

Shunpiking Through the Southwestern States

By Justine Weatherford

A September trip through four western states by three Morrow Co. grandmothers was so pleasing and educational that they are eager to recommend a similar tour for others who like traveling off freeways and out of big city traffic. "Shunpiking" is a recently concocted word being used for this type of travel which shuns anything wider than a two-lane roadway.

Mrs. George Currin, Mrs. Adelle LaTrace, and Mrs. Bill Weatherford headed south on highway 207 and connected with No. 395 at Mt. Vernon. A first educational stop was made at Canyon City at the Herman Oliver Memorial Museum and the early eastern Oregon log cabin home of "The American Byron" poet Joaquin Miller who practiced law in Canyon City in 1864 and served as judge of Grant County from 1866 to 1870. Both the excellent, large museum and the little, old log cabin should excite anyone interested in Oregon history.

The trio drove on through Burns, through the Wagonite desert area, along Lake Abert to a dinner-time stop at the exciting Indian Inn in Lakeview where the fabulous Indian treasures collected by its proprietor Mr. Ogle are so beautifully displayed. Then continuing along 395, the travelers spent their first night at Alturas, Ca.

A GLANCE AT RENO

Next morning after a pretty drive through Likely, across the Susanville cutoff, and along Honey Lake, they moved into Nevada and glanced quickly about Reno. They first strolled across the Univ. of Nevada campus to the fine library building to view the spectacular John W. Mackay family silver display. John W. Mackay, a born-in-Dublin Irishman acquired part of the famous Comstock lode and shipped more than half a ton of raw Nevada silver to Tiffany's in N.Y. with orders for the finest silver service possible. For two years 200 of Tiffany's expert silversmiths worked to create the collection of 1,350 pieces, completing it in 1878. Some of the great pieces were given to the Univ. of Nevada and create an elegant display. The main family collection is kept in bank vaults. Don't miss seeing the Mackay silver when you get to Reno.

The Oregonians moved their car and U-Haul on downtown and had a quick look at several casinos—Harold's Club, Harrah's, and The Silver Slipper. Journeying south through Carson City, Nevada's capital, into Gardnerville they collected some groceries which they took up into the Sweetwater Mts. of the Toiyabe Nat. Forest and ate at a roadside picnic spot. That afternoon they drove through lovely pine forests, along the Walker River, beside beautiful lakes, through Bridgeport and over Conway Summit, 8138 feet high which afforded a spectacular view of Mono Lake and a huge southern vista. They soon lost elevation rapidly, proceeded through Lee Vining, passing numerous ski areas as they came into Bishop where they ate and slept and enjoyed looking about the attractive mountain town.

TO SAN DIEGO

Their third day on the road included several special stops. South of Bishop 395 follows the Owens River just east of the Sierra Nevada range. A stop at Lone Pine very near the eastern base of Mt. Whitney, which at 14,495 ft. is the



Helen Currin and Siripong Kumpliat of Bangkok in the desert near Tucson. The Thai student stayed at Justine's home in Corvallis when he was a student at Oregon State.

highest point in continental U.S. is a must for camera buffs. On Sept. 7 there was a new snow on the tops of all the higher peaks, and Mt. Whitney showed up nicely.

Just south of there a large deserted factory on the shore of white-ringed Owens Lake beckoned to us. The factory once operated by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. must have used some of the minerals or chemicals from this strange lake. The abandoned offices are surrounded with shiny white rocks and Adelle was eager to take more of these to her daughter's home. As we poked around, Helen came across a very pretty aqua-colored chunk of cracked glass. Soon the threesome left there with pounds of rocks and many of the discarded glass pieces which they found in plentiful supply.

AT JOHANNESBURG, CA.

This very old little town is surrounded by many mines with mounds of various colors of earth that have been worked. We stopped because Adelle and Justine knew there was a "bottle garden" there that offered a big selection of old bottles and other "junkie." We found the town was practically deserted as water was very scarce and carefully rationed. As we moved on through the western part of the Mojave Desert we were very thankful for an air-conditioned car. That noon we reached The Jade Lion at Riverside where we enjoyed delicious Chinese food. Hwy. 395 soon coincided with Hwy. 15 and continuing south we came into San Diego just two short blocks from the large home of Teresa and Bill Weatherford on Edgeware Rd. just past the junction of 395 and Hwy No. 8.

