

Doughton Woman Writes Of Trip

**MAKES TOUR OF WEST
Sees Many Things of Interest
While Traveling in Num-
ber of States
VISITS GRAND CANYON**

The following account of a recent trip through the West was written by Miss Sallie Woodruff of Doughton.

Our party made up of five members including J. Sam Gentry, my mother, Mrs. W. H. Woodruff and two sisters Mrs. C. C. Thompson and Miss Alma Woodruff left Elkin, N. C. May 31, 1937, for a month's vacation touring some of the western states.

The first day we drove through the Smoky Mountain National Park, the Cherokee Indian Reservation and visited "The Hermitage," home of the seventh president, Andrew Jackson in Old Hickory, Tenn.

From Nashville, traveling over the popular Broadway of America, we crossed the great Mississippi river and visited Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. Here we took in the alligator and ostrich farms as well as the hot springs and bath houses.

The drive thru Texas was rather long, taking the state length-

Composer Is Dead



LOS ANGELES, Cal. . . . George Gershwin, master of jazz, and writer of "Rhapsody in Blue," died in Hollywood at 38 years of age, after operation for brain tumor.

wise as we did, going through Dallas, Ft. Worth and El Paso. We visited the exposition grounds in Ft. Worth but were a few days too early for the exposition. From El Paso we crossed the Rio Grande river and went into Mexico for a day. Needless to say we got quite a thrill out of this part of our trip as it was our first time out of the United States. Then to Carlsbad Cavern in New Mexico. This 8th wonder of the world is a limestone cavern reaching three and

one half miles underground. In this underground wonderland one sees numerous stalagmites and stalactites still growing and each one has a glistening drop of water on its tip.

From here we went to see the Grand Canyon of Colorado, truly a wonder of the world. It is a terrific trough worn by the Colorado river containing hundreds of mountains and peaks painted by constant changing colors undreamed of and unimaginable until the spectacle is actually seen. It is said to be the greatest example of erosion ever discovered. My words are too shallow and wasted in trying to describe this one-mile deep, ten to twenty miles wide and and hundred and sixty-seven miles long marvel.

Boulder Dam, the most gigantic piece of workmanship ever undertaken by man, was our next breath-taking curiosity. A conception of the magnitude and sheer grandeur of this masterpiece of work can be obtained only after viewing it. They say the amount of concrete used in the construction would build a standard sixteen-foot highway reaching from Miami, Florida, to Seattle, Washington. The dam is 730 feet high and at its base, it is 660 feet thick while at the top it measures 45 feet wide, and is 1180 feet long.

A day's drive from Boulder Dam through the Mojave Desert then over palm-bordered highways through verdant valleys in which orange groves and vineyards flourish within the shadow of snow-capped mountains brought us to the homes of our relatives in the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach where we spent a most enjoyable week.

We took a trip out to Catalina Island from Long Beach. This was an enjoyable three hour steamer ride thirty miles out from Los Angeles harbor. From here we took a glass-bottomed boat and viewed the submarine gardens and deep sea fish in the clear sparkling waters of Avalon Bay which we all enjoyed very much.

A drive thru Hollywood, the motion picture capitol of the world and Beverly Hills, brought us in to Pasadena where we saw the Pasadena Rose Bowl, a huge amphitheatre built by nature and seating 7500 people where each New Year's Day "Tournament of Rose" festival and parade is held.

A trip up to Mount Wilson brought us to the Lick Observatory established in 1904 by the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D. C., stands the largest of all telescopes.

On Sunday night we heard Aime Semple McPherson preach in her Angelus Temple.

Then going up the Pacific Coast we visited "Grants" and "Sequoia Parks" where we saw the largest known Sequoia trees. The "General Sherman" tree has a base diameter of 36.5 feet and is 272.4 feet high, acknowledged to be the largest and oldest living thing on earth. Age estimated at over 4,000 years.

From here we went to San Francisco, crossed the \$77,000,000 Oakland-San Francisco Bay bridge 8 1/4 miles long. Window shopped in Chinatown where more than 10,000 Chinese live conducting a thriving business in both oriental and American custom!

After journeying on thru Oregon up to Seattle, Washington, we dropped back making the Columbia River drive to Pendleton, then through Southern Oregon and Idaho to Salt Lake City, Utah. We reached here Monday noon in time for an organ recital in the Mormon Tabernacle on the grandest pipe organ that was ever built. Nowhere else in the world is there a bathing resort like the Great Salt Lake, where you bob about like a cork where the salt supports you on the surface of the water and you can't sink. It's waters are 22 per cent salt.

