

4 Teachers Finish Tour

(Editor's note: The following article was especially prepared by Mrs. Anna C. Carson of Redbird and Mrs. Fay Pinkerman of Dorsey, who were two of four Holt county teachers recently making an extended tour of Old Mexico and the

Southwestern states. Other countynans on the tour were Miss Lucille Mitchell of Stuart and Miss Leah Serck of Emmet. Tour director and organizer was Miss Elja McCullough, dean of women at Dana college, Blair, and for many years the Holt county superintendent of public instruction.)

Laredo, we were transferred to a Transport del Norte bus, as our busses are not permitted to travel in Mexico. The Mexican bus took us across the Rio Grande to Nuevo Laredo. The custom house is there.

Going down the Pan American highway, the first city entered was Monterey, which is the most important industrial city of Mexico. It was founded in 1580 and officially named in 1586. Before the revolution it was a sleepy colonial town, but today it is a thriving city, progressive and very American. It is known as the Pittsburgh of Mexico.

This highway took us through quite a variety of typical Mexican scenes, through semi-desert to Sabinas Hidalgo, and to mountains. By the time we reached Monterey we were in quite a mountainous region. The trip through this section was very disagreeable as it was extremely hot and the bus was not air-conditioned. The water was not the purest so we carried a jug of water with us. South of Victoria we crossed the Tropic of Cancer, so we expected to find a high temperature. That was the only hot weather we encountered on the tour.

At El Limon we reached our lowest elevation point—90 feet. The scanty vegetation of the northern desert has now been replaced by sugar cane, cotton, orange and lemon groves, banana trees and graceful palms and brightly colored flowers.

Sixty miles south of El Nante we arrived at Valles and drove on about five miles to the Hotel Tanimul, one of Mexico's most beautiful resorts, where we spent the night. We arrived very late but they were all ready to serve us a three-course dinner in their air-conditioned main dining room. Incidentally, this was one of the meals that had been previously paid for.

The next forenoon we stopped at Tamazunchale (Thomas and Charlie to us), which is a quaint old town in the foot of the Huasteca region at the foot of the towering Sierra Madre. Many street vendors and women carrying huge baskets on their heads were wandering and directly selling their wares. Here the road is now a ribbon woven through the jungle wonderland and on through the Sierra Madre where the twisted, tortuous road would make night driving unadvisable.

The big climb into the Sierras began just south of here and we started up the slope of a 9,000-foot climb. At Jacala, which is 168 miles from Mexico City, is the end of the first lap of the climb. We stopped for lunch. Tiny plots of Indian farmlands cling precariously to the steep mountain sides.

The fields were cultivated by hand and we were told the Indians did this by tying themselves with a long rope to a tree or large stone above their fields. Along the highway were seen many small adobe or reed huts. Many women were seen washing on washboards or on large stones down by the stream. And we marveled at the whiteness of their clothes.

We finally arrived on the top or Central Plateau of Mexico and the city of Zimapan and began to think of Cortez, the Aztecs and of pyramids as we rode into Mexico City.

It was dark when we entered the city and we toured the city for some time before our driver could find our hotel—the Geneva. Here is where our adventures began. The Wells Fargo express had arranged for all our reservations and special side trips while in Mexico City and before we left our bus their guide was there to meet us and had our next day's program ready for us.

While in Mexico, we traveled in cars and the next morning nine cars were at our hotel with three guides, two gentlemen and a lady, to accompany us. Most of the drivers were able to speak English quite fluently.

Our first stop was at the theater of fine arts where we viewed the Tiffany glass curtain, which is made of millions of pieces of glass. The two famous volcanoes of Mexico—the Popocatepetl and the Sleeping Lady—are pictured in the curtain and were depicted at dawn, sunset, during a snowstorm, and night by changing lights. A musical background was given both in Spanish and English and explained the curtain. It is 6½ yards wide and 15½ yards high. It is made up of two centimeter size of opalescent glass cemented together with a steel frame. The curtain weighs 22 tons and originally was made to protect the audience from a possible fire on the stage. The theater

was a beautiful building with a huge stained dome and marble walls.

Our next stop was at a monastery and a museum and a drive past the flower gardens. From there we went to the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco. This was one of the most entrancing experiences of the trip. Legend tells that Aztec nobles used to ride about on man-made islands afloat with flowers. Now one can serenely ride down the canal in one of the many beautiful flower-decked boats while the Indians ride along beside selling food, beverages or beautiful corages.

In another boat, winding in and out or rowing along beside us, sat the musicians serenading us with Mexican music. The boats were all propelled by Indians who still speak to each other in the mysterious Aztec language. Xochimilco is Mexico's Venus.

