

RIPLEY OHIO TO VICTORIO BRAZIL

A SKETCH OF AN EIGHT THOUSAND MILE TRIP DOWN THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS, ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO, DOWN THE COAST OF CENTRAL AMERICA, AND AROUND THE NORTH EAST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA DOWN TO THE MOUTH OF THE AMAZON RIVER AND THENSE UP IT TO THE SMALL PORT OF VICTORIO BRAZIL, IN A SIXTY FIVE FOOT HOUSE BOAT EQUIPPED WITH TWO FORTY HORSE POWER GASOLINE ENGINES ON A TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR WAGER.

PREFACE

On the night of September 13, 1918 three brother officers dropped in at my quarters at the quarantine corral of Veterinary Co. 1 located about one mile outside of Brest France. That morning the Allied forces especially our boys had begun a vigorous offence in the St. Mihiel Sector on a forty mile front.

Well boys Lt. Moss of the Quartermasters Corps drawled out, it sure looks like this will be the beginning of the end of the war. You can take my word for it for I know. But it is going to cost us many of our boys and maybe some of us four will never go back home. Our conversation drifted on for the best part of the evening discussing the present situation of the Big Fight.

Lt. Nick Germann of the Intelligence Department and who hailed from a neighboring town close to my own at last turned the conversation away from the thoughts that were on our minds and we began to feel better and our spirits began to rise. I say fellows Nick exclaimed, if we four come out of this scrap and all get home safe let us all get together and take a long trip somewhere and rest up after our own desires. we have been together so much "over here" so lets just continue our companionship after we get home only lets hope it will be under more pleasant surroundings.

That suits me fine says Capt. Miles of the Second Division and who was leaving for the front that night. If I am there when the roll is called back home you can count on me to go anywhere. I used to be a skipper on a tramp vessel and a cruise on a small boat would about suit me. However where ever we decide to go Im with you.

Little did we dream that we four would that that night meet again and carry out our desire to take a long and adventuresome trip which we did. A trip that attracted nation wide interest.

Dr. J. V. Moore

OUR DREAM OVER THERE BECOMES TURE OVER HERE.

I had been dischargd from the U.S.A. and arrived home the day after Christmas feeling none the worse for my eleven months service overseas. After spending two weeks with my parents at Cincinnati, O. I went back to Ripley, O. and began to resume my practice in Veterinary Medecine. Things were going along smoothly when one day I received a long distance call from my former brother officer Lt. Germann stating that he had just arrived home and that Capt. Miles was with him at his home as his gueat and that they would be over in a few days to see me. Also in the next days mail was a letter from Lt. Moss he was O. K. and was still anticipating that trip we had framed up. Well I was begining to think about it a great deal myself so when Germann and Miles came it was the only thing we could talk about so we wired Moss to run down from Chicago and get buisy . He came three days later and in my office on Feb. 11, 1919 we each selected a place we would like to go and what means of travel we would employ and made out a ballot stating same, these strips of paper were put in a hat any my negro valet was to pull one of them out and that was to be our destination.

The following is what the four strips of paper had on them, and whose it was.

1---I would like to make up a party of us four and with a good machine put in a year travelling thru the west and hunt the Rocky Mountain big game.

John Moss

2-- I believe a horseback trip into Canada and Alaska would just about suit me.

Nick Germann

3-- A small boat and the Amazon River for mine the country is wonderful.

Ted Miles

4-- They tell me that Honolulu is the place to rest up with everything that goes with it, so lets go.

J. V. Moore

Chin collected these pieces of paper and put them in a hat and shook them up and then drew out one. We all wondered where it would be so I took it and it said" A small boat and the Amazon River for mine, the country is wonderful.

Thats the place boys I said so strutt your stuff and we will soon be on our way.

CAPTAIN MILES FINDS A BOAT AND BUYS IT.

We drove down to Cincinnati the next day and a few of my friends gave us a dinner at the Sinton Hotel in the evening. We broke the news of our proposed trip at the dinner and Capt. Miles said he was going to try to get a sea going cruiser about eighty feet long. Mr. Foucar a good friend of mine and a real sportsman began to laugh at the idea of making such a dangerous trip on such a small boat. Capt Miles took up the banter and said he would not be afraid to go on a staunch house boat provided with enough power and made over to suit him. Foucar laughing said, - "Well if you are so game as all that I will make the trip interesting for all of you. I will bet you ten thousand dollars that you can't do it, provided you let me put in two conditions. 1 - That you make the trip in a year's time and 2- that you leave with only one week's provisions and make the expenses of your trip as you go.

This was indeed an unexpected turn in our so far meager plans but it spelled adventure, publicity and what not. it was a sporting proposition and although dangerous it looked good to us. We four held a little consultation and we decided to take Foucar up. Miles accepted publicly the wager, the checks were drawn up and deposited with the Cincinnati Enquirer's sporting editor., and the bet was on.

We commenced to look for a suitable boat and after a week one was found at Huntington W. VA. that had belonged to a wealthy clubman who had made the supreme sacrifice over there. we left the buying of the boat to Capt Miles and after going over it thoroughly we offered the present owner of the boat what we felt like we could afford and after a little bartering we bought it at our price.

This happened on Feb. 19th and the next day we started to bring the boat down to Ripley to begin to overhaul it and install the motors. The Ohio river was at flood stage and full of floating ice. we only had a twelve horse engine on the boat but we thought it sufficient to take the boat safely down the one hundred and twenty miles of the Ohio river to Ripley, also that with the current we ought to make the voyage in a day's time. so we started on one of the coldest days that I can remember with the snow flying and cakes of ice as large as houses all around us. We only had an oil heater and one day's provisions when we left, thinking that that night we would be at home.

