



PRESIDENT TELLS OF VACATION TRIP

Mr. Chatham and Family Make Ocean Cruise From New York To California, via Panama

Early in June, in company with my family, I sailed from New York, via Panama Canal, for California. It was a fifteen day cruise from New York to Los Angeles. Enroute, the first stops were made at two ports in Colombia, the most northerly country of South America. Next, part of a day was spent at the east end of the Canal and a whole day at the west entrance—Balboa. Coming up the west coast of Central America we were ashore at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, San Salvador, Guatemala City and Mazatlan, Mexico.

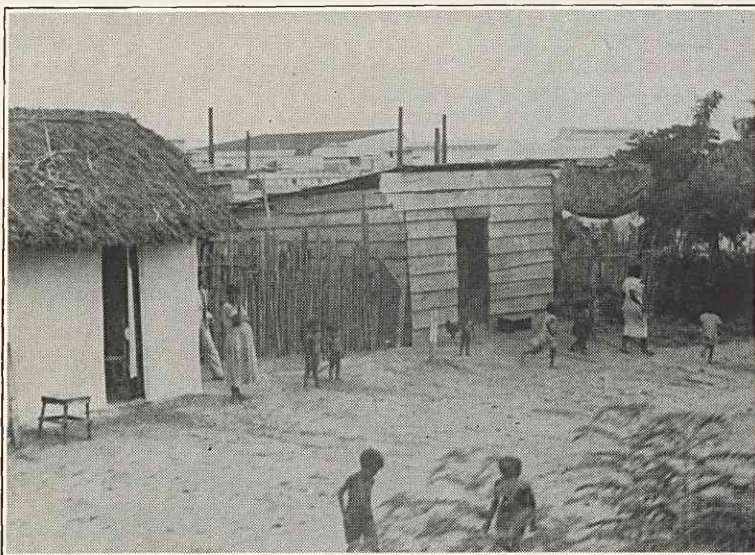
The first night on the ship, when bedtime came, I noticed the green circle on the blanket with the word "GRACE" in large block letters. These were the blankets we made several years ago for the four steamers of the Grace Line. They looked as good as new, and I was told by the Purser—the man who is really the ship's housekeeper—that they had given better service than any blankets they had ever used. A lot of you will remember them—our number 200CW-62.

The Santa Paula is a beautiful ship, large airy rooms and broad decks. A tile swimming pool, outdoors on B deck was the most popular spot on board. While we were in the tropics we were in the pool before breakfast, during the day and usually just before going to bed.

The Panama Canal and the Canal Zone, leased by our Government, is a credit to our country. It makes you proud to see it. Everywhere else is dirt, filth and unbelievable poverty. The poorest house in the worst section of the slums of our cities is better than the average house in South and Central America. Everywhere you go you see large families living in tiny one-room affairs—a few poles for framework and covered, sides and roof, with palm leaves. Cooking, eating and sleeping in the same room. Outside the cities, I don't believe we saw any children below seven or eight years old with a rag of clothing on. Just as naked as the day they were born. Hoards of them rush up to you and beg for money wherever you go.

Away from the seacoast, the only transportation generally is by boat up tropical rivers. The roads

Mr. Chatham Has One Swell Time



usually are trails—impossible for any traffic except huge two-wheeled carts pulled by oxen or often only wide enough for the tiny donkeys that you see everywhere. These are loaded with huge packs and the natives walk before and behind them, often carrying loads almost as big as the animals bear.

The people are a mixture of Spanish, Mexican and Indian. Mostly very small and at thirty they look like sixty. I could never believe, unless I had seen it, that so much of the world lives under such conditions.

The Canal Zone is clean, well kept and is a spot of order in a world of disorder. Soldiers and sailors everywhere, and the Canal itself a marvel of engineering. Our ship was pulled through by electric engines in about five hours.

California was a beauty spot and it was a comfort to be back in the U. S. A. I called on our customers in all the principal west coast cities of California, Oregon and Washington. Although it was my first visit I found many friends, some of whom I often see on their trips to New York and others who have been at the mill.

I spent a morning in going through the Portland Woolen Mills at Portland, Oregon. They have about twenty sets of woolen cards, mostly 48 inch with small ring doffers. Their mules and looms are old but they are turning out nice blankets, usually four pound single, solid colors. They have an economical operation and have given our goods hard competition on the coast.



—Cruising from New York to California by way of the Panama Canal, Mr. Thurmond Chatham, our president, had an excellent time with both rod and camera. Accompanied by his family, Mr. Chatham visited several Latin countries en route. The top photograph shows a street scene in Baranquilla, Col., S. A., while the lower photo shows Mr. Chatham with a prize catch that "didn't get away." The fish weighed 20 and 30 pounds, respectively.

The mills are by the side of the Willamette River and next door is a very large saw mill. Portland pipes sawdust to their power house and uses it for fuel to generate electricity. Of course

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ARE TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE SCHOOL

Classes To Be Held During Fall and Winter Twice Each Week; To Offer 10-Week Courses

The Chatham Manufacturing Company will conduct a school this fall and winter, for the employees of the Elkin plant. These courses, as before, are to be under the supervision of the North Carolina Department of Industrial Education. The classes will meet twice each week and each course will continue for ten weeks.

The instructors in this work are to be either foremen or others who really know the subject they are teaching. No one who takes these courses need feel that they do not have instructors as good as can be found anywhere. These instructors are all your friends and will be glad to help you with any problem at any time.

If enough employees are interested in each subject, the following courses are to be offered:

Arithmetic: A course in simple arithmetic operations vitally important to all persons who wish to take any other course and do not know arithmetic.

Carding: A course in card room mechanics and card room calculations that will be of value to any employee of the company.

Spinning: A course in mule and ring spinning as well as change and draft calculations that all should know.

Wool scouring and carbonizing will start Monday, October 12th. The other courses will be started in a few days. Ask your foreman for starting times and meeting places.

The class in wool scouring carbonizing will meet at the old mill Monday October 12th, at 1:30 or 3:30 P. M.

The class in arithmetic will meet Monday, October 12th, at 1:30 or 3:30 P. M., in the foreman's room in the card room. Persons who work on afternoon shifts come at 1:30 P. M. Persons who work on last shift come at either time.

Loom Fixing: A course in actual loom fixing, taught on the loom and not from a book, that will be of great help to all who take it.

No one could ask for a better outlay of courses than these the Chatham Manufacturing Company is offering absolutely free to each employee of the company. All these courses will cost anyone

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