

Boyd's Tell Of Visit To Mexico

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of two articles on the recent six-weeks' trip made by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd down the length of the little-known peninsula of Baja California.

Down the eastern coast they continued, to Mulege, where is located the Mission of Santa Rosalia. As they entered the church, they heard deep tones of an organ, sounding like a fine, big pipe organ. They finally located the source of the sound, a wheezy little organ in the balcony, on which an old priest was practicing hymns for a coming fiesta. By some miracle of construction, (some knowledge since lost, Mrs. Boyd feels) the sound had been magnified to real beauty.

Mulege also is the location of one of the Mexican federal prisons. The convicts are released by day, locked up at night. Since there is nowhere to go, they make no attempt to escape.

Leaving the heavy vegetation of Bahio de Concepcion, a beauty spot watered by underground springs, they went to Comondu, site of another old mission, and memorable as another oasis of palms, sugar cane and fruit trees. From this point, the road veered west again to Poza Grande and Santo Domingo, near the Pacific coast on the west. Here they struck the new road to La Paz, a road which stretches 260 miles in straight line diagonally across the peninsula. It had been graded but not gravelled, and in the single year of its use has become a "washboard" over which a car can travel no faster than 25-30 miles. (This is true of many parts of the roads preceding it, as well.)

SPEND HOLIDAY
The Boyds reached LaPaz in time for Thanksgiving, and spent four days on LaPaz Bay. They saw parties fishing for marlin and sailfish, and met Rudy Velez, brother of the late Mexican screen star, Lupe Velez, a fishing guide.

Dreading the return over the roads they had traveled, the Boyds decided to take their car by boat to the Mexican mainland. They arranged to have the truck taken aboard the Spruce, a Mexican cargo freighter bound up the gulf to Isla del Carmine for a cargo of salt. They enjoyed what they call a "heavenly rest" of several days aboard the boat, and found most interesting the two days spent at the salt mine.

During this time, they also made a side trip to Loreto, for fishing. The Spruce landed them at Manzanillo on the west coast of Mexico, in the small state of Colima. They were surprised to learn that there is such big game as tigers in this area. They saw many mountain lions, bob-cats, antelope, coyotes and wild mountain sheep along their journey. (They did much hunting, but for smaller game. Mrs. Boyd can claim to have killed three quail with a single shot!)

Traveling was much easier on the return trip up the Mexican gulf coast. They went inland to the beautiful modern city of Guadalajara, then through Tepic to the coast, to Mazatlan, which is a recognized resort. Here they witnessed a fete honoring the "Virgin of the Sea," in which thousands marched singing in a procession.

COUNTRY GROWING
At Los Mochos they saw farms of cotton, corn and cane. Dams are being built here and the land is being improved. They also heard of a legendary tribe of white Indians in the mountains, seldom seen. They went on to Guaymas, another large port; to Hermosillo, inland, and north to Nogales, on the border. They had to watch out, along the fine, modern highway at this end of their trip, for people sitting out on the broad highway in the evening, whole parties of them, just visiting. They crossed the border into Tucson, Arizona, and thence home.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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ON THE TRAIL—Two Mexican lads demonstrate to the Boyds the principal method of transportation used on the Baja California peninsula. The Boyds reported they saw many burros during their trip.



CHUCK WAGON—This specially-constructed car was used by the Howard Boyds on their recent trip to Mexico (peninsula of Baja California). The car, a converted pick-up truck, carried food, extra water, camping equipment, extra gas, fishing and hunting equipment, medical supplies and other items needed on the six-week tour.

PTA Board Recommends Legislation

Board of managers of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers met recently in Portland. Attending from Eugene-Springfield area were Mrs. Ross Doty, Eugene, junior vice president in charge of health services; Mrs. Lloyd L. Edwards, Springfield, Lane County PTA Council president.

Main topic of interest was the adoption of the PTA legislative program. Recommendations included the following:

Keeping the compulsory school law for 17 and 18-year-olds as it now stands; changing the annual school meeting date from June to April and making the filing date 30 days prior to election and acceptance not less than 15 days; expansion of library service; reasonable program for school re-districting, which will assist in more efficient spending of the school dollar; study of rural school district law.

Legislation which enables school districts to provide for education of mentally retarded children and continuation of the pilot study for gifted and mentally retarded children; making Portland State College a full-degree-granting institution as recommended by the state board of education; establishment of a minimum salary law more nearly in accord with general salary levels; increase in salaries for members of the state department of education.

The board re-affirmed the necessity for equalization and the original purpose of the Basic School Support Fund, which in principle was intended to provide state support of at least 50 per cent of the operational cost of the schools.

River Road Women Invited to Form New Garden Club

All women in the River Road area interested in becoming members of a garden club are requested to meet at River Road Women's Club, Hillcrest and River Road, Monday at 2 p.m. A new club is being organized by Wilamette District 2, Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. H. O. Warren, assistant director of the district, will conduct the meeting.

Mrs. Kendall Heads Friendship Club

JUNCTION CITY—Mrs. Joyce Kendall was elected president of Friendship Club at a recent meeting. Others elected were Mrs. Raymond Butzbach, vice-president; Mrs. G. Baker, secretary and Mrs. Mattie Rafoth, treasurer. A quilt which was completed recently has been turned over to local welfare and another quilt will be started at the next meeting.

