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Swiss Government Amazes Traveler

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Recently returned from an extended European trip, Mrs. Grace Reilly of the Birmingham Travel Service said she found Switzerland one of the most fascinating highlighs of the trip.

"It is amazing," she said, "how three nationalities, all sharply differing in character, can live in such complete harmony, each striving for the welfare and betterment of the whole.

"In the German section, it actually is a section of Germany. The people could not be more German, even if they lived in Germany itself. The same is true to the French and Italian sections of the country.

"Politics and wars have thrown these nations into positions of hatred many times in the past, but in Switzerland none of this feeling is reflected.

"They are elected to the House of Parliament, but they are not politicians. Each man serving there has one thought; what can he do which will be of the greatest value to all?

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"THESE REPRESENTATIVES of the people are poorly paid, in fact only the interpreters get what we would consider good wages."

Checking European countries and cities from the standpoint of the tourist, Mrs. Reilly said she could sense the influence of America in many of the hotels.

"They are slowly taking American ideas into the service of their hotels, into the building of new ones and remodeling of old ones. The things the hotel dweller has here will soon be offered in most of the European tourist spots," she said.

She said that in many cities it was evident that the people were going in for a general housecleaning, something they have been unable to do for many years. The dirt and grime of time, and the scars of war are being erased as rapidly as possible and a more beautiful Europe is emerging.

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IN THE Scandanavian countries she was impressed with the determination of the people to reclaim their war-destroyed holdings. Norway, building its northerr areas again, has restricted all other building throughout the country, making governmental approval necessary before anything can be undertaken.

Another impression which will remain with her was the sight of hay hung along fences to dry rather than spread upon the ground as is the farm custom here.

In Oslo the beautiful new city hall with its huge murals depicting the history of the country is something she will long remember. The museum there, where more than 800 old houses have been restored is another "must" of that country as far as she is concerned.

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"TWO VIKING ships, burial places of a king and queen, are magnificent. They were found on a farm, buried under dirt and debris. The farmer notified authorities who instigated a research project. Much of the history of Viking days was revealed in this find," Mrs. Reilly said.

"I was disappointed in the food," she said. "I'd thought to find it much better prepared than I did. This was especially true in England and Scotland, where there seemed to be very little imagination used in preparing it.

"The hotel service was excellent from a purely professional standpoint, but there seemed to be little warmth and friendliness between the hotel staffs and the people they served.

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"WHEREVER WE made contact with the people, the public, that is, we found them very friendly and pleasant. Several of them went out of their way to do things for us, like the driver who took us around Glasgow.

"We hadn't planned on seeing Glasgow because, being so much an industrial community, we felt it would have only a minor attraction for us.

"This driver, however, showed us how wrong we were. It was his influence which led us to one of the most sensational sights of the whole trip—the huge oil painting by Dali, of Christ on the Cross.

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"SO REALISTIC was this work that it has been said it may well have been an actual photograph. Knowledge of other Dali works certainly gave us no inkling of what to expect. It was the most powerful, most striking thing of the whole trip."

Mrs. Reilly, with her husband, Raymond W. Reilly, made the trip by air. On the continent they traveled as tourists as well as by private car. Their trip included France, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Italy, England and Scotland, visiting the most popular places in each country.

NEILS DIFFRIENT

Designer Speaks To Woman's Club

Birmingham Woman's club has found talent in its own backyard for the Nov. 10 meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Hall, 20730 Kenmoway drive.

The local speaker is Neils Diffrient, industrial designer, who resides with his wife, Lois and son, Scott, on Hawthorne street. In his talk on Industrial Design, he plans to show slides and examples of his work to illustrate the scope and aims of his profession.

Diffrient studied at Cass Technical high school, Wayne University and Cranbrook Academy of Art. He was an outstanding student at Cranbrook having twice received the Medal of Achievement in Design, first award. Some of his more important awards include a first and second award in the Packard Motor car competition, automobile and accessory design, first General Motors Automobile design and the second Chicago Tribune Better Rooms competition. Other awards include a fountain and park design, lighting fixtures and plastic belts.

Previously employed by Eero Saarinen and Associates, Diffrient is now with the W. B. Ford Design corporation in Detroit. While there he designed the "City of the Future" a featured exhibit at the Ford Rotunda.

Wilson Club Has Officers Election

Election of officers for the coming year was the concern of the Wilson College club of Michigan at the meeting in the home of Mrs. Richard E. Dunham of Detroit.

