

"In The Steps Of The Apostle Paul"

The following is another letter from Mrs. T. R. Jackman, written in Rome a couple of months ago, telling of their experiences in Greece and particularly of Mr. Jackman's who had been taking pictures in Philippi:

"In the steps of the Apostle Paul!" We kept repeating those words over and over as we sped along the road. Already we had visited his prison in Rome, touched at such ports as Malta, Syracuse and Rhegium. Now we were in Athens, that center of ancient culture where Paul preached the message of a living, personal God. Athens is still a cultured city, the capital and metropolis of Greece. Her modern buildings preserve the Corinthian columns and Grecian style of the Athens of the past. Rising in splendor from the heart of the city, the Acropolis still forms the hub of the Athenian life. The Parthenon, magnificent in ruins looks down on the busy, thriving city as well as the crumbling forum and market place of Roman days.

It was on Sunday that we climbed Mars Hills and sat down on its summit to ponder over the words in the Acts which began, "Ye men of Athens." For on the very spot which the men of old listening to those

words we listened again, only to use, the God Paul preached was not "An unknown God." A greek priest in black robes, with long black hair, paused also on Mars Hills; children gathered wild flowers under the evergreen trees which grow in clusters among the rocks. A soldier in colorful uniform, two lovers holding hands, a beggar poorly clad, all had found their way up the hill. Ancestors of these people had been here, too, and listened to words of eloquence from the Great Apostle to the Gentiles. Two-thousand years have made little change upon the city by the Aegean Sea.

Corinth—yes, here, too, we must follow Paul. It is about 40 miles over a winding road from Athens to the city of the Corinthians. The road follows a billowy sea, often rising high on the side of the bluff and affording an aerial view of the green bay far beneath; again it crosses fertile valleys where black and white goats graze 'neath grey olive trees. It is a beautiful road, some times passing small villages where houses and people resemble those of Palestine.

Modern Corinth is only a village, quiet and unpretentious. A park in the central square of the city and down its side streets the blue bay is visible, with small fishing boats in the harbor. Since the construction of the Corinthian Canal, large vessels pass near Corinth, for this deep, narrow cut connects the lands on the

Adriatic with those of the Aegean and saves many hours for vessels bound from Asia Minor to Europe. Agra Corinth, the city of Paul's day, is now in ruins. It is situated part way up a slope and a couple of miles from the sea. Avenues, statues, old wine jars, broken arcades! These things now lying in waste were once a vital part of the city when Paul wrote a letter to the Christians there telling them that love is the greatest thing in the world, telling them the proper conduct for a Christian, admonishing them about the keeping of the Lord's supper.

"Salonica," said the ticket agent at the station. Salonica was written on the side of the Wagon-Lits car we boarded, but the Greeks themselves call the city by its original name, Thessalonica.

Founded in the 3rd century, B. C., Salonica is still the capital of Macedonia and the second largest city of Greece. Its beautiful harbor is little changed since the days of Paul. Markets are on the streets in true Oriental fashion, but pavements, motor buses and modern lighting system are included in the daily life of Thessalonica today.

About 40 miles away is Berea or Veria. Once the people of the city were noted for their love for the Word of God. Today there are many little churches, but only the priests seem to have Bibles. The followers of the Church now belong to the Greek Orthodox faith and carry strands of amber prayer beads as their only visible sign of worship.

Still farther north is Philippi, important in the Acts for the story of the conversion of the Philippian jailer. Like Corinth, the city of Paul's day is in ruins and Drama is the modern city about ten miles inland. "In the footsteps of Paul," we had declared as we came to Greece but how truly this slogan was fulfilled is a long story. Since Mr. Jackman was the principal character in the episode I have asked him to write the details. His story follows:

"It was thrilling to realize that I was actually following in the footsteps of St. Paul. But a greater thrill was just ahead—only two more hours and I would be in Philippi and visiting the ruins of that ancient city and the jail where Paul had been imprisoned.

"It was not a quiet or lonely journey that I was making as there were soldiers everywhere. This particular area is strongly fortified as it is expected momentarily that the war planes and troops of Italy will be coming over in the steady march of Empire. Albania had just fallen—Bulgaria, just a few miles to the north is in alliance with the troops of Il Duce.

"I was standing on the end of the train meditating on the experience of St. Paul. I had my movie camera in hand as we are photographing in full-color every phase of importance mentioned in the Bible.

