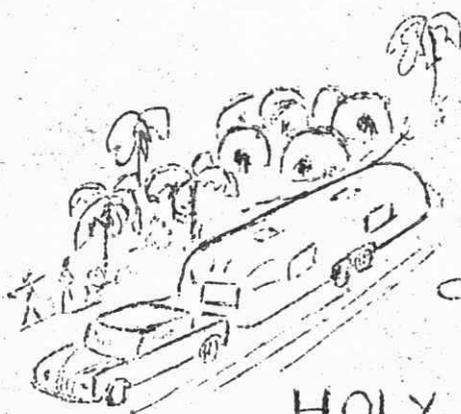


1959 - 1960  
WALLY BYAM'S  
CARAVAN

to

DARK

AFRICA



and

HOLY LAND

Ben

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All of the information has come from the Daily Logs and papers of Grace and Virgil Golden of Salem, Oregon. Lee, their son traveled with them.

The typing of these logs has taken many hours longer than first estimated. However, the entire 'project' was fascinating, not only for the 'arm chair travel' but the history as well. I wish to Thank Judy and Bob Brubaker who acquired these logs and showed them to me. Not knowing the extensive time it would take I offered to transcribe them. I'm glad I did.

I am in possession of other travel logs of the Golden's and should I not run out of steam will get them transcribed at a future time.

Both the Golden's wrote logs. I have trouble with the dates between Grace's log and Virgil's. I am not certain of the location of the night stays, whether it begins or ends the days' journey. Her mileages do not 'compute' either - but believe it is close enough.

The daily logs of Grace were typed first, then other notes and papers giving more detail were inserted. This applies to the Logs written by Virgil. I went back and typed his logs inserting those in the proper date order. Many times they were repetitious, but felt they should be included.

Even though Grace, Virgil and Lee Golden have since passed away, I learned to know and enjoy them through their adventures. I hope you will too.

#### Denotes asides and notes by myself.

\*\*\*\*\* Denotes the logs written by Virgil

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## FORWARD

Another of Wally's dreams has come true. Our knight in helmet and boots, as a crusader of old, is leading his beloved Caravanners into another new land filled with new adventure. And what planning and work and anxiety it has caused! Not only just at Caravan Headquarters, but reaching throughout our country and across the seas.

First, came your big decision - "shall we go?". Then began the preparations, including tons of correspondence, how and where to get passports, visas, shots, which ones and how many, selecting your truck, packing your Airstream - and how on earth were you ever able to part with all the things you just had to take but didn't have room for? Then came the chore of filling in the stacks of papers necessary to get the documents for this safari. And will you ever forget those two dozen "horrible" pictures that were so all-important...the anxious moments and the crackling of nerves as time drew near and your passport, visas, insurance papers and carnets had not arrived and how you lay awake at night wondering if they would reach you in time to meet your departure date?

Oh, how in the world did you ever make it? But you did. You are now in Capetown and almost ready to start this wonderful trek that will take you the entire length of Africa, and you will be in the Holy Land for Christmas, as Wally says, "parked under the stars of Bethlehem".

We, at home, sincerely hope that this will be the most wonderful and memorable experience of your lives. May God bless you through all your travels. May you be remindful each day of the great privilege that is yours. You will have the opportunity to live among people of many lands - you will learn their ways and they yours, and through this relationship, perhaps play a small part in bringing together the peoples of this wonderful world, so that someday we will live together in unity and peace.



CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO

JULY 1959/FEBRUARY 1960

An African Adventure in an Airstream Trailer  
As Transcribed From the Daily Logs of

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CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO

JULY 7, 1959 -- PORTLAND AIRPORT 9:40 pm

JULY 8, 1959 -- NEW YORK CITY 7pm - 80 degrees

Weather was warm, clear, mountains beautiful - Plane was to leave 3pm, but had to get off plane for repairs.

\*\*\*\*\* via S.A.S. plane trouble did not leave until 7 PM.\*\*\*\*\*

JULY 9, 1959 -- COPENHAGEN 11:45am - 85 degrees - non stop from NEW YORK. Some clouds on trip.

\*\*\*\*\* 12 PM arrived COPENHAGEN, DENMARK- Taxi to Hotel - Bus tour in afternoon. \*\*\*\*\*

Bus trip around the city - all churches have model of a ship inside to remind people to pray for the men at sea. A number of ships were in the harbor. Breakfast on plane before landing at COPENHAGEN; cold ham, cheese, 2 rolls, orange marmalade. Homes for sailors built in 1600 still used by sailors. Dinner in basement, 5000 kinds of wine - had rice with meat sauce, sliced almond, spice apricot.

JULY 10 -- Left COPENHAGEN AM \*\*\*\*\* 9:45 Left for CAPE TOWN via S.A.S on DC 7 \*\*\*\*\* and in 45 minutes plane stopped at HAMBERG, GERMANY - next stop ZURICK 2:20 pm - ATHENS evening, KHARTOUM, very warm, SUNDAN.

JULY 11 -- about 3 am, JOHANNESBURG cool in PM; CAPE TOWN 10:45 pm Saturday - Met WALLY BYAM at JOHANNESBURG.

JULY 12 - CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA - Showers \*\*\*\*\* BENHAMS met us at downtown S.A.S. station then to Grand Hotel - quite cool. \*\*\*\*\*

CAPE TOWN - oldest city in SOUTH AFRICA - Portuguese 1486 --Colonial Dutch and Huguenot

homestead of 17th and 18th centuries - British  
1820 - German - Tarred highways - net work  
of fine roads. Missions 150 years old -  
rich in fruit - vineyards mountains - 640,000  
people -- by aerial cableway, table mountain  
3565 feet - where 2 oceans meet - climate,  
mild - medium climate, Sept - Nov. spring  
months. - Dutch settle and owned the Cape  
150 years. 10,779,000 African; 431,000  
Indians, 2,000,000 Whites----- 200,000,000  
Blacks; 1,800,000 Afrikaners; 3,000,000  
Whites

Stayed at Grand Hotel - no heat in  
rooms and very cold - phoned for electric  
heater and one coil heat, slept until 11am.  
Breakfast and lunch - sandwich & coffee.  
Met caravan group at 1pm. 3pm tea at Sandpoint  
Hotel for Mayor and Official of CAPE TOWN.  
I cut cake at our table. One official at  
table had son attend U of Oregon a year  
ago as foreign student.

JULY 13 (START OF FIRST GROUP) Strong  
wind and rain in AM. afternoon cloudy -  
wind - cold

Nineteen trailers left CAPE TOWN for  
start of trip. Afternoon visited gardens  
and museums and art gallery. Holiday because  
of Queens birthday. Evening dinner - had  
Pottage Sellanka (Soup with sauerkraut)  
- Schnitzel Gordon Bleu (breaded veal and  
ham & sauce) - Coupe Citron (Ice cream)  
- Monkey Glord Steak (Swiss Steak).

JULY 14 - (Tuesday) CAPE TOWN - warmer -  
sun out

Boat docked 9:30am - Our truck 1st  
unloaded - Trailer unloaded soon after -  
Trailer & truck ready to leave dock 11:30am.  
Everything in good order. Afternoon spent  
unloading and putting things in order.

\*\*\*\*\* No trouble with custom's \*\*\*\*\*.

JULY 15 - (Wednesday) - Some clouds - sun.

At camp working on equipment.

JULY 16 (Thursday) - Sun, clear - at Camp,  
Over Town and trip up Table Mt. - Cable  
car to top - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE discovered  
1486, first settlers 1652 - Dutch East India  
French 1688 - Lions Head Look Out - Palm  
Trees, acacia and poinsetta, flowers, market  
\*\*\*\*\* Afternoon visited or drove up  
to cable car to summit of TABLE ROCK.  
Beautiful panorama of the Cape and City.  
\*\*\*\*\*

JULY 17, 1959 (Friday) - 2nd group start

Mileage reading 3500 - RAIN

Left on START OF TOUR OF UNION OF SOUTH  
AFRICA at 6:30am in order to avoid the  
congested traffic later of farmers bringing  
things to market. Highway 4 lane - center  
park. Lots of sheep in fields, Callalilies  
growing wild - red bloom on cactus - heather  
- several eucalyptus trees and pine planted.

Camp on MOSSEL BAY - side hill overlooking  
Indian ocean - 239 miles winding road  
over mountains along ocean.

JULY 18 (Saturday) OUDTSHOORN (mileage read  
3868)

HIGHGATE OSTRICH FARM -- The Ostrich  
farm had a gift shop and tea room. We ate  
there in the evening and had Ostrich meat  
(a little stronger flavor than chicken).  
For breakfast there we had scrambled ostrich  
egg (like any scrambled eggs).

(Sunday) - (Rained 1st time in 3 years  
day before)

Lunch by owners - Guided tour of farm  
- 6,000 acres, 2200 Ostrich, raise fruits,  
vegetables, wheat, barley, lucerne (alfalfa)  
pigs, chicken, turkey: Female ostrich -  
grey brown; Male ostrich - black & white.  
Female lays (12 - 14 eggs) about 1 every  
other day. In a month one would lay 15

eggs. They don't start brooding until all eggs layed 42 days for eggs to hatch. Female sits on eggs in day and male at night. Egg weight 2 plus lbs. - enough white in one egg to make angel food cake. Shell strong - guide stood on eggs. Male takes care of chicken after they are hatched. Can't tell sex for 13 months. They pick out bird for breeding after 3 years. They put male and 1 or 2 female in pen and always live together the rest of their life. One pair together 25 years. Some known to live 40 years. Picked out as mates when 5 years. Fed young birds barley - 4 months old; molt 3 times in two years. Can out pace any horse but exertion is often fatal.

Incubator 98 degrees - hatched 3,000 eggs this way a year - add moisture - turn twice a day - after chick is hatched it will not fit back in egg for 3 days. They brand the birds so they can prove ownership. The plumes are plucked just as the feather is about to molt. The birds molt 3 times in 2 years. Shells are fixed for souvenirs, skin leather for shoes and hand bags.

Biltong is a dried and grated ostrich meat which gave it a piquant taste. Few birds were housekeeping for the benefit of visitors. Commercial hatch of eggs took place in large incubators. Feathers washed and dyed for various uses, some dusters - nothing wasted. Meat eaten fresh or dried and grated sold as biltong -- eggshells made into serving cups or decorated souvenirs. Skin for lovely shoes and purses. After drying legs and claws used as bases for lamps and ashtrays -- meals served at the tea house.

JULY 19, 1959 - KNYSNA -- short trip from OUDTSHOORN -- near ocean used 4 wheel drive on mud spot going into parking area.

JULY 20 -- Beautiful weather, First part

of trip mountain roads - sharp curves - good view of ocean. Large area of pine trees planted. Last part flat, not much growing. The Garden Route -- Holiday Highway - because of the resorts, mountains, rivers and fine beaches (eucalyptus) along warm shore of Indian ocean.

Camp at PORT ELIZABETH (4131 mileage)

\*\*\*\*\* very nice day, arrived PORT ELIZABETH on INDIAN OCEAN - parked on beach parking lot - Paved. \*\*\*\*\*

Pop. 215,416 -- 2nd largest City - discovered 1486 - pineapple and kraals (a village of southern African natives, typically consisting of huts surrounded by a stockade OR enclosure for livestock).

Cost of gas - 8 gal 285.4 P. - about 56¢ a gallon

July 21 --- EAST LONDON (Mileages 4336)

Gas 8 gal (1 lb, 45.8 P) or about 1 gal. 40¢

Sun beautiful - comfortable - country lots of waste land - mountain country several herds of sheep. Near GRAHAMTOWN pineapple grown. Council served coffee in City Council room. Served hot biscuit with sausage inside and assorted cookies and coffee. Bus took group on tour of city and pottery. RHODES UNIVERSITY located here and several other schools. Outside of GRAHAMTOWN saw many native huts - ant hills in field. Rolling mountain country - open range and sheep.

KINGWILLIAMSTOWN (settled 1830) - Tea in theater built 1860. Lace table cloth and flowers in center. Stage with maiden hair fern. Served sweet biscuit, cold pancake with butter, small sweet rolls, coconut bars and tea cakes -- Population 6,000 white (4,000 registered votes), 160,000 blacks - Natives want beer - women - cattle; Pineapple 2 'bob' (28¢) per dozen auction.

JULY 22, 1959 - UMTATA (camp at night of 22 (## I do not know if this is degrees or trailers or people)) Sun bright

\*\*\*\*\* arrived UMTATA about 2 PM - attended native dances - 10 miles inside reserve - very good - warm weather \*\*\*\*\*

UMTATA is capitol of TRANSKEI with big University.

During day traveled throught TRANSKEI TERRITORIES. The area reserved for natives - 15,450 square miles - rich soil. Most densely populated native reserve in the Union. There are 1,300,000 natives, 17,000 whites and 12,000 colored (mostly Indians). The houses, round mud huts with thatched roof. Size about 15' in diameter, door and 2 small windows (12" square) no glass. Wrap blankets around themselves mostly brownish red blanket - carry everything on head - saw one with 50 gal barrel.

Visited native dances - unmarried girls paint face yellow. They wear short skirts with breast exposed - married women wear long skirts and cover breasts. Considered old after 3 children, wear light colored blanket.

Boys 18 years of age are taken out in the bush and go through a native ritual to initiate to manhood. They paint their faces and body all white

Women along highway cutting dry grass and tie it in bundles and carry on head. Cut old corn stalks also. Get water from puddles. Many small children naked. All barefooted

Country all rolling mountains.

Crossed BROOKS NEK PASS 5285 feet.

JULY 23/28, 1959 - DURBAN -

Largest port on the east coast - year round holiday climate - 5 miles of beaches - poinsettia - purple jacaranda, bougainvillea of many shades - Indian brought in to work

the cane fields - moslems - minarets and city mosques. Dancing of thousands of ZULU in tribal dress at the SHEMBE FESTIVAL once a year in July. Each tribe performing their dance of tribal and religious significance.

Arrived about 9:30 pm at airport, parked on grass section. A few blocks from beach and resort hotel.

Bus trip through native and Indian market. Very crowded. Made wares in booth as well as sell product. Everything sold - one was making sandals out of old inner tubes - one tanning goat skin, another making brass lamps etc. Served food in one area. Government sold legal beer at almost cost to natives - looked like light chocolate milk - smelled like yeast.

Sunday we had bus trip to see SHEMBE dances - a religious dance put on once each year. Modern and good stores, bought chair - spent 5 days here.

\*\*\*\*\* Took bus to SHEMBE Native dances. Thousands of native on crest of hill in SHEMBE RESERVE (afternoon). Took pictures of ZULUS and Native girls etc. Church services in AM. Bus tour of City - Native quarter and market - very crowded making everthing from oil lamps to leopard skin shields -- Natives boycotting bar halls -- Saw native quarters in distance where riots between authorities and native woman took place.  
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Left 29th MILEAGE 4822. Went by sugar cane fields.

Cost of gas 5 gal. 17 S x 2 P. (\$2.42)  
48¢ a gal.

JULY 30, 1959 - LADYSMITH -- mileage 4989  
on park area - end of bridge.

Trip during day over rolling mountain country. Talk in evening by a young man.

\*\*\*\*\* Left DURBAN - Sunny Day -  
Arrived LADYSMITH 4 PM. Quite cool evenings.  
Historial Famous BOER AND ENGLISH WAR. \*\*\*\*\*

JULY 31, 1959 - BETHLEHEM - Mileage 5103

Nice camp on grassy area - cabins close by. Population 7,000, elevation 5,000 ft. Frost in morning. between LADYSMITH & BETHLEHEM we were entertained at HARRISMITH at an 11 am coffee in town hall - cookies and sausage in biscuit. 1 pm Barbecue in City Park - sausage, lamb chops, rolls. lamb steak, corn meal meal - eat with fingers - main diet of negro. Took pictures of Negro prisoners working near road.

AUGUST 1/2, 1959 - BLOEMFONTEIN

Nice sun, cold at night. Beautiful camp in trees at a recreation park out a few miles from town. Saturday morning took free bus trip through city and government building. Supreme Court of Union located here - furnished with furniture of Stinkwood - walls paneled with stinkwood. Stinkwood looked something like walnut - not as much grain. very expensive because they grow in only one area and they are not permitted to cut trees for 150 years. Cost 9 lbs per sq. ft (\$3. = 1 lb.).

Home of Governor General - he lives here 1 month per year - large home with beautiful gardens in back. Saw room where Queen Elizabeth stayed - wash basin with pitcher and slop jar - white with gold band and coat of arms - bed brown wood - oriental rugs in moth balls, also curtains off windows and stored.

Afternoon local square dances put on native dances - wore native costume. Evening - barbecue: sausage, lamb chops and other meat looked like short ribs and also meat on stick - onion, lamb, beef and soaked in curry before barbecue. Sandwiches - tomatoe and fruit salad.

Sunday left for KIMBERLEY - coffee at ranch in family for several generations. Tables and chairs on lawn - toast and cheese,

bread with blesbok meat, melba toast, sweet biscuit (all hard) -- Have large herd of holstein cattle - also 500 blesbok.

AUGUST 4 - KIMBERLEY

Diamond mines - takes 20,000,000 lbs. rock for 1 pound diamonds showed 35 carat diamond and let each hold. Vaseline used on tables that crushed rock pass over and diamonds stick to vaseline. Spent evening at the home of engineer of mine Mr. F. Hecht, 52 Boshof Rd. Kimberly. Visited compounds, or hostel for native mine workers. Each cooks own food. Have school to teach ones that wish to learn. Also teach tailoring, sewing and also men knit things.

AUGUST 5 - (Tuesday) KLERKSDORP (Mileage 5624)

Host for day with GERMANN & GOLDEN. Tire repair family took us in their car on tour of city and coffee. Large cereal factory here. Gold & Uranium mines. Population 50,000. Largest corn and grain raising area of Union. Country flat like North Dakota or Nebraska.

AUGUST 6 COILGNE (Mileage 5683) - BARNEY BERGERS FARM

Gas 6 gallon - 1# 3 S. -- (\$3.42)  
Warm in day - cool at night.

In evening served barbecued Beef - buns sandwiches, and a sweet dough cooked in deep fat taken out and put in cold syrup. They absorb the syrup and are very sweet. Small cookies, filled with jam - coffee.

AUGUST 7/10 JOHANNESBURG ( Mileage 5886)

One million Population -- cold at night (elevation 5100?)

Friday and Saturday shopped - hair fixed. Bus tour of city. Camp on farm - heavy brown grass sod.

Sunday morning bus took us to native

dances at the mines.

\*\*\*\*\* Crowded with sightseers \*\*\*\*\*

Monday visited mines.

\*\*\*\*\* Left 7 AM with two other trailers for Gold Mine. Very interesting - down 2000 feet. Mgr. Mr. Jewell entertained with tea (drinks) - arrived PRETORIA in Afternoon from Gold mine. \*\*\*\*\*

KIMBERLY DIAMOND MINES first found by a child in 1866. Great Kimberly strike was made in 1871 by DeBEERS CO. Diamonds found in soft rock and in blueground completely surrounded and only become visible after the washing and recovery process. Biggest man excavation on earth was made - the crater is 1200 feet deep and the water in it rises 12 feet a year and now totals 700 feet. 38 acres - ground excavated 25,000,000 tons - ceased working 1914 because of water seepage - it had yielded 3 tons of diamonds taken from 25 million tons of earth which was removed from the mine - depth of mine underground 3,610 feet - diamonds produced 14,504,56.6 carats -- There are 142 carats to the oz.

Labor in 1955: European 821; Native 3,239. Workers sign on for 6-9 or 12 months. After end of contract they are allowed to go home for one month before deciding to sign a new contract.

Little carts haul 1½ ton of rock, 6½ ton brought up at a time from mine. It takes 8 tons of rock for 1 oz of Gold - 20 million pounds of rock for 1 pound diamond. They produce 18 bars a month. Bar weight 60 lbs. \$30,000 or 10,000 lbs. Depth of mine 2,000 feet. This mine started in 1917 - has 4 shafts - visitors go down shaft 1900 feet. 4,000 tons of ore hoisted by this shaft per day. Mules used in mine beside cable car. Have stable for mules down in mine. White miners (240 Europeans) paid 2# (\$6.) a shift (8 hours) - 4,000 native or Negro or miners (underground)

4 S (.56¢) a shift, plus residence in hostil.  
1 European to 16 natives.

Crushers reduce the ore to less than 1 cubic inch and then the small rock reduced to a fine pulp. The pulp in water passed over a corduroy cloth which catches the coarse free gold and by use of mercury the gold is recovered. The over flow or slime from the corduroy is chemically treated and gold removed. Gold recovered is smelted into bars and sent to refinery.

It goes through crushing stations and reduced to lump  $1\frac{1}{4}$  by a graytory crusher - then by means of an endless rope haulage it is taken to a washing plant. The washing plant is fed at the rate of 600 tons an hours from each mine. Rotary pans receive the mixture. Pans, 15" deep - 14' external and 6' internal diameter. Within revolve rakes and tri-angular shaped teeth set in a spiral. The revolving keeps the mass in a state of suspension allowing the heavier mineral, of which the diamond is the heaviest to settle to the botton of the pan. This heavier material is slowly moved to the outer rim of the pan. These heavier material comprise 1% of the incoming feed.

A process is continued until certain concentrate is obtained and treated by washing plant. The jig concentrate is passed over a double deck vibrating screen with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square mesh. These 3 sizes washed under high pressure water spray. The washed product is finally led to the grease tables and the diamond adhere to it while the other does not. Decks 4' wide, 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet broad with drop of 2 inches between are sloped - vibrate. The table is set in motion, water is passed over and the concentrate - diamonds stick. Tables cleaned every hour or oftener. Diamonds removed with trowel and pot of boiling water to remove grease. Next is sorting and valuation.

Thousands of Native tribesmen from

all parts of South Africa make up the bulk of the mines labor force. Colorful tribal dance competition.

Sign a contract to work for 6 months  
- 90% renew their contracts. Native Hostels  
- bedrooms - house - fitted and double tier bed, steel lockers, tables and benches.  
A general store within the hostel - a butcher shop and kitchen --- bread and mealie meal  
- drink mahewu made from mealie meal and unsifted flour - coal stoves in cooking shed - work 8 1/2 hours shift - Saturday PM and Sunday free.

May learn to read and write - make own clothes - mend shoes - do woodwork and handicraft - tailoring -- have soccer field  
- cricket cinema once a week - safety films  
- health training - aptitude test.

