

Columnist Returns After 2000 Miles of Sightseeing, Visiting

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Well, folks, here I am again, two weeks and 2000 miles later. Had a grand time with hubby and the three kiddies on that whirl of traveling, sightseeing, and visiting which is commonly misnamed a vacation. Saw a lot of sights on our way including the Painted Desert, the Aztec ruins, Mesa Verde ruins, the Box Canyon, the Royal Gorge, Buffalo Bill's grave and museum and Lookout Mountain near Denver, the red rock theatre, Tiny Town, the sights around Salt Lake City, and the Great Salt Lake, and finally, Zion National Park. Did a lot of visiting too, catching up on old acquaintances in my hometown of Durango, Colo., and relatives, namely my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ziemer of Durango, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Aitken, my uncle and aunt of Provo, Utah. Ah well, fun's over, and back to the old grind we go for another year. Just hope that all of you will have as nice a vacation as we had.

Things have really been poppin' since this reporter left the column in the capable hands of Jane Dahl. And, by the way, a word of thanks to those of you who were so thoughtful as to call news in to Jane and help her out during those two weeks. Another word of thanks goes to Jane herself who did such a bang-up job, too.

This week-end was a busy one for the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association. On Friday evening the beauties of the Walteria-Pacific Hills area paraded before an enthusiastic audience at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. This contest was sponsored by the aforesaid association, and went over with a bang. Chosen to reign as queen was our brunette beauty, Ella Mae McLeod, of Crickewood St. Chosen second and third were Pat Wingard and Betty Eakins. Congratulations to all three girls! Next Friday night, Ella Mae will be crowned at a teen-ager coronation ball, at which adults may come to look, but not participate. Sounds like the teenagers are in for a good time.

Last Saturday night the Empty Saddle Club rang to laughter

and music as the Pacific Hills Homeowners Assn. held another of their rollicking dances. Practically everyone this reporter has talked to attended the affair, and all agreed that they had a whopping good time. Yes, they'll have another one soon, folks.

A lot of our residents are very happy these days since they have been notified that they will now get door-to-door mail delivery. Things are looking up in our fair town!

Excitement reigned at the Wilbur, McFarland residence last week when little Linda McFarland turned up missing. For two hours mother combed the neighborhood frantically for a sign of the little miss, and finally called the police and hubby for assistance. About then, little Linda wandered sleepily out of the spare bedroom where she had been sleeping on a canvas cot, to the surprise of all in the house. Ah well, all's well that ends well. Speaking of the McFarlands, they entertained out of town guests in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McFarland and their 13-month-old son of Modesto.

Home after a lovely month visit back east is Mrs. Joyce Beers of Newton St. She found a lot of energy somewhere on the way, since after returning home she dug in and started redoing her home. New rug, new furniture, paint, etc., all are on the slate.

Our sincerest sympathies this week rest with the George Cramer family of Ward St. upon the loss of Mrs. Cramer's father.

Betty Holder and her two children of Winlock Dr. are enjoying a visit in French Lick, Ind. where they are visiting Betty's parents. While they are away, daddy George is busy playing bachelor. Hear that three trunks are having a wonderful time, though.

If he had ever lost faith in human nature, Bob Cramer of Los Codona has certainly had reason to get it back. A couple of weeks ago Bob and Jean left their three kiddies with Jean's mother in Long Beach and took

off on a short second honeymoon. They went down to Laguna Beach and enjoyed themselves immensely until that Sunday afternoon when, upon returning from swimming at the beach, they discovered that Bob's wallet with all their money and all his identification and valuable papers were gone. Never dreaming that they would ever see same again, they disconsolately returned home. Two nights later they received a phone call from a marine lieutenant who lives in San Clemente to the effect that he had found Bob's lost wallet. Piling into the car they journeyed down there and had the wallet returned to them complete with every cent of the money. Just shows you that there are good folks in this old world too!

The Australian Club of Southern California is holding a meeting on Saturday, July 24 at the Walteria Recreation Hall. All members and friends are invited to attend this film evening.

The films will run approximately two hours beginning at 8:30 in the evening. These shown will be "Australia Today," "Walk About" on the aborigine; "Story of a City" about Sydney; "Place for a Village" about Melbourne; "Western Gateway" about Perth; and "Color Wonderland" on the Barrier Reef which extends 2000 miles on the south of Australia.

The racing in this part of the country is usually done in Hollywood Park, but some Walterians had a race of their own on July 12, and lost. This is the story. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dicey of Newton St. started for the Permanent Hospital in Los Angeles on that date, for the arrival of their third child. However, Buster became very impatient, and made his appearance in Gardena. All ended well, however, with the bouncing eight lb. eight oz. baby boy and mother resting peacefully at the original destination. This is the third boy for the Diceys, joining brothers Joe, who is three, and Mike, who is 15 months, at the family home. The new arrival will answer to the name of Gary Anthony. Proud grandparent is Mrs. Lucy Dicey of Lomita.

Mrs. Catherine Carruthers of Long Beach spent the holiday week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Riggs and husband of Park St.

Congratulations are in order for one of our Walteria girls, Miss Jo Vaverka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vaverka of 242nd St. announced her engagement to Mr. Richard J. Hillman of Culver City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Hillman, at a family dinner gathering on July 3. Richard recently was released from the Navy, receiving his discharge on May 12. He is now attending school. Mary Jo is a graduate of St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, and since her graduation

Kiwanians Plan Kids' Day on September 25

As a part of the national celebration of Kids' Day, on Sept. 25, the Torrance Kiwanis Club is planning a number of special events for local youngsters.

By Scotton, president, is in charge of arrangements. Games, carnival booths, refreshments, and rides are planned for the day, as well as games and contests with prizes donated by local merchants and industrialists.

He indicated that he would appoint Milton Arthur, Long Beach civic leader and recreation enthusiast, to the commission. The five members of the commission will be appointed by the board.

Supervisors Consider

The Board of Supervisors has unanimously adopted an ordinance which would set up a five-man recreation commission to replace the many recreational advisory commissions now in existence.

Fourth District Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who originally proposed creation of the commission, said he felt it was necessary "if we are to properly prepare for the recreational needs of the present and particularly the future."

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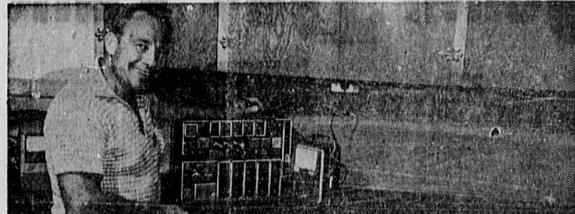
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