

# the Sam Campbell Special



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Greetings to the new Campbellites (and the old) who have made reservations for the 1953 CANADIAN ROCKIES TOUR. The SAM CAMPBELL SPECIAL is sent periodically to all who have been on a Sam Campbell Tour.

## EVERYONE IS GOING PLACES!

"Never saw anything like it!" said a veteran travel agent recently. "This is the goin'est year in all history. Looks like home is going to be the place where nobody is. Everybody wants to go here, there, anywhere --- just so they go."

The travel bug is surely in the air. Birds are going north, flowers are coming up, prices coming down and reservation bureaus are going crazy. Suitcases and traveling bags are outselling radios and TVs. No one knows just what is responsible for this epidemic of travelitis. Maybe we all feel a little release from the world tension which has rested on us so heavily and we want to celebrate. Whatever started it, this here year of 1953 is certain to set a new record for people going places and seeing things.

The 1953 CANADIAN ROCKIES TOUR of the Campbellites is being affected by the impulse of the day. It started late, as everyone knows, but the reservation requests have simply swamped tour manager Roy Dickson. If you receive acknowledgment late on your inquiries you will know it is because there is a mound of letters before Roy some three feet high -- and he can't get much stenographic help because all the stenos are going some place, too.

We urge all veteran Campbellites and their friends to write in for space as soon as possible if they are going. We don't want any of them to be disappointed. Roy Dickson is already seeking additional Pullman cars, but they are hard to get, too.

## ANTICIPATION!

That will be a grand occasion on June 19 when the Campbellites assemble to start the 1953 journey. The Sam Campbell Special Train will be out there huffing and puffing as if it couldn't wait to get started. Roy and Tess Dickson and some railroad men will be checking in the guests. Sam and Giny will be doing what they most love in the world: welcoming everyone and giving out Tour favors. Old friends will be greeting each other and new friends starting in to become old friends. What a thrill it is to all those aboard when the Special Train begins to move and the adventure begins! Giny says Sam always watches out the window for a few minutes and then remarks, "If I am dreaming, don't you dare awaken me."

Come the second day on the train, there will be those cherished meetings in the lecture car. You old timers will remember the songs, laughter, good fellowship and movies we have had there. Four different meetings are held in the lecture car that day, so that everyone on the train can be included. When the day is done Sam and Giny look and feel like they had been run through a wringer, but they love it and often say that nothing else on the trip gives them the joy of these meetings.

We're looking forward to that arrival at Jasper National Park, too. It is a stirring sight to look upon that lovely lodge, with its many cozy cabins scattered among grand spruce trees, the ring of lofty mountains that circles the valley and the lakes with water so clear you can see a pebble six feet deep. Silence and magnitude mingle to form a heavenly atmosphere. Stars stand out as if they were barely above the tree tops. And out of the surroundings distances beauty and grandeur beckon to us.

We are thinking, too, what we will do to those wonderful dinners at Jasper Lodge, in that great dining room, after our appetites have been inflated by that mountain air!

Maybe it's spring that is getting into our thinking, for we are thinking yearningly of those two days in picturesque Victoria. Those who went last year will remember the gardens back of the Empress Hotel, the flower baskets hanging from lamp posts throughout the city and they will recall the unsurpassed loveliness of the Butchart Gardens. "More English than England," they say of Victoria.

Recently at a little social gathering some Campbellites were talking of the coming journey, each saying what was most anticipated. One was reaching forward to the moment at Emerald Lake, another the train trip through the canyons, another the startling view of Lake Louise. A quiet young lady had not voiced her anticipations and when pressed for them she said she looked forward to the feeling she had when the party returned to the Special Train after having been away on a side trip. "I can't describe the sensation it gives me," she said. "I just love it -- to think that this is our train, it waited for us, we live on it and in a way own it. I find I fall in love with our train."

There are a lot of dreamy eyes among the Campbellites these days, as they think of what is ahead of them on the Sam Campbell Special.  
TOOT! TOOT!

Sam Campbell is using pictures of a baby beaver in his lecture film this year, the animal's name being "Chew-Chew!" Sam insists the name has nothing to do with his Special Train. The beaver chewed up everything in the neighborhood, hence the title.

