

Two Women Take Quick Trip Abroad

A mother-daughter tour of Europe was completed last week end by Mrs. Lester Harris, 707 South Oakdale avenue, and Miss Sally Harris, San Francisco. Mrs. Harris, wife of the principal of Medford High school and operator of a kindergarten, wrote of the trip as follows:

A trip to Europe is a big event for almost anyone, but when it comes to a confirmed stay-at-home, it's colossal.

The trick of course, is to have either a beautiful bank account or a generous daughter in the employ of an airline company.

Sally and I left San Francisco on the morning of December 3 determined to see as much as our two short weeks would allow.

Our first stop was Los Angeles where the 84 degree temperature contrasted sharply with the next stop—Frobisher Bay in Canada's Northwest Territory with temperature around zero. A Frenchman (we presumed) swathed in furs from head to toe, literally, offered to give his suit to Sally if he could throw himself in as part of the bargain.

Land in Scotland We didn't see much of the Atlantic, but the clouds were really nice from our superior position. We were due to arrive in London at 3 p.m. Thursday and were there about on time, but couldn't land for fog so we flew back to Prestwick, Scotland. There we went through customs and took the night train to London.

It was kind of a long night and pretty cold, but fun, too. We sang Christmas carols, discussed everything and even worked on a British crossword puzzle which is only a distant relative of the ones we are accustomed to, and fairly frustrating. We were all guests of Pan American Airlines, of course, and had a delicious dinner before we embarked on the train journey and an abundance of sandwiches and coffee enroute.

Sally was drafted to help pass out sandwiches and we suspected that a lot of the people who enjoyed them had never been on an airplane. (We heard that the journey from Scotland cost Pan American \$4,200).

We arrived in London about 8:30 a.m. so completely exhausted that when we found a hotel we went to bed and slept for 15 hours!

The next day found us refreshed and ready for exploring. By Cook's tour, subway and foot we saw the Tower of London (the crown jewels look as if they could put any shaky economy back in the black), Clarence House, Num-

ber 10 Downing, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Scotland Yard, and others as well as watching the changing of the guard. Never was quite sure what they were guarding and a few of them didn't look too serious about it either. (One of them waved at Sally).

Take Boat to France
In a hurry to get to Paris, we decided not to wait for the flight on Tuesday, but took the train to Dover, the boat to Calais, then train again to Paris.

An Englishman in our compartment (each compartment seated six) was quite interested in hearing some of our opinions about our government, highly amused and we thought a little astonished that we could be so congenial and represent the two major political parties.

In a very nice way he let it be known that the "man in the street" thought we'd do well to stay out of their affairs in Egypt and settle our own problem in the South. We tried to point out that we were doing our best to settle it and that the stand of our government was for free people everywhere.

By the time we arrived in Paris we'd made some of the most interesting friends, one of whom guided us to just the sort of hotel we were looking for—cozy, studio type on the left bank of the Seine where prices are low and atmosphere high.

Parlor Game Signs
No one at the desk spoke English and our signs and pantomimes got to be sort of a parlor game. We were within a few blocks of Saints Chapelle, Notre Dame, and Sorbonne university. We were usually in bed at an early hour but would awake at intervals during the night to the sound of students laughing and singing down the narrow little street under our window.

French girls are wearing their dresses up to the knees and we saw a lot of ankle high shoes on the streets, some fur lined and some with fur on the outside. Heavy eye makeup made many of them look as if they were in need of considerably more sleep.

On Monday we picked up our mail at the American Express and checked in at the American Embassy. Our flag looked so good that Sally came to attention and sang a few bars of the "Star Spangled Banner."

We had a very fine tour of points of interest and had good luck eating in restaurants and guessing at the menu. Also patronized some of the numerous little shops where they serve tea and pastries, and the

street, so Sally and the driver, who finally understood our frantic gestures, abandoned me and the cab in the middle of the street, and ran the remaining block and a half to the hotel.

Thanks to the advice of Mary Ellen Bell, we'd kept our luggage to a minimum or they never would have made it back in time. As it was we reached the air terminal with a few minutes to spare.

Back in Paris we taxied to the same hotel we'd been in before and were assigned the very same room. Off season has its advantages.

We did a little shopping but concluded that the gift father'd appreciate most would be a little left-over cash. Having refused for years to buy comic books for our children, we ended up bringing them several—in French. (It's surprising how much they got out of them though, the characters have sort of a universal language, I think).

Tour Night Clubs
Being not quite broke, we decided to splurge and take the more expensive tour of night clubs. Our group was small but interesting. The guide was French, of course, but the others in the group were a Chinese couple from Hong Kong, a couple from Central America and a single man from India.

The guide explained that our first stops would be at two quaint little cabarets right back in our own neighborhood!

After that we went to Lido, where we saw a two-hour floor show, reputed to be the finest of its type in the world, and "Eve in Paris." Funnier than the floor show was the look on the waiter's face when I turned down his champagne and asked if he had Coca Cola. He didn't.

The next morning found us in church, then back to the now familiar routine of packing and getting to the airport. We travelled by Air France from Paris to London and were served tea and "biscuits" which turned out to be very sweet cookies, totally unlike the biscuits I turn out with the help of Betty Crocker.

From London we were with Pan American again, and back over the Polar route. Frobisher was still colder than before but had less snow than we saw crossing North Dakota and Wyoming. Then we were back in San

Francisco and Sally unpacked her woolens and replaced them with shorts, blouses and swimming suits, in preparation for a trip into the South Pacific.

Thus ended a fortnight of fun and adventure, and the dream we'd never even dared to dream came true.



A Medford couple, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Tiede, 645 Pine street, observed their golden wedding anniversary December 10. The Tiedes were married in Sheridan, Wyo., and lived in southern Montana before coming to Medford in 1943.

Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Tiede, 645 Pine street, where honored December 10 in Eugene at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Willis Haight on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

The couple have two daughters, Mrs. Haight and Mrs. August Decker, who lives in southern Montana. A son, Clarence Leroy Tiede, died in the battle of Gilbert Island in 1943. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. Tiede married Miss Lotie Powers December 10, 1908 in Sheridan, Wyo. They operated a cattle ranch in southern Montana and moved to Medford in 1934. Mr. Tiede was born at Elkport, Iowa, and lived in the Midwest until 1904. Mrs. Tiede was born in Hale, Mo., and traveled to Wyoming in a covered wagon in 1886.

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Captain Roberts Arrives in City

Navy Capt. Richard S. Roberts, assigned to the staff of the South East Asia Treaty Organization's planning office in Bangkok, Thailand, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David D. Roberts, 32 Rose avenue. Following his visit here he will leave for his new assignment in Washington, D.C.

Ideas for Festive Tables

New York - Brighten the holiday table with Belgian linen runners, handblocked with glittering gold stars in non-tarnishable metallic thread. They are washable and can be used for year-round entertaining. Another idea is a linen tablecloth embroidered with elves pulling fir trees over a snowy landscape.

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