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Johnsons, Honolulu Bound, Stop Over in City

Skipper Irving Johnson and his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, are westward bound for their fourth voyage into the Pacific, but this time without their famous little schooner, the Yankee.

The erstwhile Capt. Johnson is a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Naval Reserves, and he'll sail in two weeks with his family on a steamship for Honolulu where he'll be stationed as a consultant on the multiple and strange islands of the Pacific which he has thrice explored. He is the discoverer of one small chain of islands, named for him.

Disappointed over leaving the Yankee in which they have spent a total of five years journeying around the globe, the Johnsons arrived in Rochester last night with their children, Arthur Cook, 5, and Robert Parkin, 2, their car, and baggage, to say goodbye "for the duration" to Rochester relatives and friends. They stopped overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Carlos G. Stolbrand and Mrs. Bertram Fenner at 645 Rockingham St.

Mrs. Johnson's father, Bertram Search, also will make the trip to Honolulu.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson, who several weeks ago in Rochester had expressed his disgust because there was no post for him in the Reserves, explained last night the story printed then in the newspapers was based on an interview he had had with "the wrong man." What actually happened was that after being told by one officer that he could probably enlist and "work up," since he was not a college graduate, he was told by another officer that he could apply for a lieutenancy.

Just as the skipper had decided not to pursue his chances for getting into the Naval Reserves, but instead to complete his original plans for a lecture tour with his movies of the South Seas he was called suddenly to Washington, he explained. The upshot of his interview with Naval officials was his commission as lieutenant commander.

"It was a terrible decision to

make," Johnson said last night. "Since my inquiries about a post in the Naval Reserves had only been to obtain information, I was under no obligation to join. Then there was my lecture tour on which I had done a lot of work."

He recalled that on his previous trip to Rochester he had brought films to be developed at Eastman Kodak Company. A magazine publisher in Washington had told him that the set was outstanding among lecture films that he had seen. It was pretty difficult, he admitted, to abandon plans for his platform tour.

For both the Johnsons, the hardest thing of all was to give up the Yankee. She'll be sold immediately, they said last night. They bought her in Holland on their honeymoon and they've lived aboard her in the Gloucester harbor part of the time between voyages. Since they returned from their last round-the-world trip in May they've been living in Gloucester and Northampton.

Small World After All; Tourists Meet in Brazil

It really is a small world, Edward J. Doyle of 270 Pelham Rd. is convinced.

On a cruise to South America with Mrs. Doyle, from which he returned this week, Doyle stood at the Normandie's rail in the harbor at Rio de Janeiro, watching myriads of small craft far below. At the bow of a little schooner stood a man who looked familiar. Peering intently down, Doyle discovered it was his friend Irving Johnson on his famed world-cruising Yankee.

They yelled greetings and after a while Doyle received a note from the Yankee inviting him and Mrs. Doyle aboard. Mrs.

Johnson, the former Electa Search of Rochester, greeted the folks from home with delight, wanted all the news of Rochester. Later the Johnsons had luncheon on the Normandie with the Doyles.

The Yankee had just arrived in Rio after a 28-day sail from Capetown, Africa. Its crew of 20 had enjoyed a splendid trip, with a wind so true they just set the sails and cruised on a broad reach for 20 days without a change in canvas, Johnson reported.

Next stop for the Yankee is British Guiana. Johnson will arrive in Gloucester, May 1, he said.

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JOHNSONS OFF TO SEA AGAIN

Capt. Irving Johnson and his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, today will set the sails of their schooner, The Yankee, for their third voyage around the world via the South Seas.

The boat will slip out of Gloucester harbor at noon with 14 paying passengers plus Arthur Cook Johnson, 4, who already has acquired his "sea legs" and his year-old brother, Robert, who never before has gone to sea. They will be gone for a year and a half.

Johnsons Cruise With 2 Children

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With a former Rochester woman and her two children among the 19 passengers aboard, the schooner Yankee was on the open sea yesterday on her third globe-girdling voyage, headed for Haiti.

Mrs. Irving Johnson, the former Electra Search of Rochester, wife of the boat's skipper, and her two sons, Arthur, 4, and Robert, 1, are off for an 18-month cruise around the world. Only one other woman is aboard, Miss Nora Bailey, child psychiatrist at the University of Toronto, who is listed on ship as a sailmaker.

The vessel, according to the Associated Press, will touch the Isthmus of Panama, the Galapagos, Easter and Pitcairn Islands, the Dutch East Indies and the West Indies.

Yankee's Skipper Returns to Radio

Capt. Irving Johnson, skipper of the Yankee, world cruising schooner, will be interviewed over WHAM at 7:15 p. m. today by Wayne Shoemaker.

They will return at the request of scores of listeners who heard their first interview Tuesday night. At that time the captain covered less than half the Yankee's cruise. Tonight the cruise will be completed.

Among the events to be described is the reception accorded the governor general of New Zealand on an island in New Guinea. Savage head-hunters declared a short truce with the government for the occasion, and turned out by the thousands, adorned in colorful war paint and feather headdresses. Conscription of the schooner and her crew for reports in the MGM picture "Hurricane" also will be described.

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**Islanders' Plight Recalls
Aid Given by Capt. Johnson**

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Plight of the natives of Pitcairn Island in the South Seas, twice befriended by Capt. Irving Johnson and his wife, the former Electra Search of Rochester, was believed relieved today by the arrival of a ship, the first in nearly three months to reach the destitute islanders.

Andrew Young, radio operator at Pitcairn Island, reported by short wave to New York today that a ship had brought 12 bags of flour, some mail and renewed hope for the islanders whose plight became severe when ships stayed away from them because of false rumors of a fever epidemic.

Johnson Aid Recalled

Young reported to Mrs. Dorothy Hall, Queens amateur radio operator who first informed the world of the distress on Pitcairn 12 days ago, that the ship Akro early yesterday anchored within a mile and a half of the island, as close as a ship can get because of the rocky shore.

The first arrival of aid recalled two occasions in the past on which Capt. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson befriended the islanders during their globe circling cruise in the schooner "Yankee."

It was just four years ago that heavy anchor chains rattled through the Yankee's hawser holes as the schooner appeared in the bright blue lagoons surrounding the island. Capt. Johnson, who married the daughter of Bertram L. Search, 2 Porthmouth Ter., in September, 1932, arrived just in time to effect the rescue of seven Pitcairn Islanders who were shipwrecked at the neighboring island of Manga Reva. One of the wrecked sailors had fallen in love with a Manga Reva girl, and Capt. Johnson married them on the decks of the Yankee.

Nursed by Natives

Later, the Yankee arrived at the island on its second cruise, in January, 1937, with all but one member of the ship's company seriously ill from eating poisonous fish. Natives nursed them back to health and stationed several natives aboard the Yankee to care for the vessel.

In return, the Yankee cruised to Henderson Island, more than 100 miles away, and brought back 40 tons of hardwood sorely needed on Pitcairn Island, where only soft lumber is obtainable.

The islanders, descendants of a group of mutineers from Bounty, British man o' war, who colonized the island 150 years ago, were again aided when the Yankee's radio operator, Allen Euric, wrote an article in a radio magazine describing the home-made set, with a 15-mile radius, which Pitcairners used to contact passing vessels. As a result of the article, American radio amateurs chipped in and presented the islanders with a modern outfit, which they used to broadcast their present plight.

Johnson and his wife, now cruising the Long Island sound with a group of Girl Scout mariners, plan to leave on their third world voyage Oct. 23, 1939, when they will again visit the famous island.