ADELLE SEES MUCH

Teresa came home from her work at the Navy Base, prepared a tasty chicken dinner, and we four caught up on chatter. Bill and Teresa had had several phone visits between his duty in the West Pacific and San Diego. His ship the S.S. Robison has seen much action and was performing well. Teresa has been working diligently and was ready to start a short vacation a feature of which would be showing the visitors about—especially her mother.

Early the next morning Helen and Justine started the trailer-pulling car east on No. 8 toward Tucson. During the four days they were off to Arizona, Teresa and Adelle really got around in the young Weatherford's zippy green Datsun. They traveled to Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, Coronado, Del Mar, and Mission Bay and many other points of interest. They took in

Sea World and Oldtown. They did some interesting shopping and ate at several special places: The Pink Pearl, a Chinese night club, was one of Adelle's favorites.

GOING EAST ON 8

On this rainy Friday Helen and Justine stopped at Alpine, Ca. on the western fringe of the Cleveland National Forest for breakfast. Then as they continued east very near the Mexican border, they saw rugged mountains of rocks, beautiful irrigated plots, citrus groves, and much sand and cactus. They traveled through El Centro, Yuma, Gila Bend and Eloy, and after the morning rain vanished and the Arizona sun began to beam, they again blessed the car's air-conditioning. Most of the day they were on two-lane highway, and even after they joined Hwy. No. 10 just below Casa Grande, they didn't contend with much traffic.

They arrived at Ann and Ray Chenhall's home on Almartin St. in north-east Tucson about the time Ann (Justine's daughter) returned from her day's work down town at the Pioneer Title and Trust. Ray and his buddy, Dave Hayden, unloaded the U-Haul and helped return it to a dealer. After another good chicken supper, the Chenhalls and Morrow visitors drove out to the Larry Haden home where Ann and Ray were married last March to visit.

TUCSON TREATS

Helen and Justine enjoyed looking about the Univ. of Arizona, visiting the Arizona State Museum, going through the outstanding outdoor Desert Museum and Old Tucson and joining the Pioneer Title & Trust Co. employees at their annual picnic (featuring huge steaks) at the Marana Airbase. When the foursome returned to Tucson Sat. evening after the picnic they found the city streets were rivers of water over a foot deep in places because a sudden lightning and rain storm had struck briefly.

Sunday, after attendance at a very lively worship service at the First Methodist Church, sightseeing became the order of the day. Wonderful Mexican food at the colorful Karichimaka restaurant, a tour of the great San Xavier Mission which has ministered to the Papago Indians since 1700, a look about the exciting new Tucson Community Center with its gorgeous buildings and fountains were highspots. Ray chaffered us through Sunday-quiet downtown Tucson before he had to get home to his studies. Ann took over as driver and we went into the mountains to the N.E. and gathered dried Cholla cactus stalks, and drove through lovely Sabino Canyon.

COTTON, CALEXICO MEXICALI

By 7:30 Monday we had breakfasted, bid the Chenhalls farewell, and were headed north and west for a most

interesting and exciting day. Our first fillingstation stop brought the information that the green fields we were puzzled about held cotton and that some wells in the area went as deep as 8,000 ft. Near Gila Bend we decided to learn about cotton culture and turned north to the plantation of Mr. Ed Sisson who greeted us so cordially and told us he had been ginning for 49 yrs. His fields, irrigated from wells 800 to 2,000 ft deep, were having an early picking. After taking us into the closest field, he conducted us through his gin which processes a great amount of cotton which leaves there in 500 lb. bales. Six men operate the gin.

As we approached Yuma we switched to the old route through miles of citrus groves where we could see "limes" hanging on the trees. We stopped and Helen tried to communicate with a Spanish-speaking picker who must have liked her because he decided to dump part of the bag of fruit he had picked into our car. The fruit was not limes but green lemons which smelled so clean and cool and fresh. At Yuma we picked up some empty cartons and packed our green lemons and learned that there had been no measurable rain there for over two years. We trembled as we entered the California check-in station but they let us keep our lemons.