In the late afternoon we were escorted to the biggest bull-fighting ring in the world—the Plaza Mexico—to watch the favorite Mexican pastime. Bull-fighting is not only a pastime but Mexicans consider it a great art. The arena seats over 50,000 people.

At 4 p.m., sharp (it is said to be the only thing starting on time in Mexico) the parade starts. The colorfully clad trompeteros blows his bugle and as the enormous clock sounds four times, the fans, aware that their favorite sport is about to start, grow silent and prepare to enjoy this most Latin of all shows. It's where death lurks around the corner.

While the band plays, the alguacil is the first to enter the arena riding a horse and dressed in a costume of black similar to that worn in Spain. He rides slowly until he stands directly beneath the judges' stand where he asks for the key to the bull pens.

Then to show off his skill in riding he backs all the way through the ring and directly peers at the same place he entered.

This was followed by a lady riding a beautiful horse and who was to fight the first bull. Then came the torreadors, pickadors and the matadors, all wearing colorful costumes. Everything was ready for the first bull. Six bulls were killed but most of us did not stay that long. It is to some who view it for the first time a repulsive, cruel and gory spectacle.

The following morning we toured the city, going first to the magnificent Cathedral of Mexico, the Zocala (a great plaza or square), the national museum, where we saw many valuable paintings of Spanish kings, Cortez, and other heroes. We drove down through the open market districts and on out to the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, where we viewed the huge Pyramid of the Sun and ate a lovely box lunch in a beautiful park. We were taken to a leather factory.

The next morning we started for the hill town of Taxco, about 100 miles south, sightseeing along the way. Our first stop was at University City, which is the 170-acre site of the new National University. The site is part of a lava flow that for centuries was a wilderness. The rock is being quarried and is being used in buildings of modern design. About 5,000 working men supervised by 175 engineers and architects, are rushing the new plant to completion. Already finished is a stadium seating 110,000 persons. The second largest in the world. When completed the university will handle 30,000 students. From there we went on to Cuernavaca.

Our first stop was at the cathedral, one of the oldest on the continent. Then we went to the palace of Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico.

This city of 20,000 was once the favorite vacation spot of Emperor Maximilian and Empress Carlotta. Here we strolled through the beautiful Borda Gardens, once the pride of Empress Carlotta.

We arrived in Taxco in the early afternoon. After registering we went sightseeing. Taxco is called Mexico's Silver City. This is probably the most picturesque town in Mexico. It was founded in 1522. The Mexican republic has declared it a national monument. Taxco is the art center of Mexico, both in the manufacture of silver products and as a rendezvous for artists all over the world.

At our hotel that evening the

tables were set out on the lawn and while we ate the musicians played and later on moved to a beautiful veranda where they played for those who cared to dance. We had a very winding mountainous road to reach Taxco. We went up to 10,000 feet. Along the highway, we got glimpses of the strange shaped cactus which are useful to the Mexicans, the plodding burros oxen drawing the ancient wooden plows and what few cattle and horses that were seen were meandering across the highway.

Going back to Mexico City Wednesday, August 5, we went by way of the Hacienda Vista Hermosa. The hacienda had its birth over four centuries ago when begun by Cortez. It was destroyed during the revolution but has been rebuilt in the last few years.

Here a four-course dinner was served at one long table in a spacious dining room, which was more like a huge veranda. While we ate, pigeons flew in and out and picked up crumbs from the floor.

The waiters were dressed in Spanish costumes and the musicians in costume again serenaded us. We didn't stay overnight here as the rooms were \$70 for singles and \$120 for doubles (in pesos). We arrived back in Mexico City quite early. While part of the group went shopping others spent the evening at a theater watching Mexican dances.

We visited a Mexican normal school. At 6 a.m., on Friday everyone packed and ready to go to the airport to fly to El Paso to continue our trip to the Pacific coast. I am sure we came away from Mexico with a much better understanding of our neighbor to the south. We liked the Mexican people. We found them very friendly.

As we flew from Mexico City we landed at Juarez and were met there by cars that took us across the Rio Grande to El Paso. We left the airport at Mexico City at 7 a.m., and did not land until Juarez at 3:30 p.m. Most of the group enjoyed the ride but a few kept the steward busy. From Mexico City, 12 of our group flew back to their respective homes. Three others from Nebraska met us at El Paso to take the Pacific coast tour.

