

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY THEY call it the "air-conditioned route" because it traverses high desert and mountain valleys, where the bracing atmosphere contrasts with the oppressive summer humidity of the lower Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

But we like to think of the inside route to Los Angeles via U. S. 395 as a "panorama of the west" because it presents so much that is typically western as people like to think of the west.

The route, from Klamath Falls, passes down our valley to Tulelake, thence to Canby and Alturas, where it joins US 395, the Three Flags highway. From Alturas it goes south to Honey Lake valley and Reno, through the Carson valley, over the Sierra hump to Bishop, down the Owens valley and across the Mojave desert either into Los Angeles direct or farther inland through San Bernardino and Riverside to San Diego.

We know quite a lot about this route, because we've driven over it four times in the last two months. We'll dispose of the question of speed by reporting that we left here last Friday morning at 9 o'clock, went to Pomona, and returned Sunday night about 9. There was brief mention of the route in this column two months ago. So many people have asked us about it, that we'll try today to give a few more detailed impressions. Readers who don't like that sort of thing from people just home from a trip can switch to Paul Mallon immediately without hurting our feelings.

Western Items COMING home Sunday alone (we traveled about 650 miles from Johannesburg on that day) we had opportunity to itemize, mentally, those features that add up to the observation that this route is the "west, in big doses."

The little hotel where we stayed in Johannesburg, where we occupied a room off a patio and where the proprietor asked us not to waste water "because it costs 3/4 of a cent a gallon."

The Owens valley, where the plain line of the Los Angeles aqueduct along the foot of the Sierras and scores of pumping plants in the valley floor recall how Los Angeles took the water from the settlers "for the greater good of the greater number."

Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence — Owens valley towns that do big business with recreationists from crowded Southern California — and where motels and dishworms are major features of that business.

The mountain wall — its rugged sides marked here and there by a road, a firebreak, or a pipe line, and its summit crowned with snow and glacier peaks like Mt. Whitney, the highest in U. S. These are dramatic mountains like those in calendar pictures — slide peaks, shouldering the sky, their huge creases filled with snow and ice. They are there over you on this route, most of the way from Inyokern to Alturas.

The absurdly shaped Joshua trees of the Mojave. Big desert-mountain lakes, like Mono and Topaz, strongly reminiscent of our own Upper Klamath.

Pine forests in the high Sierras, where the road is a lane through the rust-red trunks of the mature ponderosas. A white water stream rolling through a rock-studded mountain gorge.

Quieter streams, meandering through mountain meadows. Thousands of white-faced cattle grazing in green pastures around Bridgeport, high country county seat dominated by an old-fashioned white courthouse with a red roof.

The old Victorian-style residence at the end of Bridgeport's main street, steep-roofed to shed the snow. A gold dredger working in a muddy stream above Mono.

The lush meadows and grazing cattle of Carson valley. The "D" for Douglas county looking out from the mountain wall over Minden, Nev. A brightly dressed Indian woman sitting beside a little stream near Carson City.

The dude ranches of western Nevada. The games at Reno. The high desert, where your road stretches ahead in full view to the distant horizon. You reach the horizon and there it is again, an almost exact duplicate of the previous picture.

The people at the service stations, cafes, and other places of business along the route. They are friendly westerners, genuinely glad to see some one and seemingly unworried about the

Police Arrest Man On Parole

Andrew Billy, 32, parole violator from Folsom prison, was arrested by city police yesterday afternoon on request from California prison authorities

RADIO PROGRAMS

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amount of business you are going to give them. The long drive through the pine woods from Canby to Tulelake basin, where signs remind you that deer are likely to be crossing that highway. Horse mountain, a concentrated example of the west's storied "rim rock." The jagged teeth on the crest of the Tulelake peninsula. These are things which we observed and enjoyed on a lonely auto trek just yesterday — from Johannesburg, Calif., to Klamath Falls, Ore. — and which, when it was all over, we found we could classify as typically, distinctively and consistently western as people everywhere like to think of the west.

