

Willard Berg, Ex-Instructor Writes of Life in Sweden

Note: The following letter was received Tuesday from Willard Berg, instructor in the Vernonia grade school system last term. He is now studying the life of Sweden. Some of the events of his journey and some of the things he has seen in the European country are mentioned in his communication:

Hallarum, Jamjoslatt
Blekinge, Sweden
January 30, 1939

Dear School Friends,
Out for a morning hike on a country road on our eighth day in Sweden, I met a group of ten or twelve young boys on their way to school.

"God morgon, min Herre," said they to me, and each one lifted his cap and bowed, yessir, actually bowed.

Not to be outdone in politeness by a group of school boys, I lifted my cap, bowed slightly, and in the very best Swedish I knew said, "Good morning, boys."

It may be that at that time I still had a trace of an English accent for after I had gotten a respectable distance up the road I thought—I just couldn't be quite sure, but I thought—I heard suppressed chuckles.

Many young folk I met that brisk autumn morning. Girls of all ages accompanied their Swedish "good mornings" with a charming curtsy. How young do they begin the practice, I wondered, after being curtsied to by toddlers just starting the first grade. I haven't found out the answer to that one yet though that morning, before arriving home, I returned the greeting of a three-year-old who arose from her tricycle to bend her knee in accepted style.

Courtesy is contagious. Having been in Sweden nearly four months

now, I myself am so polite that friends at home would never recognize me.

Within two weeks after leaving Vernonia last spring, Milady and I went to British Columbia where we spent more than a month, then across the northern states to Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. We saw northern Maine, too, and the quaint old French city of Quebec. Not until the day school started last fall did we sail from Montreal out the beautiful St. Lawrence river—just in time to escape all but the tail end of that hurricane which swept the N. E. coast of the U. S. with such damage and loss of life. But if you've ever played crack-the-whip, you'll understand why the outer edge of a hurricane isn't exactly the sidelines! Our little Norwegian cargo ship (the same size as the one that went down in about the same place a few weeks ago) floundered and sported and played submarine. The foredeck was awash, the poop deck drowned, the captain worried, and we—boy oh boy, the pictures we got!

But we had some good sailing, too, and after twenty-one days at sea, arrived at Liverpool, England, September 28th, there to find the British digging bomb cellars in all the city parks, distributing gas masks, and scurrying about as ants do when their mound has been disturbed. The war scare had died down though somewhat ten days later, and when Mr. Chamberlain said "It is peace—" even the raging North Sea calmed itself long enough to allow us to sail serenely from Newcastle-on-Tyne into Oslo fjord, Norway. By train then to Stockholm, fine, clean, prosperous city with bulking granite buildings and pleasing waterways.

In the Stockholm station we saw

a Lapp dressed in full native costume and looking much like a colored picture stepped forth from a page of the National Geographic. We were reminded that Lapland was not far away, just a few hours' ride by electric train. Perhaps we shall visit that northern land sometime in the year and a half remaining to us before we turn again home.

There's so much that might be told. But 9,000 miles of leisurely travel would require a book rather than a letter.

We are living now in Southern Sweden in a little red "stuga" trimmed with white. Like hundreds of other little red and white cottages that dot the scattered farm patches of this granite-studded coastal land, it was built a long time ago, has but two rooms with low ceilings, a chimney fireplace, built-in stove, and a chimney oven in which the Swedes bake their heavy loaves of rye bread.

Sweden as a whole is one of the most modern and up-to-the-minute countries in the world, but the march of progress has passed our community by. "In the sticks" of rural Sweden we still clock around in wooden shoes which we leave outside the door upon entering a house, we sleep on a mattress of chopped straw in a springless wooden bed, we saw the winter's wood supply with a bucksaw and, in some instances, thresh the grain with a hand flail. One evidence of the machine age we do have, though, is the bicycle. Everyone rides, from grandma and grandpa down to little Oscar.

Our neighbors are kindly folk, most hospitable, and we are made to feel very welcome here. When spring comes to Hallorum and the cuckoo, the nightingale, and a thousand feathered musicians return to make the woods rejoice night and day with their singing, we shall find it a bit hard to leave our acquaintances and go farther north to the Stockholm vicinity to study another phase of Swedish life.

Our regards, please, to the home folks. And best wishes for a busy and happy spring school term.

We'd be most pleased to hear from any of you who might care to write and tell us about yourself, new interests and any changes about the grade and high school, or Vernonia. Of course we'll answer every letter. Those of you who wish Swedish stamps, if you'll just enclose in your letter uncancelled three or five-cent U. S. stamps to cover the number wanted, we'll exchange them for Swedish stamps at the current rate of exchange.

Sincerely yours,
Willard Berg

poles will be exhibited in the Pacific Basin Cultures division of the \$20,000,000 Fine Arts show at the World's Fair of the West on San Francisco Bay in 1939.

Fountain equipment of the Court of Honor, Court of Flowers and Court of Pacifica at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, will cost \$18,578.

APPENDICITIS BRINGS OPERATION AT FOREST GROVE HOSPITAL

RIVERVIEW—(Special to The Eagle)—Evelyn Robbins was operated on for appendicitis at the Forest Grove hospital Saturday. On Monday her condition was very favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dorner of Buxton spent Saturday at the Teo Hammond home.

