

Mrs. Shain Tells Of Adventure broad

It's No Text Book, But A Unique European Log In Feminine Style

"I don't see where you'd put another account of travelling through Europe," said Mrs. Charles J. Shain, who, with her husband, has returned to their home on Hurst street, after two months of driving about Europe in their car. But she's a very obliging person and graciously complied to a request for some information about her trip.

"I'll try not to make it guide-bookish or even very full of facts, but just tell you some of the things which I'll always remember. In the first place, driving our own car, we shunned the cities as much as possible, preferring to see the real people of the countries rather than the fashionable set which, after all, is much the same the world over.

"Of course it was spring, and the countryside was alive with farmers, all busy with planting, plowing, etc. The women worked right along beside the men in the fields, and seemed to do just as well. Women also performed most of the services for us when we stopped, even to carrying our baggage into our lodgings. We stopped at pensions, rather than hotels, and found it very enjoyable. Pensions are something like our tourist homes, except that they'd rather take their 8 to 12 guests by the week. The guests always eat with the family, and meet them and talk to them—if they know the language.

"We heard very little English

spoken outside the British Isles, which would seem to explode the theory that everyone knows our tongue. But, as we travelled through the most rural districts, sharing the roads with hundreds of teams of oxen, flocks of cattle, geese and sheep and of course pigs in Ireland. The animal herders didn't seem to be the least bit worried about our hitting any of their charges, and didn't make the slightest attempt to get them off the road. All the natives we saw were their picturesque native costume, but they didn't wear it in a sense of dressing up. In fact, it grew to be so much the order of the day that we began to think people like ourselves looked queerer than the natives did. Of course the colors were lovely, and the styles very charming too.

"The French countryside was the most beautiful, with miles upon miles of fields of poplars and cypress lining the roads, just as the paintings show it. The people work in the fields all day and when the work is done they all leave the fields and return to their tiny hamlets. The houses are built flush with the road, which often isn't even two lanes wide, and all the children and small animals—cats and the older people too, seem to live in the street. But as it gets dark they enter their homes and both there up tightly, leaving the whole town as dark and empty, as though it were deserted.

"We had fabulous weather all through the Chateau country, through which the Loire river winds. The chateaux are the most romantic spectacles imaginable, though closer inspection often reveals the disintegration wrought by time and weather. Chambord is one of the largest of the chateaux still in good condition, and has been standing since the middle ages. It presents a fairly like appearance despite its size, especially from the top of its highest tower, from which one looks down on a sea of minarets, shorter towers, cupolas and so on, all shining in the light.

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"Suddenly a tractor appeared from the top of the peak, snaking the little car to the top and sent it down the other side. Then our car wouldn't start. We were just trying to get our car started when it was towed up to the top. We were all organized to tell to Gabriel, when the tractor reappeared and made us up after our little friend. There was a big tunnel over the top of the pass and as we drove through it we thought our dangers must be over. Then pop! Out we came to the most terrific of all the things I've ever lived through. Going around a hairpin curve we slid into a snow drift. It was the other side of the mountain that kept us from hurtling over the edge. I struggled by foot to a little Alpine hut where I had fortunately seen. The host was lovely and gave me dry clothes to put on while he and some other men went to rescue my husband and the car. When they finally chopped it out of the snow drift I've never been so glad, but our delight soon turned to a dread that we'd never get out.

"It was late afternoon of the next day before we did get out, and then we followed the tractor down through drifts 15 feet high. Half-way down we went through Heiligblut, a little town where were buried all those who have died trying to get over that pass. I had lost all desire to see it by then, for fear that they'd have a nice tombstone all packed out for me. All in all, however, Austria was the most refreshing country through which we went. The people there are really living their natural lives, and aren't on display, as the tourists are, for the season right along, passing through hundreds of fragrant fields, ancient market places and squares and clean little cities. We met several tribes of Gypsies, but didn't hear any of their music or see any dancing. I don't see how anyone could've gotten merrier from such dirty, shabby living as theirs.

"Through southern Austria, the costumes differed from place to place. All the girls rode bicycles to native garb, with their head-dresses flowing out behind them. The vivid reds, greens, pinks and blues and the dainty lace aprons were lovely to watch. And everywhere the lines of the vineyards flowed away to huge castles and towers. The oxen were hitched one behind the other. In Vienna we did the most things, dining one night at Frau Secher's, made famous by 'Reunion in Vienna.' The six-course affair was very pretty and deservedly popular.

