



Sophie (right) shows Virginia, the author's wife, some of the Sevadas' trophies. Introduced to trailering less than a year ago, the Sevadas are completely sold on this mode of travel. Hailing from Arizona, they are now visiting Florida for 3 months

By WALLACE GORE

I FIRST MET Morris and Sophie Sevada at a square dance in Sarasota, Florida, where Morris was busy calling for an enthusiastic group of square dancers known as "The Freelancers." He made such a big hit that he was back again with the same group just two weeks later, and it was at this time I learned that both Morris and Sophie are also enthusiastic trailerists.

Between dance numbers we had a chance to exchange a few words on trailering, and I was invited to pay them a visit at the park they consider their winter base while Morris is "calling" throughout Florida, the Crescent Lake Mobile Estates, at Riverview, which is only 10 miles southeast of Tampa.

I was really amazed at the natural beauty of their park. Live oaks, festooned with Spanish moss, grow just everywhere, and none had been removed to make way for a "square" trailer park. Roads meander back and forth, and mobile homes with their concrete patios are spotted every which way to take advantage of the natural contour of the land and to avoid the large trees.

While it was late in the morning when Virginia and I arrived, Morris and Sophie were just recovering from a big dance held the night before. Their 26-footer had been placed beside a patio without shade, one of the few such spots in the park, and I assume it was to make the Sevadas

feel more at home, since they are used to the "wide-open spaces."

Morris and some of his neighbors had planned a game of golf on a nearby course, but he was very patient in answering my probing questions regarding his background and the experiences that led to his becoming one of America's outstanding square dance callers, demanding and getting a fee of one hundred dollars a night plus his expenses.

Morris was born near Gallup, New Mexico. His father was of Spanish descent, and his mother was a Navaho. He graduated from the Fort Wingate, N. M. Indian School, and later studied voice under Clarence Taptoka, the noted Hopi Indian tenor. Morris has been called "The Golden Voice of the Colorado River Indians."

It was twelve years ago that Morris and Sophie learned to square dance and, gradually, Morris started calling at local dances. Five years ago he decided to turn professional, and his well-trained voice as well as his repertoire of both patter and singing calls have made him a real success in this field.

Morris and Sophie own a 160-acre ranch near the town of Poston, Arizona. This is about 10 miles southwest of Parker, on the Colorado Indian Reservation. Their principal crops are cotton and alfalfa, and in addition they have raised two handsome children. Their

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daughter recently graduated from one of our eastern colleges, and the son is connected with the Indian agency in Parker.

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Sophie pointed out that prior to owning their trailer they had to spend nights in motels and eat in unknown restaurants when they were on a calling tour. Since square dances rarely break up until 11 p.m., and a "bull session" usually follows, they like to loll around the following morning. In motels this wasn't possible,

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Art Costello, President of Airstream, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, Calif. announced the appointment of I. E. "Gil" Gilbert as Sales Manager for the western Airstream Company. Gil has been with Airstream for the last five years starting as a foreman in the cabinet and mill shop, then as manager of the service and repair department, and most recently he has been handling customer relations.

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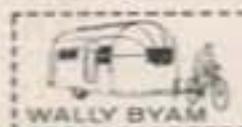
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We've had a lot of experiences on the way. I'm sure no group of travelers has ever enjoyed such a variety of hospitality. We have spent the night near the fires of a camel caravan, we have filled our water tanks from the well in a desert oasis, we have been house-guests of a tribal chieftain who greeted us in a formal English garden to the strains of weird native chants—the royal music that must be played for the ears of the chief 24 hours a day. When we moved indoors for refreshments, the musicians stationed themselves outside an open window. They seem to work in shifts with a new man replacing one who gets tired or blown out.

We have sampled "mealie meal" in the rendezvous of the Zulus, and very fancy Hors d'oeuvres and petit fours in the home of the Begum of the late Aga Khan, when we visited her near Aswan on the Nile. We've also cooked up a lot of new things in our own Airstreams, our ladies have developed their favorite recipes for kudu and antelope, and for getting more variety out of the native fruits and vegetables. I wouldn't be telling the truth, if I didn't admit that it was a wonderful change of pace for us to have American food, entertainment, and friends when we stopped at the Army base in Asmara, but after that breath of home, we were ready to continue our pioneering.

In addition, we have camped at night in the wild animal country where we were lulled to sleep by a chorus of coughs, grunts and howls. Traffic hazards here were mostly elephants, who have an undisputed right of way. There isn't a Caravanner who hasn't seen every animal he came to see—lions, elephants and monkeys by the score, and thousands upon thousands of giraffe, zebra, and antelope.

