

GETTING A VIEW OF ARGENTINA

Traveller Tells of Night Clubs, Food, Ranches and Gauchos, but Flight Over Andes Was Highlight

(By Robert Mountsier)
These North Americans are getting to like those South Americans better and better. The improvement in their inter-individual relations seems due to a better understanding brought about by more and pleasant personal contact. And such personal contact involves increased travel.

A strong booster for the Argentine and persons and things Argentinian is Nat Wyeth, experimental engineer with the Chrysler Corporation, who stopped off here in New York the other day for a few hours on the last lap of a round trip by air from Detroit to Buenos Aires.

In the course of the three months during which he was away from home Mr. Wyeth travelled 16,000 miles by airplane, mostly by Pan American and Pan American-Grace planes, and 12,000 by automobile, mostly in the northern part of the Argentine Republic.

"It was put up to me as to whether I should travel by air or water, and rail, and I chose airplanes to save time," said Mr. Wyeth. "If I were going back again, I would do exactly the same thing. There was no trouble with the planes at any time, and a fine organization showed the utmost care and gave excellent service at all times. I went down and back direct, but thanks to getting in early in the afternoon at various overnight stops I was able to do some sightseeing in Port of Spain, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago and Lima.

"I saw much more of Buenos Aires than of any other city, since we have an assembly plant there; also a very important dealership, and I like the city tremendously. It is a fast moving place. For example, it took them only 106 days to tear out seven blocks in the heart of the city, build an extraordinarily wide avenue with parking space underneath and have that underground motor park ready for an automobile show.

"I understand that New York thinks it has some rather warm night clubs, but, according to report, B.A. has several hot spots which in comparison are sizzling platters.

"At this point I might mention the food. B.A. has the best of restaurants and the meats are incomparable. On my long motor trips I found that Argentinians eat a great deal of meat and a comparatively small amount of vegetables. Costing the equivalent of 75 cents, a meal in an ordinary restaurant starts off with the liver, sweetbreads, brains or blood sausage. That is followed up with a big steak and French fried potatoes. Add a salad of lettuce and tomatoes, also bread, butter, and a small cup of coffee, very strong and very sweet, and what with that thick, juicy steak you don't need or want anything more.

"Everywhere you go you are offered mate, the so-called South American tea. Everybody drinks it, sucking it out of a pear-shaped gourd cup through a perforated spoon with a hollow handle or through a piece of gasoline line or tubing."

Mr. Wyeth, in the course of thousands of miles of strenuous motoring covered the ranch country north and west of Buenos Aires. He found the

owners of the large ranches, known as 'estancias,' most hospitable and fine sportsmen, and the cowboys or 'gauchos,' picturesque figures in baggy pants, tight at the ankles or at the boot tops, and colored sashes or wide leather belts, felt hats or berets all finished off with bright handkerchiefs around their necks and long knives under the belt at the back.

"I had a grand time at our stops at the ranch houses," continued Mr. Wyeth. "Usually the ranch house stands back from the road half a mile to a mile among trees of a certain variety which locusts refuse to touch, otherwise there wouldn't be any shade after the too frequent insect visitors have passed over. Argentine ranchers still uphold the unwritten rule that any one who happens in shall enjoy at least the hospitality of food without charge.

"Many of the estancia owners are polo players and very good players, too. They raise their own ponies and the gauchos act as their grooms at games. Having seen polo played back East around Dedham, where the play would not talk to the grooms, I was most impressed by the spirit of democracy which prevails in Argentine polo circles. It is nothing unusual for a gaucho to congratulate his employer as he comes off the field or the estancia owner to play polo with his gauchos in the course of training the ponies at home.

"Among the ranches at which I was entertained was that of John Benitz, one of the Argentine's star performers, who has played in this country. He has twelve of the finest polo ponies I have ever seen. He is as proud of his head gaucho as the head gaucho is of his boss. This gaucho by the way, wears a wide leather belt almost entirely studded with United States silver dollars and half dollars acquired in California and New York while in charge of half a dozen of Mr. Benitz's ponies.

"All estancia owners have automobiles. Indeed, cars are more important than horses, although the roads are none too good. A road in that Argentine ranch country is anything between two fences. When wet, they are like grease; when dry, they become very dusty, and they have lots of holes.

"The Argentinians are most enthusiastic about automobile racing and most of it is road racing furiously pursued for as many as ten days at a stretch. I felt as if I had done some competing myself, for I was accompanied by one of the leading Argentine racers. Born of Irish parents in Chile and speaking fine Spanish as well as perfect English, he is a real character bearing the name of George Daly. No matter where we went, he knew all the estancia men.

