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Construction Executive

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Trailer Talk

by
Wally Byam

At the Holiday Factory—Jackson Center, Ohio.

Wally Byam is now deep into Mexico with over 500 trailers on his Caravan tour . . . Think of it OVER 500 TRAILERS . . . it stretches out from 35 to 50 miles . . . imagine what happens when they come to a village or town and stop for gas or at a grocery store . . . the average couple spend \$5.00 or \$6.00 a day . . . that's \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 . . . perhaps more money than some Mexican villages see in many months . . . interesting isn't it . . . People who have gone on these trips before tell us of the many interesting things that happened . . . the whole population of a city or town turns out to see the Americanos . . . Tortillas and Hot Tamales with plenty of green peppers . . . bet they are having fun . . . As I write this there are about three or four inches of snow on the ground here . . . with more coming . . . and tonight the weatherman says it's going to get colder—a lot colder . . . B-r-r-r-r! And the weather down "Meh-E-Co" way is balmy and delightful . . . Sad isn't it . . . Jerry and I wanted to go with Wally . . . but I have to take care of business . . . However we are going to California ON business . . . as we are going to open a Western factory soon . . . Glenn Fields, who had been our manager here, is now General Manager . . . because he deserves it . . . He is quite capable, unassuming and very genial . . . and he knows trailers too . . . Last month I told you if I had to "fill in" for Wally, I'd tell you about some trips with the 16-foot Holiday and why we rivet our trailers . . . I'll make it short . . . the '55 - 16-footer has the same construction as the 21-foot Tandem and tows like a dream too . . . After Jerry and I returned from Florida . . . there was a 16-footer to go to Pleasantville, New Jersey, (5 miles from Atlantic City), to our dealer there—Antler Trailer Sales . . . all our drivers were out . . . so I said to Jerry "Let's take it," as I would like to test it also . . . so away we go . . . right on top of ice and snow . . . Jackson Center is 58 miles north of Dayton and some 200 miles from the Pennsylvania Turnpike . . . the roads were icy so we take it easy—reach the Turnpike and start rolling 65 and 70 miles per hour as the roads are now clear . . . speed limit western half of Turnpike is 65—eastern half 70—and we kept right on the button . . . Having been born and raised in California, I have had to learn how to drive on icy roads here in the East—But I found the "Holiday" trailers help keep the car in line on ice and slippery roads . . . We stayed overnight (in the trailer) in the Alleghenies and it dropped to 7-below . . . this time we had a "Panel Ray" gas heater . . . It kept us as cozy warm as a bug-in-a-rug . . . Jerry said "now you're building trailers that are really comfortable to live in, as well as easy to tow"—believe me—my wife doesn't pull punches when it comes to trailer-ing—(or anything else for that matter) . . . so if she says it's good . . . brother, you can take it from me . . . we're not far off . . . Maybe I haven't enough space left to tell all I'd like about riveting . . . so will later. Fundamentally—we rivet our trailers . . . simply because it holds all the Aluminum pieces together better by far than any known method yet devised . . . examine Aeroplanes, Busses, Trucks, Trains . . . while it's true they weld some of these, but only when these are of steel — when Aluminum is used they RIVET . . . more later—
'bye for now . . .

Claude McFall

Holiday

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I, personally, have trailered in most of North America and Europe for over 20 years—but this is only part of the story. The key men who are actually responsible for designing and building Airstreams at our two factories are likewise experienced trailer travelers. Both Andy Charles at Jackson Center, Ohio, and Art Costello at Los Angeles, Calif. have, only a short time ago, returned from our last Mexican Caravan . . . and they are hard at it now, building new Airstream models with every latest feature learned from our recent experience.

What does this mean to you? Simply this—if you want to travel in a trailer; if you want long years of trouble-free service and satisfaction—depend on the trailer built by experienced trailer travelers. It is your guarantee that you will get the greatest value for your money. Take my word for it. This is my way of life—and there is little more important to me than a happy trailer traveler.

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Wally Byam

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Acapulco, Mexico—When we reached the swollen Piaxtla River, we again parked along the highway. I parked my own trailer right smack on the river in the sand and proceeded with the 3-day job of getting that Caravan across on two improvised ferries—one made out of two big overgrown rowboats held together by planks, and the other a small scow so leaky with age that it required the constant services of a gas-engine pump to keep it from sinking.

They pulled both of these contrivances across the river by hand-power with ropes. That took time and work, work, work. We ran day and night. It was a slow, seemingly endless, task. The small trailers were easy. The bigger ones were hard. But after three days, we were all safely in camp again, all together, in Mazatlan.

Mazatlan threw a big fiesta for us. There was dancing in the streets, the most beautiful fireworks I have ever seen, big banquets, floor shows, free beer, etc.

At one of the many banquets in Mazatlan where speeches were exchanged back and forth, a quiet little fellow stepped forth to give us the following. We found out later that he had taught himself English from a book, had never been to the United States, yet he composed this masterpiece.

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Caravan, in the history of highway traveling, this 500 trailer Caravan has marked a milestone.

I am sure it has required a great deal of planning and organizing, that it has presented many problems similar in some respects to mobilizing an army. But unlike armies, carrying death and destruction wherever they go, yours is an army of homes; and homes, we know, are the living cells of society and of mankind; homes are the sites for mutual respect and understanding and love and affection.

By bringing your homes along and planting them temporarily side by side with ours, you are writing a new and bright chapter in human relations which will result in untold benefits to mankind.

It is, therefore, a privilege to have you with us, and we hope that your visit to our city and our country will be one of interesting and pleasing experiences.

In behalf of the national chamber of commerce and of the people of Mazatlan, I express our feelings with two words, two simple words, yet full of meaning, 'Welcome Friends.' "

That tells the story of the Wally Byam Goodwill Caravans better than we could ever have told it.



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ACAPULCO, MEXICO—You saw the big picture in the Feb. 21st issue of LIFE Magazine—the one with the trailers all parked in a circle around a central meeting place and bonfire. Well, there's quite a story to that picture.

When we parked at Hermosillo the first night after we crossed the border, the LIFE photographer and reporter flew over our camp and later told us that it was an impressive sight—looked like an awful lot of trailers, but very much like a regular trailer park. They said, "Can't you park in the old western wagon wheel style you told us about?" I told them that possibly the next campsite in Guaymas would be big enough for that—it would take an enormous flat area to park 500 trailers that way.

So that night at Meeting Time, I told the Caravanners that tomorrow we would park in wagon wheel style. Then I got Pop Riley and his parking committee, Art Costello and Andy Charles, together and drew out a parking arrangement in the dirt. They left early next day for Guaymas and spent practically the whole night laying out that campsite, with white lime marking the circles. Along about two in the morning they finished. An hour later, a terrific downpour hit all of this area.

They tried to get word to us not to send the Caravan down for fear they would get mired in the mud. But the wire didn't come through, and the Caravan pulled out early in the morning. Luckily, the bright, warm Mexico sun came out, the ground was hard enough for parking and the lime lines were not completely obliterated.

The LIFE people flew over, landed and told me that it was the most imposing sight they had ever seen. Next flight they took me along, and I must admit that never in my life have I had a bigger lump in my throat than when I saw those 500 trailers parked wagon wheel style, the biggest rolling city ever on wheels and probably the biggest wagon wheel campsite that will ever be established. All those shining aluminum trailers and the blue gulf out ahead! LIFE took many pictures of that camp, then that evening had us all light matches while they took our Meeting Time at close range.

They must have taken hundreds of pictures, and we thought many of them were better than those they actually published, but then editors have their own ideas, and who is to say they are not right?

Anyway, we think the LIFE feature was one of the nicest pieces of publicity that the trailer industry has ever had, and we think it will do a great deal toward popularizing travel by trailer. Our hats off and our wholehearted thanks to LIFE, and particularly to their team who did such wonderful work—Frank Pierson and Loomis Dean, who are not only tops in their field, but just about the nicest folks personally that you will ever meet.

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Byam's Blue Beret Caravanners Converge upon Nogales



SOME OF THE happy Caravanners had their picture taken at the Nogales High School Stadium before leaving in January for their trip down the West Coast Highway to Acapulco and Mexico City. There are roughly 300 in this picture, about a third of the total group. The rest of them were busy with their border paperwork and last-minute preparations for the biggest and best of Wally Byam's

Caravan Tours. Every state in the Union is represented, as well as several provinces of Canada.