We've met the many people of Africa. The Zulus, the Johannesburg "Mine Boys" who can be from any tribe or area, the Bantus, the Watutsi and the Pygmies, the Ethiopians and the Egyptians. We've exchanged ideas with chiefs with Oxford accents who are heads of areas as large as any of our States, and we've done our best with simple words and phrases to communicate with village elders who have little contact with anything farther than five miles away. We've compared notes with British colonials in cities and remote outposts, noticed the differences between the policy of one foreign government and another, and found out the rewards and difficulties of conducting a business in this tremendous area. We have learned for ourselves some of the facts about the continent of Africa. We are proud to be the first group ever to make this overland trek, to have proved once more that an Airstream makes this kind of travel possible. We know that others will follow behind us—that has been the history of Caravanning. We feel a great sense of accomplishment in opening up new roads of adventure for other Land Yachtsmen. For all of us on the Africa Caravan, Capetown to Cairo has been the biggest thrill of our lives.—*Advertisement*



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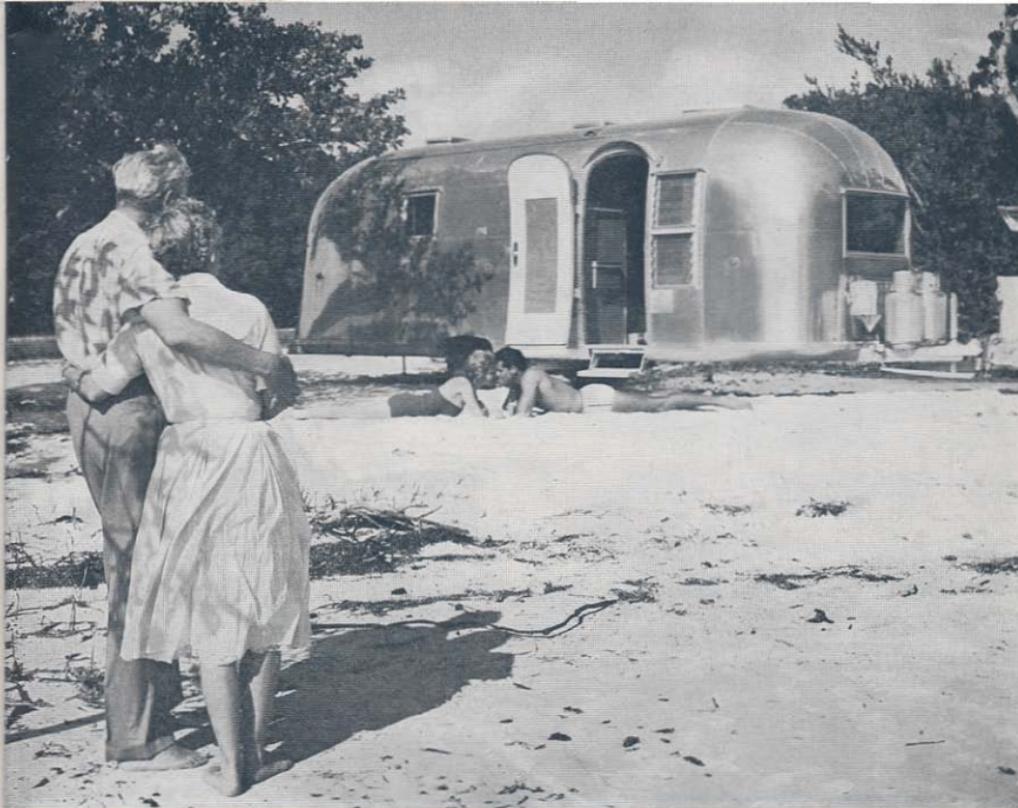
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We have passed towns that look for all the world like a fortress of the French Foreign Legion—white houses, white fortress-type buildings and white minarets. The water in many places is very brackish—almost too salty to drink.

On the trip from Nairobi to Neghelli we learned quite a bit about getting a Caravan over roads that aren't roads. For instance we have found out that 16 men, 20 women and 9 children on the end of a rope have much more power than an extra truck with supposedly 160 HP. We've been traveling with 10 Ethiopians guards and you have never seen such flabbergasted people in all your lives as these guards watching these Americans work. When we come to a place in the road that we just can't negotiate, we all pitch in with picks and shovels, the women carry buckets of dirt and in pretty fast order we repair the road. The going was slow, slogging and tiresome.

Yet these Caravanners have what it takes. Give them a little rest and all their fight comes back. After a day in which we might make only 7 or 8 miles, they would still throw a pot luck supper. One night we bought a complete whole steer for \$8 and cut it up and everybody got out his pressure cooker and fixed up a big pot of Hunters stew. Then we had a bonfire and singing and a typical Caravan evening.

Here in Ethiopia we have passed through the most primitive country we've found anywhere in Africa. About 100 miles south of Addis Ababa there is a district where the people go around dressed in skins, actually, honestly and truthfully. Just some skins hanging on the front and back of them and the little kids, boys and girls, don't wear any clothes at all. They live from the herds—cattle, camels and burros. They don't seem to raise very much. Very primitive people, but quite intelligent and good looking. This is a beautiful country, one of the most beautiful parts of Africa.

Addis Ababa is at 8,000 feet altitude, and the days are warm and the nights are as cold as the dickens.

