

### Burton Pecks Take 9000 Mile Trip To Former Home

(The following is the first of several articles written by Burton Peck of Lexington about a recent trip he and other members of his family took to his former home in the mid-west. In their travels they covered 9000 miles in just over 30 days.)

By Burton Peck

A very pleasant trip was completed Sept. 10 when Burton Peck and wife Myra Peck of Lexington, together with their son James and wife started a trip to Mr. Peck's home town, Sunbury, Ohio, which he left with his parents in May, 1893, a lad of 13 years.

The trip taken by station wagon, started Aug. 8 in Lexington, with the first stops being Glacier National Park, where the beauties of this park were greatly enjoyed and when in mid-August one might revel in snow-banks along the highway; then to Yellowstone with its "Old Faithful" and many steaming attractions not to forget the bears and other animals. Eastward through the Black Hills, Rasmusen's sculptured presidents, and the vast rolling prairies of the Indian reservations, a thing we noticed was being modernized and improved with drift-fencing, better types of forage and grasses, many ponds and some irrigation ditches. Through the miles to Sioux City, Des Moines, Peoria, Line, and finally to Akron the "Good-Year stronghold."

We stopped with our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish, who have a delightful home in Akron. Mr. Parrish is high authority in the Goodyear police department, having worked in and around rubber for over 30 years. We were privileged to go through truck-tire manufacturing from

### Party Given For Mrs. Clive Huston

Friends of Mrs. Clive Huston called at her home Monday afternoon and surprised her on her birthday.

Those present were Mrs. Roy Neill, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Floyd Adams, Mrs. Ealor Huston, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, Mrs. Millie Wilson, Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. Ben Anderson.

Mrs. Ealor Huston baked the cake which was a feature of the refreshments.

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sub-basement to sixth floor, a sequence of processes quite different from what one might imagine.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, a gathering of the Wormell Clan (my mother's sister's people) at Marion, Ohio, park was held at which time we were introduced to some 52 relatives, only four of whom I had ever met.

From here James and wife put back toward Indiana and Nebraska, where they had relatives and army acquaintances, and Mrs. Peck and I returned to Akron with relatives.

The forepart of the new week we spent sightseeing. One evening our cousin Jack took us for a spin on the N.Y.-Chicago turnpike 35 miles for 35c and wound up with a fish feed at Cayhoge Falls, a famous resort.

Cousin Irene Parrish drove us down to Cousin Wright Wormell's at Berkshire and from there we visited Sunbury where I was born. The house my father built and moved into when I was four, had held its age better than the people, but two 60 ft. greenhouses had disappeared.

We found some eight living persons of the grammar school class I left in 1893. The three-brick square town hall on the public square seemed the least changed of all. Most of the frame buildings had been replaced by large structures. At Delaware, Ohio, I found my birth properly recorded and I took up my birth certificate.

We spent two nights with a cousin, Pearl Stalder, a widow. She raises corn, milo, soybeans, wheat, oats, and hay on her 100 acre farm and had twice the machinery we use on our wheat ranches. We drove through the black lands near Kenton, stopping for lunch at Indian Lake a popular resort.

Onions are a paying product in these parts. The land is laced with deep drainage canals to render the soil tillable. We visited several families at Marion, Ohio, then crossed Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, to Liberty, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo. These states seem to have the cream of the corn and soybean crop. One evening our cousin Ross Jenkins decided to show us the city, the river and railroad yards from the promenade at the Veterans Memorial tower. We were returning to the car when the wife missed her footing, and fell, fracturing the right radius an inch below the wrist. Within the hour we had it X-rayed and splinted and with an ice pack and the next day the fracture was reduced with a cast. Fortunately it gave her no serious pain. During a conversation Ross introduced us to a state trooper who offered to take us to a tobacco plantation. We drove up the Missouri river about 20 miles into the hilly country. Here we found the trooper's brothers and his helpers harvesting the tobacco crop. The tobacco plants are placed in rows about 5 ft. apart and resemble some flower stalks, although the

leaves are broader and longer and more abundant on the stalk. First they cut the top off about shoulder high, then break off any buds that put out at the leaf stem.

