

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

NEWPORT, Ore., Oct. 7.—Would you believe that there are people who travel clear across the United States and spend the winter in this town, just to go out on the beach every day and hunt for rocks? Well, it's true. They are agate hunters.



An agate, as you know, is a pretty rock. It is extremely hard, and when you cut through it, it polishes like any other rock. That's why you're likely to find any picture from Whistler's "Mother" to "The Battle of Waterloo," all drawn out for you by nature. An agate in the raw looks just like any other rock. That's where the fascination of agate collecting comes in. You don't know until you polish up your rocks on a grinder, what magnificent things you have uncovered that day.

Agates are by no means rare. They are, I believe, found in every state and practically every country on the globe. They're found on sea coasts, in mountains, on the desert. And yet, this little town comes about as near being the agate capital of America as any place you could name.

For 75 miles, up and down this beach, are found the greatest variety of agates anywhere. There are five agate-processing and selling shops in town. At least a dozen and a half people make their full-time living from agates, and others exist partly from agates. Agate hunting and selling has been a business here for more than 50 years.

Pretty Serious Business

Agate hunters fall into two groups—the professional and the amateur. The professional goes at it coldly and without a look in his eye. But the amateur—ah, there you have a man with butterflies in his heart! His hobby knows no compunctions. Newport's greatest amateur, probably, is a kindly, gentle ex-newspaper printer named Will Grigsby. He and Mrs. Grigsby came to Newport four years ago. For 18 years he had been a printer on the Kansas City Star.

He says, "I'm poor and half sick and don't know

what will happen." But he keeps on hunting agates, good weather or bad. He has hundreds of beautiful agates on shelves in his house; he has a shed full of whirling wheels for grinding and polishing; in the yard lies a ton or two of waste and discarded rock; he trades rock collections with people all over the country. Will Grigsby never sells an agate to a tourist. He sells only on mail orders. And that isn't very much; just a few hundred dollars a year. He does it only to get a little money to support his hobby. The most he ever got for an agate was \$3.

Another agate collector is James F. Baird, the mayor of Newport. There was a time when he had every agate wrapped up in a separate cloth, and got them out every night and studied them. But now they're just dumped in pasteboard boxes, and he sees them only when some interested stranger comes along.

Moss and Water Agates
Probably the most fascinating and the best-liked by tourists is the "moss agate." It is simply a weird little formation of mossy tendrils, sometimes hundreds of them, around which transparent rock has formed. It is the moss agate that produces the fantastic pictures.

A rather rare specimen is the "water agate." This is a rock with a cavity in the center. There is water in this cavity, and in the water is an air bubble. When you hold the rock in front of a light bulb, you can see the bubble move back and forth.

Will Grigsby says the average agate hunter is about one "water agate" out of every 1000 rocks picked up. But he has found more than 200 of them. They really aren't of much value. They'll dry up inside if you aren't careful. Will Grigsby keeps his in a bowl of water.

An agate is the seventh hardest known stone. They have to be cut with powerful circular saws running in diamond dust. Earl Ruddiman, who runs one of the agate shops here, uses \$150 worth of diamonds a year.

Ruddiman has been an agate man for 19 years, and so was his father before him. He doesn't think much of the agate business, though. I'm sort of inclined to agree with him.

Ah, for the Days of Old
If Three-Fingered Brown had been accepted in New York as Matty's equal on the mound and as a character just as noble, who would care to pay to watch the pitching duel? I know that people still buy seats at the parks, but there will be no standees until Armageddon has been restored. We are raising up on the diamond and in the grandstand a bunch of umpire lovers. Clubs put on Ladies' Day, and shortstops are fined for strong language. Bah!

What has become of Bad Bill Dahlen? Nobody ever held up Bugs Raymond as a target for emulation, and quite obviously Dan McGinnis chewed too much tobacco, although I know the sweet singer from the South intended no harm. He began to print ballads about its not making any difference whether you win or lose—it's how you play the game, my boys, it's how you play the game. And that is the fatal heresy which draws all the blood out of the heart and the bleachers.

