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Great Chicago FYR (fire - get it?) and my favorite-of course - The Owl's Nest in Highmount, N.Y.

The most exotic-sounding food I tried was double-baked Yak bones but the Greek food was much better: flaming cheese, lamb with artichokes, special salad, moussaka, and a new snack food called Gyros (pronounced ye-roes) which is somewhat like a hamburger made with lamb and Greek bread and is very popular in both Chicago and New York.

I indulged my fondness for the theatre with a wide variety of shows - everything from a one-woman drama "Eleanor", a two-person comedy "Same Time, Next Year" a musical "Godspell", theater in-the-round ("Hotline to Heaven", a special ALA with George Kirby, a jazz concert with Lou Rawls and Nancy Wilson, to a full symphony concert in the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

SCREECHES
TIME FOR TALK—Conversations are source of endless delight to me and I managed to find time to talk to a number of fascinating people while I was in Chicago and points east. Many of them were librarians: from Kentucky, Virginia, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Alaska, Australia - among other places. But there were others: a handsome young Greek with a charming accent who ran the Health Club at the McCormick Inn, my host at the Owl's Nest who could make a set of drums talk, even a computer in Delaware who could answer questions about my Bio-rhythm cycles.

The Mission Action Group of Merry Hill Baptist Church met at the church at 3:30 P.M. August 7, for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the leader, Mrs. Ella Phelps and she asked all to repeat the Lord's Prayer and then she read the Scripture.

Afterwards Mrs. Ethel Winborne was asked to lead all in prayer. The roll was called by Mrs. Mildred Williford, the secretary and treasurer. Seven members were present.

One member, Mrs. Maude Foxwell had just returned home from the hospital, another member, Mrs. Sophia White is a patient at the Chowan Nursing Home, Mrs. Lucille Pierce, another member stays real feeble at home and Mrs. Ruth Warren had moved to Norfolk.

The program, "Witnessing: Be Yourself" was in charge of Mrs. Phelps, then each other member had a part for discussing. Mrs. Mildred Williford will be hostess for the September meeting. The meeting ended by prayer by Mrs. Williford.

Mrs. Ella Phelps the hostess served chicken salad sandwiches, cookies and drinks.

HOOTS

SIDELIGHTS ON ALA— Last week I described some of the main events at the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association (ALA) in Chicago which I had just attended. That was my formal report, more or less. Now I'd like to share some of my random impressions about the conference and my journey which I found most interesting.

Among the unusual sights that I enjoyed was a glimpse of the Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg who were being officially welcomed to Chicago in the same hotel where some of our exhibits were being displayed. Even more eye-catching was the fancy Colonial costume worn by Ariel Stephens, director of the public library in Charlotte, when he attended our class reunion dinner and went with a group of us to a nightclub afterwards.

My personal sightseeing included a tour of the Art Museum in Buffalo with its walk-through house of mirrors and a quick look at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. I especially enjoyed my tour of the factory in Halcottsville, N.Y., where log houses are pre-cut and packaged to order.

Not all my travelling was done in my merry Oldsmobile. In Chicago I used a commuter train, the "el" (elevated train), the subway, city buses (with the politest and most helpful drivers I have ever encountered) a double-decker shuttle bus provided by the hotel, taxis, and a mini-train for a tour of the Chicago Zoo. In New York City, my hostess was lucky enough to find me a parking space near her apartment (between Park and Madison avenues—"uptown") and then taught me how to use the Subways.

Finding new restaurants and trying different foods is one of the bonuses of travel. Some of the places had strange-sounding names: the Wine Library, R. J. Grunt's (where they had a timepiece with the numbers arranged counterclockwise), Trader Vic's, La Taberna, Binyons, Dianna Oppa and George Diamond's in Chicago; The Great Gatsby and the Hourglass in Buffalo; Kass Inn in the Catskills (where they had so much antique furniture you could hardly walk through the lobby); The Brasserie and Martell's sidewalk cafe in New York City. The most unusual places though were the

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