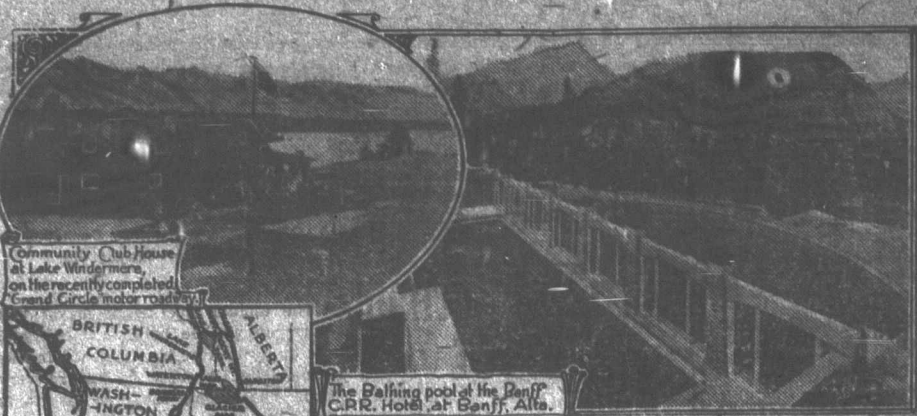


THE GRAND CIRCLE MOTOR TOUR

A Wonderful Trip for Motorists That Takes In All the Glories of the Pacific Coast From Banff South to Los Angeles.



Community Club House at Lake Windermere, on the recently completed Grand Circle motor road.

The bathing pool of the Banff Hotel at Banff, Alta.

A SLENDER blue ribbon of trail, 5,000 miles long, threads together the ten finest scenic jewels of the western continent—that is what western motor maps will show by the end of the coming summer. It is called "Grand Circle Tour" and it will offer the most wonderful variety of natural scenery accessible by motor road in the world. One last link in the chain, only a few miles now in length, remains to be completed. Then the road will be open to the motorists of the continent. This unfinished section, from the Vermilion summit near Banff, Alberta, in the Canadian Pacific Rockies, down to the Columbia Valley, will, Canadian Government engineers say, be ready for traffic by September next. All that remains to be done is the grading and widening of the unfinished portion of the road. Then the great loop, dream of a few far-seeing men, will be completed, and the stream of motorists may flow along this unparalleled motor highway.

What will it mean? It will mean that the motorists may start at Cal-

gary, Alberta—as this is a loop highway, of course, start at any other point on it he desires—travel west through the grassy foothills to the great front door of the Rockies which is, incidentally, the gateway to the Banff National Park. At Banff, where there is already a motor campsite as well as several good hotels, he may linger to bathe in the radium hot springs, play golf among the clouds or fish in some of the numerous well-stocked lakes or streams of the locality. From Banff the road proceeds westward to Castle, thence by a short detour to the wonderful Lake Louise region and on to Moraine Lake and the rugged sublimity of the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Returning, it climbs by easy grades to the Vermilion Pass, 5,204 feet, then drops down to the Columbia Valley through the Kootenay National Park to Lake Windermere and the village of Invermere on its shore.

Every mile of the way through the Canadian Parks has been built with an eye to easy travelling and scenic grandeur. Giant peaks, often helmeted with a snow cap centuries old, guard the way. Deer, wild sheep, elk and goat may be seen feeding fearlessly on the slopes and practically every valley holds a blue lake stocked with trout. From the Divide the road runs through hitherto unopened country, which is one of the richest both in scenery and big game in the Rockies. From Invermere it drops south, skirts the beautiful Windermere and Columbia lakes, the latter source of the mighty Columbia river, through deep-shaded forests to the International Boundary which it cuts just north of Metairie, Washington. From Bonner's Ferry it swings south over excellently con-

structed roads through Spokane, Walla Walla, and Pendleton, where it links up with the Columbia Highway from Portland. Then it drops down past the eastern entrance to Crater Lake National Park to San Francisco and on to Los Angeles.

From this point a short detour will allow the motorist to see the famous Yosemite as well as Grand Park and Sequoia Park, the home of the giant redwoods. Then travelling east, he may visit the Grand Canyon and proceed north via Salt Lake City to the Yellowstone Park. From a Yellowstone one day's journey will take him north to the United States Glacier National Park and less than two hours more to the International Boundary. Following the trail to Cardston, he may make a short detour to Waterton Lakes Park in Southern Alberta, thus completing his tenth National Park.

Thousands of motorists, it is expected will follow this scenic highway as soon as it is through open. American motorists will want to come north to see the glories of the Rockies; Canadian motorists will want to see beautiful California and the wonders of the Grand Canyon and the Yellowstone. This will mean an international exchange of money as important as many an industry, as well as increased international good will.

