

# Lancaster Reports

zard, heading for Salt Lake City. The tour of Temple Square was most interesting, because we observed the meeting house, the Tabernacle where the famous organ and choir perform every Sunday, but were unable to see the inside of the Temple which is for only the members in good standing of the Mormon church.

**Yellowstone**  
Leaving Salt Lake City, we headed for Teton National Park in Wyoming which is adjacent to Yellowstone

National Park at the north.

Much of this area through Utah is very arid and non-farming with only sage brush and cactus growing. Prior to entering these two parks it is a mountainous range area for sheep and cattle.

We again saw the snow capped Rocky Mountains in the Teton National Park but none in Yellowstone area because they were not nearly as high, with much more forest area along with a beautiful large lake and several species of wild life including brown and black bear, elk and moose along with smaller animals.

We were most amazed of the tameness of the wildlife, especially the bear and elk of which we took pictures at very close range.

We visited the falls and the boiling springs and then to Old Faithful which erupts approximately each hour.

### Quake Region

Our departure of Yellowstone was at the west gate, which is the area where the severe damage of the earthquake took place recently.

We drove along the dam which was cracked by the quake on our way to Butte, Montana.

Early in the morning as we drove northwest through Montana, we passed slowly through a large flock of sheep driven up the main highway for several miles to pasture with the assistance of sheep dogs, cowboys on horseback and a pickup truck.

After traveling through western Montana which is mostly beef and sheep grazing area, we arrived in Spokane, Washington, and then on to Yakima, Washington.

Again through this area irrigation is most important due to the little rainfall they receive.

Large dams such as Grand Coulee and others make irrigation possible in areas where productive agriculture

crops were being grown

The Yakima, area is known for large orchards. While we were there, the picking of the large red cherries was in progress—which we enjoyed sampling.

The next day we toured Mt. Rainier National Park in the rain and fog. The area had the most snow on our trip.

### 20 Feet of Snow

At Paradise Inn in this park there was 20 feet of snow still around the buildings, however, the temperature was only 40° F while visiting the Inn.

We were disappointed upon being unable to see the top of Mt. Rainier due to the fog and rain.

However, we continued on our way and crossed the Columbia river at Portland, Oregon and stayed overnight at Salem, capital of Oregon.

### Plum Picking

While in Oregon, a County Agent, of Dallas County, whom I met in summer school in Colorado, showed me the greatest blue plum growing area of the United States which is in his county, which is also a very good agriculture area because of greater rainfall and location near the Pacific coast.

The County Agent also took us through a large plywood mill and we observed all steps in the manufacturing of this product.

### Crater Lake

After leaving the coastal area and driving inland, we again noticed very unproductive land due to more arid conditions on our way to Crater Lake.

This lake is located on the top of a snow covered mountain and is very blue in color, when you are looking down into the lake.

We headed back toward the coastal region and arrived in Northern California, driving down the Redwood highway where the massive Redwood trees are to be

found.

As we approached the San Francisco area, large numbers of vegetables are grown and then in the Los Angeles area we saw the citrus groves, where crews were just beginning to pick oranges.

It is in this area that irrigation is also very important, due to the extreme heat, for crops to be grown.

### Disneyland

After touring the children's mecca of colorful Disneyland, we headed for the desert of western California, and on to Las Vegas, Nevada

Then to Zion National Park which is famous for the unusual color rock formations. We continued on through this hot and dry desert area to the Grand Canyon of Arizona where again beautiful rock formations were formed by the flow of the Colorado river through the mile deep canyon.

### Hot, Hot, Hot

Continuing southward thru the arid state of New Mexico, we arrived in El Paso, Texas about noon with temperature over 100° F. We had experienced temperature over 100° F from the time we arrived in southern California until we left Texas.

Due to the extremely warm weather and the more humid conditions along the Gulf of Mexico, we did very little sight seeing, but headed northward in Georgia for home, our destination after traveling 11,300 miles.

We were all convinced that Lancaster County, Pennsylvania is still the Garden Spot of the U.S.A.

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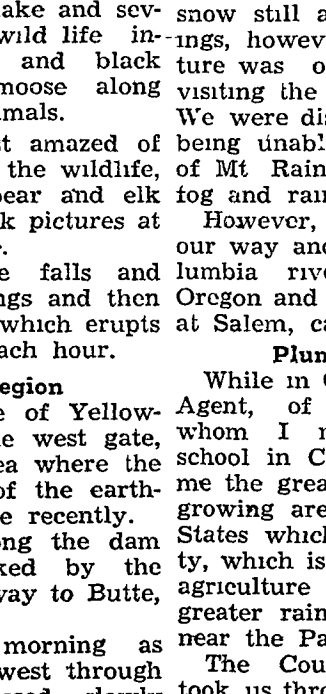
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