pierce, by her mother, Mrs. Clair Childers. Fifteen small tots accompanied by their mothers enjoyed the games and refreshments and the small hostess was the recipient of numerous birthday gifts.

Miss Genevieve Renfrow arrived in Wallowa Tuesday from Alice and is visiting for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Renfrow, of Walseley Creek.

A baby daughter was born Saturday, July 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blue at the home of her mother, Mrs. Moore, of Diamond prairie. Mrs. Blue was formerly Miss Bulah Moore, of Wallowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Skelton are parents of an 8 pound son born at their home Saturday, July 21.

A large delegation of Wallowa people motored to La Grande last week to attend the three day celebration held there. Many reported the Friday morning parade to be the best thing of the kind they had ever witnessed.

Miss Lillian Dale left the last of the week for The Dalles for a visit of several weeks. She expects to visit in Portland and Silverton also and does not plan to return until time for school to begin. Miss Dale is the 3rd grade teacher in Wallowa.

IMBLER PERSONALS Mrs. Lydia Stewart, of Caldwell, Ida., visited with relatives in Imbler last week.

Mr. Tom Rickman has recovered from injuries he received when she slipped and fell on a slippery porch two weeks ago.

A grain truck owned by Lawson Webster was partly destroyed by fire Friday. Lloyd Redman, of Imbler, was driving the truck back to the field for another load of grain when the engine caught fire. Lloyd summoned help in extinguishing the blaze before it had traveled to the rear part of the body.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch have been staying with her mother, Mrs. James Standley, on the Iowa district, since the recent death of Mr. Standley.

Mrs. Edna Delian and son, Norvan Goble, of Tracy, Cal., spent the weekend visiting with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Graybeal, of Irigon, is visiting with her two daughters and son, Mrs. Charley McFall, Mrs. McCoy and Lee Graybeal.

Miss Vivian McFall, who has been working at Pendleton, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley McFall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson and two children, Jerry and Jimmy, of Portland, arrived Friday to visit relatives. Harry Johnson, former English teacher of Imbler High school, visited with friends Sunday.

VACANCIES IN MARINE CORPS AND U. S. ARMY

Vacancies in both the U. S. Army and Marine Corps are reported at present, and a number of the recruits are to be taken from this state, according to word received here.

Capt. H. N. Stent, officer in charge of U. S. M. C. recruiting in the northwest, has been authorized to enlist 35 men for the month of August, and applications and enlistments are being held daily at room 208 U. S. court house, Portland, Ore. Also Major W. R. Mann, acting district recruiting officer for the army, with headquarters at 323 new Post Office building in Portland, has received authority to make additional enlistments from this state.

Washington Peach Crop Is Ripening

SPOKANE, Wash., July 31 — The recent hot weather brought the peach crop on with a rush. While the Washington yield is heavy, indications point to a short season. Peaches are running to the popular medium sized, and the crop is generally well colored. It will reach the peak movement this week and will be pretty well over by the middle of August.

A year ago, picking in the Yakima area started August 30. Car lot movement is getting under way and a heavy call from Chicago and points west is expected to help stabilize the market.

Automobile production for the first six months of 1934 was reported to be 75 per cent above 1933.

Geologists say Grandfather mountain in orth Carolina once was the tallest peak in a forgotten range that was higher than any now existing east of the Mississippi river.

West's Irrigation Projects In Good Shape, Meade Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Elwood Mead, reclamation commissioner, said upon his return from a tour of inspection of reclamation projects, that despite the drought, irrigation projects in the west generally were in excellent conditions.

"Some are faced with reduced storage and a few with drought conditions," he said, "but by and large the projects are in as fine a condition as I have seen in my experience."

The Imperial valley in California, Dr. Mead said, faced a most critical condition. The Imperial irrigation system is not a federal reclamation project. The reclamation service, however, is constructing the All-American canal, which upon the completion of Boulder dam is expected to furnish the great valley with a stable water supply.

"The condition in Imperial valley illustrates vividly," Dr. Mead said, "that it is impossible to have a safe irrigation project without ample storage facilities."

POET'S CORNER

TO THE IMPORTANT GUY (By John Jennings) When you get it in your head, That as soon as you are dead, The job you are holding won't be filled; Then your mind is slightly hazy, And you're evidently crazy, The moment the thought becomes installed.

And when you start to think You're the only gink That can fill your boots and carry on the show, Then you're merely quite conceited And your mind must be stocked You'll be the laughing stock wherever you may go.

Wonders happened on this earth Every year before your birth, And they've continued to take your place since You've been on. And although you can't believe it, Are unable to conceive it, Things will still progress when you are dead and gone.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME GAS? (By Gene Huyler) The city seemed stupefied, My nerves were unraveled, Friends said I seemed "huffy." I decided to travel. I boarded a train And I came home again When I traveled home again Friends said "How cranky you are."

I sat on an airplane Took far to the south But when I returned Friends said, "Why so down in the mouth." So, on a beautiful yacht, I went for a cruise; When I came back Friends said, "Why act so abused?"

Then I jumped in my car, Went just ten miles from home, By a stream in the woods, I camped all alone. I went back to the job, Feeling light as a feather, "What a change in that man," Friends whispered to one another.

So take it from me, And this isn't a guess I don't take a mint, Just a gallon of gas.

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