

Coast To Coast

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Clear skies and a hot day were the order for Sept. 1 and we were on our way at 8 a.m. Our first misfortune had been discovered. A broken head-light, which we had

repaired in short order and away we went again in a cloud of dust over the MacDonald Pass (elev. 6323 ft.) arriving in Helena, Mont. about noon. We found Pastor Norbeck at home. (Pastor Norbeck was a former Pastor friend of Ruby's and of her family, in Vancouver). He directed us to their fishing and hunting camp 25 miles into the hills, where we were greeted by Mrs. Norbeck, Peter, Luther, and Nelsine. After

lunch we took to the pond for a swim with the ducks—we also did some fishing and believe it or not caught two trout. The next morning we left the camp and headed for Yellowstone National Park. Along the way we saw six Antelope leopards nibbling grass by the roadside. Our second mishap occurred during the morning, our radio failed us but with the able assistance of a young boy, it soon was coming in clear and strong again. Our route took us through more cattle country as we drove along the Madison River and Canyons. Wooded mountains of fir, pine and poplar guarded the roadway. We stayed that night at the Three Bears Motel in West Yellowstone. It was a cold night at that. Temperatures dropped to 34 degrees F.

We spent a crowded day in Yellowstone, seeing many of nature's wonders. One being "The Morning Glory Pool"—it is filled with pure, blue water over 200 degrees in temperature, never erupts or boils. It is 23 feet across and 29 feet deep, certainly aptly named. "Old Faithful" Geyser was another attraction. It erupts about every 66.2 mins. on the average for a period of from 1 1/2 to 4 mins. We stayed to see it perform twice, then moving on to see the beautiful lower Falls and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. During the day we saw 2 elk, 1 coyote, 1 buffalo, and 18 bears. These bears sometimes become so used to treats from motorists that they haunt favorable spots and even would climb into the cars in search of tidbits. In Yellowstone, as nearly everywhere in the West, the majority of trees are evergreens. Its forests include lodgepole, limber, whitebark pine, alpine fir, and Douglas fir, Rocky Mountain juniper, aspen, narrow leaved cottonwood, and alder. Most streams and lakes contain one or more species of trout and a few contain whitefish.

After leaving the park, we drove to Cody, Wyoming for the night. This was Buffalo Bill's home town, the evidence of which could easily be seen on signs and business establishments. On the way into Cody we saw rock formations resembling the Holy City, the Palisades, elephant heads and castles. We held our breaths and hoped we would not meet any cars on the Shoshone Highway Canyon, the road being very narrow, winding and with deep chasms to our right, and perpendicular rock to our left. To add to our consternation, we had to pass through six tunnels allowing only one way traffic, but Lady Luck was with us and we continued on our way without any interruptions.

On Sept. 4 we left Cody, going across vast dry plain prairie country—in the distance white snow covered "Teton" Mountain ranges could be seen. We drove through Big Horn Canyon, with its many coloured rock walls—red predominating—and before we realized it, we were climbing to the top of Big Horn Mountain on a winding, switch-back, breath-taking narrow road. We barely spoke nor did we dare to think of what might happen to our car or to ourselves should we become stranded—but our car did make it gallantly, and we climbed to an elevation of 8950 feet to Granite Pass. When on top, large amounts of fresh, snow covered, higher peaks were close around us, while patches of snow were seen under trees and along the wayside, and remains of once proud "snow-men" slouched along the road.

On our downward journey we were able to get a magnificent view of the State of Wyoming, tremendous subject material for camera shots. One in particular, we will not forget, was of two cowboys herding and "yippee-ing" about 200 head of Hereford cattle down the mountain to valley ranches below. The cattle were all sizes and shapes and looked so fat and healthy—good steaks for some folk!!! The trip down the mountains was quite uneventful and once on the level, we drove the rest of the day through fertile farm country. That evening we really saw our first prairie sun set in all its radiant glory. We stayed in Gillette, Wyoming for the night.

