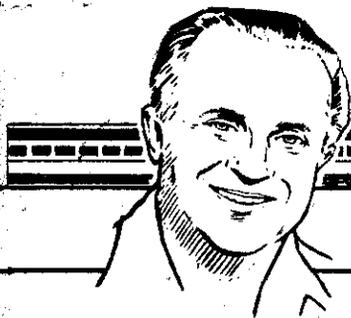


# the Sam Campbell Special



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The "Sam Campbell Special" welcomes the new Campbellites. This bulletin is issued periodically, and sent to all who have been on a Sam Campbell Tour. Its purpose is to keep memories fresh of adventures the Campbellites have already enjoyed and to promote plans for more to come.

## REUNION LUNCHEON

Remember the date! November 22, 1952 (Saturday) will be the date of the Reunion Luncheon at the Lake Shore Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. November 8 was originally named, but due to a confliction this had to be changed.

All Campbellites are warmly urged to come -- and bring guests. Reservations will be necessary. Direct notice will be sent to everyone in October.

Sam assures all something besides chicken will be on the menu. He likes the chicken at the Lake Shore Club so well, he said to Giny last year, "Let's have it again. After all, the folks only come here once a year and they won't remember what they had that far back." But several did remember it and suggested a change. The menu is being worked out, and it won't be CHICKEN. Sam suggested he put on one of his famous flapjack spasms, but Giny vetoed that. She said with 350 folks to be fed those cakes would be sailing around like a shower of flying saucers.

There will be entertainment, movies, slides -- and best of all, a chance to get together and renew memories and friendships.

## THAT ALASKAN CRUISE

Several Campbellites have written in to say that they are particularly glad we are going to Alaska this coming summer. They fear that some of their favorite spots will undergo a change in the next several years. A new \$80,000,000.00 pulp mill is moving into Ketchikan. No one begrudges the folks up there the prosperity that follows such a development but we know quaint, friendly Ketchikan is sure to change. We want to see it again before it becomes a hustling, bustling sophisticated metropolis.

The same promise hovers over Skagway, too. Skagway, you know, was once a city of 15,000 when the gold rush was on, then it dwindled to a little over 600. The feeling of the frontier is there. Now a tremendous \$400,000,000.00 power and aluminum project is to develop within 10 miles of the town -- and there goes Skagway. A new kind of gold rush is coming to stay.

It will be a couple of years before these changes take place, so we will see Ketchikan and Skagway while they still look like Alaska.

All travelers who know and love the Alaskan Cruise are saddened at the sinking of the steamer KATHLEEN. On the morning of September 8 Sam and Giny sat at

breakfast in their northwoods cabin and turned on the newscast. The announcer casually stated that the KATHLEEN had struck a rock north of Juneau and sank in 90 feet of water! All passengers and crew members were taken off by the ever-present coast guard. Sam and Giny never finished that breakfast. They were stunned. "I have heard how people fall in love with ships, but I didn't realize I had," said Giny from back of tears. "It is like losing a close friend." The Campbells had traveled several times on the KATHLEEN. Another fine ship will take up the KATHLEEN'S schedule and no doubt everyone will learn quickly to love it. The cause of the mishap is undertermined so far. The smooth Inside Passage is well charted and relatively free of usual marine hazards. Thousands of safe sailings by all manner of craft have rated the route one of the most dependable in the world. Something went wrong and cost us all the KATHLEEN.

The unfortunate occurrence makes no change in our plans. We will inspect the new ship to make sure the same level of luxury is attained as with the KATHLEEN. But we are assured by CPR officials that the selected craft will be as good or better.

TOOT! TOOT!

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Wagers, who sat at the speakers table last reunion luncheon, are now going around the world -- flying! They are in Japan at this writing.

A letter from Helen Gibbons says that her daughter "Pat", whose beauty and charm added so much to the '52 tour, has entered nurses' training at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington.

