

MEXICAN HIGHWAY IS FOUND LACKING TOURIST COMFORT

New Road Link Is Rated As Excellent But Facilities Lacking For Travelers—Accommodations Planned

By William H. Lander
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
MEXICO CITY (UP)—Motorists in the United States or Canada today can start for Mexico City, and get there in due time.

Many people are doing it every day. Some start in Laredo, Texas, and cover the 763 miles to Mexico City in one long stretch of 20 to 24 hours driving. Others do it in two days and one night and some come at an even slower pace.

Before making the trip myself I'd heard scores of different versions about the road. Some who drove down were scared to drive back; others said it was just as easy as driving from New York to Miami. I started out from Laredo the day the highway was inaugurated—and I found that the Mexican government had been true to its word in every respect.

Mexican officials had said that they would refuse officially to open the road until it could be traveled without difficulty. That is exactly what has happened. For months they were besieged with suggestions that they go ahead and open it—but they waited the smoothing out of the last difficult curve, the termination of the last bridge, and then inaugurated it.

Undergoes Changes
The thousands who traversed it before July 1 today will find that their description of the road may be as honest as can be, but is just out of date.

I came over the road in a small car, and it climbed from sea-level to above 8,000 feet in high gear. On some stretches a speed of 80 miles an hour was attained. However, the speed limit is 80 kilometers (50 miles).

Despite the wonderful road, Mexico is not yet shouting "Motor down to Mexico." On the other hand, it does not say, "Don't come."

High Mexican officials have explained their position like this: "We opened the road, because it was completed. We know that there are not adequate lodging facilities en route for big caravans to find room for everybody. But we do expect that the construction of hotels, tourist-courts and camps will be hastened when people in that line of business see how many motorists are driving down. We're going to do our best to make everyone comfortable."

Formerly, the question of the condition of the road was paramount in planning an auto tour to Mexico City. That no longer is a problem. Today a motorist does, however, still have to think about lodging, food, the climate and the altitude.

Chance Plays Part
As for the trip from Laredo to Mexico City, the element of chance plays a big part.

A motorist might encounter unusually hot weather in the low stretches, find all the lodging places full, run into rain or fog in the mountain section and not see the views, and have a miserable time generally.

On the other hand, a person might run into good weather, clear horizons, enjoy the food, and have a trip such as would be hard to find anywhere in America.

I found that stretch from Laredo to Monterrey (145 miles) hot and monotonous. There's one stretch of 47 miles that's a straight line. The road is perfect. The city of Monterrey is a gem. It is beautiful, has interesting sights. It's the closest city in Mexico. It has much better hotel accommodations than Mexico City.

Between Monterrey and Mexico City there is not a city. The railroad between these two points passes through Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, and Queretaro—but the highway was built through virgin country. In some villages near the road the Indians are beginning to learn to speak Spanish.

Many Lodging Places
There are many little places where lodging may be obtained. At Valles there are some big tourist courts under construction. Villa Juarez is a big boom town. There is a hotel with 40 rooms and 40 shower-baths and other small ones. This town grew due to the building of a big sugar mill and the completion of an irrigation project.

When I made the trip, I found

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CANDIDATE LEMKE IN ACTION



The Union party candidate for president, Rep. William Lemke, shown in candid camera views addressing a gathering of followers at Chicago. He promised he would "tell congress to go home and make an honest living instead of riding on the backs of taxpayers." (Associated Press Photo)

comfortable beds and good food but slept little because of the heat.

After leaving Tamazunchale, however, the heat no longer is a problem. The ascent is fast although the grades are so well compensated that a car can do it all in high gear.

Probably no road in the world of this length has so few cross-roads, so few grade crossings. Half of it is in low, hot country; the other half is in high, hot country.

The road is as safe as any. Careless drivers here, as anywhere else, may run into trouble. The road is wide enough to keep to the right at all times, and not run the risk of pumping into somebody coming the other way on the curves.

Contrary to what has been published, there are no detours, no rivers to be ferried, no sections blocked by landlides.

Bottle Folds Up
LATHROP, Cal.—(UP)—W. C. McGregor has invented a collapsible milk bottle which he hopes soon to market.

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Long Mountain
LONG MOUNTAIN, Sept. 18.—(Sp.)—Miss Dottie Stowell of Portland was visiting relatives in this community this week.

Mrs. Ruth Hancock and four children from Cottonwood, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver from Santiago, Calif., are visitors at the Boren home this week.

Mrs. Alice Selb, sister of Mrs. Ruby Young left Sept. 15 for San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Quinn from Klamath Falls who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Short, left yesterday for Portland.

Miss June Stowell who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stowell left Sept. 15, for California.

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'SLOW' INSULIN REDUCES DOSAGE TO ONE PER DAY

New Solution of Crystalline Insulin Announced As Improved Treatment for Sufferers From Diabetes

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A new solution of crystalline insulin was announced today in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Its advantage was described as a slower and more prolonged effect on blood sugar, long sought by doctors.

