

Veni-Vidi

Taormina—Alack! Alas the day! I must leave Sicily, and I haven't said half what I would like to about it, the people, the food (which is the best food I have ever eaten in Europe, anywhere, and the customs).

Sicilians are most unEuropean. They are noted for their honesty (despite certain gangsters who made their way to the States from here).

However, there has been so much said, and on the whole so well said by such persons as Cicero, Homer, Aeschylus, Pindar, Goethe Newman and others, I suppose I should not further occupy the time. Unfortunately, the urge to write about Sicily is overwhelming, even though one is not of the mighty, and the love of the country I can appreciate as well as the best of them!

The lightning journey through time, a hop skip and jump, as well as miles, when you take a trip in Sicily, even a short one, is transitional ecstasy. There is an old Greek ruin here, a Norman castle there, a drive through villages where you can watch a goat herder milking his goats while his customers wait; where the second floor occupants send down their bottles in baskets on strings; on roads where you see shepherds tending their sheep much as they must have in the time of Christ; where that patient, most lovable animal, the burro, trodding country roads under great burdens; women, pictures of grace, carrying water jugs or washing clothes in streams; men riding in gayly painted two wheeled Sicilian carts.

In 10 Minutes
And all this within 10 minutes of windows piled high with pink nylon underwear, yellow plastic kitchen wear, and Alpha Romeo cars for sale, broad highways and traffic lights.

Such a trip is the one to Caltigero. We left the bustling port town, Catania, over wide divided highways, turned right away from the sea, traveled the first miles through loaded orange and lemon trees. Going up and still up, we turned at almost a right angle and were right squarely in a host of Grandma Moses pictures; trees, too pink, too white, too perfect to be artistically good taste.

The hills were undulating. One bright, light crimson tree on a smooth, green hillside; one umbrella pine on another green mound; sheep grazing; variegated green squares of planting over the rolling hillsides. On and up we traveled, dizzying vistas growing bigger with each turn, on and up, back into nowhere, to the tip-top of an ancient town, gone modern! The old churches, and houses on top at the side, new pastel apartment houses, new highways, noise and confusion, and business.

Majolica School
And this was Caltigero, the Faenza of Sicily, of the famous Majolica school. Here in a many windowed, light building, Sicilian children learn the art of pottery making. They begin with going out to the mountain where the clay is, behind the school, to bring it in. They learn the process of refining (all done by modern machinery). They model the clay with hands, to which modeling comes natural, from inheritance. They learn the art of glazing.

Wonderful it is, to see even first and second year children given an assignment without direction, a bird, for example, and observe the originality of their expressions.

In large rooms are exhibits of graduate work. No two subjects are alike, and every one a work of originality and great beauty, ranging from small objects of art to great creches, groups, statues and wall pieces.

Roof Gardens
After a tour of class rooms, because the children also study here, all without cost, there is a tour of the beautiful roof gardens and terraces, which are decorated with Majolica. Seemingly looking over all Sicily, it is "All this and Heaven too."

Down from the school, through the narrow streets to the center of town is a park. And what a park, worthy of a great city! Besides the beauty of the long walks, paths, trees, shrubbery and fountains, there is adornment of gigantic urns, statues and vases of the colorful Majolica and pink terra cotta. A focal point of beauty is a bandstand, all of Majolica.

All through the city are specimens of the art; balconies, yellow, blue and green; church steeples and steps. And such steps! Surely, the

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Mayor Charles B. Gill Jr., Grants Pass, will speak for a dinner meeting of Christian Business and Professional Women's council Thursday, March 7, at 6:15 p.m. in Rogue Valley Country club. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Dwan Phillips, 482-1070, or Mrs. Harold Johnson, dial 482-3052.

Minister Speaks for Observance

"More Than Conquerors" was the topic for the Rev. Fred Evans of First Christian church who spoke for the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer held March 1 at Ascension Lutheran church. The church sanctuary was well-filled for the program, sponsored by the Medford Council of United Church Women.

Mrs. George Breece was chairman for the day and she was assisted in making arrangements by Mrs. Robert Bridge and Mrs. Robert Moss. Mrs. Bridge also conducted a service for the day at Rogue Valley Manor and Major William Rieken spoke to residents at the Veteran's Administration domiciliary, White City.

The Rev. Mr. Evans opened his talk with the question: "What are we doing with this world?"

