



WAGON TRAIN - Traffic yielded the right of way Friday morning on Main St. as saddle horses and wagons came down the street to signal the departure of the 12th annual Hoke County Wagon Train.



DANCE TIME - Dancing, not prancing, was on this horse's mind as he hammed it up with some impromptu steps during the annual Wagon Train parade down Main St. Friday.

Veterans Corner

Q -- I receive nonservice-connected disability pension. I recently received an inheritance from a deceased relative. Will this affect my VA pension this year?

A -- The inheritance will not affect your pension for the year in which it was received. However, any interest, dividends, etc. which you may draw in years to come as a result of the inheritance will count as income and must be included on your annual income questionnaire requested by the VA.

Q -- I was separated from active duty last year and lost my DD Form 214. Where can I get another copy?

A -- The VA can provide you with a form requesting a duplicate from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132.

Q -- I am the wife of a retired serviceman who completed 30 years active service. Am I entitled to Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the VA (CHAMPVA)?

A -- No. Your husband's retirement benefits entitles you to Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

Nice to be back in N.C. and especially the Stonewall area! For those of you who wondered over the absence of The Stonewall Report the last couple of weeks, my husband and I with the six children, Cindy, Michael, Cathi, Susan, Eddie and Steven celebrated the Bicentennial year with a cross country trip to California. Thus my news this week is filled with a special report of our experiences which I will try and describe by factual informative information. Hope you will find the account as interesting as we did the trip.

The girls and myself enjoyed a visit to the home of Elvis Presley in Memphis, Tenn. Sorry to say Elvis was in Atlanta for a Concert, but his Security Guard, Marshall Billings was very courteous in allowing us in the gates for photographs and answering our many questions. He also said he there around 3:00 a.m. on Sunday and Elvis would probably give us a ride on his motorcycle. Quite understandingly my husband was not impressed, so we traveled on. From Memphis we drove southward to Dallas, Texas then westward to El Paso.

In El Paso we hired an American guide to drive us down in to Juarez, Mexico for sight seeing and shopping. This was our first experience of being out of the United States and to re-enter we had to leave our guide and walk through a check point at the border, declare our American citizenship and have our parcels checked. This was a little frightening as Mexico is having quite a bit of political unrest at this time and Americans are not overly welcomed.

Next we traveled to Tombstone, Arizona to see this famous frontier town and the famed Boot Hill Cemetery. A little history about this western town, Tombstone. It was so named by its founder Ed Schiefelin because he had been told that all he would find there in prospecting would be his tombstone, meaning of course the Indians would kill him. So in 1877 upon making his first discovery of silver and not yet dead at the hands of the Indians he gave the location the name of "Tombstone". "The Town Too Tough To Die" really deserves its name for there is something quite extraordinary about its survival of reverses that normally made a ghost town of other western mining towns. Even today Tombstone prospers not just as a historic city with a thunderous and romantic past but as a proud well ordered good mannered little town with a civic mind and spirit that lets you know that even today Tombstone is still "The Town Too Tough To Die". The climate justly upholds the point of view that the best is just the usual. For a six year average the sun has been out 347 days a year, maximum high temperature has been 76.8 degrees and minimum low of 48.1 degrees, rainfall of 13.96 inches. Dust free and smoke free air, low humidity, ultraviolet ray filled sunshine. Nestled on a mesa between Huachuca and Dragoons Mts. in southeastern Arizona.

No visit to the southwest is complete without a visit to Tombstone, once the most ruthless noisiest, bloodiest intersections of the world. This was back in the early 1880s when the dust was often met with the blood of miners, cowmen, gamblers and gunmen. Boot Hill Graveyard first used a burial grounds in 1879 now holds the remains of badmen, their victims, suicides and hangings (legal and otherwise) and the respected citizens of early Tombstone days. Among the most famous of the graves are those of Billy Clanton, Frank McLaury and Tom McLaury all victims of one of the West's most spectacular gun fights. They were killed on October 26, 1881 by Marshall Wyatt Earp and his brothers Virgil and Morgan Earp and a Crony Doc Holliday in a battle at the O.K. Corral. This famous Corral as well as the Bird Cage Theatre, Old Courthouse, Wells Fargo Office and dozens of other places are still there in a town hallowed with ghosts and memories such as few American towns possess. A town where western frontier history was made. (It is my understanding that there is to be a movie on TV this Friday night about the shootout at O.K. Corral supposedly filmed on location. It should be most interesting to watch as the sights and history of this town is fantastic!)

Having left Arizona we crossed the desert and mountains into San Diego, California. There we visited the famous Sea World, which is the worlds largest oceanarium. Sea World was excitement! It was a place where killer whales (Shamu) kiss, dolphins splash, kids of all ages could hug a walrus, pet dolphins or seals and see a variety of action packed events. A parade of seals, penguins, walruses, etc did hilarious stunts. Sea World was

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designed to further man's knowledge of the ocean and its magnificent animals and is entertainment and ecology in action.

From Sea World we drove through the town of San Clemente, home of our ex president Richard Nixon. Then on to San Juan Capistrano. There we toured the famed mission which is also celebrating its bicentennial this year having been built Nov. 1, 1776. This establishment was not as many suppose a monastery but was the headquarters for the Indians in the work of civilizing them, teaching them the Christian Religion and useful industries. Near the fountain and pool in the front mission garden, hundreds of beautiful snow white pigeons flock and welcome the visitors. Often alighting on one's shoulder, and beg to be fed by hand. After the initial fright our children delighted in feeding them. On the east side of the inner quadrangle of the mission is the adobe building known as Father Serra Church. This is not only the oldest part of the mission but is also the oldest building in California. The Altar in the Chapel where services are still conducted daily comes from Barcelona, Spain and is judged to be over 300 years old.

