

ADELINE DALEY

A Tattered Scrap of Her Diary

I wouldn't say that our annual vacation treks to Yosemite National Park equal the hardships endured by the pioneer women crossing the plains, but I cannot help but draw a comparison.

For instance, just to look at my hands redden from washing dishes in cold water (our fires always go out before the water is heated), I'm sure that I'm the only woman in America who right now could pose for a mechanic's soap commercial.

I particularly feel a kinship with those hardy women when I read a yellowed page from a diary of theirs, such as you find behind glass in museums: "It took our weary band of travelers 36 hours to traverse from Merced to Yosemite." Believe me, traveling with our seven kids it seems just as long.

What puzzles me, however, is how these women found

the time to turn into veritable Dorothy Kilgallens, writing detailed accounts of their arduous trips westward. Mine is a lot shorter:

"Whoever findeth this journal, let it be known that in August of 1965, Anno Domini, nine souls departed from home and hearth to journey into the Sierra Country. It was decided that the eldest, wisest, and the one holding all of the gasoline credit cards, my dear husband would be the wagonmaster and that I ride shotgun to settle any skirmishes that might develop in the back seat.

"Brian, our young son, was placed in the rear for the purpose of informing us should any of the suitcases come loose from the roof where they were strapped. It was indeed a prudent move, because it wasn't long before a pillowcase, stuffed with a

few of our possessions, blew off. We were then able to retrieve it.

"We took Trail number 99, a well-traveled route, and found ourselves in the middle of the longest wagon train ever to leave from one place—220 miles long and consisting of 5,000 wagons and 40 motor cycles, who obviously were our scouts as they continually raced ahead.

"Pushing onward, we made our first stop at one of the outposts to stock up on supplies — comic books, candy bars, soft drinks, and potato chips.

"We arrived at Yosemite at dusk, and tears came to my eyes as I gazed at the sheer beauty of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, Glacier Point and at the onion I was peeling for that night's dinner.

"As I write this, the end (of the vacation) is drawing near. Praise be the Lord.

Solons Add New Freeway in Area

Addition of a new freeway to serve Torrance and the removal of one major freeway route which would have cut through the western edge of the city are among changes in the California Freeway System which become effective Friday.

The changes, contained in bills adopted by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, also provide for a direct freeway connection between the Los Angeles International Airport and the existing San Diego Freeway.

The new north-south freeway would connect the San Diego and Hollywood Freeways, cutting across Los Angeles at a point midway between the San Diego and the Harbor Freeways for a distance of 16 miles. It is the only major freeway added to the planned state road system in Los Angeles area.

The proposed freeway to Los Angeles International Airport would leave the San Diego Freeway in the vicinity of Century Boulevard. A part

of Route 170, it would be about two miles long. The legislative changes also called for removal of a section of the future Pacific Coast Freeway, Route 1, between Artesia Boulevard in Hermosa Beach and Hawthorne Avenue in Torrance. The section would have cut through the southwestern section of Torrance.

In a change in the State Highway System, a section of Hawthorne Boulevard and La Brea Avenue between San Diego Freeway and Centinela Avenue in Inglewood was deleted. The section, now numbered as Route 107, is about eight miles long.

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Narbonne High Class of '50 Plans Reunion Supper Here

Members of the 1950 Winter Class at Narbonne High School will hold their first reunion Sept. 25 at the home of Mrs. Carol Graham DiBiasi, 1822 W. 124th St., Lomita.

A buffet supper is being planned, according to Mrs. DiBiasi. All but eight members of the class have been located.

Missing graduates include Lee Crocker, Sharon Enos, Yoshiko Honda, Alice Horrell, Henry Kageyama, Dolores Murphy, Jacqueline Schumann, and Vivian Thompson. Mrs. DiBiasi asked persons having information about the missing members to contact her at DA 6-4300.

Additional information about the reunion is available from Mrs. DiBiasi.

Airman 3/C Gary R. Monson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gallareto of 25341 Feijoa, Lomita, has been graduated at Amarillo AFB, Tex., from the training course for U. S. Air Force jet aircraft mechanics.

Airman Monson, a graduate of Narbonne High School, is being reassigned to George AFB, Calif., for duty.

New Heart Coordinator Assigned to Southwest

A new Los Angeles County Heart Association coordinator has been assigned in the Southwestern Branch to aid Heart neighbors from Wilmington to Westchester, Chauncey A. Alexander, executive director of the Heart Association, announced this week.

The coordinator, a new resident in Torrance, is David W. Ruddy. He replaces Mrs. Patricia K. Hull, who had been coordinator of the branch for the past year and a half.

Ruddy, a recent arrival from San Francisco, will be responsible for administering programs created by Heart volunteers and in bringing heart health facts to residents of the Centinela and Gardena Valleys, the South Bay, Harbor, Torrance, and Peninsula areas.

Ruddy, who lives at 21023 Ladene Ave., will work with Heart neighbors throughout the year and will administer the Heart Fund campaign in this area next February.

"The office at 16811 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, is open to everyone who is seeking Heart help or advice, and to those who want to meet and plan programs or to exchange ideas in this current educational battle against heart and circulatory disorders," Ruddy said.

He explained that the main emphasis of the Heart Association's education program here and throughout the nation this year is "to reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes."

S/Sgt. Jack T. Kennedy has been awarded the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Beale AFB, Calif.

Sergeant Kennedy received the medal for meritorious service as a KC-135A crew chief at Grand Forks, AFB, N.D.

Now assigned to Beale, he is a member of the Strategic Air Command, America's long-range nuclear bomber and missile force.

Sgt. Kennedy's wife, Betty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stepanek of 4530 W. 166th St., Lawndale.

Los Angeles Sets Night Court Dates

Night traffic court will be opened in the Los Angeles Municipal Court District Sept. 30.

Court will be conducted on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Division 50, 833 S. Wall St.

Persons receiving traffic tickets and wishing to appear before a judge will be able to do so during the evening hours for their arraignment.

The arraignment gives the citizen the opportunity to plead guilty or not guilty to the charge. If he pleads not guilty, a trial would be set during the regular-day session of the court.

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