Two Chicago physicians, Dr. Paul Main and Dr. Clarence J. McMullen, said they had used the treatment successfully for four months on 25 of their diabetic patients in the Cook county hospital.

Where two or more doses of regular insulin had been required each day, the doctors reported, one daily, large dose of the crystalline insulin was sufficient.

This dose, they said, could be given in the morning and remain in effect through the day and the succeeding night, a circumstance favorable to the patient's comfort.

The doctors said the crystalline insulin solution they injected in their experiments was developed by Dr. Melville Sahyun, of Detroit.

Dr. Main and Dr. McMullen said regular insulin and the crystalline insulin were "equally potent."

They explained that their experiment was wholly a comparative study, and no attempt was made to improve the blood sugar curve. They labeled their findings "preliminary" and said the new treatment was "worthy of further clinical study."

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High School News by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Mary Morrisey.

After receiving 45 applications for positions on the Hi-Times staff, Ted Taylor, editor, made appointments for the coming year as follows:

Business manager, Lois Herman; assistant, Kathleen Dillard; secretary, Elaine Penwell; advertising manager, Ray Cronklier; circulation manager, Donald Wimer; assistant editor, Martin Otis; news editors, Alvin Thorbus, Jean Platt; sports editor, Kamio Maruyama; assistant, Spencer Wiley; feature editors, Katherine Mead; Harold Bright, Peggy Reter; society editors, Jean Douglas, Betty Southwick, Barbara Hampton, Catherine Conroy, Janice Shreve; exchange editors, Lucille Knox, Helen Latham; reporters, Merlin Dow, Mary Wilson, Dorothy Flynn; solicitors, Elsie Older, Martha Shelly, Barbara Lemmon, Elmer Weisburg.

First edition of the Hi-Times will appear September 26.

By Barbara Harpison.

Appointments to the staff of the Grater magazine have been made by the editor, Mary Morrisey, as follows:

Business manager, Dale Roberts; assistant editor, Virginia Martin; sports editor, Don Younger; news editor, Muriel Stocks; feature editor, Betty Fowler; assistants, Martha Shelly, Mary Wallace, Kathryn Anderson; art editor, Lucille Wymore; assistants, Bob Wilson, Luther Voorhees; advertising manager, Bob Jones; circulation manager, Mary Lou Mann; photography, Josephine Bullis; secretary, Dorothy Buchter; reporters, Dorothy Simonson, Carlin Platt, Marena Reynolds.

According to Miss Morrisey, the first edition of the semi-annual magazine will appear December 14.

By Janice Shreve.

Organization plans are being formed for the Girls' League by their newly elected president, Della Mae Dale, and her officers.

First regular meeting is assigned for Monday, September 21, at which red and black handbooks will be distributed to all the new girls. There are about 75 of these girls who have been assigned Big Sisters to aid them in learning the ways of the school.

Also election of representatives of the sophomore, junior and senior classes will be held. Each class will elect two representatives.

Included in the meeting will be a discussion of Girls' League pin sale. Activity blanks will be filled out on which the girls will state the sum of money they would like to work on during the coming year.

Council luncheon throughout the year will be held the same day as the Girls' League meetings, with the exception of the first meeting.

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Communications

How About Gratitude?

To the Editor:

I met a man in the park a few days ago and during our conversation he said he had been shipping cattle to California and California was booming, so was Portland, Ore. Well, I said, if that's the case, why do they want to get rid of Roosevelt? Oh, he says, it's Landon that's doing it. Say, I gave him a good look to see if he was crazy, then I didn't say a word; I just gave him the horse laugh and got up and walked off.

Well, this is a sample of the intelligence of some of the people that have been helped by President Roosevelt. They are ready to stinging the hand that saved them from starvation and are willing to see the government go back to the hands of the Hoovers, the Mellons, the DuPonts and a few more of the fellows who made millions during the Hoover administration rather than to see a man like Roosevelt go back as president and keep the good work going on.

It is almost inconceivable that people who have been saved from going to the poor house will now turn and sting the hand that saved them. One of my friends who has been a Socialist for years told me he was going to vote for Roosevelt and then he said these people who have been helped by Roosevelt reminded him of the story of a copperhead snake that was found lying by the side of the road frozen so stiff it couldn't move. The man who discovered it was a genuine humanitarian, so he thought it would be a kind act to warm it up, so it could crawl around and get something to eat and not have to lay there and starve to death. So he took it and warmed it and thawed it out and the first hard work it did it struck the hand that saved it. It poisoned the man so that he died.

Now I want to say to the millions of people who have been saved from starvation by President Roosevelt, are you going to sting the hand that saved you? And to the farmers and business men who have been put on their feet and the banks all over the country that he saved from going to the wall, are you going to sting the hand that saved you? If you are, then vote for Landon and never squeal again, but take your medicine like a man when you go back to the Hoover regime, for if you won't take them long to do you up, if you will listen to the voice of an old bear