AUGUST 11/13 PRETORIA (Mileage 6060)

Went out to Native tillman farm - Chief had 2 wives, paid 20 horses for 1st wife, 2nd wife had table, chairs and cabinet in home. Homes inside have cement floor - bench around side - place for fire at one side, no chimney - asked the population and Chief said 18 big men. Fixed skid on trailer. Native dances by young Dutch folk in costume.

\*\*\*\*\* Shopping - nice city - had metal skid installed under rear of trailer.

August 11 - GRACES BIRTHDAY - Lee spent 3 hours purchasing Gold lb. - Hair cut.  
--- PM. LEE and I invited GRACE to Tea House for Birthday dinner - discovered it closed at 6 PM sorry!

AUGUST 12 Left PRETORIA for MACHADODOFT  
- arrived 3 PM - dusty soccer field \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 14, 1959 - MACHADODOFT (Friday night)  
(Mileage 6210)

Fine - cold night because of elevation  
- small village - few stores largest store run by Indian.

AUGUST 15 - SKUKUZA - KRUGER PARK (Mileage 6509)

\*\*\*\*\* Arrived KRUGER PARK 3 PM at compound (SKUKUZA) First night told that hyenas would eat water hoses (bunk) - no hyenas. \*\*\*\*\*

1,500 miles of road - total length North to South over 200 miles and from East to West, average 40 miles -- nearly 8,000 square miles in extent. 1898 Game Reserve was proclaimed. Baobab Tree, sable kudu, wildebeast, antelope, warthog, cape buffalo, kudu (horned zebra), Impala, gemsbok, giraffe, cheetah, baboons.

AUGUST 17 - Sunday - Camera hunting - group of 15 giraffe, very large, tall - 4 elephant - 4 lion near 3 elephant, wildebeast, wart hog, zebra, impala, waterbok, baboon and real small bok. \*\*\*\*\* hope pictures turn out well --- 7 PM Church Service \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 17 (Monday) - Water buffalo - 2 warthogs - impala, large groups monkey, baboon - animal like waterbok but short fur on neck, mane that stood straight up, had horns. Another group - long straight horns, brown body, light on rear and under body, face narrow, light color with dark down center of face and around eyes (sable?). Saw giraffe that had been killed by lion that morning. People said there were 30 lions around it. \*\*\*\*\* saw nomad camp \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 18 - LETABA (Tuesday) (Mileage 6634)

Camp near river bank - 5 hippos (2 small, 3 large) in river and on bank. On short tours saw elephant and impala and usual animals. Lee had little upset & Temp. \*\*\*\*\* Moved on to second compound 110 miles - LETEBA. Road 'wash board' not bad. We were warned about dips that our trailers

would drag in rear and that there was one bad dip on today's route. Arrived at camp and did not realize we had passed through dips etc. Grace drove this afternoon. Lee has severe cold and temperature. Dr. prescribed pills. Several hippos and gators in back of camp. \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 21 - Left LETABA for SHINGWIDZI - smaller camp - dusty - took it easy. Lee better. I did not feel well.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Traveled 65 miles to last stop in Kruger Park, SHINGWIDZI. Rough washboard roads, several trailers broke springs - cleaned trailer and defrosted refrigerator - Saw elephants at distance.

AUGUST 22 - GRACE & I took 45 mile circle drive saw deer elephants.

AUGUST 23 - Still at SHINGWIDZI - LEE and I took short drive, saw an elephant with long tusks about 100 feet from road. 7PM Evening Church Services.

AUGUST 24 - Left for LOUISE PRITCHART - Hot dusty trip - Arrived 4 PM. Had oil changed at 2000 miles - ate dinner in hotel near campsite. so-so  
\*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 25 - LOUISE PRICHARDT (Mileage 6917)  
Stayed in meadow near hotel resort  
- Had dinner at Hotel. Oil changed in town  
- talked with teacher for pen-pal.  
\*\*\*\*\* Left for BORDER STATION from SORILL AFRICA into SOUTHERN RHODESIA. No trouble going through - citrus, fruits, eggs not permitted. Our first strip tar roads. Have to drive entire distance on such roads. Arrived LION ELEPHANT MOTEL about 4 PM. Campsite. Had a young giraffe quite tame. - pictures etc. \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 26 - SOUTH RHODESIA - LION ELEPHANT HOTEL

Pet Giraffe and Monkey - strip roads.

AUGUST 27 - ZIMBABWE - Ruins - Weather beautiful

\*\*\*\*\* Left via strip-tar roads for ANCIENT AFRICAN RUINS near FORT VICTORIA. Beautiful Camp site - grass etc. Ruins were quite interesting - refer to folder (descriptive) - Grace not feeling well. Dr. Miller prescribed pills. \*\*\*\*\*

Guide spoke to group on history. ZIMBABWE RUINS discovered 1868 by American hunter. First exploration about 1890. 1929 researches concluded ruins dated from about the 10th Century AD. Two timbers found and submitted to radiocarbon test proved wood AD 591 and AD 702. The wood is African Sandalwood. In 1902 brush etc. cleared to make area accessible to visitors. ACROPOLIS on ZIMBABWE HILL wall 25 feet high, 14 feet wide at the widest part of its summit and is 150 feet long. In 1958 excavations showed that in this area huts had been built over flattened ruins of former huts - 12 layers of homes on the inside - excavated down 25 feet and found 5 different pottery styles. It is believed to be a religious center.

Temple and Valley ruins - Great outer wall of dry stone masonry 831 feet long - maximum height of 31 feet and maximum thickness at the base 19 feet - 16 feet. In parallel passage is a conical tower, a truncated cone about 34 feet high with a diameter of 17 feet at the base and 6 feet at summit.

Camp on lawn of Park. I was sick - sort of flu for the day.

AUGUST 28 - BULAWAYO Campground

\*\*\*\*\* Shopped - Mayor visited camp, gave official welcome -- cleaned up etc. -- had car serviced - bought fire extinguisher

and 3 dust masks. \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 29 - Found shock absorber on trailer broken.

\*\*\*\*\* More cleaning & repairing - discovered shock absorber broken on trailer -- lucky to buy two replacements - repaired shelf in trailer under sink - warm! \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 30 - RHODES grave - warm - cleaned up - left Monday

\*\*\*\*\* 9 AM Church Services-Very warm; high lite was Eskimo  
Hut Ice Cream Store \*\*\*\*\*

AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1/2 - WANKIE, SOUTH RHODESIA - 5,000 sq.miles

Lee saw herd of elephant (80) and giraffe at water hole. Saw many other animals as in Kruger. Land all flat - small trees - more strip roads - very dusty - warm - open field. Drove with car 22 miles round trip for bread etc. KARIBA DAM on the ZAMBEZI RIVER 300 miles down river from the VICTORIA FALLS.

\*\*\*\*\* SEPT. 1 - Took 60 mile circular drive with BENHAM'S as passengers - saw usual animals plus a leopard, too far for picture. Had excellent chance to take picture of three elephants. Warm & Dusty! \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 3/6 - VICTORIA FALLS, SOUTH RHODESIA (& LIVINGSTONE)

\*\*\*\*\* Sept. 3 -- Left 8 AM wash board roads and strip - Arrived VICTORIA FALLS at 3 PM. Most awe inspiring - warm and dusty--- Camp under small trees - sandy and dusty!

ZAMBEZI RIVER - tiger fish. Maximum width is 1860 yards (5580 feet) and height 304 feet - twice as high and 1 1/2 times as wide as Niagara. Maximum flow over the falls is 75 million gallons per minutes (April/May) - Minimum flow (Nov/Dec) is

3 and a quarter million gal. per min. --  
It is 2,900 feet above sea level. The source  
of the ZAMBEZI RIVER which flows over the  
falls is 750 miles above the falls before  
it empties into the Indian ocean 975 miles  
beyond.

LEE went fishing - 50 miles up Zambi  
(or Zambezi) River - 4 tiger fish caught  
by group. Walked down to Falls - deep canyon.  
VICTORIA FALLS is mile wide and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times  
higher than Niagara Falls. Ride on river  
- saw hippo and elephant. Lunch buffet  
style - Bought elephants - Parked in Livingston  
Camping Ground. Had extra leaves installed  
in rear springs.

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Sept. 4 -- Visited LIVINGSTONE about  
6 miles from VICTORIA FALLS. Bought native  
spears and wooden ebony elephants. HOT.  
Visited DEVILS CATARACT and rain forest,  
also Livingstone Statue - shopped Livingston.

Sept. 5 -- Returned to LIVINGSTONE  
for car - missed 9 AM bus from VICTORIA  
FALLS Hotel. Took train, 2nd class ticket  
- rode in 1st class compartment - old wooden  
coaches. Shopped and returned with car  
to Falls. Took 2 hours boat trip on Zambi  
river- beautiful stream - saw elephant,  
hippos, crocks.

Sept. 6 -- Visited North side of falls  
- saw Leopard  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years old on chain. Beautiful  
animal - gentle as a kitten. Walked down  
below falls. Some climb - Lee left at  
5 am for fishing trip, 50 miles up Zambi  
(or Zambezi River) tiger fish, supposed  
to be fighting game fish. Church at 9 AM  
-- LEE returned from fished trip at 10:15  
PM quite tired HOT! \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 7 - \*\*\*\*\* Left Falls at 8 AM  
for MENZE. Hot- uneventful trip \*\*\*\*\*

Along side of road, large grain elevators.  
Bought axe from native.

SEPTEMBER 8/10 - LUSAKA - Capital of NORTH RHODESIA

Parked in Fairgrounds. New buildings in town. Trading center for N.S. and E.W. ---Gas 22 gal, 3# 8S (\$10.12 or 46¢ a gal)  
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Sept. 8 Left for LUSAKA at 8 AM. Arrived 12 PM lovely camp in Fairgrounds. Beautiful Modern City -- ---- shopped in City bought green shirt and groceries - quite warm.

Sept. 9. More shopping etc. Had dinner with neighbors, PAYNES and HAWKS, under lights in front of trailers - showed pictures on borrowed projector - pictures partly good - beautiful weather - had gas tank leak repaired.

Sept. 10 -- Left for NDOLA, NORTH RHODESIA - good roads - arrived about 2:30 PM. Modern city rapidly growing - had steering gear tightened weather quite warm.  
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SEPTEMBER 11 - NDOLA (Mileage 8453) - Gas Tank leak repaired.

Parked at parade park out of town - rapid growing city - lots of mines in area, mainly copper.

\*\*\*\*\* Arrived MUFULIRA about 1 PM. Beautiful lawn on soccer field was our parking site. Bus trip to copper mines, etc. - prepared custom papers in afternoon and evening. \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 12 - MUFULIRA (Mileage 8502)

Parking - soccer field.

Weather continued warm in day, comfortable at night.

\*\*\*\*\* Sept. 12 -- Left for ELIZABETHVILLE and crossed border at 9:30AM. Rough "washboard" road for 140 miles. Dust - one trailer broke springs and rear tandem wheel came completely off. We were fortunate, no trouble - quite warm -- all wore dust

masks throughout day. \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 13 - ELIZABETHVILLE -- Capitol  
of BELGIAN CONGO - Swahelia common language.

\*\*\*\*\*Beautiful day - parked on Air  
strip - Licked our wounds: broken springs,  
dust etc. - Quite warm. Meth. Bishop Booth  
spoke knows Bishop Grant and Raynor Smiths'  
son. well acquainted with John Kalmmer.  
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Steering gear tightened. Road rough  
- one way part of way - got on wrong road,  
drove until about 9 pm. Weather beautiful.  
Sunday service by Bishop Booth and missionary  
workers (3 men - 4 girls text), "I came  
not to destroy but to show the way."

Parked on Airport. Population of  
ELIZABETHVILLE 200,000 (14,000 whites)  
Shops good; but few for size of town.  
Government building large - hospital for  
natives. Tom went to noon meeting of Lions  
Club. Lunch \$3.00. President was manager  
of chemical Co. Membership 40 2 years  
old. 6 members visited trailer later.  
\*\*\*\*\* more cleaning, shopping - attended  
Lions Club at Hotel at 12:15 PM - Very  
interesting, President, Mr. Tilz. Sent  
Laundry - voted to stay additional day to  
complete repairs \*\*\*\*\* Lunch: soup, tossed  
salad, fish balls, steak, french fried  
potatoes, custard dressing, waffers and  
coffee. American Embassy: small, 1 story  
house. Governor General home 2 story.

Monday -- Had tour of Methodist Churches  
and School. Everett Woodcock (Pa) and Tom  
Cloyd drove bus and conducted tour. Stamp  
Church, 1932, KATUBA (600 members) holds  
850 people - cross 33 ft with cross in front  
formed by colored glass in walls. Visited  
4th grade class: 36 students. Teach in  
french, 350 students at this school - speak  
3 - 5 languages: swahelia, native dialect  
understood by most natives. Each tribe  
has own language. In the 4th grade there

were children from 8 different tribes.  
Had out door basketball court. 2,000 watch  
tournament game. 370 at night school -  
200 in teacher training. Students in City  
2,500 - 55 teachers. Youth center at 3  
of the 7 churches in city but all have schools.  
First church built 1928 finished 1932.  
Had tea at social center and met native  
ministers and their wives. American population  
50. Government built homes for natives.  
They rent for \$9 a month and own it in about  
20 years. (Methodist Mission, Box 522,  
Elisabethville, E. Stanley Jones - 3 fingers  
- Jesus is Lord of all).

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Sept. 15 -- Warm day -- Had an interesting  
talk with a Belgian, X-Ray technician for  
local hospital. He stated that things are  
in a state of uncertainty due to Belgian  
Government decree granting independence  
to the natives next June 1960. Outside  
capital will not come in, and capital now  
invested would like to liquidate. Government  
has set up compounds ruled over by  
Burgemeester's, who replace tribal chiefs.  
These Burgemeesters have an income from  
government which makes it possible for them  
to have big cars, chauffers etc. creating  
dissension etc. The witch doctors play  
an important part in the election of  
Burgemeesters. The future is most uncertain  
at present - practically NO foreign trade.

Left warm day via JADOTVILLE for, a  
Catholic Mission in a most interesting large  
brick church and vocational school for natives.  
Local caravaners furnished native drums  
(they had purchased along the trip) and  
native boys sure beat out native tunes!  
-- Native chief with official family made  
official visit to caravan - GRACE has details  
- Rough washboard roads - Dusty !!

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SEPTEMBER 17 - (Mileage 8830) BUNKEY MISSION

## FOR BOYS

Catholic children played drums in evening. Parked on play field, road rough. Native Chief greeted us in a.m. He wore a white robe, silver chain with a medallion. Head crown dress had several white shells on it. He was clean looking and pleasant. He spoke good English and gave a good welcome talk. He was honored to have Americans stop at his village and he was honored to have the opportunity to welcome Americans. He hoped for goodwill between our countries.

The Chief is elected by different Villages. Each Village elects an elector who in turn elects the chief. The electors, the custodian of the crown (he wore a leopard hat) and the man who stays next to the Chief (he represents the Chief's mother who can not be present at ceremony or any meeting as she may influence him in his work) are the official family.

Tsetse fly carries sleeping sickness disease.

SEPTEMBER 18 -- KIBO FALLS (8899 Mileage)

Very rough road 69 miles in six (6) hours - Natives filled rough spots with shovels. No road equipment. Bridges were made of poles. Mountain roads - drums used to signal traffic to stop cars. Passed 4 or 5 native villages. Weather warm - night warm - used only sheet. Ate dinner at Hotel; 85 Franks (\$1.70) \*\*\*\*\* Hot dusty rough drive more washboard roads - stopped at KIBO FALLS -beautiful falls - parked in Native soccer field - nice Hotel - cold drinks - had dinner at 7:30PM and most of caravan ate at Hotel - drove only 68 miles - rained here Tuesday. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Sept. 18 Drove via rough washboard, dusty road about 90 miles to MITWABA - parked on soccer field at Catholic Mission -- no water available for drinking - (we had enough)

cooler -- and getting cloudy arrived at  
2:30 PM \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 19 - MITWABA (8982 Mileage)

Parked on soccer field near Catholic Church and school. Visited native class about 3rd grade. Native teacher could not understand English and little French. Roads rough, bridges of poles and about 3, 2 x 4. Passed many villages. Native with shovel fill in rough spots on road no road equipment.

\*\*\*\*\* Left for MANONA - HOT DUSTY WASHBOARD ROAD!! - Interesting native villages and pictures. Lee bought paddle natives use for stirring food. Arrived about 5PM. Parked in front of native recreation Hall. Hundreds of natives singing until about 11 PM. \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 20, 1959 - MANONO - (Mileage 9128)

Used to be 300 whites in City, now 60. Weather warm. Parked on native area close to recreation hall and soccer field. Tin mines in area.

\*\*\*\*\* Cleaned up (Sunday) and tightened bolts etc. on truck and trailer. Next stop will be enroute to ALBERTVILLE via Ferry across river. Groups of ten trailers stated out at 8 AM Sunday - Several trailers had broken springs.\*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 21 - Pole Bridge Ferry. Left 5 am \*\*\*\*\* (sprinkling rain) \*\*\*\*\* for ferry 50 miles ahead. \*\*\*\*\*GUY HAWKS travel slow on washboard roads\*\*\*\*\* Ate breakfast while waiting. Crossed ferry at 12 noon - 1 car each trip - took 2 days for group to cross --3 or 4 boats lashed together with planks on deck, took 20 minutes to cross. Rained hard; helped roads but later made them slick and used 4 wheel drive. Drove 200 miles and did not meet a car. Beautiful, through wooded area, stopped

for land snails near road. Drove until 8 pm. Several trailers had broken springs.

SEPTEMBER 22 - \*\*\*\*\* Thunder in distance  
- Road tracks were running full of water which washed sand into corrugated road making driving smoother. Had to use 4 wheel drive - road became muddy and slippery had no trouble. HAWKS and ourselves drove until 8:20 PM before finding suitable place to park for Night. \*\*\*\*\*

Cross roads and store at Mileage 9305. Left at 7 am and arrived at ALBERTVILLE at 2:30 pm. Road rough.

SEPTEMBER 23/25 -- ALBERTVILLE (Mileage 9412)

Fair city located at LAKE TANGANYIKA. Native market near lake. Parked on play field. Prices high: 1/2 # bacon \$1.20; eggs \$1.10. Few stores by whites.  
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Sept. 23 -- Unpacked truck - dusting everything and repacking several trailers had broken springs, water tanks leaking and fixtures coming loose from walls. We are lucky nothing broken or leaking. ALBERTVILLE quite a City located on LAKE TANGANYIKA and about 2000 Europeans and Natives: thousands! - several nice modern stores - prices are high. Spent \$31 to fill gasoline tanks!

Sept. 24 -- More shopping and cleaning - had truck serviced. GRACE and I bought sandals, COCA COLA 25¢ per bottle, small size. Natives selling vegetables etc. around trailer - bought several bananas for 50¢ (25 franks) -- quite warm. Young people had pot luck dinner together. Some trailers (6) rented barge to be towed up lake to BUKAVER.

Sept. 25 -- Left 8AM for next stop, 124 miles at emergency air strip cut out

of the jungle. The highway runs directly through the center of air strip. Not quite so hot. Road quite as rough. HAWKS, BENHAMS and ourselves drove together, about the last to leave, arrived at 5 PM. Hundreds of natives selling arrows, bows, knives, spears etc. Some had small skins to sell (I think it must have been the family cat)!

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SEPTEMBER 26 - Air strip - rough roads - Mountains in distance. LEE and DAD bought knives.

Left at 7 am. Went over mountain road - narrow - had 8 stations where natives beat on oil drums to hold back traffic coming - pole across road. Drove along LAKE TANGANYIKA and all the way natives were out shouting and waving. They had bow & arrow and spears to sell. Along the lake they had small fish size of sardines on ground drying and on shore. Raised coffee, banana, corn & beans. Drove until 7:30 pm -- last few miles was PAVEMENT (HOW GOOD)!!

\*\*\*\*\* Left 7 AM. Mountain roads - 8 Guard Stations and gates which controls traffic by beating drums. Slight rain. We just missed heavy rain which left road quite slippery. Car and trailer would skid easily. Traveled along all afternoon by LAKE TANGANYIKA. Hundreds of Natives and villages. Natives drying fish (sardine size) on rocks, sand and ground. Rough road, more wash boards - arrived at USUMBURA about 7PM - Quite warm! \*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 27 - USUMBURA (Mileage 9682) - beautiful weather (121 liters for 810 Fr.) -- Drive on pavement over beautiful mountain country. Natives working all sides of mountain by hand. Raise coffee, bananas, beans corn.

\*\*\*\*\* Left USAMBURA about 8 AM (Beautiful Modern City) - paved highway

105 miles to BUKAVA - Flat country around LAKE TANGANYIKA then on into mountains. Road ascended mountain several miles several hundred feet reaching mountain country. Entire country terraced - planted to bananas and coffee. Thunder & Lightning - rained several hours (rain storm) -- Pot luck supper at 5:30 PM under grandstand. 7 PM Church services by Missionaries - Rev. Kile who knows Anderson & Halverson.

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SEPTEMBER 28/OCTOBER 1, 1959 - BUKAVU  
-(Mileage 9832)

Arrived Sunday pm. Beautiful town on lake. Parked on lawn near game field. Had pot luck in rain out in grandstand. Baptist missionary talked of his work. He knew Dr. Anderson & Halverson. He said natives not ready for self government, but felt they should have it. They couldn't say what the future would be for the missions next year but hoped for the best. Visited native market which was old Arab slave market. Small open store buildings on outer edge - in center all kinds of products displayed on mats on ground. The natives sitting on the ground, women with children strapped on their backs. Some cutting up butchered goats and other meat on mats and selling it. Dried fish, fresh fish large and sardine size - flies thick around it all - meat, all used, even the intestine for sale. Sold old bottles, tin cans, old & new clothing, men with singer sewing machine on ground, portable - patching clothing; baskets, bananas, vegetables, dried beans, corn, millet, roots, skins, baskets, spears, etc.

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Sept. 28 -- Sunday services conducted by Conservative Baptist Church. Mohammad religion is called black man religion. Christian religion called white mans religion. Many truck drivers, chauffers trained to

teach Mahammed belief. When natives get freedom in June it may change missionary work. Natives may go back to pagan beliefs after getting freedom. Future most uncertain.

Sept. 28 -- Cooler - visited native market in RUANDA URANDI, located on site of old ARAB SLAVE MARKET. Bought spears, natives kill and sell goats, sell everything but the "Ba". Cleaned up waiting for several trailers who stayed in ALBERTVILLE for repairs - cool day - some wind.

