

1940 Motorlog: Down Three Flags

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IT CAME about in this fashion—

Ray Conway, the genial and effervescent manager of the Oregon State Motor association, found himself a comfortable spot on the corner of the desk, and, without warning, popped the following question:

"Do you know that Los Angeles, Cal., is east of Reno, Nev.?"

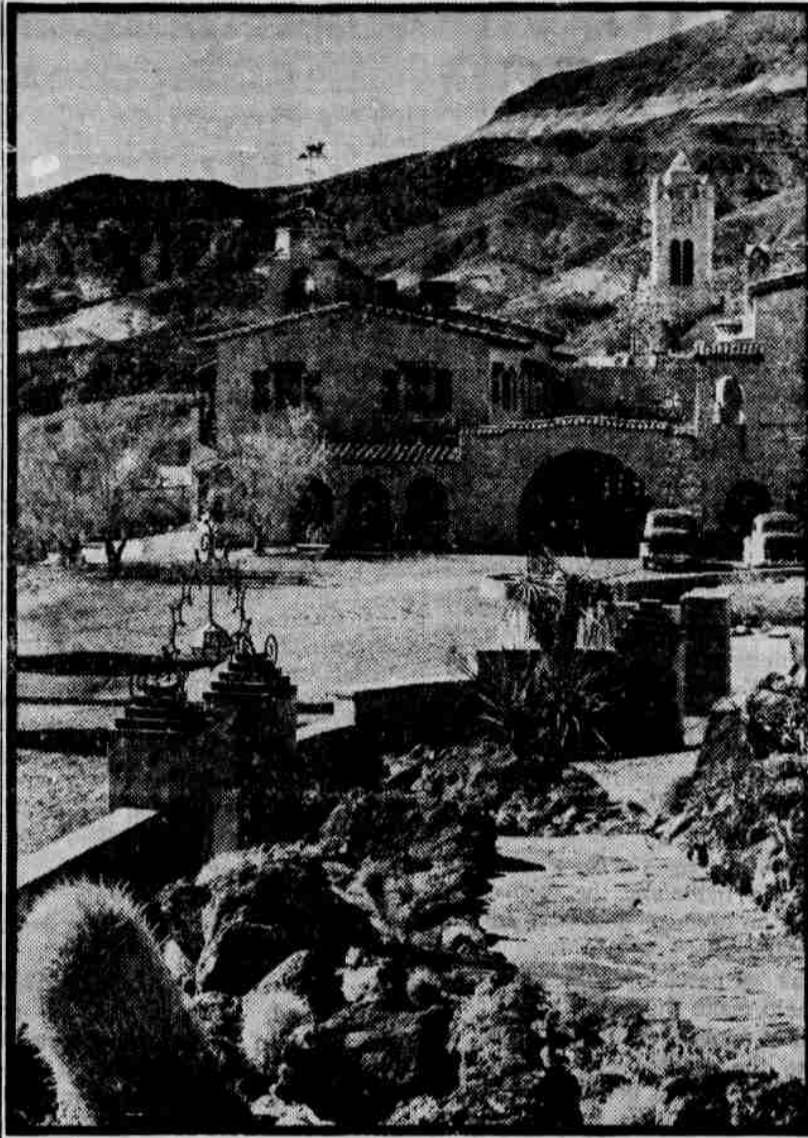
As a matter of fact, we didn't know. We always thought of it as being west of not only Reno, but Portland, as well—which it isn't.

Whereupon the genial and effervescent Mr. Conway proceeded: "Do you know there will be a Rose Bowl game in Los Angeles on New Year's Day?"

This was one we did know. Also, we knew that the racing season at Santa Anita would open on December 30. Hence we were strangely interested when the genial and effervescent Mr. C. outlined his idea—an idea which resulted in the motor association's white travel development car departing a very few days later on a motorlog tour to Los Angeles by way of the Wapinitia cut-off and the Three Flags highway.

For years, Oregon and Washington motorists have used the beautiful Coast highway, and the direct Pacific highway to California, both excellent arteries and rich in scenic beauty. Only recently has the route covered on the present tour become at all well known.

One of the most active figures in bringing this route to public attention has been Forrest E. Cooper of Lakeview, Or., an energetic and tireless enthusiast for the Three Flags highway, with whom the tour party—consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Snell, and the Pangborns—spent a pleasant hour at the Hunter's



One of the most picturesque attractions in Death Valley is the palatial desert castle of Death Valley Scotty.

