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Trip By Ship

To Africa Told

Continued from Last Week

Well, we have had a perfectly grand time on board ship. The Captain and all the officers are the grandest people ever and do they ever have a sense of humor. They can tell the tallest tales ever thought of and if one tells the tale the others all swear by it. There has virtually been a contest on between the passengers and officers to see which is ahead on playing tricks on the other and some of the funniest and craziest things have happened. I have never laughed so much in all my life at the antics. Captain told us we could mail letters three times while crossing as there were three Mail Buoys enroute; they were spotted at certain degrees of longitude and latitude and were anchored there and all ships in these waters passed them and would pick up mail left there, which of course was placed in water tight bags. The trimmings and explaining which was added to this was most convincing and all the officers stuck to the story, even the purser said he had these 3-cornered stamps which he placed on such mail and cancelled it with ship's cancellation stamp (they do have 3-cornered stamps and do cancel some mail). Anyway, it was so convincing that Helen Miller, one of the passengers, spent most of the afternoon writing letters to be placed on the Mail Buoy No. 1, finally I took pity on her and told her I thought it was a hoax. Was she ever burned up. That night, with my assistance, she made an "Apple Pie" bed for the captain—take the bottom of the top sheet and bring it up to the head of the bed to look like the top sheet. Tuck the top of the bottom sheet and tuck it in at the foot of the bed, this way no matter which end of the bed you try to get into you can only get down half way in bed. Well, the Captain worked for awhile to get into bed and finally gave up and made the whole bed over for himself.

I think I told you there were 12 passengers on board. Well, I counted the visitors on board so when they went off I discovered there were only eight of us. Mr. and Mrs. Farley (Peter, the wife, and Arthur) who are from Vancouver, Canada, and are going to Firestone also. He is an engineer and will be in charge of the telephone system. A friend of his, Allen Hunter, installed a telephone system in Liberia a short time ago, dial system, and Farley is being sent over to take care of the thing—Dr. and Mrs. Green, medical missionaries under the Baptist Board, who are returning from their vacation and will go ashore at Lagos, south of Liberia, and then go inland to their mission some 180 miles. This is their 21st voyage and they are surely grand people. They occupy the stateroom just across from ours. Had the doctor look at my vaccination as it was bothering me and he fixed it up in no time so now it is almost ready for the seab to fall off. Then there is a Mr. Jim Skuder, auditor, who is employed by this steamship company, The Barber Line, and he is also returning from his vacation and will go to his office in Lagos.—A Miss Helen Miller, from Winnipeg, Canada. She is a nurse and is going to Freetown, Sierra Leone, British Territory, to meet her fiancé and he married there. Her fiancé is in the British Admiralty and is a chemist. He is on his way from London now and they expect to meet at Freetown, he married, and stay about two months then they will go on to Singapore, so she has quite a trip ahead of her. She is 26 years old and is a lovely person. There is a possibility that she will be appointed as an assistant to her fiancé in his work as they have worked together before in Canada. That will be quite an experience for her.

Gee, all we do is eat and sleep and do they ever stuff you with good things to eat. We have breakfast at 7:30 A.M., coffee at 10:00 A.M., lunch at 11:30 A.M., coffee, tea and a snack at 3:00 P.M., dinner at 5:30 P.M., coffee at 8:00 P.M., coffee, tea and a snack at 10:00 P.M., so you can see we don't have a minute in which to get hungry in but we eat anyway.
To Be Continued.

Karen M. Bateman Funeral Held Mon.

Funeral services for Karen Margaret Bateman were held at the Perl funeral home Monday at 2 P.M. Many loving friends and relatives were present and beautiful flowers bore evidence to the esteem in which she was held. Rev. Joseph Knotts officiated.
Pallbearers were Frank Redden, H. C. High, N. J. Wiley, F. J. Newman, A. J. Hanby and Homer Harvey.

Mr. & Mrs. V. Bursell Return from Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell returned home Tuesday from a trip through California and Yuma, Arizona. They left here the 9th of December by way of Sacramento. Visiting a few minutes in Stockton with Mrs. Minnie Obenchain Hansel and in Modesto they visited Mrs. Elizabeth Leever Mayer, a former school mate of Mrs. Bursell whom she had not seen for more than 30 years, a former Central Point girl and the youngest sister of the late Mr. Leever. They also visited Mr. Hathaway and sons Will and Jay at Visalia. Mr. Hathaway is an invalid but the boys are getting along fine and said to tell the folks in Central Point, "Hello".

They spend one night in Los Angeles, then on to San Diego which they reported to be a booming city, with not a house for rent in the whole city; all hotels and auto camps full to capacity; and such a lovely city and so much of interest—beautiful Balboa park with its lovely hibiscus and other flowers blooming at this time of the year; a wonderful zoo; and nearby Ti Juana, and La Jolla where they decided they would like to make their home when they retire.
After a week's stay they left for Yuma, Arizona across some real desert with nothing growing and not a living thing to be seen until they reached the irrigated valley near Yuma. Yuma is a quaint city where they have porches over the sidewalks to protect from summer heat and a lively little city due to their new irrigation system. They made several side trips around the city and saw 100-acre tracts in head lettuce and also cotton and pecans. They saw them harvesting head lettuce with trucks in the field and 20 men cutting and throwing it in each truck and men and women picking cotton.
On their way back they passed by the Salters sea for 55 miles which is 200 feet below sea level. By India and Cocochilla there they were harvesting their grape-fruit and dates which are delicious when fresh from the trees. Then on to beautiful Palm Springs, an oasis in the desert; all this country is desert where there is no irrigation, nothing but smoke trees and cactus growing. They stopped a short time at San Bernadino and Riverside, passing thru miles of beautiful orange groves. Thence to Long Beach where they stopped several days. On Sunday thousands of Los Angeles people drove out there to enjoy the beach and bright sunshine. There they meet Mrs. Pickel. She and Mr. Pickel are spending the