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**Yankee Nears Home Port
After 17 Months at Sea**

The Captain Irving Johnsons, who have made the waters of the world their playground, are only a month away from home now.

Captain Johnson and his wife, the former Electa Search, daughter of Bertram Search, of Rochester, put in at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in their 92-foot schooner, Yankee, yesterday, according to a news dispatch.

One More Stop

They signified they would make only one more stop—Bermuda—before putting in at their home port, Gloucester, Mass., from which they sailed in November, 1936.

The story of their voyage, told to San Juan reporters, reads like an exciting novel of sea adventures.

They arrived in Manila one day before an earthquake. Last August they picked up Mrs. William J. Donovan, wife of the New York Republican leader, and their daughter, Patricia, 20, only shortly before the Japanese attacked Shanghai and blew the Donovans' hotel to bits.

Flee Danger Zone

The Yankee fled the danger zone and escaped gunfire and bombing which threatened shipping for weeks.

According to the San Juan dispatch, the party on the Yankee now totals 20, all of whom are active in crew duties with the exception of Mrs. Donovan and Electa Johnson, whose infant son keeps her busy.

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**Capt. Johnson
Maps New
World Cruise**

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Headhunts, colored lakes, prehistoric animals, African elephant hunting by airplane.

That will be the adventure diet for the crew of the globe-girdling schooner Yankee after it glides out of Gloucester, Mass., harbor, Oct. 29, at 2 p. m.



Irving Johnson

Today the skipper, Capt. Irving Johnson, here to lecture on his travels in the Eastman Theater tonight, was full of plans for the third cruise of the Yankee, a cruise that will zig-zag a leisurely way across the South Pacific stopping at little known islands, on a 35,000-mile course. The vessel will again dock in Gloucester Apr. 29, 1941, at 2 p. m.

With the captain will be his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, his sons, Arthur, 3½; Robert, 6 months, and a crew of 14 college youths, including two college girls.

And as usual, the ship will stop at Pitcairn Island, where live the descendants of Fletcher Christian and other members of the crew of the famous "Bounty."

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Irving Johnson

Here Today

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CAPT. Irving Johnson, skipper of the yacht Yankee which has twice circled the globe, will draw another audience in Rochester today, this time as the author of a new book, "Sailing to See."

The rugged, young New Englander whose wife is the former Electa Search of Rochester, will appear in the book department of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company this afternoon to autograph copies of his latest publication, a story of the Yankee's South Seas adventures told with pictures.

Sails and foamy seas, moonlight in the tropics, the fantastic Galapagos Island, the paradise of the lonely Pitcairn Island folk, savages and sheer scenic beauty have been captured by the Johnsons' camera outside the bounds of civilization to be brought back to other camera and nautical enthusiasts and to the everyday landlubber.

Nautical readers will be attracted by a section devoted to pictures of the boats of strange ports and far seas. Of interest to many Rochesterians will be the chapter on "The Baby on the Yankee," pictures of young Arthur Cook Johnson who climbed the rigging at 22 months, learned to walk on "sea legs" and took his baths in the boy's chair, lowered over the deck rails to the sea.

Adventure along the voyage from Gloucester, Mass., via the Panama and the South Seas to Singapore, the Cape of Good Hope and Rio are traced in pictures of the Yankee herself, the life of the crew, visits to Easter Island, Galapagos, the Pitcairn home of the Bounty mutineers, the head hunters' country, homes of weird tribes, Komodo where the last of the dragons roam, and South Africa.

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New Book by Johnsons
Pictures Yankee Cruise

By AMY H. CROUGHTON

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Rochesterians have a special interest in the new book, "Sailing to See," published by W. W. Norton & Co., of New York City for Captain and Mrs. Irving Johnson—the latter the former Electa Search of this city. But the book, which fully justifies its subtitle of "Picture Cruise in the Schooner Yankee," will fascinate anyone who dreams of adventuring to strange places.

While the majority of the 3,000 photographs illustrating the Yankee's adventures around the world in 1936-37 were taken by Captain Johnson, Edmund Zacher and Leverett Davis, everyone on the schooner carried a camera and used it on all occasions so that the authors had a collection of more than 4,000 pictures to choose from, and also credit reproductions to nine other members of the Yankee's company.

"Sailing to See" is an unusual book, probably because it was planned and written by unusual persons who went to sea knowing what they wanted to see, and who have an exceptional gift for imparting to others the spirit which makes good adventurers. Some of the photographs in the book will be remembered by those who enjoyed Captain Johnson's film-illustrated lecture at the Eastman Theater shortly after the return of the Yankee from her cruise. There are hundreds of other illustrations which could not be crowded into one evening's entertainment, but which, through this volume, can be enjoyed, and returned to, at leisure. While the pictures dominate the text, there is sufficient of the latter to give a clear idea of the life of the cruisers and of the places and people they visited on their trip around the world.

The pictures of the Yankee, herself, and Captain Johnson's description of the schooner and her equipment, will be of special interest to amateur seamen. There are also pictures of the various strange craft which the Yankee met in the little-known harbors to which she cruised. Scenes in the Galapagos, Pitcairn Island, South Sea ports, the African coast, the South Atlantic, the Windward Islands and north to Gloucester,

the home port, accompanied by the simple, vivid account of the voyage, give the reader a sense of vicarious participation in the trip. Both the Johnsons take fair weather and foul in their sea-stride. Particularly interesting is the chapter by Mrs. Johnson recounting the approach to Pitcairn when the majority of the Yankee's crew were desperately sick from eating a poisonous fish. With no heroics she pictures the situation in which she and two of the crew found themselves, with the Yankee, sails set, running before a squall and with a cabinful of groaning patients to be cared for. The friendliness of the Pitcairn Island hosts and the grateful peace of the days spent ashore with them after the perilous passage had been accomplished, are contrasted with the night's experience in a remarkably fine example of restrained dramatic writing.

The ship's baby, Arthur, son of Captain and Mrs. Johnson, puts in a frequent appearance in the photographs. Now he is celebrating his 22d month by climbing the rigging, now he is helping a shipmate chip rust from the ship's chain, again he is hobnobbing with strangely decked natives. A real seaman, this, taking the bad with the good and chuckling over it all. What a record this will be for him in years to come.

Not many persons have the ability to make others enjoy their adventures at secondhand as the Johnsons do in "Sailing to See." Let's hope they will make many more cruises and continue to retail them to the stay-at-homes.

Captain Johnson is to be at the Scrantom book shop tomorrow to autograph copies of "Sailing to See."

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THREE YOUTHS

ARRANGE TOUR

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Three young Rochesterians, one of them 28-year-old Edmund Zacher, photographer on Capt. Irving Johnson's world-girdling schooner Yankee, will leave today on a five-month trip that will take them through a large portion of the country.

Besides Zacher, the party includes Herbert Johnson and Donald McConville, advance men for Eastman Kodak's traveling exhibit of photographs which was shown for two days at Kodak Office last week.

Zacher, who was with the Yankee for 18 months and photographed a host of oddities during the long sea voyage to strange places, has a pictorial display of the Yankee's voyage, done in gold-chloride tone print, in the exhibit. Johnson, who is in charge, will show his magnificent "Starboard Watch," which won the 1938 first prize at the Kodak International Salon held in England.

McConville, University of Rochester graduate who attended Cornell Law School for a time, recently returned to Rochester after spending several years in Minneapolis. The tour will open in Boston Wednesday, and will travel as far west as Denver.

