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New Mexico
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Arizona

California

We left Houston at
7:00 Monday evening.
Left on a good highway
to San Antonio where
we stayed for the night
in a tourist camp. The
name of this camp was
the 12th st. camp. We
left at 6:00 in the morning,
got as far as Sanora
where we lost 5 hours
with car trouble. We
drove on through Ft. Stockton
and in the Davis mountains
We seen all kinds of mts.
large & small. While

we were still in the
mountains we could
see a dark cloud ahead of
us. When we reached it, it
had split up and was
raining awful hard, so hard
it was flooding the desert,
water was everywhere.
We saw two or three
mountains with light
from the sky, it looked
like a spot light. We
went through Coyahvale
and about a quarter of
a mile out of the town
we saw a whole house
of all kinds.

We traveled on toward El Paso
going 35 miles on a tree
lined highway - the base of
each tree whitewashed, level
land around with mountains
a short distance away.

We passed through the
oldest town in Texas which
is Ysleta, small town. Mission
then 400 yrs old right on the
highway - was about dark
couldn't see anything.

We stopped on the out
skirts of El Paso 10 P.M.
nice Tourist Camp, had
breakfast there in cabin.
We then drove in town
looked the town over - Very

beautiful - The City is surrounded
by mountains. we parked our
car at the bridge of the
Rio Grand river walked across
into Guayaquil old Mexico where
we hired a taxi which took
us all over, first we saw all
kinds of houses, then schools,
then we went in to the
arena of the "bull ring".
We took pictures in the
arena and then saw where
the bulls stayed and when
they dragged the dead bull
out of the "bull ring". We
saw where the men came
through the gates to kill
the bull.

We drove on and seen many
more houses and buildings
then we come to a mission
which was 4 hundred yrs
old, we seen the market
and all kinds of shops which
sold souvenirs. We saw a
monument, here we
took pictures of it and left
We stopped 3 blocks from
the bridge and walked
the rest of the way. We
bought souvenirs and
crossed the bridge, left
El Paso 10 A.M. drove a
short distance and entered
New Mexico at the small

Town of Camutillo. The Country
very dry, hot and wind strong
lots of whirl winds, several
near mountains made it look
like roads leading over the
mountains. Country had to
be irrigated if any crops
were raised. Crops very
small for time of year.

There were prairie dogs,
ground squirrels along the road
very few cattle. Both large
and small cactus.

The small town of Meilla
near Las Cruces, there was
the jail that held Billy
the Kid. Las Cruces is
a good size city. Several

modern buildings - we ate
lunch at Deming a nice
place - Drove on to Lordsburg
where we got gas and I got
stamps for my book - just a
few miles farther we
crossed into Arizona, still
dry hot and lots of mountains
lots of dips in the roads. The
country is beautiful. Have
some small trees here in
Duncan where we had to
register our car. Things are
greener here don't look
so desolate - Trees didn't
last long more mts. higher
and the road is sure winding
small cactus & no trees -

State Agricultural Dept. stopped
us ^{300 yds} looked through our car.

won't let any one take fruit
or vegetables any farther afraid
of insects being carried into
the fruit country. Old man
in front of us from Florida
had oranges & peaches they
took it all away from him
and was he mad - We kept
driving through the mts came
to the first Indians we had
seen on the trip it was called
the San Carlos reservation. Some
of the houses were made of
wood, some, adobe, and some
grass huts. This was near
Beylas - The reservation is
very large we traveled on

some distance going through
mts. all time had beautiful
green valley supplied with water
from a large lake & the
San Carlos river. we crossed
the Coolidge Dam which was
very beautiful and huge made
some pictures there and
also saw some of the largest
cactus about 8 to 10 ft high.

The next large town was
Globe where we started
into large mts. about the
first thing we saw was
Copper ore on side of mt.
Also saw a very large
mining camp where they
mine gold silver & copper -

This huge mining place was in
Nevada just a few miles from Elko -
we reached the highest Globe
Mts 7 P.M. Boy & Boy was they
high 6000 ft - and took us in
to go over it - was scary but
very beautiful we came to
the town of Superior just on
the other side of the high mts
saw where the mined more
minerals - was a smelting
mine - The Cactus near here
was from 15 to 20 ft high -
we spent the night in
Phoenix Arizona which is
the Capitol - Large City, Clean
& pretty - Just out of Phoenix
we passed over the Wickenburg
Mts. They were small but

Series. The cactus here was large
& in bloom - we crossed another
small range of mts before
entering the State of California

We entered California at
11 a.m. on June 22 - 1939
across the Colorado river
~~we~~ stopped and was inspected
by government officers - Only
took 10 min and was on our
way - we stopped in Blythe
for lunch. This town is
a very pretty town Spanish
style buildings - The time
here has changed again
it is 10 a.m. by this time
(Pacific time). Here we entered
the Desert - 106 degrees in the shade

It was 100 miles across it, nothing but sand & some small scrub bushes - It took us 1 hour 20 min to cross - it was awfully hot.

