

Interesting Experiences On Tour Thru Western States

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Last August I left my home on Ellijay, with my daughter, Hester, and husband, and Dr. and Mrs. Bruschi, and crossed Smoky Mountains Park down through Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma and on through the middle west to San Diego, Calif.

We made the trip in six days, and it was very hot part of the way, but rains cooled the air through the hottest country. We went first to Mexico where we saw the fine old Spanish buildings and the beautiful Indian work. Then we went to a very fine farming section which was owned by the Spaniards when California was taken from Mexico. The old Spanish Light-house on Portloma is still standing and lights the ocean on three sides.

The old Spanish mission is still standing in Santa Rosa where the first U. S. flag was hoisted when California was annexed to the United States.

We went to Los Angeles and had a boat ride across the bay to Catalina Island, which is very beautiful and contains many things to interest the visitor. Had an hour's ride in a glass-bottomed boat over the under-water gardens and saw all kinds of flowers and leaves, many kinds of fish and various kinds of rocks.

A month later we went to Los Angeles to hear Postmaster General Farley speak and met William Gibbs McAduo at the big banquet hall. A thousand people had dinner and heard the speeches. From there we went to San Francisco and saw former President Hoover's home and Sanford University and crossed the Golden Gate bridge. We saw Alcatraz Island; and the state prison, and then went up to Santa Rosa to visit my son, Paul Moses and family. Santa Rosa is a beautiful small town, surrounded by fine apple and grape orchards, large chicken and turkey farms and sheep and cattle ranches.

We drove all day up the country to the big redwood forest. The trees are so tall that the sun can hardly shine through them. I was in an office in a tree, which had a door and window with a table for the registration of visitors, saw a small house built in the hollow of a tree and drove through the center of a tree. They have very fine tourist camps for people who wish to spend the night in the forest.

As we came back, we crossed the bay on a ferry so we could see the Golden Gate bridge from the underside, but a heavy fog rolled in and cut off the view. We crossed to the other side of San Francisco and went to Sacramento where we saw the capitol just as it was being lit up for the night.

We went next day to Yosemite park and saw some of the most wonderful sights of nature. Great rocks as straight up as trees, and at one place we saw a rock which has a mansion on top, and is called "The Devil's Court House." There is a good highway built which circles the mountain and comes out on top at a nice hotel where people go to stay and look off into the valley below. On the other side is the forest of the oldest and largest trees in the world, the Sequoias, with burs as large as half-gallon fruit jars, most of which mash to pieces as they fall.

San Juquin valley is a beautiful country to see. Hundreds of acres covered with fine sheep and cattle, and the biggest fields of grapes in the world. More raisins dried there than anywhere. Fine crops of cotton and alfalfa and a lot of fine land barren for lack of water.

We went to Los Angeles for the big football game between California and Alabama New Year's day and had dinner with friends at the Hollywood club. Heard the famed negro band and saw more than a thousand people dancing at once to usher in New Year's.

January 1, we saw the grand parade and floats at Pasadena before noon, then the ball game in the afternoon. We spent the rest of the week in Los Angeles seeing the parades and the museums, and saw the biggest landing field, and some of the big planes. We were also in a building where they cremate bodies and bury them in a wall and attended two funerals in the chapel, one where they put the corpse in the wall.

January 8th we attended the Jackson Day dinner in San Diego. Herbert C. Legg was the speaker. We met Henry Clay Hankins, from High Point, N. C., a world war veteran, there for his health. We attended a play, "Tobacco Road," which was very interesting.

January 29 We were at the President's birthday ball in a very large building on the coast. April 13 attended the Thomas Jefferson birthday dinner in San Diego. William Moseley Jones gave a very interesting history of Jefferson's life. Mr. Jones was speaker of the general assembly, and a very fine talker.

April 26 we went to El Centro and Imperial valley to visit my daughter who works for the Southern Telephone company. We drove through the valley and through the date palm farm in the western states. It was very hot, but we



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were surrounded by snow-capped mountains. We went to Calexico and across the line into Mexicali, Mexico, and saw the All-American canal which will bring water to the valley from Boulder dam.