Johnsons Find Islanders OK Despite War

The European war has extended its effects even to remote Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific. In the following dispatch, one of the rare messages from Pitcairn to the outside world, the master of a globe-girdling American schooner tells how the islanders are getting along under war conditions. Captain Johnson is well-known in Rochester, his wife being Electa Search Johnson, formerly of this city.

By CAPT. IRVING JOHNSON

Master of the American schooner Yankee, on a world cruise out of Gloucester, Mass.

Pitcairn Island, radioed by schooner Yankee — (R) — The residents of this lonely South Pacific



CAPT. IRVING JOHNSON

island, descendants of the mutineers of the "Bounty," have been even further isolated from civilization than usual as a result of the European war, and they have been handicapped in their rat hunting.

A protectorate of Great Britain, the two-mile square island technically is at war but none of

its 10 inhabitants has been drawn directly into the European conflict.

There are many rats here, and they eat up the islanders' food, but the people are not starving and the arrival of the schooner Yankee has replenished supplies.

"Stories that the Pitcairn people are living under starving conditions are entirely false," declared Edgar Christian, chief magistrate. "We never eat rats, although the island is overrun with them and they damage much of our food.

Yankee Supplies Bullets

"The scarcity of ships visiting here since the war had stopped our supply of .22 ammunition for hunting them, but the Yankee has left us several thousand rounds of ammunition now and we will be able to resume our rat hunting."

These islanders, whose forefathers came here in 1790 from Tahiti with a dozen Polynesian women after deserting in the mutiny on the Bounty, have seen the first motion pictures ever shown on the island as a result of the Yankee's present trip.

The films, in color, provided a two-hour show of the Yankee's second world cruise to strange parts of the world. The present trip, which began at Gloucester, Mass.,

last Oct. 30, is the Yankee's third world voyage.

Speaking for this dispatch, one of the rare radio messages from Pitcairn to the outside world, Chief Magistrate Christian related some of the new difficulties caused here as a result of the war.

Watch for Raiders

"Our radio, brought by the Yankee three years ago, is in working order," he said, "but because of war conditions we cannot contact amateurs or transmit to them except for emergency purposes.

"A constant look-out is kept from the highest part of the island, about 2,000 feet above sea level, but as yet no raiders have been sighted.

"We are gradually eliminating the use of flour, sugar, kerosene and other staples which we ordinarily traded for fruit with passing sailing ships and steamers.

"This visit of the Yankee was of timely help because they took 47 islanders on a five-day trip to Henderson Island, collecting thousands of much-needed coconuts and tons of miro wood."

The Yankee's crew was treated hospitably, and the ship now, after a stay of more than a week, is loaded down with tons of fruits and vegetables and curios of the island.

Johnson Picture Due Thursday

AS Capt. Irving Johnson yesterday neared completion of the editing of his film, "Around Again on the Yankee," Eastman Theater officials said that a large audience will be on hand for its first public showing next Thursday evening.

More than 40,000 feet of film, much of it in full color, was exposed during the 18-month, 35,000 mile cruise around the world, Captain Johnson said. Of this footage, some 3,500 feet has been culled to make up the film which he will show here and in other Eastern and Midwestern cities to prepare for a third world cruise.

The film is a pictorial log of the last cruise, which took the Yankee down the Atlantic coast, through the Panama Canal to Galapagos, Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, Fiji, Samoa, Tin Can Island, Bali, Java, Singapore, Borneo, Capetown, Rio, Trinidad, and Haiti.

Among the interesting scenes to be shown are views of the havoc wrought by a volcanic eruption at Rabaul, in British New Guinea. Approximately 500 lives were lost in the disaster last May. First news was sent to the outside world by the Yankee's wireless.

Rock and pumice were belched to a height of 10,000 feet and both earth and sea for miles around were covered with pumice, at points 600 feet deep. A 600-ton steamship was torn from her moorings outside the harbor, and sunk in the disturbed sea. The Yankee narrowly missed being in the harbor at the time.

Views, showing life on Pitcairn Island among the descendants of "The Bounty," will be shown.

Seats for the showing are all reserved, and are on sale at the box-office.

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Society Notables Serye

As Patronesses for Yankee Chief's Visit

By RUTH B. CHAMBERLAIN

FROM ROMANTIC BALI . . . TO THE SHORES OF SIAM . . . will Rochesterians travel through the medium of the colored movies and lecture by Captain Irving Johnson . . . who will speak on "Around Again on the Yankee" on Thursday evening, May 26 at the Eastman Theater under the auspices of the Rochester Yacht Club. Captain Johnson who has just recently returned from a two-year tour of the world in his sailing vessel The Yankee is a familiar figure to Rochesterians. He has appeared here on numerous occasions in company with his charming wife . . . the former Electa Search of this city and his latest account of his world voyage carries a great deal of interest to travellers, yachtsmen and sea lovers.

Preceding his talk a number of the members of the Yacht club will entertain at dinner at the Rochester Club.

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Capt. Johnson to Show Pictures May 26

Upwards of 40,000 feet of motion picture film exposed during the 35,000 mile, 18-month cruise of the Schooner Yankee, are being edited at Eastman Kodak laboratories by Capt. Irving Johnson.

He is preparing for their debut before a Rochester audience at Eastman Theater, Thursday night May 26, when he will lecture on the theme, "Around Again with the Yankee."

The box office will be open today.

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Johnson Lecture Due to Attract Yachting Enthusiasts

SAILING devotees will be found in the Eastman Theater Thursday night when Capt. Irving Johnson, skipper of the Yankee, describes his recently completed world cruise.

Several dinners will precede the lecture, and many are getting parties of friends together for the affair. Capt. Johnson has entitled his talk "Around Again on the Yankee." He will show colored moving pictures taken during the 18-month voyage around the world.

Harold L. Field, commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club, and Mrs. Field will entertain at dinner Thursday evening in honor of Capt. and Mrs. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. F. Ritter Shumway will entertain at dinner in their home in Ambassador Drive before the lecture.

Among those planning to attend the lecture are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Gosnell, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Staub, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langie, Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth C. Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Favour, Mr. and Mrs. Otis J. Nagle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dean Quinby and Mr. and Mrs. F. Dean Russell.

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Yankee Skipper Due Tomorrow

Capt. Irving Johnson of the world cruising schooner Yankee will drive into Rochester tomorrow afternoon, while his wife and their small son, Arthur, will arrive by train Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search, and her husband will visit Mrs. Johnson's father, Bertram L. Search, 455 Rockingham.

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Yankee Skipper To Come to City

After a year and a half at sea, Skipper Irving Johnson, who anchored his schooner Yankee last Sunday at Gloucester, Mass., will desert his deck and rigging Tuesday to drive to Rochester.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search of Rochester and their son, Arthur Cook, who has lived at sea nearly all the two years of his life, will join Captain Johnson here Wednesday. They will come from Gloucester by train to visit Mrs. Johnson's father, Bertram L. Search of 455 Rockingham St.

Captain Johnson will bring with him the films he made of life on remote islands in the South Seas to be checked over in the laboratories of Eastman Kodak Company. He will show them during a lecture at Eastman Theater May 26 under sponsorship of the Rochester Yacht Club.



Arthur Cook Johnson, son of the Irving Johnsons, coming to Eastman with cruise film.

Cruising Johnsons Land at Gloucester

After a year and a half of world cruising on their schooner Yankee, Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson will dock at Gloucester, Mass., at 2 p. m. Sunday.