When we came to the end of the desert we came to a town called Indio - we saw our first palm orchards - Loaded with dates we also saw oranges on trees for the first time after entering California - There are still high mt ranges surrounding us - we saw big international, Mack & GMC trucks with two large oil tanks one behind the other - with the exhaust turned ~~up~~ skyward they burned crude oil and looked like trains coming up mt.

near the town of Banning and
Beaumont we saw two 'int. pks.
one 10,000 the other 12,000 ft. snow covered.
at the base the Salton sea was a
very beautiful sight - There were
orchards here of apricots, cherries &
oranges and grapefruit - we were on
mountains or in sight of some
ever since we went through
the Davis mts in Texas. Had them
in Texas New Mexico Arizona
and California - There were
large fields of wheat - golden colored
^{in Cal} this country is really a rich fertile
beautiful country - The City of
River Side is large with
beautiful ^{homes also} red wood trees
palm trees and we saw our
first lemon orchard there on

highway a little farther we saw
lime orchards - From the
city of Riverside we went through
one little town after another
you never knew when you
was out of one all the way
into Los Angeles - we got to
Los Angeles at 5 P.M. got us
a cabin - cleaned up eat our
supper and went sight seeing - And
the city is really beautiful
at night it is very lively - houses
and buildings on sides of large
hills is a sight to see - we had
the cleanest, nicest little
3 room Cabin on Ramona
Ave. called Stillwells Auto
Countr. we left Los Angeles

drove through Hollywood - saw
3 studios, movie stars homes
in Beverly Hills on into
San Monica where we took
the Highway on a palm lined
ave along side of the Pacific
ocean - which is a beautiful
sight - It was cold enough
to wear wool suits & coats
here, slept under 2 blankets
its almost impossible to
believe. we went through
several tunnels in the city. They
went right through the hills.
The people here since drove
just ~~would~~^{pass on} all sides of us. And
you never heard any one blow
their horns. The buildings &
houses were one continuous

city from Los Angeles to San Monica
you wouldn't ever know you
was out of one city into another
unless you had a map or saw
a sign - we drove 35 miles like
this. we followed the highway
toward San Francisco with the
Pacific on one side the San Monica
Mountain range on the other -
and it was foggy too - when the
fog started to rise about 9:30
in the mts looked just like
smoke going up. a wonderful
sight - didn't get entirely clear
& warm until about noon.

a very unusual sight was
the smaller mountains were
covered with dried out
all over to prevent a landslide

made the entire country look golden
we saw large fields of Carrots ^{carrots} - men
packing them in Cisterns to ship -
we also saw some Tall California
pines they sure are different from
our trees - we drove 100 miles over
mts with Pacific at the bottom
of the mts - we went back of
a range through red wood
forests - saw beautiful homes
built on top of mts - They have
the most beautiful flowers of all
kinds in practically every yard
and even the highways
& mts both ~~were~~ lined with
some kind of flowers both
wild & tame - we went
through the town of Del Norte

where they can all the fruit -
Near the city of Watsonville.
we saw our first apple ^{pear} orchards - we took the big the
Coast highway all the way
into San Francisco down
the peninsula we were after
night getting there and got lost
up in the mountains - for 6
hours we wandered around
finally getting on the right
road and got into the City.
About 12:30 - San Francisco is
a great City - we went sight
seeing the first day we
were there saw and crossed
the Golden Gate bridge
which is about 5 mi. long

we also crossed Oakland Bay
bridge which is $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi long
the center of the bridge
resting on an island which
the traffic tunnels through

The trains trucks & street
cars run under the other
cars in other words the
bridge is a double decker.

Treasure Island where the
fair was held lies near the
Oakland Bay bridge. Alcatraz
Island where the government
prisoners are kept is just a
short distance from Treasure
Island. we looked through
a telescope and could see
everything they plan on

the prison island. Saw the
prisoners marching. They all
wore blue uniforms. Could
see the flowers all the walks -
building boat landings & guards
was very interesting to see.

