

Another Alaskan Traveler Protests Overlys' Report

(Editor's Note: We received this letter from Mrs. Leonard Wing this week. In it she agrees and disagrees with some of the Overlys' experiences. While doing so, she gives a pretty good account of Alaskan traveling.)

Editor, The Battalion:

This is merely by way of registering a polite protest. The road from Circle City, Alaska, to Fairbanks is narrow, winding and comparatively deserted, and anyone trying to thumb his way might conceivably find it difficult.

However, in general the Wing Family found Alaskans very friendly and considerate. On the way north both Canadians and Alaskans stopped to offer assistance if we so much as stopped by the wayside to rest.

"Are you all right," was a familiar halloo from passing motorists who were well aware that there was no garage except at intervals of several hundred miles. In our turn we soon began offering help to anyone who appeared to need it.

Received Help

We were helped when in need by Canadian soldiers driving a truck, by Californians going north in two trucks containing all the parts of a sawmill which they planned to operate in Alaska, and by others and in turn helped a couple whose front wheel had rolled off, hundreds of miles from nowhere with night coming on and the car in the middle of the road.

Alaskan prices are very high, but lower freight rates might conceivably affect that, although owing to the distance and other factors, they might never arrive at our levels. It is, however, a part of our own country, and one well worth visiting.

Takes Own Food

We took along our own food, buying little in Alaska because things were so high. Furs could be had for less, and some things were not out of sight.

The scenery is superb, and is thrown in, free of additional cost. There are roadside camps in Canada and Alaska, free.

While the wide gravel road, which is the Alaska highway, cuts up the tires, and 6-ply tires are therefore desirable, it is a good road throughout.

Canadian Roads Bad

Canadian roads are not so good in that region of Canada adjacent to Alaska, but are better around Banff and Lake Louise. (And in Eastern Canada near Toronto, they are splendid.)

The climate in summer is not disagreeably cold. We spent the summer of 1948 in the Yukon, making a side trip as far as Circle, and while we took along winter clothing, we seldom needed it.

Nights are chilly. Adequate protection against mosquitoes is a necessity, and there are a number of insect repellents available that help considerably.

Mosquito Problem

Head-nets are also of value. Mosquitoes disappear largely after the middle of July. While the car is in motion they are no problem, but when stopping it is highly desirable to have protection. Mosquito-proof individual pup-tents seem to satisfy some folks.

Except for Indians, both Canadians and Alaskans in the territory through which one would pass are almost identical in type with Westerners of our own United States. They are friendly and open-hearted, greeting the traveler with

courtesy.

During our entire sojourn we cannot recall having encountered any unfriendliness. All Indians we talked with were also friendly. They were not on reservations.

Sawmill Trucks Stop

We note that the sawmill truck which picked up the Overlys brothers was obsolete. A couple of related sawmill trucks stopped all afternoon to help us.

They were both obsolete, and from California. The father of the family drove one, the mother drove another. Their hearts were not obsolete. They would not accept money.

We never thought of offering them luck pennies to throw along the road, but gave them one of our smoked hams, instead.

It is possible that a car traveling from here to a city such as Denver might find just as adventurous traveling as on the road to Fairbanks, and just as few garages per hundred miles in part of the area.

Bad Roads Elsewhere

There may also be roads in Texas leading to cities such as Circle that are quite as narrow, winding

and untraveled.

The Overly brothers may have owed their exciting and harassing experiences more to an accident which can occur in any country rather than to the fact of being in Alaska.

In any event, such an experience in any sparsely settled country would likely remove the stigma of being a tenderfoot. No doubt they are no longer Checkaks.

High Prices

The Overlys were right about prices in Fairbanks. While furs and clothing were reasonable in price, many other items were higher than in the U.S.

Some of the prices in the summer of 1948 were oranges, \$1.25 a dozen; watermelon, \$3.90 a half; cheese, 95 cents a pound; eggs, \$1.07 a dozen; and gasoline 42 cents a gallon.

I wrote this with the thought that the "unusual" adventures of the Overly family might seem to cast an unfavorable light on our brother Americans in Alaska, even though it sounds as though they had fun.

Anne Hinshaw Wing
(Mrs. Leonard Wing)



Awbrey L. Kothmann, senior AH student from Junction is attending the National Auction Institute in Bryan. Shown with Kothmann is Walter Britten and Billy Rosser, 14, a young student at the institute.

Colonel Kelly Is New Cavalry Head

Lt. Col. John J. Kelly, cavalry, has been assigned as senior cavalry instructor, ROTC, here. Colonel Kelly is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, class of 1939.

Colonel Kelly will succeed Major Norman W. Parsons, who has been assigned to the Student Detachment Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Wife Is Entitled To Hubby's Lap

Los Angeles—(AP)—When a man with a pretty wife refuses to hold her on his lap, that's grounds for divorce.

That was Superior Judge Frank G. Swain's ruling Thursday as he granted dancer Dorothy Lee Radford a divorce from Charles Radford, aviation executive.