We are parked in the Racetrack here and everybody is beginning to catch his breath and get cleaned up. We've sent out the laundry, replenished our grocery supplies, and are ready to entertain visitors again. All of Haile Selasse's grandchildren came to see us—each one with his pet lion. And we have been invited to the palace and His Majesty is going to come and see the Caravan. You should see our midwestern ladies doing Queen Elizabeth curtsies when we meet the royalty. Imagine the stories they are going to tell their grandchildren about how they were entertained by The Conquering Lion of Judah, 225th in line of descent from Solomon and Sheba. I'm sure this could only happen to them on a Caravan. *Advertisement*

AFRICAN VILLAGE WELCOMES BYAM CARAVAN



In the Belgian Congo, the Africa Caravanners have met native chiefs in their ceremonial robes, have watched a real witch doctor perform his strange rituals, have visited with pygmies, and have traveled through Tarzan-like jungle.

They have negotiated mountain roads so curving and narrow that traffic is controlled by natives—living alongside the road at regular intervals—who beat on oil drums to stop vehicles coming in the opposite direction.

In contrast to the native villages, Caravanners have been astonished at the modern cities. They have found that "siesta" is also a part of the business day in African cities and have had to adjust their shopping hours. Along the road, the natives will bargain at any hour. While they cannot understand each other, Caravanners and natives can arrive at a price by writing figures in the dirt. If the amount offered is not enough the native draws a line through the figure and writes down his price. This continues until both agree. The dusty side of an Airstream makes a good place for this haggling, say the Caravanners.

The Caravan's next stops will be in Uganda and Kenya.

Land Yachting

WITH
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Nairobi, Kenya, Africa—The big jump is now ahead of us. We've just about run out of roads in Africa and from here we'll be going north by guess and by gosh. What roads we've had lately have been pretty poor, very washboardy, sometimes the best we could average was 15 mph. But we have all made it to Nairobi, only a couple of days behind our schedule.

We were stopped on the road by a tribe of Pygmies in the Belgian Congo and visited in one of their "villages." If we thought the mud-walled grass shacks of other natives were primitive, the way the Pygmies build their shelters is really something. They make a kind of igloo out of big leaves, piling one on top of the other until they have enough to keep off the rain. They do all their cooking—such as it is—out of doors. About the only thing they do well at all, is shoot their bows and arrows. They put on an "archery match" for us, and a lot of the Caravanners bartered for the bows as souvenirs to take home.

This business of souvenirs is quite a thing with Caravanners. Even in a Land Yacht you can fill all the closets and drawers if you buy enough baskets, beadwork, carved wooden animals, spears, shields and bows and arrows. We've already had one "white elephant" sale where everyone sorted out his collection and decided that he'd have to get rid of some items so he'd have room to buy something more tomorrow, or maybe so he'd be able to get into his bed tonight. It takes so long to go through all the red tape to send a package home that some of the Aunt Minnies are just going to have to do without the real native whatsis their Caravanner wanted to send back.

As we leave Nairobi we are going to need complete supplies of food, water and gasoline. We don't know what we are going to find along the way. While the Caravan cleaned up and stocked up in this modern city, I flew up to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to tell them the Caravan was coming. The big thing the officials up there couldn't understand was why we were coming. We must have more of a reason than just to see their country and meet their people. "Tourist" is a word they just don't know. Guess none of them can afford to be tourists, and no one comes to Ethiopia without some motive. I hope the Caravan can teach a few Ethiopians that knowing about a country and its way is enough of a reason for one people to visit another. Maybe we can show them the value of making friends for friendship sake. Evidently the government is so worried about outside groups coming in to "educate the masses" that they can't believe we have no axes to grind or literature to hand out. Anyway, they finally stamped all our papers and we have been cleared to enter the country. I'm sure they are going to be amazed by the Caravan.

As I said Nairobi is really modern. Some of the architecture is very much like the buildings of the University of Mexico, but there is no free mail service here, so no one bothers to put his address in the phone book—just a number for a box where he goes and picks up the mail. So if you want to go to a particular shop, you have to call up and ask where it is located—they never heard of the "yellow pages" either. And if you are out where there is no phone, you hail a "boy" in the street, give him the name, and ask him to guide you to the place.

One thing about Nairobi that was a real "first" for me. They warned me not to ride my motor scooter outside the city limits or the lions might get me. That's the truth. The lions roam the roads outside and they're no longer frightened by the scooters.

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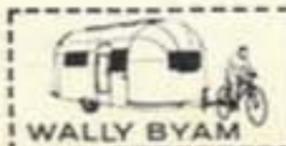


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Land Yachting



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Istanbul, Turkey—Well, the Caravan has completed its tour of the Holy Land and I think most of them would agree with me that it is one of those areas you probably should see once, but in many respects we found it rather depressing. Our reaction was against the tremendous commercializing on religion. In our group were a number of Caravanners who have been students of the Bible all their lives and they were particularly interested in seeing the places that are familiar to them in the same way as our national shrines. But while there is only one Mt. Vernon and one Lincoln Monument—over here we found two or three places all claiming to be the one and only tomb of Christ. The same thing was true about a lot of the other landmarks in the Bible. So, while it is interesting to have been there, we don't have any real satisfaction that we saw what we came to see.