Elizabeth Goodyear, Chicago, who has been an important member of several tours, had a group over recently for dinner, slides and travel chatter. Among those present were Marge (crazy hats) Johnson, Millie (Texas) Robinson, Etta Wood, Marjorie Hough and Jessie Hopp. Marge says the evening was all too short.

If Sam and Giny don't answer your letters on time, blame it on the 19 raccoons that come to their island nightly. Giny says it is a three-ringed circus. The 'coons play like kittens and keep the Campbells giggling.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Frank are going to Alaska with us next summer. That will mean a lot to you if you know O. D. and Tillie -- and believe us, most everyone knows them. O. D. (he says those initials stand for "Out Door") was for years biology teacher at the University of Chicago High School. He is now retired and he and Tillie are busy going places they couldn't go before. O. D. has a fine following among the faculty and so many wish to go with him to Alaska that a special car is planned on our train, to be known as "The Hour Glass Car." The Hour Glass is the name of an organization of his former students. The Franks and Campbells have been close friends for years.

#### THOSE NEW BOOKS

Many have been asking about Sam's new books. There are two just published and here is the dope on them:

(1) THE SEVEN SECRETS OF SOMEWHERE LAKE (Published by Bobbs-Merrill Co., \$2.50) is the story of seven beavers Sam and Giny protected. It also relates their adventures, humorous and otherwise, on a picture taking trip into Grand Canyon. Critics are pronouncing it the best of Sam's books on animals.

(2) NATURE'S MESSAGES (published by Rand McNally & Company, \$3.50) is a collection of Sam's essays, giving his philosophy of nature. It is illustrated with 54

photos. O. D. Frank says enthusiastically, "This book reveals the very soul of nature. It should be in the library of every nature lover in the land."

Previous books by Sam Campbell are: HOW'S INKY, TOO MUCH SALT AND PEPPER, EENY MEENY MINEY MO AND STILL-MO, A TIPPY CANOE AND CANADA TOO, ON WINGS OF CHEER, and MOOSE COUNTRY. This is the "Forest Life Series," published by Bobbs-Merrill, and gives the stories of animal life at the Campbell Sanctuary.

Several folks on the tour expressed the wish to have autographed copies of certain of these books. Those having such interest may order books directly from Sam, Three Lakes, Wisconsin -- and they will come back autographed. Please add 20¢ to cover mailing cost.

#### NOTES AND GLEANS

The Inside Passage from Vancouver to Skagway is about 1,100 miles long. It is really the Pacific Ocean, a channel running between a long chain of mountainous islands and the mainland. Only at two points on the trip does the ship come into the open Pacific, and then only for brief periods. The rest of the voyage is through quiet waters.

Skagway is an Indian word that means "wind" or perhaps "north wind." The name springs from the steady winds that blow out of the mountain passes.

The suspension bridge over Miles Canyon at Whitehorse is the only bridge over the Yukon River in 2,061 miles from Whitehorse to the Bering Sea.

The reputation Alaska has for being cold certainly does not spring from the climate of the southwestern coastal region, where our journey lies. The winter temperature pattern of this area is about like that of St. Louis. The summer average of Juneau is 56.6 degrees, and the winter average is 27.7 ABOVE zero. In fact, through the years, Juneau has had only one day below zero per year. Wrangell and Ketchikan have similar climates.

The main street in Skagway is called "Broadway." Along this street are all the stores in town. Time was when it was a wild and woolly place. Many stores used in boom days are boarded up now. No doubt "Broadway" will scintillate again in the prosperous days now ahead.

The Alaskan moose is the largest of the kind in the world. A well developed male will stand seven feet at the withers and weigh 1,400 pounds. The antlers often attain a six foot spread and are shed each year.

The Alaskan brown bear is the largest carnivorous land mammal in the world. Specimens have been taken measuring nine feet two inches long, and weighing about 1,700 pounds. Such a creature when standing on its hind legs could reach over 12 feet in the air.

thought-of-the-month

"Do you wish to be free? Then above all things love God, love your neighbor, love one another, love the common weal; then you will have true liberty."

Savonarola