

TALE OF THE NORTHERN TRAIL

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Just beyond Whitehorse we left the Alaska Highway and took a less developed road toward historic Dawson City, heart of the Klondike. Dawson City is located on the Yukon River at the Mouth of the Klondike, and down river from Whitehorse some 320 miles. We left Whitehorse in the early afternoon and hoped to find accommodations at one of the stops before reaching Dawson.

320 miles is a long drive in one afternoon over roads which are not particularly good, and where instead of bridges ferries, manned for the most part by Indians, transport travelers across the river. The rivers in some instances are equally as large as the old Mississippi itself.

As we came to each little spot along the road bearing a name to identify it, such as Carmacks, Minto, etc., we found it was possible to obtain gasoline, and at one time a supper of ham and eggs, but lodgings were non-existent.

So we trudged on toward Dawson City. We met only five cars on the whole trip in; and none the next day coming out toward the Alaska Highway. But we had daylight until about ten p.m. and knew from the Milepost that we would cross the last river by ferry before they closed for the day. (At one river we had to wait a full hour while the ferryman took a break and ate his lunch.) But we were comforted by the fact that we did have our tent, sleeping bags, and a couple of days food supply if it became necessary to fall back upon them.

In that this road in many places was a narrow, tortuous and precarious trail, we did not race over it nor try to "make time." Thus it was after midnight when we reached Dawson City, which boasted of several hotels. We drove by all we saw which still had their lights on and thought we were selecting the least objectionable.

We found the night clerk in the bar room busily dispensing assorted beverages to an uproarious and noisy crowd. He said he would give us one of the better rooms because we were man and wife and not just a couple of male prospectors seeking a cheap lodging for the night. Since we'd been up since 4 a.m. we were

so thoroughly exhausted that we had no objection to offer so long as we could just lie down and sleep with a roof over our heads.

Our room contained two beds, which probably were imported during the gold rush days of the 1890's. They were iron beds with flat hard springs and mattresses, but the frames had at one time been resplendent with brass knobs. We also had a window in our room which we found later most of the other rooms didn't have. And seven 1955 calendars, all of large proportions and decorative designs—plus a few other hand drawn pictures on the walls.

The electric cord hanging from the ceiling was long and stretched across the room to the bedstead where it was tied for genuine convenience.

The next morning we arose early and after removing the dresser from across the lockless door, we made a thorough inspection of the premises. Dingy hallways, kittens of dust two inches thick under the beds, unlighted rooms off the corridors and a single dirty bathroom with one toilet and a lavatory to serve the entire floor. The cold water was so adjusted as to run vigorously all the time, day and night, the year around. In this way the water pipes and sewer did not freeze up. Of course there was no hot water.

We decided to try another hotel for our breakfast. Here the little oriental said, "You want breakfast?" as he dropped a filthy appearing menu on the counter. Then he said, "Whoops, wait 'til I clean it up a bit," and scrubbed ineffectually at the printed word with an equally as dirty rag which he had procured from his hip pocket. We expect, however, that the trick had been good for many a laugh.

After breakfast we wandered around town, an utterly fantastic, improbable place. A cross between an old time western movie and a nightmare, defying description. The fabulous gold camp of the Klondike Gold Rush once numbered 25,000 inhabitants, but when the rich claims finally gave out, after yielding over \$100,000,000 by 1904, the miners and their followers left for new fields and the population gradually dwindled to its present 800.

However the ghosts of that legendary era are still present.

Many stark buildings with ancient advertising and the remains of old window decorations still stand, dark and weather beaten. Some are without windows. Some without roofs. Interspersed among them are the enterprising business places of today supplying the residents and the tourists with the every day necessities of life.

As we walked about on the raised wooden sidewalks, our footsteps echoed in the early morning through the deserted streets, and we could almost hear the honky-tonk rhythms of the "Flora Dora Dance Hall" catch the faint fragrance of a vanished perfume, and feel again the expectant excitement in the lure of gold and the spell of the Yukon.

Each August 17, the entire Yukon Territory pays tribute to Discovery Day, which is a legal holiday, and as many as can journey to Dawson City by plane, boat and road for a celebration. At such times many of the dead buildings come to life for a few days and all of the hotels are filled to capacity.

