

Medford Couple Write Of Seeing 'America First'

Editor's Note: Eight valley residents, Mr. and Mrs. Almus Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Bowers, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Allen, are touring Europe this summer. The Pruitts left Medford last month, traveling by train and plane to New York. The Bowers traveled via Canada stopping at the Stratford Shakespearean Theater. The two couples met in New York and will travel together to England. The Almus and Miller left San Francisco by freighter, going through the Panama canal to Europe. The four couples will meet in the Hague and will tour the continent together. Mrs. Pruitt, named "journalist" for the group, is reporting on their journey. Her first letter, telling of their trip across the United States, is printed today.

In looking back, we are somewhat overwhelmed by our first trek across the entire U.S.A. We came by bus, train and plane, making for varied impressions, and probably at the best time of the year, in June, when all is fresh and green.

Even arid eastern Oregon at night, with the sagebrush bathed in white moonlight, proved so beautiful we could not close our eyes all night, and even watched dawn break across the rim rock. We wouldn't have missed a single sleepless moment of it.

The reason for our short-cut night bus trip across eastern Oregon was because Almus and I wanted to include the Teton mountains in our itinerary. It has been said that to see the Tetons is to be born again, and certainly we can not improve on that phrase.

Our first glimpse of the gleaming glacial crests, under parting mist, was fantastically beautiful. During the ensuing two days there, we watched the jagged peaks undergo as many varying moods as does Crater Lake.

We marveled at the remarkably unspoiled charm of all the Jackson Hole area and felt grateful that the late John D. Rockefeller Jr. had the foresight and taste to buy up thousands of the best acres and give them to the government for protection. But later, in talking with Jackson residents, we found that they are very unhappy about this. According to local sources, Rockefeller's philanthropy resulted in 93 per cent of the taxable land being lost to the county, resulting in its near-bankruptcy, so that the people cannot build schools, etc. Which, it seems, falls into the eternal battle between scenic conservation and economic "progress."

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Toured Parks
We rented a car and toured both Teton National park and Yellowstone, where our real treat was the grand canyon rather than Old Faithful. The exquisite colors of buff, sienna, and rose staining the canyon walls seem quite unbelievable.

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mind us of nothing so much as our recent visit to Yellowstone.

We located the grimy old Metropolitan Opera house and Carnegie hall, simply to eye them, and, like all tourists, went to the top of Empire State building, and explored Rockefeller center.

After raucous Broadway and 42nd streets, such avenues as Park and Madison seemed refreshingly wide, calm, and clean. On Fifth avenue we admired the huge planter-tubs of greenery.

Attend Productions
That night, after standing in line for over an hour to see a British film featuring Peter Sellers, whose popularity is compared to that of Alec Guinness, we emerged at 2:30 a.m. to find the streets more packed with crushing crowds than when we entered the theatre at midnight. Another world!

On our second day we were joined by the Angus Bowers who arrived by plane from Stratford, Canada. That night we had dinner at Linda's and went to another British film.

At 7 a.m. we taxied to the pier to attend a fruit auction, squired by a Mr. Wood, fruit broker, who handles among other fruits of the country, Oregon pears. This date was set up for us by Carroll Miller, one of our traveling companions, of Pinnacle Packing company. It proved a fascinating experience, with the staccato cries of the auctioneer and lightning gestures of bidders seeming quicker than the eye or ear could follow.

Afterwards Mr. Wood took us to breakfast.

That night we four attended a musical, "Take Me Along," based on Eugene O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness," starring Jackie Gleason and featuring Walter Pidgeon. A wasted evening, we all felt.

Our long-standing dinner invitation to the Richard Grammas was cancelled because of Dick's acting engagement in Chicago—in a summer-stock package—production of "The Golden Fleece." Later the play moves to Toronto, Ottawa, Syracuse and Kennebunk Port, Maine, where his wife, Jane, and daughters will join him.

Former Festival Actors
Next morning we entrained for Bridgeport and there rented a car in which to tour New England, welcoming the independence of driving our own car again.

We arrived in Stratford in time for the afternoon performance of "The Tempest." Angus took pride in the work of William Ball, one of his former actors at the Ashland Festival, who directed. In all, seven former Bowers-actors are working this summer at Stratford, Conn., including Joyce Ebert, who did a lovely Miranda, Ted van Griethuisen, Patrick Hines, Claude Jenkins and his wife, Ellen Kay, and Tom Ryan, book-holder.

The theatre itself is a rather nondescript building of silver-gray teak, with barn-red doors and white trim. Except for a few lion-shield-designs there is no Elizabethan touch. One

very point where the Pilgrims first landed in 1620.

Later, we tramped the misty narrow streets of Provincetown, peeped into the Playhouse, a remote off-shoot of the early Playhouse to which Eugene O'Neill brought his rejected plays and got his start. We munched salt water taffy and explored quaint shops, which reminded us somewhat of an earlier Carmel.

Difficult as it was to pull ourselves away we pushed on to Plymouth, where we clambered aboard the replica ship Mayflower II and explored it thoroughly. Its wax figures of the Pilgrims—depicting their incredibly primitive mode of life—were touchingly realistic.