Another thing is that most of the places you go to see are down in holes in the ground and you have to buy and carry your own candle if you are going to see anything at all. It is dank and unpleasant and I wonder why they don't take some of the money they charge and get a few oil or gasoline lanterns. If they are going to be in the business of exploiting these sacred spots—why don't they do it with a little more comfort for the spectators.

After Egypt, Beirut was cold. Somehow you never think of this part of the world as being anything but blazing with sun. We actually had to get anti-freeze and put it in our radiators, and in some places where we went over mountains we drove along between snow on either side of the road.

In Damascus the thing we remember the most is the covered streets. They put up big iron poles and support a roof over the whole street, there are nearly 12 miles of such streets in Damascus. Then, of course, practically all the business of the town is done in these dark tunnels. It's hard to see what you want to buy and everything is all mixed up with books next to fish and vegetables next to rugs.

In Syria we parked one night near one of the huge water wheels that they have used for irrigation since the days of the Romans. They must have re-built and re-built the wheels in all these years, but the design and the system is still the same. Some of them are as big as 100' in diameter.

Turkey was green and beautiful where we crossed the border, and the roads were good. We could travel along at a nice, comfortable 45 mph. It was a relief to be able to read the road signs again because, while they speak Arabic, they write it with our kind of letters so we could tell where we were and find the towns we wanted to visit.

As we came into Istanbul there was a real procession waiting to welcome us with a band and marchers in costumes, even suits of armor. And lots of flags and banners on long poles with ornamental tops shaped like the domes on the minarets. We certainly got the full treatment.

The people have been pretty nice to us in most places. There have been a few unfortunate incidents, but generally we have been well received. And there has been the usual tremendous curiosity about our Land Yachts. We certainly can't blame them for wanting to see what they look like inside since they have never even dreamed of anything like what we take for granted. After you have sampled a couple of the inevitable mutton stews that constitute the menus in even the good restaurants, then you are really glad you can do your own cooking and are not dependent on the local fare. We're grateful every day that we travel independent of the things that make other tourists so unhappy.

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Land Yachting



WITH
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Khartoum, Sudan, Africa—Those of us on the Africa Caravan have had an interesting set of holidays. While our stay-at-home friends have been visiting with the relatives, we have celebrated in the most remote cities any of us have ever dreamed of visiting. Our Thanksgiving dinner was prepared by Ethiopian cooks in Addis Ababa, Christmas carols were heard by Caravanners in Asmara, Eritrea, and we welcomed the New Year here in Khartoum.

For the youngsters with us these holidays will be remembered long after all the more normal ones have merged into one general memory. The fact that they could enjoy our American holidays so far from home will give them a broader outlook for the rest of their lives. They will never regard the rest of the world as a nebulous "out there" kind of place having no connection with them. And because this trip is not taking place in the quick fashion of a summer vacation, it is not an isolated experience, a separate segment of a year. Our kind of travel is real mobile living. We live each day on a routine in many ways similar to the way we would live at home—but the scenery changes, the houses of the people look different, the shopkeepers do business in a language that is not our own, and we must learn to live in this new environment.

Even for such experienced Airstream travelers as these Africa Caravanners, the last months have been rugged. We were truly thankful when we sat down to eat what passes for turkey in Addis Ababa, and we had a real Christmas in Asmara because we were taken in by the Army Base there and allowed to shop in their PX. After all this time, the ladies were awfully glad to see familiar labels on the cans! We all got out our best bibs and tuckers to go to a formal dance at the Officers' Club, and generally rested and relaxed for the next push north.

The drive to Asmara from Addis Ababa was one of the most spectacular we have ever made. The road was good but very steep as we wound up over the 10,000-ft. passes. Our average speed was about 5 miles an hour and with a series of switchbacks going up the mountain we could look up and see Caravanners, and we could look down and see Caravanners. The Caravan really looked like a silver snake inching out of Ethiopia.

Our campsite in Khartoum is one of the most beautiful any Caravan has ever enjoyed. We are parked on the shores of the Blue Nile under sheltering trees. As we head into the Nubian desert we will carry with us the thought of this pleasant, soothing encampment, because for the next weeks our only scenery will be sand. Once again the Caravan is starting off on a trip that is pure pioneering. When I watch the Caravanners tackle a project like this, I'm convinced that the spirit that took the wagon trains west isn't dead in America, it's there just waiting for an opportunity to show itself.

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Beirut, Lebanon—Our African adventures are over, and adventures we certainly did have. In many ways we are glad to have reached the goal we set for ourselves, and it's still too soon to say that we'd like to go back, but I'm sure that as our memories mellow, we will find ourselves reminiscing about certain places that appealed to us most—and beginning to consider a return visit. It happens after every Caravan and I know this one will be no exception.