Things went well most of the morning and we made about half the distance by noon but the wind kept getting stronger and the ice flow heavier and soon after dinner we were having difficulty in keeping the boat away from the shore. the wind finally changed and began to take us to the Kentucky shore where soon we were lodged in an ice gorge about one third of a mile from the shore. and there we had to stay for two days with nothing to eat and only an oil stove to keep us warm. This was adventure no. 1

WE ARRIVE SAFE WITH THE BOAT AND OVERHAUL IT.

Four days after starting down the old Ohio we arrived at Ripley cold, half dead from exposure and in none too good spirits for we had had a hard and rough trip thru the ice and had been unable to sleep hardly at all. However the next day we dry docked the boat and commenced the overhauling of our future home for at least a year or even longer.

By the first of March we had corked, painted, and repaired her wherever it was needed and she looked like a different boat. We had ordered two forty horse power gas engines and on the 7th of March they had been installed and the boat launched. The next thing was the furnishing and naming of her. We had seven rooms on the boat, The saloon or main living room which was twelve by eighteen feet long was furnished with piano, parlor suite, bookcase, lounge, music cabinet for our musical instruments as we all played, and oil paintings and gun rack. with a new brussels rug on floor that completely covered it. The next room was our dining room completely equipped, and then the kitchen with all modern conveniences. Our upper deck contained our pilot house and four berths or bed rooms, small but comfortable.

The boat was as complete as a modern flat in every way. The engines worked like clock works and the boat handled easy with lots of power to spare. We were well satisfied and had given out that we would be ready to begin our trip on the 15th of March.

As Capt. Miles was married he wanted to take his wife along so the question came up as to all of us getting married and making it a honey moon trip as well. So in the end this is what we did, and therefore we named the boat after our wives first name and our last name as you will see that the initials worked out so nicely that we called the boat the Margret G. Miles. Margret for Nicks wife, Gladys for my wife, and miles for Teds wife. The boat was later given the name of the Honey moon boat by the newspapers all over the country, which name the boat well deserved for it was indeed a honey moon in all sense of the word.

We lived up to our second condition in the bet, that is that we were sure enough broke when we stepped on board the boat the morning we sailed, for it had cost us every penny we had to our names to put the boat in shape and we had to borrow money to lay in our weeks provision of food and gasoline the day we started. From now on I will give you a summary of our trip from the time we left Ripley to almost two years later when we returned to this country and sold the old Margret G. Miles at Memphis Tenn.

Mrs. Gladys Moore.
 A native of old Kentucky,
 Born Oct. 10, 1901
 Graduate of Oxford College
 at Miami Ohio and Athens U.
 Taught School in Brown Co. O.
 Married Jules V. Moore after
 a courtship of four months
 Honey moon spent on the good
 ship Margret G. Miles

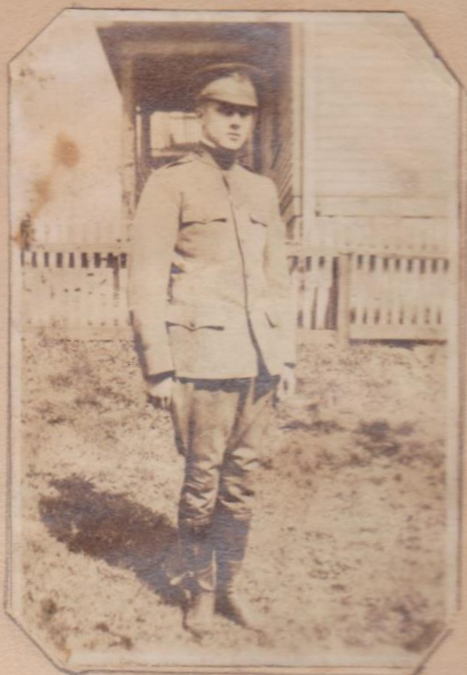


*Taken at end
 of trip*



Jules V. Moore
 A product of Cincinnati O.
 Born Dec. 11, 1896
 Graduate of Cincinnati U.
 Graduate of Cincinnati Vet-
 erinary college.
 Captain during world war.
 Married Gladys Wilson the
 day we sailed on our 8000
 mile journey to Brazil.

John Moss
Moss hails from the "Windy
City" Was Born in Chicago
in 1897. A fine looking and
well educated fellow. In fact
he was too good looking for
his own good. Served as 1st.
Lt. in Quartermasters Corps
Moss was the only one of the boys
who remained single on this trip.



Zelma Nickols
A friend who made part
of the trip with us. She
also is from Chicago.

A study in Black & White

Mrs. Margaret Germann
Born at Carrolton Ky.
Educated in Cincinnati
Attended Conservatory of
Music at Cin. O.
Married Nick Germann March
14, 1919
they helped make up the
Honeymoon Boat.



Nick as a Head Hunter.

Nickolas L. Germann
Born in Brown County Ohio
Attended University Of Cin.
Engaged in the Tobacco
business when war broke out
Attended Officers Training
School appointed 2nd. Lt.
Intelligence Dept. Served
eight months with A. E. F.
Married Margaret Ruth Calvert.

On Banks of Amazon



Capt. Ted Miles
Born at Galveston Texas in
1884. Put in most of his
life as a seaman. Was a skipper
on a tramp fruit steamer for
several years. Enlisted in army
first time in 1906. When this
war broke out was commissioned
and went overseas in latter part
of 17. A real officer and made
of the stuff that won the war.
As a navigator we will tell more
of him later.

Mrs. Ted Miles
The Captains wife, A
quiet and highly
accomplished lady of the
old school. as a matron
she was hard to beat.
Mrs. Miles was always
in for a good time though.



Henry Messenger

Born at Evansville Ind. in 1897. served
in world war as a non com. in my personel
while attached to Vet. Co. 1 AEF. Joined
the Honey moon boat at Evansville Ind.
A musician by profession playing the Banjo.
Henry was quite an addition to our crowd
and had charge of our orchestra



Also Henry had a wife, her name is Francis.
She was an Indianapolis girl and met Henry
at a dance at which he was playing so it was all off
and they got married.