The blue berets with the Wally Byam Caravan insignia were very much in evidence around Nogales, and they proved to be an "Open Sesame" for every thing — even parking tickets were torn up by the genial Chief of Police for these popular visitors.

Globe Trotting



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Zacatecas, Mexico—Seldom have I given tips on places to stay, but here are a couple that are really outstanding. The first, the Banos de San Bartolo, are not on any map and nobody except a small group of Caravanners knows about them, so don't lose these directions. On the highway between Mexico City and El Paso, about twelve miles north of Queretaro, watch for kilometer posts 329 and 330. Approximately between these two, you will see a little dirt road leading off to the south. About a mile and a half off the highway you will see two church towers about a kilometer apart. The one on the right is the "banos"—baths.

The Banos de San Bartolo were built centuries ago by the Spanish grandees. The buildings reek with antiquity—a big archway, a big sun-drenched patio surrounded by enormous rooms with vaulted ceilings, each room containing a marble swimming pool about 12 feet square and four feet deep, all scrupulously clean. The pools are fed by steaming hot mineral waters piped through stone pipes. The attendant can make the water absolutely any temperature you want. What a place to soak; bring your whole family, stay as long as you like. It's good for anything that ails you. Costs three pesos for men, two for ladies (I guess the men are supposed to be dirtier) and one for kids. A peso is about eight and a half cents. There is a nice grove of trees outside where you can park your trailer for as long as you like. The Indians roundabout are friendly and don't pilfer.

Coming along the same road north about ten or twelve miles before you reach Zacatecas, you'll see a group of a couple of dozen giant ice cream cones turned upside down. They are old, old granaries built before the United States was born to house the surplus corn, wheat and barley from a countryside much more fertile than now, because of heavier rainfall. They are now a motel called the Indios. Plenty of room to drive your trailer in, and you'll be amazed at what you see. They are made of stone, are about forty feet across at the bottom and forty feet high. One is made into a dining room, clean with beautiful new tile, another a kitchen with snack bar, another a store. There is a big swimming pool in the center. They can give you a water hose hook-up and electricity in the evening. What's more, when we stopped there recently the cooking was wonderfully good, and the welcome heartwarming.

It is Eastern Canada this summer for the Caravan Tours, next winter to Cuba if a ferry big enough to take trailers gets going. If not, then over the newly-opened Pan American Highway to Guatemala again. Maybe even to Costa Rica. Next summer (1956) we are planning on chartering our own boat for a big Caravan to Europe and North Africa, and the following winter around South America. Certainly nothing wrong with our dreams anyway. Strange to say, they often come true. If you are interested, write Marianne, 1755 North Main St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

ACTUAL ROAD TEST BY NATIONAL MAGAZINE PROVES...

AIRSTREAM tows like a dream at over 90 m.p.h.

Amazing performance with standard 30-foot trailer proves superiority of unique Airstream "travel trailer" construction



High speed runs netted 91.6 mph behind stock Mercury. Airstream all-aluminum construction means feather weight, low resistance.



Airstreams camping at beautiful St. Mary Lake, Canada, on last Airstream Caravan through western Canada.



Airstreams take their owners to exciting places where things happen and adventure beckons—This Airstream at Mitla, Mexico.

Motor Life's test report (July, 1955) included the notation that towing a trailer at an automobile's top speed was not to be expected in everyday driving. However, an Airstream 30-footer can be towed safely and easily behind an average car on ordinary roads at 91.6 miles per hour . . . evidence of its superb engineering and construction. Included in the *Motor Life* test run was a winding mountain grade used as a practice site by Mexican Road Race entrants, but the Airstream offered no handicap to performance. Stopping distances at high speed . . . using only Airstream brakes were identical to those of the car by itself . . . a tremendous safety factor!

Here is a trailer built to take it. A "go-places-and-see-things" trailer. As Motor Life reported, "anyone can hitch, unhitch and tow a trailer of this type, often *without knowing it is there.*" Airstream trailers have roamed, trouble free, for 20 years on many continents over the most rugged terrain imaginable. Completely self-contained, including water supply, toilet, shower, water heater, stove, refrigerator, heating and lighting, even the smallest Airstream is a marvel of space economy and travel luxury.

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CALLING ALL WALLY BYAM'S CARAVANERS

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For six fun-filled weeks, beginning in early January, the Wally Byam Caravanners will make a grand deluxe tour of this tourist paradise, travelling along the world-famed Gulf Route from Laredo, Texas, all the way to Guatemala.

The Caravan is scheduled to leave Laredo around January 6th and roll southward through the historic cities of Monterrey, Tamazunchale and Páchuca to fabulous Mexico City. Also on the schedule are many exciting side trips. From here the Caravan will wend its way south through world-famed archaeological sites where giant stone figures and temples tower over green jungle vegetation . . . and on through Guatemala, cradle of the ancient Maya civilization and land of eternal spring.

According to Mexican Government officials, the "red carpet" is being rolled out for the Caravan. So, for the time of your life, don't miss this fabulous tour to Mexico and Guatemala.

Make your reservation immediately. Don't put it off — time is short. Write Helen Byam Schwamborn, 2204 Lindora, Bakersfield, California — and do it TODAY.

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TO ALL CARAVANNERS***

on to Europe!



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Here's the trailer trip of trailer trips —promising all the excitement and glamour you've ever dreamed of. Six glorious months in Europe, covering all of Western Europe . . . and led by Wally Byam himself, who knows more about trailer traveling in Europe than any other American.

We estimate the trip will cost you around \$5,000.00. You could do it for less, and you could also spend more if you want to—but \$5000 is a good average. This includes shipment of car, trailer and 2 people round trip, gas and all expenses in Europe. As on all Wally Byam Caravans, everyone pays their own expenses. No charge for the tour.

Don't miss this chance of a lifetime. Be part of the fun and friendship that will be showered on the famous Wally Byam Caravanners by towns, cities and nations of Europe. All the preparations have been made. Europe is ready and waiting.

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*** Only a limited number of trailers can be taken. Write at once for reservations.**

Globe Trotting



WITH
Wally
Byam

Hamburg. Germany—You have heard a lot about Paris in the spring, but did you ever hear about Paris in the fall? Well, it's different. The weather gets nippy. And many days there's a drizzle—not a hard rain, but just a messy one. But it is better in many ways. The city has more bounce. Parisians have returned from their vacations. The new shows start. There seem to be more people on the streets. There are a lot of complaints about the apartments and hotel rooms being cold. The Paris landlords by law are not required to turn on the heat until November 1—and they don't no matter what the weather. But we can turn on the heat in our own trailer any time we want to.

In Germany too, for my money, fall is the best time of year. For some unknown reason, it rains less. And it's Germany's time to let it's hair down. Munich has its big beer festa, there are new wine celebrations all along the Rhine, and in many parts of Germany—Saxonyhausen, for instance, across the river from Frankfurt—they burst open at the seams with the opening of the Apfelwine season. Apfelwine is just plain old-fashioned hard cider, a little on the sour side, but the Germans love it. Every night in the beer halls and wine cellars, they gather around big tables, and with a little orchestra, an accordion, a horn and maybe a fiddle popping out swingy music, they raise the rafters as everyone lets go on his vocal cords. You walk along a dimly lighted street until you see a green bough hanging out in front. You go in and find the place jammed. You might have to go to five or six spots to find a space where you can shoehorn in. It isn't so much the Apfelwine, nobody ever seems to imbibe much. It's the music, the singing, the friendship and the life. The Germans love it.

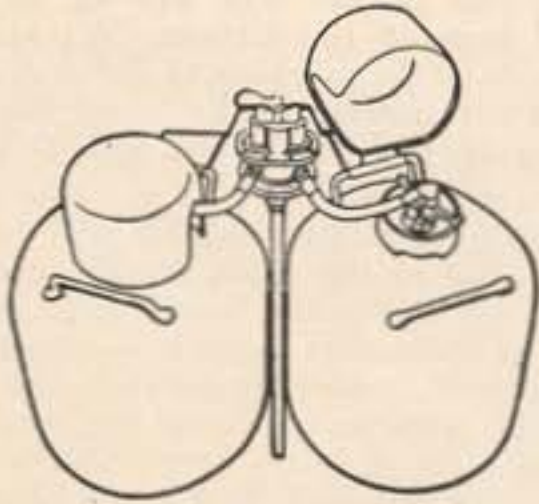
Germany is becoming with prosperity. You have to look twice to find evidence of war damage. New houses, new buildings everywhere. Stores are filled with all kinds of merchandise. Grocerymen's shelves look as enticing as they do in this country. Germany goes in for a lot of trade fairs. We have attended several, all with record-breaking crowds.

