

GHS Teachers Parker and Moore Enjoy Spicy Stay In Mexico

BY BECKY REES

"Now we can be place-droppers too!" So say Miss Ann Moore who teaches commercial subjects, and Miss Mary Neil Parker, of the English department, about their week-long jaunt to Mexico last July.

All went well on the flight from Greensboro to Mexico City until they discovered that Miss Parker's luggage hadn't yet arrived. As a result, she honored the Continental Hilton with her seersucker suit, but the article she missed most was her toothbrush.

The rainy season was in full flow in Mexico City, but they braved the downpour for forty-five minutes to see a bullfight, and Miss Moore's word, "El toro almost got el matador!" Still, all that water put them in the right frame of mind to enjoy the floating gardens of Xachimilco.

Also in Mexico City, Miss Parker was overwhelmed by the beautiful modern architecture of the University of Mexico. She was especially impressed by the colorful mosaic adorning the library building. Other edifices from earlier periods were the shrine of Guadalupe and pyramids. They were satisfied just to see the latter, and didn't attempt to climb them. Finally they left Mexico City serenaded by eight street singers.

Small Problems Fail to Daunt Brave Teachers

After a trip to Taxco, a little silver-mining city in the mountains where they did more sight-seeing than buying, they were afflicted with car trouble. The automobile broke down three times, probably because of the Mexican oil and water, which is of such poor quality that smoking is ab-

solutely forbidden in all the filling stations. They had a little difficulty with their driver too, because their Spanish was unbelievable and his English was even worse.

Hollywood Calls

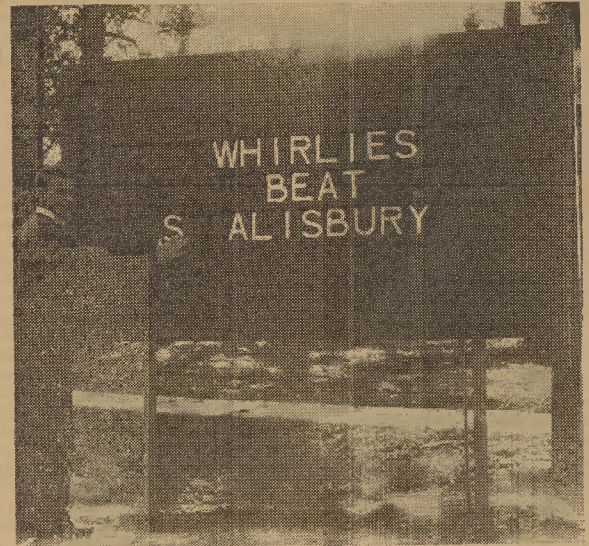
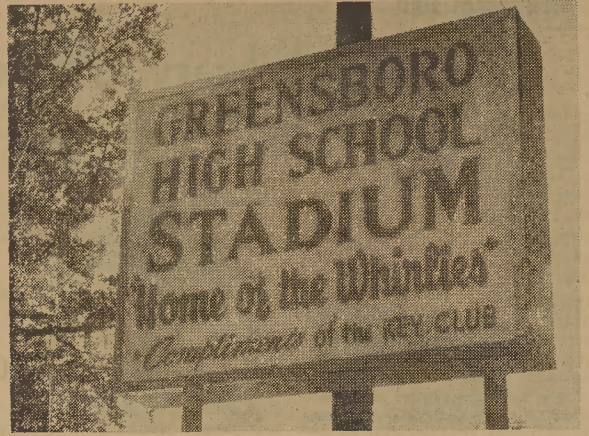
They were cheered by the sight of the beautiful beach resort at Acapulco and their own Alcapulco Hilton. Rumors flew that Nancy Sinatra and Tommy Sands had just checked into this hotel and were planning to star in a film there at Acapulco the next week. Miss Moore and Miss Parker told everyone that they had been offered bit parts, but refused to be satisfied with anything less than the leads!

The following days brought with them, more contact with Hollywood, and even Hyannis Port. They took a boat trip to ogle the homes of John Wayne and Lana Turner, a house the Kennedys had once visited, and the mansion where Mike Todd and Elizabeth Taylor honeymooned — "not the one she and Richard Burton are using now," Miss Moore hastily added.

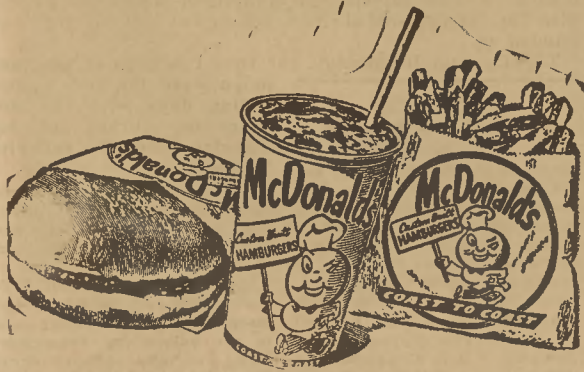
Culinary Considered Low Point of the Trip

Neither of our teachers should name the high point of their trip, but both agreed that the low point was culinary. They had been warned so strongly about Mexican water that for days they consumed no liquid but coffee. Miss Parker thought she would die if she didn't get water, and believes that everyone should try dry-brushing their teeth as she did. They weren't carried away by Mexican food, either, Miss Moore says Diplomatically, "It just wasn't home cooking!" but Miss Parker can only grit, "Ekkk!"

After winding up their tour in New Orleans with a peek at the French Quarter, lunch at Antoinette's and a trip up the Mississippi on a steamer, they were so broke that they had to call home collect. Still, they were good citizens. They had vowed to keep American gold in America; therefore, the only article they purchased in Mexico was a raincoat for the watery bullfight.



The two signs pictured above are both projects of the key club. The fellow stealing the "S" from Salisbury is Robbie Green.



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BY PAT GARDNER

Through life, each and every human being has many interesting adventures. One of the most exciting of these adventures is meeting people; really discovering what people are like, what they wear, and how they think.

Fads this year are much like they were last year. The SKY HIGH of Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, N. C., reports that burgandy is still popular. Weejuns are too, only this year they have a new twist—they now come in burgandy, navy and a host of other colors. Elbow patches are worn on sweaters, blouses, shirts, and dresses. Pert skirts, corduroy, madras, turtle neck sweaters, and knee top boots are the "thing" at Plymouth High School in Plymouth, N. C. Parkas—especially in burgandy—are popular at Page.

Anyone for elephant jokes? THE CHATTERBOX of George Washington High School reported these two new (?) ones.

"How did the elephant take his trunk out of the alligator's mouth?"

"Carefully!"

"Why do elephants never forget?"

"What do they have to remember?"

THE EAGLE'S CALL reported the following conversation between a youngster and an "old timer".

"Do you think it'll rain soon?" the youngster asked the old timer.

The old timer snorted and replied, "When God was a-running our country I could always predict the weather right. Now, with the government running it, nobody can predict nothing."

Folk music has hit America hard. The students of Rock Island High School, Rock Island, Illinois, express their feeling for folk music by stating that folk songs demonstrate the true emotions of people. On the other hand, THE RHS NEWS of Las Vegas, N. M. states that today's folk music is not the true "stuff". The paper also stated that today's folk songs had a worn out beat.

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