Three Arrested
Three persons were arrested in a two-car collision on New York West St. George Kelly of 2820 Central Ave. and Joseph Devlin, 523 E. Ninth St., were arrested on charges of drunkenness and vagrancy. James Ulrich, 3006 Ruckley St., was held on drunkenness and disorderly conduct charges after an auto driven by Mr. Kelly struck one operated by Dale Allen, 1540 Park Ave. Mr. Allen was bruised, Mr. Devlin lost several teeth and was cut about the face.

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DRIVER DEAD, 7 WOMEN HURT IN 2 CAR CRASHES

Ten Injured Here, One Seriously in 12 Overnight Accidents.

One man was killed and another injured near Martinsville, and seven young women were hurt near Fortville while en route to Indianapolis last night.

In Indianapolis, 10 persons were injured, one seriously, and 68 persons were arrested on traffic charges in 12 overnight accidents. Edwin Childers, of Mitchell, Ind., was killed and his brother, John, was injured, when a car driven by the former left the road on a curve on Road 37, 12 miles north of Martinsville. The car rolled down an embankment after knocking over a utility pole.

Passenger Unhurt
Dale Kelly, a passenger, was uninjured. Apparently blinded by the lights of another car, an auto driven by Miss LaVerette Littrell, 22, of 421 N. Delaware St., was demolished and its seven passengers injured in an accident on Road 67, between McCordsville and Fortville.

State Police said the car left the road, overturned three times, righted itself and plunged into a cornfield.

Miss Littrell and her companions are employed by the Thompson Distributing Co., 16 S. New Jersey St., and were returning from distributing samples of wax in Anderson. All were treated at an emergency hospital in Fortville. Miss Littrell later was removed to Methodist Hospital here, suffering severe scalp wounds and possible internal injuries.

Victims Taken Home
The other injured, who were taken to their homes after first aid, are Miss Theima Wheeler, R. R. 1, Box 474; Mrs. James Reed, R. R. 12, Box 181; Miss Virginia Long, 308 S. Dearborn St.; Mrs. Dora Meyers, 114 E. 21st St.; Mrs. Catherine Zimmerman, 2314 Finley Ave.; and Mrs. Cecile Ryan, 2327 Coyner Ave.

George French, of R. R. 1, Plainfield, suffered back injuries when his sedan was struck by a truck operated by Norris Sovetky, Hammond, Ind. Mr. Sovetky's truck and trailer were being towed by another truck and trailer driven by James Walsh, Chicago, when the tow chain broke and the Sovetky truck swerved into Mr. French's car.

The accident occurred on W. Washington St. near Belmont Ave. Mr. French was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

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AMERICAN MISSION IN CHINA IS BOMBED
PEIPING, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—The American Embassy has disclosed that on Sept. 29 Japanese airplanes dropped four bombs on the American Baptist Mission at Tsinan, Shantung Province, badly damaging the buildings.

American flags were flying on them and Japanese authorities had been told of the mission's location. Six Americans at the mission escaped injury.

Hoosiers in Washington—

Sen. Minton Shows Sense of Humor In Neutrality Discussion With Nye

Hoosier Gibes North Dakotan for 'Professional' Lecturing.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—"Heaven help Hitler if he tries Anschluss with Milwaukee."

That warning was sounded by Senator Sherman Minton (D. Ind.) when he debated Senator Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.) before the National Press Club Post of the American Legion.

A former A. E. F. captain, Senator Minton began the debate by saying:

"I fear that I appear under somewhat of a handicap, as Senator Nye is a professional neutral and an authority on war and peace, while I am an amateur and an old soldier, who learned about neutrality from war."