Next we traveled to Los Angeles. There I almost experienced heart failure, due to the Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Hollywood freeways! Cars, six abreast as far as you could see, suppose to be driving 55 MPH but doing more like 75 MPH with no regards to a turning signal as you begged to change lanes. (When they wanted in your lane they simply cut in giving no signal and prepared to take your fenders if necessary.) Honestly we got shoved off at more unwanted exits and pushed on when we wanted off than believable. Los Angeles, Hollywood and Santa Monica were a big disappointment. Really not what you would expect at all. And we saw many of the famous streets, Hollywood and Vine, Sunset, Beverly Blvd. also Griffith Park and Moulhoulten Drive. We had tickets for The Price Is Right at CBS television studio but would have had a three day layover before the show. At the rate we were going on those freeways, within three days they would have put us in British Columbia! Also accommodations were rated only two ways ultra plush and yuk! So we canned the television show. However, we did manage a tour of Universal Movie Studio in Los Angeles which was fantastic! Universal produced the Award Winning movie "Jaws" as well as many others. They produce over 40 percent of all shows seen on television as well. And have such stars as Paul Newman, Lee Majors, Clint Eastwood, Lindsey Wagner, Telly Savalis, Julia London, John Wayne, James Garner, James Arness, Lucille Ball, Raymond Burr, Robert Blake etc now or previously under contract. We toured the studio, sound stages, makeup rooms special affect areas,

went into the dressing rooms of Julia London and Robert Troup and the memorial dressing room of Lucille Ball. We saw instant rain storms, got bombed by an Avalanche of falling boulders, went through an ice tunnel, across a bridge that collapsed, got caught in a flood, struck by a fallen tree, crossed the red sea that parted for us as it did for Moses in the production of the Ten Commandments, and was attacked by one of the original Jaws as our tram crossed the bridge where he was at. We saw him devour a fisherman and the water turn to blood. All these happenings though quite real in experience were all explained by means of man's technical knowledge and hydraulic apparatuses. We saw movies without the finishing touch of glitter. However the stars on the lot made themselves scarce so all I can say is that we breathed the same smog filled air and were within shouting distance. It was as I said though, a fantastic experience and now when we view a movie we know the things to look for, things that separates the facts from fantasy.

After Los Angeles we saw the cemetery where Marilyn Monroe and other stars are buried at Forest Lawn. Then we spent the night at Victorville, the beautiful little town (approx. size of Raeford) where Roy Rogers and Dale Evans live. We saw their new museum under construction.

Next homeward bound. In New Mexico we made pictures at the Memorial Continental Divide - Elevation 7270 ft. At this point in the United States all rainfall to the West drains into the Pacific Ocean and to the East into the Atlantic Ocean.

We met many wonderful people along the route, conversed by CB with other N. Carolinians and really enjoyed the 5300 mile ride. The weather varied from 107 degrees in Arizona to a nighttime low of 26 degrees in southern California. Record low for both places this time of year. People in Arizona were glad for the coolness? And California's mid 70's during the day makes you wonder about that beautiful sunny weather.

Anyone undecided about their vacation we thoroughly recommend cross country for this bicentennial year. The only flaw we found was that lodging accommodations are approximately 50 percent higher than they were two years ago when we traveled to California. Perhaps this is because of the large tourist traffic this year. I can truly say it is an experience you would never forget, especially the ride with six children who find it impossible to get along with one another for over an hour at the time.

Should you be interested in the trip I might consider supplying the six children for a couple weeks! I need a vacation!

P.S. Now that school is out my time is very limited so if you would call me with news items at 3998 it will eliminate me from having to make unnecessary calls.

Take Care Everyone!

1926 Firetruck Slated For State Celebration

Raeford's fifty year-old LaFrance fire truck will be a part of the state Bicentennial celebration in Raleigh's Dorton Arena during the July 4 weekend.

The 1926 fire truck, which was spruced up for display, will be in the Village of Yesteryear building from noon to 5 P.M. on Saturday, July 3.

Each county in the state was asked to participate in the state display and the Bicentennial committee here decided to send the firetruck for its historical interest.

The complete schedule of events for the state celebration is listed here.

GROUP	TIME
Opening Ceremonies	12:00-12:30
Rutherford County Band	2:00- 3:00
Shriner Motorcycle Riders	1:30- 2:00
Shriner Chanting Group	3:30- 4:00
Shriner Band Concert	4:00- 5:00
Atlantic Christian College Fife & Drum Corps	12:30- 1:00
Winston-Salem Fife & Drum Corps	
Mobile Headquarters	3:30- 5:00
Portable Post Office	2:30- 3:30
Asheville Cloggers	2:30- 3:30
Stanley County Cloggers	1:30- 2:30
Country Squires	12:30- 1:30
	3:30- 4:30
Crooked Pine String Band	4:00- 5:00
Conestoga Wagon Rides	12:30- 5:00
4-H Horse Show	12:30- 5:00
Films	12:30- 5:00
Antique Cars and Wagons	12:30- 5:00
(portable stage) Scottish Bagpipers and Dancers	12:30- 5:00
(portable stage) Spiveys Corners Hollerers	2:30- 3:30
Firefighting Demonstration	1:30- 2:30
Cattlemen Association Cooking Demonstration	3:00- 5:00
First Aid	12:00- 5:00
Shuttle Buses	
Lunch	12:30- 2:00
Hot Air Balloon Rides	12:30- 5:00
Puppet Show	1:30- 2:30
	2:30- 3:30
Second Regiment of Foot	
Farm Implement Display	12:30- 5:00

All participants enter Gate 11 except horsemen
Horsemen only enter Gate 9

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