

Holy Land Tourists Relate Highlights of Easter Journey

by NITA HARD

Instant Spring greeted Franklinites returning home from far corners.

The James Gillens of Wellington road, away for almost two months, give rapturous accounts of a slow boat voyage to the Holy Land for Easter.

Taking a freighter cruise of the Mediterranean countries, they arrived in Jordan on Palm Sunday in time to join throngs making the stations of the cross in Jerusalem. Then a brisk hike to Israel. Their trip included the Canary Islands, Casa Blanca, Naples, Beirut, a gorgeous period on the Italian Riviera and a flight home from London, one and a half hours ahead of schedule.

THE ROBERT DeLonges of Greenbriar are back en masse a week at Panama City Beach, Fla.

A very special top-brass tour of the air base at Pensacola gave exciting variation to their sixth annual visit in this area.

SPORTING a golden golf-glow, the Edward Greens of Woodlore were back for Saturday weddings after a trip to N. Carolina and a visit with university student son, Pete.

THE PHIL Prices of Colony Hill caught up with family doings in New Jersey last week.

FOR THE curious, we report that a branch office of Snyder, Kinney and Bennett will occupy

the former Franklin Services building on Franklin road.

Jack Roberts, local resident, will be manager, with his father, L. J. Roberts, and Stan Fay on the staff. The staff also includes Stuart MacMillan and Onita Raney. The old landmark which was a service station for many years is being renovated into elegant colonial style real estate offices, due for gala opening in a week.

WOOD CREEK FARMS

For a better-than-average time, we recommend the annual Wood Creek Farm civic association Spring Dance being held this Saturday at Forest Lake country club.

With dinner starting at 7:30 p.m., chairman Edward Carden feels the dancing should begin after 9:30 p.m.

The Gardens, by the way, could provide considerable entertainment with first-hand accounts of

the opening of the new Hilton hotel in Acapulco.

Home from a fifteen day Mexican holiday, they shared in a festive grand opening of the new plush play-time palace. The fabulous accommodation more than over-shadowed other spots on the itinerary—Mexico city, Taxco and other south-of-the-border favorites.

FRANKLIN

Churning up footlight fever at

Groves High these days is the irrepressible Tom Saponaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saponaro of N. Cromwell.

When Tom left Franklin school last spring, reeling from a breath-taking version of "Peter Pan," people sort of expected his boundless energies would be subdued in the bigger school. But they didn't reckon with this budding theater tycoon.

Already posters, and a tremendous flurry of preparation is underway for an Aug. 9 presentation of Tom's adaptation of Cole Porter's "Can-Can of Montmartre." The Saponaro house is beginning to bulge with sets for the twenty scenes.

IN A VERY business-like fashion Tom has obtained proper royalty clearance from the publishers, and has begun rehearsing a cast of 52 eighth and ninth graders for the 20 scenes and 19 musical numbers.

With co-director Cindy Price, he's faced the vacation schedules with realistic comprehension and decreed "no nonsense, or-out-you-go" for his eager teen-age company.

Special attention is given the Garden of Eden scene, which Tom has already worked out with a pink scrim, pink trees and snow and some wonderful chemistry with dry ice that will reproduce a Broadway touch.

An inspired showman, Saponaro has made arrangements with Demerys and Grinnells to handle the ticket sale.

THE INGENIOUS and tireless young producer is careful and thorough. He surmounts the skepticism of his seniors by anticipating all their apprehensions before they are uttered.

We respectfully doff our beanie to this young man—he's a "pro" and well worth saving Aug. 9 for.

THE FRANKLIN Garden club will hear Thomas Carmondy discuss "Lawns" when they meet tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gillen on Indianwood Trail.

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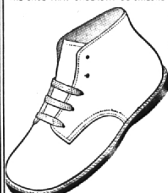


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