

Sandyites Report Exciting Journey

Three Sandy couples who took a chartered plane to the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Convention in Anchorage, Alaska, report a wonderful time, a grand convention and some breath-taking moments of suspense.

The suspense was occasioned by a motor's conking out on the plane carrying the Kenneth Fredericksons, the Ivan Barkers and the Ralph Richardsons, as they started back toward home. It was 150 miles from Juneau when it lost the motor so the pilot, with 87 passengers and a crew of five, decided the safest move was to land at Juneau.

In order to do this he had to dump 1300 gallons of gasoline. After the gas was jettisoned the DC-7 made a good landing, the local couples say. But they admit that although all aboard talked, joked and played cards, there was an undercurrent of tension and they were all glad when the plane came smoothly down to good old terra firma.

Red Dog Saloon Seen
"At least we got to see the Red Dog Saloon in Juneau, which we would never have seen if we hadn't lost that motor," Frederickson said. He says everyone told them they must be sure to see the Red Dog Saloon and they did, albeit inadvertently. They even promise a picture of it when the snapshots they took are processed.

The Sandy folks were among 700 who attended this convention, Barker in his capacity of Lt. Governor of Division 13. The group elected Vic Wilson, who is employed at PGE in Gresham, district governor for the year that begins Jan. 1, 1964.

Other highlights of the trip reported by the Sandy couples was a train ride to Palmer for a moose and caribou barbecue. Ivan reports the exotic meats as being very good.

Valley Said Fertile
Palmer, he says, is a small club, but it served over 400 people at the barbecue. It is in the Matanuska Valley, a wonderful farming area with "cabbage as big as wash tubs." He says the residents in this valley grow wonderful vegetables, but are going broke. And in a state where such things are in tremendous demand.

The difficulty, Ivan says, is

in distribution, and also in the fact that merchandisers must keep their year-round sources of supply in continental USA. Other fine entertainment was furnished by a group of Eskimo dancers, an outstanding band from a Fairbanks high school and two high school boys who were so talented that Ivan predicts they'll be on television some day.

The Fredericksons mention as particularly interesting the drive down the Kenai peninsula to Seward.

And they all say that once the crippled plane landed there was much to be seen in the Juneau area. Another plane was sent up from Seattle to take them home, but while they waited they were fed and fanned by the airlines and taken sightseeing on a tour that included the Mendenhall glacier.

Weatherwise the trip was most pleasant, according to the Fredericksons, who said it was raining when they arrived in Alaska and raining when they left, but sunny and nice in between.

Meet to Discuss Freeway Location

Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer, is slated to discuss plans for the controversial freeway 205 at a noon meeting of the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Anchorage restaurant. All interested persons are invited to be present at the no-host luncheon to hear Cooper.

Those planning the meeting say they expect Cooper to disclose the state's position on the two proposed routes — one joining highway 5 near the Marquam bridge, going east to approximately 111th, then going north across the Columbia river; the other crossing the Willamette from Lake Oswego to Oak Grove and cutting across Clackamas county to approximately 111th at S.E. Powell Blvd., then continuing north across the Columbia river.

Surfacing Set Early in 1964

The state highway commission has scheduled advertising for bids for surfacing the Anderson road-Duncan road section of the Mt. Hood highway for early 1964, according to Victor Wolfe of the state highway department.

Wolfe, who was in Sandy last Friday, said he was not at liberty to say whether the highway commission would, at that time, begin work on the Sandy section of the highway, but those who heard him felt that this possibility might exist.

He further explained how the section from the Willamette river to approximately S.E. 111th street could be completed by 1972 if it is to tie in with a bridge crossing the Columbia river at the tip of Government Island, thus becoming part of the interstate system. This could speed up completion of the Sandy-Portland section of the freeway immeasurably, Wolfe pointed out.

Concealed Gun Brings Arrest

Clackamas county sheriff's deputies arrested two men in Wemme last Sunday, Aug. 25. Charged with driving while under the influence of liquor is James Eugene Wilson, 35, P.O. Box 41, Boring.

Wilson's passenger, Donald C. Allie, 32, was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and possession of a concealed weapon.

Clackamas county sheriff's deputy Bob Watts said it was reported that the gun, a 0.38 revolver, had been displayed in a threatening manner in a Rhododendron nightclub.

The men were lodged in the Clackamas county jail and will appear for trial in the district court.

County Republicans Hold 'Country Fair'

The annual "Country Fair," sponsored by the Republicans of Clackamas county for the benefit of candidates, will be held this year in the area formerly occupied by Woolworth's in the Lake Oswego Shopping Center, 1st St. and A Ave., Lake Oswego, on Saturday, Sept. 14, beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting until sold out.