We went up on a high mt
near the city where we could
see the entire city. It was
enormous in size for there
several cities in one. We
saw the government fort there
the fish aquarium at the public
park - the water front along the
Pacific the fishing fleet -

We went to the Fān 2 days
back. On the way we parked the
car and rode the ferry.

was lots of fun and the ferry was
sure large like a passenger boat
almost. The Fair its self
was a sight to see - The
buildings were very large and
very beautiful - The Calcade
was a very good show - It told the
story of Early California.

I played my guitar there on
Sunday June 25. There
were about 6000 children
played together from all over
the United States. We played
for an hour in ^{an} open air
concert in front of the
Court of Nations - a large
beautiful building with a large
lake directly in front.

There were 70000 people at
the fair the first day we went.

We saw Corrugated Iron
also saw the China Clipper
the city of San Francisco
is so large part of it is built on
the sides of small mts the
streets are very steep in some
parts - The houses are built
one upon top of the other not a foot
between them in most parts -

We went to China Town there
and saw lots of Chinese also
japs - we bought some souvenirs
there too - we stayed 3 days
& 4 nights in San Francisco
left there Tuesday morning
going to Yosemite Valley

we stayed Tuesday night right
up in the mts. we got there
about 8:30 was going on into
the park but it closed at 9
P.M. and we were 30 miles from
it so we stayed there in a camp
in the mts. - we went on into
Yosemite valley wed. morning had to
go up very high mts and pass
a ranger's station pay \$2.00 to
enter the park. The road was
very narrow near the valley only
a one way road - was very beautiful
but dangerous. The valley was
the most beautiful sight we
saw on the entire trip I do
believe. There were very
high mts surrounding a valley

which was only $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi wide by
7 long. There were about 10
or 12 waterfalls from the snow
melting from the higher mts
& running off. was a sight
to see - we climbed near
the top of one of these falls.

Made pictures - we saw
bears & Deers there too - A bear
came right up to the car - we
saw them feed the bears at
6 p.m. that night - At 9 P.m. they
lit some fire fall from the top
of one of the mts and you had
to look straight up to see it
the mt was so high - It was
sure a pretty sight - They do that
ever night - They have snow
fishing - hiking - bicycle riding

and everything anyone could want
to do there. We rode to the top of
one of the mts which was called
Glacier point. We had to pass through
a tunnel which was right under
a mt. solid rock about a mile long
we saw a lake there that was
called Mirror lake a very deep
large body of water. Clear as a
crystal - We stayed a day & night
there leaving about noon Thursday
went up into Red wood forest -
The trees are very very large
called Valley of the giants
and they truly live up to that
name - We made pictures
there too - one of the trees was
so large they had the road

running right through it. we drove
our car through, stopping long
enough to make a picture. we
saw great pine trees there - They were
great size - The pine cones of them
were a foot to foot half long - we brought
some home with us. After leaving
Yosemite Valley we drove toward
Los Angeles going through the
grape country - we saw great
vineyards of grapes we also saw
the tallest mt in the United States
El Capitan. we only saw the
top in the distance which was
snow covered.

we stayed Thursday night, Friday
& Friday night in Los Angeles
again. went sight seeing
in Los Angeles Friday - saw

lots of movie stars homes, Studios
Hollywood in general, San Anonima
the beach, wild Rogers ranch,
We left Los Angeles by the way of
Long beach, San Diego & The
Coastal route - went through
lots of desert around Yuma to
Tucson - it was very hot we got
some dry ice & put in our car - made
it better but the ice soon melted
for it was so hot - was a 110 in
the town where we got our dry ice
The ice only lasted about 150
miles & it was about 200 or 250
across all the desert - one
place in the desert we saw
nothing but large sand dunes
and we saw the board road
they use to travel -

There were some small mts across
the desert but were unlike any
others we had seen on our
trip - They were made up of
great boulders - We came back
to Lordsburg where we got back
on the same highway we went
out - Following this into El Paso -
we had some minor
trouble with the car
which caused us to
stop 2 hours in the
highest altitude in Texas
a town by the name
of Sierra Blanca we
then drove on to
Pecos near Carlsbad
Cavern & spent the

nights - we didn't go to the
Cave because we had gone
there last year - we drove
on home by the way
of Sweetwater, Abeline,
Brownwood, Samsaroy,
Georgetown, Austin the
Capitol Brenham and
Hempstead on into home
reaching home on
Monday Night July 3rd
we were gone 14 days &
nights we really saw
some beautiful country
and had a very very
nice trip -

The End -