During all this time, Bertram L. Search, father of Mrs. Johnson, has kept in touch with the ship through amateur radio stations. Rochester will be one of the first stops in Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's projected lecture tour.

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Cruise Pictures, Lecture Billed

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THE moving picture log of the latest cruise of the globe-circling schooner, The Yankee, will have its first public showing at the Eastman on Thursday evening, May 26.

Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson, with tiny Arthur Cook Johnson, "first mate" on the cruise, will appear in person. Capt. Johnson will lecture in connection with the showing of the pictures.

Time Pledge Kept

The Yankee reached its home port of Gloucester, Mass., last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp, after an 18-month cruise covering 35,000 miles. In landing at 2 o'clock on May 1, Capt. Johnson made good a promise he gave on the day of the schooner's departure in the fall of 1936.

"We'll be here right on the minute," he declared at that time. As it turned out, the schooner was about five minutes early.

Adventures were encountered on this, the second, cruise of the Yankee. Outstanding was the crew's brush with death near romantic Pitcairn Island, home of the Bounty survivors. Everyone aboard was stricken desperately ill following a feast on poisonous fish. Only the timely aid of Pitcairn Islanders saved them from death.

Another highlight was the encounter with the picture company which was engaged in producing "The Hurricane," a recent boxoffice success. Literally "made to order" for some sequences The Yankee and her crew were conscripted by the director. Thus the cruisers became actors for a day.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic person aboard the schooner was little Arthur, who reached the ripe age of 2 years when the vessel was scudding across the South China Sea. Little Arthur learned to walk during a calm in the Indian Ocean.

Some Reels in Color

A professional photographer accompanied the Johnsons. He is said by Eastman Kodak officials, who were in charge of film development, to have procured some remarkable moving pictures, many of them in color. The Johnsons are now engaged in cutting and titling their films, and will spend considerable time in Rochester before embarking on a long lecture tour.

Their appearance here is sponsored by the Rochester Yacht Club and the Civic Music Association. Tickets may be purchased from club members or at the box-office.

Incredible Becomes Real in "Yankee" Film

Whatever has seemed incredible of rumors from the South Seas—lakes of ruby red, dragons with flashing tongues, white men who wed daughters of head hunter chieftains—was beheld last night by Rochester's very own eyes.

Captain Irving Johnson's film, "Around the World Again on the Yankee" presented to a crowd that filled Eastman Theater, dispelled all doubts of the South Seas' magic in a manner that left the audience a trifle dizzy from more scenes of exquisite wonder than seems good for the complacency of a land dweller.

The film, in color, was guided by the eye of an artist, Edmund Zacher, ship's photographer. Scene upon scene was washed with a different hue like the rows of water colors in the kind of art gallery a sailor might dream of owning some day. Perhaps to the Rochester Yacht Club, sponsors of the showing, the most thrilling shots were

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those of the ship at sea. Once she was a white ship on a pearly blue-green sea riding to an island with sun-silvered palms; again a ship with dawn-tinted yellow sails on a purple sea; then a black ship against a white moon.

The original dance extravaganzas, Johnson's film approved, did not come from Hollywood. The setting for a costlier one, brought back by the Yankee's camera, was the island of Papua. A challenge to all Broadway's and Hollywood's extravaganza artists combined, it was a dance of hundreds of natives in bird-of-paradise headdress. Not only did they dance with feet and hands, swaying waists and heads but they even copied the rhythm with the feathers in their head gear.

Among the other unusual sequences was one of a head hunting tribe enacting on an island shore a pageant depicting the history of the tribes beyond the era remembered by white men. It was on

that island that the lone white man had married the cannibal chief's daughter.

Wild life and flowers were not overlooked by Zacher's lens. It was shots like one of a red crab feeding on a shore lapped by azure waves, a wild duck with her fuzzy young one, a shark-sized sunfish swimming under water that prompted exclamations from photography fans.

The undoubted star of the show was Arthur Cook Johnson, two-year-old son of the captain and his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester. As a rope climber his courage and speed was little short of prodigious.

Pitcairn Island, made famous by "Mutiny on the Bounty" figured prominently in the film. So did the Yankee crew's game and fishing expeditions, which were rewarded beyond the most extravagant dreams of a huntsman or fisherman of the civilized portions of the world's sphere.—J.W.

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Schooner Nears Port on Time After 18-Month Cruise

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Capt. Irving L. Johnson gives his 29-month-old son, Arthur, a haircut aboard the schooner Yankee. Before the vessel docks Sunday at Gloucester from its world cruise, Arthur is scheduled to get another haircut.

The schooner Yankee, homeward bound from a world cruise, was loafing along under reefed canvas 15 miles off Nantucket today in order to make good a boast made 18 months ago that she would dock at Gloucester "on the dot of 2 p. m. Sunday, May 1, 1939."

A short wave radio message giving the vessel's position and announcing all hands well was received here today by Bertram L. Search of 465 Rockingham, father of Capt. Irving L. Johnson's wife, the former Electa Search.

The message, snagged from the ether by C. Friend Stafford of 365 Augustine, revealed that the Johnson's will visit Rochester within a week after docking. After preparing their films at the Eastman Kodak Company, the couple will start off on a year's lecture tour of the country.

Search is looking forward especially to renewing acquaintance with his grandson, 29-month-old Arthur Cook Johnson, who was but 11 months old when he started off on a circuit of the globe in his parents' schooner. Aboard the ship are 20 paying crew members, five of them from Buffalo.

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CAPT. AND MRS. IRVING JOHNSON, fresh from their journey around the world in the Yankee, have been enjoying numerous entertainments during their all too short visit in town. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ward entertained at a dinner party Thursday evening in their honor, and on Friday Captain and Mrs. Johnson were entertained at dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert C. Snell in Highland Ave. Captain Johnson left Sunday for a business trip of a few days and is expected home Wednesday and will speak Thursday evening at the Eastman Theater under the sponsorship of the Rochester Yacht Club.

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Adventurers Reach Home Port After Schooner Voyage

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Here is the happy, adventurous amateur crew of the schooner Yankee as they posed for their homecoming picture after a round-the-world voyage which ended yesterday in the harbor at

Gloucester, Mass. At the extreme right are Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson, and their 29-month-old son, Arthur. Mrs. Johnson is a former Rochester woman. The trip lasted 18 months.

Yankee Rides at Anchor;
Pilot Plans Land Cruise

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A seasoned salt toddled through the streets of Gloucester today, overflowing with wild yarns of the 18-month-cruise that ended at the Massachusetts port yesterday.

He recalled with evident relish, of creating an international incident aboard a German warship at Capetown, where he received a salute from the sailors and responded by pulling the "full speed ahead" signal, to the consternation of everyone.

Lecture Tour

Of course, being but 29 months old, this rollicking tar left most of the story-telling to his mother, Electa Search Johnson, daughter of Bertram L. Search, 2 Portsmouth Ter., Rochester, or to his father, Capt. Irving Johnson, who "accompanied" their son, Arthur, on the world cruise, second for the Johnsons in the Yankee.

Today, also, the young sailor was helping his parents prepare for a lecture tour that will bring them to Rochester and the Eastman Theater May 26 at 8:20 p. m., under auspices of the Civic Music Association.

Planning a third cruise, beginning October, 1939, Captain Johnson, on his arrival at Gloucester yesterday to the cheers of several thousand persons who lined the wharves or went out to meet the schooner in other boats, said that the voyage just ended had its share of thrills.

