

## Adventure Comes To Mrs. Watters

Adventure came to Mrs. John T. Watters today, when, with Mrs. Robert R. Russell and Mrs. Roy W. Martin she started this morning on a trip to Deer Creek to visit at the mountain home of Mrs. C. P. Squires.

All went well until, at a point on the ridge about four miles from where the Deer Creek road leaves the Charles on Park highway, where the new road under construction crosses the old road, the car they were driving became mired down. It was raining steadily and the soft dirt thrown up by the workers on the new road churned into an impenetrable morass as the women attempted, without success, to extricate their car.

So there was nothing to do at the time but sit in the car and await help. For three hours they waited, but no assistance came.

So it happened that Mrs. J. T. Watters volunteered to walk the three miles or more to Deer Creek and get help while the other two women remained with the car. She started out valiantly although she was not familiar with that part of the mountain region.

Hour after hour she trudged on, expecting every moment to sight the Squires cabin. But, through the irony of fate, she failed to see the road leading from Deer Creek to Lee Canyon.

For some reason, the rain probably, no car came along, so with infinite patience Mrs. Watters walked along. Miles lengthened into leagues and still no help, finally, after hours of walking uphill and down, she reached Lee Canyon and took the highway leading to the Lee Canyon Camp.

Fortunately J. T. McWilliams and Pat Cline were driving down the road, stopped and picked up the tired woman. After hearing her story they took her in and drove the four or five miles back to the Squires cabin. There the party was reunited, a truck having arrived and pulled the women's car out of the mud in the meantime.

However, with the arrival at the Squires camp of Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Martin, and their report that Mrs. Watters had long ago started to walk there, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer became worried and started immediately to the rescue. Mrs. Watters, having already been picked up by the McWilliams car arrived at the Squires camp just after the Boyers had left. The Boyers, continuing their search without avail to Charles on Park and then back to Lee Canyon, themselves became objects of concern and, following the report by Mr. McWilliams when he reached Las Vegas, that the Boyers were missing, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Squires set out to investigate.

They found everybody, including the Boyers and Mrs. Watters, at the Squires cabin, well and happy. Mrs. Watters appeared none the worse for her experience, although she had walked an estimated seven or eight miles over the mountain grades in the rain. Her comment on the adventure was:

"I had a good walk and the views of the far-off valley were wonderful and beautiful. In spite of being lost I enjoyed the whole affair."

## "The Texans" At El Portal

The cooler days just ahead provide the ideal time of the year for the American motorist to explore the highways and byways of one of the most fascinating and unspoiled regions in the United States, the cattle empire of the Middle Southwest.

Popular interest in this too-rarely visited region is revived by Paramount's epic of the Lone Star State, "The Texans," now playing at El Portal Theater. A tour of the cattle empire will more than repay the motorist the time it will take him adequately to cover it. It is a vast land of breath-taking scenery, charming people and good roads, honeycombed with some of the most important historical landmarks in America, stretching from the Mexican border to lower Kansas.

### Road of Empire

Motorists who obey the urge to visit this colorful region will find no route more interesting and story-packed than the famous old Chisholm Trail, which forms the exciting background of "The Texans." In this motion picture, hardy frontiersmen spend dangerous and thrilling months traveling across a thousand miles of unnamed country which the motorist can now drive over on well-paved roads in a few days.

The original Chisholm Trail, which will carry the motorist throughout a good part of his trip, was marked out by the famous pioneer and frontiersman of the last century, Jesse Chisholm, a sturdy American of the Daniel Boone school, who first traced it with his wagon wheel tracks. This was in 1866, when what the Old Southwest needed most urgently was a cattle trail from the vast Texas ranches to the booming railroad and cow towns of Kansas.

When the War Between the States ended in 1865, the town of Abilene, Kan., on the old "Kansas Pacific Railway" was the railroad "center" nearest to the Texas cattle country. And this could hardly be called "near," since it was 400 miles across almost impassable country from Abilene to Fort Worth, and nearly 1,000 miles to Indianola, where the great cavalcade shown in "The Texans" began.