Card Winners Listed

Winners at cards in the weekly play of Laurelwood Golf and Country Club Auxiliary Wednesday were Mrs. Harry Rubenstein, Mrs. Clyde Saylor and Mrs. Nathan Rubenstein. Progressive bridge and pinocle will be played next Wednesday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All members are invited to be present.

Pacific Auto Sports Association Rally Sunday

Gordon Sether, activity chairman of the Pacific Auto Sports Assn., has planned another rally for Sunday. This rally is referred to as the Urban Rally, its course to be laid in and around Eugene with indicated speeds kept at a minimum with regard to traffic, restricted zones and city safety codes.

The rally will start from the Very Little Theatre parking lot, 24th and Hilyard Sts., at 1:30 p.m. It will finish at the Driftwood in Springfield for a Dutch treat dinner and movies. Club President Harry Sheppard will make the awards at this time.

Previous rallies have met with great enthusiasm and a fine turnout, it is said.

Anyone interested is invited to participate. It is not necessary to own a sports car, but it is advised to take a passenger to navigate and to check the odometer for accuracy.

Choir Director, Clergy Invited To AGO Dinner

Eugene Chapter of American Guild of Organists has announced plans for a January dinner meeting to which members have invited their clergymen and choir directors. The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, 440 Maxwell Rd.

The program will feature the Rev. Alfred Tyson of Roseburg as speaker. Trinity Methodist Church Choir, under the direction of Mrs. D. E. Allen, will present several selections. Mrs. Allen, dean of the local chapter, will play an organ solo and will give a demonstration of the church organ.

Arrangements for the dinner are under the chairmanship of Mrs. Phil Nordling, chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. F. Schaefer and Mrs. R. L. Whitson. All AGO members are asked to make reservations early by calling Mrs. Nordling, 4-9206, or Mrs. Schaefer, 4-4714.

Nile Club Elects Harrisburg Woman

JUNCTION CITY—Mrs. J. C. Clay of Harrisburg was elected president of Nile Club at a recent meeting. Mrs. Helen Woodin of Junction City is the new vice-president and Mrs. Dudley Miller of Harrisburg is secretary.

Around the Town

WOMEN OF MOOSE
Academy of Friendship, Women of the Moose, will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at Moose Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE
Junior Civic Players will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rummage Center, 31 W. 7th Ave.

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Quota Notes Centennial Of YWCA

The YWCA centennial celebration was theme for the meeting of Quota club this week at the Osburn Hotel. Mrs. E. E. DeCou, honorary member of Quota and a past president of the Eugene YWCA, as well as a former national field worker for the organization, told members and guests of her recent tour of Europe and the Near East.

"It is a most thrilling experience to visit the World's YWCA headquarters in Geneva," Mrs. DeCou said, "and to realize that we, in Eugene, have a part in this wonderful world-wide movement."

Mrs. DeCou served with the YWCA in Europe during World War I and was able to renew acquaintances and trace the whereabouts of many old friends.

"The YWCA in Rome," Mrs. DeCou told the group, "is located on a street, which during the morning is the market place." She described the market with its hawksters and market stalls, and told of how one must thread his way through the traffic to reach the YWCA building. Many of the women who live at the YWCA in Rome, according to Mrs. DeCou, work for the Food and Agricultural Organization.

The speaker then took the group on a verbal tour to the Holy Land. She had joined the Greizinger tour which took her to Athens, Cairo, Beirut and Tel-Aviv among others. On a trip through the desert, according to Mrs. DeCou, the party stayed at the Monastery of St. Catherine near Mt. Sinai. Within the monastery enclosure, there are a Greek Orthodox Church, a Mohammedan Mosque and a library, second only to the one at the Vatican, Mrs. DeCou related.

Introduction of members was by Miss Genevieve Hallin, president. Mrs. Carl T. Newcomb, executive director of Central Lane YWCA, introduced Mrs. C. A. Barnes, a member of the National Board of the YWCA of the U.S. and president of the board of directors of Central Lane Y Building Assn. Mrs. Barnes was asked to cut the YWCA Centennial birthday cake.

The meeting then was turned over to Mrs. James V. Danielson, chairman for the evening's program. She first presented Mrs. William G. Rohlfis, representing the speakers bureau for the YWCA-YMCA building program, who told of the need for a new Y center in relation both to the present program and for a much wider program that is envisaged. Mrs. DeCou's talk followed.

Guests for the evening included the following: Mrs. Virgil D. Earl, member of the board of directors of the YWCA and a member of the board of directors of the Y-Building Assn.; Mrs. Monte Morrison, Teen Age Program director for the YWCA; Mrs. Hubert Willoughby, president of the board of directors; Mrs. J. Don Smith, first vice-president of the board; Miss Anne Laerman, treasurer, Miss Shirley J. Dan-

mon; Mrs. Maude Barahart; Mrs. William G. Rohlfis; and Mrs. Rudolph Malek. Mrs. Malek is a former Quota member just returned from Japan.



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