Poisoning Attack

These included a visit to Charles Island, once the "Nudist Eden" of Baroness von Wagner, now believed dead; a stop near Devil's Island, French penal colony, where prisoners attempted to swim out to the boat, and an attack of ptomaine poisoning, from eating fish, that laid low most of the crew of 20, including four women.

The crew was stricken near famed Pitcairn Island. Mrs. Johnson, who recovered first, took the ship into the island harbor, where the islanders, descendants of the HMS Bounty mutineers, cared for the ill men and women.

Captain Johnson obtained pieces of the rudder and the anvil of the Bounty, which he shipped to the Mariners Museum at Newport News, Va.

R.V.F. Bio Johnson
Capt. Johnson
At Eastman
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The only dragons to be found in the world today, the famed red, yellow and blue lakes of Flores, and Pitcairn Island, home of the "Bounty" descendants are just a few of the highlights to be found in the motion pictures to be shown by Capt. Irving Johnson when he visits the Eastman Theater Thursday evening, May 26.

It will be the first public showing of Capt. Johnson's new film, which bears the title "Around Again in The Yankee." It is a motion picture log of the recent 18-month, 35,000-mile cruise of the schooner which landed in Gloucester three weeks ago.

Capt. and Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search of this city, have been here for several days, editing and titling the films. Following their engagement here, they will depart for an extensive lecture tour which will cover several eastern and mid-western states.

The local appearance is under joint sponsorship of the Rochester Yacht Club and the Civic Music Association. Box office sale of tickets will open Monday.

Many Enjoy Cruise Of 'Yankee'

By AMY H. CROUGHTON

IN Hollywood, or out of it, a handsome, cunning baby will steal a motion picture every time. And that is just what Arthur Cook Johnson does to the picture "Around the World Again in the Yankee," which his father, Capt. Irving Johnson, showed before a large audience at the Eastman Theater, last night.

In spite of the interesting scenes of turtle fishing at Galapagos Island, of the strange effigies at Easter Island, the fierce head-hunters of New Guinea, the fascinating dances in Samoa and Bali, it is the sturdy little Arthur, growing taller and browner with each month of the voyage from Gloucester to Gloucester, who dominates the picture. He is a first class camera subject and if he ever lost his poise or his smile during the Yankee's 18 months of cruising in fair and foul weather he took care to do so when Cameraman Edmund Zacher was not around. To see him getting his sea legs in his first walk on deck and a few months later, climbing the rigging like any monkey, is to know that he is a chip of the old block so far as seamanship is concerned.

The pictures of the Yankee's cruise are partly in color and some of the shots of the schooner are so beautiful as to make one hold one's breath. The crew consisted of young men and girls between the ages of 17 and 23 who took their part in all work of the voyage under the direction of Captain Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, formerly Electa Search of this city. The cruise started from Gloucester Nov. 1, 1936, and ended in Gloucester on May 1, of this year, zig-zagging from island to island in the South Seas, encountering some severe storms and sauntering through calm blue seas, the beauty of which the cameraman has been exceptionally successful in capturing. Captain Johnson has a delightfully informal manner of commenting upon the picture so that one seems to be going along with the crew, bartering with the natives, ducking in and out of thatched kraals, hauling tuna fish over the side of the boat, feeling uncomfortable after an unfortunate dinner of poisoned fish, and doing the Pitcairn Islanders a good turn by transporting their lumber in return for their care of the sick. The Yankee crew seems to have had the policy of being good neighbors and there were only two occasions when there seemed to be any distrust between them and the natives.

The color films of the visit to Bali and to Sumatra and English Harbor are particularly fine but the shot that brought applause was of the Yankee with all sails set against a blue sky. She is a bonny boat.

R.V. Ryan - Johnson 'Yankee' Due Home Sunday, Father Learns From Daughter, Wife of Vessel's Skipper

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Radio 'Ham' Maintains
Contact with Ship
'Round World

At 2 p. m. Sunday the white sails of the schooner Yankee will be over the horizon and home at Gloucester, Mass., and another chapter in the adventurous life of the Irving Johnsons will be ready for the telling.

Skipper Johnson, his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, and their crew of 20 who have been sailing around the globe for a year and a half, radioed the hour of their arrival from sea last night.

Messages from the excited crew, relayed from sea, spluttered into the ears of Bertram L. Search, Mrs. Johnson's father. He was listening in at the amateur radio station of C. Friend Stafford, 365 Augustine St., the young communications engineer and "ham" hobbyist who has communicated with the Yankee around the world, near Christmas Island in the Southern Pacific, Tahiti, New Hebrides, Zanzibar, San Juan, Bermuda.

Confusion over Daylight Saving Time hampered direct contact with the schooner last night, but messages that went the rounds of the "Yankee network" which covers Buffalo, Springfield, Rochester and Bloomfield, Conn., the home cities of the crew, revealed that the passengers are concerned about warm shore clothing. They asked their families to meet them with coats, hats and sweaters.

Two boats carrying photographers, newspaper men, news reel men and relatives of the crew will put to sea about noon Sunday to meet the Yankee, it was announced over the "network."



Bertram L. Search (rear) with C. Friend Stafford of 365 Augustine St., operator of an amateur radio station, contact the schooner Yankee as it approaches Gloucester, Mass. Mr. Search's daughter is wife of the skipper of the schooner, just returning from a cruise around the world.

With the Johnsons will be their 2-year-old son, Arthur Cook, who was learning to toddle as the ship passed Panama on its outward voyage. Among others in the crew will be Mrs. William Donovan of Buffalo, wife of the former assistant attorney general, and their daughter, Patricia.

Rochester will be one of the first stops on the Johnsons' projected lecture tour, according to plans announced last night. They are bring colored motion picture films.

Travels of the seafaring Johnsons on their second trip round the world in their 95-foot boat took them to Galapagos, to Pitcairn Island where they acquired for the Marine Museum an anvil and vise from the hull of the historic Bounty, to Pago-Pago, where they loaned their boat for the filming of the Warner Brothers picture "Hurricane" and to the island of the Big Nambus tribe of cannibals and head hunters.

Through Stafford's amateur station Mr. Search has heard from the crew of the Yankee at least three times a week. Stafford, a member of the American Radio Relay League, whose station call is W8AAU, communicated directly with the ship at seven points around the globe.

It's Small World for This 2 1-2-Year-Old Salt

R.V.F. Irving Johnson
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Just an old salt now (more than half his 2½ years has been spent at sea), Arthur Cook Johnson, the lad in center whose grandfather is Rochesterian, here helps parents,

Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson (she's also of Rochester) bring their schooner Yankee into Gloucester, Mass., yesterday from 18-month cruise around the world. AP Wirephoto.

Yankee Sails in Home Port, 'Round World in 18 Months

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Loaded with curios and tales of adventure on the high seas, the schooner Yankee, skippered by Irving Johnson whose wife is the former Electa Search of Rochester, sailed into Gloucester, Mass. harbor yesterday afternoon from an 18-month, 35,000-mile world cruise.

Hardly had she set foot on American soil than Mrs. Johnson telephoned her father, Bertram L. Search of 2 Portsmouth Ter., and gave the Rochesterian a hurried account of the landing. She promised to visit her father here "very soon."

Press dispatches from the Massachusetts fishing port said the Johnsons joked about their brush with death near Pitcairn Island, and Captain Johnson, who left a farm to go to sea, proudly told of the first steps of his 2½-year-old son, Arthur, taken while the Yankee sailed the Indian Ocean.

