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A MOST HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



*Sam and Giny with "Inky"*

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*and may the days before you be blessed with  
an understanding of the messages our Father  
has written in the parables of nature.*

GINY and SAM CAMPBELL

## THAT REUNION LUNCHEON

November 22 was a wonderful day in every way but the weather. Folks came from all over the country for the Campbellite reunion luncheon at the Lake Shore Club of Chicago. The weather did everything it could to mess things up. A breeze whipped up that left no doubt as to why Chicago is called "The Windy City." Some folks said it was harder to get from the curb into the Lake Shore Club than it was to drive in from Indianapolis. It shows what good sports the Campbellites are that there were 350 reservations for luncheon and 350 people came!

What a grand time everyone had seeing everyone! Enough talking went on to have supplied a political campaign. Folks came from near and far. On the registration list were Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin.

The luncheon slipped down right well and as near as we know everyone liked it. Then came community singing with songs especially prepared for the occasion. The group was in fine voice and made the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Shore Club vibrate as it never had before.

Helen Donahey was first on the program. She gave a witty and interesting account of her trip through England and the Scandinavian countries. She had the folks laughing much of the time and Sam was so impressed with her talk he sincerely suggested she enter the professional field. That is quite a concession for Sam. He has enough competition already.

Will Rubert followed, showing wonderful slides of the trip he and his family made to Europe this last summer. The Ruberts were over some of the same territory covered by Helen and the two parties met at one point in their travels. Will's photography is most commendable and his manner of presentation extra fine.

Next, Mildred Knabe gave her unusual pictures of Hawaii. Her enthusiasm for her trip to the Islands (made last April) is contagious and she had everyone present mentally roaming about "The Paradise of the Pacific." A photographer present remarked that he had never seen finer pictures in the matter of exposure and composition than Milly's.

Now Olaf Nelson gave a series of slides made on the Tour of 1952. These were a combination of his own pictures and those of his brother Eddie (Crazy Hats) Nelson. Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyons, Sun Valley, The Columbia River Valley, Victoria and Glacier Park were shown in pictures of unusual quality. Olaf is giving a number of public showings of his excellent collection of slides. He has a friendly and simple way of presenting his subject that delights everyone.

The last pictures of the day were Sam and Giny's Alaskan movies. Then the group sang a farewell song and left with hearts heaped with happiness. That evening there were a number of gatherings about Chicago where folks who knew each other particularly well got together for more pictures and travel gabbing.

Tess Dickson, Helen Albright and Florence Sherman were hostesses; Phoebor Cramer, Margaret Johnson and Pauline Strohmaier were at the registration table. Roy Dickson and Sam Campbell stood around and looked important, while Giny Campbell did everything. Special honor was done Phoebe, who was secretary of the luncheon and took entire charge of reservations.

There is a warm glow in the heart after such a meeting of friends. Of all the joys in this life the greatest is that which comes in loving and being loved by our fellow beings. We are grateful for every "get-to-gether" where we are reminded anew of our importance to each other.

### THAT ALASKAN CRUISE

Word comes from Jasper Park that the reconstruction of their marvelous dining lodge (partly burned last year) is progressing ahead of schedule. They will be ready to serve us some of those wonderful meals we all praised so highly on the 1951 trip. Jasper does not have one huge hotel. For sleeping quarters there are an adequate number of attractive little cabins about the beautiful grounds and meals are at the central dining lodge. Wonderful is the word for Jasper.

Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway are all prepared for our coming. We have engaged practically all the transportation units in those communities. Folks of the 1951 Alaska Tour will remember not only the grand scenery of those places but the fine boys who took us about. They are intelligent, friendly, pleasant and express a genuine desire to help you get the most out of your stay.

At the hour this goes to press our brochures are still being held up! We do not have official word from the Canadian Pacific as to the name and cabin plan of our steamer. We know from newspaper reports and other sources that it is to be a grand ship, very beautifully appointed, but until we have official word from the company we cannot print that folder. It is all set up and ready to run.

In the meantime inquiries are coming in at an astonishing rate. It seems "going to Alaska" is something everyone is planning to do sometime -- and it seems, too, that most of them want to go in 1953.

TOOT! TOOT!

Sam and Giny are on their way to Hawaii. They sail from San Francisco on the SS Lurline on December 27 and will return to Chicago January 19. Sam says he has been practicing Hawaiian words until his tongue is in a figure 8 knot. Hm-m-m-m-m- do you suppose this trip has anything to do with planning the Campbellite 1954 tour?????

Lovely and loved Delight Claisler has been married to Scott A. Gentry. All Campbellites will join in wishing them heavenly happiness. Delight's sweet smile and wonderful disposition has added joy to a number of our tours. They will live at 1501 E. 38th Street, Apt. 12, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Beautiful Barbara Nelson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Nelson) is now engaged to Bob Warner. We can't claim commission on this for our matrimonial bureau but we'll wager Barbara was put in romantic mood by the canyons we saw last summer or maybe that marvelous moonlight night on the boat returning from Victoria to Seattle. They are two grand youngsters -- Bob and Barbara -- and we wish them oceans of happiness.

thought-of-the-month

"Christmas truly symbolizes the dawning of the Christ in individual consciousness. A certain day may serve for our ceremonies, but only through consecration of our lives can we express suitable gratitude for this momentous event."

(Abbott)