Mrs. F. V. Magauran, general chairman, says that "anything under the sun" will be accepted for sale at this fair, and makes the following suggestions:

Antiques — picture frames, glassware, etc.; anything that is "old"; bakery — all baked cookies; collector's items — rocks, stamps, bottles, miniatures, coins, etc.; garden — anything that can be transplanted in the fall, also such accessories as bird houses, and purses — should be in good condition.

Also jellies, jams and pickles — these should be labeled; produce — all vegetables, fruits, nuts, eggs; handiwork

— aprons, crocheting, knitting, ceramics, metals, woods; and white elephants — furniture, dishes, cooking utensils, books, records, lamps, costume jewelry — in fact, anything at all.

Mrs. Marie Motejl is chairman for Sandy, and articles may be left at the George W. Beers Pioneer Real Estate office. All contributions should be there by Sept. 12, or may be brought directly to the fair premises on the 13th. Bakery goods and perishables can be bought in early on the 14th.

Every Republican in Clackamas county is urged to participate by their donations and by attendance at the fair. This event promises to be as successful as those held in the past, and many new events are planned.

The next election year, as always, will be important to Clackamas county and participation in this fair affords everyone an opportunity to help in an enjoyable and effective manner.



Norman Fox, who interviewed Sandy's new foreign exchange student, Rose Cortes Rivera, had to look at the globe before he'd believe that Rose's country, Colombia, really does front on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Looking on is Cheryl Hames, whose family has "adopted" Rose for the

coming school year. Not looking on, but only because his mistress has forcibly subdued him, is little "Peppy" Hames, who is as enthusiastic about the new member of the Hames household as are the human members of the family. (Sandy Post photo)

Rose of Cali Arrives in Sandy From 'Land of Eternal Spring'

Sandy's newest foreign exchange student, 18-year-old Rosalba (Rose) Cortes Rivera, is a very small girl with a very great warmth of personality. The dark eyes in the small, sweet face fairly sparkle with excitement as she describes her homeland, the country of Colombia at the "top" of South America.

"My city, Cali, is the capital of the department," she says, going on to explain that in Colombia there are 17 "departments" which are similar to our states.

Rose, as she much prefers to be called, brought pictures of Cali, a city of lovely mod-

ern homes seemingly bathed always in sunshine. And the sunshine is at least an "almost always" commodity, for the brochures which Rose also brought call it "the land of eternal spring."

Rose's own home is a two-story modern house with wrought-iron railing on the second-story balcony.

'Togetherness' Popular
"My uncle and aunt live in the downstairs," Rose explains, "and we — my mother, father and I — live upstairs. In my country families often live together."

Rose has two sisters; both are in their mid-twenties and

both are married. "And I have two nieces and a nephew," she says, adding, "They are such beautiful children."

Rose has studied English for only nine months, but her understanding and use of the language is remarkable. She does speak with a charming accent and there are times when she gropes for the English word she particularly needs. But this in no way slows her lively conversation nor her interest in the people she is meeting and the things she is seeing and learning about.

Word Similarity Noted

An interesting discovery for both Rose and those here to whom she speaks is the tremendous number of words that are sufficiently similar in the two languages to allow the speakers to understand each other's meaning — words such as the English "department," the Spanish "departamento"; the English "delicious," the Spanish "delicioso"; plus all those English words ending in -tion that have a Spanish counterpart ending in -cion.

"When I don't know the English word," says our young visitor, "I say the Spanish word, and often people know what I am saying."

Rose says that until recently her father traveled throughout the western "departamentos" of Colombia selling such commodities as shoes, clothes, books and record players to stores. He now makes fine furniture — sofas, tables, bookcases etc. He does the finishing and the upholstery also, Rose says, all in a shop at home.

Housework Liked
Rose says she sometimes helps him, but adds, "I help my mother more." In a country where almost every family has several servants, the Cortes Rivera family has none. "We do not care to have servants," Rose says. She says she likes housework and she and her mother much prefer to do their own. Her mother sees a great deal for the family.

Rose says she likes swimming, playing the piano, cooking, but adds that "I do not know," which probably interprets to mean that she does not know how to do these things as well as she would like.

In explaining the school says there is first of all one year of kindergarten, then five years of grammar school. After that there is the "bachillerato," which may be attended for six more years. After "bachillerato" there is the University, where a student spends from six to 10 years

completing his studies.

Rose's own interest leans very strongly to medicine. She explains that following her year in America she will go back to Colombia for two years — this is a requirement of the American Field Service for its foreign exchange students. But after the two years at home she hopes she can come back to America to study medicine.

Two Oceans Claimed

Rose has brought with her a wealth of information and many pictures of her lovely country that has the unique distinction of bordering on two oceans — the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The pictures show a magnificent land of mountains, valleys and beaches, of beautiful modern cities with tall buildings, wide, clean streets and bright homes with colorful tile roofs. There are picnic spots that look like they could be a few miles from Sandy (on a sunny day). And there are magnificent parks and formal gardens complete with marble statuary.