The Frankfurt Auto Show displayed more different models of car than I have ever seen anywhere in the world before. All the way from super fancy Mercedes and Ferraris to some of the cleverest small cars you could imagine. Beautiful displays too, well done. One little two-passenger car sells for \$650, it is as long as the average American car is wide—to park it you just head squarely into the curb. The big door is right in front. The motorcycle engine is behind. But it will do 60 miles an hour, get 60 miles to the gallon and climb any hill that any other car will. Another small one has two such seats arranged back-to-back with the engine in the middle and a big door on each end. All of Europe, and Germany in particular, is getting on wheels.

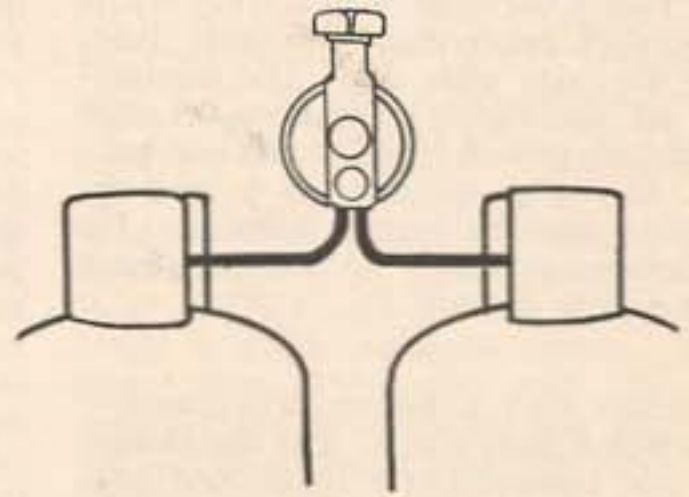
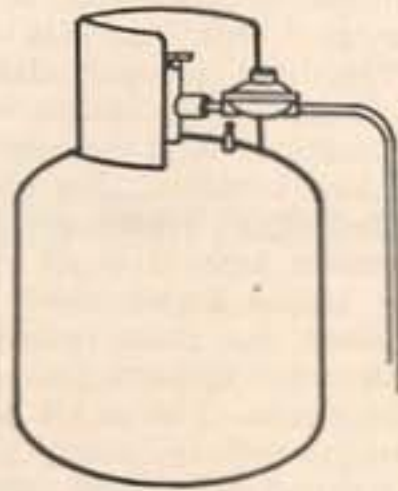
If you want to go to Europe with the Wally Byam Caravan next spring, write me soon at 1755 N. Main St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

GAS and SAFETY

Gas in home or trailer home is perfectly safe . . . when handled safely. These cuts, reprinted by special permission of Butane-Propane News, leading trade journal in the immense field of LP Gas, which is now used by over 800,000 homes in the United States, show a few simple precautions which should always be taken.



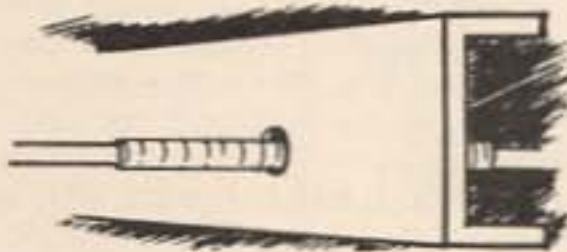
Let's try to get trailerites to use double cylinder installations instead of single cylinders. The chances of accident will not only be less but the customer will enjoy better service.



Appliances with continuous burning pilots should only be used with dual cylinders and automatic changeover valves.



Fuel lines should be fastened securely under the trailer floor about every 2 to 3 ft.

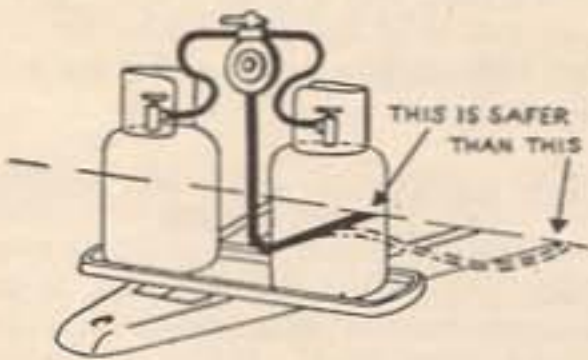


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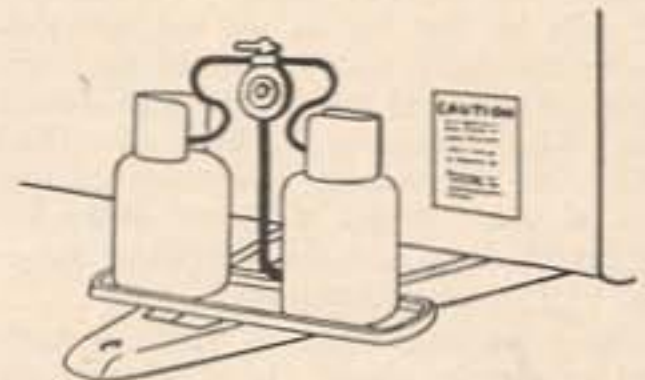
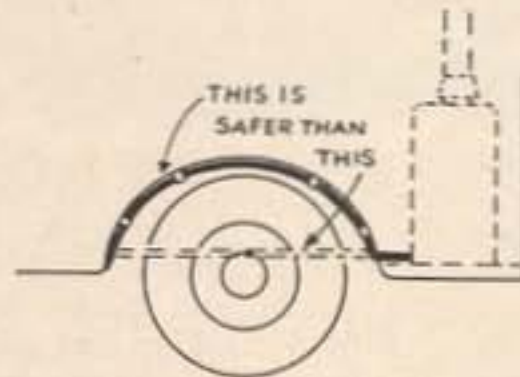


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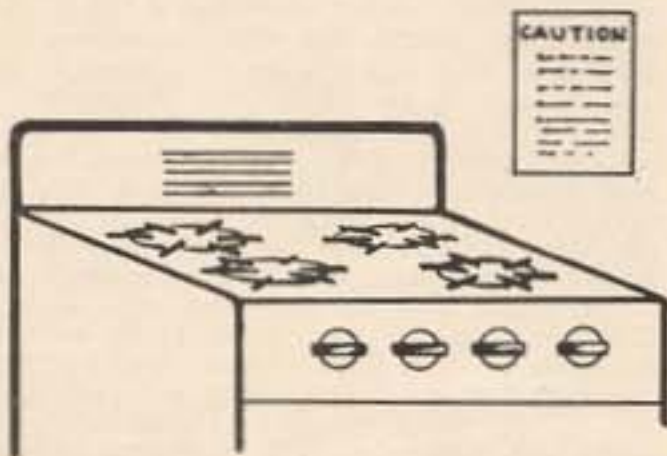
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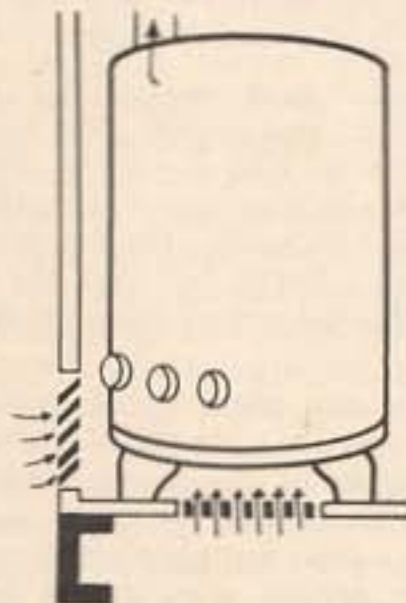
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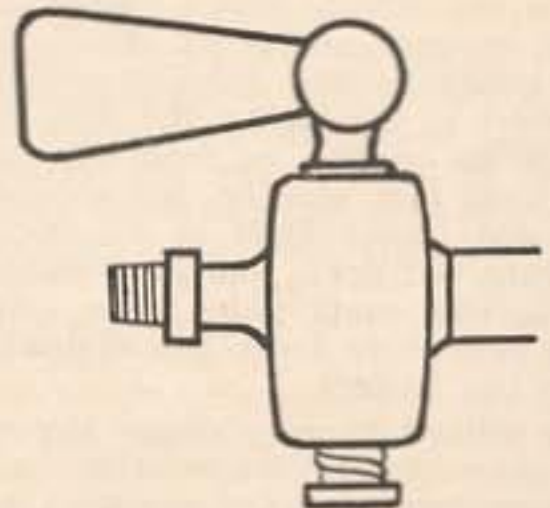
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Valves on appliances should always be carefully checked to see that they are in "shut-off" position before opening a refilled cylinder valve.



