

the Sam Campbell Special

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THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY WISHES YOU A JOYOUS REUNION ON NOV. 22nd!

MILLY GOES TO HAWAII

Mildred Knabe visited Hawaii last April, and in response to our begging wrote the following brief resume of the trip:

"These islands are the PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC. The voyage on the LURLINE is wonderful. During the four and a half days on the luxurious steamer there are many activities: photographic discussions, informal talks on the islands and The latter helps get the Chicago kinks out of the Malihini HULA LESSONS. There is no language difficulty although Hawaiian (newcomer to the islands). words creep into conversation and it is fun to learn to pronounce 3 vowels in Our stay was complete with outrigger cance rides and typical Hawaiian doings. We did island hopping from metropolitan Honolulu on Oahu to Kauai with its canyon and only navigable river, on to Maui where is found a lush valley and an extinct volcano, and then Hawaii completely, including a look at The last flow of the 1950 eruption of this volcano still the active Mauna Loa. My proof of success of the trip: many pictures, some records a heat of 88. unwanted pounds gained and much sleep lost."

Thanks Milly! Wish a hundred or so of us had been with you. (Sh-h-h-, folks, we understand Milly learned to do a couple of those real Hawaiian dances. Maybe we can promote a demonstration some time.)

THE REUNION LUNCHEON

November 22, 1952 is the date for the reunion luncheon, in the Grand Ballroom at the Lake Shore Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. At 11:30 AM the gabfest and social hour begins. At 12:30 food is served.

And here is a little surprise! Unless some unexpected development in the radio or television field prevents his coming, MR. AND MRS. NORMAN ROSS will attend. Norman is much interested in the Sam Campbell Tours, and many of our folks were inspired to take our trips through his radio announcements on the WMAQ "400 HOUR". So-o-o-o at our luncheon in all probability you'll see "The Big Man of Radio."

There will be music, good fellowship and the renewal of friendships. The program will carry our travel-hungry thoughts far and wide. In a series of 15 minute numbers, Will Rubert will show slides made in England and parts of continental Europe this summer, Mildred Knabe will show pictures of Hawaii, Helen Donahey will tell us something of the Scandinavian countries as she saw them, Olaf and Eddie Nelson will combine their Kodachromes of our Canyon Tour last summer and Sam Campbell will show his Alaskan film, now completed and being used in the professional field.

The cost of the luncheon is \$3.50 per plate. Bring as many guests as you

wish. Letters will be sent all Campbellites soon announcing the luncheon and providing blanks for making reservations.

Everybody will be wanting to see everybody, so everybody come!

THE ALASKAN TOUR OF 1953

Sam Campbell and Roy Dickson are sure champing at the bit these days. They want to get out that brochure giving full details, but they can't until they know what ship is to replace the KATHLEEN. Final news is expected any day. In the meantime rumors fly around thick and fast. It has been whispered that they will use every kind of a craft from the QUEEN MARY down to Sam Campbell's Canoe. The Canadian Pacific is mighty proud of its Alaskan service and they are certain to come up with a ship that lives up to their fine traditions.

In the meantime, the potential reservation list grows and grows. A number of folks have asked if they could send their money in so as to be sure and not be left behind. Don't do that yet! Space will be assigned in the order that letters of application have been received. No doubt it will be like the 1951 Alaskan Tour when many of those who made late applications could not be accommodated — but certainly no one who has expressed a desire to go at this time will be disappointed.

Folks who know and love Jasper Park are pleased that the 1953 Tour will stay there two full days and nights. It is a grand spot. When we were there in 1951 on the way to Alaska a number said they would just as soon abandon the rest of the trip and stay right at Jasper. Hence, we are having additional time there this year. Jasper Park had its share of the 1952 calamities. A large portion of the main dining lodge burned. Word comes that the building is being rebuilt, more beautiful than ever, and it will be ready for us when we arrive next June.

TOOT! TOOT!

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Snith made the front page of their home town paper, the Boloit DAILY NEWS, with a story about a black crowned night heron that spent much of the summer roosting in a large oak tree at their home. Bird lovers can't understand why this heron broke all tradition and came away from its own kind to live near the Smiths. Campbellites understand it, though. When you know the Wiley Smiths you just want to be near thom, that's all. The old night heron just shares an opinion we all hold about these swell folks.