"Studying Plymouths under the peculiar road conditions of that part of the world, we banged around northern Argentina at a great rate, much faster than the ranchers drive. They average 30 to 35 miles an hour in a day's run, getting up to 60 in spots. When driving at night we had to be ready for anything, from a hole to a dead or live animal. The old and sick horses and cattle are turned out on the road to die, and a lot of them

READJUSTMENT COSTS ADMINISTRATION JUSTICE TO BE PRESSED, STATED COUN. B. O. WAUGH IN YORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Will Seek Readjustment of Costs Between City and County; Ask \$5 Bounty on Bears, 50 Cents on Porcupines; Grants to Blind Institute and Salvation Army Home Again Given

The matter of re-adjustment of costs of administration of justice between the Municipality of York and the City of Fredericton was before the county council yesterday afternoon. Councillor B. O. Waugh, chairman of the committee, reported that the meeting between the committee from the city and his committee had

failed by the wayside or in the middle of the road, with only dogs and turkey buzzards to do away with them.

"Other hazards of the roads are the big grain wagons, quite picturesque, thanks to wheels ten feet in diameter and the eight or ten horses which draw them. Without lights, the drivers camp at night anywhere in the road, going to sleep under their big vehicles and letting the horses graze nearby.

"Up in the northern provinces of the Argentine they haven't had rain for a year and a half. The cattle that remain are mighty thin. About the only drinkable water comes in by rail, and kids ride donkeys as much as ten or fifteen miles to the tank cars to get a couple of cans of water. It is advisable to drink only boiled or bottled water when you get away from the large cities. Next to mate the most popular drink seems to be a bottled orange soda water."

Mr. Wyeth found the high spot of his long air voyage the trip across the Andes from the Argentine into Chile. "The air line has a perfect system of checks and controls," said Mr. Wyeth, and in the matter of weather they take no chances with planes with passengers. In picking the lowest route between the mountains, the pilots get up to about 15,000 feet. Oxygen is piped to each seat in the plane, and if you feel light headed, you take a shot or two in the face, about five inches from nose and mouth, by pressing a small valve. It is surprising how an inhalation or two bucks you up. Individual rubber tubes available for each seat's oxygen outlet, make the operation a perfectly sanitary one. It is to be noted that South Americans are much more air-minded than the North Americans."

not taken place. The removal of Ald. T. Earl Doohan from the city left the committee without a head. The matter will be vigorously pushed following the election of the new council, he declared.

Reports from delegates to the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities in Campbellton during the past summer were received.

Councillor Waugh also submitted the Secretary Treasurer's report which was adopted by the Council.

Urges Co-operation

Councillor A. Howard Cameron stressed the value of joint action between the Council and those of other counties through the Union in bringing matters of importance before the provincial government.

Councillors Stirling Whitehead of Queensbury and Frank Coburn, Manners-Sutton, who also attended the meeting of the Union also spoke on the meeting.

W. E. Nason was appointed to the position on the Board of Health vacated by Ex-Councillor Robert S. Graham.

It was moved by Councillor Ebbett and seconded by Coun. Boone that the \$150 grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at Halifax be given again this year. It was also moved by Coun. Malone and seconded by Couns. Allen and Saunders that the grant of \$100 to the Evangeline Rescue Home, Saint John, be again given. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Coun. Saunders asked information concerning the power of the Assessment Committee of the Council to add to figures set by the parish assessors. The solicitor was instructed to look into the matter and bring the information.

Wants Bounties Declared

Coun. Grant brought up the matter of damage to farmers stock and property by bears and porcupines. He moved that a bounty of \$5 be placed on bears, and 50 cents on porcupines.

Coun. Manuel asked which were the more valuable, a few sports each year or the farmers' stock.

Coun. Grant declared that the bears

kill more sheep than dogs, while Coun. Grant declared that they are the worst menace in the woods.

Coun. Saunders stated that the farmers must be protected.

It was stated that deer had also been found in the woods, slaughtered by the bears.

Ex-Coun. Tilley Bird, Douglas, was present and called upon to speak

He briefly greeted the Councillors, many of whom he had sat with.

