

The Saga of a Home-Made Trailer; Texas to the New York World's Fair

A Texas journalist built himself a trailer, loaded in his wife and 11-year-old son and started on a 2,000 mile trek for the New York World's Fair with \$50.00 in his pockets. His experiences are recounted in the following story:

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WORLD'S FAIR, New York — Frances and the eleven-year-old and I have seen the Fair and all the folks back in Waco told us it couldn't be done on the Caufield bankroll. The speedometer on Ancient History II reads 2,000 miles from Fifth and Austin; the wallet is out \$50, and we've got \$10 left. I've just wired the boss for the \$25 he promised me to get home on, and if the chewing gum and bailing wire on the trailer and jalopy don't relax their holds during the homeward 2,000 miles, we shall have made the whole junket on \$85.

We spent a little over \$1.50 each per day on the Fair itself, counting admission at the gates. Thomas, the eleven-year-old and Frances, the woman who tells me how to drive, and I walked and walked and looked and stared, finally becoming convinced that the best parts of the Fair are free. We could while away two weeks here looking at the free shows, and never repeat and never suffer from what the slick paper writers call ennui. We are leaving only because a wolf is howling at a door bearing the coat of arms of a certain small town newspaperman in Texas.

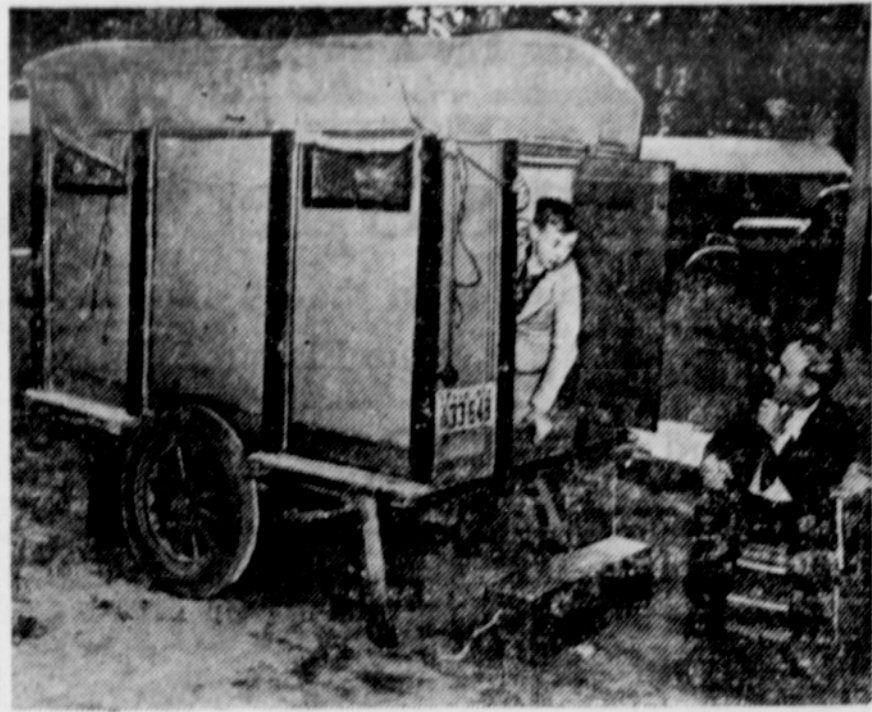
Nothing Like the Brazos

We stood and gazed when we saw the illumination at the lagoon of nations last night. Nothing like that along the Brazos, nor anywhere else.

A lightning bolt hit a telephone post as our car-trailer combination passed it on the road to Knoxville, coming up. It smashed the post, splattered our car with splinters, made an outrageous noise, scared us stiff. We saw it all over again, free, at the General Electric show here. They made 10 million volts for us—BANG! and we thought we were back on the Tennessee highway in the storm.

We fought good roads and bad coming up. General Motors showed us all good in a panorama that 27,000 people a day look at. GM parked us in upholstered chairs, started a public address explanation from the chair arms, and showed us the highway system of 1960.

If it hadn't been for that roads



Here is Tom Caufield's homemade trailer in which he, his wife and son traveled all the way from Waco, Tex., to see New York World's Fair.

system display, we might have thought, in the aviation building, that man was fixing to leave the ground for good; but GM gave us hope for the highways. We could hardly get the boy away from the aviation display. Instead of wanting to ride on the carnival gadgets, he wanted to go back and look at the model wind tunnels, the cross section of the Yankee clipper, and things like that.

Need for Adjectives

We heard the Voder. That's a contraption we had read about, a sort of talking typewriter. Pretty girl punches keys and make a combination of hisses and grunts that sounds like Charlie McCarthy at his worst, but is understandable.