Hundreds of native boys perch on banks on either side of campsite stay entire day - just watching. \*\*\*\*\*

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 1 -- Left at 8 am for GOMA 130 miles - 35 miles pavement, rest was dusty, rough road. Beautiful trip through mountains, "Switzerland of Africa"! Road narrow - steep grades - hair pin turns and switchbacks. Parallel LAKE KIVA several miles - banana groves, coffee trees and tea bushes dot hillsides which are terraced. \*\*\*\*\*

OCTOBER 2/7 1959 KISNEY (Mileage 10088) near GOMA on the lake.

The most beautiful drive along the lake shore and through mountains from BUKAVU. The area is compared with Swiss Alps. African native huts all through the steep mountain slopes. Raise banana, coffee, corn etc. No means of sending produce out so used locally. The local man in charge of RUNANDA URANDI took us for tour of area around KISNEY. Visited an American lady's farm of 250 acres (6,000 ft. Elevation), 20 miles from any other whites. She raised pyrethrum, a white daisy bloom. She employed 150 Africans to work the field and 150 children to pick the white bloom which is dried 1 1/2 days, distilled and sent to U.S. The product is used for insecticide. It will only grow at 6,000 feet elevation or more. It is like a chrysanthium plant.

Sunday drive over mountain country to American Lady's coffee, papaya's, citrus fruit and banana ranch. She bought 10 acres on lake shore and later added to it. She has a beautiful home and yard on lake shore. She employs Africans and has been there about 8 or 10 years. The only way into her place until a year ago was by boat 20 miles to GOMA or KISNEY. She put 1 1/2 miles of road into her place from a country road. She would like to sell now and come back to American because of the uneasy feeling on the Congo. Everyone is selling that can and moving. She said no whites are investing money now and she couldn't take her money out if

she did sell. She is going to stay on see what the Africans will do if they get control of government as they hope in 1960.

Monday went out to native village to take pictures for T.V. Dark Africa. The Africans had to be supplied with shields, skins and spears for the native act.

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 2 - Welcomed by GOVERNOR GENERAL of RUANDA URUNDI, a former German Colony now under protectorate right of United Nations - cleaned up after dusty drive from BUKAVA - cloudy - rained in afternoon -- at 4:30 pm native curio dealer had medicine man "do his stuff", very interesting. In evening some curio dealer which is an authority on Natives and Africa showed his collection of rare ivory and wood masks images etc.

Oct. 3 -- At 8:30 am left on tour conducted by GOVERNOR of Ruanda Urundi through banana grove, coffee groves and native villages. Land is so rich that they have continuous crops. All mountains are terraced to the very tops. This is volcano country - 7 volcanes could be seen from view point. Sprinkled rain in late afternoon.

Oct. 4 -- Went 20 miles over mountain road to coffee Plantation owned by a single Belgium white woman. Trip through banana groves, coffee plantation. Road quite crooked, rough and steep. Plantation located on shore of KIVE LAKE. Church services in evening conducted by young people of Caravan. Heavy Rain, a short time about 5 am.

Oct. 5 -- A native village was hired by BYAM as background for native dances, witch doctor performance etc. Took several pictures - sprinkled rain - showers.

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Oct. 6 -- Helped GRACE wash this am. LEE TYPED DIARY OF TRIP TO DATE!!! Rested - warmer

- no rain - leave for ALBERT NATIONAL PARK tomorrow AM.

Oct. 7 (Wednesday) -- Left for ALBERT NATIONAL PARK 8 am. Beautiful drive through banana groves - mountain country - roads rough. Saw (Hippos, Water Buffalo and elephants in park. Heavy rain that flooded roads and in parking place. Several got stuck -- I among the rest in trying to get onto solid ground over a new driveway - trailer sank to hub. ELMER BENHAM pulled us out - stayed near Park Hotel with most of other trailers.

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OCTOBER 8 - Left ALBERT PARK - (Mileage 10,172)

Rained before we made camp; road to camping ground soft and slippery. Several got stuck and had to be pulled out, us included. Benham pulled us out. Stayed in parking area of hotel. We could see many water buffalo, deer and elephant.

Road through park went up about 3,000 feet in 12 miles. Drive through bamboo forest. Africans selling fresh strawberries. Beautiful experimental farms, green pastures, holstein cattle (good looking cattle), European buildings. Missions in area. Rain in PM.

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 8 (Thursday) -- Left at 8 am across plain from Hotel road quite muddy - used four wheel drive. We climbed from level of plain some 3000 feet in 15 miles to an altitude of over 7000 feet. Beautiful country, jungle and bamboo groves. Started to rain in early afternoon which made roads quite muddy. Stopped at 3 PM in small town. Parked along road about 3 miles from EQUATOR. Altitude quite high - cool.

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OCTOBER 9 - LUBERA - (Mileage 10,262)

Camped on side of road near village. Many Africans curious over the caravan and selling vegetables, skins, live turkey, live rabbit, baskets,

spears etc. We crossed the EQUATOR 9:45 am today. Beautiful mountains. Hills all terraced farms. Altitude 7220 feet - temperature cool (70-75) wind cool so closed windows. Good looking cattle and pasture lands and good building of European. Rain forest road - tree fern - bamboo and Okapi (very rare animal).

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 9 (Friday) -- ----- Front of trailer came loose from frame, repaired by using 'U' bolts after removing water tanks. \*\*\*\*\*

OCTOBER 10 - BENI - (Mileage 10,340)

Rough streets and muddy in to park where we stayed - used 4 wheel drive. TOM put in 2 'U' bolts on frame to hold body of trailer to frame. Had to remove water tank to put in "u" bolts.

OCTOBER 11 - MAMBASA - (Mileage 10,524)

The drive from BENI through beautiful rain forest, bamboo and tree fern. Stopped during hard rain. Used 4 wheel drive on slippery hill. Stopped along the way at PYGMY VILLAGES; bought harp and piano from them. Stopped and bought comb, drum and basket (30¢), bow & arrows and quiver. \*\*\*\*\* bought Music box \*\*\*\*\* Watched elephant dance and monkey dance. Stopped to see animals at camp and had lunch in hotel yard. Pound tree bark to make a loin cloth - climbed tree and put package of cigarettes to be shot out.

(Watusi Bahutu = Pygmy)

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 11 - (Sunday) -- Drove from MAMBASA 90 miles to Hotel and Zoo - elephants bathing in river - quite hot -----

Oct. 12 -- Drove 80 miles to MT. HOYO where we parked in Hotel Grounds - Beautiful Mt. Resort overlooking jungle for miles around. Evening visited Grotto in large cave where natives gave dances using black light. Some heavy showers.

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OCTOBER 13 - MT. HOYO - (Mileage 10,607)

On trip to MT. HOYO we stopped at PLYMOUTH BRETHERN MISSION. Followed the road that STANLEY followed. Mission hospital for leprosy in area. Camped on grass near resort hotel. Watched Pygmy shoot arrows at cigarette. They demonstrated how they made poison arrows that they use for monkey and birds. Take bark of tree and pound in mortar - pour juice in banana leaf and dip arrow. This is dried over fire and dipped 2 more times. Showed how they climbed trees and put on 2 dances - the elephant and monkey. In the evening watched modern native dance and music with black lighting. Very good time and piano player. Had hard rain in early evening. Used 4 wheel drive to get up rough road to caravan where play was put on.

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 13 (Tuesday) - Drove 75 miles back to BENI from MT. HOYO, rough road. GRACE washed - LEE took care of filling water tanks which took several hours and waiting in line - only one small pump for all trailers - sunny - no rain - warm.  
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OCTOBER 14, - Back at BENI and left for border of UGANDA - crossed EQUATOR (Mileage 10,340)

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 14 (Wed.) Left for QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK. Crossed border into UGANDA at MBARARA. Good roads started on leaving BELGIAN CONGO through native scenery into Park. Beautiful open country, green grass, small trees. Crossed EQUATOR at border. Parked trailers on top of hill behind hotel. Sudden heavy shower. Welcomed by Park Superintendent and head of British Government in UGANDA. Park Super. said that they were shooting several hippos due to shortage of grazing territories. 15,000 hippos all toll graze far as six miles from water.

Oct. 15 -- Left at 8 am for tour of park - saw water buffalo, hippos and elephants. Rained

at 1:45 quite hard - boat trip in pm. Hippos by the dozens.

Oct. 16. (Fri.) -- Left at 8am for FORT PORTAL - distance 85 miles, mostly pavement. Sure seemed good to travel on level road. Crossed equator into UGANDA at 9 am. Very pretty country. Banana groves - Parked in City Park on green lawn. Beautiful flowering trees shade trailers - rested all afternoon. Cashed travelers checks to pounds and shillings.

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OCTOBER 15/16 - QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK, UGANDA - (Mileage 10,855)

The Park is over grazed. 15,000 hippopotamus graze 6 miles back from the river. Big herds of elephant & water buffalo visited salt works - took boat ride on canal between lakes - many hippos. Said they would have to kill them as there was not enough pasture land for all animals in the park - they are 6 miles from the river. The hippo meat is eaten and said to be very good. Large herds of elephant and water buffalo visited salt works.

OCTOBER 17 - FORT PORTAL - (Mileage 10,938)

Camped on beautiful lawn and rested in the shade in PM. Crossed the EQUATOR going out of the park. Rolling country - little farmed. Africans in white gowns and shrine hat. \*\*\*\*\* Going down hill around a curve, shifted from 3rd to 2nd gears - left rear axle popped (it could be heard in car) and broke \*\*\*\*\* Our left rear axle broke; Benham had extra so took out and replaced the new.

OCTOBER 15/21, 1959 - KAMPALA, CAPITOL OF UGANDA - (Mileage 11,236)

\*\*\*\*\* As we came into KAMPOLA, saw a native packing a WALLY BYAM sign which showed way to parking site. We had quite a time finding it with sign gone. \*\*\*\*\*

Gas, 32 gal. \$16. -- Mr. Richardson and family from Hillsboro visited us. They were working for Uganda Government to develop small industry. Wife and children came the day before. Mr. Bishop, the government man arranged stops in UGANDA and explained method of government to teach Africans trades, agriculture. No industry in area, but raise coffee, tea, rice, sugar and cotton. The Africans have a boycott against Indian stores. The Africans pay no taxes so European and Indians or non-Indians pay heavy taxes. Government income is reduced so they reduced the KABACA's (King's) wage. Many moslam.

The KING was returned to UGANDA from several years of exile in ENGLAND. He had a reception for us at his palace Monday 6:30-7:30 pm. Greeted us in the hallway. In the yard in the back they had floodlights. A fountain in the center. Yard fenced with solid grass fence. Palm trees around. Three long tables set in different section of yard to serve refreshments. He served drinks, cheese bits, small pretzel like do-dads, cookies and deviled eggs. The Palace was built in 1924. (It started to rain so he invited us inside) The furnishing of the palace was not too elaborate. One desk like Louis the 17th, crystal chandelier, fire place, carpet blue and beige pattern and other pieces of furniture. The main reception room with red and beige carpet, fire place & some paintings. The King was small stature, young looking, alert and friendly. We talked with him several minutes. Wife not present. Understand he has more than one.

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 18 (Sun.) -- Church services at 9:30 am. Dr. Monroe gave good sermon with 'Job' as subject. Afternoon at 2 pm, Mr. Bishop, representative of British Government led cars to LAKE VICTORIA and Government building in ENTIBU. Beautiful grounds, part original jungle of this area. Moving picture people 1½ years ago used site for TARZAN picture.

Oct. 19 -- Started to take a cold Sunday evening. Have a good one today. Taking aspirin and blowing nose. Mayor Kampola (Negro) visited our camp site and offically welcomed us. At 6:15 pm we took our cars under escort of U.S. Consul to visit the KING OF UGANDA at his Palace. Very interesting. He met us individually - shook hands and invited us for refreshments in the Palace Gardens. Started to rain and we were forced to go inside the Palace - a very nice time. Something the individual tourist cannot get!

Oct. 20 -- (Tuesday) Left for TORORO at 8 PM - 90 miles through mountains of UGANDA. TORRO typical of small African town. Lots of Hindus and Indians, Pakistans. GUY HAWKS, ELMER BENHAM and myself were invited to a HINDU MOSQUE to meet local Indians - (all were tradesmen) and tell them about the Caravan, American etc. They were interested in everything we had to say. I forgot to take off shoes on entering the Mosque proper - the Indians only laughed.

Oct. 21 -- Left TORORO at 7:30 pm for NAKERU 181 miles. Mostly dirt roads - quite rough. Arrived about 4:15 PM - Mayor and officals of City welcomed us.

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OCTOBER 21 - TORORO (Mileage 11,378)

Nice camp among trees with grass. Rested in PM. LEE climbed tall rock near by. Lots of Indians - GUY HAWKS, TOM and ELMER went with some Indians to a meeting in their temple to explain the caravan. Drive during the day; rolling hill, cornfields, tea, coffee, bananas.

OCTOBER 22 - NAKURU (Mileage 11,580)

Crossed EQUATOR during day (South of Equator now) - elevation of road 9109 feet. Looked out over tree covered Mountain and green valley. Some grain fields. Later country flat area with small

trees, some planted, one place trees cut and bark peeled off. Fewer native huts. Saw them plowing with oxen. Visited lake that is noted for Flamingos. Suppose to be largest number anywhere in world.

\*\*\*\*\* was caboose today - rough wavy pavement into NAIROBI - arriving there about 3 PM parked in City Park. - Not too good - cooler.  
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OCTOBER 23/NOVEMBER 5 - NAIROBI, KENYA

Weather nice 1st 10 days, last two days heavy rain and made parking area slippery mud and used 4 wheel drive to get out. (Bought axle and parts at International Harvester Co.) -- "JAMBO" means Hello!

October 31 - Young people arranged Halloween party. Dad had to sing Happy Birthday to himself.

Took airplane trip to ZANZIBAR and old Arab town with too narrow streets for cars. Old slave market now has church. Trip around Island saw coconut grove, clove trees, Sultan ruins, bath rooms still in tact and some small rooms reported to be for his wives. Flew to DAR es SALAAM, capital of TANGANYIKA - visited a sisal plant mill making string from plant fiber.

Home Thursday - cleaned & washed. Saturday drove 5 miles from city to game park. Saw all animals except lion which we went out to see.

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 23 (Fri.) Bought axle and parts at International Harvester Co. Pot Luck dinner at 5 pm for all of caravan. Young people put on show depicting Caravaners. LEE took part of WALLY BYAM. Cool.

Oct. 24 (Sat.) GRACE & I shopped - bought pair of leather boots. cleaned car and trailer etc. - cool  
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Sunday Rev. R.E. Kendal, Methodist minister

of Nairobi had the Sunday A.M. service. \*\*\*\*\*  
Oct. 25 (Sunday) Church 9:30 am. Repacked truck  
and inventoried food etc. weather sunny and  
warm\*\*\*\*\*

Monday he took us to see a mission in one  
section of town. They call the different areas  
estates. (5000 to 6000 people) - Estate was the  
headquarters for the MAU MAU's when it was most  
active about 5 years ago. The missionaries refused  
to join MAU MAU. Several were killed during this  
period. A Church call Martyrs Memorial Church  
built by Methodist and Presbyterians School and  
social center nearby. School secondary pupils  
160 students, only 35 girls. Cost of Church 18,000  
lbs. Visited sewing class of married women - boys  
manual training. Y.W.C.A. hostel for 30 single  
girls.

(Dad ordered hand made Alligator boots and  
shoes - handmade by Indians -- Shoes 8#, Boots  
30#

\*\*\*\*\* Oct. 26 (Monday) Changed trailer tires  
and wheels, repacked trailer wheel bearings, quite  
warm - sunny. Ford garage measured trailer springs  
for 10 leaves to replace present ones of 7 leaves.

Oct. 27 (Tuesday) - 10 am. Left via plane  
with trailer group for DAR es SALAAM. Arrived  
at 12 pm. Stayed at Palm Beach Hotel. Quite warm.  
Conducted tour through sisal plantation and sisal  
mfg. plant. showed cutting for fiber dressing,  
fiber baling, sorting and grading. Saw interesting  
old Arab graves on shore of INDIAN OCEAN. Arab  
slave traders graves. Grace and I walked on INDIAN  
OCEAN BEACH until dark gathering shells.

Oct. 28 (Wed.) - Arose at 5 am - breakfast  
at 5:30 am. Left by plane at 7 am for ZANZIBAR,  
arriving at 7:30 am. Motor tour over island. clove  
groves, cocanut palms. Interesting old City, narrow  
winding street, some too narrow for any cars. -  
quite warm. rained at noon - Lunch at Zanzibar

Hotel - points of interest: Old SULTANS PALCE RUINS  
- Pillars parts of room in harem fountain - bath  
ruin - dock at waterfront - Sultans palace - clove  
growing and drying Returned NAROBİ at 6:18 pm.

Oct. 29 (Thursday) LEE took truck to  
International Co. for service. Had 'U' bolts made  
for front of trailer - installed same, took all  
day. Warm. BYAM returned from ETHIOPIA and reported  
everything in order as waving 5% tax on our trailers  
and trucks. He made arrangement for bond of \$100,000  
for waving of 5% tax. Three trailers, CALMES,  
DR. MILLER and MEISSENBERG left Caravan for two  
weeks safari on foothills of MT. KENYA.

Oct. 30 (Fri.) 7:45 am. Meeting - after  
considerable discussion voted to leave for ETHIOPIA  
Thursday Nov. 5. Took it easy - beautiful weather.  
Ordered two (2) Michelin tires - traded 4 Goodyear  
and 245 Shillings. JOE BOS gave us an extra wheel  
he did not need - Had Michelin tire mounted on  
it.

Oct. 31 (Sat) - 70 degrees - GRACE & I went  
to NAIROBI PARK 5 miles from town. Saw deer, giraffes  
etc. Open plain country quite dry. Some people  
see lions - we did not. LEE and other young people  
arranged Halloween Party for all Caravaners. I  
had to sing Happy Birthday for myself. Beautiful  
Day - Rained about 6am (shower) Sunday.

Nov. 1 (Sun.) - Quite warm after morning 6  
am shower. Church service at 9:30 am. Local  
Methodist Minister gave very good sermon and  
description and explanation of Missionary work  
in KENYA. HAWKS and we walked through Park at  
rear of our parking lot. Beautiful flowers. Maze  
etc. Took it easy rest of day. LEE went swimming  
in afternoon with other young people.

Nov. 2 (Mon.) Rained during night - pleasant  
today. GRACE repacked under trailer bed - drums  
etc. Ordered extra spring for trailer. Ford Garage  
could not deliver same. Bought groceries for trip  
to Cairo - 600 Shillings worth. \*\* A shilling today  
is worth about one dollar \*\*.

Nov. 3 - Bought paper knives for advertising

purpose at home. 195 Shillings. They were sent direct home by mfg. warm in AM - started raining PM. - sure is muddy at parking spot - rained all night.

Nov. 4 - Started in on Tire Co. to deliver tires ordered 10/30/59. Sure give you the run around. Finally delivered tires at 6 PM - extra spring delivered at 4 PM - ordered pair of alligator shoes and alligator boots - Hand made by Indians - shoes cost 8 lbs - boots 30 lbs. (RAINED ALL DAY - sea of mud in parking area).

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### The first section of the caravan is completed. Five trailers left the group for other adventure. One left earlier because of health.

After two weeks in NAIROBI the group left for N. KENYA and S. ETHIOPIA. There were only 35 trailer now and 3 trucks. These 3 trucks were mighty important on this part of our trip.

The women had every corner filled with food because of bush country and only wild native villages in the area. The men arranged for extra gas to be delivered. A gasoline tanker drove 450 miles North with us from NAIROBI. Have traveled 8,368 miles in almost four (4) months.

## CARAVAN NAIROBI TO CAIRO

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Nov. 5 - Thurs -- Leave NAIROBI for start of trip to CAIRO - Rained most of Night - had to tow, dig and push and pull several trailers out of mud. I was very fortunate to get out in 4 wheel drive without help. Road muddy and slippery - trailer tried to beat us down hill sideways (electric brakes not working) - made it OK. Mud slippery as ice - stayed all nite in NANYUKI - bought more groceries.

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NOVEMBER 6, 1959 - NANYUKI - (Mileage 11,968)

Drive from NAIROBI, 128 miles was over some hills. Rained (shower) road very slick - Oh my! NO TRAILER BRAKES. Few cars and few natives. Another day for 4 wheel drive at times. Filled containers with water. Bought groceries and last fresh meat. (Filet 5 steak, \$.56 - 3 t-bone, \$1.34). Filled gas tanks (60¢ gal) (13.8 gal - \$8.00). 85 gallons of gas - 45 gallons water

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(Fri.) - Left a 8 AM for ISIOLO - no rain - road rough in spots. ISIOLO about noon. Had an emergency meet. WALLY told ARTURO would not tow him again and that if he broke down he would have to abandon outfit. 'SANTA CLAUSE' agreed to this. HARRY HALBRITTER broke shackle to frame 7 miles from ISIOLO and held up caravan for 5 hours. We saw several giraffes, ostriches and zebras along road. Traveled in convoy - stayed all nite at base of cliff along side road. Heard elephants trumpeting during night. - no rain.

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NOVEMBER 7, 1959 - (Mileage 12,044)

Camp side of road - 25 miles north ISIOLO. ISIOLO - Got permit to go on road north after they were assured our equipment was in good order

for the poor road and desolate country. Saw several animal - giraffe, ostrich, zebra, impala - Area flat, thorn tree, mountains in distance. Lava rock all over ground. NGAURUHOE CRATER - 100 square miles, 2,000' below crater ridge.

Heard elephant during night. Crude native grass huts. Later area flat - few spears of dry grass, trees appear dead. LEE said, "ONE CAN LOOK 100 MILES IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND SEE NOTHING". Saw several herds of camel, goat and white cattle - all look poor. Some camel skelton along side of road. Some deep sand. BENHAM broke main leaf in one trailer spring.

\*\*\*\*\* - Nov. 7 (Sat.) - Beautiful sunrise and beautiful day. Very few natives (mostly Arabs, Mosems). Rough road, sand in afternoon, several got stuck - dug out and 4 wheel drive. ELMER BENHAM broke main leaf in one trailer spring (1st one for his trailer). Plenty hot in afternoon. Stayed at road block at Army Post all night - wind blew quite strong all night - cooled us off. Saw first camel herds etc.