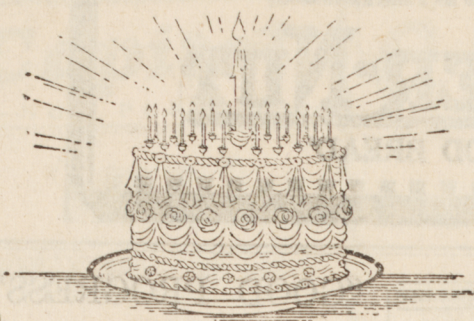
The resolution was seconded by Councillors Boone and Malone.

Appoint Committee

The following committee to draw up the resolution was appointed from the chair: Coun. Elwood Allen, chairman; Councillors A. Howard Cameron and Warren B. Ebbett.

It was moved by Coun. Manuel that the Council adjourn until ten o'clock this morning, to allow the committee to draw up the resolution. Coun. E. Allen called a meeting of the public accounts committee before the session this morning.

The sheep claims committee headed by Coun. Manuel, also met yesterday afternoon, following the session.



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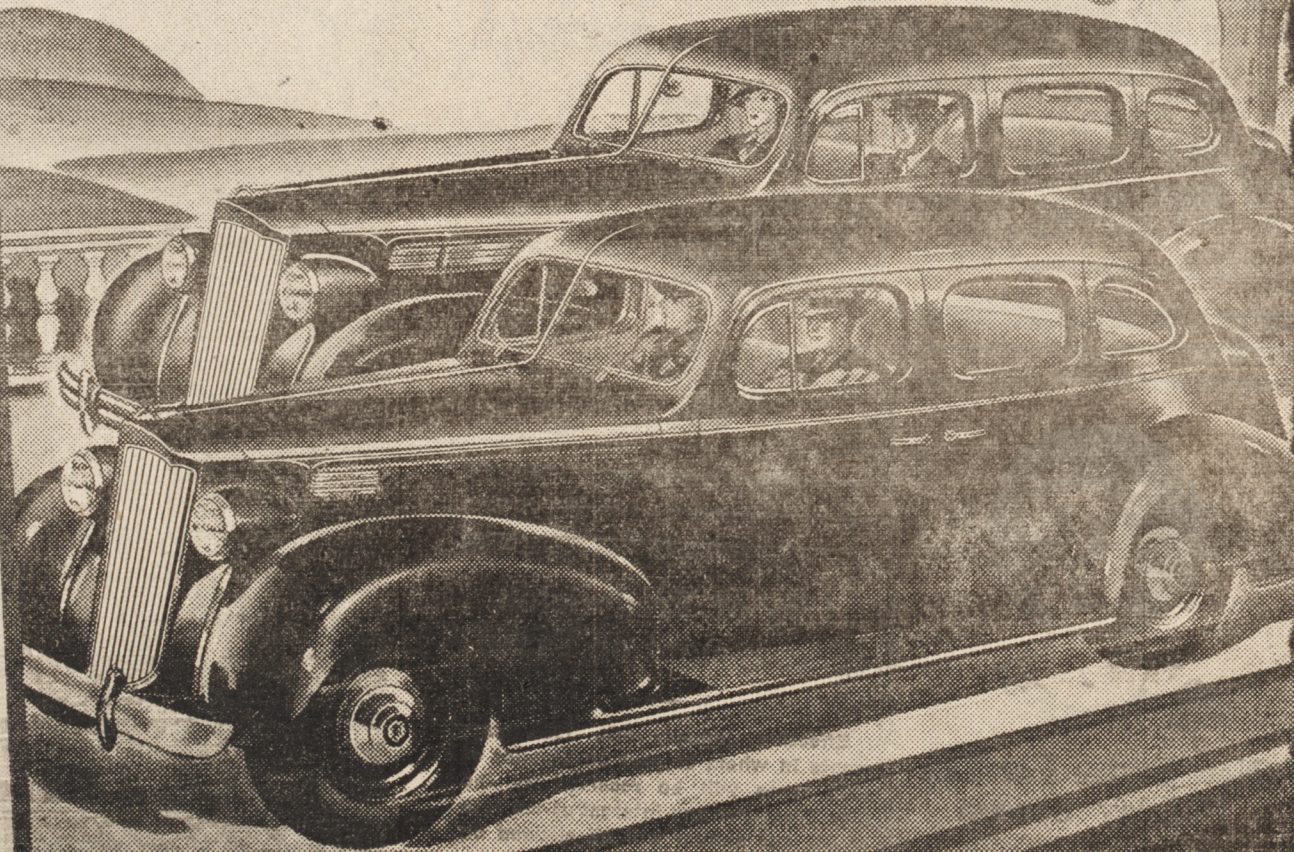
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