



Drummond, Mont.—We had no notion that our vacation would take us north into Montana. But after a loop through Central Wyoming down to Medicine Bow and over to Rawlins, in the southern part of the state, Pappy took a notion to turn north again and here we are, only 50 miles from Missoula.

We don't know what the weather has been like in the Rogue valley, but we do know this—we've been gone six days and not a single one has been completely sunny. We either get up in the morning to clouds or else if the morning is clear, by 10 a. m. it is beginning to cloud and before long it is raining. Wednesday morning we had to stop and put the top on the Road Runner; we took it down this morning before we left the motel where we stayed in the edge of the Teton National forest, and about 4 p. m. we had to hurriedly put it up again. It stormed, there was a lot of lightning, as there has been for the past two or three days, and then the rain came down in torrents.

The two of us had a very safe and sane Fourth of July, and quite an interesting one. This was due to the fact that we spent some time visiting old Ft. Bridger which is in the extreme southwestern part of Wyoming. We had to detour off the main highway a bit, but this is that kind of a tour.

Old Ft. Bridger was established about 1842 at the site of a trading post started by Jim Bridger, pioneer and discoverer of Great Salt Lake. According to the historical marker at the site, he was not just a pioneer, but a "notable pioneer"—a trapper, fur trader, scout and guide. A native of Virginia, Bridger was gifted with such "unerring judgement" that his advice was sought on all sides, from trappers, traders, soldiers and emigrants.

The marker states that he is universally recognized as America's greatest frontiersman and the west's most gifted scout.

Some of the old fort buildings are still standing, and a small museum has been erected on the site. We walked about the grounds, looked in the tiny building which was the first schoolhouse in Wyoming, and saw other buildings, such as the ice house, officers' quarters, etc. Of particular interest was an old freight wagon used in the early days of the fort—the placard tacked on the building said the heavy wagon with its huge wheels usually had a smaller one attached and then a 20-horse jerk-line team was used to pull the loads. So poor were the roads that some times only a mile or so could be made in a day—again we were reminded of the painful slowness of travel as compared to motorized and air traffic of this time.

The museum displayed the usual material—weapons, clothing, furniture and household and shop equipment. An early-day flat meat grinder was unlike anything we had ever seen before and we also saw for the first time an iron sole for a boot. We tried to imagine walking all the way from Missouri, say, to Salt Lake City wearing iron-soled shoes. A chair made from animal horns was about the ugliest piece of furniture we ever beheld. Also displayed was a "machilla" of the type which pony express riders draped over the pommel and cantle of a saddle and which had locked "cantinas" in each corner to hold the mail. The entire machilla could be lifted from one horse and thrown over the saddle of another in a matter of seconds.

We enjoyed the museum very much, and we thoroughly believe in such institutions. But somehow, the sight of several misspelled words on the cards and signs detracted from our pleasure. Perhaps we are wrong, but we think it is important that there be no misspelled words in a museum unless these are quotations directly from pioneer writings.

Later on near Piney we stopped to read a marker about Sublette county. The marker pointed out that "thousands of people, cattle and horses passed this way to the Northwest when the Sublette cut-off to the Oregon Trail was opened in 1857." Later, at the close of the Indian wars in 1877, cattle herds from Oregon were taken to Wyoming over the route to meet the railroad and to stock Wyoming. The first barbed wire was strung in Wyoming in 1881, the marker noted.

We had never heard before that cattle from Oregon were used to stock Wyoming. If there is one thing Wyoming has plenty of now it is cattle and horses. Especially horses. In all our driving around the far western states we never saw so many horses as we did in Wyoming—we even met a herd of them being driven right down a main highway on a high mountain pass.

Pappy recalls that Ben Snipes of the lower Yakima valley and Pete French, whose vast herds and holdings were in Central Oregon, both sent cattle to Wyoming when the industry was first being established in that state. Both men owned thousands of head of cattle at the height of their careers.

We left the Oregon Trail country yesterday and today traveled over part of the route taken by the Lewis and Clark expedition in Montana. On Highway 91 south of Dillon construction is under way on a dam named for Clark and only a short distance away a marker points out the spot where the expedition passed in August, 1805. It is near Grasshopper creek and about 20 miles from a spot where the first paying placer gold mine was discovered in Montana in 1862. It

Social Events ♦ Women's News



Among the guests at a recent dinner which honored Brig. Gen. Waller L. Baylor (ret.) of the United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. Baylor, were Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, (left) and Mrs. John S. Day, shown here with Raymond B. Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst, Gold Rey estates, were hosts for the event honoring their houseguests. The dinner was given in Mon Desir Dining inn. Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst are comparative newcomers to the valley. They moved to their new home in April, 1962, when he retired after 13 years as vice president in charge of manufacturing for the Hughes Aircraft company, Los Angeles.

noted also that Bannack, at the gold mine, was the first capital of Montana but this honor lasted only about six months or until a new gold rush sent everyone hurrying off to what later became Virginia City. Later, of course, the capital was permanently established at Helena.

If present-day Americans are poor on spelling, so were the pioneers. One of the markers notes the fact that an early-day sign read "Tu Gras Hop Per Diggins — 26 myle."

The two of us were thrilled at the sight of the Grand Teton, but we also were greatly excited over the Hoback river gorge. Driving through Bridger National forest and back into Teton National forest late Thursday afternoon, we made the trip down the canyon as the sun was setting. It had been a stormy day, and we had the Road Runner's top on. Deciding the circumstances were not quite ideal to appreciate this lovely scene, with the towering hills and rocky walls enclosing the dashing river, we spent the night at the juncture of the Hoback and Snake, and made the trip back up the canyon Friday morning, with the car top down. We highly recommend this short trip. There are two or three nice campgrounds and the fishing must be good from the great number of anglers we saw.