The Man From Up

ONE of those friendly service station people told us a true little yarn that'll do to finish this. It seems they were to elect a supreme court judge in California, and as usual down there, sectionalism entered the picture. It was southern California's turn. A competent lawyer from Bridgeport, in the high Sierras, somehow got himself considered for the job. The southerners objected, asserting he was from the north. The northerners objected, claiming he was from the south. His rejoinder: "I'm not from the south or north. I'm from up." There was no place for up in California's political scheme of things, and he didn't get the job.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, May 27 — Congress is gasping in a life or death debate over OPA as if the protection of the people against ravaging inflations and extortionate prices, lies in how their battle goes, but if you will walk into a grocery store, you will think someone is kidding.

In my corner grocery, I find it necessary to buy a dozen inferior eggs which I cannot use, in order to buy a quarter pound of butter which I want. My complaints to my friend the groceryman, always bring his response that the wholesaler requires him to take the bad eggs in order to get the butter, and there is nothing else for either him or me to do. He advises me to use the eggs in cooking where their inferiority will not be apparent. This daily subject leaves us both speechless, frustrated — but taking the eggs. My soft beverage dealer requires me to purchase an equal amount of inferior soft drinks for the high grade quality I wish to purchase, and my friends who buy liquor tell me they have encountered the same experience in their purchases of whiskey. To get it they must take an inferior brand of brandy or some undesirable liquor they do not want and this (they tell me) they pour into the sink.

How great a price increase is concealed in these operations is evident in the case of candy. I was forced to pay 80c for a pound made up only half of the chocolates I wanted, and half of cheaper gum-chewing kinds I did not want. The price of a full box of chocolates at this store formerly was 60c. The 80c new price therefore represents a 33 1/3 per cent increase, or would if I got all chocolates as formerly. Now, however, I must take half in candy formerly selling for 40c a pound or less. Therefore the total increase in price is above 60 per cent, about half of which amount is visible and direct and the other half of which is concealed in inferior quality. (Talk about wasting food!)

Consumer Ignored SINGULARLY the whole congressional fight over OPA has been conducted without the slightest consideration of these realities affecting the consumer, indeed influencing the whole national economy, displaying as it does the corruption of price statistics as issued by the government, the unrevealed extent to which inflation has already been carried, and the bald, plain fact that OPA is just not working.

Everyone knows black markets are bigger than the white markets in various necessities of life, but few realize except the careful buyer how great is the official skimming of the consumer, and small business in general, by the total collapse of quality standards. Some organized housewives marched up to Capitol Hill creating a great fuss and demanding OPA, but they said nothing about this major situation which is apparent to anyone who goes shopping. Indeed, not a single amendment in the house and senate committee took up the questions of "tie-in" sales which is the trade terms for the current abuses.

As a shopper myself, I have been forced to the conclusion from experience that if the battle against inflation rests upon these shenanigans of OPA, it will never even be fought. It is not only over, but was never actually begun. There is no limit to which prices can be increased by the tie-in sales or quality deterioration. With both worked together, they can promote an inflation of devastating effect — without OPA admitting that there is an inflation and pointing naively to price ceilings which have become inconsequential numbers written on walls.

who said that Billy failed to stay within the requirements of his parole by leaving his residence and employment in the state. He waived extradition and was placed in the county jail to be held for California officers. James Bradshaw, Klamath Falls, posted \$5 for failure to procure an operator's license. Ben Simmons, Riverside apart-

ments, put up \$5 on a like charge, and Albert Rogers, Cascade apartments, was cited into court for running a red light. Hal Ogle, 622 High, and Mrs. W. H. Hunt, 305 Hillside, each paid a \$5 assessment for allowing dogs to run loose. Ten drunks, one drunk and disorderly and one vagrant appeared in police court this morning, and 14 drunks bailed out over the weekend.

SIDE GLANCES



"Of course beauty comes from within—we just try to draw it out!"