I never was much on adjectives. The one adjective needed around here is "marvelous." Give me enough synonyms for that, insert them as needed, and that's the Fair.

There's a moving mural in the Ford building. Pistons, cogs, things like that fixed in the wall, all moving. Time for one of the synonyms. In the same building, walls hung all round with a one-piece yellow curtain made of spun and woven glass.

More free stuff; the City of Light, with 100,000 individual bulbs; the Forward March of America, showing how lighting has changed. They've got a fountain running over the exit of that building, and when I lost Frances and Thomas, by getting mixed up on a rendezvous, they waited an hour for me there, perfectly satisfied, while the fountain splashed outside.

They've got a real ship parked

in a pond by the New England building. They've got life-sized toy monkeys climbing trees in a toy exhibit and real monkeys climbing on a rock inside the Frank Buck enclosure. The rock is higher than the bamboo walls, so you can see the monkeys without going in.

Escalators and Ramps

About transportation; this fair is great on saving shoe leather. It has to be, it is so big that unless there were a lot of escalators and moving belts the cobblers would have a field day at every exit. You go up into the Perisphere on an escalator, and ride around it on a moving belt; and there's the moving belt at the GM building. Everywhere you find ramps instead of steps, and the ramps are exactly calculated to ease your legs as you go up or down. Streets and walks are asphalt, and the buildings generally have rubber composition flooring. And if you want to ride, it costs a dime for a bus from any point on the grounds to any other point.

If your feet do get tired (and they oughtn't to often if you've got the right kind of shoes, which is important, especially to the women) you can stop in at any of the first aid stations and get a free foot treatment to ease them.

Now for the Tariff

Let's count the cost, after you get to New York. Figure you're in a trailer—that's \$1 to get over the George Washington Bridge, which is the best way for a trailer; 75 cents a night at the trailer camp; a few cents for milk and whatever other groceries you need for eating at the camp; 25 cents toll over

Whitstone Bridge for your car (leave the trailer at camp) and 25 cents toll back again (or ride a bus, fare ten cents each); 50 cents to park in the parking grounds at the Fair; 75 cents admission for adults, 25 cents for children; 25 cents each for the Perisphere, which is a must because it is the Fair's symbol; 10 cents for the Town of Tomorrow, which also ought to be a must for any householder, and gas and oil.

We ate dinner at one of many restaurants in the Fair grounds. My wife had chicken and mushrooms with coffee for 60 cents. I ate a Salisbury steak with coffee for 60 cents, and lamb chops for the boy cost 75 cents. For lunch we had hamburgers and pie, which ran us 20 cents each. It costs a nickel for pop or root beer at any of a dozen stands. We got to the Fair for lunch one day and had dinner there that night. We had breakfast in camp next day, lunch at the Fair and pulled out late that afternoon for home.

Seeing New York

You can see something of New York while you're at the Fair, for the mere cost of gasoline. The night we arrived, we took a 50-mile drive across town, along the Hendrik Hudson Parkway and back from the Battery up Broadway to Times Square, then back to camp. We had a volunteer guide—one of the officials at the camp.

The policemen go out of their way to help a visitor. One of them talked to us for a half hour about things in general while we waited for an open-top bus next morning for a sightseeing trip in Manhattan. In fact, any New Yorker goes out of his way to help a Fair visitor.

We felt so much at home that when we parked our car to catch a bus to the Fair on our first day's visit, we forgot to make a note of where we left it; just walked away from it like we would have done in our own home town. And believe it or not, we found it when we came back in the rain—with the help of some of the passengers on the bus.

Bear in mind that the cost of coming to New York depends on how you are willing to come. We had a camp trailer, slept in it, using a trailer camp once, a cabin one night during a pouring rain, using school grounds twice with the permission of rural neighbors, and parking three times at filling stations. It took us six days to get here.

That \$85 is an education worth thousands, for a boy of 11, and worth plenty more for his father and mother.—Excerpted from the New York Herald-Tribune.

Divide

Jay Roderic DeSpain and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy DeSpain of New York City, who had visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim DeSpain, in Portland and were enroute to the San Francisco fair visited one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burkett. The DeSpains were pioneer settlers of this community, the family moving to Portland a number of years ago.

Mrs. Sperling and three daughters Vesta, Grace and Dorothy, and Harry Hamilton of Newport visited Saturday at the Joe Spence home. Miss Dorothy, who had spent two weeks here, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheets and sons Jerry and George spent Sunday with Mrs. Sheets' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Perini.

Mrs. Tom Foster, who spent several days last week with relatives here, left Monday evening for her home at Ashland. Miss Shirley remained for a longer visit with her aunts, Mrs. F. M. Chapman and Mrs. George Alleman.