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NOVEMBER 8, 1959 - (Mileage 12,178)

Police camp SOUTH OF WAJIR. Government man said there were 40,000 people in area 100 by 200 miles. The ARABS have lived in area for 600 years. People live on camel milk, cheese and camel meat and rice they import. They sell skins to Indian for rice. They raise nothing. They go 20 miles with camel to get water.

MASAI TRIBE live on meat, milk of cattle and goats and blood from the juglar vein of the cattle. Men can have as many wives as he can buy with cattle. 10 cows for each wife. We visited group - 4 men, 12 women.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 8 (Sunday) - Church Services by young people at 7 AM - left right after services (cloudy

day) - road rough in spots - sand - several stuck  
- Arrived at WAJIR about noon. Several Arabs selling  
camel bells, knives. Buildings all white. Left  
at 2 PM after gasing up. Truck came with us from  
NAIROBI 405 miles. This is service (Mobile Oil  
Co.) Several stuck in sand, started to rain -  
stopped alongside road. PAYNES broke trailer spring  
and car rear wheel bearing - Part of Caravan with  
BYAM about 15 miles behind us.

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NOVEMBER 9, 1959 - Side of road 25 miles North  
of WAJIR. Bought camel bell. Loaded car with  
gas from truck that came from NAIROBI, 450 miles  
to furnish us with gas. Town of WAJIR, all ARAB  
- elevation about 800 feet. Rain during afternoon.  
Some deep sand - some got stuck in sand. Part  
of group had to park 15 miles back. PAYNE broke  
trailer spring and car rear wheel bearing.

Near border of ETHIOPIA - loaded cars with  
gas from tanker - they came 450 miles from NAIROBI  
to bring gas. Had 80 gals gas - 45 gal. water.  
Police ride camel to patrol.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 9(Monday) -- BYAM and rest of Caravan  
caught up with us about 7:30 am. OSCAR PAYNE has  
broken rear wheel bearing - DALE and NICK pulling  
his trailer - Caravan left at 8AM - sunny - started  
to rain about 4 PM - very slippery - cars and trailers  
slipped over entire road - all got through to  
emergency airport near ETHIOPIA border - rain stopped.  
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NOVEMBER 10, 1959 - MOYALE, KENYA BORDER (Mileage  
12,403) Rain in PM

Last part of trip road very slick. Lee drove  
on slick road for 1st time. He did very well.  
Some cars and trailers slipped in the ditch. Were  
able to push them out. Stayed on airplane strip  
near KENYA BORDER police station. They used camels  
to ride their post. Passed through customs. Fill  
with gas. \$15 for 15gal, bought 6 cans klim, 2

packages soap. Cost \$5. Last water obtainable.  
(Road used only by truck about 7 in a week).

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 10 Tuesday -- MIOALE crossed KENYA,  
ETHIOPIA border and camped 1 miles beyond at 1:30  
pm. -- Rained hard in afternoon - ARMY GUARDS  
from ADDIS ABABA joined us, 11 in number. MOUSLEY  
broke pinion gear in rear end - native primitive  
repair shop fixing car. New part is being flown  
in to airport (last nites camp) from NAIROBI -  
MOUSLEY insisted that caravan go on and would catch  
up. We left one guard to ride with him.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1959 MIOALE, ETHIOPIA -- 11 am.

MOUSLEY broke pinion gear in rear end. New  
part had to be flown in. He insisted caravan go  
on. Left one guard to ride with him. Rained in  
PM. (Mileage 12,412) -- Camped 1 mile out of town  
in field. Eleven guards taken on for trip - People  
would rob travelers and disappear in the bush -  
they were called shifters. One or two riding with  
different cars. The road during the day just a  
trail through mud holes and over rock. Had dirt  
bucket brigade to fill mud hole so trucks would  
not mire in mud. Wally bent hitch which they  
repaired. 26 miles from 8:30 am until 5:15 pm!

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 11 (Wed.) -- Left bright sunny morning  
at 8AM Guards were allocated to different trucks  
- 4 in front cars - 2 in center of caravan and  
4 in rear (for protection) - Guards have own food,  
we furnish them drinking water. Road was nearly  
impassable - series of mud holes. All had to shovel  
etc. --- only made 27 miles drove to 5 PM to water  
hole. Beautiful evening - campfire and singing  
- camel caravan came through and stopped for water.

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NOVEMBER 12, 1959 - (Mileage 12,438)

CAMEL CAMP - flat area near a water hole -  
Had big camp fire in evening. Started at 7 am

- 37 miles of good driving. 11 am Hill across from dry river bed took 4 wheel - rocks in road as an old river bed. MEGA, first town in ETHIOPIA. One rough street with continue row of low buildings with dirt roof. Every few feet a door went in to, we supposed, a family quarters. Very dirty. Police drove people off street so they would not bother us.

First and second days we averaged 27 miles per day. We drove 328 miles from South border to ADOLA.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 12 (Thurs) -- Left 9 AM - roads some better until hills and dry river bed. More shoveling etc. - hill into MEGA was solid rounded stones -- nearly impossible to drive up in 4 wheel drive - in compound low. Town series of shacks on each side and dirty - native Arabs. Had to pay guards \$60 or rate of \$2.00 per day (Ethiopian) so that they could buy food. Stopped along side road - 17 mile drive  
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NOVEMBER 13, 1959 - Camp beside road. Cooler during night. Camp fire and guards butchered a beef and gave caravan some. Roads rough in spots but better. Bad dips in dry river bed. We were last trailer for day along with ELMER BENHAM. Stopped several times because of broken frame on jeep. Got into camp after dark. Saw some camels used to haul water jug - some deer and cattle. Went through one town by permit of police.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 13 (Friday) - BENHAMS and we were caboose today. Better roads - quite dusty - several sharp dips and high centers - several trailers drug. SANTA CLAUSE broke frame of car - stopped 4½ miles from evening camp. ARTURO pulled in trailer. Caboose did not arrive in camp until after dark. Camped by river - lots of water but full of sediment. -- Mercedes-Benz 4 wheel drive truck came into camp about 9 PM driven by Norwegian Missionary

of Lutheran Church going to Mega Mission. Several ladies (white) with him.

Nov. 14 -- Stayed all day washing - bathing in water full of sediment quite warm. SANTA CLAUSE drove car on to next town about 55 miles. Filled 20 Gal tank in trunk with brown river water.

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NOVEMBER 14, 1959 - Camp at river. Warmer during the day but cooled off at night. Washed and cleaned up - rested in PM added water from river even though it was yellow.

NOVEMBER 15, 1959 - Camp at river -- (Mileage 12,593)

Left at 7:15 am. Road rough - washed out and dips that had to be filled in. DR. ANDREWS broke both axels and rear end. 3:30 pm, 23 miles and filled six dips. 5 PM, 25 miles and four dips more. Two broke trailer springs. Same two were stuck and had to be pushed, pulled and dug out.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov 15 (Sun) - Left at 7 AM - We were 5th from front. Shoveled filling in dips all day. DR. ANDREWS broke axle and rear end. ARTURO towing his trailer. DR. is driving truck from front wheel drive. Made only 25 miles today driving until 5 PM. We had to shovel and fill 8 or 9 sharp dips. Several trailers pulled off rear bumpers. Our skid in rear drug several times - it protects our bumper. Quite hot - MARTIN broke 2 trailer springs - several trailers had to pull out. DR. REIGER'S trailer was stuck 3 times today. Paid Guards \$120 and \$10 totals to date \$190.00.

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NOVEMBER 16, 1959 - Clearing after 10 dips - (12,618)

Road rough, bad rock, up hills. Used lowest 4 wheel much of time. HARRY HALBRITTER broke rear end. Drove on front wheel drive. Trucks towed trailers and left LINCOLN'S trailer, 4 other trailers, and guard by side of road waiting for

truck to come back and tow trailer into camp next day. Last 10 miles pavement guard rails built by Italy 1941. Area: hills covered with green trees. Natives at side of road here and there. No homes in view. Some camel packs, some cattle and goat herds.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 16 (Mon.) -- Left 7 AM. HALBRITTER broke rear end on sharp hill - solid rock. Tow trucks (BYAMS) now towing DR. ANDREWS - HALBRITTER and to leave SANTA CLAUSE'S trailer. Road very rough, rocky steep hills - if any rougher it would be impassable. Paved road last 15 miles (pavement put in by Italian government in 1941 for 120 miles out in center of nowhere - reached city at 5PM - NAGELLA. Several trailers out on road all night - FROSCH broke car axle on same hill HALBRITTER tore out rear end.

Nov. 17 (Tues) - Washed - cleaned up etc. BYAM sent NICK and DALE back to tow in SANTA CLAUSE Trailer. Going to leave his trailer here in Government compound. Was told that SANTA CLAUSE drove through here 2 days ago and being unable to get welding done continued on. Put on new electric plug between car and trailer - works OK except running lights blink on R & L turn. Rain in afternoon - Picture taking not permitted unless permit from governor.

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NOVEMBER 17, 1959 - NEGHELLI, ETHIOPIA (Mileage 12,661)

Rested, tightened bolts, took on gas and water. Town built by Italians but buildings in poor repair. Lutheran mission on the hill. Fort used for army post. Governor spoke good English. School teacher brought wife to see trailer. He spoke English and taught science in elementary school. The young are taught English from 1st grade and speak fairly well. The police would not allow anyone to take pictures of the town.

NOVEMBER 18 --NEGHELLI - Spent day in camp.

\*\*\*\*\* - Nov. 18 (Wed) - 8 trailers left to build roads etc. BYAM trying to get 2 trucks to haul ANDREWS and HALBRITTERS trucks and to tow trailers. - Rested etc. DICKEY broke ball off truck backing trailer into ditch starting out with road building crew. DR. REIGER broke fan pulley. Repaired same with 'L' iron and plastic steel - wonder if it will hold? Rain shower in afternoon. Native youngsters by hundred kept police guard and ourselves busy.  
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NOVEMBER 19, 1959 - NEGHELLI

5 guards from this point. Good weather continued. Elevation 5,500 feet. Left camp 8 am. and had Norwegian Missionary with truck go ahead and tow broken trucks when needed. 4:30 pm stopped because of rain. Road very slick - bad rocks on hill.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 19 (Thurs) - Left at 8AM for ADOLA (sunny morning). Road not quite as rough. In afternoon struck rough, high center, rocky roads -- DR. REIGER blew tire in morning. MARTIN has cracked fan pulley; DR. ANDREWS lost wheel - MOUSLEY flat tire. Rained hard at 4:30 PM - roads slippery - cars and trailers sliding and weaving into and out of ruts, brush, rocks, etc. Part of caravan camped on summit of mountain whose side we slid down the evening before we camped at base of mountain.

Nov. 20 (Friday) -- More rough, rutted roads -- BYAM broke rear end (spidergears) - caught up with road builder about 10 AM. DICKEY'S trailer stuck in mud along entire body. DICKEY had left at day break for ADOLA to get bulldozer to make road etc. Expected him back by noon. We made new road around his trailer. Missionary (Norwegian) drove his Mercedes-Benz truck through brush and trees alongside DICKEY'S trailer - sure did weave and bounce. DIAMONDS', CHRISTIES' and DOUGLASS'S stayed with MRS. DICKEY and trailer. We made 9

miles today shoveling etc. Camped 1/2 way up a mountain. BYAM and 'Lame-ducks' about 8 miles in rear. No rain - sunny and cloudy.

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NOVEMBER 20, 1959 - (Mileage 12,706)

Camped in road at bottom of hill. Drove 1 mile and WALLY broke rear end. Road rough and slick. 10 am caught up with eight trailers that started a day early. DICKEY'S trailer stuck on hill up to trailer bottom. He had gone on to try and have bulldozer come to repair deep ruts washed out by rain. Our men with picks and shovels filled in the hill so we could continue. About a mile further on road builders needed again. 4PM stopped for more road building. We have traveled 9 miles since 7:30 AM. We have seen 1 jeep and 1 truck since leaving NEGHELLI Natives appear at side of road - straw huts back off highway so we can not see them. 5 PM while waiting for men to fill in mud hole two brand new Fiat Red Army truck taking food to army at NEGHELLI came by and had to wait while our group went by. Camped by side of road beyond mud hole. 10 miles.

NOVEMBER 21, 1959 - (12,716 mileage)

Side of Road beyond mud hole. Early in evening two empty trucks went north. In the morning WALLY with other trailers being towed caught up. Three trailers stayed back with MRS. DICKEY. Traveled 15 miles slow driving - more ruts to fill and mud holes to fill - rough road drove 15 miles during day.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 21 (Sat.) - BYAM and 'Lame ducks' caught up with us about 9 am. Made 4 or 5 miles before shoveling - sunny - NO rain. Met SANTA CLAUSE and DICKEY coming back from ADOLA. In afternoon had to build road over solid rock by filling in crevices with dirt. Several stuck in mud and on pole bridges. Climbed mountains with series of switchbacks over rain ditched roads.

Every trailer has bent underbellies etc. Part of Caravan ahead somewhere - we camped on summit of mountain. JOE BOS stayed at last camp. PAYNES stayed with him. Made 15 miles today - Guard sleeping in our truck.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1959 -

Side of Road at top of hill after bad rock that we crossed near river. No bridges except a few logs. More mountain roads - beautiful area. Drove 9 miles and were at ADOLA Sunday morning by 9 AM.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 22 (Sunday) Left at 7 AM Rough rutted road - made to ADOLA by 9 AM - rest of caravan made it in yesterday. DICKY and BOS and rest came in about noon - All here now, except SANTA CLAUSE --- Church services at 3 PM by Missionary driver of truck.

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NOVEMBER 23, 1959 -- ADOLA

Near Gold mining area. The caravan group camped inside fenced area. Police at gate to let people in or out. All towns we went though had a pole across the road and police let us through. The towns were a row of mud huts and stores on either side of the road - the only street.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 23 (Mon.) -- Stayed over for repairs etc - sunny day (warm). SANTA CLAUSE came in late last night (wonder what they will do with him). BYAMS' truck rear end (spider-gear) was repaired by ARTURO and the boys. MONROE'S had spare parts.

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NOVEMBER 24, 1959 - ADOLA (Mileage 12,740)

Left camp at 7:30 and enjoyed the good gravel road. Used 4 wheel drive on first mountain grade but not needed on any other mountain grades. Mr. BYAM had motor trouble ten miles out so had to

get a truck to tow his car. Country beautiful green mountain area with mountain meadows. More people in villages and along the road. Some banana plants, coffee plants and corn raised in area. Many herds of cattle, goats and sheep grazing.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 24 (Tues) -- Left at 7:45 AM (Lt. of Guard was late) - Highway excellent crushed rock, built recently by U.S. Engineers. Byams' truck burned out engine bearings about 10 miles out of ADOLA. Highway was quite steep and had many switch backs. Stopped about 4:30 PM on grassy parking area near police station.  
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NOVEMBER 25, 1959 - UGALAM (or Irgalem)  
(Mileage 12,844)

A town a few miles off the highway. Park on square and water available. Road fair - less mountain grade and for last 75 miles area flat - dry and little crops being raised. Drove into ABABA Wednesday evening about 7 PM. Last 40 miles paved.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 25 (Wed.) BYAM obtained truck at ADOLA to haul his car to ADDIS ABABA. We all loaded car on rented truck by digging holes in ditch and backing truck into same all pushed and pulled until car was loaded. Road quite good but dusty. Drove over 200 miles into ADDIS ABABA arriving after dark about 7PM. Parked on race track field - grassy, quite nice. High fence around field keeping out natives etc. Nights very cold - some trailers did not make it in - Gas at SHESHAMENNE.

Nov. 26 - Rest of trailers came in by noon. All here by 2 PM. Butane gas obtained - I filled our 2 tanks. Called on General of Ethiopian police as to salaries etc. of guards. to let us know Friday am. Ate dinner at Jockey Club, near our camp.  
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NOVEMBER 26, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA - Thursday  
THANKSGIVING!

We were Thankful to be over the rough!!!! roads and be in a nice grassy camp area. The grounds had a wooden fence around it and the far end a race track and club house. We ate at the club house for Thanksgiving dinner. They served first a cold plate of sliced tomatoes and onion, fish, cold cuts and potato and vegetable salad -- next potato soup - next steak, french fries and carrot and peas, vegetable, rolls then banana and tangerine - next coffee (strong coffee). Cost \$1.25 per person!

Trailer was very dusty so cleaned house.

NOVEMBER 27, 1959 - Friday

Did a small wash - waxed floor. Dad had car washed at the Imperial Garage. A friendly gesture from the Ethiopian Government. 6 PM final payment to guards after waiting two days for information from head police.

LEE and other YOUNG PEOPLE invited to home of an American Army man home for dinner and dance. The people, Lt. Col. Holstein, were from Salem, Oregon. His mother still living there.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 27 (Friday) - Cleaning, dusting etc. Waited for General of Police (never did come) finally paid guards \$240 to cover everything; salaries, food and transportation back to NDOLA and MORIAH. HAILE SELASSIE'S grandchildren (8) and Colonel of Haile Selassies' body guard visited camp. GRACE showed them trailer. LEE took picture of all in front of trailer - sunny - cold nights.

Nov. 28 (Sat.) -- More cleaning - took car to Haile Selassies Imperial Garage where they cleaned it thoroughly - would not take any pay or tip. Met several army officers, all who spoke English. Beautiful weather. Saturday evening Caravan had Thanksgiving dinner at Jockey Club adjacent to trailer camp. Roast turkey - strawberry pie - mashed potatoes string beans and American coffee.

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NOVEMBER 28, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA

The caravan group had a dinner together at the club house. The menu - an AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DINNER -- Consomme in cup, fruit cocktail, Roast Turkey (very fat and cut in chunks with bone in it), Crumberry sauce (very sweet blackcherry), mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, strawberry pie (tasted like bread pudding with a few strawberries in it), American coffee.

NOVEMBER 29, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA - Elevation 8,500 feet

Beautiful weather - warm during day, cold at night, 54 degrees this morning when we got up. Church service by American Baptist. Horse racing in the P.M. Lt. Col. Holstein and wife visited trailer.

\*\*\*\*\* Nov. 29 - Sunday -- Beautiful sunny day - Church services at 9:30 am by Baptist Missionary. Several visitors. Attended horse races in afternoon. Horses small and jockies big. Army Colonel and family visited trailer. Col. Holstien from Salem, Oregon. LEEee and young folk of caravan were invited to their home for party Friday night. Monday evening the Holstiens invited us for dinner. GRACE & I attended - fried chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, rolls, coffee, ice cream, strawberries -- Had enjoyable evening.

Nov. 30 (Mon.) Beautiful Day. Had car serviced at General Motors Garage. Got hair cut - cost 2 dollars (Ethiopian). Bought large plier type wrench cost \$9 (Ethiopian). All of caravan were invited and attended a tea from 4 to 6 pm at Ambassador's residence - the guest of Ambassador Bliss. Beautiful grounds etc. Grounds - buildings etc. were given to U.S. by Ethiopia for help given them during war etc. Bldg. etc. belonged to Mother of Empress.

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NOVEMBER 30, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA

Invited for tea 4-6 PM at the American Embassy by Ambassador and Mrs. Bliss. The grounds had stone fence in front and home far back from street. Other office buildings near by. Beautiful view from home looking over valley. The Ethiopia Government were so pleased with the American help that during President Roosevelt's term the Emperor bought the home and adjoining buildings from the Empress, it belonged to her mother and she grew up in the home, and gave it to the U.S. for their Embassy. A building near the home had the original pole and thatched roof that the Empress used for meditation. They requested that the building be kept with the original roof. It is used for conference office. The home had a good sized entrance hall and three rooms off of it. To the right a living room where the Ambassador and Wife met us. Straight ahead another large living room with sky lights, black and white checked rug. To the left a large dining room. People working and their wives with the Ambassador assisted about the room. When we returned from the tea we went to the home of Lt. Col. Holstein for a delicious dinner; Fried chicken, string beans, creamed potatoes, green salad, gravy, rolls, ice cream with strawberries. Spent a most interesting evening with them.

DECEMBER 1959

DECEMBER 1, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA

Cloudy - light shower during day - At 9 AM Mrs. Holstein took three other caravanners and myself for a tour of the City and native market. Her husband is here as American Engineer of Highways.

4 PM Our group was invited to the Haile Selassie Theatre for special program. The actors presented folk dances handed down for years. Some were from the SOUTHERN REGION, NORTHERN REGION and ADDIS ABABA. The war dance was very good - especially the man with two spears and the affect of his eyes in his acting. The rhythm was very good.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 1 (Tuesday) - GRACE and MRS. HAWK were taken around town shopping, sight seeing etc. by local lady. -- LEE washed trailer. --- BYAM left via air for KHARTOUM to arrange route etc. through SUDAN and EGYPT, will be back Thursday. -- Broke axle on car going uphill in downtown section; 2nd broken axle. Had to get towed to garage etc. had extra axle. Cold rain. Vomited part of night from something I ate. GRACE and LEE had cramps and dysentery. Invited as guests to Haile Selassie Theatre at 4 PM show - was of folk dances in different provinces.

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DECEMBER 2, 1959

Rested most of day - DAD was sick during night - rested all day.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 2 (Wed.) - More showers (It is not suppose to rain this time year). Laid around all day - did not feel up to par. Ate some at 6 PM. LEE bought shield (Ethiopean). A Mr. Bredvie (Norwegian) who works in Minister of Defense (Ethiopia) visited trailer with family. He said police get on average of \$20.00 (Ethiopian) per month; and the way to fix any traffic violation

was to give officer \$1.00 (Ethiopian). 95% illiterate  
Ethiopians. Youths 12 years up enlist in army  
for periods of years or for life.

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DECEMBER 3, 1959 - ADDIS ABABA -- Thursday -  
Elevation 8,500

Beautiful - 75 to 80 degree days - 54 to  
60 nights.

Visited Native Market - surprised to have  
PRINCE BERTIL OF SWEDEN touring through market  
stop near us and got out of red 1959 Cadillac,  
7 passenger, and looked at stalls near us. One  
of his aides spoke to us and asked if we were  
tourists. Bought some native skins. Washed in  
PM.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 3 (Thurs.) Took it easy - weather  
sunny, no rain. Visited native market. Bought  
3 monkey and leopard skin rugs for \$28 (American).  
~~Swedish Prince visiting Ethiopia visited market~~  
and got out right in front of us. Hope the pictures  
turn out OK. LEE had car serviced.

