At Home and Abroad

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YVONNE OUR HIKER

INTRODUCTION

The first question I am usually asked in regard to my hiking is: "What ever gave you the idea of starting out to hike?" Those who know me well will recall that I have spent practically all my life out in the open. I was dad's boy, to be sure. My favorite work was with plants and animals; my favorite haunts were the forest groves; my companions were mostly four-footed ones; I was most always alone. Those things make a good foundation for a lone hiker. But it was the longing to learn things, to meet minds like John Burroughs, to see the beautiful things I had learned about, to discover new things for others and the longing for absolute freedom that started me off on my hikes.

Some folks travel by means of books, some by means of lectures and others by actual going about on trains, in automobiles, aeroplanes, boats, bicycles and by means of various other vehicles of locomotion. But traveling on foot appeals to me more than any other way, excepting perhaps swimming or flying. When one travels by train one sees little or nothing and one cannot get the slightest conception of the custom of the people one passes. Practically the same is the case when one travels by way of boat. Traveling by the way of automobile is about the next best thing to hiking for those who want to study the country and the people as they go along. But even with an auto one is bound to roads t oplaces where one can obtain garage service, gasoline and repairs. Hiking is about the only way in which one can intensively see and study the land and the people that live on it.

But hiking is fearfully impractical and I dare say, exceedingly foolish unless one has learned how to hike properly. When I first started out I made all the mistakes a tenderfoot could possibly make. I thought hiking was hiking wherever one went, I made the same preparations for traveling North or South as I did East or West. My pack was like a load of stones and I took pride in the great number of things I could carry—and what is worse, I convinced other tenderfeet and they too began to pride themselves upon their abilities as a pack horse. Puffing and perspiring and suppressing groans other tenderfeet whom I was training and myself marched down the road, up hill, down hill, thru fields and forests and thru desert sands, all the while glorying in what we could endure and how we could suppress our groans and smile in the face of utmost discomfort and overwork. Some day when I give a lecture in Denton of some place nearby I shall show you a picture of myself loaded from head to foot with camping equipment. I carried along everything but the kitchen stove.

But now that I have hiked for about three years, walking many thousands of miles, I know how to hike advantageously. I have learned the ways of the desert, of the forest, of the treeless plains, of the frozen, cruel north, and of the generous farmlands. I have learned to know the ways of the people from the land they live on, have learned where one can hike hundreds of miles on a few dollars and and from the foods they consume. I where it takes hundreds of dollars to hike a few miles.

Now that I have come back to the old home farm to spend another summer and fall among the folks who have known me from childhood up, I shall take great pleasure in writing for them of the many interesting experiences I have had and of the things I have learned and some of the people I have met.

In the next issue of this paper will appear the article, "My First Experience Driving a Team of Dogs."

If any of you folks have any questions to ask regarding these articles or anything else that I might give you information on kindly let me know. Address all inquiries to Yvonne Losh, Robin Hood Camp, Henderson, Md.

EDUCATION GOING BEGGING

Not so long ago, I had the pleasure of being invited to attend a Patron's Meeting at the Henderson High School I was amazed at the facts that were presented—imagine how I felt, there at the end of the meeting the principal very emphatically stated that if the attendance was not larger in the fall than it had been in the spring, it would not be worthwhile to continue employing three teachers for the high school— and in Canada, from which I have just returned several months ago there is a nation-wide cry and appeal for schools. In Canada practically all the schools charge tuition and the children have to buy all of their own paper, books and all other supplies. And there are few countries in Europe if any, where there are free elementary schools and high schools.

I wonder if there would be any cases of delinquency if parents fully realized the importance of education to the child be it a boy or girl. Money and clothing and food are all very necessary but we can do with very little of all three of these but without an education one has but little choice in life—one is limited as to the folks with whom one can associate, as to the work which one may choose, as to the joy one can get out of life. It does not make so much difference where one gets a good education—the important thing is that one gets it, and the schools are the best means of giving groups of children and young folks a start in education. I say "a start," for more than that can hardly be given under our group system and besides, if a pupil wants to learn he must do it himself, for no teacher or school system can do that for him, all they can do s to help him build his foundation and to help him as he goes along grouping for knowledge.

However, if parents are going to keep their children out of school, away from all opportunity, when, where and how are they going to get their start? Will they get it after their parents are dead, from the money that is left them? Certainly not, for at present most folks even consider thirty years too late for getting a start in high school or even in college. Will the young folks get the start after they have worked in factories for several years under the present factory system? Certainly not, for factories don't build up a trend towards bigger things.