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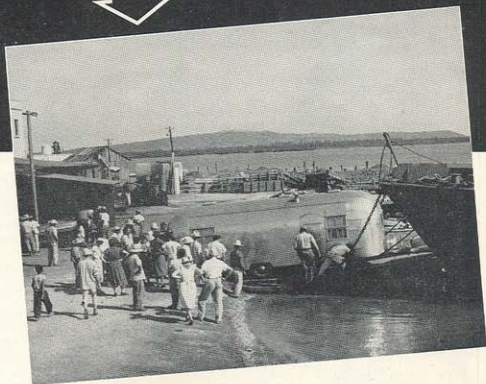
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Trailer Talk by Wally Byam

At this writing . . . Wally Byam is completing the final plans and details for his Annual Caravan Trailer Tour into Mexico . . . so, I am substituting this column for his.

We here in Jackson Center, Ohio, received a tape recording this morning from him telling us about the large number of reservations he has received from trailerists, who want to go with him. This annual Mexican Caravan Tour is fast becoming really famous . . . it is now taking on international scope — with many countries extending bids and invitations to Wally Byam to bring his Caravan Tours to their countries.

Two European tours have already been completed by Wally . . . the first in 1948 . . . the second in 1952, covering a large part of Europe and the International Trailer Rally at Copenhagen, Denmark. Three annual tours have already been made into Mexico and one into the Canadian Rockies, British Columbia, Western Canada and Alberta.

Jerry (that's my wife) and I took a 21-foot tandem Holiday to Florida in early December and had the pleasure of seeing Wally and Stella, his charming wife . . . Wally was booked to show movies of his 1954 Canadian Caravan Trailer Tour at the Municipal trailer park in Sarasota. Because the back seat of my car is loaded with grips and other stuff, it was not convenient for Jerry and Stella to ride there . . . I said to Jerry—you and Stella ride in the Holiday . . . and let Wally ride in the front seat with me—we'd like to talk things over . . . so we drove Wally to keep his speaking engagement at the trailer park . . . On arriving at the park, both Jerry and Stella and the trailer rode so smoothly — that it was really fun . . . that you could hardly notice railroad tracks or rough spots in the road, confirming our contention that tandem action is the answer to smoother trailering . . . I can say first hand the movies and Wally's talk before quite a large crowd was really, really inspiring . . . it just made you want to go and see Mexico and the Canadian Rockies in person . . . in a trailer . . . and of course with a HOLIDAY.

Of the many things Wally and I talked about, was the terrific response to our latest endeavor, the 21-foot Tandem . . . In all my almost twenty-five years of traveling with trailers, I have never known anything like it . . . All the things we have written about it are true . . . IT IS easier on the tires . . . easier on the body . . . just half the bounce . . . tows twice as steady and stops that weave . . . I know — I towed it 3300 miles in 21-days and spent a week in Florida. On our return trip, we stopped one night at Portsmouth, Virginia, (near Norfolk) . . . When we went to bed, it was raining quite hard and rather cold, so I had the heater on medium low — at this point, I must say we had twin beds because during the night I was awakened by the trailer gently rocking side to side — (on the tandem, we don't use any supports to keep the trailer steady when we stop) — so I said to Jerry — please stop rocking the trailer, I want to sleep . . . she woke up and said I'm not moving at all . . . it's you . . . I looked out the window and saw everything white and the trees swaying to beat the band . . . we were in a blizzard — and a good one too. In the morning, I went out to look things over and saw we were actually in a cake of ice, the entire trailer was frozen over by the rain, that froze before it started snowing. The temperature had dropped into the teens and we only had the heater on medium low . . . pretty good insulation, I'd say . . . And, one of the best features — we could use the toilet and septic tank without hooking up to the trailer park facilities — all we hooked up to was electricity and then we didn't have to do this because we had a gas light.

Next month, if I have to fill in for my friend and colleague, Wally Byam — I'd like to tell you about some trips Jerry and I have made with the 16-footer and why we rivet our trailers — that's all for now . . .

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Canada Prepares Welcome for Wally Byam's Caravan

THE WALLY Byam Caravan this month is off on another grand tour, this time to Eastern Canada. Thanks to arrangements with the Canadian Tourist Bureau and the usual trail-blazing by Wally Byam's scouts, the present Caravan promises to be a real Fifth Avenue tour abroad — but at Woolworth prices.

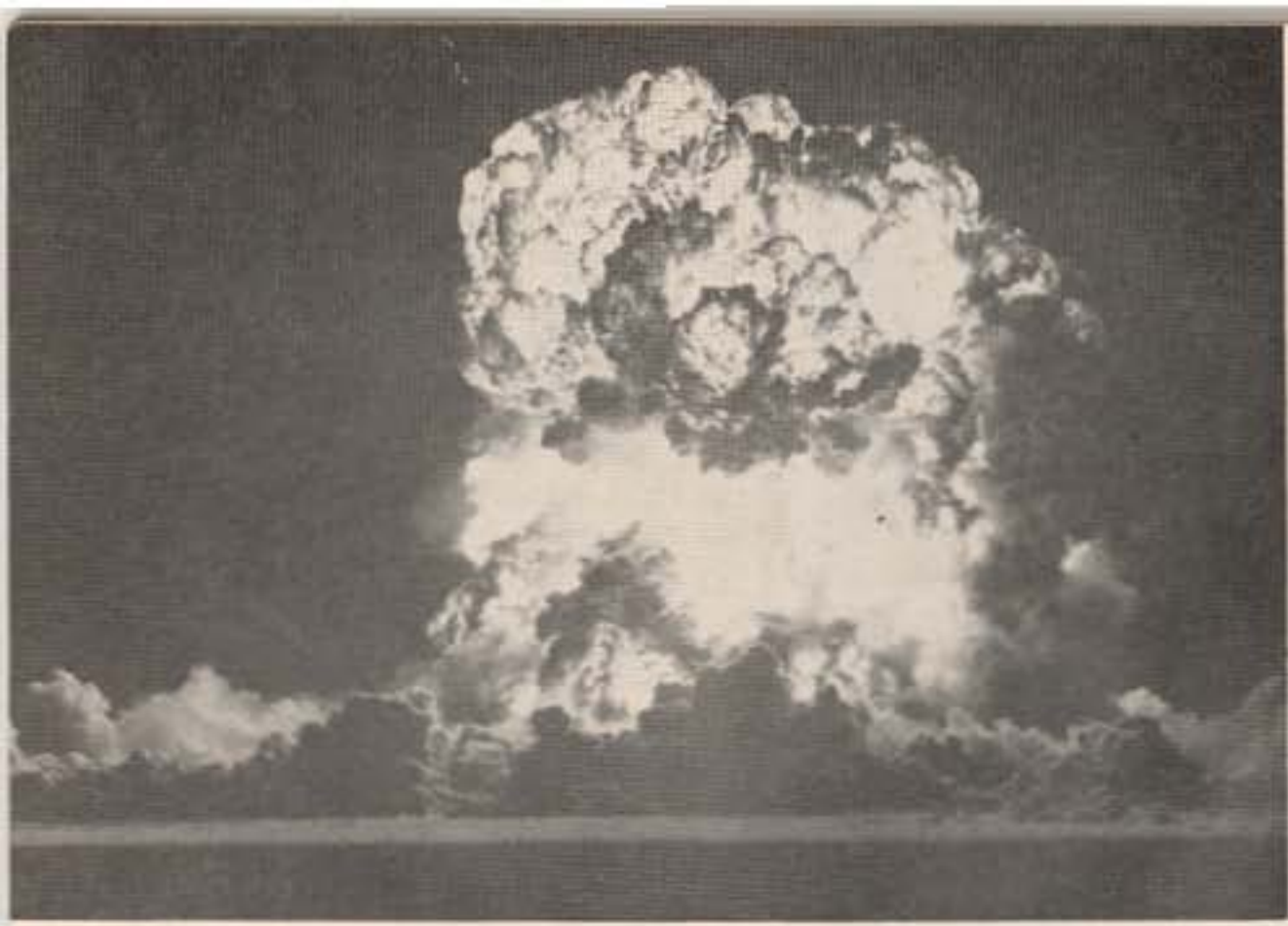
Starting at Sault St. Marie, Michigan, at the end of June, the Caravanners' itinerary includes Ottawa, Ontario, July 1-8; Quebec, July 9-15; Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec, July 15-19; Newcastle, New Brunswick, July 20-26; Moncton, New Brunswick, July 27-August 4; Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, August 5-13; and ending at Bangor, Maine, about August 15.