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DECEMBER 4, 1959 - Clear day

Did few things at camp - downtown for groceries.  
Dad ordered Mercedes Benz for delivery at factory.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 4 (Friday) - Clear Sunny day. Visited  
Mercedes-Benz Garage with about 12 other caravaners.  
Several placed orders for 220 SE. and 190 D.  
Debating what to do on ordering one ourselves.  
Ordered above (2) checks against Virgil T. Golden  
Co. - one for \$120.00 and for \$200.00. Quite  
cool evening.

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DECEMBER 5, 1959 - Saturday

Sprayed and packed skins. Washed and went  
on errand down town. Attended the theatre to  
see Japanese show. Shown at the Haile Selassie

Theatre. Invitation to the show was given by the Japanese Ambassador.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 5 - Went with Mr. Lemma, Ethiopian representative of Embassy to Police station, Generals office to straighten out about monies paid for guards. General of police stated that we were not to pay guards and that monies paid by us would be returned and the guards had been ordered arrested and would be punished. (I wonder) -- We visited Haile Selassie Theatre by invitation of Japanese Ambassador to see Japanese Pictures, in color, was Japanese acting, talking etc. (so,so). Sunny warm day - cool evening.

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DECEMBER 6, 1959 - Sunday - Beautiful weather.

Church service by a Reverend of the Mennonite, Minister in charge of School for Blind, established 7 years ago. 8 boys sang 4 numbers, very good voices. They would be on the streets begging if they hadn't been taken to the school - from all parts of ETHIOPIA. All spoke different tribe language. Now they do many things - read and write Braille - taught music, knit wool sweaters and socks. Happy children together.

1:30 attended a native dinner, served native style at school for Ethiopia women. The school was first sponsored as adult education for women by Woman's Welfare organization. It is now supported by the U.S. and Ethiopian Government "Pt. 4 Program." They attend 2 years, learn arts, sewing and home making, cooking and health. They have a class in literacy before the above schooling TT teach reading and some writing and in cooking, teach having the stove off the ground if they have one, also preparing food on a bench instead of ground.

"Pt 4 People" invited our group to a TYPICAL NATIVE MEAL saying they would oversee the Native cooks so the food be safe for us. The room where we ate had several round baskets in the room. The basket had a round base about 16" high that

supported a flat part about 30" wide which had a low rim around the edge. Four of us sat on floor on pillows around one of the baskets. Now about the food. First they placed a round of Native bread in the basket in front of each person. The bread is called INJERA. It was grey color, thin like a pancake cooked on one side and holes in the dough on the top side. Next they put different kinds of 'wat' on the bread. The food was called 'Wat'. the first course was meat organs cut in bite size, cooked and placed on the INJERA. The food was eaten with the fingers by tearing a little of the Injera off and wrapping it around a little 'Wat' and put it in the mouth. Other food served was bite size pieces of cooked meat flavored with Chilli. Also vegetables, such as spinach and green beans that appeared to have been put through a sieve. They also had chicken and hard cooked eggs. The last course was thin strips of raw meat soaked in a seasoned sauce. The servings were small so we ate everthing except the raw meat. A knife was served with the raw meat to cut it in bite size. They also had coffee and bananas and tangerines.

Two students that had received 3 months scholarships to U.S. were introduced.

In the evening visited the Sudan Interior Mission. Many there knew Rev. Ben Owen of Salem who served 2 years here. (Lady wearing white dress made by Mrs. Owen).

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 6 (Sunday) - Sunny warm - Church services at 9:30 am. Service by Mennonite Mission. 8 Ethiopian blind boys from the Mission Blind school sang. (pictures). Native dinner at 1:30 pm in school near our camp. Invited to Sudan Interior Mission to meet people, go through Mission etc. and meet friends of Rev. Ben Owen of 1st Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. Attended native dinner by group from Caravan, we invited a Norwegian and family as guests. His name is Bedevie and he teaches woodwork in the Ministry of Defense.

Took ride in his car up BLUE NILE ROAD.

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DECEMBER 7, 1959 - Monday

Shopped at Her Majesties Handicraft Shop. Another VERY, VERY special occasion. The KING EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE invited our group to a reception in his PALACE. At 4:45 we went in busses and cars to HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S PALACE. A live lion was on the front step. Uniform men met us and showed us into the Palace. We were taken up a stairs; a red carpet extended from the front door on the porch and down the steps. Also on the side of the porch was a live lion a beautiful animal. On the first floor we entered a large hall with show cases on the wall containing pieces of silver swords etc. In the center of the hall was a table with a large book trimmed with a gold band. It looked like a guest book with names signed in it.

A little further on, the hall turned left and right, but at the end of the entrance hallway a double door was open so we could stop and see the throne room. The walls were painted a plain cream color and trimmed with gold band on beams and pillars and around the sides. A large beautiful carpet on the floor with oval pattern of red and beige color. At the farther end were two throne chairs on a slightly raised platform. There were beautiful crystal chandeliers in the room and a table in the center of the room.

We were taken next down the hall to red carpeted stairs leading to the second floor and reception room. We guessed this room to be about 75 feet wide and 100 feet long. The walls of this room were pale blue and at the windows, blue drapes with a small pattern in the material with gold thread - two fire places with grey marble mantles - beautiful large crystal chandeliers and two standing chandeliers. The base and stem leading up to lights all cut glass. These were on either side of the room at the end where the EMPEROR

was standing when we entered. There were beautiful tables with gorgeous gold vases.

About the room coffee size tables with bouquets of white and pink carnations. Some tables covered with very fine hand made lace. Chairs and davenports and two settees upholstered with light colored tapestry were placed about the room.

We were instructed how to enter the reception room by couples; we were to bow as we entered and as we walked toward HIS MAJESTY , about half-way up bow again - and bowed a third time as he extended his hand. After we shook hands - and we were not to say anything - we stepped back and then sideways so as not to turn our back on the EMPEROR. We went forward by couples and when one couple stepped aside the next couple started forward. After all passed by, two men were called back to talk with HIS MAJESTY. And then my husband was asked to come back. While he was talking with him men caterers brought in silver trays with four glasses of champagne, orange juice and tomato juice. They lined up facing the EMPEROR, bowed and served him first and then Mr. BYAM, my husband and the interpreter. Other caterers entered the room then and served the other guests. The 4 goblets served the Emperor and those talking with him were clear crystal stem goblets with a square foot and the coat of arms etched on one side. The other goblets served us were plain crystal goblets. The caterers also brought in trays of open face sandwiches, small pieces of cheese, tomato, fish, egg, rolled ham, sardines as well as potato chips and many kinds of cookies. All who wished took pictures.

When we left the palace the Emperor's trailer was parked in front so we could go through it. It was a large bus type trailer. This is one event in my life I will always remember.

The next day HIS MAJESTY visited our camp and went through several trailers. A few days earlier I had 5 of his Grand children.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 7 (Monday) - Shopped - clear Sunny Day.. Caravan was invited to SELASSIE PALACE. We all attended - leaving our camp at 4:30 PM via bus and car. We were admitted into the presence of HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY in pairs - a continuous line we bowed before he offered his hand and again when taking his hand. WALLY BYAM called me up after all had gone through the line to speak privately with the KING (others were also called). He asked how we were enjoying Ethiopia. Indicated this was our first visit and that we hoped to return in the future. Beautiful Palace and grounds - a large lion on chain was on the front porch of Palace. While talking with the KING champagne was served to us. -- Beautiful room - two fireplaces marbled faced grey granite - room furnished in blue drapes etc. - lamps, gold vases; huge cut glass chandelier suspended from ceiling - a large cut glass pedestal lamp stood in one corner beside the KING - Oriental rugs covered entire room - size about 100 feet square. We had been informed that very few get the opportunity etc. of an audience with the King and visit the Palace. Would have been impossible as individuals, only for a caravan group.

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DECEMBER 8, 1959

DAD and LEE went on tour to take pictures and shop. I cleaned the trailer in case the EMPEROR might visit when he visited our trailer camp at 5 PM. At 4PM Everyone lined up waiting. 5 PM the Emperor drove up in a dark green seven passenger, 1957 Cadillac car. (## Mr. Golden said 55 Cad. - Mrs Golden says 57 Cad. I think I will go with Mr. Golden ##). The group all bowed when he got out of the car with his interpreter. Three other cars brought uniformed men with His IMPERIAL MAJESTY. HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY visited first three trailers and then about 5 more and returned to MR. BYAMS trailer where they served coffee and refreshments.

The American Ambassador, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss,

came to the caravan grounds before the Emperor and helped escort the Emperor around camp. After he left Mr. & Mrs. Bliss expressed their appreciation of our stay and wished us well on our trip.

In the evening we took a box of candy to Mrs. Holstein in appreciation of the nice dinner we had at their home.

Dinner at Hotel. -

Some comments of ETHIOPIA: 95% illiterate 252 characters for AMHARIC language. Twice a year the unemployed are arrested and deported to work in the Gold mines at ADOLA - send between 6,000 to 7,000.

There are three separate and complete armies. General in each one and each army equal. 12 to 14 years of age is when boys may join for seven years at a time. They are subject to serve for life.

Roads - only the main road and no roads leading off north of ADDIS. Few side roads south - Trails and paths only to interior. What culture this is is along highways.

Ten years ago only one high school - aim now is to have one in each province.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 8 - Tuesday -- Cleaned everything for visit of King. Lee and I took pictures all over ADDIS ABABA. His Majesty visited the Caravan at 5 PM arriving in his 7 pass. 1955 Cadillac. His party contained several army officers and personal body guards. -- Lots of Pictures.  
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DECEMBER 9, 1959 (Mileage 13,324) ADDIS ABABA  
Gas 80¢ a gal. Beautiful weather - cold at night.

Left at 8:20 am. Eleven guards ordered to go with caravan to border.

Some farming in small patches - beautiful country.

Drove 75 miles. stopped early and visited "Pt 4 school", a teacher training school for

elementary teaching. 150 boys - 14 to 20 years. Two year training in reading, writing, English etc. Also arts and craft, poultry and other farm animal care and health.

The students live two in a room. A building near is used to cook their meals for one or two. A small dark room with fire on dirt floor for cooking. Fire started with blue green leaves and twigs and cow chips - very primitive. Good Library.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 9 (Wed.) Left ADDIS 8 AM - sunny beautiful day. MARTIN broke hitch. We gave him our guard to go back to Addis for repairs. Stopped DEBRA BERHAN -- went through boys teachers training school under point 4 program. Met Governor of Province. He gave every trailer 16 eggs. - Warmer. \*\*\*\*\*

DECEMBER 10, 1959 - DEBRA BERHAN - elevation 9,000 feet (Mileage 13,409)

Beautiful day - left 7:20 am. Through the mountain area the ETHIOPIANS had farmed all small patches free from rock and around the rock. Oxen used to pull wooden plow. Sowing grain by broadcasting. Thrashing grain by oxen going in circle walking over grain and later fanning the chaff away by hand. They cut grain by hand.

MUSSOLINI PASS, 10,500 feet. A beautiful drive up a gradual grade. Looking out over the land it looked like the Grand Canyon or Bad Lands only no trees. 8 to 14 levels of road - Many beautiful and graceful masonry arches on bridges and culverts. The drains and ditches beside the road also protected from washing out by masonry.

Filled with 30 gal gas for \$.902 a gal. In camp at 7:30 after waiting 2 1/2 hours for gas. Met Lt. Col. Holstein at noon. Met many trucks.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 10 (Thursday) - Left at 7 AM - Beautiful sunny warm day. Climbed to 10,500 feet.

MUSSOLINE PASS, an engineers feat - hairpin curves - tunnels on curves, etc. Partly paved. Natives going to market traveling narrow paths across, up and down steep mountains several hundred feet higher than highway. Several flat tires. MARTIN again broke hitch. Lined up for gas at 4:30 - we got gas at 8PM. Camped on airstrip. Bought LEE "Poncho" birthday present.

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DECEMBER 11, 1959 (Mileage 13571)

Beautiful green mountain around airport field where we parked the night. Drove 15 miles to DESSYE where we stayed the day. Some had work on trailers. The drive was around beautiful mountain road (PAVED) several switch backs. Rise of 2,000 feet.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 11 - (Friday) - Left at 8:30 AM. for DESSYE - only went 15 miles - camped in open field, cows, burros etc. looking us over. Hundreds of natives. Police busy keeping them out. MARTIN got hitch repaired. JOE BOS staying in 7 Day Adventist Hospital grounds for Sat.

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DECEMBER 12, 1959 - DESSYE - (mileage 13,593)

Cool night, beautiful day. Road around and over mountain valley and side of mountain farmed in small patches, grain and sorghum. Stopped when MILLER'S brake needed repair; then BYAM lost a wheel and MACKAY had broken fan belt. All mountain side farmed and flat land between mountain - all hand work.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 12 (Saturday) - Left at 7 AM. Beautiful Day. BYAMS trailer lost wheel axle - broke off. Natives found wheel. Drove until 6:15 PM. Lost 3 hours finding BYAMS wheel. DIAMONDS, MEISSENBURGS and SCHNEIDER and SUTCLIFFE left for MAUSWA to ship to BEIRET, LEBANON.

Dec. 13 - Beautiful day - warm - 17% grades,

curves, switchbacks - 14 turns visible from 1 position - Arrived OUISHA at 4:30 PM - Airstrip.  
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DECEMBER 13, 1959 - ALAMATA - (Mileage 13,721)

Very mountainous road, many hair pin turns, 17% grade. One place counted 8 levels of road on mountain side. A short time later on a mountain grade I counted 14 levels -- most beautiful country I have seen. Rough mountains and deep canyons and beautiful valley between. Near QUIHA the soil changed, it was more arid and camels again. The stone buildings - looked very old and perhaps deserted - Fort of same material.

DECEMBER 14, 1959 - QUIHA - (13,721 mileage)

Beautiful weather - roads good - some rough spots - considerable pavement. The country beautiful deep canyons and eroded mountains. Mountains like islands in certain places - mountain barren - much rock.

DECEMBER 15, 1959 - SENAFE - Gas 75 ¢

The Ethiopian soldiers with their guns continued to travel with us to protect us from the 'SHIFTERS' -- we would say to protect us from bandits.

Stayed short distance from town on an air field. More barren mountains - several switch backs. Stopped because MCKAY had motor trouble about 3 hours. Arrived at ASMARA at 3 PM Tuesday (7600 feet elv.).

Camped on 1st, at end of Haile Selassie Ave. near shopping area. The AMERICAN CONSUL, Lt Col. Robert C. Harris of U.S. Army Signal Corp. and MAYOR of ASMARA welcomed us. The army and local police furnish guards for camp. The army furnished tank of water and invited us to eat at the officers mess or snack bar. European population about 15,000 of whom 8,000 are Italians.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 15 (Tuesday) - Left at 8 AM. short drive to ASMIRA. MCKAY had carburetor trouble

twice - held us up over 3 hours - arrived at 3 PM. DIAMOND'S, MEISSENBURG'S, SCHNEIDER'S, SUTCLIFFE - parked on trailer space. MOUSLEY would not stay there. We parked in old pad afternoon (terrible) finally moved to original lot when DIAMONDS etc. had moved off. Right at end of Selassie Ave. - nice spot. Ate dinner at officers mess.

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DECEMBER 16, 1959 - ASMARA (Wednesday)

Went to the U.S. CONSUL S residence for tea, 4 to 6 PM (Mr. and Mrs. Looram). High stone wall in front of home. Tea served in the garden in the rear. A stone wall surrounding the garden. Flagstone on entire area except for flower beds and trees which made it very attractive. Met the wife of the Vice Consul and she was from North Bend, Oregon. She knew Dr. and Mrs. Johnson of Salem. Went to school with their daughter.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 16 - cleaned up etc. Invited by U.S. consul for tea 4 to 6 PM. Beautiful gardens etc. - took laundry out - cold night wore overcoat.

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DECEMBER 17, 1959 - ASMARA - Thursday

Breakfast early and left for train depot by 6:15 am. Took train to Sea Port of MASSAUA on the RED SEA. Train had soldiers with guns on it. Train one car like a street car with motor at either end. Seats for 32 passengers. First come had seats and we were early. Took 4 hours each way for a 70 mile trip over switch backs around mountains and through 30 tunnels. ASMARA'S elevation is 7,500, so the trip down was down all the way. Barren mountains with few native huts and little farming. Few cattle and goats - some camel. The town is old run down buildings. The only industry was a salt industry. There were two large boats in the harbor. We took a

*side trip*

taxi and top speed must have been 10 miles per hours. It had no brakes. Tire blew out and we were afraid the thing would fall apart. Ride home very tiresome. Native people piled in luggage from shopping and filled the rear area and part of aisle. Shopped Army PX in evening and ate at Officers Club.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 17 - Went to MASSAUA SEAPORT (## beleive it now called Mitsiwa ##) on RED SEA via train. 4 hours to go 70 miles over mountains. Railroad twists, curves and nearly overlaps itself going from elevation of 8000 feet to sea level. Train was Diesel motors on either end of car which seats about 50 people. Natives crowd rides etc. MASSAUA was typical seaport, hot. Nothing doing until shops arrive. Glad to get back to ASMIRA, Ate dinner at officers mess. PX was opened for caravaners from 1 to 7 PM - bought several cases canned Coca Cola - salted peanuts etc.  
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DECEMBER 18, 1959 - ASMARA

Stayed in camp and did some cleaning - shopped in the evening. Dressing up for Mayor Reception, but he had post-poned it until Monday. Went to snack bar for dinner and show afterwards. An African show, the 'Mustus'. LEE went to coast with NICK CHARLES and two army boys for two days.

\*\*\*\*\* Beautiful day - warm - shopped - Ate Hamburgers etc. at "Snack Bar" at Army Post. Hamburgers, 18¢ (American) - "State Side" ice cream, 10¢ (American) - - Hawks went with us. We took in show 25¢ (American) at Army Post. LEE went with NICK and two soldiers to MASSAUA over to returning Monday. Hope he has good time. Bought meat, excellent market that supplies army. 7 fillet steaks, 4 kilos Ground Beef and top round roast, 1 doz. eggs - \$3.75!  
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DECEMBER 19, 1959 - ASMARA - Saturday

Washed a few things and cleaned cupboards.  
Bought some groceries in PM and Olive wood souvenir.  
We are staying here for CHRISTMAS.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 19 - Sat. Sunny Day - Unpacked under sink and stove to refasten same to wall. Grace and I shopped in afternoon. Have a "dinger" of a cold. Too many. Wonder what is wrong? We are going to stay here for Xmas.

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DECEMBER 20, 1959 - Sunday ASMARA

Attended Church Service at the Post Chapel and enjoyed the Christmas music, Christmas decorations and service.

At 7:30 PM went to the Post gym for a Christmas Pageant. The Pageant was very effective with the use of LIVE burro, sheep and camel in the play. It was a wonderful production. The gym was packed so that the play was repeated at 9 PM.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 20 (Sun.) - Attended Church service at Army Post 11 AM. Rested in afternoon (Sunny) - Ate at "Snack Bar" at Army Post and took in Christmas Pageant put on by Army Post at their gymnasium. Had live animals, sheep, goats, burro, camels, quite impressive - Cold a little better.

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DECEMBER 21, 1959 - ASMARA

Washed curtains and ironed them in evening.  
Had a most enjoyable lunch at the residence of the U.S. Consul, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew J. Loram. Luncheon of Juice, jellied bouillon with hard cooked egg in the center, Italian dish cheese and wide noodles, green salad, break sticks, mint ice cream with chocolate sauce.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 21 - Sunny Day - Tighten bolts etc.

on car. Attended with Christies a luncheon at American Consul's home with BYAM. BYAM invited us. Mayor had reception at City Hall for Caravan - presented all caravan (1 to a trailer) a medal of City of ASMARA. Met Mayor, Chief of Police and other Officials. Very Nice. LEE returned about 1:30 PM from MASSAUA, had a good time. Caravan to leave next Saturday for KARTOUM, SUDAN.  
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DECEMBER 22, 1959 - ASMARA - Tuesday

Continued beautiful sunshine. Left at 6:15 AM by bus for AXUM, a 5 hour trip each way. The region is the origin and head of the COPTIC CHURCH and the place of where the EMPEROR is crowned. The present Church of stone and stucco is 370 years old and there are two foundations under it. The oldest crown Jewels displayed was 350 years old. Near the Church a tall column or statue with carved work that was about many feet tall was of one solid piece of stone. The history is not known but believed to be 2400 year old. Another column near by - a still larger column has fallen over and broken. About a mile and half from the Church is the burial place of QUEEN OF SHEBA a large slab that has broken is over the grave. Near by several weather worn tall markers perhaps marking other graves all over grown. Men had to remove shoes before going in Church. ONLY MEN were allowed in the CHURCH OR on CHURCH GROUNDS. Inside no seats, bambo mats and old rugs on the floor. Religious pictures of the Christ Child and Mary and other Saints were painted on the wall. No alter candle in holders around the room. Green and yellow stained glass near top of room - in center is a dome four sided like marble (painted). The walls water stained. Church in poor repair.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 22 - (Tuesday) - Left via bus chartered by Caravaners for AXUM, ANCIENT CAPITOL OF ETHIOPIA. After 5 hours driving, arrived. Ancient Capital

of Ethiopia and home of QUEEN OF SHEBA. Seat of COPTIC CHURCH OF ETHIOPIA. Old Church 340 years old, still used. Ancient statues some fallen one about 150 long broken in several places, lying where it fell 2400 years ago. one still standing - History unknown. CROWN JEWELS brought out by priests for viewing. Men only allowed in Church and on grounds. Had to remove shoes. Jewels brought out of Church grounds for viewing by ladies. Police guards and plain clothes men everywhere. Dirty - dry - millions of flies, broken rocks, nothing green. Queen of Sheba grave about 1½ miles from church. A few broken large granite slabs, overgrown with brush and weeds ---- (WONDER IF TRUE) -- 4½ hours driving back - arrived at 7PM.

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DECEMBER 23, 1959 - Wednesday

Went to the Vice Consul residence, Mr. & Mrs. John P. Blane, for 1 o'clock luncheon. Mrs. Blane is from Oregon. A very interesting visit about his work as Vice Consul. A delicious lunch of fried chicken, french fries, fresh peas, green salad, rolls and chocolate angel food cake, coffee.

At 4 PM Mrs. Looram, wife of the British Consul visited our trailer and served coffee and doughnuts. Very friendly people.