Mrs. Loyal Lebo and sons Guy and Pat and Mrs. George Alleman spent Sunday at Walden at the home of Mrs. Lebo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dugan.

Alvin Moore's house and barn and a new logging truck was destroyed by fire recently. The barn was in flames when Mr. Moore discovered it and in trying to save the truck which was near the barn the house burned and the truck stalled and the intense heat soon had it in flames.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Chapman and family and Mrs. Tom Foster and daughter Shirley of Ashland and Mrs. Aden Miller of Walker and Albert Boye of Smith River visited at Lake Taknitch and the ocean beaches Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McReynolds spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. McReynolds' sister, Mrs. John Overholzer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alleman made a business trip to Junction City Monday.

EXAMINER TO BE HERE

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be here July 24th at the city hall for the purpose of issuing permits and licenses to drive cars, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, released Monday.

Putting Shine on Pretzels
Of the various "finishes" put on food products, the shine on pretzels is obtained by the oddest process. Before being baked, says Collier's Weekly, they are dipped in a weak, harmless solution of sodium hydroxide, commonly known as caustic soda or lye.

Parishes in Louisiana
The parishes of Louisiana date from 1807 and were based on an earlier Spanish division for religious purposes.

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50c Chamberlain Hand Lotion	42c
75c Fitch Shampoo	59c
\$1.00 Hines Almond Cream	79c
50c Iodent Tooth Paste	39c
60c Alka-Seltzer	49c

Rural Homemakers In Oregon Are Friends Good as Leaders

Oregon rural homemakers rank high among those in the entire United States in their ability to provide community leadership in home economics work, reports Mrs. Azalea Sager, state leader of home economics extension, upon her return from attending the thirtieth annual convention of the American Home Economics association in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Sager was able to attend the convention as the official delegate of the Oregon Home Economics association of which she is vice president.

A comparison of Oregon activities in home economics extension with those in other states was obtained in a preliminary three-day conference of extension workers held at Corpus Christi. There she found that Oregon is outstanding for her record for using local project leaders, although this plan is being used effectively to supplement leadership by specialists in other northern and western states.

In the season just ended there were 2351 local leaders active in the program in the nine Oregon counties where home demonstration agents are maintained, Mrs. Sager reported. These local leaders, usually working in pairs, put on 2110 community demonstrations of improved homemaking

practices. In each case they previously had received training in this work from the demonstration agents and specialists from the college.

Attendance at these demonstrations handled by local leaders totaled 55,291. This record nearly equalled that of the meetings held by the trained agents themselves. Agents and specialists in these same nine counties held 2496 meetings attended by 84,620 persons. Many of these local project leaders are now even assisting in neighboring counties where home demonstration agents are not maintained.

While in San Antonio, Mrs. Sager appeared on a radio program over an extensive network with a group of national leaders which included Mrs. Ruth Judy Bond, president of the American Home Economics association, and Mrs. Helen Atwater, editor of the Journal of Home Economics.

There are 101 warcraft and auxiliaries under construction in the United States navy, which officials estimate will cost \$1,000,000,000, the greatest building program in peace time history.

Thirteen buildings are under construction on the Upper McKenzie for the filming of "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," a production by RKO. Filming of the picture is expected to begin early in August.

The Willamette river is the largest river in the United States which lies wholly within the confines of a single state.—Historical Records Survey, WPA.

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The Jolly Workers club held a picnic Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Add Heath, 110 being present. Swimming and baseball interested the younger set while the older ones visited. At the basket dinner ice cream, coffee and punch were furnished by the club. Non-residents present were Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Oakland, California, Miss Donna Craig of Lancaster, California, Jerry and Junior Negelspaugh of Bremerton, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Vancouver, Washington, Leo Dugan of Portland and John Wright of Walker.

The A. L. Gilham family visited in the Grove Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lackey, who have gone to Depoe bay on a fishing trip. They will use a boat constructed by Mr. Lackey, who was formerly one of the life saving crew at Marshfield.

The Earl Marcy family returned from Portland Saturday night, leaving Juanita in care of eye specialists a week longer.

Glenn and Lloyd Gilham drove to Ashland Friday, returning Sunday with Ralph and Emily who had visited with Mrs. L. Andrews and Mrs. Wm. Kerr.

Mrs. Frank LaBlue and daughters Shirley and Enid visited Mrs. Joe Premazzi and Joanne of Thornton Corners, Monday. The group drove to Eugene with Mrs. Ellen Jones who had been visiting Mrs. Premazzi. Joanne came home with her aunt and will remain until Friday.

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