"To be more than conquerors we must realize that nothing can separate us from Christ's love," the minister said. "If we are to have peace we must give our lives in service for others and with renewed purpose make Christ known to all mankind." The spiritually beautiful prayer of St. Francis of Assisi closed his message.

Women Assist
Women of the several affiliated Council of churches assisted during the service in the meditations and during the offertory. These were Mrs. Dave Allen, Mrs. Emmett Bullard, Mrs. Ralph Cook, Mrs. Everett Faber, Miss Kathryn Hornbrook, Mrs. James Vencil, Mrs. John Yungen, Mrs. William Wash, Mrs. Ray Powers was at the Organ and she also accompanied Mrs. Ralph Matlack as she sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The Rev. Mr. Hanson, pastor of the host church, dedicated the offering and gave the closing prayer.

Twelve colleges of the far East and in Africa will be assisted through the world wide service this year and assistance will also be extended to 60,000 foreign students to this country. Migratory work and Christian literature distribution will also be important projects receiving financial aid. Members of the council feel that truly we are "More Than Conquerors," as we overcome many problems through Christian understanding and give greatly needed financial aid to the several projects.

Roosevelt PTA To Hear Panel On Work Groups

A panel explanation of ability grouping at the elementary and junior high school level will be the main feature of the Roosevelt school Parent Teacher association meeting Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., in the school's gymnasium.

Principal Robert Sage will explain the philosophy of schools in District 549 C in regard to program planning for children of varying abilities. Bruce Nelson, dean of boys at Hedrick Junior high school, will explain the major work group program of junior high schools.

To show how students are prepared at the elementary level for participation in this program, Mrs. Edna Olson will explain how ability grouping is started in the first to third grades.

How major work groups are initiated in the fourth grade will be explained by Mrs. Gertrude Lorton, and Mrs. Hazel Mekvold will describe the program at the fifth and sixth grade levels.

Opening Doors Theme of Club

Ashland—The general theme of "opening doors" will be further carried out in a meeting tonight of Ashland Business and Professional Women when the program subject is to be "Opening the Door to Pick Up the Newspaper."

Speaker for the 8 o'clock meeting in Wesley house will be Hugh Simpson, director of public relations at Southern Oregon college. The club committee on public relations, Mrs. Faith McCullough, Mrs. Marytha Grebner and Mrs. Virginia Westerfield, will have charge of the program which will include a panel discussion on freedom of the press, managed news, propaganda and related current issues.

There will be a social hour at 7:30 when hostesses will be the Mesdames Ethelmae Kandler, Margaret Miller and Alice Arnold. The business session following the program will be conducted by Miss Ruth Beber, club president.

Substitute Sardines For Lenten Salads

No need to forgo your favorite chef's salad during the Lenten season. Prepare as usual with cheese strips, wedges of hard-cooked eggs, bits of radish and chopped Bermuda onions.

Substitute drained sardines for the more usual tongue or ham.

Mothers of Twins Club Meeting Set

Mothers of Twins club members plan their next meeting for Thursday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Ray Schwartz, 1497 South Star road, Medford. Any mother of twins invited.

The group recently met in the home of Mrs. Delvin Elder, Eagle Point, when the club president, Mrs. John Pogue, was presented a farewell gift. She with her family are moving to the Applegate and she will become an inactive member.

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Pastor Is Honored At Birthday Party

The Rev. K. L. Mathewson, pastor of the Foursquare church, was honored at a party in observance of his birthday given last week by members of the congregation, who presented him a gift.

Also honored recently was Mrs. R. H. Mathewson Sr., also on her birthday, by the United Foursquare missionary women. She was presented gifts.

CALENDAR..

Wednesday
7:30 p.m. - Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic temple.
8 p.m. - Medford branch, AAUW, Red Cross building.
8 p.m. - National Ladies Auxiliary of the Letter Carriers association, with Mrs. Steven Dodge, 907 South Holly st.

8 p.m. - WWI barracks and auxiliary, Girls Community club.
8 p.m. - Medford Jayceets, Mrs. Delbert Moore, 105 Windsor way, Central Point.
8 p.m. - Siskiyou canton, Patriarchs Militant and auxiliary, Mt. Pitt, Rebekah lodge, Central Point.
8:15 p.m. - Tudor guild.

To Visit

Members of Siskiyou canton, Patriarchs Militant, and the auxiliary, plan to make an official visit to Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge, Central Point, tonight at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mrs. Ray Ingle, auxiliary president.

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