One of these parks will be of particular interest to those of Rose's own age. It is the "Lovers' Park" where all the young, in-love couples go to hold hands among the trees and flowers where white marble lovers also gaze into each other's eyes. The favorite sport in Colombia? It's football. Just the same as in America. Second to football is popularity is bullfighting, Rose says, adding that she sometimes goes to the bull fights.

Mrs. Baker Files Suit

A \$62,000 suit has been filed in Clackamas County Circuit Court as a result of the Dec. 27 fire which destroyed the Sandy General store.

Mrs. Ruth Cate Baker who purchased the contact for sale of the store from Harriet A. Meinig and Walter A. and Gertrude L. Alt, names the owners, Oregon Auto Insurance and Oregon Bank as defendants.

Mrs. Baker claims in her petition that a \$68,000 fire insurance policy — \$30,000 on the general merchandise store; \$7,000 on personal property; \$8,000 on furniture and fixtures and \$22,000 on the stock — was in effect at the time of the blaze which destroyed the Sandy landmark at 103 N. Main.

The petition asks damages of \$56,927.72 plus \$5,000 attorney fees.

Local Soil Scientist Works With Venezuelans

A Venezuelan government soil scientist who grew up in the Sandy area is back for a visit and, like the postman who goes for a walk on his day off, he's been spending a good bit of time the last few days with Duane Setness, Clackamas county soil scientist.

Samuel J. Strebin lived about seven miles northwest of Sandy, attended the old Victory grade school and later studied soil work in the department of agriculture at Oregon State university. He worked for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service for about three years, but has spent the last 17 years as an employee of the government of Venezuela, where he is helping that government combat Communism in a very practical way — teaching the poor how to become self-supporting landowners.

Learns New Techniques
Strebin is combining a vacation in "the old home town" with all the learning he can cram in. He says that he has been learning the technique the local U. S. soil men are using for making basic soil surveys and the application in the field of this technique, as they are using in Venezuela a technique that was used here 20 years ago. He is also learning uses of the soil survey for farm planning.

In telling of his work on the western plains of Venezuela Strebin describes a land where the soil is quite rich, but the only farms are the ones the government soil scientists have helped the "squatters" to obtain and farm.

This area was all vast cattle ranches, Strebin says, but the Venezuelan government recognized the needs of its terribly poor, uneducated "squatters" who live in mud huts and own nothing but the



Samuel J. Strebin, Sandy soil scientist who is employed by the government of Venezuela, is back on a combination vacation and study

trip, and was snapped while sampling some of the local soil along with Clackamas county soil scientist Duane Setness. (Sandy Post photo)

ragged clothes on their backs. Many of these peoples have been squatters on someone else's land for over 200 years. Always they have had to pay an absentee landowner half of what little they have been able to raise.

Government Helps

Now the government, which estimates that there are still some 700,000 squatters, is trying to help them to become producing citizens. It sells them land so reasonably that it is almost a gift. Often no payment is demanded until after five years — then up to 30 years is allowed for repayment.

So far, Strebin says, 64,000 landless families have received land which they can, in time, own and from which they can learn to earn a living.

The government employs a good number of technicians to help these people learn to become productive citizens. Strebin, who with his wife and four children will return to Venezuela in another two weeks, says that the country's largest crop is corn, which is the basic element of the local diet. It is not heard of often here, because it is all used there and none is exported. After corn comes rice, sugarcane, tobacco, beans and sesame.

Strebin himself has a small farm of his own in Venezuela where he raises cotton, corn, rice and sesame. Sesame, he says, is used almost entirely for cooking oil, with the residual matter pressed into cake for cattle feed.

Perpetual Spring
The Strebins do not live on their farm, but in Valencia, a very modern industrial city of 200,000. Their home is as modern as those in our country, but needs no heat. Venezuela, like its neighbor Colombia, is called a "land of eter-

nal spring." Its temperature varies little year-round and there are but two seasons, wet and dry.

The people of Venezuela, Strebin says, have developed from the mixtures of European people who immigrated and the native peoples. They are proud people, he says. The wealthy women are extremely style-conscious, traveling to Paris, New York and Berlin for their clothes. The working girls — secretaries and office workers — spend as much as three-fourths of their salaries for smart clothes.

Three of the Strebins' four children are Venezuelan, and since the country recognizes dual citizenship they will always be considered Venezuelan, even should they later choose American citizenship.

The Strebins will return to Venezuela soon with more knowledge to help the poor become self-sufficient citizens of their country.

"We like living in Venezuela," Strebin says, "but of course we'll eventually come back home."

No Home Games Set for Sandy

All Sandy football games will be played away from home this year due to the building program at Sandy high school. The schedule of games has been made up and will be released within the next week.

Sandy high school Principal Ralph Peterson attended the first Wilco League meeting of the season last week. He reports that basic league policies were reviewed and a system is being working out on varsity football games.