April 30 we went to the parade and march preparatory to the rodeo at Lakeside Sunday. Had lunch at the Golden Lion cafe and then went to Tia Juana to the horse races. Sunday we went on a picnic to El Monte and then to Lakeside to see cowboys rope wild cattle and horses and the Mexican boys ride wild bulls.

May 5 we started on our trip home, going to Long Beach to meet Mrs. Saner, who was raised near Marshall, N. C., and was driving through with us. We came by way of Las Vegas, Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Memphis, Chattanooga, Murphy, Hayesville and across Nantahala mountain, and arrived home at 9 p. m., seven days from Long Beach, Calif.

Ellijay

Mr. and Mrs. Alley, of Murphy, visited Mrs. Alley's father, David Moses and sister, Mamie, over the week-end.

Mrs. Kate Moore Rhinehart and Mrs. Pearl Stewart visited Lovicia Moses and B. M. Angel Saturday.

Britton Bowman, who is in a CCC camp in South Carolina, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowman on Ellijay last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moses and son, Arvel, came up from Gastonia last Thursday to visit Mrs. Moses' father, Mr. Zack Peek, on Walnut Creek, who is very sick.

B. M. Angel's health is improving.

Ten-Year Service Club Visits Rabun Gap School

RABUN GAP, GA.—The Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school was host last

week-end to the third annual social outing of the Ten-Year Service club for vocational agricultural workers of Georgia. Vocational men from all over the state, with their wives and children, spent three days seeing the mountains and resting.

Short trips and sight-seeing expeditions provided the entertainment. Friday was the fullest day with a motorcade to Highlands, and Whiteside mountain by way of Dry Falls and Cullasaja Gorge, occupying the morning, and a ride around the lakes with a swim in Lake Rabun, completing the day. Twenty-one out of the total membership of 47 attended. Dean H. L. Fry, of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, was in charge of the arrangements.

Members present were: John Ethridge, of Sumter, president of the club; Prof. O. C. Aderholt, of Athens; J. K. Callahan, Wrens; V. C. Corbett, Hartwell; H. L. Fry, Rabun Gap; C. S. Hubbard, Baldwin; P. A. Hodgeson, Bowman; R. L. Johnson, Fairburn; C. F. Richards, Camilla; O. L. Hayden, Adrian; L. E. Cox, Dahlonega; O. E. Gray, Powder Springs; R. H. Smalley; Faceville; Clovis Turk, Sale City; J. H. Wilson, Winterville; T. S. Porter, Martin; H. W. Powers, Calhoun; F. M. Young, Elberton; A. R. Bennett, Ila; P. L. Elkins, Alpharetta; T. G. Walters, Atlanta.

Pulp Mills Provide Vast Timber Market

Four pulpwood mills in North Carolina and seven others in ad-

joining states provide Tar Heel farmers and timberland owners with a market for millions of dollars worth of cull trees every year, said R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State college.

In a normal year, these mills use around 480,000 pulpwood units of 160 cubic feet each. Pulp mills prefer wood in five-foot lengths, and a unit is 4 by 5 by 8 in size. Measured in the old way, the annual consumption amounts to 600,000 standard cords.

Cull, crippled, and crowded trees that cannot grow into good poles, piling, or saw timber will make good pulp, Graeber explained, but when a fine, straight saw-log type tree is sold for pulp, it will not bring as much as it would if sold to a saw mill for lumber.

Graeber urges farmers to make use of the pulp market by thinning their woodlands and selling the "weeded out" trees for pulp. This will give them a source of cash income while they are improving their stands of better trees.

Often farmers want information regarding the location of pulp mills, the kind of wood each uses, and the territory from which the mills can purchase wood; the amount and quality of timber in a stand, how to scale trees for pulpwood and for saw timber; the best methods of woodland management and harvesting so as to get the greatest returns and at the same time provide for a future timber supply.

Farmers, are invited to see their county farm agents or to get in touch with the extension foresters at State college, who offer their services without charge.

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