She testified Radford shoved her off when she tried to sit on his knee while they were watching television. Didn't even say, "Down in front."

BUILDING

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are bolted to the top on 15-foot concrete footings. The new lighting system will be used for the first time for the A&M-Villanova football game on September 17.

Beef Cattle Center

Construction is half complete on the Beef Cattle Center which will be located south of the main campus. Three contractors are doing the work which will total \$37,861. R. E. Butler Construction Company of Bryan is the general contractor.

The original contract for the Beef Cattle Center was let on June 1 with the provision that it be completed within 100 working days.

The main barn will have two wings a judging pavilion, a herdman's office, and some student quarters. A special feed barn which will be 120 feet long and 40 feet wide is also under construction. The feed barn will be of the quonset type.

The Cattle Center is being constructed of steel and concrete with asbestos siding. The foundation and framing structure is complete and the roof and sides are now being put on, according to Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the Animal Husbandry Department.

The building should be completed sometime this fall, Miller concluded.

Milking Unit

Work began July 26 on the new milking unit which is being built at the dairy farm across the railroad track from the main campus. The I. J. Parks Construction Company of Austin is the contractor doing the work at a cost of \$60,735. The unit will be completed within 150 working days.

The milking parlor will be one of the most modern type and will be equipped with the latest type of milking machines. Other buildings which have been planned for the new dairy are the open shelter for silage and roughage feeding, a calf barn, a maternity barn and a hay storage barn.

Guion Redecoration

The interior of Guion Hall is being redecorated and will have a new face when the students return this fall, according to Tom Puddy, manager. The paint job will cost around \$4,000.

H. R. Covington is in charge of the painting. The new interior colors will be green, gold, old rose, purple and buff.

Alterations

Alterations at a cost of \$42,500 are underway in the School of Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Anatomy building, the east wing basement of the Veterinary hospital and the east end of Stable A are being remodeled. Sam Murfee of Bryan is the contractor.

Street Repairs

Final item of the improvement program is the street repair work. T. C. Cage and Giessen Brothers of San Antonio are doing the street resurfacing and asphalt concrete work which will total \$28,801.

Gravel streets in College View are being surfaced with asphalt, and most of the streets on the main campus will be resurfaced. Work will be completed by the beginning of the fall semester.

**Enrollment Up In
Graduate School**

The number of students in Graduate School has increased nearly one-third over the number enrolled at the same time last year, according to Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Trotter has recently received letters from students in Iraq, China, India and Egypt, all making applications for entrance to the Graduate School.

**Melon Meet Held
By Kum Dobl Class**

The Kum Dobl Class of the A&M Methodist Church, composed of A&M students and their wives, met for a watermelon supper Saturday at Hensel Park.

The many members of the class who were present, enjoyed cold watermelon which was plentiful.

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Brick-laying has started on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. In the background concrete to the upper levels. On the left is the mixing hopper.

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No Falsies for Miss America, She Just Wants Plenty of Milk

London, Aug. 2—(AP)—"Miss America" reigning queen of U.S. bathing beauties, today started a 33-day crusade through Europe for clean thinking and bona fide bosoms.

Bebe Shopp, 18-year old Minnesota honey-blonde, arrived by plane this morning on a European beach tour. She gave falsies short shrift.

"I don't wear them and I never will," she said. "A girl must be her very own self."

Sleek in a gleaming nylon one-piece bathing suit held taunt by her ear-fer curves (bust 27 inches), Bebe told a news conference: "If the world's women would concentrate on improving themselves physically and mentally, it would be a much better world."

"Falsies aren't honest. Of course, if a girl feels she must wear a pair, that's her own affair—but as for me, give me plenty of milk and loads of good nourishing food."

Bebe is in Europe to round off her reign as "Miss America," the title she holds until Sept. 10. She is also going to leave her imprint (hip 36 inches) on some of the leading beaches.

She will show herself at Deauville and Cannes in France and the Venice Lido.

"Miss America" confided she is a teetotaler and doesn't smoke.

Commenting on the silver blue mink wrap a fur firm gave the bathing beauty, Mrs. Virginia Stafford, her chaperone, said, "She gets her minks the hard way."

Bebe said her campaign for clean thinking will center on the Bra-and-Panties bathing suit, especially the French version, which she described handily as "A dab here and here and a bit right down here and back there."

"It's a matter of morals," she explained. "So much unrestrained nudity has had moral effect on men as well as on people generally."

D. E. Williams Will Marry August 27

Don E. Williams, senior veterinary medicine student from Abilene, will be married Saturday, Aug. 27, to Miss Katie Kincaid, the bride's parents announced today.

The ceremony will be held at 5 p. m. at the First Methodist Church in Whitewright.

Williams entered A&M in the Fall of 1944 and was in C Company Infantry. He entered the Army in 1945 and served in the Korea and the Far East. He left the service with the rank of Lieutenant.

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