

## Journey Eastward Brings Tourists Along Dust Bowl

Landon-Land Disappointing To Dr. Swartz, He Records

LIKED COLUMBUS, O.

(This is the concluding installment of the record of a 6,800-mile cross-country motor trip made this Summer by Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Swartz and their two children.)

By DR. G. K. SWARTZ

Since Salt Lake City lies on the Western hem of the Rockies we were soon in those mountains, but by going between the ranges our first position was easy. Eastern Utah and Western Colorado are ranch country. We saw many ranch signs, but in order to see the buildings we would have to scan the horizon. Far from the road and often just reaching above that horizon we would see the tops of those buildings. Such is the magnitude of many of our Western ranches, and should those buildings be centrally located, ranches certainly would contain many thousands of acres.

I believe those ranges and plains could give to every young man who rides them a feeling of courage and a zest for a battle with nature that no other place could give. Now I can see how those plains made Theodore Roosevelt such a strong man, who had been a sick and weakly boy.

In Steam Boat Spring we saw dude ranchers from New York lounging about the soda fountains, but we couldn't expect many people from that city to venture away from a town.

Soon we were climbing Rabbit's Ear pass, 9,860 feet high. That is high. Almost four times higher than our highest Pennsylvania mountain. We did it without any trouble, but we had a pass still higher to cross to get to Denver. We knew the only thing to do was to go on and that we did. A sign told us "Berthoud Pass". One map read "Elevation, 11,306 feet". Wheel! Almost five times higher than our mountains. Soon we were going up, and after we had made what we thought was considerable elevation, Nancy looked up and exclaimed that she saw our road high above us. She was right, for many windings and turns took us up to where we were looking down on the road where we had been before. This continued until we reached the summit and there, about 30 feet from us, was snow, snow that remains throughout the year. We got out to look down over the precipice and were met by a chilly blast. The snow and the elevation produces wintry temperature. Going down there were clouds hovering over the valley. To us it was fog that shut almost all of our view or else it would have been probably as thrilling as our ascent.

The peak of Berthoud Pass was the Continental Divide, and interesting in that we knew that we were then on the high series of ranges that separates the Western from the Eastern United States. We had heard before the statement "crossing the divide" but unless one stops to remember it would mean little. Water draining off the West side of the divide flows into the Pacific Ocean; water running off the East side drains into the Atlantic.

The planners of Denver were wise for they left plenty of room for expansion and it follows that there is now a large, beautiful, uncramped city.

Denver surprised us. It is called the Mile High City (it is 5,280 feet above sea level) and I expected it to be in the mountains. Instead, we had a ten-mile drive from the base of the mountains, over relatively flat country, before we reached the city. And the city is flat, not greatly hilly, and eastward from Denver one does not see mountains.

Going eastward toward Kansas City our road straightened out. What seemed an interminable highway kept rolling out ahead of us. We passed through thinly-settled and almost desert land as we neared the Colorado-Kansas border. We were then passing through the fringe of the dust bowl that we had heard so much about several years ago. The fine, loamy soil held a sparse growth of sun-burnt grass and could easily become a desert if the hot winds continue to blow over that area. Constant care must be given to protect what little is left of that vast area before it is past conservation.

In Landon-land

We were anxious to get into the State of Kansas, for several years ago

## George Lewis Named Secretary Of Class At Teachers' School

George Lewis, son of Attorney and Mrs. B. B. Lewis, Cemetery Street, Dallas, was elected secretary of the Junior Class at Stroudsburg State Teachers' College annual elections held recently.

Mr. Lewis is enrolled in the secondary curriculum at the college and since his entrance has been among the leaders of his class scholastically and socially. As a Freshman, he served as class representative on the Student Senate, student governing body and last year was president of the Student Forum. He is a reporter on the staff of the Stroud Courier, student publication, and publicity manager of the college Art Club. Other extra-curricular clubs which have listed him among their most active members are Y. M. C. A. and Mask and Zany, college dramatic club.

We read much about it in the newspapers: How it had no state debt, etc., so we were really quite curious about this phenomenal state. Western Kansas was a sad disappointment for after bumping over their poorly constructed and ill-kept roads, we wished that they had more debt and for it better roads. But if those poor settlers on their bleak and sun-scorched plains could endure their rutted main roads and their unimproved side roads, we surely ought to be content as long as we should remain there. What amused us most was their telephone system. Their wires were stretched with no uniformity of height. If a pole rotted at the bottom it was cut off and replaced in the ground. Consequently, poles varied in height above the ground, some six feet high, others being 30 feet high, giving to the line an altogether irregular arrangement. And from the condition of their rural schools, which seem almost primitive to ours, we did not get the impression that Western Kansas was very progressive. In the middle of the state we passed the oil fields, mile after mile of steel oil drills, standing like sentinels across the fields. Gasoline and oil are cheap, some dealers offering eight gallons for \$1.

After the oil fields area, Kansas really opened up her best qualities for the Eastern half is just opposite to the crudity of the Western for here are well developed farms with excellent crops. Farm buildings are in good repair, schools are modern and roads are of smooth concrete. Several years ago we heard a lot about Kansas' sun flowers. They were conspicuous everywhere. They were seen not only in fields but in store-windows, car windows, on coat lapels and other odd places, symbols of Landonism and Republicanism. We saw those sun flowers and were a bit disappointed for

## MAN DIES OF INJURY SUFFERED IN SHOWING SON HOW TO DIVE

Edward Stevens, 28-year-old unemployed miner who fractured his back on August 5 while diving into Harvey's Lake through an inner tube, died at the home of his father, Dr. Stephen Stevens, 1291 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, on Saturday.