While we African veterans are establishing a base camp from which to tour the Holy Land, we know just what the Caravanners who are going to meet us in Europe are doing. This is the time for the last minute packing, the farewell parties, and the day of departure when everything is finally done and you hitch up your outfit, turn the key in the front door and head for the highway to the rendezvous.

Behind the scenes a great deal of activity has already gone on to prepare for this 1960 Caravan to Europe. Ben Kemperman, the Tour Director, has just made a second trip to visit all the cities where the Caravan will park. He has checked all the campsites and alerted the local suppliers of the things we will need. He has informed officials of the date the Caravan will arrive and has arranged for police escort where we must go through crowded or confusing cities. Ben's many languages are invaluable here and because he knows his way around Europe so well, we are sure all our hosts know all about us and are waiting to welcome the Caravan.

From Beirut I flew over to Paris to confer with Ben about any last-minute problems, and was happy to find that nothing that can be done is left undone. We're all set to have a wonderful summer in Europe. We think each new tour of an area better than the one before. Probably the group who went to Europe in 1956 will say nothing could beat their trip, but there are some new features for 1960 that the Caravanners are going to enjoy. For one thing, they are all going to sail on the same ship and will have a chance to get acquainted and organized even before they land in Rotterdam. And this year we will see the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau that is presented only every ten years. We'll be in Rome when the Olympics get underway, too.

Of course, every summer there is an extra added attraction in Europe. Last year it was the Brussels Fair. This year it is the Passion Play and the Olympics. We don't know yet what will make 1962 a special year, but so many Caravanners have already asked when the next Caravan will go to Europe, that we are seriously considering making this one of our regular tours in the even numbered years.

For us at Airstream and at Caravan Headquarters, it's not too soon to start planning. We know that when this 1960 group gets back home in the fall and spreads the word about the fact that they didn't have to worry about reservations, and they didn't have to pass up any of the places they wanted to see because there were no rooms available, and that they were never sick a minute because they could fix their own food—then there are going to be a lot more people who will want to travel the Land Yacht way. So we'll all be working hard getting ready to roll more Caravans to the same places and to new places. As soon as we find out what Caravanning in the Holy Land is like we may add that to our schedule. The Indian Tourist Department is sending us all their most enticing literature. If you are going to be along, now is the time to get started.—
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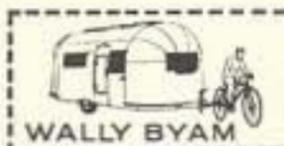
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I have been working on three "do-it-yourself" articles dealing with travel-trailer modernization, installing septic tanks, and marine toilets, pressure water systems, gas refrigerators and water heaters. Would you be interested in such?

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THE CONGO

On the overland trek from Capetown in southern Africa to Cairo in the north the Wally Byam African Caravan spent many weeks in the Congo. That was a little over a year ago. The Belgians were still there. It was a beautiful prosperous and peaceful land. Unlike most of the rest of Africa which is on the dry and arid side, the Congo is green and lush and fertile. There are rivers and streams and lakes. There is ample rainfall. Although much of the Congo is the jungle that you have read about, there is far more tillable land than in any other part of Africa. There are many prosperous farms producing coffee, tea, cotton, vegetables. We even met an American woman who had a beautiful farm raising pyrethrum flowers used in insecticides.

There are roads throughout the Congo, some better than others, but all quite passable.

Some of the most beautiful towns in all Africa were in the Congo. Take Bukavu for instance on Lake Kiva. I remember it as the most beautiful small city I have ever seen. It can be best described as a Swiss village situated in the locale of Tahiti. Beautiful beyond belief. There were good well-stocked stores, excellent restaurants with French chefs, lovely residential districts. I wonder what has happened to it now.

But we shall principally remember the Congo as a land of friendly people. We drove through the overhanging jungle roads, mile after mile and days on end with the natives lining each side of the road, waving and dancing excitedly and shouting in Swahili, the universal native language of Africa. The cry was always "Jambo" which like Aloha means both Hello and Goodbye. We soon adopted "Jambo" as the greeting slogan of the African Caravan. Through the weeks we came to know the friendly people real well. We talked with them in sign language, traded with them, all kinds of our junk for their junk. Many a night we stayed with them in their villages because they offered a level place to park. We never thought of being afraid. Unlike the natives of some other parts of Africa the natives of the Congo are not cruel to man or beast. They are not savages. They are only childish. They know very very little about the ways of civilization. Like this for instance—I encountered a native who spoke a little English and hired him as a guide to take me to a bank. As we left he said "We Africans want the same privileges a white man has. We want to go into a bank like you do, sign a piece of paper and come out with a pocket full of money. I tried to explain the situation to him for a long time but got no place

When we were there the Belgians told us that when they would leave the natives would go back to their centuries old tribal wars. And that is exactly what has happened. But with a difference. The difference is the communistic influence.

For many months, even years, and still today the Russian radio has been booming into Africa with incessant propaganda in all the native tongues. Their propagandists in person school native leaders in the ways of communism. Communism has an appeal to their simple minds. It is a sixty four dollar problem for the Western world.

