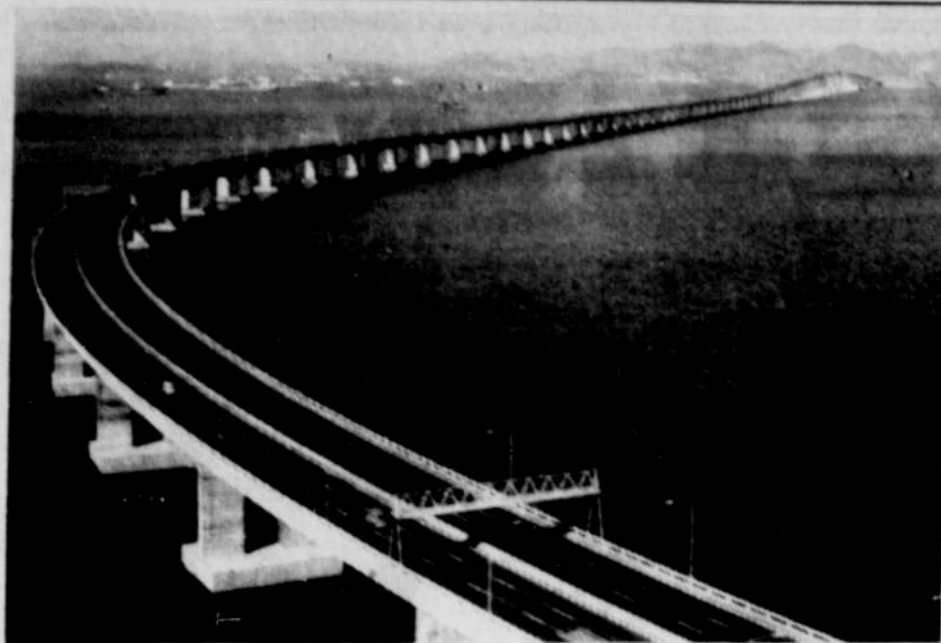




President Costa E Silva Bridge



Panoramic View of Copacabana



Maracana Soccer Stadium

Memorable Brazilian Trip

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apartment buildings. At night, thousands of lights reflect in the water."

"I thought I had seen a lot of beautiful things, but the sights in Rio are indeed most beautiful."

Another adventure the ladies enjoyed and unique to them was the ride by cable car to the top of a cone of rock over 1200 feet high, better known as "Sugar Loaf." From this vantage point, one could see the entire city, the houses with their red tile roofs, the beautiful green

foliage of trees, flowers and parks, the many mountain peaks and the shores of the bay and the ocean.

Perhaps uppermost in their memories will be the 2400-foot drive to the top of the Mountain of Corcovado, where they saw a statue of Christ. This spectacular statue is 99 feet high and the height of the monument it stands on is 120 feet. This was erected in October 1931, took five years to build and cost \$250,000.00, all obtained through contributions donated by the people. This beautiful white statue of

Christ standing with arms outstretched is illuminated by night by many lights and can be seen from all parts of the city. There is a railway to the top of the mountain and a little train carries tourists up and down all day.

The Maracana Soccer Stadium (the world's largest) with a capacity of 200,000 was so very large and uniquely constructed. The Brazilian architecture is all done on a very grand scale. The action at the soccer game was great, the score on the scoreboard was in English

and the announcing all in Portuguese.

The drive over the 14-kilometer-long bridge across the Guanabara Bay which connects Rio and Niteroi was awesome. This bridge is white and the water is very bright blue, so there is a delightful contrast.

After seeing as much they could in Rio, as they were on a schedule, the party left Rio on November 6 and flew to Fortaleza where they were met by Mrs. Astoreca's daughter Carmen and her Brazilian daughter Fatima and twenty-five members of the Otoch family and friends. Everyone joined together for a welcoming party.

Saturday evening there was another party and where else, but on the patio. There was a three-piece samba band and samba lessons as this is the country's favorite or state dance.

There are three brothers and one sister in Fatima's family. Their school was out the first week in December as this is their summer, until March and then they return to school.