This brought a laugh from the newspapermen present, because they know that since Senator Nye conducted his investigation into the munitions industry and its relationship to the last World War, he has been booked for lectures all over the country through a regular bureau at rates said to be from \$200 to \$250 per speech.

As Senator Minton pointed out, Nye takes him out of the amateur class and makes him a pro.

The Indianapolis also dug up a neat quote from Senator Hiram Johnson (R. Cal.). When debating embargo legislation during the previous session, this ardent isolationist who now is opposing Administration changes in the Neutrality law, declared:

"We must pass it now, in advance of war, it is said. Not so at all. We would do infinitely a better job if we would wait until the occasion arose and the realities were before us."

Senator Minton concluded his address with the comment on the Californian's quote:

"I agree with Senator Johnson. I hope he hasn't changed his mind."

JOHNNY MCABE, Chief Page of the House of Representatives who hails from Lake County, tells this story about the depths of depression in Indiana along about 1933.

The late State Senator James J. Nejdil of Whiting had an old friend who had been a prosperous farmer, but who had become a minor politician. But with the Democrats in the ascendancy that was out.

So Senator Nejdil, who had a thriving construction business, put his jobs as watchman, but they also folded up and he had nothing left for him to do.

BUYERS PART OF NEWBY ESTATE
H. J. Herff Purchases Land Facing Meridian St. From Valinet.

The purchase of a section of the A. C. Newby estate on N. Meridian St. by Harry J. Herff, president and treasurer of the Herff-Jones Co., jewelry manufacturers, was announced today.

He purchased 138 feet on Meridian St., adjoining his home at 4118 N. Meridian St. for investment purposes, the announcement said. The purchase price was not disclosed. The purchase gives him 238 feet facing on Meridian St.

Mr. Herff bought the land from Stanley S. Valinet, who earlier this week bought the estate, one of the city's landmarks, from Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Brandt at a reported price of approximately \$100,000.

Mr. Valinet was represented by Kiser, Cohn & Shumaker, investment firm. Mr. Herff was represented by Jackie W. Joseph. The western half of the estate was sold to Gregory & Appel, Inc.

ATHLETE SENTENCED
MONTICELLO, Ind., Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Maurice D. Criswell, 21, former Monticello high school athlete, was sentenced to a one-to-10-year reformatory term yesterday following his plea of guilty to charges of burglary, six six lake cottages.

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Senator Minton (right) discusses Congress' Neutrality debate with Senator James F. Byrnes (D. S. C.).

Finally the old pal of the Senator applied for admission to the County Infirmary, but was told there were 600 on the waiting list there. Nevertheless, the Nejdil influence secured him a berth.

About six months later, Johnny met the man who was on a visit to Whiting. He looked fine and when Johnny asked how he was getting along he received this reply:

"I'm doing fine. But by golly I never thought the country would get in such shape that it would take a political pull to get into the Four House!"

AS DEMOCRATIC WHIP, Senator Minton often is chosen to be pallbearer upon the death of a Senate colleague. This week he went to Kentucky to the funeral of Senator Logan (D. Ky.).

The numerous times the junior Senator from Indiana has officiated at such functions recalled the fact that the late Rep. William A. Cullip of Vincennes traveled all over the country attending funerals for Members of the House.

According to legend, he had attended so many that he had a bureau drawer in his hotel room here which was bulging with white gloves. "Judge Cullip," as he was called, had a sort of Cynano nose. One day a smart-aleck asked him how it got so big.

"It just grew that way by keeping

Razor May Be Job Passport

A MUSTACHE may have been a mark of dignity to the business man of the gay nineties, but may be a handicap in looking for a job today.

At least this is what one employer reported to the Indiana Employment Service office here. George J. Smith, manager, said a local restaurateur, who employs scores of young men, declined when he hires new employees he insists not only upon clear complexion and absence of tattoo marks, but absence of any hair adornment to the face.

STATE'S JOB RELIEF COMMISSION MOVES

The Marion County offices of the State Unemployment Relief Commission were moved to 2150 Yandes St. from 257 W. Washington St. today.