The new road also opens up an all Canadian circle tour, via Banff, Lake Windermere, the Columbia Valley and returning over the Crow's Nest Pass to the prairies. This will afford a 600 mile trip for Canadian motorists through the heart of the most wonderful scenery in the Rockies in which for the whole distance the tourist will either be among of in full sight of the snowpeaks.

SANTA CLAUS ASKS THE AID OF THE ANIMALS

By Jammeradick
(Edmonton Observer)

A few days before Christmas when the snow was on the ground and everything was frozen stiff, our little friends, who you will remember were so fond of the animals in the deep woods, and knew them so well that they could talk animal language, went to see if they could have an adventure. Now these three children, Donald and Florence and Paul, had not gone very far from home when they met Mr. Tuffy Tail, the oldest of all the rabbits for miles around. He was all excited and hurried the children away over logs and through the bushes and over the frozen snow that had drifted ever so high in some places. He was in such a hurry that he did not tell them what he wanted until he was so tired that he just had to lie down and rest. Then the children asked what he was about, and he said that there was a meeting of the animals to consider a letter which had come from Santa Claus, asking the animals to help him.

Presently they got there and all the animals were there in full force. President Beaver was in the presidential chair and just calling the meeting to order when Mr. Tuffy Tail and the three children came. He said "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have received a letter from His Most Excellent Majesty, and High and Mighty Potomac, King of the Children's World, and Dispenser of Merriment and Goodwill. I will read his letter to you that you may take the necessary action to accede to his Excellency's request." The letter ran as follows:

"Dear Mr. President: Owing to the sudden and unexpected illness of my valued Reindeers this year, I find myself in the unfortunate position of not being able to use them in my yearly round, and am wondering if you would be able to get any of the loyal subjects of your Republic to volunteer to carry me around the world this Christmas eve. If any are able to help me not only shall I be very grateful, but all my many little children in various parts of the world will be saved from disappointment too. An early reply will greatly oblige. Your old friend, NICK."

After the letter was read, there was a lot of talking, but President Beaver tapped his tail on the Presidential

log, and said "Order, order," and everybody was silent. Then he said "Are there any volunteers?" The elephant said "I would like to go, but I travel so slow," and the squirrel said "I would like to go, but I'm too small." And the Frog said "I could go, but I'm a hole." And the tiger complained that this year his stripes were hurting him, and the stork said there was nothing he liked better than carrying parcels, but he had promised to carry a large number of Christmas gifts to the mothers, and that someone else would just have to look after the presents to the children that Santa Claus had for them. Well, it looked as if there were no animals available, and Donald and Florence and Paul felt like crying for they felt sure that they would not get any presents from Santa this year, but just then something happened. A big St. Bernard came forward and said very respectfully "Mr. President, we have heard what has been said, and the excuses that have been made, but I have twenty-three brothers, and they and I will take the children's King around the world this year." And after that there was such cheering, and such clapping, that the trees shook the snow down the backs of the children, but they did not mind for they knew that they would get their stockings filled. So President Beaver wrote a letter to Santa Claus and gave it to Mr. St. Bernard, and he and his twenty-three brothers all started off for the North Pole to help out in the trouble Santa Claus was in. And if you listen about mid-night this probably hear these twenty-four great big St. Bernards barking, as they wait while old Santa Claus comes down your chimney.

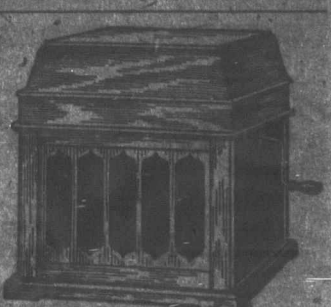
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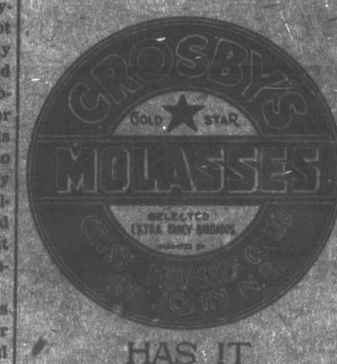