We soon turned south on roadway 98 to Calexico which took us beside the All American Canal. At Calexico we parked the car very near the border gateway and walked into Mexicali. We looked into six or seven shops on the main tourist lane, each bought a few souvenirs, had a small problem when we tried to deal in Mexican coinage, took a couple of snapshots, and returned to the U.S.A. about an hour and a half later. On west Route 98 took us near several feedlots, and we noted that it was necessary for the operators to provide shade for the cattle. We picked some stalks of maize along the roadside before we rejoined Hwy. 8 and continued to San Diego.

SAN DIEGO SIGHTS

Teresa and Adelle had a swiss steak dinner waiting. We all visited vigorously about the sights we had been seeing. Next day Teresa was a wonderful guide and chauffeur for her visitors. We did a little shopping in the lovely stores in nearby Mission Valley, went out to Pt. Loma to the wonderful Cabrillo National Monument, loved the old San Diego lighthouse. We then spent several hours at the great San Diego world-famous zoo. We rode the tour bus and walked miles. What a spot that is! By then we older gals were ready to fold up—and were happy to return to the Weatherford home to nap. Refreshed and ready to go again, we four females had a wonderful evening. First we headed for the waterfront and toured the 3-masted schooner Star of India. Then we enjoyed wonderful seafood out over the inner harbor at Anthony's Fish Grotto. Next Teresa whizzed us through the Navy base, out along Interstate 5 through Imperial Beach to Coronado and back across the beautiful new Coronado bridge into brilliantly lit San Diego and home to bed.

HEADING HOME

Before Teresa arose next day, we started north on good 395. We stopped at Temecula for breakfast, bought some fruit near San Bernardino, got through the Mojave, back to our bottle garden at Johannesburg, stopped again at Owen's Lake, and reached Bishop in mid-afternoon, finding traveling without the U-Haul smoother and faster. There we decided to veer east and take in more of Nevada. We made it to Hawthorne

before daylight faded. This 6,000 ft. mountain town beside Walker Lake is advertised as the sight of the world's largest ammunition depot—a U.S. Navy institution. An interesting evening unfolded including a chicken dumping dinner for us three for which Helen paid.

Thursday, Sept. 14, we enjoyed breakfast at Fallon, drove through the Walker River Indian Reservation at Shurz (Plute) and spent several pleasant hours in the glorious just-right sunshine at Winnemucca a town that pleased us very much.

From there we could have counted the cars on one hand as we hurried on to Oregon. A most interesting stop was at Crane where we took a quick look at the town's famous boarding school. A super supper at Burns helped us decide to go on to John Day for the night's rest.

HOME TERRITORY

Friday morning after visits to the Thomas Orchards at Kimberly, Helen's first look at Bull Prairie Park, and a one-minute visit at Ruggs, we were back in Heppner just ten days to the hour after we started.

P.S. It wasn't until three weeks after our return that a hitchhiker showed up in the Weatherford home. Seems that a black spider must have snuggled in the maize or Cholla stalks that came back to Lexington, and it finally decided to crawl up the diningroom wall. It was given to the fifth-grade teacher Frances Williams and has been amusing and educating the students and its captor and Frances. It is a hunter spider and loves to devour grasshoppers which Frances gathers for it.

WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Delegates of some 80 Nations will gather in the General San Martin Conference Centre of Buenos Aires as guests of the Argentina Government, Oct. 4-18, for the Seventh World Forestry Congress.

This is the first world forestry congress to be held in Latin America. Approximately 2,000 foresters and friends of forestry the world over are expected to attend, according to Dr. R. Keith Arnold, Chairman of the United States Committee. Dr. Arnold is a Deputy Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

The United States delegation is headed by John R. McGuire, Chief of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. It includes representatives from public forestry agencies, professional forestry associations, forestry schools, and the forest products industries.

Delegates to the Congress will make an analysis of trends in the world situation as they have affected forestry since the last Congress was held six years ago in Madrid, Spain. They will compare notes on forestry contributions to the social and economic development of the world, particularly to the improvement of the human environment and to the attack on under development. Special interest commissions will offer presentations on forest silviculture, industry re-

search, administration and conservation education.

In a major address at the Congress, U.S. Forest Service Chief McGuire will discuss forestry as an integral part of national development and the progress and challenges of forestry to provide for growing demands of people the world over.