Mrs. Markham S. Cheever, 18420 Hillcrest boulevard, Beverly Hills, presided as retiring president until the new officers were installed as follows: Mrs. Holland D. Weir of Detroit, president; Mrs. Marion C. Dietrich, Jr., 2518 Manchester road, vice president; Mrs. Scott K. Price of Fowlerville, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Louis G. Carmick, Jr., 887 Lakeview drive, recording secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. John A. Gilray, 1180 Villa road, and Mrs. Richard T. Hatch, 2175 Dorchester road, will assist with the publicity.

Players Relax, Plan Some Fun In Western Garb

All decked out in Western duds, the Village Players of Birmingham will gather Saturday night, Nov. 7, for a Chuck Wagon Jamboree. The event is planned for 9 p.m. at the Playhouse, where the seats will be set aside for the evening to make room for an old-fashioned hoe-down.

A replica of a prairie schooner will be drawn up before the stage, and a supper of hamburger and baked beans will be served chuck-wagon fashion. A hill-billy trio will provide the musical background for square dancing and an old-time movie will entertain the guests during intermission.

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THE PLAYHOUSE will sport an Old West theme with gaily painted wagon wheels, stacks of hay, corn stalks and pumpkins. To transport guests promptly into the Western mood, there will be three saddle horses hitched outside the entrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Crichton, Jr., are in charge of plans for the evening, assisted by Mrs. John G. Hammond, Badgley Elmes and Mrs. Horton Allen. Mrs. Howard C. McDonald is in charge of reservations.

Among those planning to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Machus, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gustafsson and Mr. and Mrs. William Howell.

Time Out for Cocktails

A moving-day dinner Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Herbert A. Carr on Windemere road was a welcome relief to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGregor. The two couples moved into new quarters that day, coming from Detroit and Boston, respectively. The Woods have a new home at 4833 Mayflower court, Bloomfield Hills, and the McGregors are temporarily located at the Graefield Terraces. Before the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor entertained the Carrs and the Woods at a "packing box cocktail party."

Have You Met . . .

Kathryn and Robert B. Farlow, 1862 Shipman boulevard, and children, Pamela, age 8; Lynette, age 4; and Beth, age 2. Coming from Detroit, Farlow is a salesman for the Equitable Life Assurance company. The couple attended Albion college and Wayne university. Mrs. Farlow is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma sorority and the Eastern Star and her husband is a Mason. Both are active at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit.

Achieves All A Record

An all "A" academic average at Michigan State college was achieved during the spring and summer session by Nancy L. Middleton of Birmingham.

ENGAGEMENT OF BARBARA Cary to William H. Coburn is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly M. Cary of Linden road. William is the son of Mrs. William Coburn of Detroit and the late Mr. Coburn.

Public Schools' Finance Problems To Be LWV Topic

An influx of pupils; a shortage of classrooms; too few teachers; these three factors combine to create the "Crisis in Public Education."

These problems and the tax measures necessary to combat them will be aired in a panel discussion presented by the Birmingham League of Women Voters Nov. 16 at the Community House.

The panel will be composed of Mrs. James Dunne, former taxation chairman for the Michigan League of Women Voters and now a member of the Educational Finance Study commission; Elmer Haack, Birmingham assessor and member of the county board of supervisors and Dr. Dwight Ireland, superintendent of public schools in Birmingham.

"Following a short talk by each member, questions from the floor will be welcomed and answered by these experts on education, taxation and property assessment," Mrs. Richard VanDusen, local taxation chairman for the League said.

College Club Schedules Alcohol Studies Report

Mrs. W. F. Tighe will give a report on the Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies, which she attended this summer, when the Rockford College club of Detroit meets Wednesday. Mrs. Tighe is a Birmingham resident and an alumni of Rockford.

Miss Dorothy White, 84 Marston avenue, Detroit, will be hostess for the group at 8 p.m., Nov. 11. Dessert will be served.

Thetas Observe Mich. State Day

Michigan State Day will be observed Nov. 7 by both actives and alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta at a 1 o'clock luncheon to be held at Schuler's hotel in Marshall. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first women's Greek letter fraternity and was founded in 1870 at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind. An invitation has been extended to all Indiana Thetas to attend the luncheon as Michigan's guests.

Luncheon speaker will be Miss Audrey Wilder, Dean of Women at Albion college. Among the guests, who will attend the luncheon are Mrs. Whitehouse, wife of the president of Albion college, and Mrs. Max Tunnicliffe of Birmingham, district president of the fraternity.

Thetas planning to attend from Birmingham are: Mrs. F. R. Doherty, Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Mrs. Arthur Underwood, Mrs. Fred McCracken, Mrs. Edward McCaul and Mrs. Bliss Bowman.

State Day arrangements have been made by Mary Ellen Read, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Winsor, reservations; Esther Nelson, song-leader; Mrs. O. Carter, hostess; and Mrs. Norman Kirby, publicity.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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