

Heppner woman recounts recent trip across Siberia

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Mary Goheen's 6,000 mile train trip across Siberia was a most interesting and exciting adventure, she told me a few days after her return home to Heppner late on January 10 after being out seeing unusual parts of this planet since December 17.

Mary had been in Russia nine years ago, and she remarked that she noted considerable change there now. She saw many new buildings, the people were more open and friendly, there were many more automobiles now. She particularly noted that the women were better dressed, that they seemed slimmer and more style conscious, everywhere. She says that all the women wore skirts or dresses - no trousers.

Quickly reviewing her day-by-day adventure, she recounts that on December 17 she moved from Heppner through Pendleton and Portland to Seattle, Wash. The next two days she flew through Copenhagen to Helsinki where she had an overnight at the Intercontinental Hotel and did a little shopping. On December 20, she had an evening flight to Leningrad where she spent three days and nights at the new Hotel Pribaltiyskaya on the Gulf of Finland. There the American travelers were shown the city's great buildings, squares, bridges, the large ethnic museum which displays much from the many different Soviet provinces, and the Peter the Great monument.

On December 22 the group was taken by bus to nearby Pushkin (formerly called "Tsar's Village" but renamed after Russia's renowned poet). There are many royal palaces there. Two they enjoyed visiting were the Peter the Third's Palace, built by Catherine the Great, and Catherine's Summer Palace. They also saw St. Isaac's Cathedral, a magnificent building which the Germans shelled and where the damage done is

still evident. That evening everyone attended "Il Trovatore" at the Kirov Opera House.

In this part of Russia there are many huge greenhouses where immense supplies of a great variety of fresh vegetables are grown. On December 23, more cultural learning took place with a morning tour of the famous Hermitage Museum (formerly Catherine's Winter Palace) where the Gold Room which contains fabulous jewelry and small artifacts is outstanding. That afternoon they visited historic Peter and Paul's Fortress. That evening they took the overnight train to Moscow where they spent four days and nights at the new Hotel Cosmos.

During the first day in Moscow there was an extensive city tour. That evening (Christmas Eve) a special concert was presented in a very old cathedral by the Moscow State Choir (52 male and female singers) who performed without accompaniment for the 69 Western travelers. After the program the travelers were taken into the countryside through a light snowfall to a traditional Russian feast. There were Christmas decorations everywhere. There are no single homes in Moscow - everyone lives in apartments and they know very little about their leaders lives.

On Christmas morning everyone rested. That afternoon they visited parts of Moscow's tremendous Metro System (underground transportation) where they admired the masses of marble, the crystal chandeliers and the statuary. That evening was spent at the Bolshoi Theater where they saw "The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh," an opera by Rimsky-Korsakov which is based on the folk legend about an ancient Russian city, Kitzh, which by becoming invisible, saved itself from the Mongol invasion. The costuming was very elegant and the state settings were brilliant.

On December 26 there was a daytime visit to New Maiden Nunnery, a complex of old cathedrals, chapels and grave sites where services were being conducted in one of the churches. That evening, Mary and a couple from Pennsylvania spent about three hours on the Metro looking about and taking pictures.

On December 27 everyone toured the Kremlin area. In the Red Square they were told about John Reed of Portland, Oregon who wrote "Ten Days That Shook the World" and about whom the movie "Reds" was made. Reed is buried in the Kremlin wall. The group saw St. Basil's Cathedral, a Tsar Cannon cast in 1586, and the Cathedral of the Assumption, which is famous for its paintings, frescoes and icons. That afternoon the travelers attended a roundtable discussion and answer session in a Moscow

cultural center. That evening was the Bolshoi Ballet's presentation of "The Stone Flower" in the huge new Palace of Congresses in the Kremlin, a fantastic building.

The next day, their last in Moscow, they visited the Pushkin Museum of fine arts and enjoyed free time for shopping. That evening they boarded the Soviet Railway System's Trans-Siberian train at Komsomolskaya Square station where one and one-half million passengers stop every day.

On the train the group's guest lecturer, Dr. Mark Beisinger of Harvard, talked to them often about Soviet cultural development and some, including Mary, began elementary lessons on the Russian language.

On December 31, in Siberia, they spent the day in Novosibirsk, the eighth largest city in U.S.S.R. They were welcomed

to Siberia, visited some little wooden houses and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral. They visited the nearby city of Akademgorodok where the Siberian Branch of the Soviet Academy of Sciences is located and where they visited the Museum of Geology. Then they had Troika rides into the country for a winter picnic around a large bonfire in the beautiful snow-covered tree decorated area. A large chorus entertained them.

That evening there was a big hotel dinner with folk dancing entertainment, then a visit to the illuminated Christmas Park, and finally back to the train for the group's New Year's Eve Party. On January 1 and 2, there were lectures and language lessons on the train until they came to Irkutsk where they were off the train for two days and had a city tour. They visited the old cathedral, and impressive

ceremony at the eternal flame at the war memorial. After-dinner entertainment included music by four musicians on accordions and belalaikas and a male singer.