winter in this beautiful city.
Then back to Los Angeles for a stay of ten days. Each day was spent in visiting new places of interest: Hollywood, Radio City, Griffith Park, Amies Temple, New City Hall, Postoffice, Railway station, Old Mexico, China Town, University of Southern California and on New Year's day the flower parade in Pasadena.
Starting home the 2nd of January by the coast route, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley at San Jose and Dr. Bursell, brother of Mr. Bursell at Mountain View for a few days. Then on the way home Monday in a rain storm which lasted all day and until noon Tuesday, arrived at home at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon where the sunshine was shining brightly and they decided that Rogue River valley was good enough for them.

U. S. Marine Corps To Be Expanded

The U. S. Marine Corps will probably be authorized very shortly to recruit a larger number of men than it was allowed to enlist all during 1940, it was revealed by Major James B. Hardie, recruiting officer in charge of this district.
The names of a considerable number of applicants who have already been accepted have been placed on a waiting list, pending such time as they can actually be enlisted.
The quota for February will most likely exceed that for this month, the Major believes. Probably by March the Marine Corps will be allowed to expand to such a degree that new recruiting stations will have to be established in this district to take care of enlistments. Recommendations for the opening up of new stations at Klamath Falls, Oregon and Lewiston, Idaho have already been made. At present the Portland district maintains recruiting stations at Salem and La Grande, Oregon, at Walla Walla, Washington and Boise, Idaho, in addition to headquarters at Portland.

Violent Deaths Take Big Toll

Although Oregon is at peace with the world, violent deaths are the fate of many Oregonians each month, the public health research department of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company points out.
During last November alone, accidents, suicides, and other forms of violent death cost the lives of 152 persons in the state.
This total, made on the basis of statistics of the state board of health

shows that automobiles were the largest individual cause of violent death. There were 38 auto fatalities in that month, compared with 34 in the previous month and 41 in November of 1939.
Thirteen suicides were reported during the month, a drop of two from the total for the previous month.

Fruit Express to Order 1000 New Cars

Purchase of 1,000 new refrigerator cars and plans for the rebuilding and heavy repair of more than 3,000 units in its present fleet, at a total cost of approximately \$15,500,000, have been announced by the Pacific Fruit Express Company for its 1941 improvement program.
The new cars, embodying the latest advances in design with steel sheathing and steel wheels, will cost about \$4,500,000 and will be built on the Pacific Coast. The large volume of lumber used in the new cars and for the maintenance program will also be purchased on the Pacific Coast, it was stated.

The car maintenance program calls for an expenditure of about \$11,000,000. It will include the cost of rebuilding 2,000 cars in the first half of the year, the reconstruction providing for entirely new car bodies together with application of the latest type air brakes. Heavy repairs will be made to 1,000 cars, and lighter repairs to others, to bring the company's equipment to the highest standard of efficiency, according to the announcement.
Operators of the world's largest refrigerator car service, Pacific Fruit Express is jointly owned by Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. Its immense fleet is regularly engaged in the transportation of the country's perishable products, making it possible for the producers of fruits and vegetables in the west and southwest to reach the most distant markets, it was pointed out.

Kincaid and Strayer Are Yell Leaders

Shirley Kincaid and Verna May Strayer led the student body in a pep rally Friday afternoon, January 10, preparatory to the first conference game of the season.
Although Shirley and Verna May have not had much experience in leading yells, they do have the students behind them.
—The Central Pointer

Oregon Records New Health Highs

Oregon enters the new year with remarkably low infant death and maternal death rates, probably the lowest in the country for the past year, the public health research department of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company announces today.

Reports, just received by the state board of health, shows a continuation of the low rates through the month of November. In that month there were only 50 deaths of infants under one year of age, compared with 1372 live births.

This gives Oregon an infant mortality rate for the month of 364, slightly lower than the rate in 1939, when the state was the fourth lowest in the country. However, the rate for the first 11 months of 1940 was still lower—34.0 per 1000 live births.

Maternal deaths during the month were also very low, the research department says. There were only three deaths of Oregon mothers from childbirth reported in the month, giving the state a November rate of 2.2, lower than the rate of 2.3 for Oregon in 1939, the lowest in the nation that year.

Speech Class Plans Inter-School Debate

Mr. Harrison, of the speech department, announced last Tuesday that a debate is to be held between teams from the Central Point and Gold Hill speech classes.
The debate will be based upon the resolution: Resolved that the powers of the Federal government should be increased.
The place and date has not as yet been definitely announced.
Central Point's tentative team is composed of Woodrow Phillips, Shirley Kincaid, Dick Wyatt, and Marjorie Pierce.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of George Elfers, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed February 22nd, 1941, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.
BERTHA ELFERS TETHEROW, Executrix.
18—Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6

FINAL NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES GREGG HUITT, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled estate, and that the above entitled Court has fixed the 7th day of February, A.D. 1941, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M., in the County Court room, in the Courthouse, in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.
JAMES R. W. GREGG, Administrator of the Estate of James Gregg Huitt, deceased.
21—Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6.

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