

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Several people have voiced reactions to my last week's travel talk. Ola Ruggles telephoned to tell me that she had enjoyed a similar fall foliage tour some years back. She asked me if Helen and I got to see Niagara Falls. We certainly did, and I just skipped so swiftly across Canada in my writing that I omitted several things of interest.

Helen Currin and I found Niagara Falls, Ontario, to be a town with a perpetual carnival atmosphere. It has three "space needle" high restaurants, many Disney-like attractions, many blocks of franchised fast-food restaurants. After taking a good look at the tremendous Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls (176 ft.) and the smaller but higher American Falls (184 ft.) which are separated by Goat Island, U.S.A., we went into the huge Table Rock House in Victoria Park on the Canadian shore where we mingled with many hundreds of tourists of every nationality speaking many different languages. We bought a few post cards, and I bought a 1982 pictorial calendar, which shows the falls during each month of the year, shows them under the colored lights at night, and shows some of the other attractions inside the 35-mile park along the Niagara River which is operated by the efficient Niagara Parks Commission. The writing in the calendar is in English, French, German and Japanese. There is a brief history of the falls since its discovery in 1678 by Father Louis Hennepin and short descriptions of the monthly changes in the falls.

We didn't care much about the carnival-type offerings, but we thoroughly enjoyed our tour through the 35-mile park, which included seeing the unique School of Horticulture and visiting its lovely plant conservatory, as well as seeing the great floral clock and driving past the Sir Harry Oakes Mansion. Along with a few others from our bus, we chose to ride across the famous whirlpool at the turn in the river in the renowned, red, Spanish Aero Car. This high ride in the old cable car costs \$2 each.

When I have told several friends that the falls are turned off at night they are as surprised as I was to learn that after the evening colored illumination much of the water power is diverted and sold to the Ontario Power Company. "The lighting programme includes the following colours: rose pink, red magenta, amber, green and blue." From November through April the light show begins around 7 p.m. and ends about 10 p.m., in the summery months the lights come on later and stay on later.

Good friend Dorothy Heard wrote to me last Friday from Milton-Freewater's Peach Island after she had read the G-T to say that she and Charlie want to make a similar trip next year—but found that some tours didn't include the picturesque Gaspe Peninsula. She asked me to send her information, which I will send soon.

One of the minor, not-so-good aspects of taking a long trip is that it is so hectic to catch up with the great accumulation of mail and various business affairs that await one on returning home. In a week or so more I hope that I will be almost caught up.

In our travels we mingled with crowds of people in great cities, but except for telephone calls we had or made, we didn't talk to any of our own folks except Helen's niece Celia. It is wonderful to be back in our own friendly, caring community where we can greet folks by name and where our merchants try so hard to please everyone every day and even some evenings, as at last Thursday's Moonlight Sale.

We visited so many magnificent, historic churches, to name just a few, Montreal's Notre Dame, Quebec's St. Anne de Beupre, N.Y.C.'s St. John The Divine and the Washington Cathedral (called our national church) but we feel very happy to be back again in our own small-town churches where everyone is sincerely interested in helping one another, where people see one another not just with their eyes, but with their understanding minds and with their tender hearts.

Halloween was fun until I ran out of treats for the kids. I liked having the little tots come in their weird costumes, but wasn't thrilled with a teenage boy who rang my doorbell and just told me he was still hungry for sweets. This year the "in" thing with some of the bigger kids seemed to be to scatter much shaving cream from many pressurized cans around town. Big fun! Probably good for the cosmetic business.

I have easily sidetracked myself from my continuation of the story of Helen's and my trip. So now I'll go back to the last place I mentioned, Williamsburg, Virginia. From there we traveled westward through the state's capital, Richmond, and then turned northward to have a wonderful several hours at Mt. Vernon, the fine plantation estate which George Washington inherited in 1754 and where he lived 45 years, many with his wife Martha and her children, where George died and where he and Martha are buried.

We approached our nation's capital through Arlington County which contains the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. Our stay in D.C. was very exciting. We went through careful security checks three times, when we visited the Capitol Building, at the White House and when Helen and I attended the memorial service for Sadat in the Washington Cathedral. We enjoyed viewing parts of the tremendous Smithsonian, during the concourse between the National Gallery and the new East Building, strolling through the National Botanic Garden greenhouse, seeing the huge John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, shopping along Connecticut Avenue, visiting the Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and being confused by the many circle streets in this great city whose establishment was authorized in 1790 and which was designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant, French-born artist, architect and military engineer who had served on General Washington's staff. It would be wonderful if every American could visit our capital city.

How I enjoyed last week's excellent "Bread and Meat" demonstrations that the Extension Service, the CowBelles and WheatHearts arranged. The fine demos were given by Jean Brazell, Betty Carlson, Marcia Anderson, Claudia Hughes, Helene Holcomb, Birdine Tullis, Cara Costa and Ruth Nutting who substituted for Norma French whose husband Raymond was the evening's M.C.