Hot Springs on the first night of the trip.

Cooper pointed out the factors that were to impress us increasingly as we proceeded—that this is a high, straight-line route, free of fog and rich in scenic and historic interest. We found the highway's broad, level and fast. They stretch in seemingly endless straightaways (except for one brief section in northern California); they are free from any great movement of traffic and from other traffic hazards. They unfold an endless and unforgettable panorama of magnificent snow-clad mountains, interesting hot springs, jewel-like lakes and colorful desert.

This was the way the motorlog car scheduled its trip, although an almost infinite variety of changes is possible:

First day—Portland to Lakeview, 373 miles, nine hours' driving time.

Second day—Lakeview to Reno, 280 miles, seven hours.

Third Day—Reno to Death Valley, 322 miles, eight hours.

Fourth day—Death Valley to Los Angeles, 309 miles, seven hours.

The route takes in Alturas, home of the Alturas round-up, northwest of which is the famous Lava Beds national monument. It takes in Reno, where we enjoyed the hospitality of Reno's active chamber of commerce, and of O. W. Nicholls, manager of Reno's beautiful Riverside hotel. It takes in the Inyo-Mono recreational area, in the heart of which is Bishop, where we had lunch with Bishop Rotary and enjoyed a brief visit with Robert L. Brown, executive secretary of the Inyo-Mono association, and Joseph Riley, Rotary president. It takes in—as a short side trip—legendary Death Valley.

Now for some of the high points along the way:

Reno itself, long known as the divorce capital of America, is alive with color—the reckless gaiety of its people, its beautiful homes, its gambling houses. Located in a high bowl in the Sierras, Reno is ideally situated as a point from which to visit some of the most magnificent scenic points in the west, including Lake Tahoe and Lassen Volcanic national park.

Forty-five minutes from Reno is historic Virginia City, home of the fabulous Comstock lode, the mine which produced hundreds of millions of dollars in mineral wealth, and which is credited by many economists with having been a vital factor in winning for the north in the civil war.

South of Reno the highway swings back into California, circling the base of Mount Whitney, the highest point in continental United States. From its peak of 14,496 feet, it is a matter of but a few hours' drive to Death Valley, where, at Badwater, the earth reaches its lowest point in the United States—279.6 feet below sea level.

First roads through Death Valley, which is from 6 to 20 miles in width and 150 miles in length, were built in the eighties, and over them the famous "Twenty Mule Teams" drew their wagonloads of borax from the desert. The mines are now idle and the mining towns—Panamint, Skidoo, Harrisburg, Keane Wonder and Leadfield—are mere ghost camps.

Leaving Death Valley, the highways again are straight and fast through Baker, Barstow, Victorville, San Bernardino and into Los Angeles.

will give a card party in the dining room of the Leach hall, Friday, Feb. 16. Tables for "500" and pinochle. The charge will be 30 cents per couple or 15 cents for one person. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burnside and family are moving into the house recently vacated by the Archie Padberg family.

The regular grange meeting was held Saturday evening with a good attendance. The following program was presented by the lecturer, Grace Turner: Song, America, by audience; piano duet, Marcella Jackson and Louise Hunt; reading, Catherine Turner; Boy Scout demonstration, Scoutmaster Acklen and the Boy Scouts; song, "God Bless America," by audience.

Mr. Burnside and family and Mr. Marshall and family were visitors in Pendleton and Arlington this week.

Mrs. Sarah Booher is a guest at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beymer of Heppner.

Ralph Jackson has taken over the Shell service station and it is being managed by James Peck during school hours and by Kenneth Jackson after school.

HARDMAN NEWS

Endeavorers Party at Hardman Church

Miss Pat Bleakman left on Sunday to go to work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs at Cecil.

The monthly Christian Endeavor party and business meeting was held Saturday evening at the church. This was Hardman's party for the 59th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. There were two birthday cakes, one made by Mrs. Neal Knighten and Lura Stephens, and the other by Miss Pat Bleakman. Other refreshments consisted of coffee and sandwiches.

Mrs. Tom McIntyre and daughter, Miss Mary, were dinner guests at the Owen Leathers home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniel visited at the Owen Leathers home Thursday afternoon. Ed McDaniel returned to Lone Rock with them, where he will visit two or three weeks.