Our bus and driver were waiting for us at El Paso and the next morning we were on our way toward San Diego, Calif., going by way of Tucson and Yuma, Ariz. We spent the night at Casa Grande, Ariz., and stayed in beautiful, air-conditioned motels. Crossing the desert the highway wound through cactus, sagebrush and sand dunes. Some of the group took pictures of the desert.

We arrived in San Diego on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock and stayed at the U. S. Grant hotel. On Monday morning we left our hotel by special bus to tour the city, then went out along San Diego bay to Point Loma where we viewed the old Spanish lighthouse and the monument of Cabrillo, who discovered California in 1542.

The San Diego Zoological gardens have developed in rank as one of the four largest in America. Here, amid a setting of scrupulous gardens, one sees the finest collections in the world.

That evening while the rest of the group were either out to some entertainment or relaxing in their rooms we visited friends. About 7 o'clock Mrs. Edna Newman Morris came for us and took us to visit Mrs. Virginia Binkerd Metcalf. We had a grand visit with her out on the patio. From there we went to Edna's home and spent the evening with her family. These ladies formerly lived at Dorsey.

Friends of Mrs. Metcalf will be sorry to know that her husband is very ill. Since we were

there, he has been taken to a hospital.

We left San Diego for Los Angeles. On the way we toured the old mission founded in 1776 at San Juan Capistrano.

We arrived in Los Angeles. That evening and the next we spent with relatives. During the day we went on a lectured tour with the group, seeing such places as the Los Angeles Civic Center, downtown and residential districts, Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the beach, and such attractions as the Hollywood boulevard, Will Rogers memorial ranch and Santa Monica. We went to the famous Farmer's Market for lunch and what a mob!

In the afternoon we drove through exclusive Pasadena and stopped at the Rose Bowl, the world-famous Huntington library and art gallery, and on to the Mission San Gabriel.

On Thursday morning we went to Chinatown and about 1 o'clock left for Santa Barbara. We spent the night there and left the next morning for San Francisco, arriving there about 5 o'clock. While the rest of the group stayed there to tour the city the next day, we were met by relatives from Oakland and then went there by way of the Oakland Bay bridge and spent our time with them.

We met our bus at the San Francisco hotel on Sunday morning in time to leave with the group at 9:30 for Lake Tahoe, which is a mile from the Nevada line. Going by way of Sacramento, we had a beautiful drive through the mountains.

On August 17 we started across Nevada by way of Carson City and Reno, stopping at Lovelock for a rest period, arriving at Elko about 5:30 where we spent the night.

The next morning at 8:30 we were again on our way to Salt Lake City. We soon entered the Great Salt Lake desert and drove for miles and miles across that desolate but fascinating country. The once dreaded salt flats, where mirages tortured thirst-crazed travelers, now have excellent hard surfaced roads. We arrived at Salt Lake City at 2:30 and had the rest of the day at our leisure.

The following day we took a musical recital of the city and the copper-domed state capitol, Memory Grove park, the Birmingham copper mine, which is one of the world's marvels and the largest open-cut mine in North America.

Our evening was spent in Temple Square listening to a musical recital on the world-famous organ in the magnificent tabernacle, a visit to the assembly hall and then viewing a moving picture of Utah while sitting on the lawn. It was very interesting.

The next morning we traveled on highway 30 to Rawlins, Wyo. Our only interesting stop was at Little America, Wyo., where we ate lunch. After spending the night at the Bucking Horse motels at the edge of Rawlins, everyone was up early the next morning and ready to start on homeward before the scheduled time.

This was the last day of the tour. Although we were all loath to part, everyone was anxious to get home.

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A high-school teacher writes us: "Please send me 50 copies of your booklet, *Adventures Inside the Atom*, for use with my students." Another wants material on new inventions. Or booklets on jet planes.

New things happen in science faster than textbooks can be revised.

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Last year over 100,000 letters from schools hit our desks at General Electric asking for things in print on "what's new."

Just to give you an idea of how this adds up, one booklet, *Adventures Inside the Atom*, has been requested to the tune of five million copies since 1948.

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(First pub. Sept. 10, 1953)
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds of the State of Nebraska, or its authorized representative, will offer for lease, at public auction on the 29th day of September, 1953, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., at the office of the County Treasurer of Holt County, in O'Neill, Nebraska, the following educational lands within said county:

Description Sec. Twp. Rge.
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All 16 31 14

Said sale may be adjourned from day to day until all lands have been offered. No sale will be final until approved by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, and the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL LANDS AND FUNDS
Henry H. Bartling, Secretary.

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER, 19-21 O'Neill, Nebr.

