

Rambler Writes Of Death Valley

Mr. R. L. Nice, superintendent of the Coon Company clay camp, north of town, together with Mrs. Nice, left bright and early last Sunday morning for Los Angeles, where Mr. Nice will join the Shriners from all over the country in putting a bit of new life into the village of Los Angeles.

Willard Thayne, power shovel operator at the Coon clay camp, journeyed to Los Angeles last Saturday for a few days sojourn — maybe watchin' the Shriners cut "didoes."

Dr. and Mrs. Riley Shrum of the Emergency hospital motored in to the Los Angeles district last Saturday, where Mrs. Shrum will visit for a few days with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Dudley J. Shrimpton in Eagle Rock. Dr. Shrum went ostensibly on business, but we suspect that the Mystic Shriners flocking there had some drawing power for him, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Woulfe of Leland station, north of town, who have been passing a few days with friends at Tecopa, arrived in town last Friday, and will be among friends here for a while. Mr. Woulfe, who has been away from his job as section foreman on the T. & T. between here and Beatty, will return home and resume his work within a few days. It was the Woulfes who suffered the loss of their infant daughter, 18 months old, last Sunday evening at Shoshone.

The Rambler spied several youngsters arriving in the village of Death Valley Jct. early last week from their various school assignments. Among those noted were: Robert Toles, Virginia Dickinson, and Glen Noxon to Death Valley Junction; La Mar Williams and Robert Parker to Troops and Stuart (Toughy) Wagon to Furnace Creek ranch. All have been attending Lone Pine high school. Robert Parker of Tecopa was the only graduate this year. His mother, Mrs. Eddie Teague and Mr. Teague made the trip over to Lone Pine to see Robert graduate at the commencement exercises there on Wednesday evening, June 1st.

Matt Kusick, operating placer ground, 4 miles south of Johnnie, Nevada, was in town last Friday laying in supplies for the camp. Matt says there is still "gold in them thar' diggins," but that is sure takes a bit of elbow grease to get it out. Work at the placed fields, he says, is going along but at a pretty low ebb because of the intense heat which has prevailed for the past few days.

Woodrow Wilson, with the Borax Co. at the Junction, returned to camp a few days ago after an absence in the Los Angeles and San Diego districts for the past week. Mrs. Wilson and their baby returned home with Mr. Wilson but departed next day for the coast cities.

Did the Beatty ball team "go to town" Sunday, May 22nd? The report, apparently authentic, comes to us of the winning of two ball games by the Beatty ball team on their own grounds, by overwhelm-

ing scores in both games. The morning game was played between Beatty and Death Valley Junction. It resulted in a victory for Beatty by the score of 18 to 2. The afternoon game was between Beatty and Tonopah and resulted in the overwhelming score of 31 to 5 in favor of Beatty. While the Rambler was not present to see the games it just sounds to him like Beatty got tired of being pounded all over the desert every Sunday, so just quietly, premeditatedly, gathered up a lot of dynamite, unbeknown to almost everybody, and when festivities started, just naturally "cut loose, in both directions"—that is to say, toward Death Valley Junction in the morning, and then finished up the slaughter, Tonopah in the P. M.

Carl Peach, caterer and waiter at hotel Amargosa during the past season, left last Thursday for Los Angeles. After a month's sojourn there he will take a leisurly trip to Montana to see the country and the ranches up there. Carl was once a rancher but a fellow would hardly believe it upon watching him getting around among a large dining room full of guests.

Postmaster - merchant, Mr. Jimmie Francis and Jack Moran of Tecopa, made a hurried business trip to the Junction last Friday.

Although somewhat prepared for it by her prolonged illness, the news of the death at Santa Paula, early last Sunday morning, of Mrs. Celesta Fairbanks, grieved the desert people, more particularly the old-timers, because she has been a resident of the Amargosa desert for more than 30 years. Mrs. Fairbanks migrated with her faithful, pioneer husband, "Dad" Fairbanks, from Utah and located in 1905 at what was later named Fairbanks Springs, in their honor. This is a point 17 miles east of Death Valley Junction and was then an important watering place and eating house, on the old Las Vegas - Reno road.

Dad and Mrs. Fairbanks operated the station for a time, but at about that time the Rhyolite and Greenwater boom developed, and they removed to both of those places, later locating a Shoshone, where they operated the store and station for many years. Still later they moved to Baker, where they operated a similar place, a stage station, eating house and store. In later years, of course, they added a service station and also a number of cabins for use by automobile tourists. During the past few years both Mrs. Fairbanks and Dad, have been compelled to relinquish their duties at Baker and seek a cooler climate because of the intense, prolonged heat during the summer months.

Mrs. Fairbanks spent a great deal of her time in recent years in the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Alex Modine, in Santa Paula, where she passed away. Another daughter, Mrs. Charlie Brown, of Shoshone, has passed a great deal of time with Mrs. Fairbanks at Santa Paula. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Shoshone last Sunday, following Mrs. Fairbanks' death, and attended the funeral services. Another daughter of Dad and Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Lisle, of Baker, has a number of sons and daughters in the district, among them Johnnie Lisle of Tecopa, and Mrs. Harry Adams of the same place; Ralph Lisle and Mrs. Dava (Deka) Lowe, of Shoshone.

Inter-American Travel Congress To Meet at Fair

SAN FRANCISCO — Destined to cement friendship between the United States and Latin America, plans for holding the first great Inter-American Travel Congress as part of the 1939 Golden Gate International front. Every country in Latin America, the United States and Canada will take part.

Sponsored jointly by the Pan American Union and the Golden Gate International Exposition, this important international congress will open on Treasure Island, site of the World's Fair of the West, on Pan America Day, April 14, 1939,

and continue for ten days.

Besides delegates appointed by the government of each country, railways, steamship companies, air lines, travel agencies, chambers of commerce, national touring clubs, and other important travel and trade interests will be represented.

The purpose of the congress is to firmly cement inter-American friendships and to category and mark for elimination or adjustment existing problems of trade and travel between the Americas.

South and Central American countries have already named groups to direct their participation in the Congress and select delegates. In the United States an organizing committee has been formed with Dr. L. S. Rowe, Director General of Pan American Union, and prominent leaders in international trade and travel relations taking active part.

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