

Girvans Return From 7,000 Mile Western Trip to Visit Children

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Girvan, Lake Street are home from a three week's trip to the west coast. They travelled 7,000 miles through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and West Virginia.

"We traveled for miles through the desert and would see nothing but cattle", said Mrs. Girvan. "We wondered how they obtained nourishment. There were hundreds of pigs and on the other side of the road, hundreds of steers, and a little further on, more sheep than we could imagine."

"Once several cowboys brought sheep from one field to another across the way. Our car was suddenly swamped by sheep. I asked the cowboy how many sheep there were and he answered 'about 2,500'. That's a lot of sheep I said."

Sometimes we traveled for 25 or 30 miles and then saw a few houses. Once a population sign read population 12. Thirty five miles further another sign read 'population 38'. It was not unusual to go for miles without a sign of civilization. Once we came across a clump of trees and when we got close, discovered it was a well-kept ranch. Generally the owners had their planes nearby. We figured that was how they got their supplies and took care of their stock.

In some states for miles along the highway there were acres of cotton, olives, almond trees, and peanuts. Signs, read cotton pickers needed at once' or 'grape pickers'. There were miles of vineyards. Grapes were picked and loaded into huge gondola like trucks and carted to the romeries. We passed the Roma Wine Co.

Along one highway in the desert was a sign which read "Petried Watermelons, take one home to your mother-in-law". They were rocks shaped like watermelons.

The Lincoln Highway along the Columbia River is beautiful. There was an Indian Reservation where salmon fishing provided the means of livelihood. We arrived in time to see them spear the salmon jumping the falls.

In Wyoming, we passed through Granite Canyon, Medicine Bow, Point of Rocks, Rock Springs.

In Oregon the flooded city of Vanport attracted our attention. It is pathetic to see what was once a thriving city of hundreds of families. Now all that remains is a ghost town. It will be years before it can be rebuilt, if ever.

We traveled one entire day over the Mojave Desert before we reached Arizona. The government maintains the U. S. Marine Barracks at Barstow. There were acres of tractors, jeeps and armored cars. All kinds of beautiful buildings and barracks.

For miles we saw nothing but cactus plants and sage brush. All through this desert are dry rivers, in fact, all through the west people complained of lack of water. The Coolidge Dam was dry, the first time since its erection.

The sun shone on Mt. Shasta and it is really a beautiful sight, always covered with snow. There were also the snow capped mountains in Wyoming.

We spent several days in Portland, Oregon, and there the flowers were really beautiful. The weather was warm during the day but clammy cold at night.

In Phoenix, Arizona where we spent a day and night, the weather was ideal. During the summer, our daughter informed us, the temperature reached 132 but she said the houses are air conditioned and one really does not mind it indoors.

It costs eleven dollars a year to irrigate the ground there, and its not an uncommon sight to see irrigation ditches being constructed.

Gophers do a great deal of damage as they tunnel underneath the ground. Scorpions are there in great numbers and are really poisonous.

There are male and female palm trees, the latter are heavily laden with dates. It is not unusual for one bunch to bear a bushel of dates.

Orange, grapefruit, lemon, lime and many other trees are in abundance. The weather is ideal the year round. They have rain about one month in the entire year.

From Arizona we proceeded towards Missouri. The roads were splendid and there were thousands of beautiful farms.

In Indiana we passed through the largest clay center in the world.

In Nebraska, Boys Town was a sight we shall never forget. Beautiful buildings and well kept grounds are everywhere.

We traveled quite a distance through the Ozark Mountains and through the Texas Panhandle where oil fields are a familiar sight.

In New Mexico, the Hot Springs were interesting. The hot rocks underneath kept the water about 120 degrees. The Carice Fengly Hospital for crippled children is located there. We traveled over the Roswell Mountains, 8,835 ft. elevation, the most treacherous I have ever seen.

In Bylas, Arizona, we stopped at an Indian Reservation where the educated Indian who ran a trading Post gave us a lot of information. He told us that on that particular reservation in the next two months 2 million dollars' worth of cattle would be disposed of and that meant that the Indians there would receive about \$20,000 each. They pay their bills twice a year and he supplies them with food and clothing. The men make jewelry, book ends, etc. and the women make rugs. Some taking as long as a year to make and sell for \$120.00. They raise the wool, which they dye themselves. This same Indian said he spent 10 years in Boston, Mass. and remembered being in Wilkes-Barre. He said he loved the reservation life."

