

CHEVROLET CONQUORS BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

Driven by Joe Deitrich, Stockton newspaper man, and with Don Green shop superintendent, and R. W. Stevens of the parts department of C. M. Menzies, Inc., Chevrolet dealer at Stockton, as passengers, a Chevrolet touring car was driven into Yosemite on Sunday night, April 25, over the Big Oak Flat road, the first car to make the trip over this route since January 1.

According to Menzies, who reported the trip, there are still plenty of snow drifts to be bucked and the road will not be open to general travel until at least May 15, and possibly later. The Chevrolet was driven in through the mud and snow, leaving Stockton at midnight Sunday night. No attempt was made to achieve any time record which would have been impossible under the road conditions existing, but the journey was made in twelve hours elapsed time including time lost in shoveling snow and clearing debris from the road.

Deitrich is a Chevrolet enthusiast and drove his car in for the purpose of obtaining photographs and a report of road conditions for his newspaper. He declares the car performed wonderfully and needed nothing more than a good washing at the end of the trip.

The party returned to Stockton by way of the Wawona road which is in very fair condition and will remain open, barring a late fall of snow or particularly heavy rains

which have been known to close the road as late as the last week in May or the first of June.

Miss Sherman and her mother drove into Portland on Saturday for the day.

Mrs. J. F. Dunlop was shopping in Portland on Friday.

Sam Dunlop is spending a few days with his family at their ranch in Garfield.

Miss Irene Saling, Mrs. Margaret Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Rollermeir were out from Portland to attend the Legion dance on Saturday evening.

Arnold Lovelace was here over the week-end for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lovelace. He is attending school at Corvallis.

The American Legion and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Legion spent an enjoyable evening on Monday when they were the guests of the Post and Auxiliary at Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Closser drove over the Mt. Hood Loop on Sunday. They visited for a short time with the Bacon family at Cascade Locks. The Bacons formerly lived here where Mr. Bacon was in the garage business.

It might be interesting to know that the homer pigeons which were liberated from here on May 4, returned to their destination in just 30 minutes. That is rather a swift pace, think me.

Nuts and Milk Chief

Materials for Buttons

An older button than that of mother of pearl is the so-called horn button, which was really hoof. The hoofs of cattle were boiled and cut up into slices and then pressed into buttons by means of metal dies.

At the present time the two most widely used materials for buttons are nuts and milk. The Corozo nut is the favorite missile of the monkeys in certain riverside regions of Central and South America, and its kernel of vegetable ivory can be turned upon a lathe, cut to any shape, and dyed to almost any color. Its usefulness to the modern button maker is only equaled by that of sour milk. Milk from which all the cream has been separated is soured either naturally or by means of rennet or some acid, and converted into erinoid or galalith, from which immense numbers of fancy buttons are made.

Germ "Boom"

In London you can get a bargain in germs. A quarter of a dollar will buy millions, and you can have your choice of more than 2,000 kinds.

There has been a great demand for germs lately from laboratories and hospitals, according to Popular Science Monthly, and workers in the Lister Institute are kept busy feeding, raising and bottling them to ship to the far corners of the earth.

Many of the germs are cranky boarders, and the chief has to make special dishes for them. A favorite food is beef tea, but others will touch only dishes in which eggs are used. Tapers in the assembly demand alcohol in their foods.

Some of the germs demand a lot of coldling. The "flu" germ, for instance, has to be kept at a certain even temperature in an incubator night and day lest it catch cold and die.

Tribute to the Horse

Oh horse, you are a wonderful thing; no buttons to push; no horns to honk; you start yourself; no clutch to slip; no spark to miss; no gears to strip; no license buying every year with plates to screw on front and rear; no gas bills climbing up each day, stealing the joy of life away; no speed cops chugging in your rear, yelling summons in your ear. Your inner tubes are all O. K., and, thank the Lord, they stay that way. Your spark plugs never miss and fuss; your motor never makes us cuss. Your frame is good for many a mile; your body never changes style; your wants are few and easy met; you've something on the auto yet.—St. Croix Courier.

Historic Toys

The 2,000-year-old armet found on Selsey beach and used by children as a collar for the cat before the discovery of its real nature gained it a place in the British museum, recalls another valuable plaything. It was in 1867 that a Dutch farmer obtained possession of a bright stone with which some Boer children were amusing themselves. This "toy," which eventually sold for £500, after exhibition in Paris, brought the discovery of the diamond fields, round which so much of the recent history of South Africa has centered.—London Times.

