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#### VIAJE MEXICANO By Helen R. Scoredos

Chris and I decided to take Eric to Mexico with us in spite of all advice to the contrary. Eric was about 14 months old; however we reasoned that the Mexicans were rearing children, and if a certain percentage of them died along the way, still a good many achieved adulthood. The only precautions we took were with his milk (canned) and baby food. He was fed only food that could be peeled or cooked, and Water boiled for 10 minutes, a daily morning chore before we left our

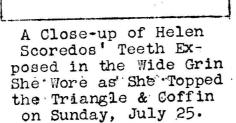
quarters for the sightseeing.
We left Texas from Laredo early one hot afternoon. After a little difficulty we passed customs and for the first time, at least for me, We left the soil of the United States. The early part of our trip was through arid desert region. Of course we had to pass through several checking stations, and were liberally supplied with papers, including travelers' permit, other identification papers, and a large red sticker saying "Tourista," which was attached to our windshield making us fair target for special services. We were very fortunate that in the We travelled on early and hottest part of our journey it was raining. the Pan American Highway all the way to Mexico City and back. Very good road but by our standards not a super highway. There are requent signs warning the driver to watch out for live stock, necessary because it is one of the most travelled of roads by pedestrians, stock, etc. Side roads do not exist, and it is safe policy to keep to the highway.

The homes and villages are quite picturesque, mostly with thatched roofs and of very light construction. One of the trings that surprised me most was the number of people everywhere, for rarely did you pass any sort of shelter that wasn't teeming. The agricultural equipment was very primitive. It was astonishing how many of the things we saw reminded me of illustrations in my grade-school geography book. scenery is superb, particularly as you go through the mountains. Many times Chris exclaimed, "That looks like an interesting climb!" But Fric and I remained firmly in our seats. As you drive the car around the hairpin curves, you see all sorts of intriguing sights such as fruit stands, homey activities in private dwellings, and little children defying all laws of sarety by rushing into the road offering bits of shells, fruits, principally bananas, which grow wild, and others. lought a red banana which was simply the most delicious thing I have ever eaten. No matter how isolated a spot seemed, we would no -coner stop our car than some Mexican would appear unobtrusively, observing our every move. There is no rubbish along the highway as there is likely to be here. Everything is confiscated and treasured by the people walking along the road. It was hard for me to grasp the vast differences in our standards of living, for the poverty was the most depressing thing we encountered. Women with small children, various handicapped persons, and little children, were always present with

their ever-pressing anything you could

Mexico City was ined--beautiful hostores, lovely parks erally relaxed, grapeople living there. the food. Once in a Were too strange for ticated palate, but pleasant. We avoided to regular tourists; a holiday in Mexico lives of the natives, ence with native cusstay home. Since fluently, we got ty, and could easily

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requests for money or

everything we had imag-.tels, office buildings, and scenery, and a gencious air among the I particularly liked while some of the sauces my relatively unsophison the whole it was very the places that catered I'm sure you could spend without touching the and as for any experi-She Wore as She Topped toms, 'you might as well Chris speaks Spanish along without difficulhave passed for native

Mexicans if it hadn't been for Eric's and my blondness. Our only regreat was that our stay was essentially a short one, and there were many places that we had to leave unvisited, not to mention the mountain climbing we could have done.

## Ups and Downs

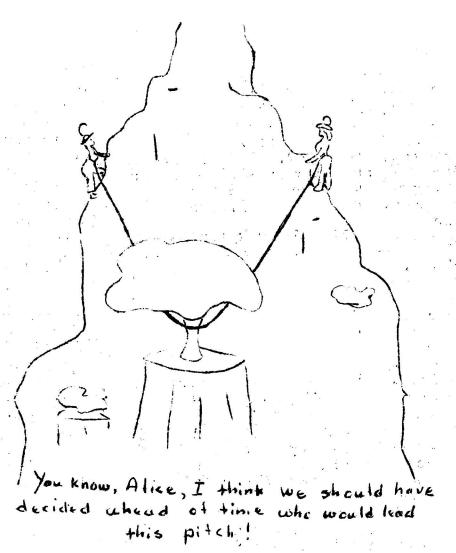
Dick Goldman Sally Lindsley

Patsy Moore Suzy Moore

Ray Moore Mike Moore Moore friends

Eleanor Tatge Sunday July 17, 1949. John Meenehan had suggested Harpers Ferry the week before, and so, altho John failed to materialize as leader for his trip, the party nevertheless drove to Loudoun Cliffs. The Weather proved fickle, and the cliffs too well soaked for any thought of serious climbing. It was decided to look for a swimmable quarry. Little success ensued. After lunch at a roadside table, it was found that quarries in the region were interdicted because of polio, and after due deliberation part of the group went to Weverton and had a dip in the muddy Potomac, which, tho brief and somewhat trying, left them at least wet.