Luck seems to be with Wally Byam's Caravan as usual — the trailerists will be able to join in some of Canada's most colorful and important national celebrations, and the Canadian government is rolling out the red carpet for the

wheeled visitors from south of the border.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Soo Canal, busiest canal of its kind in the world, which has meant a great deal to the United States, making ore available to steel mills in American industrial regions. The event marks a milestone in U.S.-Canadian relations — so the Caravan's participation in it is most appropriate. Secondly, Canada is observing the 200th anniversary of the expulsion of the Acadians, made famous by Longfellow's poem, "Evangeline." The Acadians have since greatly increased in population, and a big celebration of their "Survival" is scheduled. They are coming from as far away as Louisiana to join in the fun, along with Wally Byam's Caravanners.

Best news of all is the fact that the roads and bridges have all been found so good that for once the Caravan is able to dispense with its customary tow-truck.



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Nogales, Arizona—Wally was so busy rolling his 1955 Caravan to Mexico that he didn't have time to write a column, so he asked me to tell you about the big kickoff.

I came down to see them off, and it was really something! Nogales on both sides of the border gave the Caravanners a royal welcome, and there was a real fiesta atmosphere for the whole week while they were assembling.

When we drove into town on Monday morning, we were greeted by a big banner across the road reading, "Welcome Wally Byam's Caravan." At the baseball park encampment, we found Wally conducting one of his famous meetings with about a hundred early arrivals, his well-known bullhorn having been replaced with a real P.A. system to take care of the 800 more-than-usual pairs of ears. The volunteer committee to sign people in was already functioning very efficiently.

It was too cold for the usual outdoor meetings, so the first big get-together was held in the local movie theatre on Tuesday night, and the place was packed to the rafters. The Caravanners were welcomed officially by dignitaries from both sides of the border, were briefed by Wally on various Caravan and Mexican customs and procedures, and serenaded by a mariachi band.

The next night, the Caravan had outgrown the theatre and met in the Armory to take care of a few last-minute details, more greetings, then adjourned to a bonfire and entertainment sponsored by Nogales, Arizona.

Thursday was Fiesta Day in Nogales, Sonora, in honor of the Caravan. Children were excused from school to attend the doings in the Plaza—more mariachis and some wonderful Mexican dancing by a group of children. That night, there was the big banquet at the Cavern, a fascinating restaurant that used to be a silver mine on the Mexican side, for 300 people.

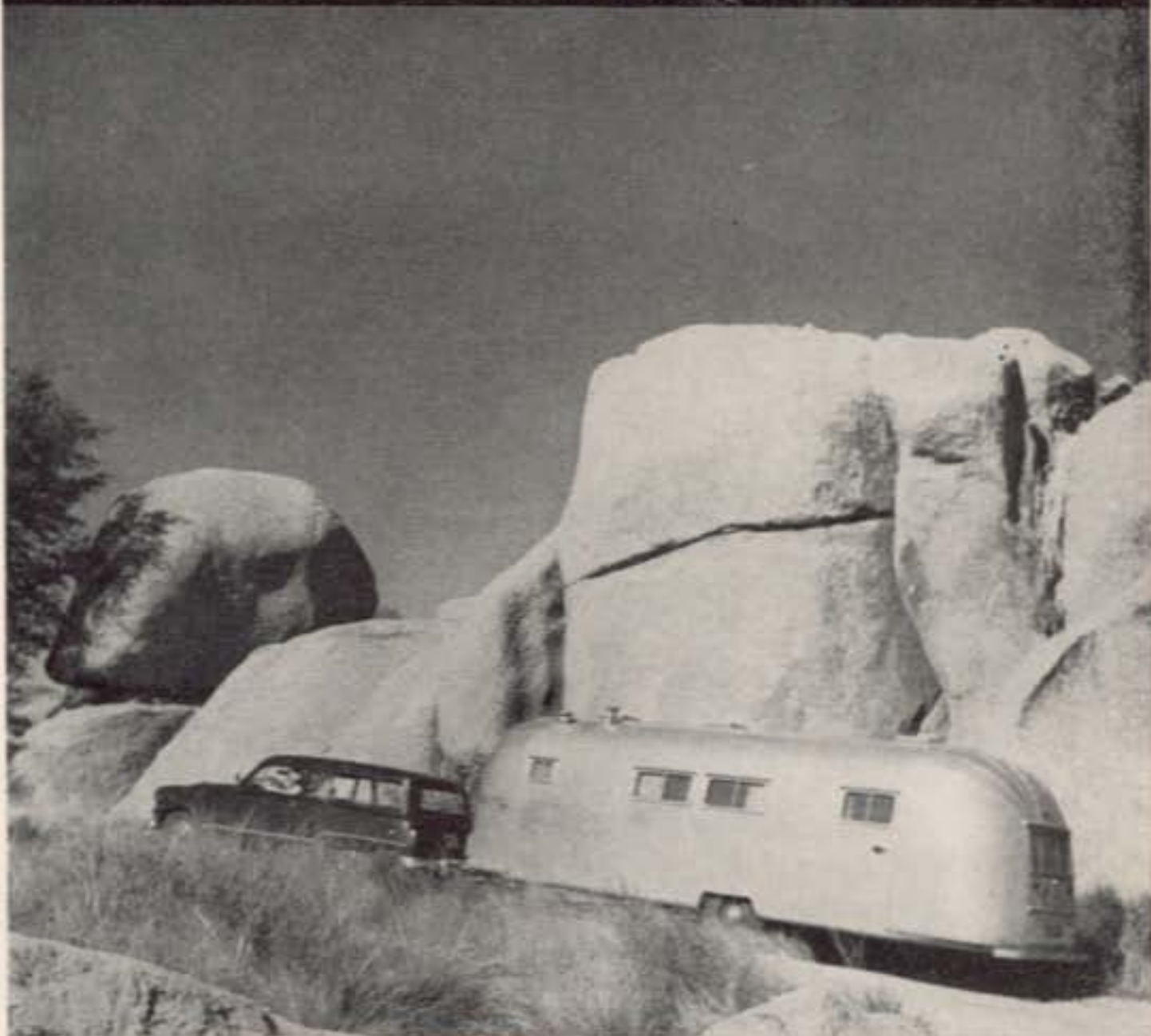
Friday was the Big Day, the new border gate opened at 8:00, and nearly 500 trailers had gone through (with the cooperation of traffic cops on both sides) by 10:30, when they had the official dedication with speeches by the Governors of Arizona and Sonora and, of course, our Wally Byam, as well as a parade and ribbon-cutting ceremonies. When these festivities were over, Wally hitched up his new 30-ft. Airstream (a real beauty), and off they went on this greatest-of-all Caravans. We counted 180 Airstreams—the largest single contingent.

There are still quite a few blue berets around Nogales, given to some of the nice people here by friendly Caravanners as souvenirs. The Customs official at the new gate told me he had counted 520 trailers in the Caravan. Local people keep asking me if they can't sign on next year as interpreters or something—this has given them all itchy feet. Me, too.

Wally promised to send some good stories from Fiesta Land for next month's column.

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**Trailer
Talk**
by
Wally Byam

Again at the Holiday factory—Jackson Center, Ohio.

No word from Wally as he is still in Mexico, but since last month Jerry and I have been to California . . . boy—what a trip we had . . . We drove 6010 miles in THREE weeks . . . the entire trip, especially the return trip, was really something to write about . . . 140 miles east of San Francisco, where my 82 year old mother lives, we hit snow . . . and had it all the way back to Jackson Center—for the most part we had fairly good roads . . . but several hundred miles were really iced up. Three times we had to dig out of the snow . . . For those who have not driven over Donner Pass (7166 ft.) coming out of California in the winter time—I'd like to say you've really missed one of the most awe inspiring sights America has to offer—as we reach the summit, Nevada starts to unfold—with the wonderful highway winding down past historic Donner Lake . . . fir trees high and mighty—coated with snow and icicles—lingers in our memory . . . snow on both sides of the highway up to nine feet high . . . A white walled canyon—many miles long . . . Who says it don't snow in California????? By way of contrast . . . Southern California put on a Weather Festival that made us glad to be there . . . sunny and warm—around 70 degrees and believe it or not . . . there was NO smog . . . (P.S.—the wind blew the smog out to sea . . . we went to the beach at Santa Monica . . . and there it was!) . . .