In Cambridge
At Cambridge we walked the Harvard university grounds. In Boston we located famous Beacon street, the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist which we entered, and scanned Bunker Hill Monument. A few miles onward we arrived at Lexington.

For brevity's sake we must lump New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island as unforgettably green and lush, and picturesque with their steeped churches, green-shuttered, immense houses, and old inns. But Maine, we felt was, well, out of this world. With its stunning groves of white birches, dramatic "rock-bound coast," and its clear blue watery charm in general—its lakes, rivers, coves, bays, sounds—it is, next to Oregon, our favorite state.

Bar Harbor, situated in Acadia National park, is undoubtedly Maine's loveliest attraction.

We started back to New York by way of the Berkshires—green and rolling—not really mountains by western standard. Our stop at Tanglewood, Mass., summer home of the Boston Symphony, lent a pleasant closing note to our tour. We inspected the stage of the huge concert theater there, and admired the unique acoustical decor (which An-

anda we looked out on the

Legion Convention To Start Thursday

Seaside (UPI)—Upwards of 5,000 persons are expected here Thursday for the opening of the American Legion's three-day state convention.

Featured speaker at this year's convention will be Stephen M. Chadwick, a past national commander, from Seattle. He will speak at a joint memorial session Thursday.

Other speakers will include Corydon Thomas Hill, a national vice commander of the Legion, and William R. Burke, a candidate for national commander. Both are from Los Angeles.

Fred E. Bennett of Nyssa is Oregon commander. Auxiliary sessions will be conducted by Mrs. Jack George of Eugene, department president.

Angus and Almus busied themselves in analyzing scientific data.

We passed through much history-making country, aside from its Revolutionary background—for instance, near the home where Melville wrote "Moby Dick," and the house in which William Cullen Bryant lived.

Now we feel happy that we decided to "see America first," and very grateful for our acquaintance with its lovely corner known as New England.

After viewing so much, one might ask: "Why go to Europe?" But then, we are going to Europe not simply for scenery but to absorb some of its culture—its theater, art, music, and to study the ways of its people.

We sailed on the Liberte Thursday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m., and land in England on July 6, stay in London two days and see two Shakespearian plays.

We then fly to the Hague to meet the Jim Allens and the Carroll Millers and take delivery of our German-made bus.

Five Injured in Accidents in Area During Week End

One person was seriously injured and four others received minor injuries in July 4 traffic accidents in the county. No fatalities were reported in Jackson county.

Donald Lee Coffman, 35, of 170 Wilson rd., Central Point, was reported in fair condition in Sacred Heart hospital today. He is being treated for compound fractures of his left leg, a severe cut on his forehead, and possible internal injuries, state police said.

Coffman's motorcycle was struck by a car driven by Donald Duffy MacKintosh, 19, Phoenix, at the intersection of Table Rock and Wilson rds. about noon yesterday.

Traveling North
State police said it appeared the motorcycle was traveling north on Table Rock rd. intending to make a left turn onto Wilson rd. when the station wagon driven by Macintosh struck the motorcycle.

Officers said a complaint would be filed against MacKintosh charging violation of basic rule.

Another accident occurred about 2:50 p.m. yesterday on the Valley rd., 1½ miles east of Highway 99. A car driven by William Holt, 25, of route 3, box 236 D, Medford, went off a curve onto the road shoulder and turned over, police said. The driver was treated at Rogue Valley hospital for minor cuts and bruises and released, officer reported. Passengers Jim Earl Holt, 25, Jimmie Wade Holt, 4, and Laura Diane Holt, 4 months, all suffered minor cuts and bruises, but apparently were not taken to the hospital, they added.

A one-car accident occurred about 3 o'clock this morning on Highway 99, north of Mill-

Oregonian Missing As Vessel Sinks

Seattle (UPI)—The 22-foot pleasure cruiser Teresa with an Oregon man aboard sank off Westport bar at Grays Harbor Sunday and no trace has been found of the operator of the boat.

Coast Guard headquarters here said it received a May Day distress message from the Teresa about 5 p.m. Sunday. The message said the boat was sinking fast.

A search Sunday and an all night search by a beach patrol failed to turn up any sign of the missing vessel. However, today A. R. Meyers of Vancouver, Wash., reported he had sighted the wreckage of a boat one-fourth mile north of Oysterville approach to Long Beach, Wash.

A Coast Guard helicopter investigated and found the overturned Teresa. No body was found. The owner of the boat was Horace E. Ellis of Millwaukie, Ore.

Three Men Loot Golf Club Safe

Portland (UPI)—Three men escaped with an undetermined amount of money from a safe at the Riverside Golf and Country club early today after handcuffing a janitor to an intake pipe.

The janitor, Eldridge Brown, told police he had just finished cleaning behind the bar in the lounge when one of the three men, wearing a handkerchief over his face, approached with a gun and ordered him to unlock the office door.

Brown said the other two men wore stockings over their faces. One, he said, carried tools and the other a briefcase.

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Cash on Hand and in Banks	124,987.90
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, less depreciation	8,613.86
Other Real Estate	28,240.00
Total Assets	\$5,456,869.15
LIABILITIES	
Members' Share Accounts	\$4,636,632.89
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	265,000.00
Loans in Process	206,998.28
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