

MOTORING IN THE NORTHWEST

Col. E. Hofer Continues the Description of a Trip That is Taking Him and His Party to Many Interesting Points in Our Neighboring State of Washington

ROCHE HARBOR, Aug. 3.—Arrived here Saturday and took a run over to Friday Harbor, county seat of San Juan county, a kingdom of the sea, a marine commonwealth of 172 islands, counting spots of land that remain above tidewater. Friday Harbor has stores, public offices, amusement places and industries. Leaving Seattle there is a four hour drive to Anacortes, where the ferry steamer carries your car and its contents to San Juan island, where you stop at a home-like hotel, built nearly a hundred years ago by Spanish explorers who named it the DeHaro, the sign painted in old Spanish text and letters in black and yellow.

We arrived in the midst of the Harvest Home Festival, observed annually under lead of Mr. and Mrs. John S. McMillin, with a four day program. Roche Harbor has several hundred population and is entirely owned by the Roche Harbor Lime and Cement Co., John S. McMillin, president and general manager. He has besides, the honor and distinction of being a national founder of the great Sigma Chi Greek Letter College fraternity, which has hundreds of chapters, thousands of members and a reserve fund of one and a half million dollars.

The Harvest Home Festival each is attended by members of the fraternity from near and far. The program for August 1 ended with a roast suckling pig banquet, a musical and speaking program at which Toastmaster McMillin, Judge Howard Ferris of Yorktown, Va., and President Henry Suzzallo of the University of Washington, distinguished themselves.

Judge Ferris served on the bench in Cincinnati eighteen years, succeeding Judge Taft. He has become recognized as the head of several large chemical manufacturing corporations in Virginia and as a highly entertaining after-dinner word-wizard. Judge Ferris was in great demand on all programs as a speaker.

At 6 a. m. Sunday, the launches of Roche Harbor took all the guests to visit fish traps, in some of which purposes were playing about. A large barge had been converted into a floating bower, covered with seats, tables and an orchestra. Dinner was served at Johns Island. On the return trip a supper at which singing and speaking were the close of a perfect day at San Juan Archipelago.

As the sun went down behind the Olympic range to the west the full moon rose out of the sea in the east. The organ played taps and Rev. Major of Seattle pronounced a benediction as the afterglow spread over the islands of the inland sea. And thus the Harvest Festival went on for four days with feasting, song and dance. The entertainment at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. McMillin seemed to have no bounds. Hotel deHaro and the McMillin homes were open house for hundreds of guests and visitors. Boats and launches arrived every hour. Some for a meal, some for a day and for the four days. The Anacortes

and Victoria ferries twice a day each way supplied transportation for many. Gideon Stolz, a pioneer Williamette Valley manufacturer, attended the Harvest Home and has for many years been a large consumer of lime. Mr. McMillin made up cot beds for ten of us men in his private office. Most of them were quite stout and snored in a basso profundo, except Mr. Stolz, who was noiseless at night. He was the oldest man at the party—in his eighties—and I felt proud of him.