Spaniards Put Olive

Tree to Many Uses

Centuries of experimentation have taught Spaniards how to utilize to the full that wonderful plant, the olive tree. Its cultivation is among the most remunerative branches of agriculture in the peninsula. It would be a mistake to think that only oil comes from the olive tree. Indeed nothing is wasted. A small percentage of the fruit is pickled in brine; the greater part is crushed for oil. The coarser oil serves for soap making and as cake food for cattle. Pulverized olive stones make the best fuel for the braziers in every Spanish household. The top branches, cut when the trees are pruned, are eaten green by sheep and goats. The limbs and roots furnish firewood. Most "grandfather chairs" in country homesteads are made from olive wood, which has a rich yellow color, a beautiful dark grain and takes a high polish. It is calculated that the use of hydraulic presses increased the yield of oil by 1 per cent, which, on the total value of the Spanish crop, means many million pesetas. But in some districts olive crushing is still done by the primitive method of suspending by a leather belt attached to a staple in the wall a "peon," whose feet, slipping on the greasy surface of a great granite ball, make it revolve and crush evil-smelling oil out of evil-looking, brown, half rotten fruit.

Belief That Vikings

Gave Name to London

The origin of the name of London has puzzled many historians.

Londinium is first mentioned by Tacitus, a Roman author, in A. D. 61. He says it is "a place greatly celebrated for the number of its merchants and the abundance of its supplies."

There are many proofs in English and Swedish museums of the intimate intercourse between England and Scandinavia in early times, an intercourse that has probably gone on uninterruptedly for about 6,000 years. It may be conjectured that early Vikings from the south of Sweden ventured across the water and sailed up the mouth of the Thames and found a grove, which in Swedish is "lund," on the banks of the river, where later on the Roman Londinium arose.

The invaders called the place "Lund," from the Scandinavian "offen-lund," or sacred grove, says a writer in Notes and Queries. The name was later corrupted into "Lond."

Gossamer Gowns

The weaving of gowns from gossamer, which is now so much in evidence, was suggested in the Eighteenth century. Le Bon of Languedoc prepared a "silk" from spiders, which was afterwards woven into gloves and stockings. Louis XIV of France, possessed a coat made of cobweb, and in 1877 the Empress of Brazil presented Queen Victoria with a dress composed entirely of cobwebs which, for fineness of texture and beauty of fabric, surpassed the most valuable silk. Nevertheless, cobweb "silk" is not likely to become a commercial proposition, for the voracious spider eats every day 27 times its own weight of insect food, which is, of course, expensive, and produces in return only half a grain of "silk."

Either Twin Can Drive This Buick



One of these young ladies is driving an automobile for the first time in her life.

She is Daisy Hilton, one of the famous Texas Twins. She and her sister Violet have been joined together since birth at the base of the spine. Because Daisy is the right hand twin, she has always had to sit in the passenger's seat while Violet piloted the car. But in a recent visit to California

the Howard Automobile Company, Buick distributors, solved the problem. The Buick used by the Twins has double control, and is used to teach new drivers how to handle a car. Violet is seen giving Daisy her first lesson in driving at the wheels of the double control Buick. These charming young girls are high school graduates, talented musicians and accomplished entertainers.

Making Her Say It

The prettiest girl sighed. All through the fox trot her partner had been relating "curious facts" to her about everything under the sun, from pigs to parliament, till she was bored almost to tears. Now he was on the subject of heredity.

"It's a curious fact," he remarked, "but my brother, who was born on the same day of the year as I was, but who's three years older, is my exact opposite in every respect. Do you know my brother?"

"No," murmured the girl, "but I should like to."

Girl's Essay on Men

From a schoolgirl's composition: "There are three kinds of men—husbands, bachelors and widowers. An eligible bachelor is a mass of obstinacy surrounded by suspicious husbands. A widower is a man someone has rescued as he goes down for the third time. Making a husband of a bachelor is one of the highest plastic arts known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense and faith, hope and charity, especially charity."—Exchange.

Thermometer for Fishermen

The wise fisherman of the future will test the temperature of the water in which he casts his lines. The biological board of Canada, after an extensive survey, has found that haddock and cod especially are very particular about temperature, says Popular Science Monthly. The cod will not stay where the water is freezing, and for him 50 degrees is unbearably hot. Between 40 and 45 degrees is about right, and if fishermen will fish where such temperature prevails it is claimed they can scoop cod up wholesale. Haddock prefer water about five degrees warmer.

The board urges fishermen to use deep-sea thermometers and not waste time where there are no fish.

North and South on Maps

In geographical drawing, the north is always drawn as being up and the south down. It is a practice established merely by long custom. No scientific principle or orientation makes this arrangement essential. The majority of early geographers adopted this scheme and it was found convenient for those who came later to follow it. A few old maps have the east at the top of the page and west at the bottom, but such cases are rare.

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