Los Angeles is fabulous—really FABULOUS . . . One of the most impressive things in California are the Freeways—(Turnpikes back here). The big difference between the turnpikes and the freeways are as the name implies—the Turnpikes are toll—the Freeways are free . . . that is, you don't pay toll on them—as they were and are built and supported from gasoline tax . . . and they are up to 14 lanes wide—that's right, 14 cars—seven in both directions—plus two side roads and two street car tracks . . . this is on Cahuenga Pass—which connects Hollywood and San Fernando Valley . . . want proof . . . look on page 14 of the January issue of this magazine. Those of you who think I'm overly boosting California, please remember—it's in the good old U.S.A. too—and the majority of the population are people just like yourselves . . . most of them came from the east.

It has been our good fortune (Jerry and I) to have been in both Florida and California this winter . . . both are ideal for winter trailering . . . in fact we found people happy, contented and enjoying themselves—both in Florida and California . . . so take a tip—get a "Holiday" and see for yourself . . . Oh yes—the Trailer Parks are simply grand both places . . . clean—with nice green lawns . . . laundries—and the most modern utilities. Bing Crosby's new "Blue Skies Trailer Park" in Palm Springs, California, is just about as nice as you would want . . . connected with "Bing" in this new trailer park are Wm. Paley, President of C.B.S.—Jack Benny the famous comedian and many other notables are also stock holders. To us, this is good news—as more and more prominent people get interested in trailering—the better it is for us . . . We passed "Bing's" huge ranch near Elko, Nevada . . .

You know some of the happiest times Jerry and I have had in our twenty-five years married, have been trailering . . . and that goes back to 1930 . . . when she and I took our Honeymoon in a trailer . . . went all over the western desert . . . saw and did lots of things that are indelibly imprinted in our book of memories—in fact we enjoyed it so much I said to her . . . "Let's go into the trailer business"—and we did—that's how I ran across Wally Byam . . . because he seems to always want to build "the better trailer" . . . and that was good enough for me . . . Perhaps you can see why we build travel trailers—and why we use Aircraft techniques in building them . . . the use of rivets and all metal framing in our Holiday Trailers came about when we were so thoroughly convinced that it was stronger, lighter and longer lasting than any other method known . . . and coupled with the fact that Aeroplanes are ALL riveted together—piece after piece.

Maybe I should not have written so much about our trip and stuck MORE to business . . . you might have gotten MORE out of this . . . but after a trip like we had—it's going to take me a few days to get back to normal . . . By the way, that's my "Jerry" standing beside the 21-foot tandem in our ad.

'Bye for now . . .

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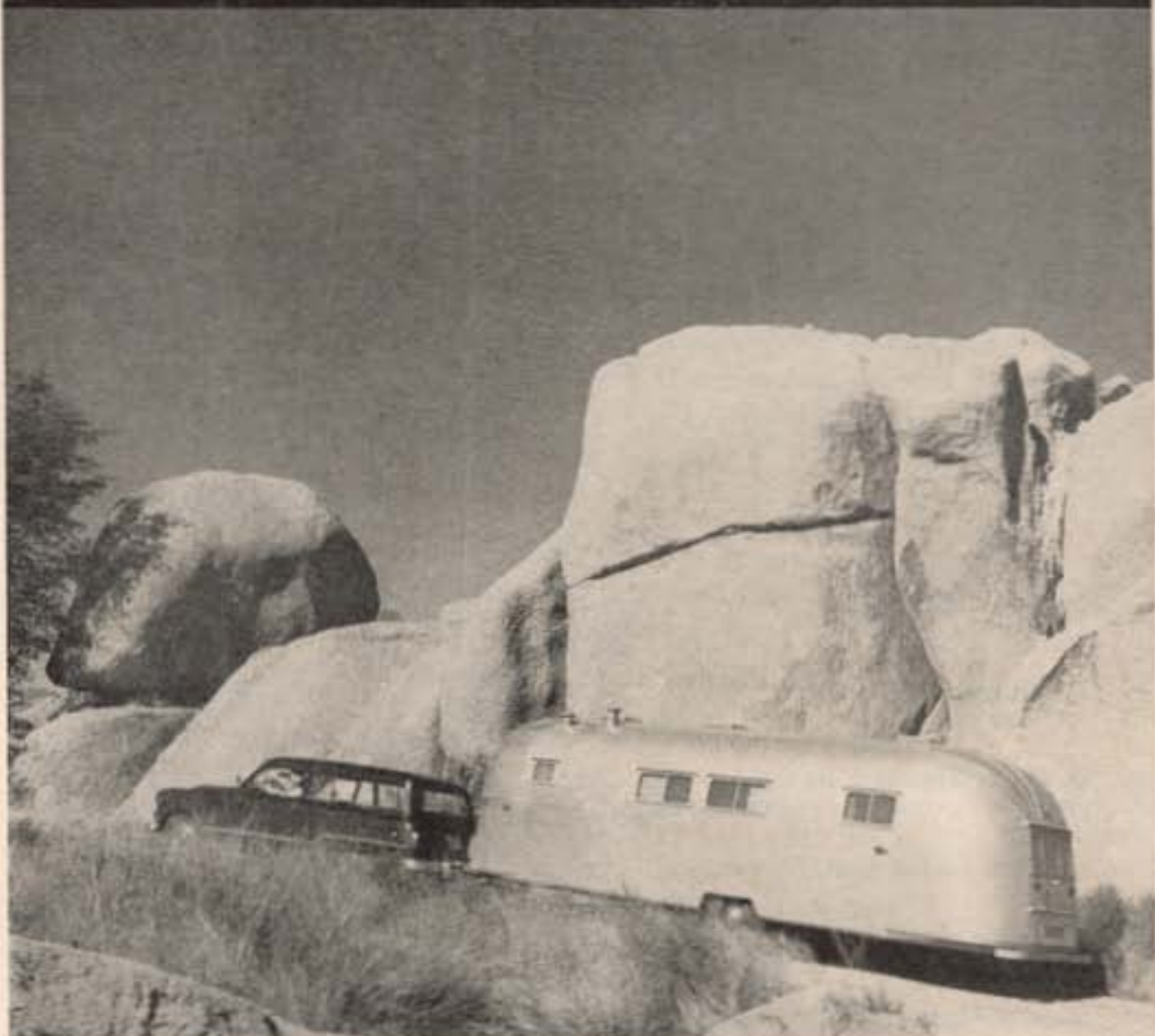
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Nogales, Arizona—Wally was so busy rolling his 1955 Caravan to Mexico that he didn't have time to write a column, so he asked me to tell you about the big kickoff.

I came down to see them off, and it was really something! Nogales on both sides of the border gave the Caravanners a royal welcome, and there was a real fiesta atmosphere for the whole week while they were assembling.

When we drove into town on Monday morning, we were greeted by a big banner across the road reading, "Welcome Wally Byam's Caravan." At the baseball park encampment, we found Wally conducting one of his famous meetings with about a hundred early arrivals, his well-known bullhorn having been replaced with a real P.A. system to take care of the 800 more-than-usual pairs of ears. The volunteer committee to sign people in was already functioning very efficiently.

It was too cold for the usual outdoor meetings, so the first big get-together was held in the local movie theatre on Tuesday night, and the place was packed to the rafters. The Caravanners were welcomed officially by dignitaries from both sides of the border, were briefed by Wally on various Caravan and Mexican customs and procedures, and serenaded by a mariachi band.

The next night, the Caravan had outgrown the theatre and met in the Armory to take care of a few last-minute details, more greetings, then adjourned to a bonfire and entertainment sponsored by Nogales, Arizona.

Thursday was Fiesta Day in Nogales, Sonora, in honor of the Caravan. Children were excused from school to attend the doings in the Plaza—more mariachis and some wonderful Mexican dancing by a group of children. That night, there was the big banquet at the Caravan, a fascinating restaurant that used to be a silver mine on the Mexican side, for 300 people.