The best solution I can think of is for some of America's enlightened Negro leaders to show them the way, with a lot of economic help from the democratic nations.



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BY BURRO THRU THE HOLY LAND

The Wally Byam Caravan in its trek from Capetown to Cairo and then on into Europe by way of Jerusalem, Istanbul and Trieste, of course passed thru the Holy Land or Bible Land from practically one end to the other. Because we could not get permission from the governments involved to pass directly over the road from Cairo to Jerusalem and Jordan, we went to Alexandria and took ships to Beirut and Lebanon.

From Beirut we went up the hill to the Cedars of Lebanon and then down the other side to Damascus in Syria. From Damascus we went to Amman in Jordan, known sometimes as Philadelphia. From Amman to the Dead Sea and Jericho. Then up the hill to Jerusalem. We made a base camp in Jerusalem on a level place on a slope of the Mount of Olives. From this base camp, we used our cars to see the district around Jerusalem and in some cases, chartered buses. Now the difficulty with seeing this very interesting district in a car or a bus, is that the transportation moves too fast.

Two things are required to really enjoy the Bible Country. The first is a knowledge of the Bible itself and the second is a terrific imagination. You see, the Bible Country is not today exactly like it was in the time of Christ. The same hills are there and the same sky. The geographical places are in a general way the same location, but all of the little things—the buildings, the roads, the trees are undoubtedly changed a great deal.

Now it so happens that I am an old time burro man. I just love burros. I got acquainted with them real intimately in the days when I spent all my vacations on walking and burro trips in the high Sierras. In fact, I still have two burros today, pets that I wouldn't part with for anything on earth. It so happens that there are lots of burros in Northern Africa and all thru the Bible Country. The Bible characters used them, and the population today uses them. They have a much better saddle than we have. So much better that I bought a couple. A burro has exactly the right speed to see the Holy Land with. What amazes me is why some church organization or some tourist group has not long ago organized burro tours of the Holy Land. You could walk up the hills or down the hills as you normally do with a burro and then get on and ride on the level sections. With a burro, you can stop when you want to, there is no parking problem and you have plenty of time to dream, and believe me, it takes a lot of dreaming to really try to picture today what transpired in Christ's time. For instance, the burro trip from Jerusalem to Bethlehem would be a wonderful thing to do. You could really see the country and really enjoy it. It would be a very simple matter to hire burros—there are plenty of them, gentle and capable. I'm sure you could hire the burro and his owner for a fair amount a day or week. By burro, you could go up the hill to Bethlehem, across the Shepherd's field, just as many of the natives do today and just as the Bible characters must have done. It is much more beautiful that way than to go around the paved roads that the auto traffic follows. You could even ride and walk by burro transportation from Jerusalem up over the hill and down again to Jericho, then on to the Jordan River and follow the river down to the Dead Sea, and spend your time snooping around the Dead Sea. You might even find some more Dead Sea scrolls. Also, from Jerusalem you could walk thru the gates into Israel (they will let you do that), hire another burro in Israel and spend a lot of time dreaming and exploring the country around Galilee, where Christ lived so many years. You could then fly out of Israel or take a boat from Tel Aviv. You are not allowed to go into any Arab country with an Israeli stamp in your passport.

Someday, I'm going to take this burro trip thru the Holy Land. As I grow older, it's more my speed anyway, and it will be a lot more fun than the way the average tourist does it today.

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WINTER TRAVEL

We have just purchased a 22-foot Airstream 1956 Model. We are planning our first long trip with it in late February and will be gone three weeks. We are ski enthusiasts and will haul the Airstream from Wisconsin to Salt Lake City via U.S. highway 30. Thence to Las Vegas and Phoenix. We would appreciate any advice or information your readers could give us on winter travel—if and how to winterize the trailer, etc. We will look for a trailer park in Murray, Utah as Murray is closest to the road going up to Alta where we ski. If anyone has any information regarding any special parks we'd be happy to hear about them.

We will pull the trailer with a 1959 Mercury station wagon with automatic transmission and Eaz-Lift hitch. Interested in knowing how this combination will take the mountain passes.

We had hoped to visit Aspen, Colorado but hesitated pulling a trailer over Loveland Pass in winter.

We are new subscribers to your fine magazine and enjoy it immensely. Thank you for listening!

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AIRSTREAM'S AFRICA CARAVAN



Africa Caravan shares a "lunch stop" with a camel caravan near Luxor, Egypt. After the trek north from Kenya, caravanners could understand why the camel is still favored for transportation in this part of the world



As Wally Byam says, "Luxor has it all over anything Hollywood can do. You know you're seeing the real thing." Caravanners spent days exploring the ancient temples on the site of Thebes, before going on to Cairo



This Airstream was the first member of the Africa Caravan to ride on the Avenue of Sphinxes, which at one time connected the Great Temple of Amon at Karnak with the Temple of Luxor, six miles away, on the Nile

■ ON FEBRUARY 6TH, 1960, the Wally Byam Africa Caravan wagonwheeled in the shadow of the Great Pyramid at Gizeh, just outside Cairo, and two days later they were parked right in the city on the site of the old Shepard's Hotel. They had successfully accomplished the south to north crossing of the Dark Continent. It was not "a breeze" but their eight-month long adventure was an unforgettable trip. Most of the Caravanners were agreed that the high spot was their reception by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, but even after leaving Addis Ababa, their days were packed with new experiences. One day they boarded the little Egyptian sailboats used as ferries across the Nile, and went to visit the Begum de Aga Khan. They found her a charming and gracious hostess, and were

all delighted with the opportunity to see her lovely home.

