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Summer Trips of Kettlerites Take Them to Nation's Corners

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The summer issues of the various magazines often carry descriptions and suggestions of trips to various parts of the United States but there's not one that would do any better than the "falling about" the trip taken by Ione and Ted Aarup and daughter Margaret recently. The Reynosa Dr. residents took their house trailer and started north in a caravan of three trailers, the other two being drawn by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hall and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spoon, on past San Francisco into the Redwoods and on up to the Rogue River in southern Oregon where they made camp.

From this camp they took side trips to Diamond Lake, and Crater Lake where they encountered snow and "slightly chilly" weather that made them wish for their red flannels and teeth not quite so "chattery."

The route back southward led them through Klamath Falls, on to Shasta Dam, then on to Cascade Crags Park where the small caravan made camp. From there the group motored down through Redding then up to Mt. Lassen which by the way Ione says was her favorite spot of the whole trip.

Taking highway 89 from Mt. Lassen they went on to Truckee from where they made side trips to Reno, Carson City, and Donner Lake. It was at Donner Lake that they watched the Fourth of July fireworks.

From Leevining, a jaunt was made to Bodol, Calif., an old deserted mining town. This particular place Ted found most interesting.

Mammoth Lakes was the next stop, with a visit to Devil's Postpile, then on to Bishop and on home. Sounds like a mighty interesting three weeks and exactly like the trips that one reads about in a travel folder.

Another vacation that included interesting new sights was the one taken in Durango, Col., by Bill and Earlene Walker and daughter Linda of Reynosa Dr.

The Walkers were the guests of Earlene's Aunt and Uncle, Vanessa and John Peters.

Their trip included such things as a couple of days fishing and relaxing at the Peter's cabin at the lake, a trip to the old Indian Ruins at Mesa Verde, and a trip on the last of its kind, the narrow gauge railroad to Silverton.

The return trip took Bill and Earlene through New Mexico and though the weather was a little on the warm side the journey was most enjoyable.

Also getting back into the old routine, after a most enjoyable trip are Theima and Harry Setzer of Walnut St.

The Setzer itinerary included Sacramento and Davis where they renewed their friendship with former Kettlerites Jimmy and Jerry Withycomb.

From there they motored to Portland, Ore., where they were the house guests of Sam and Gwen Peeler. While in the city of the roses they witnessed the annual rose parade and though it doesn't compare with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Theima said it was lovely.

The Torranchites also spent a day at Mount Hood, and on the return trip came by way of Reno where they stopped long enough to see a few of the sights it had to offer. Reports are that it was a most enjoyable trip but it was nice to be home again.

After the recent installation of the new officers and dance at the Bert S. Crossland Unit of the American Legion, Jim and Dottie Parks of Huber St. hosted a group of their friends for coffee. Those enjoying the friendly get together were Tom and Ann Kasterbor, John and Tana Grosky, Vern and Pauline Coll, Vern and Mary Babcock, and Ken and Teo Cunningham.

What is so rare as a day in June? . . . only this time it was a day in July that was so rare that it was perfect in every detail for Tom and Virginia Byrum of Falena St. when they made their first trip to Catalina Island recently.

The adventurers found the steamer voyage over and back most enjoyable for the sea was so calm and the sun made it sparkle with a thousand imaginary diamonds.

Virginia packed a picnic lunch which they enjoyed in one of the island's small out of the way parks, after which they took some of the best trips and of course a trip to the bird farm.

Now, every time that Virginia looks at some of the souvenirs that they brought back, there are many wonderful memories of a truly perfect day.

Virginia and Tom have also been enjoying the company of Virginia's sister and her husband, Edith and Cecil Matzker and their children of St. Louis, Mo. while they have been visiting in Torrance.

The Matzkers have divided their visit among Edith's three sisters, Virginia, Anne Robinson who lives in the Strip, and Ellen Payne of Lomita. They also stopped over to see still another sister, in Vallejo on their way Southward. It has been nearly two years since Tom and Virginia were back to St. Louis, so there was lots of visiting to catch up on.

Gloria and Bill Hixson of Kathy Way spent a most enjoyable two weeks vacation with Gloria's mother, Mrs. Cora Milligan, in Atwater, Calif. near Merced recently. While Ronnie and Bill went fishing up near Yosemite, Gloria had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances with old school chums and catching up on all the news. "It might not have been very exciting but it certainly was enjoyable."

A birthday party that the neighborhood is still talking about is the recent circus party honoring Mary Jean Winklebauer on her eighth birthday.

The daughter of "Wink" and Lorraine Winklebauer of Martha St. was hostess to about 12 of her neighborhood playmates for an afternoon of games and "just play" in her back yard.

Following the circus theme, the individual cup cakes were decorated like clown heads and there were clown nut cups full of goodies to go along with the ice cream.

Among those who enjoyed the gay get together were Sharon

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The Wayt family, Jimmy, Madelyn, Joyce, Jack and Marilyn, have now started on the second half of their vacation . . . during the first part they spent five enjoyable days at Sequoia fishing and relaxing.

Joyce sprained her ankle the second day. Thinking it was broken, she had to pay a visit to a doctor. Fortunately it was only Adams, Thomas Jefferson and sprained, so it didn't spoil the

outing too much.

The family returned to their Reynosa Dr. residence the earlier part of the week for a day then motored down to be the guests of friends at Marine Lake near San Diego.

Come on folks, the heat's not that bad . . . what with the kids off to camp, vacations, and guests, how about giving me a call so we can have a good newsworthy column.

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