Eric Robathan, archdeacon of the eastern Oregon diocese, will hold services in the church here Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

A dancing party was held Thursday evening at the high school in recognition of the birthday of Miss Mildred Clary. Although most of the young people and others were present, it was a surprise to Mildred. Jim Stevens and Irl Clary furnished the music, and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Tommy Graham of Lone was a visitor for a short time in Hardman on Sunday.

Oren McDaniel went to Lone Rock on Monday, returning on Wednesday. He brought back his cattle and Jim Hams will keep them until spring.

Business visitors and shoppers in Heppner last week were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten, Mrs. Harold Stevens and son Bobby, Mrs. Charlie

McDaniel, Mrs. Ethel McDaniel, Misses Vern and Vera McDaniel, Frances Inskeep and Pat Bleakman; also Donald Robinson, Lewis McDonald, Les Robinson and Irl Clary.

Those absent from school last week with flu and severe colds were Alberta, Evelyn and Roy McFerrin, Ollie Hastings and Doris Rae Robinson, all grade school pupils.

Miss Lucille Vale, the county nurse, visited here on Tuesday of last week. After calling at both the grade and high school buildings she spent several hours getting acquainted with parents at their homes.

Creston and Donald Robinson have turned their former car in and have now a very good looking 1937 model.

When Miss Lucille Vale was out last week, she appointed Mrs. Owen Leathers as local chairman for the Morrow County Health association. There will be a clinic here sometime in April, for which details will be announced later.

Guy Chapin moved a herd of cattle from where they have been wintering and took them to the French ranch. They had been at the Ed Craber place.

Mr. Ely's notice: Feb. 18, morning 11:00, subject, "A Fiery Baptism," evening, 7:30, "The Little Book," Revelation 10. A cordial invitation to all of any faith and to those of no faith. E. L. Ely, pastor.

The weather this last week was much colder. It snowed, rained or blew most of the week and the thermometer dropped over the week end. Prospects of colder weather are ahead. At least at the beginning of this week we had strong, cold winds—very wintry ones.

INTERVIEWING STUDENTS

"The huge demand for aircraft means that the aviation industry welcomes the trained man who can step right into aircraft construction, maintenance, or engineering work and be at home on the job." So declares H. C. Hathe, representative of Aero Industries Technical Institute, a leading aviation training school located in Los Angeles. Hathe is here to fill appointments with individuals to discuss opportunities in aviation and the various types of training required. A free showing of motion pictures of the industry will be given at the dining room of Hotel Heppner Friday evening at 8 o'clock.



The route of the motorlog party down the Three Flags highway.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Small Boy Burned With Hot Milk

By MARGARET SCOTT

Esle Walker and family were visiting Saturday at the Arthur Hunt home.

A. M. Edwards and Lewis Allyn are working in Beverly, Wash.

Rae Cowins spent the week end in Heppner with her parents.

Ladd Sherman was forced to walk with crutches for several days because of a sprained ankle which he received while playing basketball Wednesday.

Lwellyn Evans had his tonsils removed in Heppner Saturday.

Ernest Frederickson and family of Salem were guests at the Elmer Hunt home Sunday.

Miss Charlotte Chambers is the new teacher in the local high school. Don't forget the P. T. A. meeting Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p. m., in the schoolhouse. This will be Founders Day and a good program is being prepared.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Barnard of The Dalles were business visitors in town Saturday.

Ladd Sherman and Ivan Amend spent the week end in Portland.

Maxine Devine spent the week end with her grandparents here from her school in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson were Portland visitors last week.

The local basketball team motor-ed to Irrigon Thursday evening where they were defeated by a score of 46 to 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman entertained a group of friends at a

chess party Thursday evening.

Mrs. William Van Winkle was taken to Heppner Sunday for medical treatment.

T. W. Cutsforth of Salem and Henry Cutsforth of Wisconsin are guests at the Maude Pointer home.

Larry Hanks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Hanks, was seriously burned Thursday at his home when he pulled a pan of scalding milk from the table and burned his arm and chest. He was taken to a physician in Heppner who treated his burns.

The Boy Scouts have been celebrating Scout week this week. Sunday they attended church in a body and Monday evening attended a banquet in Heppner. They will hold a court of honor at the local school Thursday.

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