Cycle takes her on continental trip

blacktop road. She looked at the al-timeter more than the speedometer on that stretch of road.

SCENIC highlights of the trip, frs. Hughes says, were the historic omes of New Hampshire and a nountainous stretch of land outside bottlend. One

'ortland, Ore.
New Hampshire and Vermont, he says, were unexpectedly attrac-

ive.
"The word 'quaint' has always
been a tacky word for me until I
found out what it really meant in
Vermont and New Hampshire."

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The low point in terms of scenery
and climate, Mrs. Hughes recalled,
was the Mojave desert. The thermometer on her bike "was buried at
120 degrees" for most of the two-day trek.
"Every gas station I'd soak my
clothes completely and put a dry
pair over that to keep from dryin
out," she explained.
Riding at night when the desert is
cool was ruled out because animals
in the desert are blinded by helalight glare and could pose a road

ue?"
Reaching Las Vegas, Mrs. Hughes stopped in to soak up the air conditioning and drop \$10 in the slot machines. The entire trip only cost \$1,500, including gas, food and lodging. Lodging was often a pup tent or he home of national God Wing Owners Association members.

THE NICEST and most outgoing said Mrs. Hughes, a seven-year resi-dent of Farmington Hills.

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23-year-old son in the Army (Sleve Schootals)" she explained "But I'm studies, there and I hear cadence and I have a cadence can all hear a band playing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and I say to myself. This is it, Joan, somebody's sending you a message. The half time and I'm not prone to emotion." Now that the cross-country marathon trip is complete, Mrs. Hughes is trying to get other women—especially the wives of motorcycle riders — to get behind the handlebars instead of the back of the seat.

There's a real sense of accom-plishment, she says. After putting up

with putdowns and innuendoes and being viewed "like a zoo animal" just because she rode a big motorcy-cle, Mrs. Hughes said she is now ac-cepted by even the most chauvinis-tic males.

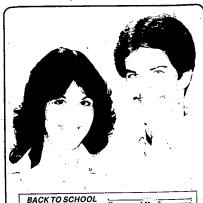
An example of that occurred Monday at the motorcycle shop. A man came to pick up his motorcycle after it had been serviced and wasn't satisfied when the male mechanic in the back room gave it a clean bill of health.

He asked Mrs. Hughes if she would give it a test drive, "just to make sure" it had been repaired

properly. She was glad to.

Neighbors, friends puzzle over Estes case

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there is pressure, it's self-pressure."
ALAN L. GORNICK, an attorney whose association with the Ford Motor Co. dates back to Henry Ford I, believes that the sons and daughers of super-achievers are sitting ducks if they aren't given the protection of a quality education and an opportunity to



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