"We stopped in two of the world's smallest principalities: Monaco and little Liechtenstein. They average about 50 miles long and 35 miles wide, but have their own cities and postage, etc. I wanted to buy some stamps from there, but didn't have any of the money. Finally I got the equivalent of about \$5.00 changed in Liechtenstein tender, bought two little stamps and then had to have it all changed back again.

"Mrs. Thomas Reaney and her daughter, Phyllis, have just returned to their home on Lincoln road, after spending a week as the guests of the Donald Stantons, in their summer home at Osceola.

CLUBS CONTINUE FESTIVE AFFAIRS

Three Entertainments On Calendar Now With More To Come

After a triply festive weekend last week, local golf and country clubs are continuing activities in a less spectacular fashion for the time being. One dance is slated for Saturday, with nothing else until the middle next week, at which time dates begin to pick up again.

Oakland Hills Country Club is having another one of its popular "ance under the stars" entertainments this Saturday. Members and their guests may dine at the club and following dinner they will be dancing to the music of Ray Gorell and his Master Musicians, who will present a floor show on the lawn, with Julie Sabourin, vocalist.

Five Lake Country Club holds a bridge luncheon Wednesday, August 4. Mrs. Benjamin H. Anibal and Mrs. Louis J. Griffiths are on the committee, with hostesses being Mrs. Harold King, Mrs. Ernest Erdmann, Mrs. J. C. Kneal Jr., Mrs. George Cram, Mrs. Earl B. Wilson, Mrs. Earle Kneal and Mrs. Raymond T. Parris serving as hostesses.

Birmingham Golf Club will hold its annual Stag Day on Saturday, August 14, opening it to members and guests. There will be unique competitions in golf, tennis, and luncheon, dinner and a floor show during the evening.

Newly-weds Honored With Al Fresco Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Usher Jr. of Linden road, were hosts at one of the loveliest parties of the season Saturday, in the garden of their home. Mrs. Usher took the form of a dinner, and the occasion was the welcoming home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Usher II, whose wedding was Saturday, July 17. Mrs. Usher is the former Betty Neal, Dining al fresco, at little tables placed about the garden, the guests enjoyed the riot of blooms throughout the place, as well as the cut flowers with which the dinner tables and the house were decorated. Illumination was supplied by the lighted Japanese lanterns which were strung about the garden and hung indubitably from the trees.

Besides the honor guests, included among those invited to the affair were Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Neal, Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Hershey, Mrs. Harry Myers, Mary Widenmann, James Brien, Jean Deer, Edward White, Mary Starr, Bart Seymour, Morris Winborn, Kay Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hasdas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voss, Mr. and Mrs. George Lambrecht, Rosemary Neal, Roger Browne, Tim Neal and Mrs. A. J. Davis, of Chicago.

Social Briefs

Miss Leah Moore, of Lincoln road, returned today from Elizabeth Lake, where she has been spending a week as the guest of Ruth Robinson and her family, of Detroit.

Jane Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Stewart, of Glendale, Cal., who formerly lived in Birmingham, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Albert Musickie, on Chandler avenue in Detroit.

Louis A. Farquhar Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Farquhar, of Lake Park drive, and Philip Breitmeier returned home from Camp Birchwoods, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar and their family will leave for Williamsport, Pa., the latter part of this week, where they will attend the golden wedding celebration of Mrs. Farquhar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Krueger. Following this they will spend some time in Yellowstone National Park and Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Farquhar's niece, Mrs. Wm. A. D. Floyd, formerly Helen Thompson, of Birmingham. They will be gone at least three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gardner will leave their home on Aspen road some time the end of this week, for a visit of indefinite length with Mrs. Gardner's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Noling, at Birchwood Beach, Harbert, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mallerder, of Oak street, and their two children have just returned to their home after a three week's stay at Howard Lake, Michigan.

Mrs. John List has returned to her home in Harbour Terrace after a month's visit with friends in New Rochelle, New York. She drove her daughter, Virginia, who is traveling on the continent now with a group of other girls.

Mrs. Colin Campbell entertained Friday in her home on Lakeview drive in honor of the sixth birthday of her son, Colin Jr. Included among the small guests were Jack McBride, Peter Northrup, Buddy Thompson, Elizabeth Drake, Mary Babbitt, Michael Patton, Janet Fossenkemper, Joyce Dickinson and Allen Garfield.

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