After the Nubian desert crossing, accomplished by 8 Airstreams, while the rest went north to Wadi Halfa by train, all of the Caravanners voted to ship north on the Nile by barge. They felt, and rightly so, that they had proved they could go through any kind of terrain, but that it took too much pushing and pulling, especially since they were on a pleasure trip. Caravan-type activities went on as each barge with its load of 4 or 5 units proceeded down the Nile. Usually 2 or 3 barges traveled together, anchoring near the shore at night. Caravanners would gather in the evening to talk and plan, and there was even a typical Caravan potluck—served in the

middle of the Nile somewhere between Wadi Halfa and Shellal, Egypt.

A real treat for the Caravan was the sight of paved roads to take them the rest of the way north after they debarked. They hurried on to Luxor where they spent several days exploring the magnificent temples there and at nearby Karnak. In fact, most of them wished they had more time to spend in this area. But the Caravan was long overdue in Cairo.

From Cairo they drove to Alexandria and shipped to Beirut, Lebanon, to begin a new Caravan episode. After exploring the sights of the Holy Land they will circle around the Mediterranean through Syria, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia before meeting the European Caravan in Trieste, Italy.



Bill and Edna Hislop, owners and friendly hosts of the Alsea Bay City Trailer Park

Going South With The Tides

By THOMAS N. HIBBEN



The author and his wife say good-bye to Bill Hislop as they depart from his park. The Hislops are always on hand to bid their guests farewell



The avenue of firs in the Alsea Bay Trailer Park, Oregon. The park was designed and built by its owners, and at present has about 60 spaces

THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY was breaking over the forested slopes of the lofty Cascades when we finished our last sip of morning coffee before hitching up our Airstream for a vacation in Oregon's southland. The morning was cool, clear and beautiful, and the usually busy thoroughfare of the Seattle-Portland freeway was minus the heavy and fast moving traffic, which was a relief.

There is something about the wee hours of the morning that gives a lot of pep to a motor and the response of the Plymouth to the accelerator was excellent. In fact, the Airstream seemed to be racing us rather than trailing. We passed farmhouses, fields, picturesque streams, wooded hills and arrived at the great Columbia River where the freeway follows the river to Portland. We found a very interesting sight in a large freighter making its way to the port of Portland. Another, fully loaded, was going down the river to the sea. From Portland we turned south to the Oregon coast.

It would be the utopia of all vacations if you could drift aimlessly for a given period of time, planning nothing but enjoying all things. Unfortunately, circum-

stances never seem to be exactly this way. There are itineraries, places to stop, miles to travel and many things to do, therefore, a schedule, the bug-a-boo in all vacations. In our book there is one portion of this particular trip where schedules always go snafu and that is the Oregon Coast Highway 101. Somehow, time slips away without one realizing it. There are the beaches, the great rolling waves, seal rocks, sea lions, the countless bird rookeries, agates, odd looking driftwood and, of course, hundreds of pictures to take.

So it was that we found ourselves late in the day some miles distant from the Alsea Bay Trailer Park where we planned to stop for the night. When we finally arrived it was very late. The spaces were gone, but Bill Hislop, the owner-manager, made a place for us.

Bill and Edna Hislop designed and built the Alsea Bay Trailer Park at the north end of the Alsea Bay Bridge. However, they will disagree with you when you say "planned." They say it just grew out of the woodland. This is perhaps true, because they have planted trees, and shrubs and placed rocks, forming a land-

scape that is pleasant to look at and be in.

Bill and his wife retired some years ago and took up trailering. They toured the United States, Canada and Mexico, and then decided to settle down on Alsea Bay and do a little fishing, a little hunting, and quietly enjoy life. But once you are bitten by the trailer bug, you never get over it. The Hislops thought it would be nice to have a few trailers around, and that was the beginning of the park. As the years went by they added a few spaces at a time until now they have approximately sixty. People who visit this park seem to like it and many overnight stops turn into two- or three-week stays. Some people move from Tucson and Phoenix to spend the entire summer here.

In every well planned vacation there are certain ingredients that are important. Those are the things that spell pleasure, contentment and interest. We have found, as have many others, that the Oregon coast line with its scenes and adventure and Hislop's Alsea Bay Trailer Park are a part of what makes our vacations successful.