Last but not least are our two dogs
Jerry A. T.
and
Major S. H.
If you want to know what the initials
stand for ask me
privately

THEY'LL FLOAT DOWN OHIO, WITH BRAZIL AS GOAL



Upper picture, left to right: Mrs. Altie Watson, Mrs. J. V. Moore, the bride; Mrs. Ted Miles, Mrs. H. E. Moore and Captain Ted Miles. Dr. J. V. Moore is holding dog. Next to him are H. Germann and Professor M. Reddick. Below is the houseboat.

The Margaret G. Miles, a two-story houseboat, moored at the foot of Sycamore-st, sailed for Brazil Monday. It will float down the Ohio River, carrying six men and four women, who have taken a 60,000-acre tract in Brazil, on which to raise cattle and develop lumber production.

Among the women is the wife of Dr. J. V. Moore, veterinary surgeon. She met her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. E. Moore, 2382 Wheel-st, for the first time last Monday. The wife formerly was Miss Carolyns Wilson, Ripley, O. The couples were married several days ago.

All the men are veterans of the world war except Captain Ted Miles, who saw service in Mexico and in the Spanish-American war.

Two pups of a German police dog, which Moore brought from overseas, and two Alaskan dogs, which Captain Miles brought from Alaska in 1911, will accompany the party.

Dr. Moore said the voyagers would go as far as possible on the houseboat.

"If there are no storms on the gulf we will be able to make the trip—



8000 miles—nicely," he said. "Otherwise, we will have to take a steamer at Galveston or New Orleans."

The boat has a sitting room, bedrooms, dining room and a kitchen.

On board are a piano, mandolin and violin.

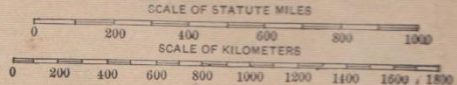
A gasoline launch supplies power. A "flivver" strapped on the rear will be used in Brazil.


Confessions of a Bride

MIRRORS FASCINATE

The elegance of Katherine Miller's suite and the oddness of her collection of round hand mirrors fascinated me; nevertheless, the world's decorative scheme is far from being the

SOUTH AMERICA



Important towns are shown in heavy face type
Railways shown thus 





Sunset on the Miss. R.



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Evansville needs.





Jersey.



Oo - Gladys - put your dress down - you're a big girl now



Gulf scene, 100 miles south of Galveston.





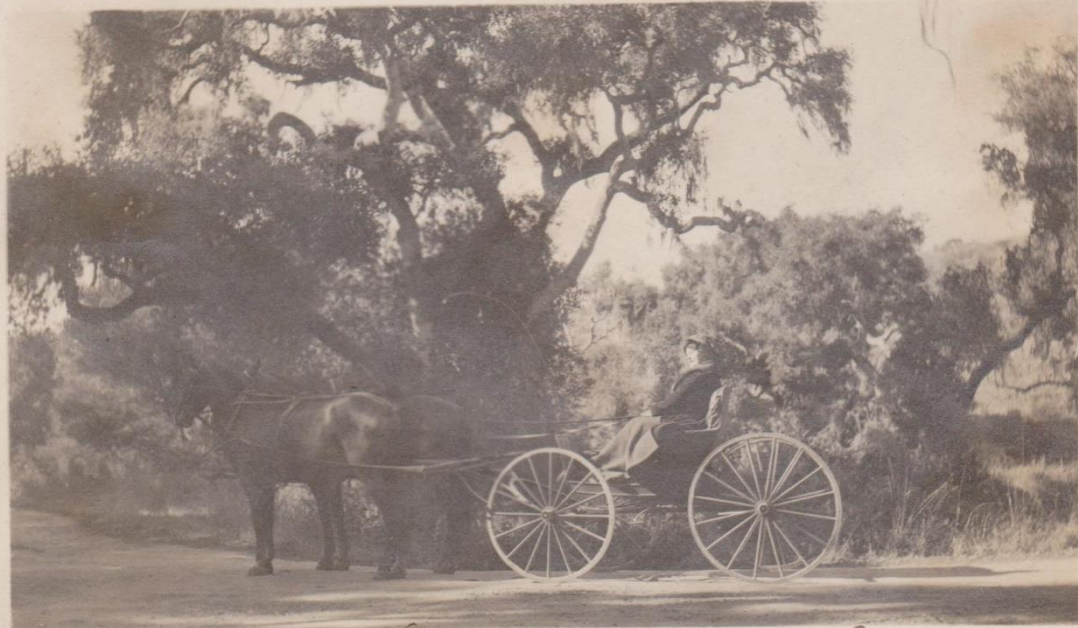
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La Siesta Para Brazul



