

# This & That

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1) head, Kootenai, Bow, Yakima and the tremendous Columbia. . . .  
Most certainly these areas of our North America offer, in scenery and variety of topography, something that other parts of Mother Earth carries upon her bosom.

And when I mention scenery I must not overlook flowers and trees. The latter included about everything from slender lodgepole pines to great Douglas firs. Perhaps in no other area of the U. S. A. is there floral growth so equal, or surpasses, the loveliness of cultivated gardens in Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria. . . . or the untended beauty of practically barren mountain sides with their wealth of bloom.

**TO BE SURE**, Nature is revolutionary in its purpose and method; creates tornadoes and hurricanes, floods and glacial periods. . . . It is perpetually restless and moving in its mechanics of erosion and volcanic eruption. . . . Yet it does not create wars, it does not spray the world with atomic fire that causes some of mankind to be inhuman to its brothers. . . . But Nature does bring forth the seeds of all the floral world. . . . seeds that bud and blossom into tree-vegetation that not only eventually shelters one in a home, but beautifies the earth with all its abundant floral loveliness.

If you really want to fill your memory-book with something scenically wonderful, try to cover all or part of the trip I have been writing about!

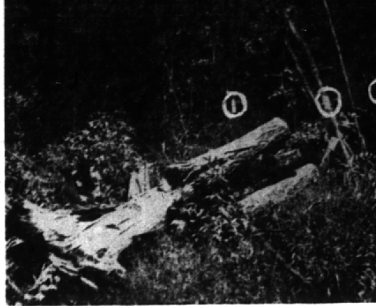
**ROAD CONDITIONS**, Rich and I found, were quite good. Few detours greeted us, and they were short ones, too. Practically all of your route over U. S. 2, from Tregona (if you start out on that route) will be paved. . . . Only in Jasper National Park, in Alberta, did we encounter gravel highways, on the 125-mile trip from Lake Louise to Jasper Lodge. But the wonderful scenery over those miles more than made up for a bit of dust and "gentle roughness" of motoring. And I'd also like to remind you that almost wherever you go you will find the convenience of a hotel or motel. Indeed, we passed countless numbers of very nice motels, most of them built within the past five years. Rates average between five and eight dollars for two persons, per night.

**CANADIANS**, however, who want to go to Vancouver or Victoria seldom use their own southernmost route. Reason is that it is more mountainous, narrow, and winding. So from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and eastern British Columbia they go westward to contact U. S. 2.

By the way, Alberta Province is doing much to develop its open spaces. Many roads are under improvement, as more and more people take to the open road for vacations. Alberta employs many men to watch over and improve its outdoor world, their automobiles carrying the words: "Northern Affairs, and Natural Resources, Alberta." In their National Parks, as in our own in the U. S. A., there are fire rangers for excellent protection on the lookout for fires, and well provided with tools for fire-fighting.

**THIS TRIP** provided Phil and me with at least a winking acquaintance with western ranching, and we don't think it as "romantic" and carefree as some of the fanciful writers would have you believe. . . . On the "Flying B" ranch, near Ellensburg, Wash., we had the opportunity of watching and talking with Stewart Blodgett, who, with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Bonny, owns a 6,400 acre ranch. "Stew" works hard, as do most average ranchers. Where there is not a year-round open range for grazing, a rancher must (among many other tasks) provide feed that he cultivates. Hay, in central Washington, is the cheapest kind of cattle feed. Cattle that are destined for your dinner table are brought in from the range and kept in large pens where a variety of good feed is made available to them 24 hours per day.

Most of the best cattle we saw in Washington were Herefords and Aberdeen Black Angus. . . . PREVIOUSLY, I have mentioned the part that irrigation plays in reclaiming otherwise sage-brush lands. The great "Coulter Dam on the Colorado River in Washington sends millions of gallons of the precious liquid per day to lands in every direction. . . . Some of it flows over specially prepared land surfaces by gravity, while back garden farmers generally use sprinkler nozzles feeding off pipes. . . . Development of reclamation



**RED TAGS** on the trees in the wooded area in Troy township at Eton and Derby, just across the Birmingham city line, were tagged by the state forestry department more than 10 days ago. The diseased trees still stand while residents in the area continue to lose their trees.



**FRETING** over numerous Elm tree losses are (left to right) Mrs. Wyn Roberts, Mrs. Franklin Denis, Mrs. Frank Seeburger and Mrs. Claude Phelps, neighbors at Eton and Derby.

**YES, WE** who populate North America really live in "a big country." Its open spaces provide variations with wonderful opportunities for rest, recreation, and the viewing of grand scenery. The "open road" over which the automotive genius of our country makes it possible to ride in comfort and safety, ever beckons the human family. . . . and so I add my "Thank You!" to the Nash Division of American Motors Corp., who made available to Phil and me one of their latest Nash Ambassador cars equipped with every current automotive improvement, including air conditioning. . . . seat backs that allow one to use the car's interior for sleeping or for relaxation when only tilted while riding. Indeed, that car was so attractive that Phil arranged with Howard E. Hallas and Mike O'Connor, Nash officials, to buy it for his personal use.

**SO, FRIEND** Reader, I hope you've enjoyed some of the paragraphs in this series of stories from my "Log of a Western Trip." It was interesting and fun to carry on the "research" to get the material for them, I assure you.

**ANOTHER** fact one cannot do his best in unfamiliar waters; he must either accompany someone who knows "the good spots," or fish in enough time to learn these facts. A few hours a day or two, alone, will not bring one full grips, when such fishing is done in unfamiliar waters. . . . If and when I again try for salmon and trout out west, it will be confined to one or two acceptable areas. I'll get to assume that I can stop most anywhere along a trip's route and meet with piscatorial success. . . . In brief, pursue the same fishing routine that one does in his own home localities. Don't ever expect fish to be so abundant, so desirable of grazing your dinner table, that they'll always greet you with open mouths!

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## Bad Elms

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1) localities with which the department is occupied, it is very difficult to take court action immediately after the 10-day period," said Kneidigh. . . . "We will take action as soon as possible, however," he added.

**MEANWHILE**, property owners William F. Dohany and Emmet Dohany of Pantane and Troy township are not in full agreement for the responsibility of removal of the diseased trees. . . . "We will have to remove the standing trees," said Dohany, "but those trees which are laying as a result of being cut down by Troy and the city of Birmingham because of road and sewage repairs are not our responsibility." . . . Troy Township Supervisor Norman R. Barnard said it was the feeling of the township "that it was all private property and the responsibility of the owner."

**L. G. GARE**, Birmingham city engineer, said he thought the "city had fulfilled its obligation in removing the trees which were cut down during the paving of Eton to Penitence school. . . . "The construction work for the sanitary and storm sewers was done by Troy township," he added, and trees cut during the sewer construction are not the responsibility of the city. . . . Owners in the area have lost trees because of the disease this year are Frank Seeburger, Franklin Denis, Birmingham City Commissioner William Roberts, Claude Phelps, Jr., Richard Monteth and Robert Rich.

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