\*\*\*\*\* LEE washed trailer and car. - BENHAMS and we ate lunch with Vice Consul at Compound Embassy. Vice Consul's wife from North Bend. Fried Chicken, french fried potatoes, cake - warm sunny day - cold night. Got canned goods from Army Commissary - ours about \$60-???? (American)

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DECEMBER 24, 1959 - Thursday

Put away groceries - a big supply. Caught up with other odds and ends and ready to leave ASMARA, Saturday AM.

Had four Eritrean men who worked at the bank

visit our trailer. One brought wife and two children - boy, 10 months, girl about two. Men spoke good English. One said he studied it by himself when 22 years of age.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 24 - Sunny - Pack groceries - re-arranged truck - cashed Ethiopian to Sudanies.  
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DECEMBER 25, 1959 - Friday - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Breakfast at home. OPEN HOUSE at the Consul Residence at 12 PM and 1:30 Turkey dinner at the Post Officers Mess. Shrimp Cocktail, tomato and lettuce salad, Turkey, dressing, sweet potato, peas, whole corn, hot rolls, jelly, pumpkin pie and coffee (Very Good).

ERITREA, population 1,200,000 people, a former Italian colony (1880-1952) is non autonomist unit federated with Ethiopia under provisions of U.N. ASMARA 7600 feet above sea level, population 100,000. The American community about 2,000. U.S. Army Signal Corps (Kagnew ((? sp)) Station) located here. Population divided almost equal between Coptic Christians and Moslems.

\*\*\*\*\* Open house at American Council at 12 PM for Caravan - 1:30 Xmas Dinner at Army Post Officers Mess - Sunny Beautiful Day.  
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DECEMBER 26, 1959 - ASMARA -- (14,135 Mileage)  
Beautiful Spring like.

Left ASMARA at 8 AM with six guards and the Army Police jeep which lead the way to Keren ((? spl)) at Army Rest Camp where we had lunch. The road through barren rocky mountain country. Many camels - villages far apart. A few trailers discontinued their trip with us at ASMARA. They shipped out from MASSAUA, a sea port on the RED SEA.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 26 Saturday - Left at 8 am -- Army

Jeep Guards - Lunch at Keren ((? sp)) (Hamburgers etc., U.S. Army rest Camp. Quite warm and country getting more arid and dusty - partly paved road. -- Dry river beds, more camels - Camped AGORDAT 3:30 PM.

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DECEMBER 27, 1959 - ~~AGORDAT~~ (Mileage, 14,249)

Banana's grown here.

Left at 7 AM - Camped on flat area near village. Large mosque - Road gravel, mostly flat valley between mountain range. Some mountains looked like mountains of rock. Many dry river beds with palm trees growing near by. One irrigated area. More camels.

\*\*\*\*\* Left AGORDAT at 7 AM - sunny, warm -- more arid, dry country, camels, burros, goats, cows and flies. Dusty road - went down dry valley at foot of mountains - stopped at 4 PM - custom officials took pass ports - carnets for servicing.

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TESENEY

DECEMBER 28, 1959 - ~~TESSENEY~~ ERITREA - Comfortable Stopped until noon because of ETHIOPIAN BORDER CUSTOMS. He looked in the trucks and trailers. Road through some mountain area but road in flat area.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 28 - Waited until 2 pm for custom officials to finish work. Examined every trailer and car - gave us OK, at last. Drove to KASSALA. Had tea with GOVERNOR at his residence - speaks perfect English.

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DECEMBER 29, 1959 - KASSALA, SUNDAN - CAPITAL OF PROVINCENCE

Mileage 14,420, Tuesday - Changed watch back one hour

The Governor had the caravan to his residence for tea on his lawn Monday evening when we arrived.

Small tables arranged on the lawn with side table at each chair. Served fruit juice, tea, cake, cookies, fruit. Lots of banana's grown in area and citrus fruit also grazing. KASSALA means lazy people. The FUZZY WUZZY people (nomads) kept the Italians out during the war.

Road flat through Desert - mostly covered with wild grass. Some sorgum grown and some herds of cattle and goat. People on camel.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 29 (Tuesday) - Left KASSALA about noon after being held up by SUNDAN CUSTOMS for papers etc. Lots of Burros, Camels, goats and kids. HOT - Crossed river on R.R. Bridge, stopped in desert on flat prairie - flat as you could see. ZIEGLER and TOTTEN took wrong road.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 30 (Wed.) - Left at 8AM - Lots of camel trains etc. Stopped at noon at water hole and series of wells dug down through solid rock about 100 feet. Camels and oxen and burros via rope and pully, pull goat skin water bags to service throught well diameter of about 30 inches. Wells hundreds of years old. Rocks where ropes slide are groved several inches deep.

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DECEMBER 30, 1959 - Mileage 14,508 - On the Desert Beautiful - needed jacket in evening and morning. At noon stopped near watering hole. There were 10 wells in area. The wells VERY OLD were 75-80 feet deep and water drawn up with a skin tied to a rope and a camel or oxen or goat walking away from the well pulls it up. The water is put in skins and also in small holes for camel, goats and cattle to drink from. The well about 30" square was dug through solid rock and the rope pully against it through the years has worn grooves in the rock. Some rode the camel and some natives danced for the caravan.

DECEMBER 31, 1959 - Thursday - Mileage 14,629

Camped on the desert - cool wind. We are caboose with MARTIN & BENHAM. 8:30 delay - EDGAR broke springs, DAM.

EDGAR lost butane tank and one in back picked it up. We picked up a sky light which we learned was MARTINS. Fewer camel and natives - more sand - arrived KHARTOUM about 4 PM. and here 12 days.

\*\*\*\*\* Dec. 31 - (Thurs) - Left camp about 95 miles from KHARTOUM at 7 AM. Camped at large rock formation in desert. Roads dusty and washboard - several broken springs and flat tires. BENHAM, MILLER and WE were caboose. Arrived KHARTOUM AT 3:30 PM. Camped in City Park on banks of Blue Nile. Sunny, warm -- Halle Selassie arrived at 4 PM. BIG Reception for him in KHARTOUM.  
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January 1960

JANUARY 1, 1960 - KHARTOUM - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Beautiful - comfortable, slightly cooler in evening so we need a blanket at night. Washed and took it easy at camp. Camp on lawn of NORTH KHARTOUM PARK on the banks of the NILE (BLUE NILE). Along the banks they raise garden and irrigate from the river. They have old fashioned wheel of buckets - is used to draw water from river and empties into ditch. The wheel is turned by an oxen driven in a circle around the wheel and a person rides around on a pole and drives the oxen.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 1, 1960 (Friday) - New Year - cleaned, dusted, laundered, entire day. Windy & Dusty - sunny, cool. Cleaned spark plugs.

Jan. 2 - Sunny Cool - more cleaning etc. sunny - cool evenings - shopped.

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JANUARY 2, 1960 - Saturday - shopped in morning.

JANUARY 3, 1960 - Sunday

Visited old town of OMDURMAN, believed to be 3000 years old, and had a large native market. Ate dinner at the Grand Hotel which faces on the BLUE NILE - movie in evening.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 3 - Sunday - Church 9:30 am. S.I.M. Preacher. Dinner "grand Hotel", not so good. Visited 'OLD TOWN' across WHITE NILE. Goldsmiths etc. quite interesting. SUDAN Tourist Bureau showed pictures at camp, so, so.

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JANUARY 4, 1960 KHARTOUM

Went on boat trip down the BLUE NILE and up the WHITE NILE. The BLUE NILE at KHARTOUM

about as wide as WILLAMETTE at PORTLAND. The WHITE NILE is wider than the COLUMBIA. the NILE often floods in August (20 feet) at the end of the rainy season which is from May through August. In SOUTHERN SUDAN they have 6 month Rain.

Haile Selassie has been guest of SUDAN since Thursday and we watched him as he drove with SUDAN PRESIDENT down the street. The cars were all bright red.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 4. - Boat trip down BLUE NILE past Palace and Grand Hotel to joining the WHITE NILE, then up WHITE NILE several miles past truck gardens - hand powered water wheels and water lifting propelled by oxen as done hundred of years ago. Saw Haile Selassie go by in Rolls Royce car. GRACE and I were standing on porch of Grand Hotel at the time. Palace is near Hotel. Sunny warm day. LEE greased car. Got hair cut at Grand Hotel. 7:30 Reception court house for Ed Rodges retiring County Commissioner.

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JANUARY 5, 1960 - KHARTOUM

Went to SUDAN WEDDING CELEBRATION. The celebration goes on for 10 days. The BRIDE came out and danced. She was covered with veil and her eyes closed. The veil was removed but she could not open her eyes. It would be bad luck if she opened them and saw the groom. Some of the women kept time with a drum. The celebration was held at a friends house in the inner court. The house had dirt floors but seemed clean considering. They served us coke's.

JANUARY 6, 1960 - Wednesday - KHARTOUM

A bus tour of museums and old native shops of OMDURMAN. Voted to leave Monday for those driving and others when they could get a railway car. Some of buildings of OMDURMAN were 3,000 years old. This is the original town of KHARTOUM. Later we went to the Exhibition grounds and found

that it was for LADIES ONLY DAY so the MEN WAITED in the bus while the ladies went in. The women are not seen on the streets much or in public gatherings. They are supposed to stay in the home and raise the family.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 5 - sunny - more of same

Jan 6 - bus trip through City Museums & about city -more of same.

Jan 7 - more of same

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JANUARY 7, 1960 - KHARTOUM - took it easy.

JANUARY 8, 1960 - Friday

Did small washing.

It had to be decided how to continue NORTH to CAIRO. About 150 miles north of KHARTOUM was the NUBIAN DESERT. BYAM explained a train traveled North as far as WADI HALFA through the desert. The trailers and trucks could be put on flat cars and they could live in the trailer on the trip. 12 ordered flat cars and will go by train to WADI HALFA. Seven trailers and we were one of the group that decided to drive over the desert. One Caravaner, DR. ANDREWS, put his trailer on the flat car with his wife and 2 daughters to travel by train. He joined us driving his truck. Another Caravan put his equipment on a flat car and traveled with DR. ANDREWS. BYAM'S 3 service trucks went with us. The group crossing the desert hired a guide with a truck to carry extra jeep cans of gasoline and he also had four young men along to help when some one was stuck.

We all had to have (4) four sand tracks. These were pieces of metal about five or six feet long and about 16 inches wide that we put under the wheels to help get going when stuck.

\*\*\*\*\* - Jan 8 - Sand tracks were ordered for Caravan - two to a trailer, cost per trailer 6½ lbs - about \$20 American - more of same - Band

concert by City Band, very good!

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JANUARY 9, 1960 - KHARTOUM

After listening to a report of a landrover and V.W. coming SOUTH over the DESERT and the people of the party telling us we shouldn't drive - MR. BYAM recommended that LOUIS MOUSLEY only drive with not more than five with him. He said he would go by train. LOUIS was to decide who would travel with him. At noon we learned that we were selected to drive and TOM was asked to go with NICK to scout road for 25 miles NORTH and report. He found the road much better than the report of the people who just came over it so decided to drive at least to ATBARA, 200 miles North.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 9 - BYAM had broken head on motor - bought ours and one gasket \$90 (American) our cost at Salem.

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JANUARY 10, 1960 Sunday - KHARTOUM

They were trying to find a truck to go with the group - carry extra gas etc. It was reported that some were not ready to start Monday and they did not have a truck for sure. Tuesday was named the starting day. In the afternoon NORTH KHARTOUM Government entertained us with tea. They fixed tables with white table cloths, flowers and chairs in the park and some officials sat at each table with the caravaners. They served lemonade or orange juice as people stood talking. At the table they served tea, sweet biscuits, cup cake and piece from large decorated cake. At our table was a retired general, a civil engineer and man in charge of the mint. There were no women present. The MAYOR presented WALLY with water painting of the KHARTOUM Emblem and expressed SUDANS pleasure in having us in their country. We had the City and Government officials visit our trailer.

The band played in the park during the reception. A very pleasant affair.

\*\*\*\*\* January 10 - Several (TWELVE) trailers loaded onto flat cars at NORTH KHAROUm railway station for trip to WADI WALFA. We are going to drive through sand etc. with several others. Reception by NORTH KHARTOUM City in our camp in City Park. City and government official - No native ladies in attendance.

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JANUARY 11, 1960 - Monday - KHARTOUM - Gas 60¢ a gal.

A truck and 4 natives were hired to go along and help if needed We put 12 jeep cans of gas and 2 tires in truck.

\*\*\*\*\* Caravan hired truck to accompany trailers on trip through sand to ATBARA and WADI HALFA. We all loaded extra tires and gas on truck. Lightened our load about 650 lbs. Repacked truck with most of load in center of truck. Loaded two sand tracks on roof carrier.

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JANUARY 12, 1960 - Tuesday - KHARTOUM (Mileage 14,881)

Left at 8 AM with 15 trailers - road Sandy but hard base. Road followed the railway track most of the way. Few towns along, mud fences and houses - met few trucks on highway. (drove 85 miles).

##### Additional notes found with some discrepancy  
----- 22 TRAILERS decided to put their equipment on flat cars and go from KHARTOUM to WADA HALFA. It took 3 days and nights by train. -----Seven decided to drive over the NUBIAN DESERT to HALFA. The service trucks would also go with us. ----- A TRUCK AND 4 NATIVES were hired to go along. We had jeep cans of gas and 2 extra tires. The

truck carried extra gas and supplies for us.

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\*\*\*\*\* Jan 12. - Left at 8am. Army General Bachus gave us farewell speech. I was asked to answer him. MILLER flat tires - HALBRITTER broke rocker arm on trailer. WADI was OK, nobody got stuck. We went through in two-wheel drive. I told GRACE to pull back, on lever when it should have been pushed forward. Sunny & Warm - camped on desert at 5:15 PM - made 83 miles.

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JANUARY 13, 1960 - Wednesday - near SHENDI (mileage 14,966)

Beautiful weather - road sandy - more than the day before but we had no trouble with four wheel drive. Visited the ruins 20 miles North of SHINDI. One section had been excavated where there had been a palace. In front of ruins two carved black stones. Inside stone pillars made with round cut stone. Some stone walls still standing and carvings on some stone. One building in rear protected was the remains of the bath rooms. Steps leading into bath at least 10 ft deep and carved lions sitting on ledge at one end of pool. Water came out of mouth. Visited in the region the PYRAMIDS at MEROWE (or MEROL).

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 13 - Sunny - More sand. RITCHIE and GRABOSKI stuck in sand. MILLER had flat tire. His last. Visited PYRAMIDS and ancient TEMPLE ruins. very interesting. GRACE and LEE found several pieces of pottery etc. Quite dusty along bank of NILE, through sorgham fields. Camped on desert at 6 P:M. Had evening meeting deciding who was to go on from ATBARA. 7 and trucks final figure after quite a discussion.

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JANUARY 14, 1960 - (Mileage 15,062)

Stopped on NUBIAN DESERT 20 miles South of

ATBARA.

Drove into ATBARA where we filled with gas, check cars and took on water before starting on the desert. 8 trailers stayed to ship on flat car to WADI HALFA. Seven trailers and DR. ANDREW'S truck with MR RITCHIE started out at 3:30 for going across the desert. Drove 22 miles North of ATBARA (mileage 15,092) and camped for the night on the desert. PETE TURNER, NICK & DALE & ART with their trucks went along. Two men on a local truck and four native boys went along to help in sand (gone 54 miles today)

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 14 -- Sunny -- Crossed ATBARA RIVER bridge, Railroad and highway bridge combined. Trailer had about 3 inches on each side for clearance. Arrived ATBARA 11 AM. Gased up - helped ELMER repair water tank. 7 trailers and 4 trucks left at 3:45 PM for WADI HALFA. Camped near BESERK at 5:15 PM.

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JANUARY 15, 1960 - 22 miles North of ATBARA (Mileage 15,116)

Beautiful weather - left at 7AM ((NILE RIVER is longest in world and straightest for most of its length. BLUE NILE origin is from Lake in ETHIOPIA; WHITE NILE origin in UGANDA --- MAIN NILE AND BLUE NILE joins it at KHARTOUM.))

First part of day lots of native villages as the road followed close to the NILE. They irrigated crops along the river. About noon left the river and saw only few nomads. Road winding and spots in dry river beds - deep sand (called Wadi). Little nats by the millions and bite like a mosquito. They ate me up. We had flat tire in AM. DR. ANDREWS broke an axel. In PM PETE TURNER got stuck in wadi and MR. MOUSLEY. The second wadi about block and half long stopped MOUSLEY, PETE, GERMANN, TOTTEN, CHRISTIE and the hired truck. TOTTEN stuck in next wadi. We drove

until 8:45 and CHRISTIE broke a trailer spring. MOUSLEY got stuck and because of darkness others got stopped -- (90 miles today).

\*\*\*\*\* - Jan. 15. -- Sunny, left at 7AM. We had flat tire on trailer. Ruined casing -- FIRST FLAT ON TRIP. DR. ANDREWS broke axle on truck - was not pulling trailer. Road quite rough and winding. Sand in on spot "WADI". MOUSLEY got stuck and PETE the Photographer. Next WADI about 500 feet long. 4 trailers and PETE got stuck all hands pulled, shoveled. We got through without getting stuck. --- 6PM MARION HOTEL (knife and Fork) -- traveled until 9 PM - CHRISTIE broke spring on trailer.  
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JANUARY 16, 1960 - Saturday (Mileage 15,206) On the DESERT)

On the DESERT we tried to start by 5:30 in the morning because the sand was harder when it was cooler.

Got up at 4:30 AM so the group could leave at 6 AM. At 5:30 AM we pulled ourselves out of sand with aid of sand tracks. TOTTEN followed but was stuck on railroad track. Big truck stuck on track. TOTTEN broke spring on trailer. Got started at 8 AM - 8:15 TOTTEN stuck - 8:35 TOTTEN stuck - GERMANN stuck, all OK - 5 minutes after starting TOTTEN stuck - 9:30 and six miles traveled. PETE AND MOUSLEY Stuck - PAYNE stuck --- We were told that we were on the wrong road - right road on other side of railroad. 10:30 MOUSLEY took off for railroad, crossed and on his way. DR. ANDREWS truck got stuck. PAYNE'S and other trucks crossed tracks and on their way!!!

11 AM - Rest of group started for tracks. CHRISTIE stopped to look over area so we had to go round and got slowed down so got stuck at the tracks. CHRISTIE stuck at tracks - 11:30 OK and on good road.

Drove 6 miles in AM

Met bus going south which started from LONDON and going South to CAPE TOWN.

12:30 GERMANN Stuck - MOUSLEY stuck.

2:30 traveled 34 miles - MOUSLEY lost 'U' bolt off spring of truck - CHRISTIES fuel line loose - PAYNE'S battery went dead - GERMANN broke spring on trailer - 95 degrees in car - nice breeze.

5 PM started again - traveled until 6:30 - hard to follow the trail in dark. MOUSLEY got stuck going to camp. TOTTEN also. ART got stuck: DALE'S truck has engine trouble. Palm trees along banks of NILE - lot of sand (52 miles today).

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 16 -- Started at 8am. TOTTEN broken spring. We changed trailer tire. Several stuck in large wadi -- wrong road. We got stuck on R.R. track. GERMANN broke spring, CHRISTIE - oil leak. Sand base rocks - HOT. NILE RIVER and SAND DUNES - came into HAMED at 6:15 PM. Dark - MOUSLEY stuck - we all stayed over night on hard ground.

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JANUARY 17, 1960 - ABU HAMED (On banks of NILE)

Sunday (Mileage 15,258)

We leave NILE here. We had to sign papers at ABU HAMED saying we knew we would not have gas or water until WADI WALFA. CHRISTIE & GERMANN & PETE stuck getting gas.

8:45 AM started - drove about a block and the guide truck got stuck - MOUSLEY also. 9:20 MOUSLEY out - GERMANN stuck - TOTTEN stuck. 10 AM on our way. 11:10 GERMANN stuck -- 11:20 stop for lunch.

12:10 start drive - 1 PM GERMANN stuck - 1:15 OK - 1:45 LOUIS stuck, CHRISTIE, TOTTEN, GUIDE TRUCK stuck -- GOLDEN stopped but pulled self out - 2 PM OK -- 2:15 LOUIS, DON & GOLDEN stuck - Other went by railroad for a distance.

3 PM stopped to adjust points. Motor much better. 3:20 stopped to wait for PETE being towed

by ART. 4:30 going on - DALE flat tire. 4:40/5:00 LOUIS stuck, GERMANN stuck - CHRISTIE & GOLDEN pulled self out -- Drove on railroad and off on road).

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 17 -- More Sand -- and several stuck - Broke rear end gears at 10 AM. DR. ANDREWS towed trailer. We traveled in front wheel drive. Hard going. Front wheel drive digs into soft sand. Have to travel wide open to make it across soft spots. ROUGHGOING!  
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JANUARY 18, 1960 - Mileage 15,328 -- On desert!  
CHRISTIE held group up 1½ hours fixing car. Started 7:30 - 7:45 LOUIS, PAYNE, GERMANN, stuck. 9:10 GERMANN & DON stuck, 9:20 LOUIS stuck. -- 10:00 GOLDENS stuck - broke spider gear getting out. Took out axel and drive truck with front wheel drive. DR. ANDREWS & RITCHIE pulled trailer. DR. ANDREWS got stuck several times with trailer, also guide truck. When we got stuck it was hard to get out as the front wheels dug right down in the sand. Others stuck several times. TOTTEN & GERMANN drove on track in spite of the fact the cars threw sand on rails about 2" deep.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 18 - More sand - shoveling - towing etc.

Jan. 19 - Same as yesterday - ARTURO went to WADI HALFA and obtained spider gears. Arrived STATION #4.  
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JANUARY 19, 1960 - Mileage 15,393

Tuesday night the train had to stop for four hours while men walked ahead and cleared sand off the rails.

ELMER parked and came back and towed our truck about half way to where LOUIS stopped for the night and got stuck with it. Brought us back to trailer for night where ANDREWS was stuck with

trailer. TOTTEN stuck also - others stuck during the day but did not keep a record. Phoned stations trying to stop ART to get auto part.