Milo Oliphant (Campbellite of the 1948 tour) is to be married May 2 to Virginia Bradley, of Franklyn, Pennsylvania and Chicago. Much happiness to these fine folks! How about bringing the bride to our reunion next fall, Milo?

All of you should have been out at an evening gathering at the home of Charley and Mary Curtiss (Chicago) recently. The evening was planned with a Hawaiian slant to it. Giny Campbell and Milly Knabe danced the Hula together and even Sam had to admit it was good.

Down Indianapolis way they are planning their annual Campbellite dinner for Friday, April 24. It will be held at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis. "Come and get it" sounds at 6:30 PM, then an evening of movies and friendship follows. Everyone is invited. Reservations should be sent to Roy Dickson, 44 E. 37th St., Indianapolis 5, Indiana -- cost \$3.50 per plate.

#### NOTES AND GLEANS:

Canada, with a land area of over 3,600,000 square miles, is larger than the United States, yet it has a little less than 14,000,000 folks while we have 150,000,000. Canada has 3.6 people per square mile, we have 50.6 -- which accounts for our parking troubles.

It is thought that the Norse explorer Leif Ericsson reached the shores of Canada first, in about A. D. 1000. Must have seemed funny to come on a place having no income tax and no TV. History began in earnest when John Cabot landed on the

shores of either Newfoundland or Nova Scotia, in 1497. Canada has some 1,290,000 square miles of forests.

In the Jasper and Lake Louise areas there is a fine animal population. Here are found mountain goat, mountain sheep, moose, elk, deer, bear (black and grizzly wild cat, mountain lion, beaver and many small animals. The animals have long been protected and are easily seen. Mountain goat are often found at low level along the road to the Columbia Ice Fields. It is possible to photograph these animals, though care should be taken particularly with bear. Eagles and ospreys are also found in this area, several nests of these great birds being in the vicinity of Jasper Park Lodge.

Lake Louise is said to have been discovered by some surveyors who were laying out the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway. After work one evening several of them walked back into the woods. Imagine the shock and surprise it must have been when they walked out on that superlative sight of those green waters of Lake Louise! They named it after Princess Louise of England. The Princess sent over the seeds of the Iceland poppies that have resulted in the magnificent gardens at the Chateau Lake Louise.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is the constabulary maintained by the Dominion Government. The famous red coats are for dress; when on active duty the men wear clothes suited to their tasks. In real life they measure up to the standard of efficiency, color, daring and romance set by Hollywood productions. They are men of excellent physique, splendid training and of high courage and integrity. This constabulary is the sole police force operating in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. The frailty and dishonesty too often associated with police bodies is entirely lacking with them. It was noteworthy that during the gold rush of '98, the rioting and disorder that characterized the gold seekers on the American side, immediately subsided on the Canadian territory. It is said that even in those feverish days, the Mounties could locate any man desired within 48 hours out in that Yukon wilderness. This thoroughness was as much for the protection of the men as for law enforcement, for if a man was missing too long they went to see what was wrong -- and at times arrived to find the one they sought badly in need of help. Mounties in full uniform are usually seen at Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise.

thought-of-the-month

"These distant places, these great lands, stirring views and rich adventures -- they are yours! mine! ours! -- if we but proclaim our title to them by courage and resolve."  
Abbott

Lectures by Sam Campbell in the immediate future:

- Sunday, April 26, 3:00 PM - The Chicago Junior School, Elgin, Illinois
- Monday, " 27, 8:00 PM - York High School, Elmhurst
- Tuesday " 28, 8:00 PM - Faith United Church, 92nd & Justine Ave., Chicago
- Wednesday, " 29, 8:00 PM - River Park Field House, 5100 N. Francisco, Chicago
- Friday, May 1, 8:00 PM - Crerar Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3100 Calumet Ave.
- Saturday, " 2, 8:00 PM - Central High School, Elkhart, Indiana
- Sunday, " 3, 4:00 PM - Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Berteau & Laramie Aves.
- Monday, " 4, 8:00 PM - Albany Park Meth. Church, Albany & Wilson Aves.
- Tuesday, " 5, 8:15 PM - First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois
- Wednesday, " 6, 8:00 PM - Morton High School, Cicero, Illinois
- Thursday, " 7, 8:00 PM - Mt. Prospect School, Mt. Prospect, Illinois