The Girvan's visited their son, John and wife and 3 children in Oregon. They had never seen the children. In Vancouver, Washington, they visited their son, Tom, whose wife and tiny baby were also strangers to them and they also visited Bill who left here last January and is living in Oregon.

They visited Helen and Albert Lewis who have been in Arizona since spring. Albert works in an aluminum plant. He and Helen say they would like to come East on a visit some time but never to live here. They love Arizona and have many friends there.

In Missouri Mr. Girvan visited his Aunts, Jen and Leah whom he has not seen since he was a lad.

The former is 83 and the latter 73 and both are enjoying excellent health and were very happy to see him.

Some days the Girvans traveled 350 miles, some 500 miles. They stopped nights at Motels which were something new to them.

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Harmony Club Meets At Youngblood Home

Mrs. Weldon Carle and Mrs. A.L. Youngblood entertained members of the Harmony Club at the latter's home in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Carle who is leaving to spend the winter in Los Angeles was presented with a compact as a going away gift, also a "First Aid Kit" presented with an original humorous poem by Mrs. George Schallenberger. Next meeting will be December 2 held at the home of Mrs. Byron Kester, Mrs. Paul Mahler will assist. Those wishing Sunshine Magazine will give subscriptions to Mrs. J. J. Voitek at this meeting, also used greeting cards and cancelled postage stamps.

Present were: Messrs. J. Parry, W. Rozelle, F. M. Drake, J. J. Voitek, H. A. Sweppenheiser, W. Race, C. Smith, Ira Frantz, W. Carle, B. Kester, H. Phillips, H. Wells, L. M. Fredd, G. Austin, H. Jones, C. B. Ransom, G. Schallenberger, C. L. Youngblood, and grand children, Jackie and Joan, also, Joyce and Harry Sweppenheiser Jr., Ricky Drake, Carol Mae Smith.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



MRS. BRODBEEM

"Would you waltz me around the store a few minutes, clerk? I want to see how these new shoes are for dancing!"

Attending Fall Reunion Of Caldwell Consistory

Among those attending the fall reunion of Caldwell Consistory in Bloomsburg last week are: Marvin A. Briggs, Sagnaw street, Sheldon Cave, Idetown; Levi T. Crews, Trucksville; Harold S. Donnelly, Idetown; Donald M. Harris, Shavertown; Theodore F. Hinkle and his father, George O. Hinkle, Shavertown; Clarence C. LaBar, Hunlocks Creek; John R. Lee, Terrace Drive; Edwin T. Roth, Church street; Henry H. Sicker, Vernon; Paul Young, and Gordon S. Young, Hunlocks Creek and Donald R. Yeust, Dallas R.F.D.