Her father is a doctor and a professor of pharmacology at the Federal University of Ceara. He also has a clinic in a textile mill.

Alberto Baquit, Fatima's uncle, invited the travelers to his country home for a weekend. There were bananas, cashews, mangoes, sugar cane, cotton, limes and coconuts growing in the fields right up to the

jungle-like foliage that is everywhere. To make this paradise complete, there was a beautiful lake for swimming.

Another weekend was spent at the Otoch's mountain house where the weather was like our summer, but everyone wore sweaters and made good use of the blankets on the beds.

Most interesting was the tour of a textile mill, starting with the huge bales of cotton from the fields, to the large cones of thread that were boxed to ship to other countries.

A tour of a shirt factory where shirts were made from the bolts of materials, boxed and taken to warehouses was most informative.

Thanksgiving came and went and Mrs. Astoreca says, "We missed our traditional turkey and dressing, but these people don't celebrate this holiday."

"Christmas, however, was most beautifully done. We learned to say 'Feliz Natal,' meaning 'Merry Christmas.' Everything was decorated. The inside trees were all artificial but the outside trees and bushes (all types) were most beautiful with many lights. The coconuts on the coconut trees were wrapped in aluminum foil."

The Christmas Eve party was held on the patio and in the yard. Most of the entertaining is done outside, as all the homes have beautiful yards and patios and are enclosed with cement or iron picket fences. They are well-lighted and there are several different styles of tables and chairs on the patios.

Most enjoyable to everyone were the many days spent at the beaches. The warm bright sunshine, white sand and blue water made the winter days in Nyssa seem very far away.

The fresh crab, fish and shrimp eaten in the beach cafes was most tantalizing. Everyday melon, fresh pineapple, oranges, and mangoes were served.

On January 6, Louisa Lenon, Mr. and Mrs. Otoch, Carmen and her mother left Fortaleza by bus, as plane reservations for the return trip to the states were made for departure from Rio, January 11.

This was no ordinary bus trip, however, as this luxurious bus had only 24 seats and those were by reservation only. There was carpet on the floor, curtains, reclining seats, each with a pillow, sheet and blanket.

The party rode the bus for two days and nights. There were two drivers and refreshments of cokes, coffee, crackers and ice water were served at different times. Rest room facilities, telephone, music and air conditioning made the trip very comfortable. The bus stops were large restaurants with white coated waiters who served the entire party, drivers included.

Five memorable days were spent in Rio before departure time. The shops are so filled with people all the time, one can hardly walk through them. There are large modern supermarkets, restaurants and clubs. The tiny shops (some are like our fair booths or flea market booths) and sidewalk cafes are fascinating.

Automobiles are very plentiful, most of these are small ones, especially Volkswagens, lots of large trucks and busses. Outside the city however, you can see donkeys carrying loads of wood, rock, fruit or water tanks and being ridden or led by young boys.

In the stores there are many familiar products, Max Factor cosmetics, toothpastes, shampoo, Lux soap, Kellogg cereals, many Nestle products, some candy and gum, Coke, Pepsi and Grapefruit. There is much construction in both cities of high rise apartment buildings, shopping centers and of course new homes.

"Jaws," "Inferno" and "Earthquake" were some of the movies playing and having seen how other things were done in Brazil made going to the movies a must. These movies are in English with the Portuguese translation at the bottom of the picture. Each movie theatre was filled to capacity with people waiting in lines, blocks long to get in.

It was nice to return home, but to leave that warm beautiful sunshine and beaches and come here, where it was still cold and wintry was indeed a jolt. But home is where the heart is, and Nyssa is home. However, the Astorecas will always cherish their new Brazilian family and the many precious memories of a dream trip come true.

Social Scene

Mr. and Mrs. David Wardsworth and boys were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail and Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson and family entertained Ed Posusney and Dale Schraufnagel as dinner guests in their home Monday evening.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou and family last Tuesday were Mrs. Ballou's sisters, Mrs. Eugene Dazey from Meridian and Mrs. George Johnson of Caldwell, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mark Howell Jr. and Mathew, and her mother Mrs. Louise Howell all of Wilder.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Favorel and children in Parma were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin all of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Ashford Fields of Notus. They all enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Griffin and Judy Favorel's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail and Sharon, Janet Dail and Rick Watson were early evening dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Baker in Kuna.