From Salt Lake we went to Rock Springs and Kimmerer, Wyo., visited a sheep ranch and went out to the shearing corrals, saw expert shearers removing in two minutes the entire blanket of wool from a sheep's body with hand shears. Then up to Grand Teton National Park. This park protects one of the most outstanding massings of snow-capped mountain spires in the world. High and magnificent they rise skyward in improving grandeur, along the eastern base of the range, protected by heavy forests are seven lakes in alpine settings which mirror the lofty Teton summits in their blue waters.

Just north of Grand Teton Park is Yellowstone National Park. Here the geysers attracted our attention more than anything else. Jim Bridges, an old frontiersman, made his magnificent reputation as a "liar" almost entirely upon his tales of the "yellowstone," but finally, indisputable proofs of the region's weird attractions were carried back to civilization and now, no one doubts the glories of the Yellowstone, and it is every American's birthright to see and enjoy them. Steam puffs and plumes arise on every hand and one can soon see the spectacle is tremendous. Old Faithful is not the highest or largest geyser, but its clock-like precision has made it world famous. Visitors can be assured of its eruption every sixty-five minutes, when its hot waters are thrown 150 feet in the air.

Leaving the Yellowstone we motored out the Cody or eastern entrance of the park thru the Sylvian Pass and the Shoshone National Forest. From here we came directly home through Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana, Cincinnati, Ohio and the coal mining sections of West Virginia and Virginia. Having been gone thirty days, our car registered a 8,980 mile trip. We had visited 22 states, Mexico and Catalina Island and had been in 9 National Parks. Arrived home 29th day of June with less than one half dozen flats as our only car trouble the whole trip thru.

PLEASANT HILL

Last Saturday night and Sunday being our regular meeting, the pastor, Rev. I. W. Vestal, preached two very interesting sermons.

Rev. A. B. Hayes of Hays, N. C. preached a very inspiring sermon at the church on Sunday night. Bobby Joe Darnell, son of Mr. Rastus Darnell, celebrated his third birthday in a party at his home one evening last week. A number of games were played at the conclusion of which ice cream, cake and watermelon were served to the following guests: Jennie and Jimmie Yarboro, Ruby and Ruth Crabb, David Church, Peggy Ann, Grace and Katie Lee Simmons, Frauline Simmons, Betty

Ray, Colline Transou, Glenn Darnell, and Raymond Church.

Miss Josephine Simmons, of Jonesville, was the week-end guest of Miss Venious Lyons.

Mrs. Mattie Darnell honored her husband, Mr. Clarence Darnell, with a surprise birthday dinner, Sunday, July 18, at their home. Nineteen guests were present.

The "Sunshine" quartet sang at Friendship church Sunday at eleven o'clock.

The "Happy Day" quartet sang at Copeland Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Lyons had as their guests Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Settle and Mrs. Julie Edison of Wilkesboro, also Miss Hester Settle of Raleigh, N. C.

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ESTIMATED INCOME:

Assessed Valuation						
Estimated \$3,000,000	Rate	Debt Service	Sinking Fund	General Fund	School Fund	Total
Interest	.75	\$22,500.00				\$22,500.00
Sinking Fund	.15		\$4,500.00			4,500.00
General Fund	.45			\$13,500.		13,500.00
School Fund	.15				\$4,500.	4,500.00
Licenses				1,000.		1,000.00
Polls				380.		380.00
Street Assessm'ts			1,000.00			1,000.00
Miscellaneous				100.		100.00
	\$1.50	\$22,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$14,980.	\$4,500.	\$47,480.00
Less 5% uncollectible		1,125.00	275.00	749.	225.	2,374.00
Net. Est. Income		21,375	5,225.00	14,231.	4,275.	45,106.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

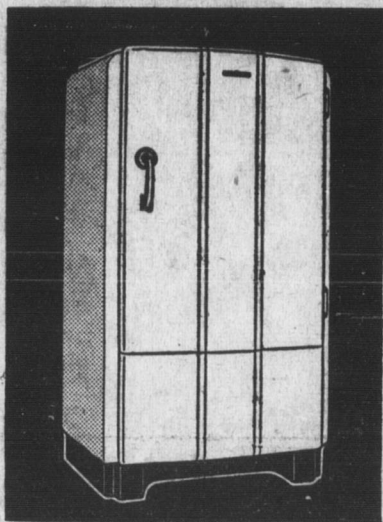
Police Department			2,070.		2,070.00
Fire Department			1,830.		1,830.00
Streets			4,600.		4,600.00
General			2,350.		2,350.00
Executive			1,570.		1,570.00
School Fund				3,700.	3,700.00
Debt Service	19,000.00	5,000.00			24,000.00
Refunding Expense	2,000.00				2,000.00
Contingencies	375.00	225.00	1,811.	575.	2,986.00
Total	\$21,375.00	\$5,225.00	\$14,231.	\$4,275.	\$45,106.00

The budget in detail may be examined by any tax payer upon application at the City Tax Office.

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PAUL GWYN, Clerk.

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