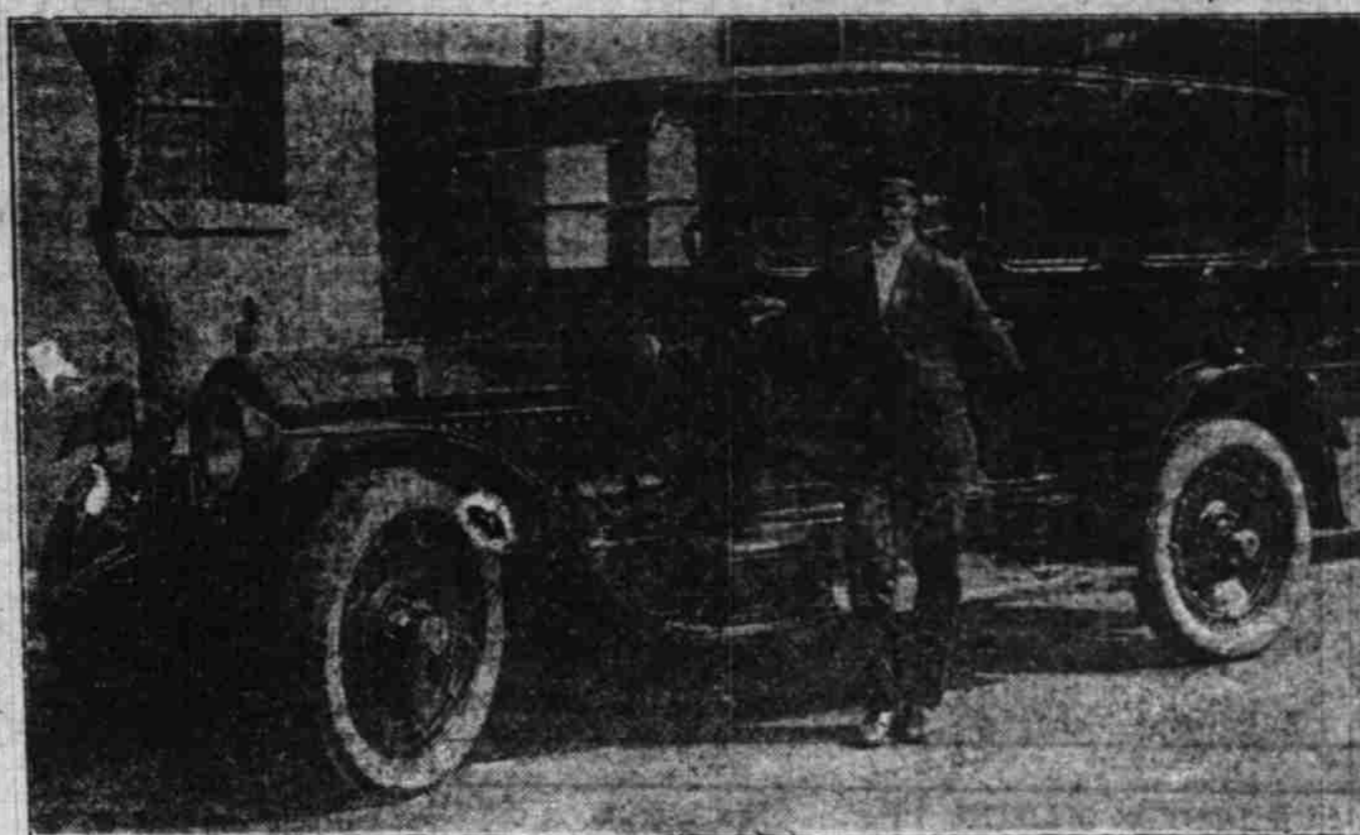
Wonderful fireplaces had been built in the recreation courts of Hotel de Haro, both with an eight foot hearth and rigged with great cranes and broiling kettles for roasting meat, boiling vegetables and making broth and coffee for large banquets. One fireplace is with overhead racks on which a whole deer, bear or quarter of beef can be barbecued. The other fireplace is rigged to broil 100 to 200 pounds of salmon at one cooking. In front of one of our fire places the evening feasts were held and the impressive rite of fighting the fires of friendship, with a procession of the Roche Harbor people followed by their guests, each throwing a prepared faggot on the roaring flames in passing. The procession moved to the tune of "In the Good Old Harvest Time," played by the Roche Harbor Lime Co. orchestra, with piano accompaniment while the marchers sang the Harvest Festival song ending:

How happy we shall be
When harvest comes again
next year
To see each smiling face once
more
And friends from far and near
Yes, we'll light the fires for
you
Light the fires of friendship
true.

The afternoon run from Roche Harbor to Tacoma was about 40 miles by water and 132 by motor and the following towns were included in August 3 itinerary: Roche Harbor, Orcas Island, Anacortes, Mt. Vernon Stanwood, Everett, Sulvanna Marysville, Everett, Bothell, Seattle, Auburn, Kent, Tacoma—7 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The Mt. Rainier park is about 75 miles from Tacoma. The Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad goes up about half way and then on further with logging roads into the big timber. After leaving the city on Pacific Avenue, the entire drive is over a graded and mostly paved forest road, such forest as you have never seen before. Entering the Forest Reserve you pay a fee—our party paid \$2.50 and leave guns and dogs with the rangers until you return. The road in the Reserve climbs a steady grade from 2003 feet at the entrance to eight miles from the top where the Nisqually river jumps into existence from the terminal of a glacier. The water is the color of gray paint from the grinding of the rocks carried by the ice in the bottom of the slowly moving mass of ice. This gray paint colors all the western

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PRESERVATIVE KILLS BEES

ORDER, Germany.—Millions of bees in the Werder district have been killed supposedly from chemicals sprinkled upon fruit trees. Only the insects that were near the orchards died.

The packers were obliged to cross a railroad track in reaching the place where they were to have lunch, and little Bobby, going ahead, saw a train approaching. Excitedly he shouted to his father, who was still on the track: "Hurry, daddy, or else give me the lunch."

Navy for the last ten years have ridden in this car and with this chauffeur, John H. Pye, at the steering wheel. Its high ceiling and long doors have grown rather old fashioned and so John is driving a new and shiny Packard Six sedan limousine which has just been purchased for Secretary Wilbur. John had become so attached to the old car because of the care he had bestowed on it for years that he hated to give it up

even for a new Packard. Although the old Packard had been driven 175,000 miles by Pye he insisted it was in top notch mechanical condition and he proved it. There are two hills in Washington which are so steep and so long that it is considered that any car which goes over them in high gear is in perfect condition. Pye took the old Packard out over both test routes the other day. On the Thirteenth Street hill, the most

severe of the two, he started at the bottom at eight miles an hour and went over the top at twenty-two miles an hour. This was considered an unusual performance and would have been so considered for even some of the trick cars Pye insists.

The Ananias Club: "Ain't we ever gonna have any hash at this boarding house?" demanded the star boarder.

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