Folks will use the argument that they need the help of the young folks in farm work, etc. But have parents the right to take from their children the best heritage they could give them —education? Is it not their sacred duty to give the children which they brought into the world the best they can give them? And is money the best they can give them? If the farm is too large, why not get a smaller place which they can till? Why make the children suffer for want of education because of a field of spuds or a herd of cattle?

The high school at Henderson should be overcrowded with students this fall. The children are certainly there and it would take but little encouragement from their parents to bring them to school. Can't folks realize what remarkable things children are offered free of charge? Think of the many books they are given to use. Think of the years the teachers have spent and the time they are still spending at colleges and summer schools, hoarding up a great fund of knowledge to pass on to your children. Think of the many days the school board officials are spending in making our educational system a better one.

Had I not had a good start in education I would have met none of the big minds of my travels and I would not have had the opportunity of associating with he thinking groups wherever I have been so far. Altho my education is fair it is only a foundation for further learning, and as soon as I leave here I am going to Columbia to take a number of courses prior to my leaving for Asia for studies of a different type. Think this over and decide whether your children are going to work to help save up a few dollars or wheher they are going to make their own future worth while by getting at least a start in education.

RIDGELY

Miss Mildred Roe recently entertained her sister and niece, Mrs. George Bradley and daughter, Mildred, of North East.

Mrs. C. O. Starkey has been entertaining Mrs. Lou Stevens, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The congregation of the Reformed Church will discontinue evening service during the month of July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swing and son, James, have been spending a few days at Ocean City.

Miss Fannie Saulsbury of Queen Anne has been spending a few days with Miss Emma Saulsbury.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Smith, from New York State, and Mr. Smith's two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Rickards, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Della Turner, of Oak Lane, Pa., made a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Day on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mulford Swing have moved into their home on Maple Ave, which has been extensively remodeled. They are entertaining this week the following guests at a house party: Mrs. H. C. Rawlings, of Annapolis; Mrs. Dove, Huntingdon Pa; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Heather and two children, of Oak Lane, Pa.

Mr. George A. Dever died on Saturday, July 12th, in Easton hospital of cancer of the stomach at the age of 76 years. He was born at Stafford, Hartford county. Mr. Dever at the age of 14 engaged in farming with his father, Mr. William Dever, who was at one time clerk of the court, in Queen Anne's county. On April 20, 1876, he married Miss Lottie D. Lucas daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lucas, who was once proprietor of a hotel in Ridgely. From 1877 to 1883 the deceased was assistant superintendent of the Maryland House of Correction and during the perion of 1897-1903 he served as county commissioner. He retired from farming in 1918 and took up his residence in Denton, where he lived six years., moving this year to the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Hobbs, because of failing health. His widow and one son, Mr. W. K. Dever, of Parksley, Va., and one daughter, Mrs. C. L. Hobbs, of Ridgely survive, together with two little grandsons, Charles and Dever Hobbs, of here. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. M. E. Wheatley, officiating. He was assisted by Revs. George Fitz, of the Reformed Church W. H. Hoges, of the M. P. Church of Centreville, and Mr. H. L. Holsinger, Ridgely. Active pall-bearers were D. W. Davis Frank W. Redden, ex-sheriff, Thomas Green and Z. Potter Steele, Denton; I. E. Mason and J. D. Davis, of Ridgely. J. Lewis Rhodes, of Queenstown, J. Fletcher Rolph and F. Marion Hunter, of Centreville, Hon. Thomas A Smith, Ridgely; H. Clay Hobbs and John A McIntosh, of Denton, were honorary bearers.

Mr. I. T. Saulsbury who was summoned from California in the spring because of the burning of his factory, returned last week to bring home his automobile, which has been in storage at Sacramento. He was accompanied by Mr. F. P. Roe, of Greensboro.

Mrs. Leonard McKnett and daughter have been spending a few days with friends in Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hubbard, of Federalsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Percy, of Easton, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell.

Mrs. Lawrence Lynch, who has been critically ill in a Baltimore hospital, following an operation for appendicitis, is reported better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sparks and two daughters of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holsinger, and other relatives here.

Miss Elaine Saulsbury has been entertaining at their cottage at Rehoboth, Miss Lydia Eskridge, of Camp Meade. Miss Ruth Connoly of Centreville, and Miss Emily DeLacy, of Washington.

Mr. Lee Bennington, who has been clerking in the American Store at Denton, has been promoted to the position of manager of a similar store at Federalsburg.

Dogs recently visited the Summitt Poultry Farm and killed 239 chicks six weeks old. The loss is placed at about $71.

Paul Holsinger and Son are canning beans this season.