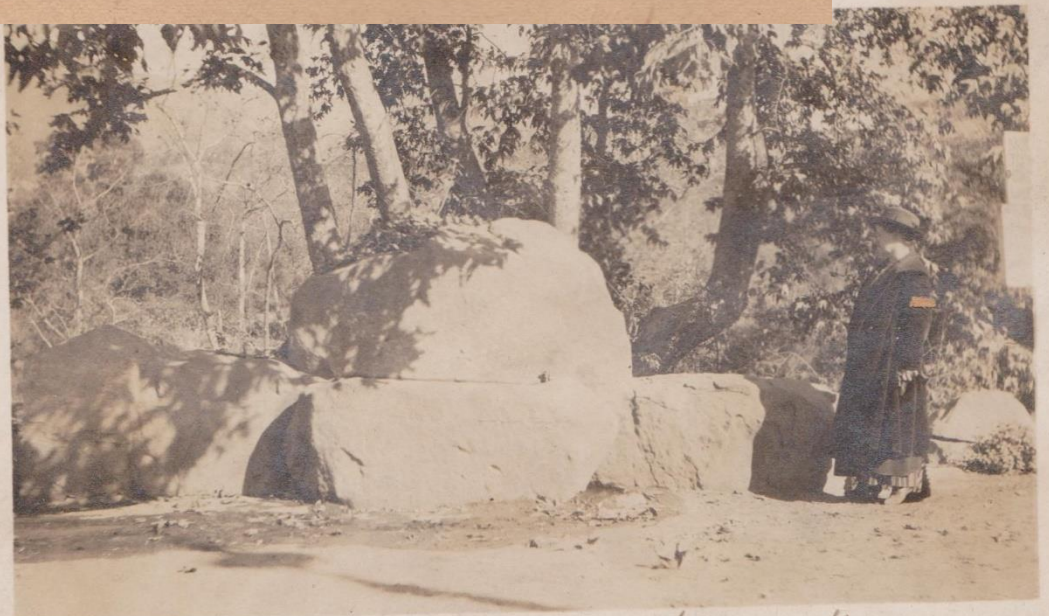
Travel on highway of Brazil



Rock formation along coast of Cent. Am.



New Harmony, Ind. "Just kids"



Quarta Roca, Paramambo, Guana



Lucia Espnanta - Para Brazil



La Blanca Iglesia Para



Ruth and Glat.





Orchestra of Margaret G. Miles



La Casa de enfermas. Para.



American Council - Para-Bra.





Surf at Kona town Hawaii



Scene south of Cayenne Hawaii





Manos Brazil.



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Cruise of the Margaret S. Miles



FROM RIPLEY, O. TO VICTORIA, BRAZIL

AN EIGHT THOUSAND MILE TRIP OR FORFEIT WAGER OF \$20,000

"THE HONEYMOON BOAT"

Dr. J. V. Moore and Party Now Enroute to Brazil To Locate

The reporter of this paper had the pleasure of being introduced to Dr. J. V. Moore and wife, Messrs. Nick Germann, Henry Messenger, Frank Germann and Gordon Bailey this morning on board the "Honey Moon Boat" Miles, that is now moored out near the Cowling dock opposite the city. Dr. Moore and party are now enroute from their home town, Ripley, Ohio, on an 8,000 mile trip by water to Victoria, Brazil, on a \$20,000 cash wager that the trip is not to be considered as an impossible one. At a dinner given at the Sinton Hotel in Ripley, Ohio, Christmas Day last in which Dr. J. V. Moore and others of the people on board the boat now at Metropolis were present as invited guests, the subject came up for discussion as to the possibility of a trip being made in a fifty-five foot gasoline cruiser and Capt. Miles, a wealthy retired capitalist who was present and for whom the boat is named, remarked: "I would not be afraid to cross over in a house boat propelled by gasoline power, much less a cruiser." This brought on more talk and rife speculation and theories that were feigned and finally Mr. Henry Focur, a wealthy turfman and sporting man of wide reputation assumed an aggressive attitude following the remarks made, and remarked that to think of making a trip like unto the above one named was preposterous and an utter impossibility and that he would wager \$20,000 cash that the trip could not be made. Capt. Miles and Dr. Moore held a short consultation and Capt. Miles astonished the guests at the dinner party by writing out a check covering the amount and said, "We've got you, produce the cash and let's get busy." And as quickly Mr. Focur "produced" and the wager was on. Dr. J. V. Moore is a learned veterinary and also specializes in surgery. He is also an accomplished musician as are all members of the party on board the Miles and they have a piano, violins, guitars, mandolins, and other things musical on board the boat and enroute on their long perilous trip they earn a competence by furnishing for balls, theatricals and entertainments of various orders, it being

animated and imbued with but a single aim, desire, and object and that is to "make good" in getting to Victoria and thereby relieve one live-wire sporting man known to ye inhabitants of earth as Mr. Henry Focur of Ripley, Ohio, of that \$20,000 bucks. And the good wishes of all, the reporter of this paper included go with them and when they arrive and are settled down in their far-off home, in a strange, strange clime let us hope that they will drop us a line just to tell us that they saw us and that they have arrived! Adios.

Vicksburg

Dr. D. I. Scudder paid a visit last Thursday morning to veterinary, Dr. J. V. Moore, whose house boat laid at the 3rd street landing the greater part of the day. He reports that he found Dr. Moore and his party which consist of Mrs. Moore, Capt. Miles and wife and Nick Germann, all of Ripley, Ohio. They are very pleasant people and their palatial little house boat proved to be a very nice home. The party is enroute to Brazil where they have taken a claim of 60,000 acres. They have a year to make in its entirety in their boat, a distance of 8,000 miles.

Will Live in Boat Aboard a Tanker

Plan Evolved to Cross Gulf in Houseboat and Not Endanger \$20,000 Wager

The Margaret B. Miles, a staunch and cozily equipped house-boat in charge of Dr. J. V. Moore and wife, arrived at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, on an 8,000 mile honeymoon trip. The young couple are accompanied by Frank A. and Nick L. Germann.

The party will be joined later by John Moss, a lumber dealer of Chicago, who is now arranging his business affairs in the Windy City preparatory for the journey. The boat is 55 feet long, 14 feet beam 3 feet 3 inches depth of hold, with about 12 inches draught, has two decks with handsomely furnished apartments including all conveniences to be found in a modern home. The furnishings include a handsome piano and other instruments to enjoy while afloat and a high powered automobile for sight seeing while sojourning at points of interest along the route.

The boat, with the party on board, left Ripley March 17, on a wager of \$20,000 with Henry Focur, a well-known sporting man of Cincinnati.

The conditions of the wager are that the party must make the trip by the all water route from Ripley, Ohio to Victoria, Brazil, 1500 miles up the Amazon river, a total distance of 8,000 miles and that the party must earn every penny of their expenses of the trip enroute.

The young men are all world war veterans, having experienced eleven months service in France. Dr. Moore, the head of the party, is a veterinary surgeon of Cincinnati and all the members are accomplished musicians and are using their talents in concerts along the route as a means of earning revenue necessary for the voyage.