Another ferry trip across the Yukon at Dawson City, and we were again on our way to Alaska. It was on this section of back road known as the Taylor Highway, from an area that was still under construction and recently blasted, that we picked up several pieces of rock whose color and glitter caught our eye. We have since brought them home and installed them in the terrace in front of our house, although we had learned in the meantime

that they actually do contain traces of gold.

Thus we crossed into Alaska from the Yukon in a high mountainous area. The customs office was operated by a lonesome man who greeted us dressed in a fur parka—on the 10th of August. But there was little wonder, for it actually was snowing and raining at the time. Later as we came down out of the mountains a fit, the weather cleared, and we enjoyed a nice sunny day.

We returned to the Alaska Highway shortly after noon at mile 1306 or 221 miles from Fairbanks. This section of the road, being under the control of the Alaska Road Commission Northwest Highway System, rather than the Canadian Army gave promise of more pleasant driving. Gone were the dust and gravel, and in their place lay a wide black hard-topped paving.

To be continued next week

Orchard Notes . . .

By C. FAIRMAN

At a cherry meeting at Kewadin February 15th, Ted Stebbins gave a review of the promotional work being done and a general review of the past season. Ted answered questions after his talk. One or two growers were rather irritating and persevering with their arguments, however

Mr. Stebbins used a lot of diplomacy and patience and finally they were convinced.

It was stated that cherries moved or sold faster at an ice base rather than on a 5c base any year. General observations show that canners in general are not as anxious to can cherries as they used to be.

This year's 5c price was not on account of the general public because they would have paid more. The two New York canners that started the 5c price did not care whether they ran their factories or not, but told the growers they could bring in their cherries for 5c. Every other canner followed suit.

While I don't know, I would expect a little better deal this year. I don't believe any one or two canners can spoil the whole deal. However, there is one thing sure, canners are not as anxious for cherries as they used to be. And growers are more or less to blame.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Charlevoix.

In the Matter of the Estate of Clyde Prevo.

At a session of said Court, held on 17th day of February, 1956.

Present, Honorable Floyd A. Supp, Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons interested in said estate are directed to appear before said Probate Court on the 12th day of March, 1956, at 10:00 a.m., to show cause why a license should not be granted to William H. Grauel, administrator of said es-

ate, to sell or mortgage the interest of said estate in certain real estate described in his petition, for the purpose of payment of debts.

It is Ordered, That notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three weeks consecutively previous to said day of hearing, in the East Jordan News-Herald, and that the petitioner cause a copy of this notice to be

served upon each known party in interest at his last known address by registered mail, return receipt demanded, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such hearing, or by personal service at least five (5) days prior to such hearing.

Floyd A. Supp
Judge of Probate

William T. Downs
Attorney for Estate
East Jordan, Michigan

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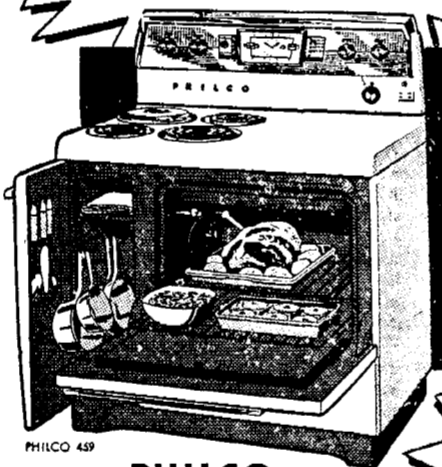
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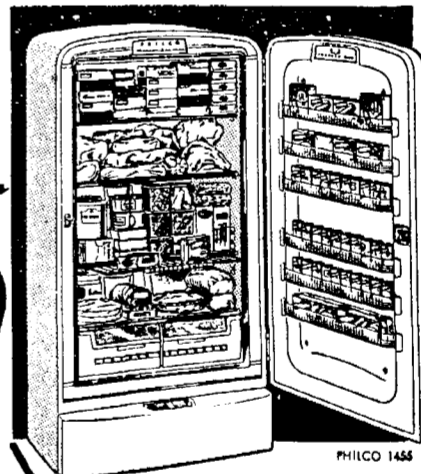


