

The Birmingham Eccentric



PART TWO

Summer is half gone, leaving it to make the memory of a cold winter that is past, and a winter of unknown temperature coming. I am printing this as a mental suggestion for keeping cool—and making the best of weather that you will long for in December.

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Travel Club Contest Winners Describe Thrills Of Trip To Chicago World Fair

(EDITORS' NOTE—Last Sunday saw the return from Chicago of the three boys and two girls who won free trips to the World's Fair as contestants in the Travel Opportunity Club competition sponsored by The Eccentric. Five of the winners regaled with tales of the wonders viewed at the Exposition during their six-day stay in Chicago at the Palmer House. Following are three articles, one from a boy's viewpoint and two from a girl's, written by three of the returned travelers.)

By DOROTHY WARD
(963 Emmons Avenue)

We arrived in Chicago about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and we all had a queer feeling inside

of us to think that we were going to be in Chicago for six wonderful days and nights, each one holding something so much different from the day before. After two or three long hours of arranging our things and meeting people and having lunch we took a bus to the fair grounds, lined up in pairs, and then took our first steps on the grounds of the 1934 World's Fair.

One of the most interesting places at the Fair was Ripley's "Believe It or Not" Odditorium; it was wonderful. The original Popeye was there. He could make his eyeball pop out of the socket when he so desired. Just a very few movements of the eye and it would go back into the socket. The one-man band was there and he could play six different instruments at one time. Another inter-

"Baby Take A Bow" with Shirley Temple and James Dunn. Sunday morning went all too fast. I felt terrible when I thought I had to leave the Fair, Chicago, and all the people I had met. We stayed at the Palmer House until it was time to leave for the train. Everything we did seems so unimportant, and we had such a glorious time that I would like to see it all over again. I would like to take this opportunity to tell everybody who subscribed to The Eccentric and who helped me to go on that wonderful trip—one I am sure I could never forget even if I tried—that I appreciate everything they did. Thanks.

By GEORGE KREJCI
(Parkview Drive, Beverly Hills)

Though all the exhibits at the Fair were interesting and wonderful, I think the one I liked most was Frank Krueger's exhibition of prehistoric animals.

The setting for this exhibit was what was supposed to be a large cave, which resembled an underground passage with rooms on each side of it. We traveled through this strange cave by means of a cable, which our guide paddled.

Many different kinds of prehistoric animals were shown here, such as sail-covered dinosaurs, mammoths (a kind of elephant that grew to a height of 15 feet or more and weighed 40 tons), trachydonts, triceratops (the four-runner of the modern rhinoceros), and so many other different kinds of monsters that I could fill a big book telling about them. I mention these because I think they are typical of the variety that we saw. All of the animals in order to make them seem more real, were able, by means of machinery, to move their legs, heads, and tails.

All the exhibits we saw were very interesting and educational, the Hall of Science especially, although it was almost too technical. The architectural style of the Fair was quite revolutionary, which made it very different and very beautiful.

I enjoyed the whole trip so much that I wished I could have stayed much longer, though it was nice to come home and tell my family about it. I want also to thank everybody who helped me win this wonderful trip.

By NAOMA SCHWALLIE
(247 Chapin Avenue)

Everyone enjoys the Fair very much, and, as Dorothy says, it's new and exciting. From the time we left Detroit, Tuesday, and arrived Sunday, we were treated wonderfully by everyone. I suppose the reason Dorothy and I were the only girls and that there were 129 other boys besides boys from Birmingham.

The first day there we saw Ripley's Odditorium, which was interesting, and the Firestone exhibit, showing how to make tires. Wednesday we saw the Hall of Science, which I think was the most interesting and educational attraction there. You could spend hours there and not see everything in the building.

We went on the island and saw the Hall of States, Electrical Building, and went on some of the many attractions. After the Detroit boys left, the seven of us—the two from Northville and the five from Birmingham—saw the Lost River, which is an underground stream leading to the dinosaurs and other animals by boat. After that we enjoyed a 10-mile speedboat ride on the lake.

We had practically all Thursday

wandering around the Fair by ourselves without the guide. We saw mostly all the foreign groups such as Sweden and Italia, and the Lincoln group, Illinois, and others. Friday we went on a sight-seeing tour around Chicago and to the zoological park, but it rained a little and we could only see the animals which were inside. We had lunch at Evanston, 15 miles out of Chicago. We went back to Chicago in an elevated car.

Our guide took us to the University of Chicago, which was given by John D. Rockefeller, and the chapel, given by Mrs. Rockefeller. We saw the remaining building of the last Fair, that of 1893, which was the Science and Industrial Building. Saturday we visited the Art Institute, Field Museum, and the Shedd Aquarium. We saw several moving picture shows while we were there, and went window-shopping.

I thank each and every one of my friends who subscribed to The Eccentric for giving me the opportunity to win this lovely trip to Chicago.

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3. Guam is a British possession.
4. Vermont was taken from Verd and Mont, two French words meaning green mountains.
5. The state flower of Tennessee is the passion flower.

Answers will be found on page two, this section

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