Dr. Moore states that "the agreement does not specify how the boat shall get there, except that we shall make the trip on the boat, which I expect will be lifted on a tanker

for the voyage across the gulf, and there will be nothing to hinder us in holding our quarters in our house boat the entire trip. We will have ample time, as we are not due to reach our destination until March 27, 1921."

When they reach Victoria they have an option on 60,000 acres of land, located 300 miles from Victoria, on which to engage in lumber and cattle business.

Dr. Moore and party expect to remain at the wharf near the foot of Vine street several days and extend a cordial invitation to the public to pay them a visit and inspect their floating home.

Dr. J. V. Moore and wife and party of eight friends, of Ripley, O., landed here Wednesday morning in their two story houseboat, "Margaret G. Miles." They expect to go from here to Cairo, then to New Orleans, and then if the weather be favorable will cross the Gulf of Mexico in the houseboat, using a small horse motor boat to tow them along. They expect to spend a year on the way, sight seeing and visiting the towns and cities along the rivers. Near Victoria, Brazil, S. A., they have 60,000 acres of land which they expect to use in farming and grazing.

Waraw Ky.

Helena

Dr. J. V. Moore, accompanied by his wife and party, landed at the stone landing the latter part of this week in a houseboat, the Margaret A. Miles, enroute to Brazil, S. A., where he has an option on 60,000 acres of range and agricultural land at Victoria, 1,500 miles up the Amazon. They have with them a nicely furnished houseboat and a number of dogs. The trip will be made entirely by water; following the gulf coast after leaving the Mississippi. The trip will take a year. Dr. Moore is making this a honeymoon as well as a business trip. His bride is with him, they having been recently married. Dr. Moore is a talented violinist and on Monday and Wednesday evenings, with an accompanist, gave the patrons of the Columbia a musical program that was very pleasing. Dr. Moore's parents came down from Cincinnati the first of the week and spent a couple of days with them.

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TAKING AN 8,000 MILE TRIP TO BRAZIL

Party Plans Long Trip By Water
• Fifty-five Foot House Boat

Dr. Moore Is Instigator of Trip
Cincinnati, Ohio, to Victoria, Brazil

We have received a very interesting letter from Dr. Jules V. Moore of Ripley, Ohio, which we take pleasure in publishing herewith.

"I am undertaking to make an 8,000 mile trip by water from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Victoria, Brazil, South America, in a motorized house boat fifty-five feet long by fourteen feet wide. My party will consist of six persons, one of whom is Earle Transue, celebrated American concert tenor. Another man of note is Mr. Nick L. Germann, widely known tobacco man.

"Our object is to make our expenses as we travel, giving concerts and doing veterinary work, also selling several veterinary preparations I have on the market.

"The trip will be one of national interest and we look forward to a lot of interesting occurrences which we will publish in our respective journals and papers. I shall endeavor to become acquainted with all veterinarians along the way."

This certainly will be a wonderful adventure and offers great possibilities for thrills. Not many of us would care to undertake a trip of this kind in so small a craft but will be interested in following the adventure of this small party as they wend their way southward. We feel sure that all of our readers will look forward with pleasure to hearing of the many adventures that this party has and we

Journal of Veterinary Medicine

The Honeymoon Cruiser Arrives Here Bound on Great Adventure

By the Office Flunkie.

Every girl dreams of honeymoons. She never gets too old, or ugly, or callus, or engrossed with a career but every once in a couple of whiles she gives herself up to daydreaming, and always, somewhere, sometime, the honeymooning scene takes shape in her dreams. Perhaps it's a few weeks, in New York, seeing shows, battling around in Greenwich Village, dancing, touring, and eating shrimp salad on a music-drenched roof. Or maybe it's a month at the sea-side, swimming, yatching, strolling down the moonlit beach with The One Man.

But did you ever, even in your wildest fancies let a real adventure in? Did you ever consider a honeymoon on a houseboat down American rivers, across a gulf, into the great Amazon and on into the unclaimed tangles of Brazil? A honeymoon that would last twenty-four months? A trip on which three other parties have failed, and two of them never heard from? An adventure made on a \$20,000 wager?

Permit us to present Mrs. J. V. Moore of the good ship Margaret Miles.

Doctor Moore, the chap that took up the \$20,000 wager of Henry Focur, Cincinnati sportsman, arrived here this morning with his party of five and tied up his boat for a three or four days' stay.

The 8,000 miles from Ripley, Ohio to Victoria, Brazil is to be made on the 55-foot gasoline cruiser of 18 horsepower. In the contract it is stipulated that the party is to "make its way" without outside aid. The boat pulled out of Ripley, where it was built, the day after Doctor Moore's wedding, March 17, and by newspapers along the route it has been called the Honeymoon Cruiser, though it was

christened the Margaret G. Miles.

Last Christmas Eve Doctor Moore was attending a dinner at which Mr. Focur was present. He told him of his plan to go to South America and take a 16,000 acre claim offered by the Brazilian government.

"I'll wager \$20,000 no man living could make the trip in the sort of gasoline boat you propose," Focur declared.

Captain Miles, a navigator of the old school, took up the argument and insisted that it could be done. Doctor Moore took up the wager and began searching for his crew. He examined more than a hundred possibilities before he found his present five. They were allowed twenty-four hours' provisions, ten gallons of gasoline and no money. At various places on the way they stopped a day or so, and gave concerts or played for dances. They're a real jazz band, with piano, banjo, mandolin, violin and drums. Doctor Moore is a veterinarian and practices his profession along the route. Other members of the party are Frank Germann, chemist, "Nick" Germann, tobacconist, Henry Messenger, lumberman, and Gordon Batley, "good fellow."

