

Lexington Woman Writes Of Southern California Trip

By MRS. M. F. PARKER

A short time ago I returned to my home in Morrow county, after spending a very pleasant winter in San Diego with relatives. While there, it was my privilege to make a number of interesting side trips. One, I think, that impressed me most was a trip to the Imperial Valley, in Southern California, and on to Phoenix and Tucson, in Arizona. Possibly the readers of the Gazette Times might wish to know more about this part of our great Pacific Coast, where so many of our early vegetables and melons, and so much long staple cotton is grown, on a very large scale. We left San Diego, February 24, over Highway 80. The first few miles took us through valleys, towns, and large groves of oranges, lemons, and avocados. Soon we began to climb the western slope of the Coast mountains and at a distance of 80 miles we reached the summit. The elevation at this point is quite high and one could easily see in the distance the Salton Sea and the great Imperial Valley that lay before us, which seemed to go on and on for miles, in every direction. The eastern slope of the mountain range drops off very rapidly and in about thirty minutes we were on the floor of the valley. We soon reached the farming country and then El Centro, the largest city in the valley, and where the elevation is at sea level. The Salton Sea is to the north, where the elevation is 250 feet below sea level.

Harvesting of the lettuce crop begins in December and ends about March 1. El Centro and Brawley are the principal points of shipment, but there are a number of smaller towns where packing plants are located. The lettuce pack this season totaled some 8000 carloads. At El Centro we visited the Bright plant, which is said to be the most modern and most labor-saving plant in the country. No lifting or trucking of crates is done in this plant. All but the actual packing and icing is done by means of conveyors. The lettuce crates pass under a closing machine and then go directly to refrigerator cars, where they are made ready for shipment. The average plant handles from 12 to 15 cars a day and cars for eastern points move out in solid train loads.

From El Centro we detoured, over paved roads, to the Mexican border, a distance of 12 miles. The country is very level and we passed many fields of spinach, carrots, flax, and wheat, while lettuce beds were being turned under to make way for spring planting of watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, and cotton, to be harvested later in the summer. The border town on the American side of the line is Calexico, while on the opposite side of the high wire fence is the Mexican town of Mexicali, where the governor of Lower California has his palace. Americans can go across the border as easily as they pass from Oregon to California, or from California to Arizona. The motorist is halted at the line and his luggage examined in either case.

The drive from Calexico to Yuma is very interesting, as the highway parallels the great All-American canal, now under construction, for the entire distance of 75 miles. In fact, the highway crosses the canal three times. The width is 200 feet and the length about 100 miles. The water is to be taken from the Colorado river at a point 18 miles above Yuma and of course below Boulder Dam. The canal will be completed in 1938, at a cost of some \$58,000,000. As we neared Yuma the highway passed over the great sand dunes that Harold Bell Wright refers to in his book, "The Winning of Barbara Worth." The dunes are beautiful when the weather is nice, but during a wind and sand storm all the paint can be removed from an automobile in a very short time. The Colorado river is the dividing line between California and Arizona and quarantine stations are located on either side of the river. My advice to motorists is to eat their oranges before crossing the bridge, or they surely will be confiscated. However, Oregon apples can remain in your machine, if you do not wish to give them to the inspectors.

Yuma is an attractive little city of

about 10,000 people. Citrus fruits and vegetables are produced and 1600 cars of lettuce were shipped this season. The Yuma Indian reservation joins the outskirts of the city. We asked about the habits of the tribe and were told that they were "fat and lazy" and if the squaws accompany their men to town, they are promptly "parked" on some vacant lot until the men are ready to go home. Frequently it is late at night, but they are always there when the men folk show up.