An excellent swimmer, Stevens was showing his three-year-old son how to dive when the accident occurred. He struck the bottom of the lake and crushed a vertebrae in the upper end of his spinal column. He was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital but was removed to the home of his father last

Wednesday in the hope he was recovering.

Stevens was well-known throughout this section. His brother, Emil, formerly worked at Oliver's Garage. The young man, a native of Kingston, was a graduate of St. John's High School and had been employed at Ewen Colliery. Funeral services were held on Tuesday.

Surviving are his widow, the former Helen Wassill, Exeter; a son, Edward, Jr., a brother, Emil; his mother and father, and a grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Kytte, Moorestown.

### Homeward Bound

The next morning we hoped to begin our last day's drive before reaching home and we still had part of Ohio and a corner of West Virginia before the Pennsylvania State line would be reached. But time and distance both quickly pass in modern conveyances and the hills of West Virginia around Wheeling soon arose before us. We felt at home already, for the coal mines, with their breakers, seemed to remind us of Wyoming Valley. After climbing a steep hill out of Wheeling we were soon confronted by the Pennsylvania State Line and the welcoming sign "All motorists exceeding the 50-mile speed law may forfeit their license for 90 days". We were home. Otherwise we knew we were home, for the road began to wind and turn and at each narrow turn was a passing car. Hills began to crowd down on us and trees obstructed our view. Somehow or other, we got a slight nostalgia for the broad highways and the wide

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(The End)

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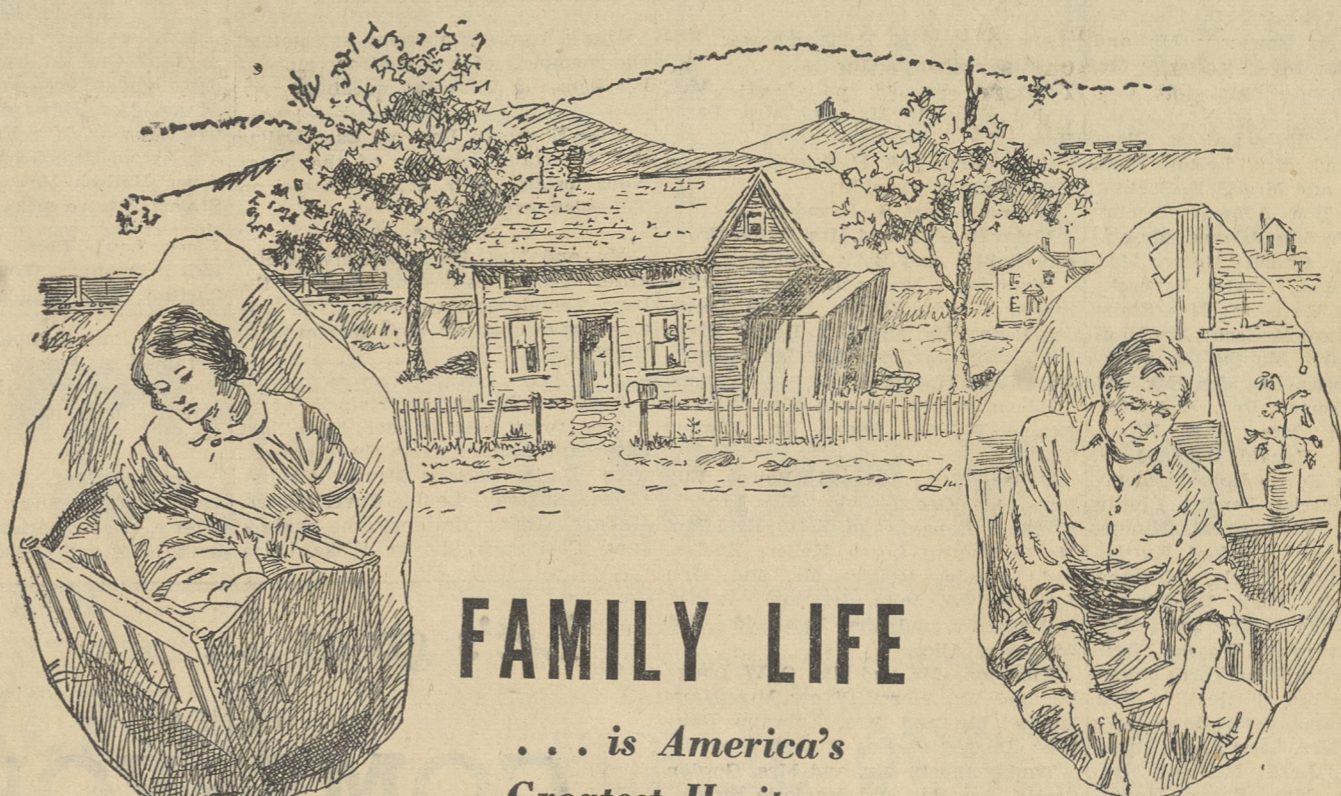
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