They will go to New Orleans, cross the Gulf, follow the coast of Central America, into the mouth of the Amazon, and 1,500 miles up the Amazon is the destination. There Doctor Moore expects to stake his claims to the uncultivated soil of Brazil and to the \$20,000 that Mr. Focur offers.

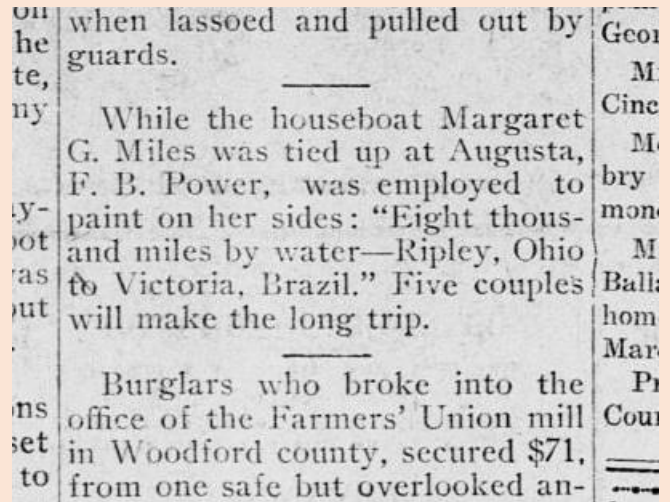
During their stay in Paducah the "Honeymooners" are keeping "open house."

It's a real honeymoon, according to Mrs. Moore, and the thrills of the great adventure far outweigh the possibilities of a dread fate.

The following are newspaper articles I have added. I have been unsuccessful in locating an article which discusses the party's return to the United States or whether Henry Focur paid off the wager. However, on 09 Sep 1920, Dr. J.V. Moore placed an ad in the Hayti Herald (Hayti, MO; page 5 column 4) announcing that he was available for veterinary services.



Cincinnati Post, Cincinnati, OH
 11 Mar 1920, page 10 column 2



Daily Register, Richmond, KY
 27 Mar 1920, page 6 column 5



Press release photo
 taken by JR Schmidt
 of Cincinnati.
 Dated 29 Mar 1920

HONEYMOONERS ARE OFF ON FIVE YEAR HOUSEBOAT TRIP



Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Moore and "Buster," mascot. Inset—The houseboat Margaret G. Miles, in which they will float 8,000 miles from Ohio to Brazil.

RIPLEY, O., April 2.—(Special)—"Brazil or bust," said Dr. J. V. Moore. He called to his bride, now "deck hand," aboard the Good Houseboat Margaret G. Miles—"Shove off!"

Dr. Moore, who was an army surgeon during the war, married Miss Gladys Wilson the day of his discharge. Four days later they commissioned the Margaret G. Miles and with "Buster," the dog Dr. Moore brought home, set sail on the Ohio river for Brazil.

The trip will take five years and the boat will cover 8,000 miles. They will float to the Gulf of Mexico and then tow the boat with a launch they carry on the forward deck. A filver is stabled

on the Margaret G.'s "back porch."

The boat has the comforts of home. The doctor has a land tract in Brazil.

Five other men and three other women will make the trip with the Moore's.

Saginaw News, Saginaw, MI
02 Apr 1920, page 16, column 2

The above article also appeared in the following newspapers:

Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, MI
03 Apr 1920, page 1

Post-Crescent, Appleton, WI
03 Apr 1920, page 8 column 4

Elkhart Daily Review, Elkhart, IN
05 Apr 1920, page 10, column 2

Evening Herald, Albuquerque, NM
12 Apr 1920, page 5 column 2

Evening Gazette, Reno, NV
12 Apr 1920, page 8 column 3

Des Moines News, Des Moines, IA
17 Apr 1920, page 2 column 2

Logansport Pharos Tribune, Logansport, IN
03 Apr 1920, page 2 column 3

Lowell Sun Sunday Supplement, Lowell, MA
03 Apr 1920, section 2 page 3 column 3

Daily Illinois State Journal, Springfield, IL
10 Apr 1920, page 15, column 5

"BRAZIL OR BUST!"—ON HOUSEBOAT



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The Batavia Daily, Batavia, NY
03 Apr 1920, page 10 column 3

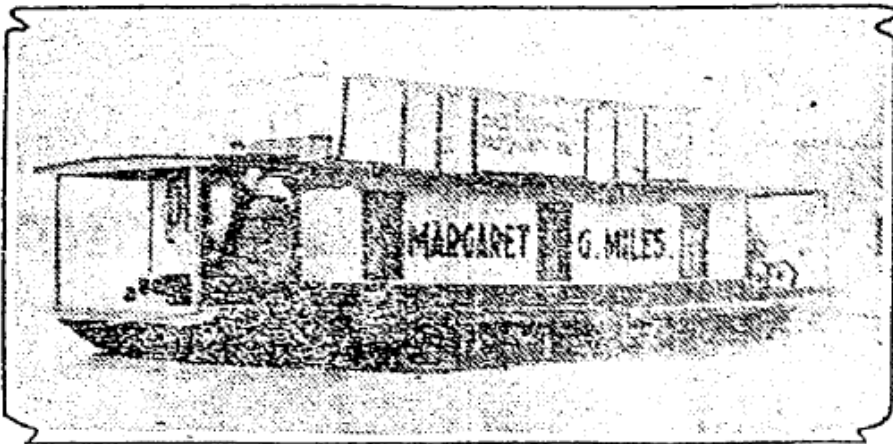
The above article also appeared
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Evening Telegraph, Alton, IL
06 Apr 1920, page 8 column 2

Evening Sun, Hanover, PA
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Standard Examiner, Ogden, UT
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**This Houseboat to Take Ohioans
on 8,000 Mile Trip to Brazil**



THE HOUSE BOAT
PHOTO FROM UNDERWOOD, N.Y.