Captain Johnson said virtually all of the 20 persons aboard were poisoned seriously after eating fish they had just caught 180 miles from Pitcairn Island last year. The Yankee managed to make the island without any casualties, and the sailors regained their sea-legs while visiting descendants of the Bounty mutineers.

In her telephone conversation with her father Mrs. Johnson said nearly 2,000 persons crowded the Gloucester waterfront to greet the incoming Yankee. Two boats escorted the schooner in from a point four miles out from the port. A reception for the voyagers was held at a Gloucester tavern last night.

While on Pitcairn Island Captain Johnson obtained the anvil and part of the rudder of the famed Bounty which he shipped to the Mariners Museum at Newport News, Va. Among curios stowed away in the Yankee were a three-foot model war canoe from the Solomon Islands, a blow gun obtained on a visit with the Sultan of Jahore at Malay, poisoned darts for the gun, and numerous trinkets.

Newspapermen at the fishing port reported that the crew and passengers of the Yankee appeared healthy at the voyage's end. Asked how much his son weighed, Captain Johnson said:

"I don't know. We haven't seen anything like scales on this trip."

During the entire voyage Search kept in touch with his daughter by short-wave radio. After their cargo of curios is unloaded the Johnsons plan a lecture tour of American cities, including Rochester on May 26.

He's 'Rocked in Cradle of Deep'

R.V.F. Biography, Johnson



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ARTHUR JOHNSON

No poetic fancy, the above quotation literally applies to 2-year-old Arthur, shown here clambering up the rigging of the schooner Yankee as she lay in the harbor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently. The ship, due in Gloucester May 1, is on the last leg of a 40,000-mile voyage around the world which started 17 months ago, long before Arthur could toddle. The boy is the son of Capt. Irving Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search of Rochester. His proud grandfather, Bertram Search, lives at 465 Rockingham St. (International News Photo).

They Sail Seven Seas Sitting Down

R.V.F. Bio. Johnson

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CAPT. IRVING JOHNSON



WILLIAM DUFFY

Billy and Joyce never stirred from their seats today, but their fancies carried them to far places as the Johnsons gave vivid descriptions of a 38,000-mile cruise around the world. The

MRS. JOHNSON

JOYCE BRUECKEL
voyagers were snapped in the home of Mrs. Johnson's father, Bertram L. Search in Rockingham St. The Johnsons are making a 10-day visit here.

Voyager Devises System For Greeting Cannibals

Would you dare land on a cannibal island and greet the natives?

Capt. Irving Johnson, who arrived in Rochester yesterday after an 18-months jaunt with his wife and baby in his schooner Yankee, met them a couple of times. He even has a system.

"You land on the shore of the island and set off a big bomb," the bronzed adventurer explained nonchalantly this morning. "The cannibals will come down to see you, if they're feeling friendly."

But if they're not—Captain Johnson's eyes twinkled and he fingered a short-handled native dagger.

Take No Chances

"If they come down, it's safe to talk and trade with them, but if they don't appear, you'd better get back to the ship at once. Deviltry is afoot."

Most natives are friendly if you use common sense in treating them, Captain Johnson said. He showed pictures of chieftains from New Guinea, who came to meet them cordially, painted and tattooed, and wearing tremendous headdresses of feathers and necklaces of teeth.

Arthur, the Johnson's 2½-year-old son, thinks nothing of seeing these fierce men with bone rings through their noses and feathers in their hair.

"He isn't any more amazed at them than he is at you natives of Rochester," the father laughed. "He's sailed on the Yankee most of his life, and all the natives make a big fuss over a white boy."

Too much of a fuss, Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search, feels. She told of how they devised a special way of taking the baby on shore so that he couldn't be handled by all the natives.

Johnson's Cruise With 2 Children

With a former Rochester woman and her two children among the 19 passengers aboard, the schooner Yankee was on the open sea yesterday on her third globe-girdling voyage, headed for Haiti.

Mrs. Irving Johnson, the former Electra Search of Rochester, wife of the boat's skipper, and her two sons, Arthur, 4, and Robert, 1, are off for an 18-month cruise around the world. Only one other woman is aboard, Miss Nora Bailey, child psychiatrist at the University of Toronto, who is listed on ship as a sailmaker.

The vessel, according to the Associated Press, will touch the Isthmus of Panama, the Galapagos, Easter and Pitcairn Islands, the Dutch East Indies and the West Indies.

The Johnsons' Trip 'Round the World By Schooner

SAILING TO SEE, Picture Cruise in the Schooner Yankee, by Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson; W. W. Norton & Co., N. Y.; 223 page, \$3.50.

ROCHESTERIANS need no explanatory introduction to Captain and Mrs. Johnson—she is the former Electa Search of this city—who have twice circled the globe in their schooner, Yankee. They have lectured to capacity audiences in the Eastman Theater, recalling with word and picture the amazing, adventurous scenes and occurrences that can happen only on voyages such as theirs—voyages dedicated to visits at remote landfalls and exotic ports of call.

The more than 300 pictures which, together with the text, go to make up the book, were selected from more than 4,000 taken by the skipper, his wife and members of the crew.

Only too well does the book illustrate the adage a "picture is worth 10,000 words," for some of the pictures defy transmission into the printed word. There are shots of the Johnsons' little son Arthur climbing the rigging and being tossed in a blanket. In fact, there is an entire picture chapter on little Arthur, who at the ripe old age of two years had visited places that one person in a million ever is privileged to see.

Of intense interest to the nautically-minded are pictures of strange craft the world over. There are shots of steamers wrecked on out-of-the-way islands, of the mighty 40-foot kites the Balinese fly, of the Pitcairn Islanders, of—well of enough magical and well-nigh incredible things to constitute a volume of potential nostalgia. The photography itself is technically excellent.

Captions to all photographs are explicit and adequate. Captain and Mrs. Johnson each write short but interesting bits at intervals in the book.—S. D.

Yankee Skipper To Return

Captain Irving Johnson, nationally known skipper of the schooner "Yankee," and husband of a former Rochester girl, will return to the Eastman Theater Friday evening, May 5.

He will exhibit an entirely new series of films taken during his last around-the-world cruise, and lecture on the subject, "Sailing to See in the Yankee." This, incidentally, is the title of his new book, which is breaking travel-story sales records throughout the country.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search, of Portsmouth Terrace, will accompany her husband and will be heard in a brief description of some of her experiences.

Capt. Johnson is well known to Rochester audiences. He has twice appeared in the Eastman, each time with a tale more thrilling than the most imaginative deeds of fiction. Moreover, he has backed up his stories with actual motion pictures, taken on the scene.

Pictures to be shown here next month will take his audience to far-away corners of the earth, some of them rarely visited by white men.

Skipper of Yankee Here Tomorrow

Capt. Irving Johnson, skipper of the world-cruising schooner The Yankee, is scheduled to arrive in the city from Gloucester, Mass., his home port, tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow evening, he will show several films, all in color, and all new to local audiences, taken during the last around-the-world jaunt of the schooner. He will lecture in connection with the showing of the films.

It will be Capt. Johnson's third appearance in the Eastman Theater. On both previous visits, the

huge auditorium was packed to the doors.

The color films which he will show are said to be strikingly beautiful. Many were made in the South Seas, where natural beauty of ocean and land combine with perfect atmospheric conditions to make a paradise for the color photographer.

The Civic Music Association, which is sponsoring the event, announces that pictures to be shown tomorrow are all new to Rochester. None have been seen on Captain Johnson's previous visits.