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Helen Scoredos Eric Scoredos Dolores Alley Betty Alley

Sunday July 25, 1949. Paul's and Eleanor's rubber boats brought the group safely to Cupid's Bower Island despite considerable current in the river. Thile the mothers got the children into bathing suits, one climbing group polished up the Brown Overhang (climbed by John, Ray, Bernard B., and Paul) while another (Bernie W., Dolores, and Eleanor) climbed the Bachelor's Climb. Soon the first group arrived likewise at the Bachelor's, and Ray, Bob, and Bernie Burke made it. The Master's and the Doctor's were also climbed, the first by Dolores, Pay, John, both Bernies, Marion, Helen, & Paul; the latter by Ray, Lernie Burke, Helen, and Paul, partly before and partly after lunch, while Jo and Eleanor watched the children.

After a swim, the Sink Stopper was again put into action, and the tired and weary, wet and muddy party eventually reached their autos

and set out for their suppers.

Helen Scoredos Roger Scattergood Abbie Hammack Eric Scoredos John Meenehan Eleanor Tatge Dick Gaylord

Sunday July 30, 1949. From the Hot Shoppe two cars headed for Sucarloaf Mountain, Maryland, on a lovely clear, cool day. While John, Abbie, and Dick climbed mear the Cave, Eleanor and Roger first did some practice rappelling, then climbed thru the Cave and down the adjacent wall. A little scouting lead to another descent by Roger, who enjoyed very much exploring a route down the sheer wall at the top of the cliff just to the right of the stairway. Dick, Helen, and John took to a new activity known as "Running Noses" as they tackled a series of jutting points one after another. Eric, of course, was most energetic of all, and kept his mother and Abbie in turn on the "qui vive" keeping up with him.

#### Inside Corner

(Editor's Note: Our Sundays may average a shade less hectic, but our mailbox is simply overflowing these days! Hope you enjoy the letters as much as we do.)

From Earl Mosburg: "Arrived in Seattle June 23 after a very nice trip West. At Glacier we spent a day and a night at Many Glacier where We climbed Grinnell Point, which rises above Swiftcurrent Lake, splitting the valley in two. The 4th of July we were up Mt. Baker, and this past week end I climbed Mt. Rainier with the Seattle Mountaineers, leaving High Camp (9500 ft.) at half past midnight by moonlight. Seven hours to the summit (14,408 ft.)."

On July 11 Chris Scoredos wrote Helen from Edmonton, Alberta, that he expected to reach Jasper later in the day. This communication followed cards from Chicago, St. Paul, and Winnepeg.

On July 12 Ken Karcher, Pim, and Jane Showacre sent a card from Lake Louise extolling the comfort of the beds in their Nash and noting that they were waiting for Betty and Andy Kauffman.

Dated July 13 a card from Maligne Lake, Jasper National Park signed Ken, Pim, Jane, Andy, and Betty notes a warming up climb of Mt. Athabaska 11,452 ft. high. "We are waiting for the train to take us to Tete Jaune Cache and then we'll back-pack for 3 days to the Cariboos. P.S. If you put this in UP ROPE be sure to say that it was snowing on the top peak."

For the Hendricks party Art Lembeck dropped us a card from Jasper, B. C. on July 11. "We leave here late this afternoon, possibly in the rain. Clouds are heavy and some lightning as we came in on the train."

And from Johnnie Reed on July 10: "Just thought you might like to know that our pie-wagon held together and we finally made it to McKinley Park, in spite of hell, high water, mosquitoes, and the Alaska the hway, not to mention the perversities of a Survey field car. The

trip up the highway was really heart-breaking--so many nountains to be climbed and no time to climb them. I had to be satisfied with taking lots of pictures and climbing them through the field glasses.

"So far we haven't had a chance to get back into the Park very much, but the climbing possibilities visible from here are enough to keep a good many climbers busy for about twenty years. Among other things we have a mountain right outside our tent that looks for all the world like Old Rag--if you could stack Old Rag on top of itself bout half a dozen times. Through an unfortunate combination of circumstances I haven't had a chance to get in any real climbing yet, but I still have hopes. My two chief difficulties seem to be:

1. There is an average of about one mosquito per cubic centimeter

of air.

2. Nylon is soluble in the only type of mosquito repellent that we have.

Perhaps you can offer a suggestion!

"According to the June 22 UP ROPE, the Washington Rock Climbers are going to have the mountains in British Columbia outnumbered. Why don't you get them to come up here where we've got some real mountains?

"Do you suppose you could afford to mail my UP ROPE up here for

"Do you suppose you could afford to mail my UP ROPE up here for the summer. I'll be real sure to pay you back - the very next time you

belay me up the Spiderwalk."

"P. S. You may be interested to know that I developed an entirely new mountaineering technique the other day--quite by accident! We were coming down from doing some geology on one of the low peaks near here when I decided it would be easier walking in a long snow gully that led down one side of the ridge. It was--for the first three steps. Then my feet went out from under me, I landed on where my rappel patch should have been, and I took off down the mountain like a bob-sled, steering with my geologic pick. I got down the mountain in about two minutes, but I spent two hours trying to warm up certain exposed parts of my anatomy and the next week sewing a new seat in my pents.