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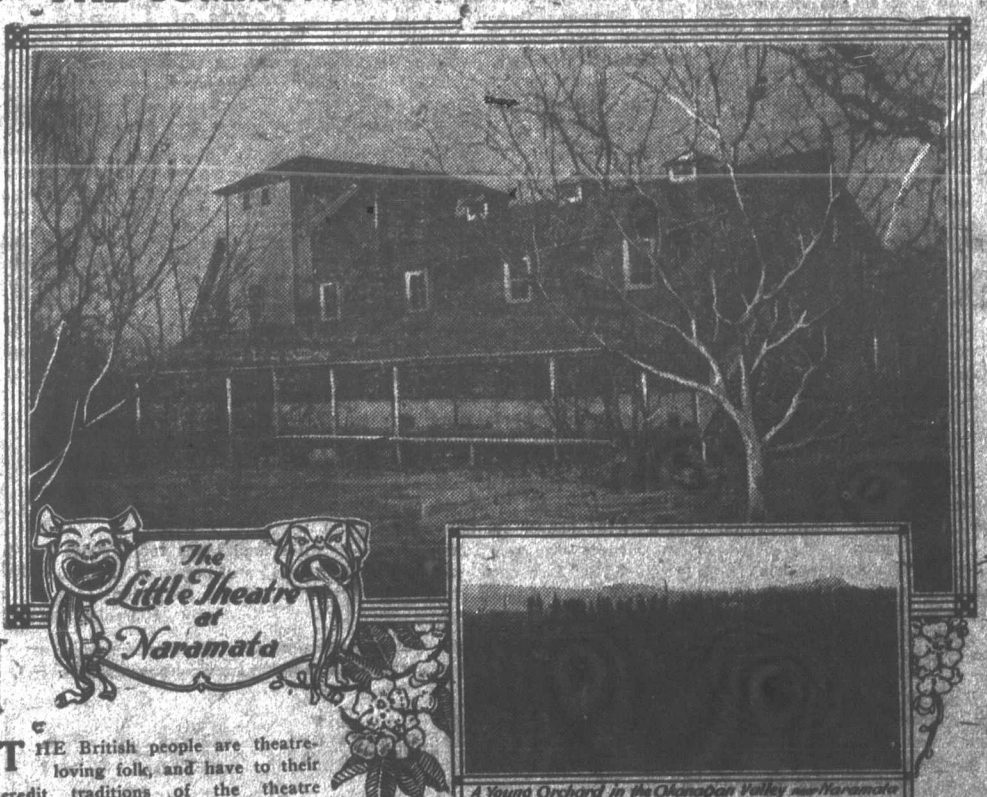
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THE COMMUNITY THEATRE AT NARAMATA



THE British people are theatre-loving folk and have to their credit traditions of the theatre that are greater, and of more world-wide importance than any other country. Therein, no doubt, lies the reason why Canadians today take so much interest in theatricals, and particularly those of the amateur variety. Being a small population lying alongside a great one, it is but natural that Canada's professional stage should be entirely dominated by that of the United States, but it is greatly to Canada's credit that there has come into being an important theatrical movement in this country which is distinct from that of the regular professional stage. Under existing conditions it is only thus that there can be developed a Canadian stage with a literature of its own. Montreal has its group of Community Players, Toronto has its Hart House Theatre, and Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria, as well as many other Canadian cities, have their theatrical organizations, all of which are doing an excellent work, but none of them are more worthy of note than the little theatre which has been established in the fruit-growing village of Naramata in the Okanagan Valley, B.C.

It was built by Carroll Atkins on his small fruit ranch. For years he and Mrs. Atkins had been interested in the theatre. One of his own plays was produced three years ago in Birmingham, and it was because there was no native theatre where Canadian plays could be tried out that the little theatre of Naramata came to be built.

The neighbourhood of Naramata had actors enough. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Atkins were of the sort that could make actors out of anybody who had a love for that sort of thing—but the theatre was another matter. It had to be built, but before that it had to be designed and, not knowing so much about what regular theatres had in them, as about what he thought they should have, Mr. Atkins was able to evolve a community theatre that in completeness of equipment and simplicity of arrangement does not suffer in comparison with any theatre of the kind on the continent, but which presents many novel and interesting features. The theatre is built in the spacious upstairs of the fruit ranch packing

house. The stage is on the floor level, and the benches rise gradually on shallow steps, but it is in its stage that the theatre is most remarkable. The back wall is a huge plastered dome with a specially prepared surface on which a splendid array of variously colored lights can create any effect desired. There is no space to describe the scenic effects, all of which were designed and built by Mr. Atkins and his assistants. It is enough to say they were simplicity itself and amazingly successful.

The actors are the fruit pickers of the neighbourhood, reinforced by a number of enthusiasts from various parts of Canada who have gone to Naramata to study stage-craft. It is Mr. Atkins' hope that this number will grow, and that his splendid little theatre will have an opportunity of giving a first production to new Canadian plays by Canadian authors. The theatre has already become the most important place in the country side, and will continue to make life more worth the living in beautiful Naramata.

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