That is to keep the tips from absorbing sap from the leaves. A hand goes through each three rows and places a double pointed stake in the ground about each 15 feet. A metal cone with a sharp spear attached is placed on top of the stake then he cuts off the tobacco stalk near the ground and impales several stalks on each stake. Moving the barbed cone from stake to stake, they remain there a day or two until wilted then are ricked on trucks and taken to the drying shed. These sheds are huge structures with multijoists spanning from rafter to rafter and braced vertically. A few stakes are raised high by rope and pulley and secured to the jolt sufficiently apart so that air can circulate. Here they stay until they are dry. Later in the season the leaves become moistened at which time the stakes are lowered and the leafy party torn from the stem fibre, the lower richer leaves placed in one basket. The middle leaves are in another and the top leaves in another from which I'm told they are auctioned off to Kentucky and other buyers.

The next afternoon we proceeded toward Wellington, Kansas, the home of cousin Stanley and Clarence Peck.

IT'S OPEN SEASON on grizzly bears for THE KETTLES ON OLD MACDONALD'S - FARM, Star Theater, Sunday and Monday. A rural riot.

### Rainfall Heavy In Boardman Area

By Mary Lee Marlow

Boardman received one of the hardest rainfalls last week that residents had ever remembered in a 24-hour period. A total of 1.8 inches fell Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, which is a lot of moisture for this area. Two-tenths of an inch fell Sunday night, making the week's total two inches. Several county roads were washed out and culverts undermined on the project. The west end school bus got stuck about a mile south of town, and had to be pulled out.

The teachers reception was well attended last Thursday evening at the school cafeteria. Ivan Kress president of the student body, was master of ceremonies. He introduced Sigvald Aase, superintendent, who introduced the teachers. New teachers this year are Richard Waymire, seventh and eighth grades, and Harold Gauger, high school.

The rest of the program included a solo, "I Believe", by Steve Partlow; humorous reading, Partlow; piano solo, Rosemary Deulan; vocal trio, "Columbus", Alan Moore, Mike Partlow, and Johnnie Pierce; accordion solo, "Blue Skirt Waltz" and "In the Mood", by Barbara Gantenbein; trombone solo, Martin Shattuck, accompanied on the piano by his mother, Mrs. Lowell Shattuck.

Hostesses for the reception were Mrs. Harold Kress, Mrs. Willard Baker, Mrs. Henry Gantenbein, Mrs. Roy Partlow and Mrs. Ar-

in Hug.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and daughters Sandra and Teresa, went to Upper Lake, Calif., last Thursday, called there by the death of Thorpe's father, Harry Thorpe, 77, who died Oct. 2, after a short illness. He was a resident here from 1934-37 and again from 1944 till 1946. He was born March 15, 1880 in St. Paul, Minn., and came to Oregon when five years old with his family, where he spent most of his life. He moved to California about three years ago. Other surviving relatives include his wife, Emily; one daughter, Mrs. Myra Miller of Anchorage, Alaska; five sons, Isaac of Empire, Leonard and Lester of Portland, Clifford of Lakeport, Calif., and Nathan of Boardman. Also a stepson, Aldis Emerson, of San Francisco, Calif., two stepdaughters, Bernadine of Upper Lake, and Margaret of North Bend; 21 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday in Upper Lake, with the five sons and stepson as pallbearers.

### Monument News

By Martha Matteson

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sweek of Ridgefield, Wn., formerly of Monument, announce the wedding of their youngest daughter, Carol E. Sweek, to Jerry Leon Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hooker of Junction City, Ore.

The ceremony was performed at the church of the Latter Day Saints in Weiser, Idaho on Sept. 28 with Bishop Moser Kenneth officiating. A reception was held at their apartment after the cer-

emony.

The bride is a graduate of Junction City high school, a former student of Monument high school. The groom is a graduate of Triangle Lake high school and attended Portland University before transferring to Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. The couple will be at home to their friends and relatives at Apt.

4, 437 East Liberty street, Weiser, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sweek, who used to run the pastime here, but now of Ridgefield, Wash., spent the weekend here visiting the Roy Bowmans and Jack Sweeks. They were on their home from Weiser, Idaho where they had attended the wedding of their daughter, Carol.

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