Pre-Congress and post-Congress study tours of forest resource areas in Argentina and neighboring countries of Brazil and Chile have been planned for the participants. A film festival will feature showings of selected forestry and conservation films offered by the agencies and organizations of various countries.



Social security moves Pendleton office

On Nov. 1 a new branch office of the Social Security Administration will open at 715 S.E. Court, Pendleton. Don Madsen who has 16 years experience with the Soc. Sec. Administration will be in charge.

Mr. Madsen comes from the Portland office where he was operation supervisor for 16 months; before Portland he had served in Eugene for 10 years.

John Pasek who regularly services the Heppner community on the 2nd Friday of each month brought his new boss around to meet folks here last Friday.

The new Pendleton office will supervise Umatilla and Morrow Counties. Further changes in Social Security are presently pending in Congress and may be completed before adjournment, these gentlemen state.

FROM CANARY ISLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Burch and daughters Belinda and Jennifer of Las Palmas, Canary Islands arrived Tuesday to spend several weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelso and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell and family.

Mrs. Lavelle Cecil took Teresa Hyatt, Becky Courad, Pam Nickelsen, and Leory Wimer to Heppner Wednesday to get annual ads.

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Cooperative forestry director named

Chief of the Forest Service John McGuire today announced appointment of J.S. McKnight as Director of Cooperative Forestry in Washington, D.C. Mr. McKnight succeeds to the position formerly held by Robert D. Raich who recently transferred to Upper Darby, Pa., to head up the Forest Service Northeastern Area Office.

Mr. McKnight is a native of Colorado who graduated in 1941 from Colorado State University and holds a master's degree from Yale University. He began his Forest Service career at the Southern Forest Experiment Station where, after a number of years of work in forest management research, he was named Research Center Leader at the Southern Hardwoods Laboratory in Stoneville, Mississippi. Research on management of Native hardwood species, developed at this laboratory, has become an important step in assisting the rural economy of the South.

Two years ago, Mr. McKnight was promoted to head cooperative forestry programs for the Forest Service's Southeastern Area State and

FIRST CHILD FOR FOSSIL COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. David Hunt of Fossil became the parents of their first child, October 12th, at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby, a boy, has been named Stacy Charles, weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., and is 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hunt of Fossil. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hartz of Santa Cruz, Calif.

MISS MARY BOSHAUT, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN AND CHARLES W. PFEIFFER, THE SUPERINTENDENT, LISTED THE FOLLOWING TITLES OF BOOKS PURCHASED IN THE THANK YOU LETTER THEY SENT TO THE CLUB BOBBY SEALE'S "SEIZE THE TIME"; PIRI THOMAS' "DOWN THESE MEAN STREETS"; GAYLE SAYER "I AM THIRD"; WILLIAM BRANDON'S "AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK OF INDIANS"; RICHARD D'AMBROSIO'S "NO LANGUAGE BUT A CRY"; JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN'S "BLACK LIKE ME"; RACHEL CARSON'S "SILENT SPRING"; DIANE DIVOKY'S "HOW OLD WILL YOU BE IN 1984?"; AND RALPH FRIEDMAN'S "TALES OUT OF OREGON."

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Hillcrest School Thanks Bookworms

Nine books for the school library were purchased with money donated to Hillcrest School of the Oregon Department of Human Resources by the Bookworms Club of Heppner.

Miss Mary Boshart, school librarian and Charles W. Pfeiffer, the superintendent, listed the following titles of books purchased in the thank you letter they sent to the club. Bobby Seale's "Seize the Time"; Piri Thomas' "Down These Mean Streets"; Gayle Sayer "I Am Third"; William Brandon's "American Heritage Book of Indians"; Richard D'Ambrasio's "No Language But A Cry"; John Howard Griffin's "Black Like Me"; Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring"; Diane Divoky's "How Old Will You Be in 1984?"; and Ralph Friedman's "Tales Out of Oregon."

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ELECT

BERT CORBIN

Morrow County Sheriff

INDEPENDENT

- Three years special deputy
- Six years Heppner City police
- 10 years with Morrow County Grain Growers
- Studied criminal law at Blue Mountain Community College
- Basic certificate, State of Oregon Board on Police Standards and Training, 1970
- County resident since 1931
- Active in community affairs

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