From Yuma the highway passes through a level country that is sparsely settled for a hundred miles or more. Many varieties of cacti are on either side of the highway, some reaching to a height of 30 feet or more, and a number of varieties were in full bloom. The highway follows the Gila river. Nearing the town of Gila Bend we passed through a large irrigation district, with many fields of alfalfa and hundreds of head of white-faced cattle. At Gila Bend we took Highway 84 for Tucson. For the most part, the country is level and also sparsely settled until we got near Tucson, a prosperous little city of about 42,000 inhabitants. I think the state university is the most interesting attraction to be seen in the city. The large number of buildings and beautiful campus would do credit to a state of much larger population. The hotels were full and very independent and "No Reservation" signs were being displayed. From Tucson we took a short cut to Phoenix, the capital of the state. Phoenix is also the largest city in the state, having a population of more than 100,000. It is a popular winter resort and is located in the Salt river valley, probably the most fertile valley we visited on our entire trip. The climate is ideal in the winter, but entirely too hot for comfort during the summer months.

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cerning your gratitude towards them. Then when their final summons comes you won't with heart-breaking regret need to seek other ears to hear of your belated love and gratitude.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

ALVIN KLEINFELDT, Pastor
Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
C. E. Society 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Midweek Service, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

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to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Rev. E. D. Greeley, Pastor.
Each service a different service. Even as each message from The Word is as different as it is potent. Revival services continue on every evening.

Saturday, May 8, 7:45. A Jubilee service. Come and enjoy a scriptural evening.

Sunday evening. Evangelist Wesley H. Banta brings a heart searching message.

Tuesday, "The Greatest Battle Ever Fought," sermon subject.

Wednesday: "How to Fill Every Church in Heppner."

Thursday: "The Great Grace of God."

Friday: "The Unanswerable Question."

Sunday evening, May 16. Watch for the revival notice. New speakers. New songs.

Come early, bringing a friend, to "Where Pentecost is Pentecostal." Welcome!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH (Episcopal)

8:00 A. M., Holy Communion.
10 A. M., Church School.
11 A. M., Holy communion and ser-

mon by Rev. Fred Wissenback of Pendleton. It was first announced that Dean Wissenback would be here for the evening service but the Bishop has, since then, arranged to have him come for the morning service. The public is invited to hear him.

RHEA CREEK

The monthly grange meeting was held May 2nd with a fairly good attendance. Mrs. Annie Heiny drew the door prize which was a gift for mother's day.

Mrs. Rosina Taylor and son Raymond who have been visiting Mrs. Taylor's brother, Fred Kruger, left Saturday for their home in the valley.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beckett were Mrs. Fred Misener and daughter, Mrs. Abie Wham, of Fossil.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, Mrs. Ray Wright and Miss Muri Farrens were shopping in Pendleton Thursday.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson of Condon.

Miss Francis Rugg left this week for Banks, Ore., where she expects to spend the summer.

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At Heppner CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

REV. R. C. YOUNG, Pastor
Sunday, Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League 7:00 p. m.
Evening worship 8:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Junior League 3:45 p. m.
Boys' Club 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday, Choir Practice 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, Fellowship 7:30 p. m.

A MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY.

Lord Jesus, Thou hast known
A mother's love and tender care:
And Thou wilt hear,
While for my own
Mother most dear
I make this birthday prayer.
Protect her life, I pray,
Who gave the gift of life to me:
And may she know,
From day to day,
The deepening glow
Of joy that comes from Thee.
As once upon her breast
Fearless and well content I lay,
So let her heart
On Thee at rest
Feel fear depart
And trouble fade away.
Ah, hold her by the hand,
As once her hand held mine;
And though she may
Not understand
Life's winding way,
Lead her in peace divine.
I cannot pay my debt
For all the love that she has given;
But Thou, loved Lord,
Wilt not forget
Her due reward,—
Bless her in earth and heaven.
Henry Van Dyke.