The Yandes St. building houses the State Commission, District 4 WPA offices and the Indiana unit of the Surplus Commodities Corp.

All persons applying for certification or recertification for WPA employment will report at the new offices beginning Monday.

HOLLYWOOD TRIAL OPENS
HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—A jury of 12 middle-aged men was in the box today to try De Witt Clinton Cook, 20, confessed woman-slugger, for the murder of Anya Sosoyeva, former Follies beauty, Feb. 24.

Aviator in World War
During the World War he was an aviator. He was wounded and decorated. Afterward he was a newspaperman and editor. From 1930-33 he was a member of the Reichstag Committee on Foreign Relations.

March 5, 1933, he was re-elected. He was a Social Democrat. A week later the Nazis arrested him with charge under "Protective Custody," he said.

He spent six months in the first Nazi concentration camp where everyone was sentenced to hard labor. He worked 16 hours a day digging ditches and working on roads.

The food was only enough to keep the stronger men alive. Others died, he said. The camp was a deserted brewery and was ringed with charged barbed wire. One early winter morning he ran away from a road gang. He had had some money smuggled in to him.

"I went through Berlin by changing from taxicab to subway to surface car, always keeping away from the center of town," he said. "By taking local trains I reached the Czechoslovakian border. It took me 24 hours. It was four below zero."

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DENIES THEORY HEAT CAN CURE PARESIS ALONE

Dr. Bruettsch Addresses Neuropsychiatric Association.

By JOE COLLIER

Prevalent beliefs that heat treatments alone can cure general paresis are without scientific foundation, Dr. Walter L. Bruettsch, Central State Hospital research director, told the Central Neuropsychiatric Association convention today.

Dr. Bruettsch and Dr. Max Bahr, Hospital superintendent, were hosts to the Association at the final meeting of a two-day session.

They were among a number of Indiana scientists who gave papers before the Association, composed of leading specialists in the Midwest in nervous and mental diseases.

Conduct Symposium
Dr. Bruettsch and Dr. Bahr conducted a symposium on the malaria treatment for paresis for which Central Hospital has won national recognition.

After this treatment was announced, years ago, it was believed by many scientists that the fever of malaria, caused by the parasite, Central State Hospital began building special heat cabinets for this treatment.

Dr. Bruettsch said that experimental work shows that it is impossible to destroy the syphilitic germ in the brain without damaging the patient.

Improves Resistance
Malaria fever, he said, acts by improving the resistance of the tissues against the infecting agent and after the patient had undergone a successful malaria treatment the infection dies off by itself.

Dr. Bahr pointed out that before the time of the malaria treatment, patients afflicted with this type of mental disease would die within one or two years.

Patients who were cured 15 years ago and since have held responsible positions in society were interviewed by the physicians.

Dr. C. P. Clark told the physicians of the use of the malaria treatment for checking progressive blindness caused by syphilis.

For two years, he said, Indiana's delinquents are psychopathic or emotionally unstable. Dr. George C. Stevens, Indiana Public Welfare Department medical care director, told the Association.

Dr. Stevens said these persons are sick mentally and are entitled to medical care.

Little Gain in Crimes
Dr. Stevens said that this 42 per cent of the population of Hoosier institutions for the delinquent frequently committed crimes that had little value to the individual from the standpoint of personal gain.

He said they were often caught by police through some ridiculous blunder, and that often arrest appeared to be invited.

They develop persecution complexes, he said, and are quickly ready to reject society as unfair, and justify their anti-social behavior.

They are undoubtedly amenable to treatment, he said, but treatment will require a more flexible environment that exists in our present penal institutions.

MASON FOR 75 YEARS IS HONORED AT 102
HOLLISTER, Cal., Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Daniel A. McDonald, 102, today was the owner of the only 75-year diamond pin ever awarded by the Masonic order.

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