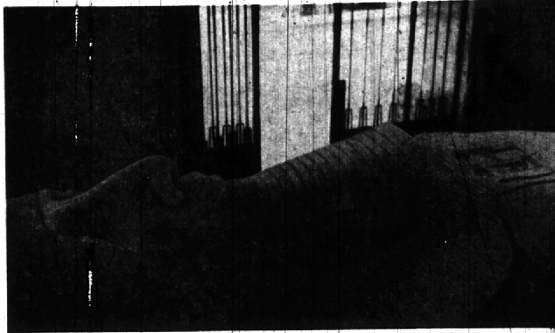


Ruins of Egypt Tell a Living Story

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 15th in a series of dispatches to The Eccentric from Donald Dennis and his wife, Margaret, as they make a seven-month trip around the world. Dennis teaches art at Bloomfield Hills High School; his wife is a visiting teacher in the same school system. The following letter is written about their stay in Egypt.

Sitting in our room at Luxor, the sight of the ancient city of Thebes certainly puts us into the spirit of Egypt with its rich past and promising future. The melodic call to prayer issuing from the loud speaker system, installed in the mosque across the road reminds us of the fact that we are deep in Moslem country. This modern mosque is constructed on top of the ruins of the ancient temple of Luxor, almost as though it were in defiance of the gods of the Nile.

THREE THOUSAND years ago, these gods were so fevered that fear of displeasing them gave impetus to a rash of construction throughout the Nile valley. These monuments are in such a state of preservation today that the interested tourist with the help of a "dragoman" or guide can read and observe the daily life of ancient Egypt. Even though the weather has



THE STATUE of Ramesis II at Memphis, much of the ways of life in Egypt two and in Egypt—like the pyramids—is vast in scale. From the writings and drawings on such monuments it is possible to imagine

been hot, the dry air makes it pleasant and evenings and mornings have been cool. Most activity seems to take place early in the morning and late in the afternoon, so we are now adjusting to the system of naps after lunch. Mornings are always

good for excursions to the various sights—to our eyes—are everywhere and afterwards for absorbing the local color. Most of the men wear long nightshirt-type dresses, which are usually all white, sometimes with vertical broad stripes. On their heads they wear a white turban or a red fez, and (more often than

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not) they sport a heavy moustache. Place this combination astride a small donkey and you have a sight to please any photographer.

MOSLEM WOMEN are dressed in heavy black clothing, which includes a headress and veil. This type of garb is the order of the day for most of the Nubian villagers, but in Cairo, modern styles take preference. Here in Luxor, the some of fine cottons, in colorful prints, the townspeople seem to prefer the traditional dress. This makes us wonder where all this material goes.

RICH FARMLAND, the Suez Canal and tourism have combined to make this part of the United Arab Republic very prosperous. It has also created a dilemma at Aswan in the form of a dam.

In the place where the dam waters will back up are some of Egypt's best archeological treasures as well as tourist attractions. It is a race against time to see if certain monuments can be saved from the onrush of progress and water.

WE ESPECIALLY enjoyed the Assuan Valley for the quiet beauty of the Nile—and it wasn't long before we yielded to the call of the sailboats and took a sail up the Nile.

All along the banks is evidence of temples and tombs of kings and nobles, and we occasionally stopped

to get a closer view of these ruins and monuments.

Cairo, to us, also has been a fascinating city.

The colorful bazaars, beautiful mosques, modern construction, perfect weather and interesting people all combine to make it one of the high spots in our travels. Fascis are numerous and inexpensive, so guided tours are unnecessary within the city.

EVERYWHERE we turned we met people who were willing to help us and anxious to talk about their country, to show us its past and its present.

One week in Cairo is hardly enough for seeing the largest Arabic city on earth and Africa's largest metropolis.

From the breathtaking panoramic view atop the Cairo Tower to the congested Muski and El Khalil bazaars, from the pyramids and great Sphinx to the Cairo museum, there is much to hold the interest of any visitor for a long while.

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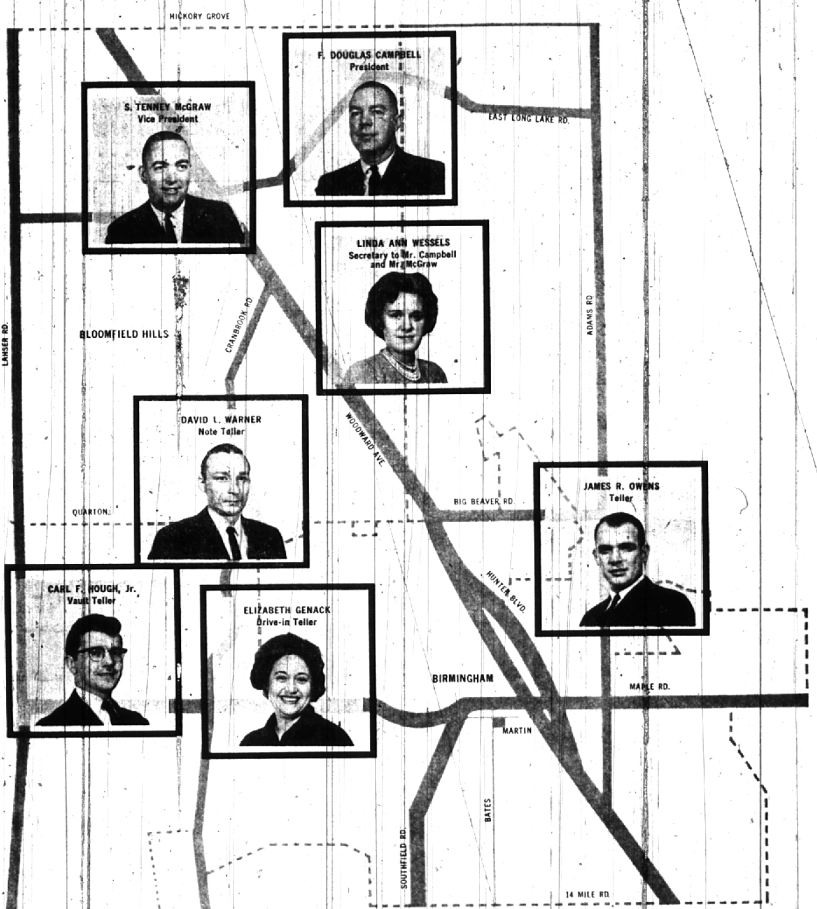
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