Mrs. R. S. Golden has been confined to her home a week with a severe case of quinsy.

Mrs. Dorothy Hellstein of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ernest Gwinn who is ill with bronchitis.

The infant daughter of James Marshall was very sick Saturday night it being necessary for the doctor to lance both ears.

J. M. Peachey made a business trip to Hillsboro Monday afternoon.

Marjorie Lolley was taken to the Forest Grove hospital Friday suffering with rheumatic fever. Mrs. Lolley visited her Monday and reports that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson and daughter, Beverly, returned Monday from Kennewick, Washington, where they have been visiting Mrs. Nelson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hammond and daughter, Holly, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gaton and son spent Friday in Portland on business.

SEHORNS ENTERTAIN DINNER GUESTS; INFANT RECOVERS

TREHARNE—(Special to The Eagle)—Sunday evening dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sehorn's home were Errol Rees, County School Superintendent of Clackamas County and son, Myrle, Edward Woodworth, principal of Willamette school and son, Edward Paulson, principal of Balton school and son, Edward, all of Oregon City.

Mrs. John Glassner entertained the Pinochle Club at her home Wednesday. High scores were won by Mrs. Nell Thacker, second by Mrs. Sylvia Falconer and low by Mrs. Betty Schram.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Fulton brought their infant home from the Doerenbecher hospital where it had been taken with pneumonia.

Mrs. Marvin Hult entertained the Stickwell quilting club last Thursday.

June McGregor of Molalla is visiting Pleasant Hill school this week as a guest of her cousin, Fay Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Seal spent the weekend in St. Helens with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roediger were business visitors in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sehorn and family spent Sunday at Helvetia with Mrs. Sehorn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tisdale were business visitors in Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doud spent the weekend in Clatskanie with Mrs. Doud's sister, Mrs. Bud Jubenville. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mason and children and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rumble and children were in Portland Saturday on business.

Nellaray Borton has returned to school after an absence of a month due to scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hayden of West Timber entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Glassner and family at dinner Sunday. The occasion being Robert Glassner's birthday.

Mrs. Nelson returned to California after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Tisdale.

At The Churches . .

Christian Church
—The Livingstones, Ministers

Church School at 9:45, good music and splendid classes for all; M. L. Herrin superintendent; closes at 10:50. Morning worship at 11:00, with Communion Service, special music and sermon, subject, "Me and My House," services close at 12.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 and the evening worship at 7:30; song service led by Mrs. Livingstone, and the first of the Prophetic Series of twelve sermons to be given each Sunday and Wednesday evenings, subject this evening, "Why Take Heed Unto Prophecy." Subject for Wednesday evening, "Signs of the Times in the World," 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Ash Wednesday services Thursday, February 23, at 7:45 p. m. Mass 7 a. m. Friday morning, February 24.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—

(Commonly called "The Mormon church")

Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Grange hall, Vernonia. Members and friends are invited to attend.

Assembly of God Church

—Rev. L. W. Suter, pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship 11:00 a. m.; Evangel-

istic service 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7:30. Christ Ambassador services, Friday 7:80 p. m.

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Legal Notices . .

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE EVENS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia, duly made and entered on the 14th day of February, 1939, was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Louise Evens, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such Administrator. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, as by law required, to him at the office of David O. Bennett, in St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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Clyde C. Evens
Administrator

David O. Bennett
St. Helens, Oregon
Attorney for Administrator

DANCE

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SAFEWAY

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 and 25

<p>COFFEE</p> <p>Airway</p> <p>1-lb. bag 14c</p> <p>3-lb. bag 39c</p>	<p>BREAD</p> <p>JULIA LEE WRIGHT'S</p> <p>ALWAYS FRESH TRY A LOAF</p>
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—FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—

Bananas	lb. 5c
Grapefruit Arizona Seedless	doz. 35c
Onions No. 1 Yellow	5 lbs. 10c
New Potatoes	4 lbs. 25c

EDWARD'S COFFEE	Lb. can	23c
SYRUP, SLEEPY HOLLOW	1/2-Gal. can	63c
SCOTT TOWELS	Roll	10c
SOAP, PEET'S GRANULATED	Medium Size Pkg.	19c
LUX TOILET SOAP	3 bars	17c
OVALTINE	\$1.00 size can	59c
HORMEL CHICKEN AND NOODLE SOUP	16-oz. can	1c

(With purchase of 2 cans of SPAM)

Rinso	1g. pkg.	19c
Sugar Fine Granulated	10-lb. bag	49c
Honey Valley Brand	5-lb. can	39c
Salmon Happyvale	1-lb. can	10c

—PRICE SPECIALS ON QUALITY MEATS—

Back Bacon (End Cuts)	lb. 15 1/2c
Beef Roast Young Tender Cuts	lb. 15c
Fresh Oysters	pint 15c
Pork Steaks Lean Choice Cuts	lb. 19c
Bacon fancy Sugar Cured Any Size Piece	lb. 23 1/2c
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