STATIC



Virginia Vass, the ladder climbing miss at the head of this column, was the only thing I could find to help out a blue Monday. But, there she is, Virginia Vass, star (or one of 'em, at least) of the ABC daytime show "Glamour Manor."

Frank Jenkins and Mac Epley were two of the Klamath Falls men to attend the Crowder Flats Modoc Defense council meeting last week, and they're still wondering if they are the only two of them to get back. It seems that while they were at the flats it rained all over a nice mud road, leaving them with an extremely perilous surface to drive on, what with dodging ditches and so on. And just to make it perfect, after going through the mud without a bit of trouble, they run out of gas at Henley. Getting a lift on the highway at 2 o'clock in the morning isn't the easiest thing to do, but a good life paid off, and a fellow that Mr. Jenkins had given an elm tree to some years ago came by and pushed them all the way into town. Nothing like a nice quiet little trip for the nerves.

Trips seem to be on the agenda

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Autoist's Body Found In River

YREKA, Calif., May 27—The body of Cleve Barry, 56, who was killed May 21 when he backed his car over a 100-foot cliff on the Klamath river road near Some Bar, was recovered from the Salmon river on Thursday, seven miles from the scene of the wreck.

Barry, a native Siskiyouan, was employed by the state bureau of public roads and had been working on the Klamath river road at the time of the accident.

Fellow employes saw him back his car over the edge of the bluff and into the Salmon river as he was attempting to make room for an oncoming car on the narrow highway. When a rescue party reached the bottom of the embankment

short time later, the accident victim could not be found and a search had been underway since that time. Thursday's discovery was made by a Some Bar man who found the body floating in the water just below Some Bar bridge. Barry was born in Sawyer's Bar, Siskiyou county, and he had made his home there and at Forks of Salmon until 1929 when he accepted employment with the state highway department. Survivors include his widow, Annie, who had been staying at Some Bar to be with her husband while he was employed in that vicinity, two daughters, three sisters, and one brother.

LAUNDRYMEN ELECT EUGENE, May 27 (AP)—The State Laundry Owners association, which closed its annual convention here Saturday night, elected Alfred Rawlinson, Portland, president, and R. H. Wind-

shar, McMinnville, vice president. C. R. Eminnis, Pendleton, was named district officer.

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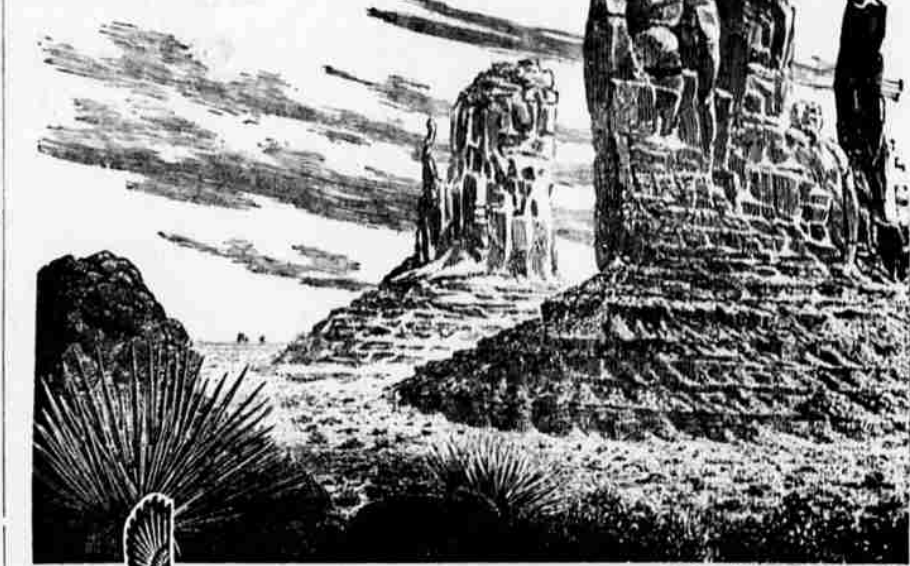
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