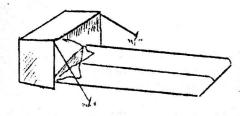
"I also got a glimpse of McKinley the other day. I am not going

up it with my four carabiners."

At the end of July Dick Goldman and Joe Walsh of Philadelphia headed West for fun in the Selkirks. Incidentally, we omitted Joe Walsh's name from the Ups and Downs climbing list for Sunday, July 3. Yes, he was out at Sugarloaf Mountain with the rest of the gang. It was most inadvertent, Joe, and we humbly beg your pardon!

Gus Gambs had a fascinating interview with a charming lady reporter from the Sunday STAR which he will long remember. She wanted to know about climbing and about the Washington Rock Climbers, and Gus was certainly the man to tell her. Another of our climbers, Art Lembeck is getting himself in the STAR too, we hear. He and Win are to appear in the Magazine Section, and in color on the cover, as typical P.A.T.C. hikers, on Sunday, August 14.

And last but not least, the Conns are settling down! We hear by the grapevine that they've bought 10 acres in South Dakota. (Please forgive us, Mrs. Bien, for referring to you as a grapevine!)



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Page 2 Camp & Trail Equipment Style Item Price PACKS AND RUCKSACKS 30 Rucksack, grey airplane duck, aluminum frame, 2 side pockets, one back pocket, zipper pocket in cover top. \$ 24.95 30A 23.95 31 6.00 32 Weekender pack grey airplane duck, leather shoulder and pocket straps, one outside pocket 9" x 15", overall size 17 x 19. . . 6.95 33 Mountain Pack, forest green canvas, size 14 x 18, outside pockets 6 x 7, leather shoulder straps with snap on hooks. . . . . 5.25 34 Cruising Pack, grey airplane duck, all leather straps, size 22 x 22, 2 side pockets, 7 x 12 x 2. . . . . . . 7.95 34A 7.25 341 Rucksack 12 x 13, 2 outside pockets, web carrying strap. . . . 3.50 35 Viennese, belt or shoulder bag, 9x 10, outside pocket with zipper, 7 x 8, colors: Navy, Red, Natural, Black . . . . . . 3.00 36 Swiss, belt pack, same colors as #35 but no zipper pocket. . . 2.75 37 Lunch Pack, green canvas, 13 x 16, web straps. . . . . . . 4.50 38 2.75 39 2.50 301 Bike Bag, a double saddle bag, each pack 11 x 12, heavy grey duck, leather straps......... 6.75 302 Gypsy Bike Bag, for saddle or handle bar, 7 x 9 x 12, strong reinforced 2 side pockets...... 7.95 303 Belt Bags, heart shaped, in all colors, edges bound, zipper. . 2.95 304 Pad, shoulder canvas covered foam rubber, to slide on pack • • • • pair 1.95 STOVES 40 Primus pocket gasoline, with case size 3 x 5 x 5 wgt 1 lbs. . 6.50 41 Primus collapsible kerosene stove, brass, 8x8x4-3/4, wt.3 lbs. 9.50 42 Coleman Pocket Stove, the favorite of hikers . . . . . . 9.95 43 Coleman Camp Stove #425, two burner........ 9.95 44 Coleman Camp Stove #413C, two burner . . . . .

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51	Nested mess kit, alu., pot with handle, cup with finger	gether into one unit \$1.60		
	hole, plate & pan fit into single unit with canvas bag	502 Like #501 with set screw holder 2.00		
	and carrying strap 2.75	503 Fork & spoon with set screw80		
52	Alu. cup with finger hole25	504 Pot lifter, alu., self locking50		
53	Alu. one quart canteen with canvas cover & shoulder strap 2.75	505 Camp knife with can opener, screw driver, cap lifter & punch 1.10		
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56	Swiss Alu. fuel bottle, 1 pt. 1.50	60 Sheath knives from \$1.15 to 2.50		
57	Same as #55 but larger 1.40			
58	Egg holder, alu65	61 Ax, small with carrying sheath 1.25		
59	Salt & Pepper, alu. one piece .65	62 Knife, one blade push button spring type		
	<u>Books</u>			
70 71	CAMP CATERING by Louise & Joel Hildebrand			
72	THE BOOK FOR JUNIOR WOODSMEN, by B. S. Mason			
73	WOODCRAFT, by B. S. Mason, 580 pages			
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				
80	Flashlight, angle type to carry on belt, 2 bat.incl. 1.20	86 Rawhide 72" laces		
81	Flashlight, with two batteries 1.35	88 Saddle Soap		
82	Flashlight, 5 cell, incl 4.25	801 Compass, pocket, watch type . 1.40		
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84	Focal ray, large, stands on bracket, no battery 3.35	803 Hood of same material 1.95		
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