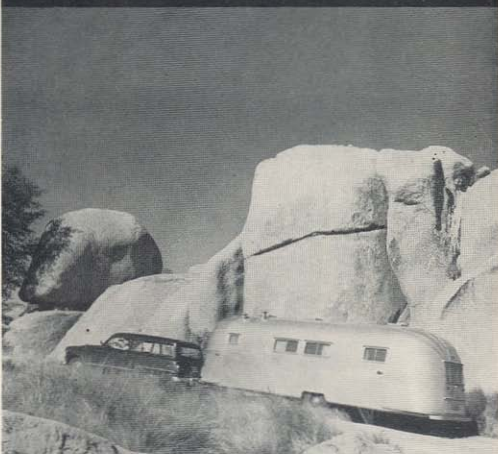
Friday was the Big Day, the new border gate opened at 8:00, and nearly 500 trailers had gone through (with the cooperation of traffic cops on both sides) by 10:30, when they had the official dedication with speeches by the Governors of Arizona and Sonora and, of course, our Wally Byam, as well as a parade and ribbon-cutting ceremonies. When these festivities were over, Wally hitched up his new 30-ft. Airstream (a real beauty), and off they went on this greatest-of-all Caravans. We counted 180 Airstreams—the largest single contingent.

There are still quite a few blue berets around Nogales, given to some of the nice people here by friendly Caravanners as souvenirs. The Customs official at the new gate told me he had counted 520 trailers in the Caravan. Local people keep asking me if they can't sign on next year as interpreters or something—this has given them all ticky feet. Me, too.

Wally promised to send some good stories from Fiesta Land for next month's column.

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Trailer Talk by Wally Byam



Again at the Holiday factory—Jackson Center, Ohio.

No word from Wally as he is still in Mexico, but since last month Jerry and I have been to California . . . boy—what a trip we had . . . We drove 6010 miles in THREE weeks . . . the entire trip, especially the return trip, was really something to write about . . . 140 miles east of San Francisco, where my 82 year old mother lives, we hit snow . . . and had it all the way back to Jackson Center—for the most part we had fairly good roads . . . but several hundred miles were really iced up . . . Three times we had to dig out of the snow . . . For those who have not driven over Donner Pass (7166 ft.) coming out of California in the winter time—I'd like to say you've really missed one of the most awe inspiring sights America has to offer—as we reach the summit, Nevada starts to unfold—with the wondrously highway winding down past historic Donner Lake . . . for trees high and mighty—coated with snow and icicles—linger in our memory . . . snow on both sides of the highway up to nine feet high . . . A white walled canyon—many miles long . . . Who says it don't snow in California????

By way of contrast . . . Southern California put on a Weather Festival that made us glad to be there . . . sunny and warm—around 70 degrees and believe it or not . . . there was NO smog . . . —the wind blew the smog out to sea . . . we went to the beach at Santa Monica . . . and there it was!

Los Angeles is fabulous—really FABULOUS . . . One of the most impressive things in California are the Freeways—Turmpikes back here. The big difference between the turmpikes in the states are as the name implies—the Turmpikes are toll-free. The Freeways are free . . . that is, you don't pay toll on them—as they were and are built and supported from gasoline tax . . . and they are up to 14 lanes wide—flat's right, 14 cars—even in both directions—plus two side roads and two street car tracks . . . this is on Cahuenga Pass—which connects Hollywood and Fernando Valley . . . want proof . . . look on page 14 of the January issue of this magazine. Those of you who think I'm overly home California, please remember—it's in the good old U.S.A. too—and the majority of the population are people just like yourselves . . . most of them came from the east.

It has been our good fortune (Jerry and I) to have been in both Florida and California this winter . . . both are ideal for winter traveling . . . in fact we found people happy, contented and enjoying themselves—both in Florida and California . . . so take a tip—get a "Holiday" and see for yourself . . . Oh yes—the Trailer Parks are simply grand both places . . . clean—with nice green lawns . . . laundries—and the most modern utilities. Bing Crosby's new "Blue Kiss Trailer Park" in Palm Springs, California, is just about as nice as you would want . . . connected with "Bing" in this new trailer park are Wm. Paley, President of C.I.S., Jack Benny, the famous comedian and many other notables are also stock holders. To us, this is good news—as more and more prominent people get interested in traveling—the better it is for us . . . We passed "Bing's" huge ranch near Elko, Nevada . . .

You know some of the happiest times Jerry and I have had in our twenty-five years married, have been traveling . . . and that goes back to 1930 when she and I took our Hanscom as a trailer . . . went all over the western desert . . . saw and did lots of things that are indelibly imprinted in our book of memories—in fact we enjoyed it so much I said to her . . . "Let's go into the trailer business—and we that's how I can answer Wally Byam . . . because he seems to always want to build "the better trailer" . . . and that was good sense for me . . .

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Bye for now . . .

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ACAPULCO, MEXICO — That untimely and unheard-of weather—rain at this time of year in Mexico—started a chain of circumstances that eventually led to my having the first heart trouble of my life. I am now attempting to recuperate with six weeks of total rest ordered by my doctors here in lovely Acapulco, but I want to give you some highlights of the Mexican Caravan.

When we approached the old silver town of Alamos, some of the folks decided to skip that and head straight for Mazatlan to get away from the bad weather. About 25 trailers made it before the bridges washed out, but 35 more were stuck for five days between two rivers with no bridges.

The main body of the Caravan stopped at Culiacan, and this livewire Mexican town really took us to its heart. More rain poured down, making our campsite quite a bog of mud. Gene Beltner and her Social Committee took over, and the city dads gave us a private club for square dances, canasta, movies, etc. We all began to get really well-acquainted with Mexican people. The Governor of the State, the Mayor of the City, clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions all entertained us.

While the Caravan was enjoying itself, I was worrying about the rivers and roads ahead. A friend of mine from Spokane just happened to be in Culiacan with his Piper Pace, so he flew me over the San Lorenzo to the Piaxtla, and from the air I could see the 35 trailers parked down there between the two rivers waiting for the flood to subside. In Mazatlan I met Bud Kiefer, one of the first group who made it before the washouts, and he drove me back to the swollen Piaxtla.

We finally got a couple of Indians to venture paddling us through the swirling waters in a dugout canoe. It was a trip I'll never forget. I went over to buck up the marooned Caravanners, but I found these 35 couples having the time of their lives. They wanted not for a thing. I carried the good news back to Culiacan.

By that time, I sensed an uneasiness amongst the Caravan. They wanted to move on. The city dads of Culiacan wanted to keep us there because they thought we would be more comfortable, but I knew that I couldn't hold that Caravan much longer, come hell or high water. So we moved out to the San Lorenzo River.

Some 400 trailers of us parked along the roadside, stretching back for miles and miles. I had trucks come out every day from Culiacan delivering water, beer, ice, bread—everything we needed. Potluck suppers were arranged up and down the road, big bonfires blazed at night, and I rode along the line on the portable motor scooter I carry in my trailer with the latest word on the progress of the bridge-building crew.

Then one night about six o'clock the word was passed down the line that the bridge was open, and the Caravan moved that night. It was a rickety crossing, scary in places, but we were all across in the next four or five hours and driving the 50 miles to the next river. (to be continued next month)

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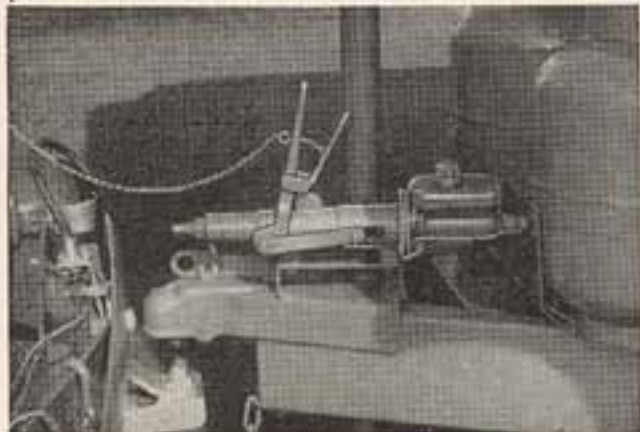
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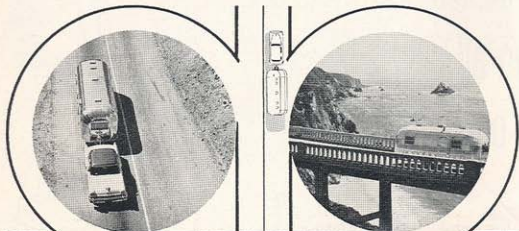
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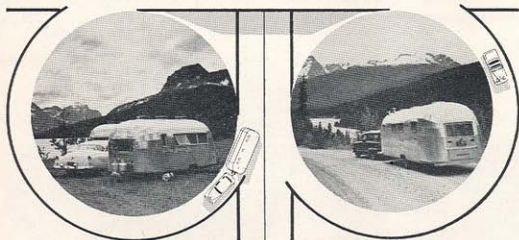


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Joe is sorta halfway retired, but with a heavy hand on the helm of a famous Cleveland Tool and Die Company at present deeply involved in classified Government work. Joe's standard Caravan costume is a pair of shorts and half Wellington boots. His well-tanned hide is very becoming too. Mary is the prissy member of the family, carries the family's dignity with a big nice friendly smile. They were the first to sign up for our European Caravan next year. Joe hails from Czechoslovakia, some fifty years ago.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Fred Beltner (his wife is cute little Jeannie) is a two-fisted farmer from Nebraska. He has always been the biggest and strongest man on the Caravans. On the tour to Mexico two years ago, he playfully squeezed a gal on the Caravan and broke her rib. He stands 6 feet 5 inches and is all man. But on this trip we call his Pee Wee. For he runs a bare third. John McNamara, high school principal from South Bend, Indiana, is 6 feet 6 inches, and "Chalky" Clegg, transportation tycoon of Dayton, Ohio, is 6 feet 6 1/2 inches tall.