### Kansas and Oklahoma

Chisholm, however, drove his trail through the wilderness, and it was "opened officially" in the spring of '66, when Capt. Henry Spekes of Bryan County, Oklahoma, drove his herd across it. This was soon followed by the "long drive" which Randolph Scott and Joan Bennett reconstruct in the film epic.

Wichita, not far from Abilene, marks the beginning of the trip. A tour of the airplane factories in this city will only emphasize the fact that times have changed since this place was one of the roaring cow towns of the last century. After leaving Wichita, the tourist heads south on Route 81, crossing into Oklahoma near the town of Caldwell and immediately entering the famous salt plains district. Here, according to old settlers, the Indian tribes were the fiercest in the entire region, and it was most likely in this neighborhood that the Texans fought their war with the native tribes, so vividly pictured on the screen.

Further south, a side-trip to Oklahoma City will prove definitely worthwhile, revealing to the tourist the startling scene of the state capitol set against a background of oil derricks, a reminder that he is in the middle of the world's richest oil empire. Following Route 81, he will drive presently near Platt National Park, a lovely wooded region containing 32 major mineral springs and ideal free camp sites.

### On to Texas

After a short drive, the tourist will find himself in the middle of America's great cattle empire, and it was along this stretch that the Chisholm Trail was most frequented during its heyday in the 1860's and '70's. He enters Texas near the town of Ringgold, where, according to old-timers, the barbet-bag governor tried to prevent the great cattle caravan from leaving the state and was killed in the skirmish. This event, taken from local history, is vividly shown in "The Texans."

Eighty miles farther is Fort Worth, famous a year ago as the night life center of the Texas Centennial, where extensive botanical gardens are to be seen in Rock Springs Park.

Austin marks the next point of interest on Route 81. Here are the Texas capitol building, the fine campus of the University of Texas, the quaint old French embassy and the Land Office Building, which played such a great part in the growth of the Southwest.

Ahead is San Antonio, which many experts call the most interesting and picturesque spot in all Texas. One of America's oldest settlements, it is now a popular winter resort, due to its constant sunshine and colorful scenery. Among the historic spots awaiting the inspection of the motorist are the Cathedral of San Fernando, the restored Spanish governor's palace, and, of course, the Alamo, "cradle of Texas independence." Four other Spanish missions lie on the outskirts of the city.

### Rediscovering Indianola

Those permeated with the atmosphere of "The Texans" should make a side-trip to Port Lavaca, which lies on the Gulf of Mexico about 80 miles east of San Antonio on Route 87. This is the site of the original Indianola, the romantic town pictured in the tumultuous opening scenes of the picture. Originally a thriving cattle center, it was destroyed by successive cyclones in 1885 and 1886. Near its site, on the Gulf, are excellent beaches for the pilgrim who wants to linger and, of course, there is great fishing in adjacent waters.

## Dam Night View Is Interesting

Proving interesting and popular with summer tourists is the view of Boulder Dam both by daylight and electric night light, says a report to the touring bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

"During August and early September the night trip is cooler," notes the statement from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. "If the tour is planned for about 6 o'clock, the dam may be seen both by day and by night light."

Guide service is provided by the

Bureau of Reclamation for the tour through the powerhouse, by elevator from the top of the dam. The trip requires about one and a quarter hours. Guides describe the project and answer all questions. Visiting hours are 6:45 a. m. to 10:15 p. m. daily, including Sundays and holidays. The charge for adults is 25 cents, with no charge for children.

Boating facilities are available for trips around Lake Mead or into the Grand Canyon at Lake Mead boat landing and other points and at nominal prices. Bass fishing in the lake is reported excellent.

## El Portal

NEVADA'S FINEST THEATRE  
MATINEE 2:30-NIGHTS 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY  
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"THE FORGOTTEN STEP"  
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