Dinner guests Monday evening in the Dee Garner home were Miss Mary Omberg and Miss Joleen Reece.

Recent surprise visitors in the Jesus Lopez home were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eden Lopez of San Jose, California. They were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Maria Luisa Lopez of Salinas, California.

They visited other relatives and friends in the area and went shopping in Ontario at West Park Plaza.

Happy Birthday

February 29 - Margaret Crocker.

March 1 - Arlene Seward, Margery Jackson, Yvonne Fanning, Tonya Fanning, Oralia Vendrell.

March 2 - Neal Oldemeyer, Roger Nakashima.

March 3 - Klyn Cheney, Ina Coffman, Mike Williams, Nancy Larsson, Charles Sims Sr., Fred Moxom, Max Elguezabal, Sr.

March 4 - Joel Rodriguez, Norma Burbank, Roy Mosqueda, Billy Lorraine.

March 5 - Dianne Cleaver Paxton Kodama, John Greig.

March 6 - Stan Sisson, Cecil Bair, Derek Frank.

Anniversaries

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Tim Phillips.

March 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Wright.

March 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Daudt.

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cooper.

EAGLES AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 2134 held a regular meeting at the hall Tuesday, February 17.

There was a discussion about decorating the nursing home for St. Patrick's Day. The members voted to hold initiation and nominations for vice-president at the next regular meeting, which will be held March 2 at 8 p.m.

Monday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagstaff and family were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lords. The Wagstaffs also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and family as dinner guests Friday evening.

Thursday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Don Savage and Kris were Miss Jodi Harper of Nampa and Sonia Rodriguez of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wheeler and Chris were recent weekend houseguests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wheeler in Hood River. They also visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herman and his grandmother, Mrs. Veva Stranahan.

Shower Honors Pam Patterson

Mrs. Doug (Pam) Patterson was guest of honor at a miscellaneous baby shower, hosted by Mrs. Chip (Debbie) Burningham at her home Thursday, February 19. The table was beautifully decorated in a stork theme. Ten guests enjoyed games and refreshments of cake and punch. The honorees hair was decorated with ribbons from her gifts as she opened the packages.

Special guests were Mothers Mrs. Louise Henry of Twin Falls and Mrs. Vera Patterson of New Plymouth.

Activities In Arcadia

ARCADIA - Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Meyer and Larry went to Bend, last weekend to a State Convention of the Conservative Baptists of Oregon. Harlan and his wife went as Messengers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Meyer left Tuesday for Summerville, Oregon to attend the funeral of a good friend, Mrs. Bertha Shaw. Harlan and Larry Meyer helped Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weeks move into their new home in Vale. They have been living at Willow Creek, where he teaches.

Marguerite Moss is home after some time spent at her daughter's home in Home-land, recuperating from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahl Olsen and family arrived Saturday night, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brig Olsen. They live in Saginaw, Michigan and have been visiting her family in Mesquite, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tracy went on a trip last week. They left Thursday. They went to Salmon, Idaho, Idaho Falls, American Falls, and came back Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pettersen visited Mr. and Mrs. Brig Olsen over the weekend. They live in Burley.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Pettersen received a call at 6 a.m. Tuesday morning from their son Connell, who is on a mission in Cape Town, South Africa. When he placed his call, it was 3 p.m. in Africa. Connell will finish his mission April 3 and he called to ask his parents the Neil Pettersens, to join him in Africa for his return trip home.

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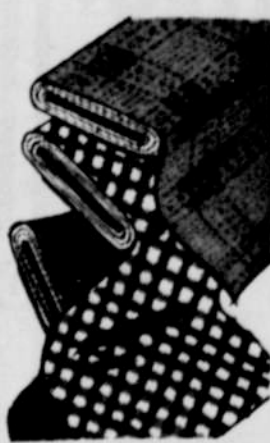


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