Mother's Day will furnish the theme of both morning and evening services on Sunday, May 8, at the Methodist church. If your mother is alive and living near you bring her to church with you. If she lives far away come to church and spend an hour in meditation and prayer and worship; and pray a special blessing for her. If she has gone to her Heavenly home come in remembrance of time and effort and love she spent in trying to lead you in the way of Life Eternal. And don't forget father. Just remember that where there is a mother there must have been a father. Sentimentalists have separated Mother's Day from Father's Day but God said, "They twain shall be one flesh and what God has joined together let not man put asunder." So let us honor both father and mother in our church Sunday. Between now and Sunday if your parents are away from here write them a letter. Tell them the things that are in your hearts con-

Swimming Pool BENEFIT

HEPPNER SCHOOL GYM-AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Two Excellent Plays Presented by Public Speaking Class of Heppner High School

"UNCLE BOB'S BRIDE"

"DON'T TELL MY WIFE"

Musical Numbers by the Lions Club Quartet

150 FINE DOOR PRIZES

GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING HEPPNER BUSINESS FIRMS:

VARIETY STORE—10 Rolls of Waxed Paper
HEPPNER GARAGE—One Grease Job
FRANCES SHOP—3 Pairs of Hose
GREEN'S HARDWARE—3 Thermometers
SAFeway STORE'S—4 Lbs. Edward's Dependable Coffee
UNION OIL CO.—4 Qt. Cans Self Polishing Wax
PETERSON'S JEWELRY STORE—Tie Pin and Compact
WILSON'S—5 Electric Tie Pressers
M. D. CLARK—12 Packages Kremel
J. C. PENNEY CO.—Fancy Blanket, Indian Design
HUSTON'S GROCERY—3 Cans Jelly, 1 Can Apple Butter, 1 Can Syrup, 1 Can Fly Spray, 2 Lbs. Mince Meat
GREEN'S FEED STORE—6 Cans Tender Quick
GILLIAM & BISBEE—12 Lemon Squeezers
CASE FURNITURE CO.—6 Cans Linoleum Wax
HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES—1 Year's Subscription and 100 Business or Calling Cards
STANDARD OIL CO.—4 Qt. Cans Self Polishing Wax
JOHN SKUZESKI—Cleaning and Blocking Hat
TUM-A-LUM LUMBER CO.—6 Pint Cans High Gloss Paint
DIX GROCERY—12 Packages Flav-R Jell
THOMSON BROTHERS—6 Cans Heinz Soup
PATTERSON & SON—One Dozen Dr. West's Tooth Paste
HUMPHREYS DRUG CO.—6 Pint Bottles of Hand Lotion
FERGUSON MOTOR CO.—2 Quarts Shell Oil Polish

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT CO.—12 60-W Lamps
CURRAN'S READY-TO-WEAR—Three Pairs of Lady's Hose
MILSON-BANISTER MOTOR CO.—Change of Oil
MARK MERRILL—\$1.00 Cash.
CENTRAL MARKET—5-lb. Roast, winner's choice
COXEN BARBER SHOP—1 Bottle Hair Tonic.
TURNER'S BEAUTY SHOP—1 Bottle Masseur's Shampoo Oil.
McATEE'S—2 Quarts Ice Cream.
HANSON HUGHES—Preferred Brand: 1 Can Peaches, 1 Can Pears, 1 Can Pineapple, 1 Can Figs.
GORDON'S—3 Pen and Pencil Sets.
ELKHORN CAFE—5 Lbs. Chinese Noodles, 1 Basket Chinese Tea; 2 Boes Liche Nuts.
MORROW COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE CO.—One Cake.
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GONTYS SHOE STORE—2 Bottles White Shoe Polish, 1 Pair Hose.
HEPPNER BRANCH, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND—Savings Account of \$1 and Small Savings Bank.
J. A. SHARP at the Bakery—One Angel Food Cake.
MORROW COUNTY CREAMERY CO.—HEPPNER ABSTRACT CO.—\$5 Negotiable Abstract.
DR. A. D. McMURDO—Free Marriage Examination.
DR. R. M. RICE—One Free Prescription.
DR. L. D. TIBBLES—1 Free Treatment.

Curtain at 8 P. M.

Admission: Adults 50c, Children 25c