

Average Londoner Enjoys Country Trek To Get Away From Not-So-Drab Big City

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London—(U.P.)—With rain and fog and Somerset Maugham there was no doubt I was in England.
Especially on a week end, when the average Londoner leaves the city to enjoy good, bad or indifferent weather in the country. Nothing ever interferes with his week end.
If this description gives you the impression that London is drab, let me say that this is not true. Don't let anyone tell you that it is not a city of gaiety.
The automobile show is here and with or without it, the hotels and restaurants are full. People dress formally, more so than in any other city I have been in, and the food in most restaurants can be compared to the best on the continent.
Peggy and J. P. McEvoy, writers for the "Reader's Digest," and spent three hours over luncheon because Capt. Cunningham, the proprietor of a most interesting restaurant, held us speechless an achievement with two gabby women like Peggy and me. He kept us fascinated with stories which ranged from his first job—opening oysters in a restaurant when he was a little boy—learning the art of antiquing pewter a censored story—and now owning and running very successfully several restaurants in London.

With our minds and tummies full we returned to the hotel. Mac promptly left us to take a nap and Peggy, finding out that Somerset Maugham also lived in the same hotel, acted like a school girl. Since she had always thought of Maugham in terms of her literary "dream boat" and read every word he has written, I goaded her into inviting him to a cup of tea or something stronger.
Bless his heart, the old boy accepted without hesitation. As he entered the apartment he asked a favor of these two silly American females.
"Don't gush, please don't gush—or I shall leave," and promptly sat himself down to a gin and tonic.
After 40 winks J. P. McEvoy joined us, and Roger Dann who meantime had arrived "for a spot of tea." He is the French actor who two years ago had that New York success in "The Happy Time." Presently he is playing here in "Romance in Candlelight."
J. P. has a way of drawing people out, so before Maugham realized it, he was fascinating us with his viewpoint on a variety of subjects.
We discussed grandchildren, whom he doesn't understand at all, and especially their conversation. He confessed to be interested only in people of his own age and no more than one generation removed.

O&C Petition Slated For Public Hearing

Portland—(U.P.)—A Clatsop county petition to open some 94,570 acres of O and C timber to its logging industry will be discussed at a public hearing here Jan. 20, Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said today.
The petition asks the interior department to reconsider a 1947 policy excluding Astoria and adjacent communities from O&C master units and marketing areas. The areas were not dependent on O&C lands for logs when the policy was effected.
The hearing also will discuss the possibility of including parts of Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties, which were excluded along with Clatsop county by the 1947 policy.
The tract of land involved would have an annual sustained yield of 28,300,000 board feet of timber.

Herbert Hoover Joins Truman Library Committ

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Former President Hoover has joined the sponsors of the Harry S. Truman Library Committee of the Southwest, it was disclosed today.
Mr. Hoover wired library Vice-President Edwin W. Pauley



ACTRESS Maureen O'Hara shown entering Santa Monica courtroom to approve amended settlement in long divorce battle with her husband, Will Price. (International)

Deputies Quell Union Disturbance

St. Helens—(U.P.)—The picketed St. Helens plant of the Fix-Tex Insulation Company was quiet Sunday after a near-riot Saturday.
Some 50 deputy sheriffs were posted around the plant for the midnight change of shift, but further violence failed to materialize as non-striking workers entered the plant.
When the 4 p.m. shift changed, rocks were reported thrown and windows smashed, but no injuries were reported either by police or strikers.
The demonstration started with a 200-car parade through downtown St. Helens.
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WERE THEY ALL ON SCREEN? New York—(U.P.)—Two armed thugs robbed the cashier of the Anco movie theater Sunday night of \$183 while the audience watched the film "The Violent Men."
WEDDING PLANNED Hollywood—(U.P.)—Jill Schary, 19, daughter of MGM production head Dore Schary, will marry Naval Lt. Jon Zimmer at her parents' home on Jan. 8, they announced today.

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Quotes From the News

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Duluth—Adlai Stevenson declining an invitation to enter Minnesota's presidential primary election next March:
"As I have said before, I will make known my intention regarding the presidential campaign in Chicago. That still stands."
Iglesund, Sweden—Lenna Pettersson, 25, on trading wives with his next door neighbor:
"Suddenly I stopped eating and told Tom what we all knew already... I was in love with his wife. He told me he was in love with mine, and we agreed to trade."
New York—Racehorse trainer James J. (Sunny Jim) Fitzsimons on the late William Woodward Jr.:
"Mr. Woodward was a high-class sportsman and as plain as an old shoe. There was nothing high hat about him."
Independence, Mo.—Former President Truman on whether he would support Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) who has been mentioned as a candidate for the presidential nomination:
"I don't know about his ambitions. He told me he didn't have any."
Madrid—Playboy Sheppard W. King on his latest romance with a 23-year-old Venezuelan beauty, for whom he is willing to embrace Catholicism:
"It wasn't love at first sight. This was something different—it grew slowly."
New Orleans—Marshall Field Jr., publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times, on the danger in government control of news in the United States:
"It is extremely dangerous when the people's right to know is gradually being whittled down."
Chicago—Dour Coach Paul Brown on the 26-20 victory over the Chicago Cardinals that put his perennial champion Cleveland Browns in undisputed possession of first place in their division of the National Football league:
"We would have lost if the game had lasted a few minutes longer."

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