Now with Halloween, a great day for kids, past, we'll soon see Armistice (Armed Forces Day) and then Thanksgiving fly by. The AAUW annual Artifactory, a well-established, big event of December's first Saturday will be here so soon. We began to hear Christmas talk last month, and we travelers discovered that in Michigan's Bavarian town, Frankenmuth, many people work at selling Christmas all year.

Next week I shall move along with my travel story through Gettysburg and the fascinating Pennsylvania Dutch country...maybe I can get back across the country to Oregon if I keep my thought and words from wandering too much.

of any time spent in talking with them," reports Mary.

In Beijing (Peking) the tour group was housed for four nights at the Angler's Rest State Guest House where Ex-Pres. Nixon stayed when he visited China. In Beijing one of the "must do" things was to visit and climb the Great Wall (reported to be the only man made construction on earth that is visible from outer space) she reports. The group also saw the Ming Tombs, The Summer Palace, a cloisonne factory, the Forbidden City, the Mao Memorial Hall, Tiananmen Square and a Chinese Opera. Beijing, capital of the People's Republic of China, is a very beautiful city with many large new buildings and very wide boulevards lined with trees, Mary relates.

"About this time a virus caught up with me and some time in Wuxi and Nanjing was spent visiting doctors and the Workers' Hospital in Nanjing for treatment...it was very interesting to have the experience with the doctors and the hospital. Of the four doctors three were women and they were very efficient. The doctors would accept no money - just a small charge for the medications," Mary reported.

One of the special treats in Nanjing was a visit to Nanjing University, where each visiting person or couple was escorted around the University and classrooms by individual students with time for conversation, questions and discussions. "Young people wishing to improve their English are very appreciative

The last two nights of Mary's tour were spent in Tokyo where she reports changes in the city since a visit in 1970 are unbelievable.

Artifactory reservation deadline Nov. 10

BY MARY ANN CERULLO

The Heppner-Ione Branch of AAUW is urging all those who plan on selling their arts and crafts or Christmas baked goods at Artifactory to make their reservations for a table space soon.

The November 10 reservation deadline is rapidly approaching, said an Artifactory spokesperson.

The AAUW sponsored event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Table spaces have already been reserved to sell such items as dough art, wheat weaving, sterling silver, homemade candy and Christmas baked goods, ceramics, needlework, china painting, tree ornaments, plus much more.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to take advantage of this annual event to make some money for Christmas as well as bring their talents and skills to the public. Tables are \$5 for the day and any proceeds above that belong to the seller.

To make table reservations and for more information call Bonnie Templeman, 676-5187; Susan Schubothe, 676-5282; or Joan Records at 676-5260.

Callers are asked to phone between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Heppner man competes in Vegas rodeo

Roice Fulleton, Heppner, attended the National Old Timers Rodeo Association Finals held at Horsemen's Park in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 14-18.

Fulleton competed and placed second in the team roping event and took ninth place in the calf roping in the 60 and over age group.

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Local woman tours China

Mary Goheen returned October 19 from a twenty five day tour to China, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Her tour began in Hong Kong, a very exciting city, where she said the never ending construction on the very steep hillsides never ceases to amaze her.

Cities she visited in China included Guangzhou, Guilin, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing and Beijing. Travel was by air, train, water and motor coach. The China Airlines and trains are excellent and are very punctual, leaving and arriving within a minute or two of their schedule, she reports.

Guangzhou, formerly known as Canton, a busy industrial city, was preparing for a trade fair during the first part of October, Mary said. The most interesting visit there were the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial and the Jade factory, she said.

The city of Guilin is becoming a great tourist attraction because of its beautiful mountains, lakes and the Li River. "It has to be one of the most beautiful spots on earth and an all day trip on the Li River only added to the splendor. This area is the inspiration of many of China's landscape painters," Mary said.

The city of Hangzhou tour included a visit to a "chop"

factory, a tea factory and visits to some of the workers homes. "An evening concert included to please us westerners-English renditions of "Oh Suzanna" and "Jingle Bells." This happened a couple of times so the Chinese evidently think these two numbers to be our favorites," joked Mary.

Shanghai is a very old and famous city with over ten million people. Located on the Whangpoo River it has a busy waterfront with many large ships working, and the Bund, an impressive avenue along the waterfront. The Shanghai Municipal Museum, Arts and Crafts Shop, Friendship Store and No. 1 Department Store were outstanding for shopping, but the highlight in Shanghai was a visit to a Children's Palace where the group saw little children in class, at play and an outstanding program of musicians, dancers, etc, she reported.

Suzhou, called the canal city or the Venice of China, is famous for its gardens and silk industry. Mary's visits here included trips to a sandalwood factory, Embroidery Research Center and Arts & Crafts Research Center.

From Suzhou to Wuxi, travel was along the Grand Canal by deluxe river boat, making it one of her most enjoyable days. The Canal is

through mostly rural areas with interesting vistas of local life as well as the very active water traffic of all kinds, with many tows of as many as ten or twelve barges loaded with various items of produce, some even loaded with large logs, she said.

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