(Special to The Plain Dealer)
RIPLEY, O., April 3.—In this houseboat, Dr. J. V. Moore and a party of friends are headed Brazilward. The trip of 8,000 miles is being made by Dr.

Moore, his wife and seven men, who are partners in a 60,000 acre agricultural project in Brazil.

The houseboat carries an auto. The boat is operated by a gasoline motor.

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Honeymoon Party On the Way Down the Ohio; Expect to Make Trip of 8,000 Miles to Brazil



Dr. J. V. Moore and bride and the houseboat

Coming down the Ohio river and due to pass Evansville before long is an interesting houseboat party.

When Dr. J. V. Moore of Ripley, O., got out of the army a short time ago he went straight back to his home town and married Miss Gladys Wilson, the sweetheart he left behind, and in four days more they started down the Ohio river on an 8,000 mile honey-moon trip which will terminate in Brazil. They expect to make this entire journey on board the houseboat "Margaret G. Miles."

"Eight thousand miles by water—Ripley, Ohio, to Victoria, Brazil." That's the program announced in big letters on the sides of the houseboat in which the bride and groom are traveling. The boat contains everything needed for the comfort of the travelers. On the front is a dog-house for "Buster," the mascot. On the rear is strapped a "flivver" for us on land. The lower cabin is partitioned off into three rooms, a living

kitchen with gasoline stove, a table and culinary utensils. On the second deck a cabin contains four sleeping rooms. Power to guide this novel honeymoon craft is furnished by a gasoline launch. Nine other persons will accompany the Moores on the trip.

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Evansville Courier, Evansville, IN - 09 Apr 1920, page 5 column 2

The above article also appeared in the following newspapers:

Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria, OH
07 Apr 1920, page 22 column 6

Daily Journal, Syracuse, NY
13 Apr 1920

Star Journal, Sandusky, OH
10 Apr 1920, page 5

Daily Gazette, Janesville, WI
10 May 1920, page 12 column 2

Will Live in Boat Aboard a Tanker

Plan Evolved to Cross Gulf in Houseboat and Not En- danger \$20,000 Wager

The Margaret B. Miles, a staunch and cozily equipped house-boat in charge of Dr. J. V. Moore and wife, arrived at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, on an 8,000 mile honeymoon trip. The young couple are accompanied by Frank A. and Nick L. Germann.

The party will be joined later by John Moss, a lumber dealer of Chicago, who is now arranging his business affairs in the Windy City preparatory for the journey. The boat is 55 feet long, 14 feet beam 3 feet-6 inches depth of hold, with about 18 inches draught; has two decks with handsomely furnished apartments, including all conveniences to be found in a modern home. The furnishings include a handsome piano and other instruments to enjoy while afloat and a high powered automobile for sight seeing while sojourning at points of interest along the route.

The boat, with the party on board, left Ripley March 17, on a wager of \$20,000 with Henry Focur, a well-known sporting man of Cincinnati.

The conditions of the wager are that the party must make the trip by the all water route from Ripley, Ohio to Victoria, Brazil, 1500 miles up the Amazon river, a total distance of 8,000 miles and that the party must earn every penny of their expenses of the trip enroute.

The young men are all world war veterans, having experienced eleven months service in France. Dr. Moore, the head of the party, is a veterinary surgeon of Cincinnati and all the members are accomplished musicians and are using their talents in concerts along the route as a means of earning revenue necessary for the voyage.

Dr. Moore states that "the agreement does not specify how the boat shall get there, except that we shall make the trip on the boat, which I expect will be lifted on a tanker

for the voyage across the gulf, and there will be nothing to hinder us from holding our quarters in our house boat the entire trip. We will have ample time, as we are not due to reach our destination until March 17, 1921."

When they reach Victoria they have an option on 60,000 acres of land, located 300 miles from Victoria, on which to engage in lumber and cattle business.

Dr. Moore and party expect to remain at the wharf near the foot of Vine street several days and extend a cordial invitation to the public to pay them a visit and inspect their floating home.

HONEYMOON BOAT SAILS ON ITS LONG VOYAGE

The honeymoon boat, Margaret G. Miles, after a week's sojourn at the local wharf cast off her lines at the o'clock yesterday afternoon and resumed the journey on the 8,000 mile voyage from Ripley, Ohio, to Victoria, Brazil.

During their stay at this port Dr. Moore and bride, and their associates enjoyed every hour of the time. They made many new friends, being pleasantly entertained at a number of Evansville homes, beside receiving hundreds who visited the party in their cozily furnished house boat.

A great portion of their leisure time was occupied by trips about the city and suburbs in their auto which is a part of their outfit for pleasure. Dr. Moore and party expressed themselves as delighted with the beautiful homes, parks and country in the vicinity and about all the hospitable natures of all the people they have met.

The party was joined here by Gordon Bailey and Harry Bessinger of this city, who will assist in concerts given at various points along the route as a means of earning funds for the expense of the trip. The boat will make its first stop at Henderson for a day or so then proceed down the Ohio.

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BY HOUSEBOAT TO **BRAZIL** (Paducah Democrat)

When Dr. J. V. **Moore**, a veterinarian of Ripley, O., got out of the army he went straight back to his home town and married Miss Gladys Wilson, the sweetheart he left behind, and in four days more they started down the Ohio river on an 8,000-mile honeymoon trip which they planned to terminate in **Brazil**. They expect to make the entire journey on board the houseboat, "Margaret G. Miles," which arrived in Paducah harbor and is tied to the bank at the foot of Kentucky avenue.

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books, "a dining room with cupboard, table, chairs and dishes; a kitchen with gasoline stove, a table and culinary utensils. On the second deck a cabin contains four sleeping rooms. Power to guide this novel honeymoon craft is furnished by a gasoline launch.