NEVER MISS A TOUR

Louie and Alice Beatty have the distinction of having been on every Wally Byam Caravan conducted on the North American

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Harmon and Lola Boyd have their trailer furnished and decorated entirely with antiques. You never saw one like it. The newspaper photographers are always taking photogenic Lola's picture grinding the breakfast coffee with an old-fashioned coffee grinder. The whole interior of their trailer is something to write about.

But Harmon Boyd has an even greater distinction. He is a retired horse collar manufacturer. Not so many years ago, he was President of the biggest company of its kind in the world, the Jim Dandy Horse Collar Co. of Bradford, Illinois. Their slogan was, "Five million happy horses have worn Jim Dandy collars." He says he didn't exactly retire from the business. It retired from him. It just kept dwindling and dwindling away and finally died on the vine. All he has left are some very interesting illustrated catalogs that look like the Sears Roebuck variety of 1907. They don't care. They have an Airstream now and are out to see the world—with the Globe Trotting Wally Byam Caravanners.



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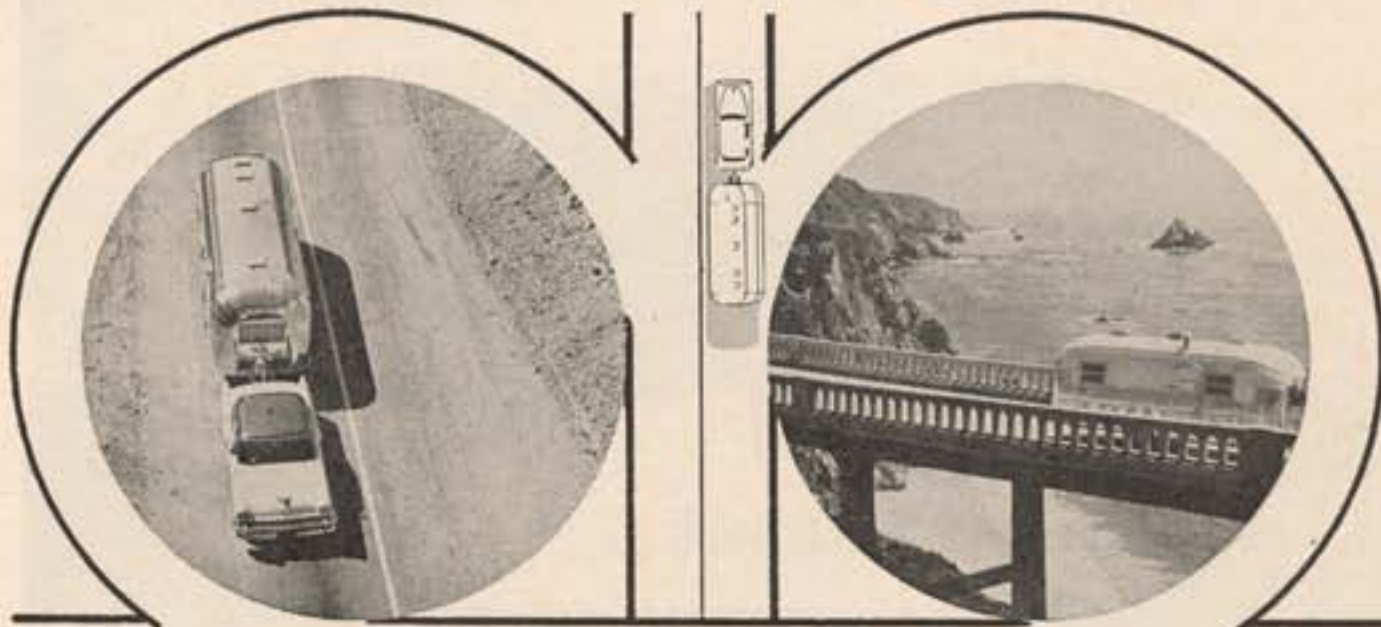
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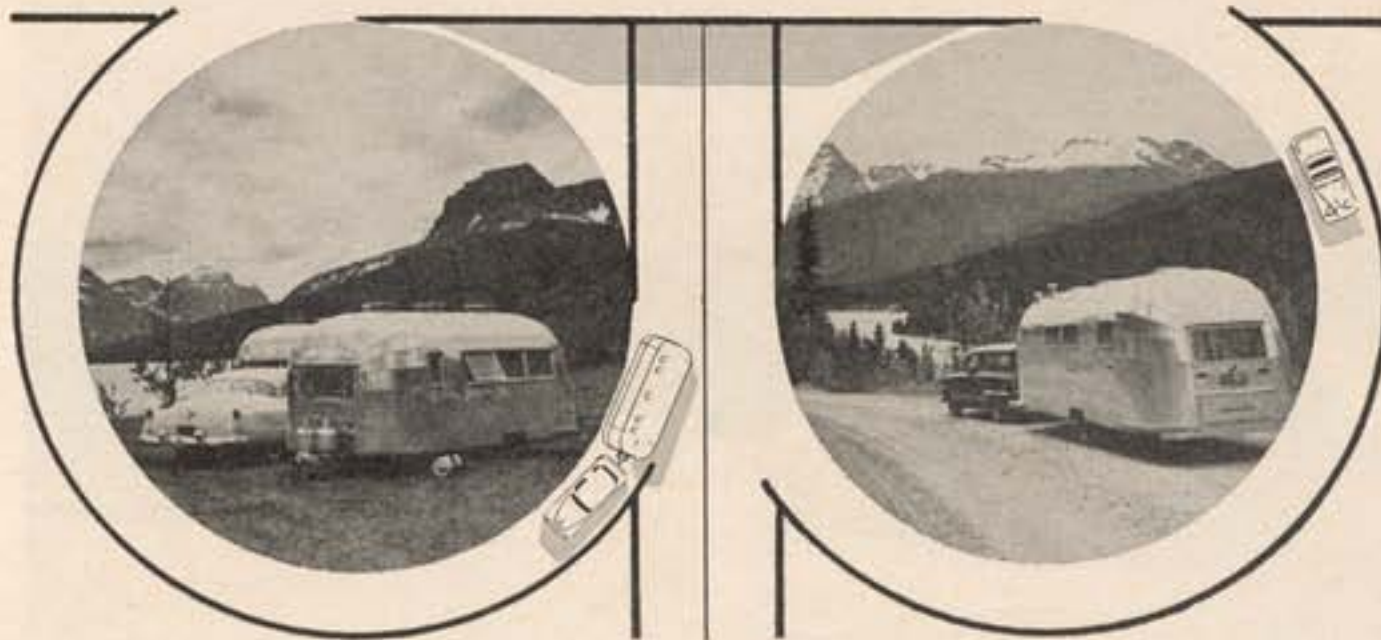
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Our Ohio plant has just completed its new building and we are moving in. This doubles our capacity in Ohio. It isn't big and imposing like the BIG trailer manufacturers have, for we are still small and satisfied to be that way. But it is neat and clean and efficient—and we are very proud of it.

We are opening it with a big reception and dance for our customers, our neighbors and ourselves. We who work at Airstream are just a big family, you know. When anybody is hired they stay forever, and we practically never let anybody go. As Hoover of the F. B. I. says, "An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness." We like it thataway. And we think it shows up in a better product.



HOLIDAY