Kiddy Coop

They put the baby in his kiddy coop, a cage-like pen, set the kiddy coop in the dinghy and towed him along. The youngster is used to playing with such things as marlin spikes, belayin' pins, wild monkeys, or riding on the backs of 300-pound turtles. He made the entire 38,000-mile cruise around the world on his daddy's schooner.

Captain and Mrs. Johnson set out from Gloucester in November, 1936. They had no definite itinerary, but sailed to places about which they'd heard or read. In a few cases they were blown off their course to new and fascinating isles.

Besides Mrs. Johnson, four women, a blacksmith, lamp trimmer, a sail maker and a stewardess help make up the crew of 20. They do the work a man would, and help make voyaging more homelike, the skipper says.

Captain Johnson and his crew took more than 40,000 feet of motion picture film, much of it in color, and traded tobacco or trinkets for such curios as bows and arrows, spears and poison dart blow guns.

Following a 10-day visit with Mrs. Johnson's father, Bertram L. Search of 465 Rockingham, the Johnsons will go on a lecture tour. They will speak and show their films in Rochester May 26 at the Eastman Theater. Preparations are being continued for another world cruise starting in October, 1939.

PWF Biography Johnsons
New Book by Johnsons
Pictures Yankee Cruise

By AMY H. CROUGHTON

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Rochesterians have a special interest in the new book, "Sailing to See," published by W. W. Norton & Co., of New York City for Captain and Mrs. Irving Johnson—the latter the former Electa Search of this city. But the book, which fully justifies its subtitle of "Picture Cruise in the Schooner Yankee," will fascinate anyone who dreams of adventuring to strange places.

While the majority of the 3,000 photographs illustrating the Yankee's adventures around the world in 1936-37 were taken by Captain Johnson, Edmund Zacher and Leverett Davis, everyone on the schooner carried a camera and used it on all occasions so that the authors had a collection of more than 4,000 pictures to choose from, and also credit reproductions to nine other members of the Yankee's company.

"Sailing to See" is an unusual book, probably because it was planned and written by unusual persons who went to sea knowing what they wanted to see, and who have an exceptional gift for imparting to others the spirit which makes good adventurers. Some of the photographs in the book will be remembered by those who enjoyed Captain Johnson's film-illustrated lecture at the Eastman Theater shortly after the return of the Yankee from her cruise. There are hundreds of other illustrations which could not be crowded into one evening's entertainment, but which, through this volume, can be enjoyed, and returned to, at leisure. While the pictures dominate the text, there is sufficient of the latter to give a clear idea of the life of the cruisers and of the places and people they visited on their trip around the world.

The pictures of the Yankee, herself, and Captain Johnson's description of the schooner and her equipment, will be of special interest to amateur seamen. There are also pictures of the various strange craft which the Yankee met in the little-known harbors to which she cruised. Scenes in the Galapagos, Pitcairn Island, South Sea ports, the African coast, the South Atlantic, the Windward Islands and north to Gloucester,

the home port, accompanied by the simple, vivid account of the voyage, give the reader a sense of vicarious participation in the trip. Both the Johnsons take fair weather and foul in their sea-stride. Particularly interesting is the chapter by Mrs. Johnson recounting the approach to Pitcairn when the majority of the Yankee's crew were desperately sick from eating a poisonous fish. With no heroics she pictures the situation in which she and two of the crew found themselves, with the Yankee, sails set, running before a squall and with a cabinful of groaning patients to be cared for. The friendliness of the Pitcairn Island hosts and the grateful peace of the days spent ashore with them after the perilous passage had been accomplished, are contrasted with the night's experience in a remarkably fine example of restrained dramatic writing.

The ship's baby, Arthur, son of Captain and Mrs. Johnson, puts in a frequent appearance in the photographs. Now he is celebrating his 22d month by climbing the rigging, now he is helping a shipmate chip rust from the ship's chain, again he is hobnobbing with strangely decked natives. A real seaman, this, taking the bad with the good and chuckling over it all. What a record this will be for him in years to come.

Not many persons have the ability to make others enjoy their adventures at secondhand as the Johnsons do in "Sailing to See." Let's hope they will make many more cruises and continue to retail them to the stay-at-homes.

Captain Johnson is to be at the Scrantom book shop tomorrow to autograph copies of "Sailing to See."

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Baby to Go
On Sea Trip
Round Globe
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Infant Arthur Cook Johnson will be "eating out of Rochester" during most of his 18-month 30,000 mile round-the-world voyage.

Scarcely a year old, Baby Johnson will be the youngest member of the "Yankee" crew when sea winds take the schooner out of Gloucester, its home port, Nov. 1. Food bought here and the presence of a physician on board will be Capt. Irving and Electa Search, Johnson's reassurance that the young voyageur will come to no harm.

Not Such a Problem

"Taking a baby around the world isn't such an insoluble problem these days," chuckled "Exie" in a farewell interview this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram L. Search, 42 Thayer Street.

First Mate Electa has been in charge of buying six tons of food, quite a grocery order; a couple of miles of extra rope; coal enough to fire their cookstove to Singapore.

Highlights anticipated to Skipper Johnson are a real look at the monster lizards of the Comodo Islands in the South Seas, and a more protracted visit to "Yankee Falls" in British Guiana, a waterfall in the jungle interior, discovered by them last trip, which is more than five times higher than Niagara. He also has in mind to keep weather-eye peeled for shipwrecks, because a mariner's museum in Newport News wants him to bring back a ship-wrecked Chinese junk.

Addresses Ad Club

Captain Johnson's lecture before Rochester Ad Club this noon concluded several given here in the last few days. Mrs. Johnson has also spoken to women's groups about the trip from which they returned in May, 1935.

So far their passenger crew includes only men.

Sailing with them will be:

Jack Manchester, Batavia; David Donovan, Buffalo, son of William Donovan; James Kennish, Utica; James Daniels, Buffalo; Edmund Zacher, Hartford, Conn.; James Lincoln, Cleveland; Sterling Haydn, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Donald Hall of Seattle, Wash.; Edwin Chesley, Rowaynton, Conn.; Leverett Davis, Hartford, Conn.; Alan Eurich, Youngstown, Ohio; Robert Welsh, Rockford, Ill., and "Fritz" Voelmecke, Hambourg, Germany, their cook.

GLOBE CRUISE
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NEARING END

Capt. Irving Johnson, his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, and their 18-man crew of amateur sailors are expected to arrive in Gloucester, Mass., today after an 18-month world girdling cruise of 36,000 miles. Aboard the ship is Captain Johnson's mother, who embarked at Capetown, South Africa, for her first voyage with her son.

Skirting war zones, the ship began her cruise Oct. 29, 1939, passing through the Panama Canal to the South Seas, along the south Asia coast, around Africa to South America and thence north to her home port.

First official business of male crew members will be registration for Selective Service since they were on the high seas during the first draft call.

Ex-Resident Joins in New Earhart Hunt

A new search for Amelia Earhart Putnam, long missing woman flyer, is being made in the South Pacific by Capt. Irving Johnson, his wife, the former Electa Search of Rochester, and the crew of the globe-girdling schooner Yankee, the Associated Press said last night in a dispatch from Springfield, Mass., quoting Johnson's brother, Arthur J. Johnson.

Captain Johnson told his brother arrangements for the search were made with the Earhart Foundation during a recent call at Hawaii and that an exhaustive search would be made of two island groups, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

Many of them are little more than coral reefs. Miss Earhart and her navigator-pilot, Capt. Frederick J. Noonan, have not been reported since their radio communication with Howland Island suddenly terminated in July, 1937.