ELMER came back and towed trailer to where part of group stayed the night. ANDREWS pulled our truck out with the winch. We got stuck again in the morning. At station five we contacted ART at station 4 1/2 and did not have the spare part. We drove on and stopped him to tow our trailer because ANDREWS had trouble with it. Several stuck once or twice. TOTTEN & GERMANN drove on railroad to station 4. We got stuck one mile from station 4. DALE towed us into camp. CHRISTIE stuck and broke axel. MOUSLEY stuck, BENHAM pulled himself out. ART left in truck for WADI HALFA to bring back needed parts to repair our car (87 miles today)

JANUARY 20, 1960 - STATION 4 (Mileage 15,414)

All stayed here while waiting for repairs. We fixed leak in connection to hot water heater that had been leaking. Fixed the rod for clothes in closet. Fixed a leak in water pipe under the sink. ART returned about 2 PM with part and car fixed by 3:30.

4:15 MOUSLEY asked that group drive a while that evening. We started on track but got stuck trying to get off for 5 o'clock train. We got out brooms and swept off tracks as they were covered with sand. MOUSLEY and BENHAM got out and drove on. Others were stuck for the night. The boys worked until 9:30 PM getting two out.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 20 - Waited for repair parts. ARTURO returned about 1 PM with parts. - Left station #4 at 4PM -- went about 1 block toward station on tracks - turned off tracks and all stuck -- all night.

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JANUARY 21, 1960 - STATION 5 (Mileage 15,415)

With aid of sand trucks and wench we were

pulled out onto tracks. By 10:30 all were on tracks ready to go. MOUSLEY & BENHAM drove ahead the night before. We did not see him all day - we were caboose. We were stuck 3 times. TOTTEN stuck several times so drove on track. TOTTEN jack-knifed trailer coming off track - bent car and trailer. Broke off butane tanks and battery on front of trailer. At 5 PM we passed station 3 and drove on track into station 1 by 8 PM. We left ART & DALE at 5 towing PETE's truck and they passed station 1 at 2 AM and drove on into WADI HALFA.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 21 - Towed out - onto tracks beyond station - off tracks and several stuck - Travel until 8PM to Station # 1 - stayed all nite at Station #1  
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JANUARY 22, 1960 - STATION 1 - Friday (Mileage 15,478)

CHRISIE had to fix head gasket on car. Started at 11 am. TOTTEN'S trailer came loose from hitch and broke a hole in trunk of car. 10 miles of desert and no one stuck. 10 miles of tar into WADI HALFA by 1:30 PM. 87 Miles today.

DR. ANDREWS & RITCHIE used wench 33 times helping people out of sand. ART did not keep track the number of times he used the wench. Took 9 days to drive 580 miles on desert or average 64 miles per day.

Arranged for space on barge to leave Saturday.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 22 - Arrived at WADI HALFA about 1 P.M. from STATION # 1. MRS. ANDREWS took BENHAM & MYSELF to barge Co. office for reservations on barge - OK -- cleaned up - bath etc.  
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JANUARY 23, 1960 - Saturday - WADI HALFA

No road North so BYAM had arranged to have barges take our equipment down the NILE to ASWAN.

They said when the high dam was built WADI WALFA would be under water.

Train starts here for south & KHARTOUM. Baggage and passengers come in on barges down the NILE. Lots of dates on docks. On dock was 24 case of butter oil, a gift from the people of the U.S.A. (processed in Wisconsin) not to be sold. On side it said to store in cool place. It was on shore in sun. Some cases appeared to have been broken into and rewired.

We loaded trailers on barge at 4 PM. Each barge held 5 trailers. Other trailers on our barge: DR. ANDREWS, RITCHIE & BENHAMS. We stayed the night on the barge at WADI HALFA. We were on the barge 3 days, stopped at night. ((Had to back trailer on - truck had to be detached and parked along side the trailer. Workers wore long pastel colored robes - room was allowed for the trailer door to open enough so we could squeeze through -- anchored with ropes and chains.

People of SUDAN seemed to be a happy people and pleasant to deal with. The women were seldom seen in public.))

\*\*\*\*\* - Jan. 23 -- Went to dock at 10 PM to load on barge - Loaded at 4 PM. Paper work - Carnets etc. - Cost 40.50 lbs. to ship truck and trailer - 4 outfits on our barge.  
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JANUARY 24, 1960 - Sunday - WADI HALFA (Mileage 15,502)

Beautiful - cool nights - windy

Left port 5:45 AM, barge with GERMANN'S trailer tied on ours. The river is about 3 city block wide. Lots of square mud huts on rocks along the shore. Some spots irrigated but only narrow strips close to the river. Some palm trees. Had pot luck dinner on deck and then GERMANN'S barge took off. Put into port for the night - saw rock carvings on river bank - ((ABU SIMBEL for Tomb of RAMESES II - 4 colossal figures of RAMESES

II visible from river)) -- very large.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 24 -- Barge started from WADI HALFA at 5:45 AM. Another barge with GERMANN aboard also started at sometime. Our barge's engine failed. Tied to other barge and proceeded down river. Pretty trip; palm trees, sand and barren rocks. Passed famous Egyptian ruins in early afternoon. They will be covered with water from dam in a year or so. Had pot luck dinner at 4 PM. Tied up at small dock overnite. Cold nites.  
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JANUARY 25, 1960 - Monday on BARGE

Left about 5 AM - River flooded over low lands - few spots irrigated. ((Both sides of NILE was inhabited but many one time towns in ruins or completely evacuated -- 1st dam had inundated a great portion of their fertile land. Crew did their cooking and ate on barge - smoked bubble pipe.)) Lots of huts along barren banks seemed deserted. Washed and hung on deck. Put into port at 5 PM and we went ashore at small village.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 25 --Left at 6AM - sunny, but quite cold. Nile barren along shore, rocks. Like COLUMBIA RIVER in EASTERN OREGON only thousands of gray, white mud houses line shore continuously.

Jan. 26 - More barge on Nile - Sunny- Arrived Shalla 3 PM.

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JANUARY 26, 1960 - Tuesday -

Left at 5 AM Beautiful sunrise - deep orange and deep pink. Strong wind. MRS. ANDREWS Birthday. Docked at SHALLA at 3 PM, but not able to land. Some of caravan visited boat.

JANUARY 27, 1960 - SHALLA

Everything in order so we went ashore Wednesday 1 PM. Joined other group at ASWAN. ABU-SIMBEL

- TOMB OF RAMSES II, colossal figures visible from river. Were raised before high dam at ASWAN built.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 27 - Stayed on barge until 1 PM. Went on to ASWAN to camp on soccer field on banks of NILE.  
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JANUARY 28, 1960 - ASWAN

Parked on Athletic field near River.

Travel guide took us for tour of Old ASWAN DAM the new power plant and showed the spillways that went through a mountain. Also visited an old quarry where large marble slab cut 5,000 years ago for obelisk - was not removed because of a crack in the granite. In the afternoon took a sail boat to KITCHENE ISLAND where they had all kinds of tropical trees and plants. Next we visited ALI KAHMS tomb. Mausoleum front and spelechia were all carved white marble from Italy. The Inscription was old style arabic and the inscription on the stone for the wife was ready to complete. The building was of sandstone and the steps leading up to it were of granite. He was kept 18 months in a crypt at the residence until the mausoleum was completed. The widow lives in a white stucco home near the NILE (below the mausoleum). She had the caravan at her home for tea the day before we came.

((Cotton is chief export of EGYPT. Agriculture and old time implements: plow, harrow hoe, sickle ---- appalled to see men laboring at bringing up water for irrigation by dip buckets. Baksheesh kids ---- ### giving money or tips to the native kids ###. Ancient city carved out and transported ASWAN GRANITE - rose, gray and black. columns and obelisk are enormous ---- an unfinished granite obelisk 120 feet long and 8 feet wide, it weight estimated 1100 tons, it had been carved out on 3 sides and abandoned because of some cracks. Present low dam constructed by BRITISH 1898 -

dam over one mile long, seven locks and 180 sluices, a power plant for electricity. ALEXANDER THE GREAT reigned in latter half of 3rd Century B.C. --- The late ALI KHAM, richest ARAB - widow the BEGUM AGA KHAM - home - mausoleum on hill - white dome - red rose on the tomb monument))

\*\*\*\*\* Jan 28 - Visited dam on NILE - Visited ALI KHAN MAUSOLEUM across NILE from our camp. WIDOW lives in their home at base of hill where Mausoleum is located. Visited quarry where we saw an OBLISK started and never finished out of solid granite about 3000 years old.  
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JANUARY 29, 1960 - ASWAN (Mileage 15,530) - Gas 36¢ a gal.)

Left ASWAN with guide 9 AM. Beautiful day. Sweater needed in AM and PM - Black top for 40 miles - much land irrigated along the NILE in spots. Large field of sugar cane, being harvested and carried to market on camel. One section of highway being dug out through rock section. Men using sledge hammers and crow bar to break rock. The broken rock carried away by placing them in baskets and individuals carrying it away. Much of country barren dirt and rock - Not a sprig of green.

From EDFU we took a ferry across the NILE to the ancient TEMPLE, HORUS, 'THE HAWK', built 240 to 60 BC. ((A giant sized statue of the HAWK guards each side entry. From the first court a mammoth inner area containing 32 columns. Another hall with intact roof. There are passages between the inner and outer wall and many rooms. Golden image of HORUS is kept in Holy Shrine at rear of temple where altar is cut from a single block of black granite. On the walls are pictured scenes from the life of the GOD HORUS OF PTOLEMIES.)) Had an inner wall and outer wall - An inner court with 12 column to each side and ends in side large column - all walls carved and ceiling was over

grown and covered with soil and house built on top of it at one time. One of the most complete temple (best preserved) in EGYPT -- was covered with sand and excavated in 1850. Low dam built 1898 by the British, over a mile long.

\*\*\*\*\* Jan. 29 - Left ASWAN at 9AM - camped near NILE river and crossed river on sail boat to large gigantic TEMPLE OF GOD, HORUS (Awe Inspiring)!  
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JANUARY 30, 1960 - EDFU - (Mileage 15,601)

Road followed the NILE much of the way. Area near the NILE irrigated. Rest of area rocky and barren. ((North of EDFU road rough and sandy - people working the soil near the Nile. Men wear long robe with trousers underneath and a white turban wound around a handmade cap. The women wear black robe over colored dresses and dark head scarf - make up one million COPTIC CHRISTIANS. Much of the land was watered by dip buckets. Less than 5% of land usable and habitable for its 23 million people. Only area along the NILE and its delta and scattered oases support life. MEMPHIS, near CAIRO, FIRST CAPITAL - UNITED EGYPTIAN DYNASTY about 3200 BC. -- STEP PYRAMID is first large stone structure recorded in history and the oldest standing building know. Constructed 2670 BC for tomb of ZOSER. Capitol moved much later to THEBES across from LUXOR. Much later ALEXANDER THE GREAT OF MACEDONIA 332 BC conquered the PERSIANS. He built CITY OF ALEXANDRIA. GAMUL ABDUL NASSER was PRESIDENT OF EGYPT when we were there.))

\*\*\*\*\* Left for LUXOR at 8 AM - beautiful, sunny day. Rough dirt and sandy road. Barren hills and valleys and dry river beds. No greenery of any kind except along NILE river in the distance. Arrived LUXOR at 5 PM. Parked in street along NILE RIVER - very good camping spot!  
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JANUARY 31, 1960 - LUXOR

Beautiful spot on the NILE'S bank. In the morning a guided tour of KARNAK TEMPLE 1500 BC. In the afternoon we visited LUXOR TEMPLE ( which had been under sand for thousands of years. Uncovered a little over 100 years ago) - A mosque itself ancient stand on top part of the old building -((call to prayer echoes 5 times a day)) statues of RAMESES II, rose granite obelisk from ASWAN. ((Remarkable columns and statues and 6 colossal figures of RAMESES II and rose granite obelisk from ASWAN and another enormous statue of RAMESE II had his Favorite WIFE standing beside him with her tall headdress she reaches just to his knee. A few blocks away in the ruins of Karnak, 2 thousand years in the building. AVENUE OF RAMS leading to the temple - 97 foot obelisk chiseled from rock brought on the river to THEBES - cut, polished, carved and set up in 7 months time. Ordered by QUEEN HATSHEPSUT.))

There are other ruins in the area. We also attended this afternoon a reception given by the GOVERNOR at the LUXOR HOTEL. People seated at small tables and a head table with BYAM and EGYPTIANS. They presented BYAM with a silk flag of the City and a beautiful Alabaster Vase. No native women present.

\*\*\*\*\* - Jan. 31 - Most happy to be your guest of our cordiality makes us feel most welcome. We of the WALLY BYAM CARAVAN have a slogan which is: "A STRANGER IS A FRIEND WE HAVE NOT YET MADE". We are meeting many strangers each day of our journey and departing as friends.

Your welcome makes us homesick for it is just such a friendly greeting we strive to give visitors to the U.S.A., but you surpass us in the warmth of your hospitality. Your welcome is only exceeded by the graciousness of your ladies. We are mighty

happy to be your guests.

Bought tickets for all temples and tombs etc in EGYPT - cost 1.90 lbs. a piece. First temple covered KARNAK TEMPLE - 600 acres, several columns, statues etc. Afternoon LUXOR TEMPLE situated in center of City. Still excavating under existing houses - quite large.

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February 1960

FEBRUARY 1, 1960 LUXOR

Left by boat for across the NILE to visit the VALLEY OF THE KINGS TOMBS & QUEEN TOMB. KING TUT lived about 1344 BC (13 years old died??) Visited TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN, RAMSES VI, AMENHOTEP II and MERNEPTAH, also QUEEN HATSHEPSUT - Standing alone in a field are 2 colossi of MEMON seated on thrones about 60 feet high - Figures were cut from single block of hard red quartz sandstone. They will be in water when NILE floods.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 1 ( Monday) - Visited Temples VALLEY OF KINGS across river from LUXOR. WEST BANK. 1st TOMB KING TUT -- 2nd, Refer to Book - 3rd, Refer to Book -- 4th Refer to Book -- then VALLEY OF QUEENS - RUINED TEMPLE. #### What books we do no know####.  
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FEBRUARY 2, 1960 - LUXOR -

Rested - prepared for trip on North - Guests of BENHAM'S for dinner at the Winter Palace.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 2 (Tuesday) -- Rested and visited shops etc. Not much to buy only fake statutes etc. Ate Dinner as BENHAMS guest at Winter Palace Hotel.  
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FEBRUARY 3, 1960 LUXOR - Mileage 15,680.

Followed through the irrigated area of the NILE. Lots of sugar cane and onion and grain grown. Camel used to carry sugar cane to market. Some places the irrigated farms extended few miles out from the NILE. Many people along the road and mud huts. The flat area was bordered by sandstone cliffs that had a flat top. The road much of the way (dirt) followed along on top of what appeared to be a dike built.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 3 (Wed.) Left for CAIRO at 8AM.  
Rough road part way along NILE river dykes most  
of way. RITCHIE broke trailer frame (2 places)  
on 22 ft. - Ball came loose (1st time)  
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FEBRUARY 4, 1960 - SOGAG - Mileage 15,817

Sunny - need a coat during the day - cooler  
at night. Road paved and following the NILE most  
of the way. Wide valley all irrigated. Women  
in EGYPT all wear black and appear old and coarse  
from hard work. Many people and children crowd  
the road. Yesterday threw stones and broke three  
trailer windows, threw mud and camel ???? ####  
Mrs. Golden did not say but I expect it was 'dung'  
### into car. While trailers stopped for lunch  
side mirror stolen off one car and gas cap stolen.  
While parked at night the police watching the  
camp went to trailers asking for buk-shee (money)  
and cigarettes. The police check cars at each  
village. Many places had a pole that was raised  
to let traffic pass.

((On toward CAIRO - 2 days beside river and  
between ribbons of green and the desert beyond.   
Traffic thick, particularly walking humans and  
animals. -- Caravan drove close together through  
towns. If we did not, then the mass of humanity  
parted reluctantly for the head trailer and flowed   
back into the road like water so that each driver  
had to break his own way through. Small towns  
constructed of adobe brick with palm trees and  
desert hills rising behind.))

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 4 (Thursday) - SOHAG - More native  
mud houses and dirt and kids. Camped on new air  
strip at MINYA.  
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FEBRUARY 5, 1960 - Mileage 15,969 - Parking at  
EL MINYA Airport -new, had not yet been used.

Beautiful sunny day but needed sweater or

coat. One person said the temperature during the night was 32. The paved highway followed IBRAHIMIEH CANAL, the largest in the world built in 1843. It placed 2,000,000 acres under cultivation. The wide valley 100% formed by irrigation. The land plowed with wooden plow and oxen. Camel used to carry sugar cane to market were loaded so that only their head could be seen out from under the load. MR. BYAM reported that the GOVERNOR brought fruit to the caravan. We enjoyed our share of oranges, tangerines and bananas. Later in the evening 9 PM the GOVERNOR and ARMY OFFICERS returned and said we couldn't park there on the airport because of a war between ISRAEL and EGYPT and they may need the air strip. Many people were in bed so MOUSLEY contacted the 'SHELL MAN' that planned the stop and after much ado a call to CAIRO we were permitted to stay.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 5 - Left at 8 AM from Airport for CAIRO - Beautiful day via drive along canal - the longest in world, built in 1843. Arrived CAIRO at 3 PM - camped between PYRAMIDS at 5PM. Sandy and dusty but right at base of PYRAMID and right above the SPHINX - quite cold.  
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FEBRUARY 6, 1960 - Arrived in CAIRO 3 PM and parked on the west side of the CHEOPS PYRAMIDS, THE GREAT ONE. (480 feet tall) OF GIZA. ((We never thought we would be cooking and doing our dishes in such a spectacular spot and awe inspiring.))

Went on tour of the GIZA PYRAMIDS with a guide. The largest PYRAMID of CHEOPS - 480 feet high and covers 13 acres, composed of some 2,300,000 blocks of stone averaging 2 1/2 tons each. Most stones quarried from GIZA PLATEAU.

Next in size is CHEOPS'S son PYRAMID - 471 feet high - part of limestone casing still in tact at the top at the top. The granite covering was not completed. The limestone brought across the NILE and the granite from ASWAN 600 miles

South.

The FUNERARY TEMPLE was also visited and VALLEY TEMPLE, almost all granite. The SPHINX ((downhill from PYRAMIDS was cut from rock - at one time sand covered it to the neck, but now excavated)) is within the great face 13 feet wide, 66 ft. high. Quarry used for the pyramid has the body of a lion and perhaps the head of KING CHEPHREN symbolic of HORUS in his horizon, the rising sun. The THIRD PYRAMID is that of MYCERENUS, the SON OF CHEPHREN AND 5TH KING of the IV DYNASTY. The smallest 218 feet high.

In the afternoon we went shopping in the Bazaar - The Lucky Bazaar, name of one. We had lunch in Cairo restaurant - the meal was chicken soup, bread (hot) and dressing served in large plate. The round bread was hollow in center and one ate it by breaking off a piece and dipping it in the dressing and eating it - rice with liver on it, lettuce and cut tomato salad, pickles, turnip pickles, meat was shishkebab. We asked for tea which is not served with meal or at noon but they did for us.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 6 - BENHAMS and WE hired 'Jimmy' the guide who took us around the SPHINX, PYRAMIDS, etc., then by cab to GIZA and CAIRO. Shopped LUCKY BAZZAR (n.g.) Beautiful day but quite cold. We all wore overcoats!.

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FEBRUARY 7, 1960 - GIZA by PYRAMID

Left at nine o'clock for the STEP PYRAMID at SAKKARA. It was a staircase to heaven. It is the oldest of the Pyramids. We went into Tomb of one of the Pyramids and were surprised at the detailed sculptured relief of the different beliefs of the time. Some of the color still very good. Also visited the largest tomb of a rich high priest.

In the afternoon, JIM, THE GUIDE, took us to the museum and explained the displays especially of King Tut which was unbelievable in the fine

jewelry and fine alibaster vases, etc. We went next to the mosque EL MASER MOHAMMED at the CITADEL. \*\*\*\* Feb. 7 -- BENHAMS and ourselves took our truck and 'JIMMY' to several other pyramids about 10 miles from GIZA. Went into one where mummies had been. Visited OLD TOWN OF MEMPHIS where Kings, Queens made their homes. Saw alabaster sphinx and large statue (laying on its back) of KING RAMSES II. Visited MUSEUM of CAIRO in afternoon. Saw the things brought out of KING TUTS TOMB. Visited CITADEL and MOSQUE on hills in East of CAIRO - Quite interesting.

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FEBRUARY 8, 1960 - CAIRO

The camp at GIZA PYRAMIDS was photographed from the air by PETE TURNER and then we moved our trailers to the Old Shepherd Hotel ((burned 1952)) a lot close to the center of CAIRO. Day spent being lazy and getting things in order.

\*\*\*\*\* We move today over town about 10 miles to parking space near the site of Old Sheppard Hotel which burned in 1952. Right down town tall buildings all around - lots of traffic etc. close to markets.

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FEBRUARY 9, 1960 - CAIRO

Left for another guided tour with JIM and visited FAROUK (sp) Palace which is now a museum. The COPTIC CHURCH - ST. SARGIUS CHURCH, the oldest church in EGYPT built over the cave where MARY AND JOSEPH AND CHILD stayed during their flight into EGYPT. Church built 350 A.D. Visited the OLD JEWISH CHURCH and oldest MOSQUE in CAIRO.

(( COPTIC CHURCH built 300 AD was built over a cave which had an underground crypt. It is believed that JOSEPH, MARY AND JESUS spent several months in hiding there during their flight from persecution of KING HEROD.))

HAILE SELASSIE was 225 DECENT of QUEEN OF

SHEBA -- Famous landmark - ALABASTER MOSQUE OF MOHAMMED ALI erected in 1820. The great inner court is surrounded by rows of marble columns, lovely fountain of ablution in the center. Devout Moslems were removing their shoes and washing their hands, faces and feet before entering the Mosque to pray or meditate.))

((Old fortress, called CITADEL now used as a military barracks - CAIRO 3 million people.))

SHELL OIL put on a BBQ for us. Vegetable patty - cooked in deep fat.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 9 - Took JIMMY and BENHAMS and visited CHURCH where JOSEPH, MARY AND CHRIST CHILD took refuge while in EGYPT. It was a cave beneath the present old church building. Visited old Synagogue (on spot) where MOSES prayed. Visited OLDEST MOSQUE IN CAIRO. --- Sunny - Cold!  
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February 10, 1960 - CAIRO - Wednesday

Had my hair fixed at the Nile Hilton for about \$2.20. In the evening went to the home of NEIL WITTING, Jr. for a delicious chicken dinner. They had invited four other American couples working for the Embassy and Caterpillar Tractor Co. We enjoyed meeting them all. LEE went to bed with a cold.

