

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Last month, from the afternoon of February 3 until the evening of February 10, I saw many interesting sights and lived on two ranches with families on New Zealand's North Island. I do not speak or write as an authority on New Zealand and cannot say much about the South Island, but I feel very enthusiastic about the fine people and the exciting places I visited on beautiful North Island. N.Z. is a constitutional monarchy with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the head of state, who is represented there by a resident Governor General who serves chiefly as a symbol of N.Z.'s membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

N.Z. was the first country to give women the right to vote (1903) and was one of the first countries to provide social security for all citizens, to require workers and employers to settle their differences by arbitration and to provide an excellent public health program which has made its infant death rate one of the world's lowest.

I spent two nights and parts of three days in Auckland, the largest city which has close to 800,000 persons in its greater urban area. (N.Z.'s capital is Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island, with a population of 320,000. The principal cities of the South Island are Christchurch and Dunedin. The two islands together are a little smaller than the state of Colorado.) Almost two-thirds of the people live in busy, modern cities and smaller towns; one-third live on farms and ranches. The country's coastline is 3,000 miles and it measures about 1,000 miles from north to south and about 280 miles from east to west.

After one afternoon flight from Sydney across the Tasman Sea and our official processing at Auckland Airport, we were taken to the Hyatt-Kingsgate Hotel on a lovely hill above the city and its beautiful harbor. That evening (Friday) the stores were open until 9 p.m. Four of us walked to the main part of the city where we found sizeable crowds shopping along Victoria and Queens streets as we headed toward the prominent red brick Ferry Building. After several hours of walking and looking in a few stores we climbed back up the hill to the hotel where about 2:30 a.m. the fire alarms and sirens roused everyone. My roommate and I made our way down eight flights of fire escape stairs, along with hundreds of other folks, most of whom wore sleep clothes and robes or coats, to stand outside the hotel until the Auckland Fire Department members came out of the building and assured us it was safe to re-enter — that there had been a malfunctioning in the wiring which caused the false alarm. So we all jammed back into the lobby and massed in front of the lifts to ride back to our floors.

The next morning after breakfasting at the hotel, we began our bus trip of N.Z. leaving Auckland and traveling along the Southern Motorway out over the Bombay Hills and through the fertile lands of the Waikato River Valley. We passed through the coal mining towns of Huntly and ngaruahia, a center of Maori culture, through Hamilton, the largest inland city and a major commercial and industrial center (close to 100,000 population) and through several small towns named Te Awamutu and Otorohanga to the lovely Waitomo Hotel near the entrance of the world-famous Waitomo Glow-worm Cave. After a superb buffet luncheon in the large, historic hotel, we took our early afternoon walk and silent boat ride through the amazing underground caverns spangled with radiant blue-green lights of thousands of tiny glow-worms — which is the most unusual place I have ever visited. The four-stage life cycle of these worms lasts nine months. The eggs hatch in three weeks into larvae which grow up to one and one-half inches long and live in threads feeding on insects which are attracted by the light the glow-worms emit. Each worm drops about 70 threads during its eight-month span. The larvae change into pupae, hanging from the ceiling by threads and the adult emerges after two weeks. The females live up to three days and the males four days — just long enough to continue the life cycle.

We continued our bus tour south and west with a stop at the Arapuni hydro-electric power plant that is nestled deep in a narrow gorge cut by the great Waikato River, where some of us walked across a very high, and narrow, swaying suspension bridge. From there we traveled through timber towns and over the heavily forested Mamaku Range to Rotorua Lake and city where we stayed. We attended a huge Maori "Hangi" banquet and program that evening. The Hangi featured a tremendous buffet with its main dishes of various unfamiliar fishes and lamb and pork cooked by steam. After dinner Maori entertainers sang traditional songs and performed dances featuring twirling "pois" (balls on strings) and their fierce "haka" (a historic war dance).

Prince Charles, Princess Di and little Prince William had quite recently visited many of the places we visited around Rotorua, including the impressive old Government House and its gardens and lawn bowling court; the Whakarewarewa old Government House and its gardens and lawn bowling court; the Whakarewarewa Thermal Park (something like our Yellowstone); the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, a model Maori village there and then the Ohinemutu Maori village along the lakefront where we enjoyed spending some time in the unusual St. Faith's Maori Anglican Church with its famous window showing Christ walking on the waters of the lake.

At the nearby Agrodome we attended an 11 a.m. showing of 19 different breeds of N.Z. sheep, viewed a sheep shearing and sheep dog handling. Our noon meal that day was at beautiful Rainbow Springs Gardens. Many entertainments are offered in the Rotorua area, including relaxing in hot thermal pools, playing croquet, lawn bowling, golf, horseback riding, sailing or hovercraft trips on the lake and helicopter trips around the area. That afternoon my roommate and three other women had an exciting helicopter ride which took them to Whiti Island where a volcano was erupting. Julianne gave me a bit of the volcanic ash she gathered. I spent the afternoon enjoying sightseeing at the ground level, viewing the exhibits in Rainbow Springs Park, the animals of that area, unusual birds, including a Kiwi (the flightless one) and huge Rainbow and German Brown trout.

About 4:30 p.m. we were bussed out to rural Ngakuru where we met our first host families at a community building and were assigned to visit ranches in the area. Julianne and I were taken by Gwen Ross out to a sheep ranch she and her husband, Alex, own and operate. There we had a delightful two-night stay. We enjoyed five meals with Mr. and Mrs. Ross, had a good look around their ranch and were taken for a ride around their neighborhood to see several nearby deer ranches where some of our tour folks were visiting. There, red deer hynds are handled rather like cattle. Most of the meat is shipped, frozen, to Europe (mainly to Germany) and the anglers and various other parts are sold to Oriental buyers. Shepman Alex Ross said that deer ranching, in some cases, paid better than having sheep.