At that time, Captain Johnson on the Yankee was on his second world cruise, close to the aviators' line of flight, and he reported probably the last communication from the plane, in which no position was given.

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Schooner 'Yankee' To Get U.S. Cook

Detours 2,400 Miles to Aid
German Sailor after
War Breaks Out

Honolulu — (AP) — Irving Johnston of South Hadley, Mass., is going to get an American cook for his yacht, Yankee of Gloucester, Mass. (Mrs. Johnston is the former Electa Search of Rochester.)

Johnston, a lecturer, detoured 2,400 miles from Tahiti on a world cruise so his German-born cook might be landed in an American port.



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He said that although the cook, Fritz Voellmechke, of Dorchester, Mass., had received his first American citizenship papers and had married an American girl, British and French authorities still considered him a German subject.

Johnston said Tahiti, French island possession approximately 2,400 miles south of Honolulu, was in the midst of a "war scare" and German residents there only recently had been released from a concentration camp. The Yankee left Tahiti before any action was taken against the cook.

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War Plays havoc in Galley Of World-Girdling Schooner

THE European war has forced a change in the crew personnel of the schooner Yankee, skippered by Capt. Irving Johnson, husband of Electa Search Johnson former Rochesterian.

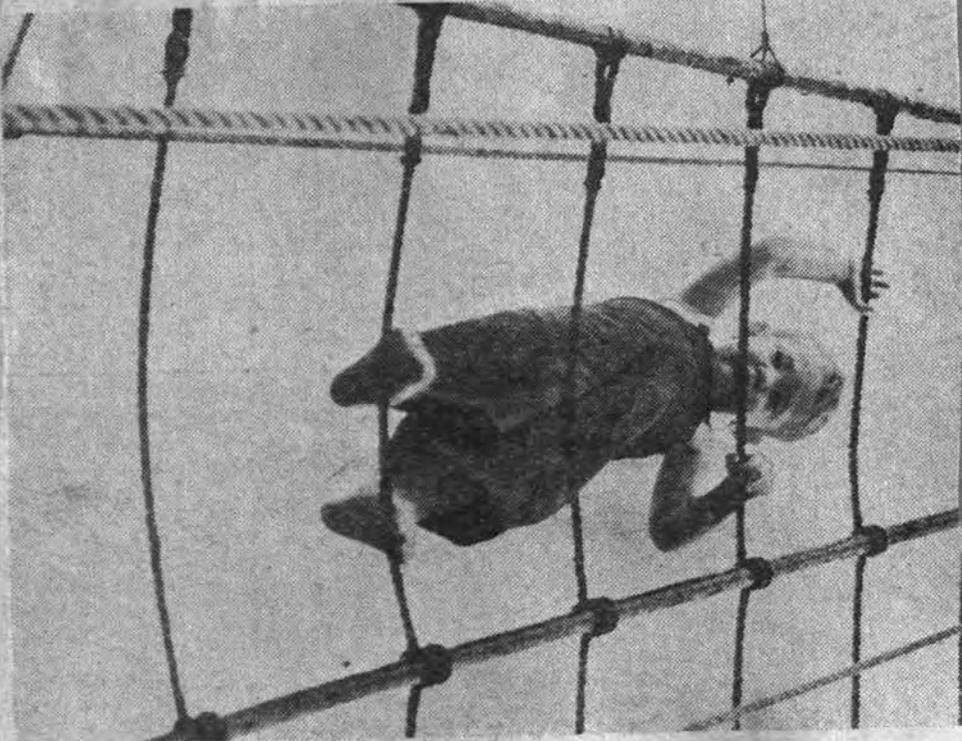
From Honolulu, the Associated Press reported Captain Johnson decided his cook, Fritz Voellmechke, although he has taken out first American citizenship papers and had married an American girl, had better leave the crew.

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The skipper said British and French authorities considered Voellmechke still a German citizen and Johnson did not want to take any chances on action against the cook while his schooner plied the world's waters. He said he would replace him with an American cook.

He detoured 2,400 miles from Tahiti to land Voellmechke at the American port in Hawaii.

No poetic fancy, the above quotation literally applies to 2-year-old Arthur, shown here clambering up the rigging of the schooner Yankee as she lay in the harbor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently. The ship, due in Gloucester May 1, is on the last leg of a 40,000-mile voyage around the world which started 17 months ago, long before Arthur could toddle. The boy is the son of Capt. Irving Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search of Rochester. His proud grandfather, Bertram Search, lives at 465 Rockingham St. (International News Photo).

ARTHUR JOHNSON



RVF Biography
**Civilization 'Complicated,' Captain Finds
After Freedom of Two-Year World Cruise**

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**Relates Poisoning of
Party by Fish in
South Seas**

"It's a pain in the neck."
Capt. Irving Johnson smiled ruefully and tugged at a recalcitrant necktie as he compared dress requirements of "civilization" with the free and easy mode which he and members of his crew enjoyed on their recently completed two-year world cruise on his schooner Yankee.

"Life here is most complicated—it's too complicated," he added as he launched into brief but vivid descriptions of some of the highlights of the eventful cruise. He arrived in Rochester yesterday afternoon and went to the home of his wife's father, Bertram L. Search, at 465 Rockingham St., where he will be joined tomorrow by Mrs. Johnson, the former Electa Search of Rochester, and their 29-month-old son, Arthur, both members of the cruise party.

Captain Johnson drove from the Johnson home at Springfield, Mass., while his wife and child are coming by train. Also in the city is Theodore Zacher of Hartford, Conn., a member of the Yankee's crew and her official photographer, who conferred yesterday with Eastman Kodak officials. More than 40,000 feet of motion pictures were taken on the cruise, much of it in colored film.

"We visited the headhunters' section of the New Hebrides," said Captain Johnson of his 35,000-mile voyage to out-of-the-way places on the globe, "a place we avoided on the last cruise because the natives were a bit too scrappy. But they didn't happen to be fighting this time. We also went through the Spice Islands and saw some big game hunting in the African veldt, which offered new adventures."

The Johnsons' son, who has spent most of his life on shipboard, came through the trip in excellent health. He suffered but one serious illness, that which struck the entire ship's personnel with one exception after they had eaten poisoned fish, but recovered from that readily. Captain Johnson yesterday related details of the poisoned fish episode on the early stages of their voyage.

"To describe that illness is almost impossible. There were symptoms of almost every disease," said Johnson. "Fortunately, Electa managed to rid her stomach of the poisoned fish before she was stricken seriously. I don't know what we would have done if she hadn't been able to take over the ship. The boy who wasn't taken ill wasn't a sailor."

"We learned later that ~~not~~ feed on marine matter which is growing on the copper plates of sunken wrecks may be poisonous."

After a lecture tour, which will bring the Johnsons to Rochester May 26, preparations will be continued for another world cruise to start in the fall of 1939. Enough applications for membership in the crew have been received to more than fill the register, Captain Johnson said.

Young Arthur Johnson and Mrs. Johnson also will go on that cruise, but it will be their last for some time. By the time the 1939 cruise ends, young Arthur will be ready for school, and his mother will stay home with him.



Capt. Irving Johnson, back from a carefree two-year cruise around the world, finds it difficult to adjust himself to the problem of dress after so many months of "roughing it" aboard his schooner "Yankee." He's shown after his arrival in Rochester yesterday.

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