"Suddenly my camera was snatched from my hand and I found that I was under arrest—three army officers were inspecting the camera. I was ordered to proceed to Drama—ten miles from Philippi. There with a military escort I was sent from one military station to another. I was

highly amused to think that I should be arrested as a spy. Finally we arrived at the jail—it was crummy—so I laughed and said: "No thanks, I prefer a hotel." The officers were surprised that I should make such a demand. Finally they consented and they made reservations for me at the hotel and so with my military guard I went to my room for the night.

"The next morning I was sent to another city to appear before court. In the meantime they had developed my pictures. Fortunately, my pictures were of the journeys of St. Paul and not of railroads, soldiers, etc. It seems that it is a jail offence at this time for even a Greek to take motion pictures.

"After considerable questioning and deliberation they returning the camera and passport to me. By this time they had become quite friendly and I told them of my work. Then I was permitted to continue my journey.

"Paul and Silas had sung praises to God while in jail at Philippi. They were probably good singers but I never was, so while walking through the ruins of the jail at Philippi, though I did not sing, I was mighty happy to think that I had not had to go to jail."

Mr. Jackman's experience in Greece proves that it is difficult just now to travel in Europe because of war conditions; also photography is unusually difficult but today we sail for the Holy Land via Isle of Cyprus, again following in the steps of the Apostle Paul.

Vivlene Jackman.

DON AND SPENNY JOIN DANCE ORCHESTRAS

According to announcement this week, the dance orchestras managed by Don Estes and Spencer Ross will be joined and members from each organization will be retained in making a first class, rhythmical dance orchestra.

The initial debut of the new organization will be made this Saturday evening in the Coquille Community building. There will be seven pieces and Mr. Ross will play first sax, Mr.

Estes will play second sax, and Stewart Norton will play third sax.

Jerry Larson will hold down the trumpet post and Robert Spears will act as pianist. Stony Leach will handle the drums and Mel Christenson will handle the base fiddle and the electric guitar.

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Four Fined Monday In City Court

Walt Smith broke into the Coquille jail again last week-end, his first time in several months. He served five days.

Warren Compton and Michael Keiches, two boys from the McKinley 3C camp were arrested Saturday night for drunkenness and were fined \$5 each by Recorder Leslie.

C. O. Foote, charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace at the Riviera Saturday night, paid a \$10 fine on Monday.

Francis William Cassidy, arrested at one o'clock Saturday night for committing a nuisance on the C. G. Caughell front porch, paid a \$20 fine.



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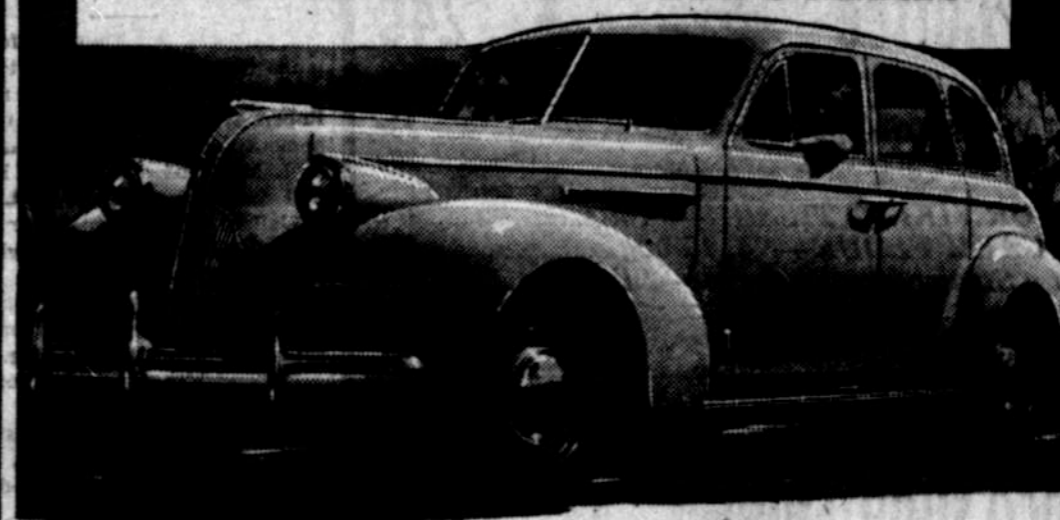
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