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Cabin owners give \$500 reward



The Morrow County Cabin Owners Association presented a check for Bob Grant in the amount of \$500 to Morrow County District Attorney Richard McNeerney last Friday as a reward. The association offers a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person(s) when a member's cabin is broken into. Last fall several cabins in the Penland lake area were burglarized. Information provided by Grant, of Kennewick, Wash., was instrumental in the arrest and sentencing of Anis Eugene Walker, 38, and Tony Lee Wyatt May, 22, both of Richland, Wash.

McNeerney accepted the check on Grant's behalf as Grant was unable to attend the meeting.

Pictured from left to right are: Lucile Peck, association treasurer; Pat Cutsforth, board member; District Attorney Richard McNeerney; Jerry Myers, board member; Orville Cutsforth, president; and Earl Papineau, association member.

Mrs. Peck reminds members that each time a reward is made members are each assessed \$25 to build up the reward fund. Checks are to be sent to her at Clarks Canyon Road, Lexington, Oregon 97839.

D.M.V. office announces closures

The Department of Motor Vehicles office in Heppner has announced the following office closure dates for the month of March:

Friday, March 9, when the examiner will be in Pendleton;

Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 19 and 20, the examiner will be attending a conference in Hermiston;

Wednesday, Mar. 21, when the examiner will be attending an education session in Pendleton; and

Wednesday, Mar. 28, when the examiner will be at the Fossil office.



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LARGE STALK
EA. **49¢**

GRAPEFRUIT
FLORIDA PINK
4 \$1 FOR

CARROTS FRESH 2 LB. BAG 79¢ EA.	TANGERINES MINNEOLA 49¢ LB.	APPLES GRANNY SMITH CRISP 69¢ LB.
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QUALITY FRESH MEAT

GAME HENS
PATTI JEAN
FROZEN, 25-32-OZ.
USDA INSP.
79¢ LB.

BEEF RIB STEAK
USDA CHOICE
5 INCH CUT
\$2.89 LB.

RED SNAPPER

FRESH PACIFIC **\$2.39** LB.

PINK SALMON
WHOLE 3-5 LB.
FROZEN, HEAD OFF
\$1.39 LB.

FARMLAND CENTER CUT
PORK BONELESS CHOPS **\$3.19** LB.

FRESH FARMLAND
PORK TENDERLOIN **\$3.29** LB.

HILLSHIRE, 3 VAR.
ROPE SAUSAGE **\$2.39** LB.

HORREL CURE #1 OR CUREMASTER
BONELESS HAM **\$3.29** LB.

FARMLAND
SLICED BACON **\$1.69** LB.

MR. TURKEY STAK PAK
TURKEY BOLOGNA **\$1.29** SLICED, LB.

OSCAR MAYER, MEAT OR BEEF
SLICED BOLOGNA **\$1.09** 8-OZ.

WESTERN FAMILY MEAT OR BEEF
WIENERS **\$1.39** LB.

COCA-COLA
6/12-OZ CANS
PLUS DEP
\$1.68

MACARONI & CHEESE
KRAFT, 7.25-OZ.
39¢

MIRACLE WHIP
KRAFT, 32-OZ.
\$1.59

JONNY CAT
CAT LITTER 30-LBS
\$3.49

FROZEN FOODS

ORANGE JUICE
PENNY SMART
100% PURE
FROM FLORIDA, 12-OZ.
99¢

WESTERN FAMILY SHREDED
HASHBROWNS 12-OZ. **49¢**

STOUFFER 12-OZ.
MAC. & CHEESE **99¢**

OREGON FARMS, 17.5-OZ.
CARROT CAKE **\$1.99**

MORE GREAT VALUES

BUMBLE BEE
PINK SALMON 16.5-OZ. **\$1.99**

NALLEYS
TARTAR SAUCE 16-OZ. **\$1.19**

PILLSBURY, 9.5-OZ.
CINNAMON ROLLS **99¢**

POST, 16-OZ.
HONEYCOMB CEREAL **\$1.99**

HERSHEY, 16-OZ.
CHOCOLATE SYRUP **89¢**

WEST. FAM. COMPLETE BUTTERMILK
PANCAKE MIX 32-OZ. **95¢**

VEGETABLE BEEF
CAMPBELL'S SOUP 10.5-OZ. **45¢**

WESTERN FAMILY SHARP
CHEDDAR LOAF 2 LB. **\$4.79**

32-OZ.
CRISCO OIL **\$1.79**

SILVERBOW APPLE BLOSSOM
HONEY 12-OZ. **\$1.19**

TIDE 49-OZ. **\$1.99**

PUREX TOSS 'N SOFT
FABRIC SOFTENER 40 CT. **\$1.65**

DAIRY DELITES

YOGURT
DARIGOLD
ASSORTED, 1/2 PINTS
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DARIGOLD
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WESTERN FAMILY AA
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POLISH REMOVER
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4-OZ. **99¢**

HAIR SPRAY
MINK DIFFERENCE
7-OZ. **\$2.59**

SOFT & DRI DEODORANT
REGULAR OR BABY
4-OZ. **\$2.59**

BAKERY ITEMS

FRESH BREAD
COUNTRY HEARTH
BRAN & HONEY
24-OZ. **\$1.09**

WEST FAM.
DONUTS PLAIN, POWDERED & CRUNCH **89¢**