The names of the famous Lewis and Clark weren't the only ones we recognized in Montana today. A sign at the edge of the little town of Melrose reminds travelers that Melrose is the home of the famous bronco rider and champion cowboy, Benny Reynolds. We both remembered Benny as the two-word cowboy we saw on television programs and national rodeo championships. Benny's two words are "yep" and "nope." O.S.

Piano Student In Victoria

Miss Signe Lusk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lusk, 1810 East Main street, arrived Monday in Victoria, B. C., Canada, where she will enroll in the Victoria Summer School of Music. The classes will continue through August 16.

The pianist has been invited to be a soloist with the orchestra and will play a Grieg concerto. She went by way of Seattle, Wash., where she was a guest of friends before continuing to Canada.

Miss Lusk will attend piano workshops in the mornings instructed by Mrs. Dorothy Swetnam and attend orchestra classes for which Clayton Hare is instructor. Both teachers are from Portland, Ore.

The local student will be a sophomore at Medford High school this fall. She is a piano student of Sister Miriam Joseph at St. Mary's High school.

Former Valley Couple Guests

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Barnum of Lake Oswego were among holiday guests in the valley, remaining over the week end for a longer visit with relatives and friends.

They divided their time between Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Eldridge of The Plaza apartments in Medford and Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Elliott of the West Side district.

Dr. Elliott is Mrs. Barnum's father and Mrs. Eldridge is Dr. Barnum's mother. Dr. Barnum has returned to Lake Oswego and Mrs. Barnum plans to leave Wednesday.

Houseguests

Illinois Valley — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sanders, Forest Grove, were houseguests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knight, Mr. Sanders, a 1954 graduate of Illinois Valley High school, now is teaching in Forest Grove. The couple was en route to Los Angeles to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sanders, former Cave Junction visitors.

To Meet

The Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma society will meet Wednesday evening, July 10, for a dinner meeting at North's Chuck Wagon restaurant. The dinner will be held at 6 p. m.

Officers Installed, Dinner Set

Mrs. Richard D. Moore was installed president of the Medford Toastmistress club at recent ceremonies conducted by the club. Mrs. W. G. Beard was installed vice president; Miss Voda Brower and Mrs. Thomas Lorenz, club representatives; Mrs. Kenneth V. Phillips, secretary; and Mrs. Ella May Douglas, treasurer.

The ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. George Watson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dennis E. Garcelon, Mrs. L. E. Payton, and Mrs. C. H. Redmond.

Mrs. Moore announced the following committee appointments; program, Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. W. G. Beard, and Mrs. Dennis E. Garcelon; education, Mrs. W. E. Acord; historian, Mrs. Esther West; membership, Mrs. W. G. Beard; publicity, Mrs. Kenneth V. Phillips; telephone, Mrs. J. D. Brummond, Mrs. Glenn Clymer, and Mrs. R. D. Ford; parliamentarian, Mrs. A. I. Prugh; hospitality and fellowship, Mrs. Thomas Lorenz and Mrs. L. E. Payton; budget and finance, Mrs. C. H. Redmond and Mrs. C. E. Goodwin; and public relations, Mrs. Mary DeWeerd.

The next meeting will be a fund raising dinner to be held Saturday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Kenneth V. Phillips, 1909 Roberts rd.

Californians Are Guests — Kerby — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barron and children, Norwalk, Calif., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hamilton, Kerby.

Calendar

- Tuesday
 - 7 p.m. — Take Off Pounds Sensibly, social rooms, public library.
 - 8 p.m. — Pythian club, with Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy ave.
 - 8 p.m. — Roguette circle, M.O.L.B. VFW hall, 42 North Front st.
- Wednesday
 - 10 a.m. — Oak Grove Neighborhood club, with Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, 105 Perrydale ave.
 - 10 a.m. — Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, with Mrs. John Graff, 31 Geneva ave.
 - 11:30 a.m. — Eagle Point Garden club, Lithia Park, Ashland.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Rogue Valley Panhellenic luncheon, Rogue Valley country club.
 - 1 p.m. — Lake Creek Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Fred Osterman.
 - 1:30 p.m. — Central Point Garden club, with Mrs. Gaston Floux, Grant rd.

Picnic Tonight Plan of Unit

Wilson Park Home Extension unit women and their husbands plan to meet this evening at 6 o'clock for a picnic in TouVelle State park. Serving will begin at 7 p. m.

Those who attend should take table service and food contributions for the meal. A picnic for families of members is scheduled for a later date.

Lodges Slate Sunday Picnic In Lithia Park

Jacksonville — An annual picnic for members of the Adair chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Warren lodge, AF and AM, and the Oregon chapter, Royal Arch Masons is scheduled Sunday, July 14 at 1 p.m., in the upper picnic grounds of Lithia park, Ashland. Guests of members also are invited.

Those who attend take table service. Members whose names begin with letters A through H should take salads or vegetables; I through S, chicken or meat dishes, and T through Z, cake or pie. Ice cream, coffee and soft drinks will be furnished, officers have announced. Further information may be had by calling the Shores home, 899-1633.

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Altrusans Slate Meeting; Installations Conducted

The vocational information committee of the Medford Altrusa club will be in charge of the program for the club meeting Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Miss Joan Beasley, 3254 Britt street. Mrs. Lucine Miles, chairman of that committee will be in charge. Mrs. Grace Stuhr will be cohostess.

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