Adeline Sauter sent us a menu printed for "Pioneer's Day" at the Grand Canyon Lodge. They didn't serve us any such food there. Here are a few items from it: Jumbe Junebug Cocktail, Broth of Choice Lizard Gizzard, Rigid Frigid Toaden Horni, Adam's Prime Rib Under Broken Glass, Tender Turned Tail of Kaibab Squirrel. Dessert was Pine Cone Pudding - Gookum, and the drinks were Hadacol and Rinse Water. We missed that -- thank goodness.

Roy and Tess Dickson are in California at the moment, looking over a grandson they never saw before. Chances are they will let him stay in the family. Being grandparents is a tremendous job, and Roy just had to retire from ordinary railroading so as to do the job well and look after the Sam Campbell Tours too.

NOTES AND GLEANS

When folks go to Ben-My-Chree, the delightful wilderness homestead on West Taku Arm of Lake Tagish, they board the quaint stern-wheeler steamer "The Tutshi" at Carcross, Yukon. The steamer carries 114 passengers. The cabins are luxurious compared to what that region first knew but they are crude enough

to resind travelers that they are in the wild north. The name Tutshi (pronounced "Tooshy") means <u>dark water</u>. There is a lake and a river of the same name to the north of Lake Tagish.

San McGee of THE CREMATION OF SAM McGEE by Robert Service, was an actual living character. His cabin still stands at Whitehorse. He passed on in Calgary, Alberta in 1940.

Talk about a bargain in real estate, we purchased Alaska in 1867 for \$7,200,000. Gold alone repaid many times the purchase price, and we are only beginning to uncover the mineral resources of this vast area. Even today Alaska has but one person for every five square miles - the most thinly settled of all U.S. lands. Alaska is about one-fifth the size of the United States.

The White Pass and Yukon Railway which runs from Skagway across a spectacular route over the coastal mountains back into the Yukon, was begun in April 1898, and finished in July 1900. It goes up White Pass, following the route of the 98 gold-rushers. The coming of the railway made startling changes in the region. Prior to its coming, the crossing of this range of mountains was a hazardous thing, taking a terrific toll of human and animal life. As the railway was built, rile after mile, the prospectors riding as far as the rails went and then taking up their foot journey beyond, the character of the wilderness changed. On the far side of the divide, the cost of all articles coming from the outside world was appalling. A frying pan, for instance, would cost perhaps 5.00. The day the first train came through the bottom fell out of this inflation — the same frying pan cost but a few cents. Today we ride in comfortable parlor cars over the route the miners traveled so painfully.

Looking down on the mountains back of Skagway from the air, you see the great area of ice known as Denver Glacier. One arm of the massive field extends 35 miles east to the Atlin Country, and is known as Llewellyn Gracier. It is seen just back of Ben-My-Chree. Another arm reaches 90 miles to the south, and is called Taku Glacier.

thought-of-the-month

"The visible world is but man turned inside out that he may be revealed to himself."

Henry James the Elder

| 1 | November | 1 | DeKalb County Home Bureau, at the High School | . 8:00 | PM |
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| | rt . | 2 | Mayfair School, 4600 Morth Knox Ave | | |
| | 11 | 2 | New Trier High School, Winnetka | | |
| | 11 | 3 | Flossmoor Public School, Flossmoor, Ill | | |
| | 11 | 4 | Tabor Lutheran Church, 80th & Escanaba, Chicago | | |
| | ** | 5 | Farrarut School, 701 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, Ill | .7:45 | PM |
| 8 | 11 | 6 | Asbury Methodist Church, LeClaire & Ohio Sts., Chicago | .8:00 | PM |
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| | 11 | 8 | Broadview Academy, LaGrange, Ill | .8:00 | PM |
| | " | 9 | Contennial Methodist Church, 219 5. Second St., Rockford . | .8:00 | PM |
| | " | 10 | Second Congregational Church, 318 N. Church St., Rockford | .8:00 | PM |
| | tt | 11 | First Lutheran Church, 225 S. 3rd St., Rockford | .8:00 | PM |
| | 11 | 12 | State Street Baptist Church, 1135 E. State St., Rockford . | .7:30 | PM |
| | , | 13 | Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 Second St., Rockford | .8:00 | PM |
| | 17 | 14 | Woodward Governor Co. audi., 5001 M. Second St., Rockford | .8:00 | PM |