\*\*\*\*\*Feb. 10 - Shopped etc. - Sunny - Cold. Ate dinner at 7:30 PM with Neil Witting Jr., Son of Neil Witting of Salem, Oregon. Met several of his friends also employeed of U.S. Council, Cairo, Egypt. Fried Chicken etc. Quite Good!  
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February 11, 1960 - CAIRO - Thursday

Spent day around home. LEE had chest X-rayed but nothing much. He has to take sulpha and take it easy.

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 11 - More shopping etc. obtained visas for LEBANON for several of caravaners. - Sunny.

Feb. 12 - Took bus trip to OLD CITADEL and OLD MOSQUE overlooking City - visited old tombs and bazars. Sunny - Cold.

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February 12, 1960 - CAIRO - Friday

LEE better but taking it easy. Went on bus trips to spots of interest. Visited shops.

February 13, 1960 - CAIRO - Saturday

Dinner at Nile Hilton to CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE TRIP FROM "CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO CARAVAN". Dinner - shrimp cocktail, tomato soup, broiled steak, french fried potatoes, stuffed squash, tossed salad, rolls, coffee. Very good dinner for \$2.00. Young people put on skit after dinner, "Playing It By Ear". Clever songs and pantomime about events of the trip.

29 trailers completed the trip - 71 people. 41 trailers and 107 person started. We drove a total of 13,000 miles and took 7 months in Africa.

Banquet - setting down together by a festive dinner table and saying to each other with a smile, "WELL, WE DID IT, DIDN'T WE?"

\*\*\*\*\* Feb. 13 - Sunny, not quite as cold - GRACE and I walked around part of CAIRO. shopped etc. ---- 7:30 PM: Banquet at Nile Hilton Hotel for Caravaners who completed trip from Capetown to Cairo. Lee arranged for dinner ---- Monore and young people put on skit.

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February 14, 1960 - CAIRO - Sunday.

Had Neil Witting, Jr family for our guests at dinner at Nile Hilton and spent the afternoon at their home, 8 miles from Cairo. Ma di, drive

out along the NILE and look across the river to the PYRAMIDS.

February 15, 1960 - CAIRO

Went to exposition ground to see the Trades Fair. Several buildings with displays - everything in ARABIC so could not read explanations. Men could not go the day - it was for Ladies this day.

Feb. 16 -- Left at 8AM for Alexandria via desert road. Sunny!

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AND BEGINNING WITH ALEXANDER  
IS ANOTHER STORY -  
of THE HOLY LAND AND EUROPE !

SONGS FROM THE CAIRO SKIT OF THE  
AFRICAN CARAVAN

"Note: Many of the African Caravanners wanted copies of the songs from the Cairo skit and since Helen so graciously offered to mimeo them off for me at the office, I took her up on it. Hope each of you has had a wonderful trip since I saw you last.

Anne Monroe  
2020 Orange Drive  
Whittier, California"

I. MR. MR. WALLY BYAM

Tune: Jonny Grubeck

Mr.Mr.Wally Byam, how did you get here?  
I came from Cape to Cairo a-playing it  
by ear  
Those rugged Caravanners you see a-sittin'  
here  
Have come from Cape to Cairo a-playing  
it by ear.

II. DOWN IN ETHIOPIA -

Tune: Down in the Valley

Down in Ethiopia  
Mudy and wet  
We built the roads  
With muscle and sweat  
With picks and shovels  
And waste baskets too  
We filled in mud holes so we could get  
through

So we could get through friends  
So we could get through  
We filled in Mud holes, so we could get  
through.

Built us a Road  
with bushes and rocks  
And propped our rigs up  
with boards, jacks and blocks  
We worked with wenchies  
and man power too  
Pushed, Pulled and tugged so we could  
get through.

So we could get through friends  
So we could get through  
Pushed, pulled and tugged, so we could  
get through.

III. TELL ME WHY - Tune: - Same

Tell me why my axles break  
Tell me why for goodness sake  
I try and try, but still they bust  
A stronger Axle just must be a must.

IV. SHIFTER'S SERANADE - Tune: Clementine

T'was a trailer, T'was a trailer  
that would gl<sup>it</sup>ter in the sun  
and the number painted on it  
was a big red number one.

Oh Wally, Oh Wally,  
Why you sitting crowded so  
With those guards clustered about you  
And a gun out each win-dow.

T'is my trailer, T'is my trailer

and they think it's made of gold  
Got to guard it from the shifters...  
Everbody must be bold.

Yes, Wally, Yes, Wally,  
We see why you're sittin~~g~~ so  
With those guards clustered about you  
and a gun out each Window.

V. DR. DR. - Tune: Baa Baa Black Sheep

Dr. Dr. have you any gears?  
Yes sir, yes sir, one bag here  
Once used by Wally and Golden next  
First thing you know I'll be charging  
interest.

IV. HOME ON FOUR WHEELS

Tune: Home on the Range

O give me a home with which I can roam,  
Where the faucets and septic tanks flow.  
Where the sinks don't fall in and the  
dust can't get in  
And the batteries are never low.

Home, Home on 4 wheels  
That goes over gullies and hills,  
Where ~~with~~ mud and sand, we'll find butane  
on hand,  
And no broken springs on our bills.

Oh give me a truck, that will never get  
stuck,  
With an axle that is hardy and strong,  
With tires that won't blow and an engine  
that'll go,  
And a hitch that will never go wrong.

Roll, Roll on tarmac  
Strip road, washboard and sandtrack,  
Escarpments galore, and Wadi's no more  
We'll sail down the Nile to get back.

VII. CHEVE COMMERCIAL - Tune: Same

See the world today in your Chevrolet.  
It's a better than an International  
See the world's ream in your new Airstream  
Africa, Asia, Europe all.... ( On to Moscow)

Hummmmm.....

See the World today in your Chevrolet,  
It's better than an Internationalllllllllllll.

VIII. TWINKLE, TWINKLE (Susi's song)  
Tune: Same

Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,  
How we wonder where we are,  
On the desert cold and clear  
Are we lost or just the Rear????  
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,  
now we know just where we are.

IX. OH, DEAR WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE  
Tune: Same

Oh, Dear, What can the matter be?  
Oh, Dear, What can the matter be?  
Oh, Dear, What can the matter be?  
We've lost the Caravan.

We stopped for Tea and they went on  
And when we got started I guess we turned  
wrong.

Here I'm caboose and now I find,  
Just Ziggy ahead and Me behind.

X. TUMBLING TRAILERS

Tune: Tumbling Tumbleweeds

See them Tumbling down, sinks that once  
were aground  
These can always be found,  
Rolling along on an African Caravan.

Stoves fall out on the floor,  
Ropes now tie every door,  
Cans and dishes galove,  
Rolling along on an African Caravan.

We know, when day is done,  
We'll work till set of sun,  
Clean, wash, hammer and saw,  
Seems this is just the last straw.  
But we'll keep having a Ball,  
Rolling along on an African Caravan.

XI. PLAYMATES - Tune: Same

Joe, Come out and play with me,  
And bring your checkers three  
For both you and me.  
Sit on my little stool  
And bring your table too,  
And we'll be jolly friends if I beat you.

He couldn't come out to play.  
Toots said 'put them away'  
With tearful eye I heard him sigh,

And I could hear him say .....

I'm sorry Al, I can not play with you,  
I have some work to do.  
Boo, hoo, hoo - hoo - hoo - hoo  
I beat you yesterday,  
So now my luck is through.  
But we'd be jolly friends if I'd beat  
you!

XII. OVER THE DESERT AND DOWN THE NILE  
Tune: Over the River & Through the Woods

Over the Desert and down the Nile,  
To Cairo we did go.  
By Train and barge o're desert large  
We rattled to and fro.

Over the desert and down the Nile  
Our trailers we did stow.  
They traveled along, with nothing gone  
wrong.  
And fun we had you know.

XIII. SHE USED TO CALL HIM SWEETHEART  
Tune: Let Me Call You Sweetheart

She used to call him sweetheart,  
Till he said "the desert we'll go".  
She asked and begged and pleaded,  
But he still said it was so.  
They tried it up to Wadi  
And his tune change so quick.  
Seems they had some trouble  
Which they did not predict

So now she calls him Sweetheart,  
Honey, Daddy, and Don -

And all her life she'll follow  
Him hither and thither and Yon.  
But when It come to deserts  
You can bet, who'll win ...  
Bet you one in a million  
That it will be Gen!

XIV. SAND LADDER - Tune: Jacob's Ladder

We are crossing o're the desert  
" " " " "  
" " " " "  
Pioneers in the Sand.

Every spin goes deeper, deeper  
" " " " "  
" " " " "  
Sinking in the Sand.

We all hopped the railroad track  
" " " " "  
" " " " "  
To escape the Sand.

No more after Wadi Halfa  
" " " " "  
" " " " "  
We are through with Sand!

XV. WALLY'S LITTLE CHILLUN  
Tune: Shortnin' Bread

Wally's little chillun loves fightin'  
fightin',  
Wally's little chillun loves gripe'in  
too.  
(Hum and Clap) -

Some of Wally's chillun loves movin' movin',  
Some of Wally's chillun would love to  
stay.

(Hum and Clap) -

Shout it on the bull horn and the P.A.  
Tell them chillun Grippers meetin today!  
(Hum and Clap)!

XVI. ROUND - SHINY SILVER JEWELS

Tune: White Coral Bells

Shiny silver jewels,  
A-Gleaming in the sun.  
They become our homes  
when the day is done.  
They make it pos-  
sible to Caravan  
Gliding o'er the highway  
From land to land.

XVII. CAN'T HELP LOVIN' THAT CARAVAN

Tune: Can't Help Lovin' that Man of Mine

We've come a long way from Cape to Cairo  
And we'd like to say we're say we must  
go,  
Because we can't help Lovin' that Caravan.

They said we couldn't do it but we've  
done it now,  
We've written to Jo-burg and told them  
just how,  
We came through on an African Caravan.

We had lots of troubles but still we  
had fun.,  
And now we can say we've been the first

ones  
To come through on an African Caravan!

(Hum one verse, repeat 1st verse and the  
two endings).

THE END!!!

## DEDICATION

This roster is dedicated to Wally Byam, his Caravan staff, his Caravanners, Airstream Trailers, Inc., officials and friends in both the United States and in Africa, in appreciation of the work, time and effort that has been given so freely and tirelessly to make this African Safari a success.

Without the help of each and everyone who played such an important part in the planning and executing of plans, this safari would not have been possible.

Our sincere thanks go to each one for his contribution in making this caravan the ultimate in rich experiences and exciting adventures. We hope that this first Wally Byam Caravan to Africa will be among your most cherished memories.

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Santa Fe Springs, California

2420 SCHNEIDER, Herman & Harriett  
73 NE 32nd Street  
Miami 37, Florida

Truck SCHWANBORN, Dale (age 20)  
2204 Lindora Street  
Bakersfield, California

2279 SUTCLIFFE, Val & Mary  
SUTCLIFFE, David (age 19)  
R.R. #1 Paragon Estates  
Boulder, Colorado

2359\* TIBURSZY, Erika  
Guest, LaFrance  
296 So. Pacific Ave.  
Redondo Beach, California

2375 TOTTEN, Norman & Era  
Route 2, Box 526  
Benton, Arkansas

\*Photo TURNER, Peter, his Wife  
& their 3 (?) very small children  
130 Van Bergh Avenue  
Rochester, New York

163 WAAS. Roy & Lorraine  
Box 265  
Adelanto, California

360 ZEIGLER, Harry & Grace  
121 Orchard Place  
Burlington, Iowa

THERE WERE NINE (9) GIRLS AND TWELVE (12)  
BOYS.

THERE WERE Two (2) Advance Trucks driven  
by: Nick Charles and Dale Schwamborn  
(Wally Byam's nephew)

CAMERA Truck - Peter Turner  
MECHANIC Truck - Arturo Ruiz

\* indicates guest in trailer other than  
immediate family or driving .other mechanized  
equipment.

TRAILER NUMBERS

1	Byam	1506	Miller,P
50	Mousley	1604	Hamer
115	Calmes	1954	Meissenburg
163	Waas	1986	Christie
165	Payne	2058	Andrew
342	Douglass,R.	2186	Germann
360	Zeigler	2198	Lincoln
598	Bos	2201	Benham
608	Monroe	2209	Mackay
616	Halbritter	2279	Sutcliffe
627	Hawks	2345	Frosch
* 692	Golden,V	2359	LaFrance
747	Diamond	2374	Olsen
767	Gustafson	2375	Totten
985	Lohof	2380	Martin
1042	Miller,L.	2397	Bigham
1166	Dickey	2400	Douglass,L.
1199	Ritchie	2420	Schneider
1309	Golden,W	2421	Edgar
* 1408	Graboski	2474	Carle
		2486	Reiger

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

This is information written by Grace Golden in 1960.

In 1959 we traveled with Wally Byam Caravan group from Cape Town to Cairo Egypt. We shipped our trailer and 4 wheel drive Travelall from San Francisco June 1st and we flew July 7th from Salem (Oregon). With summer weather (in the USA) we arrived in Cape Town, July 11th, in the middle of winter.

There were 41 trailers that began the trip and 107 people. The oldest person was a retired Doctor 86 years young. There were 22 young people most of them teen-agers. The youngest, 6 years old. Our youngest son, Lee, 19 was with us.

Wally Byam, designer and owner of the Airstream Co., had 3 service trucks equipped with a winch to help pull people when needed and each service truck also had a trailer hitch so they could tow a trailer when needed.

I should mention that only 35 trailers continued the trip North of Nairobi, Kenya.

We were told in Johannesburg we could not possibly make it through Ethiopia with our rigs --- BUT WE DID!!

We had Committies: wagon boss, butane, laundry, religious, kitty and security officer.

We bought powdered milk, canned butter or margarine, canned bacon, fruit, vegetables, bananas (several for a few cents), 1 doz. pineapple 28¢. GAS: Cape town, 46¢; Congo, 56¢; Tanker, \$1.00; Truck (Ethiopia) \$1.00; Addis, 80¢.

We drove 13,000 miles in 7 months.

1006 miles from Southern border of Ethiopia to Addias Ababa (8500 ft Elevation).

10,000 miles from Cape Town to Addis Ababa in 4 1/2 months.

In 1959 Grace wrote: AFRICA comprises 1/5 the land area of World. Total population 220,000,000 and of this total 214,000,000 are black or natives and 6,000,000 whites

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#### This article was found from the Salem, Oregon Newspsper dated April 27, 1962: ####

#### AFRICAN AID FOR TRADE, NOT WIVES

Nairobi, Kenya (AP) -- Government loans and grants are for developing businesses, not for buying wives, African businessmen were told today.

Fred Okuma, General Secretary of the Kenya African Chamber of Commerce circulated a letter to all members declaring:

"You are undermining our efforts by not using this money to develop your businesses. That's what the money has been loaned to you for -- and not just for buying more wives."

One African businessman retorted that wives were an investment, particularly if they produce girl children who would later bring in the money suitors pay for brides.

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BILHARZIA - Parasite of fresh water snail - enters the human body through the skin and causes a painful dangerous disease - difficult to cure.

OKAPI - rare animal which appear to be a cross between a giraffe and a zebra. Rather small face and elongated neck resembling a giraffe, but heavy, stocky, chestnut red body and the purplish stripes on the hocks and forelegs are like a zebra - big ears and dark face, not found else where except in Belgian Congo.

APARTHEID -- South African White Government referendum giving mixed race and Asian minorities a limited role in Parliament - but leaving the black majority disenfranchised - was an endorsement of reform. The only change, they say, is that the 5 million whites are giving 3.5 million Asians & Indians and people of mixed race a taste of power to entice them into helping suppress the voteless black majority of 21 million.

Evidently a stop was made at TREETOP, world famous hotel, built 40 feet above ground in the branches of several Cape Chestnut trees. They saw 37 elephants, 9 rhinos, 189 water buffalo, many baboons, 13 wart hogs, 23 water buck, 13 bush buck, 15 Giant forest hog and white tail mongoose.

Additional information from: "Trailer Travel, Here and Abroad" by Wally Byam. -- and I quote: "12 boys and nine girls were 21 or younger; average age to 55.2. ---- size of trailers, from a 16 foot Bubble to a big 30 footer. 19 of the trailers were 22 foot, four 24-foot and fourteen 26-foot Airstreams."

REMARKS around the campfire:

"An Adventure in 4 wheel drive."

Oh, yes, they've redone the whole trailer - even had the cupboards, refrigerator and closets reshaped.

Quiet Caravaner to HARRIET SCHNEIDER "You talk yourself out of a lot of the nicest listening."

After traveling 20 miles from 9 AM to 5:15 PM - Four wheel drive and out four wheel drive *+ in* and out through mud holes -- one of the younger caravanners sighs and remarked, "Mommy this is the most miserable fun I ever had in my whole life!".

You're on the road to Success, not to Cairo, when you realize 4-wheel drive is merely a detour.

Byam knew the power of following the road to 'CAIRO BY EAR'.

ITINERARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ODOMETER READING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 7/11, 1959		In Route
July 12/17	3500	Capetown, SOUTH AFRICA
July 18	3868	Oudtshoorn
July 19		Knysna
July 20	4131	Port Elizabeth
July 21	4336	Williamston -East London (Rhodes Univ.)
July 22		Umtata
July 23/29	4822	Durban
July 30	4989	Ladysmith
July 31	5103	Bethlehem
August 1/2		Bloemfontein
August 3/4		Kimberly
August 5	5624	Klerksdorp
August 6	5683	Coilgne
August 7/10	5886	Johannasburg
Aug. 11/14	6060	Pretoria
Aug. 15	6210	Machadolorf
Aug. 16/17	6509	Skukuza (Kruger Park)
Aug. 18/20	6634	Letaba
Aug. 21/24		Shingwidzi
Aug. 25	6917	Louis Trichardt
Aug. 26		Lion Elephant Hotel,
<u>SOUTH RHODESIA</u>		
Aug. 27		Zimbabwe Ruins
Aug. 28		Bulawayo - Zimbabwe
Aug. 29/30		Rhodes
Aug. 31/Sept.2		Wankie
Sept 3/6		Victoria Falls
Sept 7		?
Sept 8/10		Lusaka, Capital NO.

RHODESIA		
Sept 11		Ndola
Sept 12	8502	Mufulera
Sept 13/16		Elizabethtown <sup>VILLE</sup>
		Capitol BELGIAN CONGO
Sept 17	8830	Bunkey Mission, BEL. CONGO
Sept 18	8899	Kibo Falls
Sept 19	8982	Mitwaba
Sept 20/21	9128	Manona
Sept 22/25		Albertville
Sept 26		(Airstrip)
Sept 27	9682	Usumbura
Sept 28/Oct. 1	9832	Bukava
Oct. 2/7	10,088	Kisney
Oct. 8	10,172	Left Albert Park
Oct. 9	10,262	Lubero
Oct. 10	10,340	Beni
Oct. 11	10,524	Mambasa
Oct. 12		Putmans Cp. Pigmie Village
Oct. 13	10,607	Mt. Hoyo
Oct. 14		Beni (again)
Left for UGANDA BORDER		
Crossed Equator		
Oct. 15/16	10,855	Queen Elizabeth Park,
UGANDA		
Oct. 17	10,938	Fort Portal
Oct. 18/20	11,236	Sampala, Capitol UGANDA
Oct. 21	11,378	Tororo
Oct. 22	11,580	Kakuru
		Crossed Equator again
Oct. 23/Nov 5		Naroibi, KENYA
Nov. 6	11,968	Nanyuki
Nov. 7	12,044	North of Isiola
Nov. 8	12,178	South of Wajir
Nov. 9		25 miles North of Wajir
Nov. 10	12,403	Moyale at KENYA BORDER

Nov. 11	12,412	Mioale, ETHIOPIA
Nov. 12	12,438	"Water Hole"
Nov. 13		Camped beside Road
Nov. 14		Camped at River
Nov. 15	12,593	Camped at River
Nov. 16	12,618	"in route"
Nov. 17/19	12,661	Nagalle, ETHIOPIA
Nov. 20	12,706	"Camp road-bottom hill"
Nov. 21	12,716	"Camped side of road beyond mud hole"
Nov. 22		"Camped side of road at top of hill".
Nov. 23/24	12,740	Adola
Nov. 25	12,844	Ugalam
Nov. 26/Dec. 9	13,324	Addis Abada (Adis Abeba)
Dec. 10	13,409	Dabra Berham
Dec. 11	13,571	South of Dessie
Dec. 12	13,593	Dessie (Mussolini Pass)
Dec. 13	13,721	Alamato
Dec. 14		Quiha
Dec. 15/26		(Senafe) Asmara
Dec. 27	14,249	Agordat
Dec. 28		Tessenei/Eritrea
Dec. 29	14,420	Kassala, SUDAN
Dec. 30/31	14,508	"on desert"
Jan. 1/12	14,881	Khartoum, SUDAN
Jan. 13		"near" Shendi
Jan. 14	15,062	30 Miles south of Atbara
NUBIAN DESERT		
Jan. 15	15,116	22 Miles North of Atbarah
Jan. 16	15,206	"on Nubian Desert"
Jan. 17	15,258	Abu Hamed-Bank of Nile
Jan. 18	15,328	"on Nubian Desert"
Jan. 19	15,393	"on Nubian Desert"
Jan. 20/21	15,414	Station #4 Nubian Desert
Jan. 22	15,478	Station #1 Nubian Desert
Jan. 23/24	15,502	Wadi Halfa, EGYPT
Jan. 25/26		"on a Barge"

Jan. 27		"on a Barge" - Shalla
Jan. 28/29		Aswan
Jan, 30		Edfu
Jan. 31/Feb. 3	15,680	Luxor
Feb. 4	15,817	Sohag - <i>Sawhag</i>
Feb. 5	15,969	"Airport close to Cairo"
Feb. 6/14		Cairo.

## EPILOGUE

The Country of South Rhodesia is now Zambia.  
The Countries of North Rhodesia and Belgian Congo  
is now Zaire.

Lee Golden stayed in Beurit and went to American  
University of Beurit.

Regards to Mercedes Benz that Mr. Golden ordered.  
He paid \$320 down - Due \$3020. However, when  
he got to Cairo he wrote Mercedes Benz at Addis  
Ababa to cancel order and ask for refund.

Money that was paid to guards in Ethiopia was  
refunded to the Caravan from the Ethiopian Police  
Department.

From here their travels take them to Alexander,  
Holy Land and Europe. That however is another

ADVENTURE!