The receipts at the Ridgely carnival were larger this year than last, about $2,200 being taken in.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sewell and son Reese, are touring Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Smith and children, from Altoona, Pa., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ivison, Ridgely, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cannon, near Ruthsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scherf, of Baltimore, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. August Koeneman recently entertained the following visitors: Mrs. William Koeneman and two daughters, of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koeneman, of Trappe; Mr. Harry Koeneman and Mr. Alexander Dawson, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Schaff who have been spending some weeks with their daughter, Mrs. George Fitz, at the Reformed parsonage, have returned to their home in Greencastle, Pa. Mrs. Fitz has this week as guests, her sister, Mrs. R. G. Blair, and daughter, also of Waynsboro.

Rev. M. E. Wheatley instructed in "Home Mission Work" at the Epworth League Institute held at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover.

Messrs. I. T. Saulsbury, T. W. Jones and Ord Rairigh took short rides in the aeroplane piloted by Liet. Mervyn Seward when he was in Ridgely after the departure of the fleet that was landed here on the 4th from Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Wessel have bought and moved into the house owned formerly by Mrs. Hill, who will return to Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tolson and Miss Virginia Lee of Wilmington, have been guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemmons.

Mrs. Henrietta Smith, daughter, Teressa, and son, Milton, of El Paso, Tex., have been visitors for a few days at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cannon, near Ruthsburg.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Swann, who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Leonard Dean, Mrs. Frank Flounders, Misses Catherine McElwain and Beatrice Bowers and Mrs. Harry Lane.

Miss Virginia Lewis of Baltimore, is a visitor at the home of her niece, Mrs. F. R. Flounders.

Mrs. Harry Lobb and daughter, of Media, Pa., has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weaver.

Mrs. Joseph Muller, of Easton, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Carolyn Mancha.

Anna Frances Seward has been visiting at the home of her broher, Lieut. Mervyn Seward, Aberdeen.

Miss Cordelia Green and Miss Mary Meginson, of Wilmington motored to Ridgely for the closing night of the carnival and were guests of Mrs. Norman Wilson.

Mr. Thompson Swing's new home on Maple avenue is now being painted.

Miss Addie Griffin, whose mother died in Greensboro lately, is now with her brother, Mr. William Griffin, and family, near Ridgely.

M. Dudley Price motored down from Trainers recently and took back with him his wife and three children, who have been visiting his people here.

Mr. Thomas Rickards has returned to Baltimore for the summer term at Poltechnic Institute.

Our public drinking fountain after being out of use for some months, is now restored to service.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lynch announce the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Laird have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Edward Stevens, Rehoboth.

Mr. Frank Kibler and family have been visiting Mrs. Kibler's father, Mr. C. E. Ness Bowers Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Price and children of Trainers have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Stella Matthews, a teacher of Detriot, Mich., is spending her vacation at the home of her father, Rev. L. S. Matthews.

Mrs. George Cherry and daughter, Hilda, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Kinnaman, Goldsboro.

Miss Frances Eaton, of Queen Anne, was a recent guest of Miss Hilda Wooters.

Mrs. J. K. Lynch and Miss Anna Lynch have been visiting in Washington.

Gertrude Wheatley lately suffered a fall which necessitated taking some stitches in her chin.

Misses Lucile Hammond and Florella Sharp, of Wilmington, have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. George Loering, of Patterson, N. J., was a recent guest of Mr. James P. Swing, Jr.

Master Billy Jones spent last week with Master John Saulsbury at Rehoboth.

HOBBS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas entertained on Sunday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and children of Anderville and Mr. Ben Lawless and son, Francis, of Hickman.

Miss Cornelia I. Rourke, of Baltimore, spent Friday with her cousin, Miss Ruth Willis.

Miss Forest a returned Missionary from the Foreign Fields gave us a very interesting talk on Sunday afternoon in the church.

Mrs. Johnston of Denton our new agent took charge of her duties at the station on Tuesday.

Miss Martha Smith entertained on Sunday afternoon Misses Nettie Anthony and Dorothy Neal of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Willis and family motored over to Delmar Sunday and visited their daughter, Mrs. Alvin Aniba and family.

Mrs. Susan Smith and son, Oron, of Denton, and Mrs. A. Billing, of Greensboro were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

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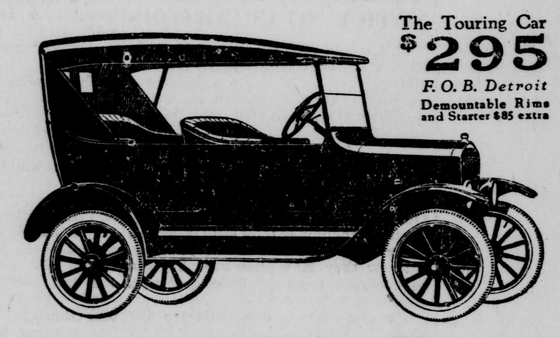

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