If the Margaret Miles and Dr. Moore reach their destination he wins a wager of \$20,000 offered by Henry Focur, a sportsman of Cincinnati. The wager was made at a dinner last Christmas eve at which Dr. Moore and Focur were present. Dr. Moore told Focur at that time of his plan to go to South America to take possession of a 10,000 acre claim offered by the Brazilian government. Focur contended that the trip could not be made as explained by Dr. Moore and offered to back his judgment with a \$20,000 wager, which was accepted by Dr. Moore.

Provisions of the wager allowed Dr. Moore twenty-four hours' provisions, ten gallons of gasoline and no money. En route the party gives concerts and plays for dances. Dr. Moore practices his profession along the route.

Lexington Leader, Lexington, KY
01 Jul 1920, page 4 column 5

An Ohio bride and groom set off on an eight thousand mile honeymoon to Brazil in a houseboat. That is one way of dodging the rent issue.

St. Mary's Banner, Franklin, LA
24 Apr 1920, page 4 column 3

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BRAZIL BOUND BOAT DUE HERE TOMORROW

"Margaret G. Miles" the boat upon which Dr. and Mrs. James V. **Moore** and five other men and three other women are traveling from Ripley, Ohio, to **Brazil** is due to pass Evansville tomorrow morning.

The doctor was an army surgeon, and was married to Miss Gladys Wilson the day he was discharged from service. Soon after the crew of the "Margaret G. Miles" was made up, and the journey began.

Courier and Press, Evansville, IN
11 May 1920, page 11 column 3

Dr. Jules V. Moore of Ripley, O., is making arrangements to dispose of his practice, hospital and other equipment, as he expects to leave for Para, Brazil, May 1st.

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FOR SALE—Established practice, town of 2,400 population. Brown County, Southern Ohio. No competition. Good roads. Auto all year. Good moral community with fine schools, heart of Burley tobacco district, fine dairy country. Territory, 25 square miles. Annual business, \$5,900.00. Am leaving for Brazil in May is my reason for selling. All equipment. Hospital, machine, etc., included. Write me for particulars. Address Dr. Jules V. Moore, Ripley, Ohio.

FOR SALE—Property, practice and entire equipment

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CRUISE FROM OHIO TO BRAZIL IN HOUSEBOAT

In March, Dr. Jules Verne Moore of Ripley, O., his bride and party of eight started on a novel trip from Ripley to Brazil, South America, in a two-story houseboat, where the intention is to engage in the lumber business, 60,000 acres of timber and range lands having been taken over for that purpose. The houseboat is fitted up with all comforts and conveniences needed for the journey which will consume several months, the time of arrival being set for August. Among the equipment is a moving picture camera, to record the incidents of the trip. An automobile was also taken along on the boat.

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THAT HOUSE BOAT TRIP TO BRAZIL

No doubt you have been following the articles in the newspapers and magazines in regard to the 8,000 mile trip to Brazil, South America, I am making on a \$20,000 wager, via waterways on a fifty-five foot motorized house boat.

The Journal has made mention of the trip, I believe, and in the next issue I would like to have an accurate account published.

The trip is purely a sporting proposition on a business basis. Our party, comprising Messrs. Nick and Frank L. Germann, chemists; Gordon Bailey, lumberman; Henry Messenger, tobacco man and horseman, and myself and wife, has wagered \$20,000 that we can make the trip successfully in our boat, make our expenses as we go and cover the distance, 8,000 miles in eighteen months. At our destination we have leased 60,000 acres of timber and ranch land upon which we shall begin work, on our arrival.

Our party is making expenses by giving concerts and selling stock remedies that I have on the market, and I am doing veterinary work in cooperation with the practicing veterinarians at each town and city we pass.


I find some of the most flourishing practitioners located in the Ohio valley. I have called on the following doctors and find them with all the work than can handle: Dr. A. W. Axby, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Dr. B. W. Beckett, Aurora, Ind.; Dr. D. I. Scudder, Rising Sun, Ind.; Dr. J. B. Meeker, Carrollton, Ky.; Dr. J. W. Winkler, Frankfort, Ky.; Dr. H. Jones, Cannellton, Ind.; Dr. Ed. Upton, Evansville, Ind.; Dr. W. H. Bruner, Evansville, Ind.; Dr. F. Sholtz, Mt. Vernon, Ind.; Dr. J. Mayberry, Uniontown, Ky. and Dr. D. Bennett, Shawneetown, Ill.

J. V. MOORE, D. V. M., V. S.

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On 09 Sep 1920, Dr. J.V. Moore was advertising his veterinary practice in Hayti, Mo. By November 1920, he was an active citizen of the community. It is clear that the Brazil trip was completed and Doc had relocated to Missouri.

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THE HERALD,

**"YE OLDE TIME SCHOOL"
A GREAT SUCCESS**

The second of the series of programs being given by Messrs. Banner, Nethery and Thompson, was given in the High School Auditorium Thursday evening, November the eighteenth. It was advertised as "Ye Olde Time School" and was certainly a school of the old type.

Lamar Thompson was a "killing" success as "Freckles," and Miss Ruth Mathewy as "Peruny Arabella" was the "hit" of the evening. The "teachah deah" was L. J. Banner and most assuredly he was a "teachah deah." Dr. J. V. Moore as "Peck," was the "genius" of the school, and gave several very excellent numbers on the Hawaiian guitar. Ernest Fields, the comedian of the evening, presented a very pleasing solo for the approval of the audience and was presented a very beautiful bouquet by the "Boys of the Rifle Range."

Miss Evelyn Bond, art teacher in the Caruthersville schools, rendered two most excellent numbers on the cello and was very highly complimented by the entire audience. C. V. Banner, band leader of Caruthersville, played a cornet solo which was greatly appreciated.

The "dignified" school committee composed of Miss Waltrip, Messrs. Randolph, Sturm and Nethery, visited the school and, in a private consultation later, told the "deah teachah" that he had a very excellent school and the pupils were all very brilliant, especially in spelling.

Several others took part in the program and each did his part very commendably. ***