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I don't think it is generally realized just how many beauty parlors there are in this world. You not only find them on 5th Avenue and Main Street in every big town and little town and crossroads village throughout the world, but you find them in some of the darndest places where you wouldn't expect them. In little mountain towns in Guatemala, in sand blown oases in the desert, in steaming little tropical ports. Well do I remember one village in the Congo, in a district where the principal garments of the women were a clump of leaves fore and aft that had a very well equipped beauty parlor.

Caravan women, being the American women that they are, can only go so long between visits to beauty parlors regardless of where these beauty parlors might be. I have often wondered whether they go because of the actual condition of their hair or because of the relaxation that a visit to the beauty parlor seems to give them, or because of the very juicy gossip that they usually bring home after their visits to the beauty parlors. It appears that the women the world over are talkative. Much more so than the men. I have gone to barber shops in just about every country and I never have encountered the type of gossip and conversation and news that my wife Stella brings home from her visits to the beauty parlor. It seems that the modern beauty parlor has taken the place of the old time saloon and barber shop and corner grocery for the exchange of bits of small information.

But after one visit to the beauty parlor, Stella can tell me more of what is actually going on in any country—what the people are actually thinking about and interested in, and just where the country does stand politically, socially, economically and every other way. She learns all about the price of eggs and every other thing, the popularity or lack of popularity of the local politicians, the ability of the local doctor, just what the people do or do not like about the local police department and just how popular the dictator is who thinks he is so all-fired popular.

Our Congressmen may breeze into a country and be ushered around by our State Department officials, who I am sure are doing their very best to help him get all the information possible, but I will bet you dollars to doughnuts that he doesn't get one tenth of one percent as much information as my Stella gets and brings home to me after one afternoon's visit in the local beauty parlor. Boy, she really gets the dope, unvarnished and unadulterated.

True, the information so gathered may include a lot of bits and pieces of pure lady stuff concerning babies and styles and new ways to cook beans, but over and above and in addition to that, a surprising and an unbelievable amount of real solid information about what makes people think and act as they do, and at the grass roots level.

If our State Department would like to know of real inside information about just what is going on in some of the countries we have been visiting in Africa and the Near East, they should ask our Caravan women. Boy, they would get an earful. And some of the information would be nothing short of jolting. Admittedly, it would be a whole new approach for our State Department, but it would be loaded with possibilities, and "pay dirt."

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CANADIAN CARAVAN AT "B&B" DEDICATION

Two hundred Wally Byam Canadian Caravan Trailers descended upon the B & B Trailer Village in Jackson, Wyoming, to play an important part in the dedication of one of Wyoming's most modern trailer villages.

Betsy and Bob Hecht, of the B & B, Mayor Harry Clisold and Walter King of the chamber of commerce, hosted the two-day stay of the Airstream group, which was on its way to

Canada, after holding its annual rendezvous in Colorado Springs.

During their stay in Jackson, the 450 caravanners enjoyed an Elk barbecue sponsored by the city officials, rode the famous chair lift to the top of Snow King Mountain, visited the famous western shops of the town, and watched the nightly stage holdup and hanging of the bad man, Clover the Killer.

The B & B Trailer Village, four blocks from the center of town, will accommodate 81 trailers, with spaces 25 feet wide by 50 feet long. Fifty-eight are the drive-through type which permits leaving the car attached to the trailer.





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since maids are always anxious to get into the room to get it cleaned up. They also had to dress and go out for breakfast. Now these two problems have been overcome, as all of us trailerists know.

A further benefit, as Sophie pointed out, is the improvement in their health. Some of you may not realize it, but calling for a square dance is very strenuous work! Physically it isn't too bad (the dancers get the worst of it here), but there is a great nervous strain, particularly when calling for different groups each night. Nervous tension and greasy meals, caught in a nearby restaurant, oftentimes played havoc with Morris' stomach before they took to trailering, but that is now a thing of the past. Sophie prepares their favorite meals wherever they may be.

Morris talks about his ranch with such enthusiasm you can tell that, while square dance calling is an enjoyable and profitable pastime, he is truly a "man of the soil." While on the stage at a square dance he will sometimes mention his ranch, and is delighted when folks approach him later and say that they also own a ranch or farm. "I like to exchange thoughts with them," he said. "Perhaps I can take some ideas back to my people."

It was not until they acquired their trailer that the Sevadas felt they could take an extended trip away from their home. They are now spending three months in Florida, visiting all parts of the state, and while they are not ready to admit that it is prettier than Arizona, they seem to be having a wonderful time. They were both quite interested in our Seminoles, several of whom they met along the Tamiami Trail when Morris recently called for a Miami group of dancers.

The Sevadas will be returning to their home sometime in February. While the ranch is well superintended during their absence, they don't like to spend too much time away. Besides their crops, a number of youngsters are awaiting their return, since Morris is in charge of youth activities in Parker, which includes a large and growing teen-age square dance group.

Between their trailering (just for the fun of it!), successfully operating a productive ranch, and calling for square dance groups throughout the country, Morris still finds time now and then to turn out a record for both the Old-Timers and Western Jubilee recording companies. Western square dance records, naturally!

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