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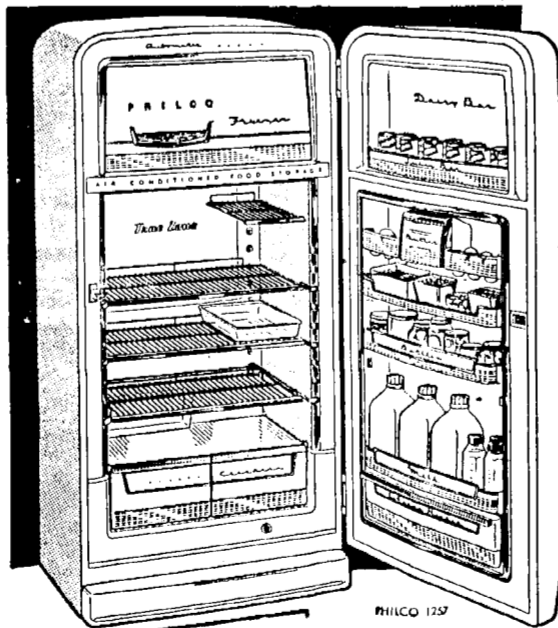
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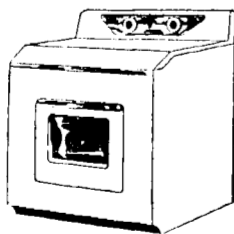
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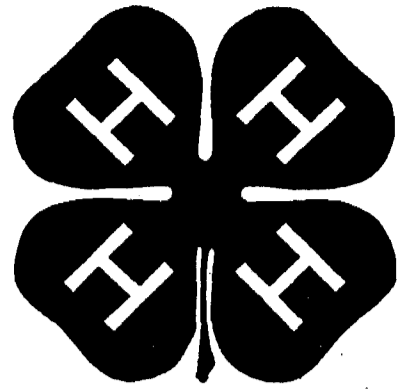
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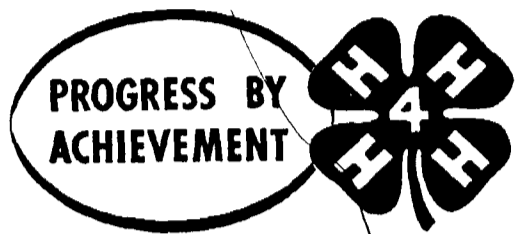


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National 4-H Club Week--March 3-11



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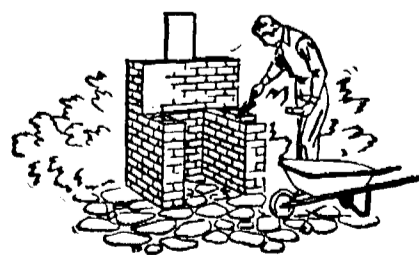
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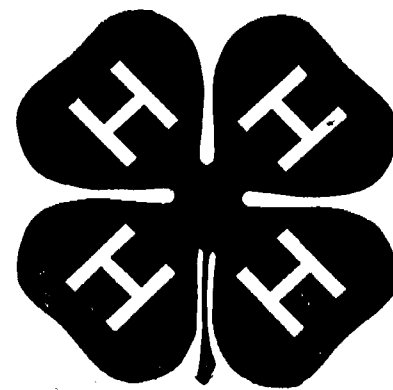
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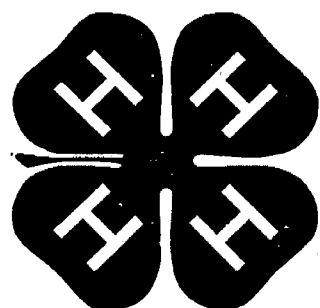


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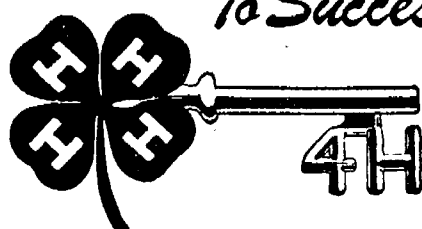


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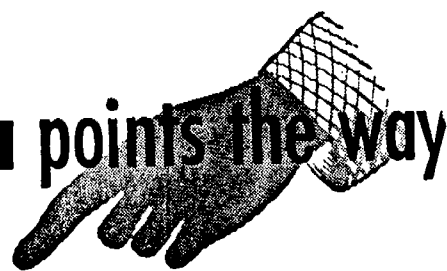
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