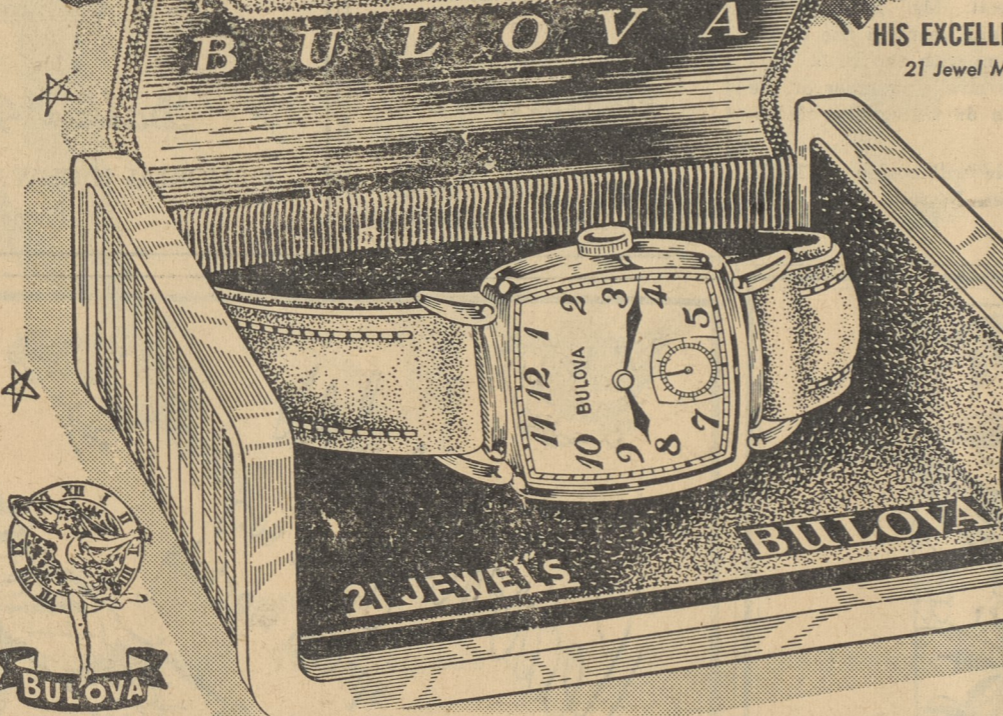
Mrs. Edwin Lowe Named Chairman Of Club Dance

Mrs. Edwin Lowe has been named chairman of the annual holiday dance sponsored by the Dallas Woman's Club at Irem Temple Country Club Saturday, November 27. Other committee members: decorations, Mrs. Jonathan Valentine and Mrs. Norman Patton; tickets, Mrs. James W. Gross; reservations, Mrs. L. L. Richardson and Mrs. J. Franklin Robinson; publicity, Mrs. J. Franklin Robinson.

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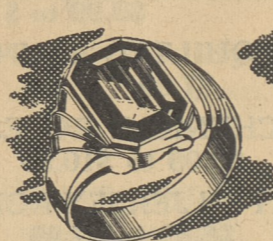
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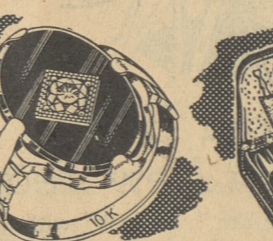
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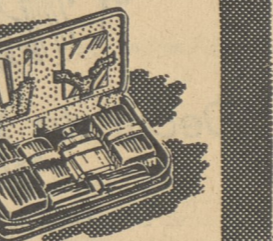
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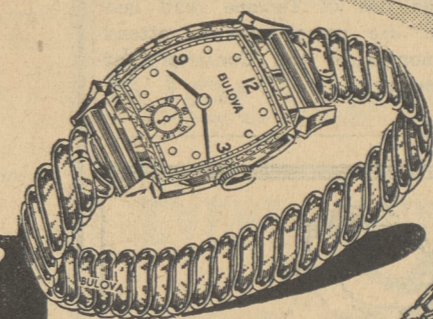
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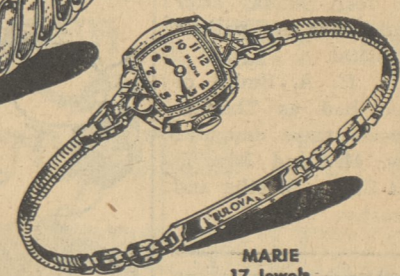
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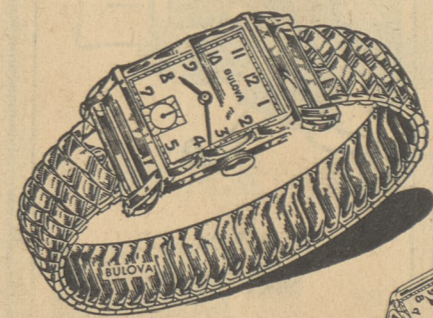
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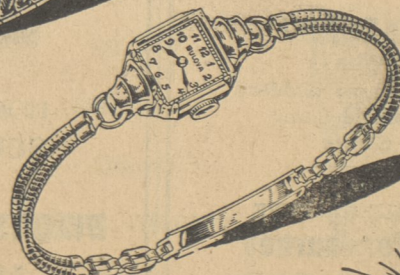
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