

Ida's Notebook

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"How are you going to keep them down on the farm, once they've seen Paris?" I think words to this effect were written in a song about the time of World War I. It does give us something to ponder as more and more folks take travel for granted.

Our own children haven't traveled around the world, but

they have gone on extensive vacations. Our oldest daughter has been to Hawaii several times and is looking forward to a two week vacation there in October. Another child plans to spend some time at a luxuriant resort on the California-Nevada border called Lake Tahoe.

Our daughter, Judy, has just returned from a ten day trip to

Switzerland. She got a railpass and traveled from Zurich to Geneva and many other places. She planned her own trip and traveled alone. It was quite interesting to discuss with her some of the same places that I visited three years ago — the bears in Bern, the covered bridge with art works in Lucerne, Interlaken and Newchatel.

This summer Philip and a boy friend spent a month traveling across the United States. They spent many nights camping in National Parks. Last year he spent some time hiking in Montana and this year in Colorado. They ate along the Rio Grande River and the next morning hiked 14 miles up to the 12,000 foot level. Here it was snow covered and the air was so thin that it was impossible to start a fire and so they ate cold ravioli from a can.

They toured Mesa Verde where the ancestors of the Pueblo Indians lived. And, they hiked to Bryce Canyon and later took a two-hour mule ride down into the Grand Canyon. When they reached the west coast, they stayed with his sister in Seattle for almost a week. Then he hurried back to Chicago to start his new job with a farm machinery company.

And so, how do you keep them down on the farm after they've seen the wonders of the world?

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