(First pub. Sept. 3, 1953)
Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE FOR PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION
Estate No. 3929

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, August 31, 1953. In the Matter of the Estate of Hazel Noble, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate that a petition has been filed in said Court for the appointment of Ray Noble as Administrator of said estate, and will be heard September 23, 1953, at 10 o'clock A.M., at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska.

LOUIS W. REIMER, County Judge.

(COUNTY COURT SEAL) 18-20

\$50,000 FARM MACHINERY AUCTION
THIS IS NOT A CONSIGNED SALE
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17
Sale to be held rain or shine at our lots on the southeast edge of Neligh, on Highway 275. All items listed are subject to prior sale. Sale starts promptly at 12 noon. Lunch on the grounds. TERMS: Cash, or credit to reliable parties with sufficient down payment.

TRACTORS
Two Regular Farmalls, 2 F-30 Farmalls, F-20 Farmall with road gear, 1941 "B" John Deere, 1939 "H" John Deere, 1949 Pony Massey-Harris, 1947 E-3 Co-op, 1943 "WC" Allis Chalmers, 1949 "44" Massey-Harris, 1949 Pony Massey-Harris.

DISCS, PLOWS & 1-WAYS
Fifteen-ft. Lindsay Disc, 15-ft. Kelly Ryan Disc, 10-ft. John Deere Disc, 10-ft. Case Tandem Disc, 2-14 Minn.-Moline Plow, 2-14 Samson Plow, 2-14, 3-point Massey-Harris Plow, 2-14 No. 32 Massey-Harris Plow, 2-14 No. 8 IHC Plow, 2-16 Allis Chalmers Plow, 3-14 Grand De Tour Plow, 3-16 No. 8 IHC Plow, 6-blade Globe Disc, 4-ft. John Deere Oneway, 5-ft. Mounted Ford Oneway, 6-ft. Case Oneway on rubber, 8-ft. John Deere Oneway (hydr.), 6-ft. Massey-Harris Oneway.

HAYING TOOLS
1947 Case Baler, 1949 Case Baler, 12-ft. Case Rake, 10-ft. Deering Rake, Kelly Ryan Side Delivery Rake, 14-ft. Automatic Rake, 7-ft. Case Mower, 7-ft. New Idea Mower, David Bradley Mower, Hay Sweep for "H" John Deere.

MISC. USED EQUIPMENT
Ten-ft. Fertilizer Spreader, Sargent Manure Loader, Steel Running Gear, Wetmore Hammill, Tractor Manure Spreader, Platform Hoist, Farmhand Loader and Stacker, 24-ft. Case Harrow and Evers, 2-row IHC Eli, 2-row Case Eli, Blower for 2M Picker, PTO Seeder, Corn Dryer Blower, Corn Binder, 3-row Rotary Hoe, High-clear Front End for 44 M-H, Single Front Wheel for 30 or 44, Standard Wagon Box, 11-ft. IHC Grain Drill, 42-ft. Galvanized Elevator, 8-ft. IHC Windrower.

COMBINES
Three 21A SP Massey-Harris 14-ft. Combines with pickup, 62 IHC 6-ft. Combine w. motor and pickup attach, 61 IHC 6-ft. PTO Combine, 6-ft. Massey-Harris Clipper PTO, 28-in. IHC Thresher on rubber, 22-in. IHC Thresher with belts, Allis-Chalmers pickup attach, 8-ft. Innes Pickup for 21A M-H, Massey-Harris 7-ft. pickup attach, 8-ft. Innes pickup for No. 17 M-H.

CORN PICKERS
2-row Mounted Iowa Picker, 2-row John Deere, pull-type, 1-row Woods Bros. with blower, 1-row Woods Bros., Co-op Single-row side elevator, Co-op Single-row w. rear elevator, Great American Single-row Picker.

NEW EQUIPMENT
Elevators, Wagon Boxes, Running Gears, Bale Loaders, 8-ft. Windpower Windrower, Great American Corn Picker, No. 1 Massey Pickup Baler, 7-ft. Massey PTO Combine, 4-section Rotary Hoe, Kelly Ryan Pickup Disc, Fairbanks Morse Hammill, 200-gal. Permanent Anti-freeze, Tractor Chains, several sizes, Electric Stock Waterer.

PLANTERS & LISTERS
2-row Massey 3-point Planter, 2-row John Deere front-mounted Drill Planter, 2-row Case Loose Ground Planter, 2-row Allis-Chalmers Lister, mtd., 2-row IHC Lister, pull type, 1-row Mtd. for Pony Massey, 2-row Oliver Mtd. Drill Planter.

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