Sept. 5 was a lovely morning and especially so at 8 o'clock when we got started again. We drove about 50 miles to Sundance, Wyoming, where we stopped at the "Elk Horn Cafe" for breakfast. We mention this as we were introduced to the Jackalope. "The Jackalope" is perhaps the rarest animal in North America. The strange little fellow defies classification. Were it not for the horns it might be a large rabbit. Were it not for its shape and colouring it might be a species of deer. It is not usually vicious. An odd trait of the Jackalope is its ability to imitate the human voice. Cowboys singing to their herds at night have been startled to hear their lonely melodies repeated. The phantom echo comes from the throat of the Jackalope. We were told they sing on dark nights, just before a thunderstorm—even stories, that they sometimes get together and sing in chorus, were discounted by those who know them best. With this mythical story to help us digest our bacon and eggs, we drove on towards the Black Hills of South Dakota. It was in the Black Hills that white man and Indian warred. Here was the scene of America's last gold rush. The Black Hills are a never-ending panorama of breath-taking beauty, containing mile high lakes, pine clad peaks, unusual formations of rock.

The Needles Highway, part of the Black Hills, winds through tall sentinels of granite and is so located that it gives one a tremendous vista of beauty at every turn. The Cathedral Spires rise skyward like the pipes of a great organ. We were also fortunate enough to visit "The Shrine of Democracy" Mount Rushmore National Memorial, rising from the verdant forests. The world's greatest sculptural work which began in 1927. Gutzon Borglum, world's artist and sculptor, planned and supervised the monument consisting of the busts of Washington,

St. Louis And Vicinity

Miss Edith FitzGerald is visiting with friends in Summerside.

Mrs. Maurice Myers was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Myers in Duvar.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arsenault were recent visitors to Summerside.

Miss Rose Bernard recently visited her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen LeClair in Tignish.

Reverend Emanuel Richard recently visited with relatives and friends in Egmont Bay.

Mrs. Myra Callaghan and Mrs. Joseph J. Bernard were recent visitors to Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Doucette and family, have returned to their home in Georgetown after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Doucette in St. Edward.

Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Lincoln. The busts are carved in ageless granite and are proportionate to men 465 feet high and from the top of Washington's head to his chin is 60 feet. These faces can be distinguished for a distance of 17 miles.

To add a lighter vein to our day, we visited two zoos and the world's largest Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, S.D. That night we retired quite exhausted but very much satisfied with our day. (To be concluded)

Mr. Doucette is stationed with the R. C. A. F.

Miss Gladys Bernard left recently to spend a vacation visiting with friends and relatives in United States.

Mr. George Bernard of St. Edward is a patient at the Western Hospital suffering from an injury to his hand.

Mrs. Alton MacDonald of Tignish, was a recent visitor to St. Louis, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alphy Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Wedge of Summerside were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wedge.

Miss Dora Albert, who is employed in Alberton recently visited at her home, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albert.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bernard and Mrs. Alcee Chaisson of Tignish, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arsenault.

Mrs. Claude Kelly and son Patrick, have arrived from Toronto, and are visiting Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ellsworth and family.

Mr. Cyril Arsenault of Moncton, spent the week-end of Oct. 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chaisson. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arsenault.

Miss Gloria Doucette and Miss Frances Richard students at Tracadie Convent, were recent visitors at Miss Doucettes home, guests of

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Doucette.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. George Mallet, Mr. Wilbert and Lea Perry motored to Cavendish and Rustico on Oct. 4

Friends of Mrs. Aubin Perry of Palmer Road, are sorry to know

she is a patient at the Western Hospital and wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. Alyre Chaisson, Irving and Willie Lavolette, Miss Jean Chaisson motored to Summerside on Oct 4 to visit Jimmy Chaisson

who is a patient at the Prince County Hospital in Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. John Veno of Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke of Cape Wolfe, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bernard.



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