The following day they were taken to Lake Baikal, the world's largest and deepest fresh water (which they were told could hold the entire Baltic Sea). At the museum there they saw varieties of fish, animals, and plants indigenous to the area. That evening, along with a large local crowd, they attended a circus where performances were in one large ring in a bowl-like setting. The next day they had Troika rides around the area and another big bonfire picnic.

January 5 and 6 were mainly spent on the train, which made 40 stops of varying length as it crossed Siberia, when all could get off and walk around in the depots if they wished. The night of January 6

(Epiphany), which is the big holiday for so much of the world, there was a special dinner and costume party on the train. On January 7 they reached Khabarovsk, the coldest place they stopped, where it reaches 40 degrees below zero. There they met those who were going west to Moscow, among whom was a friend of LaVerne Van Marter's. They had a city tour, visited the War Memorial, the Winter Festival Park and watched ice fishing in the frozen Amur River. They found the natural history there was huge and interesting, they witnessed two weddings in the Wedding Palace and saw more interesting wooden houses. They had time to shop in a busy department store and in the Beriozka Shop.

On the morning of January 9, their 9 a.m. flight to Niigata, Japan, was delayed and they didn't depart until 1:30 p.m. It was snowing when they reach-

ed Niigata. Aboard the amazing express train they reached Tokyo in 20 minutes where they were taken to the Hilton Hotel for an elaborate farewell dinner and to spend their last night of touring.

On January 10 after a leisurely breakfast and group farewells, most of the group flew to Washington State (nine of the 69 had opted for a tour of Mongolia and had not come to Japan.) From Washington Mary flew to Portland where she learned no planes were going to Pendleton that day. So she was flown back to Seattle and then to Pasco where her sister, Irene Anhorn, met her and brought her home. She notes that getting from Seattle to Heppner took longer than coming from Tokyo to Seattle.

Mary took many pictures of this latest adventure and after they are printed and organized she will share her slides with friends here.

Bowling News

Blue Mt. Men's League
January 11

	won - lost
Bowl for Fun	10 - 2
Heppner Bowl	8 1/2 - 3 1/2
+Gar Aviation	7 - 5
Central Mkt.	6 - 6
Bucknum's Tavern	5 - 7
Cast Off's	5 - 7
Big Fire	3 1/2 - 8 1/2
Cal's Lounge	3 - 9

+ First half winner

High Series: Elmer, Heath - 564. Pete Schwarzin - 558 and Gary Watkins - 531.

High Game: Bert Corbin - 213, Elmer Heath - 211 and Larry Bowman - 211.

Scores: Bowl for Fun over Heppner Bowl 3-1, Bucknum's Tavern over Big Fire 3-1, Cal's Lounge tied Central Mkt. 2-2, and Cast Off's tied Gar Aviation 2-2.

Thursday Night Ladies
January 12

	won - lost
Kinzua Corp.	3 - 1
B & C Repair	3 - 1
M & R	2 - 2
C.B.E.C.	2 - 2
Bucknum's	2 - 2
Cole's	2 - 2
B.P.O.E. No. 358	1 - 3
Ray Boyce Ins.	1 - 3

Splits: Della Heideman 5-8-10.

High Game: Chris Limanen - 216.

High Series: Chris Limanen - 603.

High Team Game: Kinzua Corp. - 939.

High Team Series: Kinzua Corp. - 2,703.

Koffee Kup Keglers
January 12

	won - lost
The Dregs	8 - 4
The Pylls	7 - 5
Gutter Dusters	7 - 5
M.C.G.G. No. 2	6 - 6
Hi Ho's	6 - 6

No Pin Hitters	6 - 6
New Comers	4 - 8
Three Holers	4 - 8

Splits: Lucille Massey 5-10; Beverly Steagall 5-6; Betty Snow 4-7-10; and Judy Rickert 4-7-10, 2-7 and 5-7.

High Game: Hilda Yocom - 188.

High Series: Billie Doherty - 496.

Dime A Dozen
January 15

	won - lost
No. 7	6 - 2
No. 1	5 1/2 - 2 1/2
No. 6	5 - 3
No. 4	5 - 3
No. 2	4 - 4
No. 5	3 - 5
No. 3	3 - 5
No. 8	1/2 - 7 1/2

Splits: Ray Massey 6-10-7; Bill Snow 5-10; Billie Doherty 6-7-10; Elmer Heath 3-10; Lucille Massey 3-8-10; and Bert Corbin 5-7.

High Game: Betty Snow - 186 and Elmer Heath - 193.

High Series: Joyce Winters - 485 and Dave Zackry - 499.

High Team Game: No. 2 - 762.

High Team Series: No. 7 - 2,142.

Spartimers
January 10

	won - lost
Coast to Coast	10 - 2
Peterson's	8 - 4
M.C.G.G.	8 - 4
Len's Processing	7 - 5
Les Schwab	7 - 5
Gardner's	4 - 8
Sear's	3 - 9
Central Market	2 - 10

Splits: Karen Palmer 4-9; LoRayne Bowman 2-4-5-10; and Jackie Allstott 3-4-6-8-10.

High Game: Jackie Allstott - 212.

High Series: Chris Limanen - 585.

High Team Game: Les Schwab - 953.

High Team Series: Coast to Coast - 2,689.

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