

# Of Interest To Motorists

**TORRANCE NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Young and family, Miss Evelyn McClellan and Mr. Glen Merkeley of Wilmington, drove to Forest Home over the weekend. While they were there it snowed, and the party enjoyed sledding.

Mrs. A. Shriner of Los Angeles and Mrs. J. H. Fess attended a luncheon at the Normandie hotel in Los Angeles last Saturday given in honor of Mrs. Gladys Pierce of Santa Barbara past grand matron in the O. E. S.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Maxfield entertained guests from Santa Monica last Sunday.

## Death Valley Trip Beckons Coast Motorists

**Good Roads Now Network This Land of Stillness and Little Rain**

"Last call for Death Valley!" To the uninitiated this may not be a tempting invitation, but to the motorist versed in the lure of this wild and picturesque desert wonder spot in southeastern California it signifies the approach of summer vacation in this historical section and the advent of the bewildering beautiful desert floral season.

Until the first of the coming May Death Valley will be visited by thousands of coast motorists, all intent upon viewing the magic spring desert floral display and extending for the last time until next winter sets in, the enthralling panorama this vast expanse of sand and salt affords.

A Silver Anniversary Buick sedan scout car, dispatched by R. S. Flaherty and other dealers comprising the Pacific Coast Buick distributing organization of the Howard Automobile Company, returned from a reconnoitering trip to all the principal points of interest in Death Valley last week and reported that both road and climatic conditions at the time were ideal for travelers.

The roads in the valley at the present time are excellent—firm and smooth—and will remain so until the present desert touring season is over," declared J. R. Bradford, pilot of the Howard Buick. The Bradford party explored the famed Devil's Golf Course, visited awe-inspiring Dante's View and spent two nights at the new Furnace Creek Inn, the sole modern hostelry in Death Valley. This far-flung desert hotel is built on one of the few spots affording pure and refreshing drinking water and is the only valley habitation supporting an extensive and fertile produce and dairy area.

"Though altitude changes range from depressions 200 feet below sea level to the 6000-foot promontory of Dante's View, our Buick at no time gave the slightest indication of cooling system or engine difficulty," Bradford declared. "The complete Death Valley trip, in my opinion, provides one of the severest of all automobile tests."

The Buick party entered and departed Death Valley via Bakersfield and Mojave.

## Apricot Blossoms Beckon Motorist to Hemet This Weekend

Motorists desiring to see the apricot blossom spectacle at its height, will enjoy a trip to the Hemet, Vista district, at this time, according to the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. A very interesting loop trip of 240 miles is the one extending from Los Angeles through Pomona, Riverside, thence south to Perris, Hemet and Valle Vista, returning via Winchester and Murietta. Hot Springs, south side of Lake Elsinore, Corona, Santa Ana Canyon, Fullerton, and via Whittier boulevard, back to the starting point. Excellent road conditions will be found throughout except for an eight mile stretch of dirt road between Winchester and Murietta. Hot Springs which is very slippery during and immediately after rains. The road between Winchester and the Hot Springs extends through Domenigoni, French and Los Alamos Valleys which consist of immense green meadows spotted with yellow patches of buttercup and bordered by rolling green hills. A more beautiful district would be hard to find. Few motorists are aware of the scenic attractions of the road leading along the southern edge of Lake Elsinore. It is dotted by attractive lakeshore resorts and residences set in luxuriant growth which are reminiscent of the tropics.

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## De Soto Six Makes Record-Smashing Run in Second Gear with Richfield

Giving unqualified credit to Richfield-Ethyl gasoline and Richfield Pennsylvania motor oil for their perfect performance under the severe strain, Eddie Pullen, nationally known auto engineer and former ace of the speedways, this week reviewed the recent record-smashing second-gear run made from Hollywood to Bishop, Calif., in a stock model De Soto Six sedan.

"This total of 276 miles, non-stop, in second gear, an average elapsed time of 40.39 miles per hour, establishes a new world's record for sustained travel in second gear," declared Pullen, who piloted the car on his sensational run.

"It must be remembered that this was equivalent to over 73 miles per hour, had we been traveling in high gear. The Richfield motor oil gave perfect lubrication; the Richfield-Ethyl gave us the unfailing power and speed necessary to get so high an average in intermediate gear."

The stock gear ratio of the car, and other stock characteristics, having been certified to by Harry Miller, Inc., the home of internationally famous racing machines, the Richfield-powered De Soto was checked out of the Western Union office in Hollywood at 11:55 o'clock at night.

There were three men in the car, including Pilot Pullen. One, the official observer, was Darby Compton, Los Angeles newspaperman.

Leaving the film capital, the car roared away in second gear at sustained high speed, finishing through mountain roads till it reached Bishop, high in the High Sierras, at 6:45 in the morning.

The car, with occupants, totaled 3805 pounds in weight.

Pilot Pullen explained he chose Richfield products for the run because of the high reputation Richfield and Richlube have always held in similar previous runs; and because he had used them successfully for many years while a professional driver on the speedways.

## Wild Flowers Will Be Their Best This Week

**Auto Club Tells Where to Find Them This Sunday**

This year's spring wild flower show grows larger and more beautiful every day, according to reports from all sections filtering into the touring bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Inglewood district this week reports that sand verbenas are beginning to show on the sand hills near Hyperion. Wild lilacs are in bloom on the Mussey Grade and in the Japatul district in the San Diego area, and numerous varieties of small flowers are found on the Camp Kearney Mesa.

The upper regions of Southern California in the neighborhood of Porterville and Visalia, have produced the largest early crops of wild flowers to date. Large fields of brodiaea snowdrops, kiss-me-quick and bluebells are available about Porterville, while the Visalia office, of the automobile club reports that wild flowers particularly in the vicinity of Lemon Cove and Three Rivers are very plentiful. Bluebush, lupin, dwarf lupin, many fields of yellow fiddle-neck, forget-me-nots or snowdrops, buttercups, bluebells, and brodiaea as well as poppies and mustard, are varieties that are especially prominent.

Santa Maria district reports a few lupins, poppies and buttercups along the highway. Redlands notes the blossoming of yellow violets, and a fair display of poppies and small white and blue flowers 10 miles east of Bakersfield has been observed in Kern county.

## THAT CAR OF YOURS

When your engine makes an unusual hissing noise, it is generally due to a broken porcelain on a spark plug, cracking of the exhaust pipe manifold, or leaking of the cylinder head gasket.

When the gasoline falls to reach carburetor on the gravity feed system, it is possible that the gas line from tank to carburetor is stopped up, including the strainer or the gasoline level is low in the gas tank, which would not permit a proper flow if the car is traveling up grade, or the vacuum system itself is clogged or defective.

When the carburetor continues to drip with gasoline, it is usually found that the float valve mechanism is out of order, and it is possible that a new needle valve is necessary. However, the trouble may also be due to dirt under the needle valve seat, or the float being set too high. Trouble of this nature should be checked by an expert.

When water is discovered in the combustion chamber or in the crank case, it is possible that the combustion chamber is cracked, or cylinder block cracked, sometimes making it necessary to replace with a new cylinder head or block.

A large repair bill can be caused by not ordering immediate adjustment of a loose timing chain. A loose chain on a running motor will eventually jump a tooth on one of the gears and usually break the gear teeth. The chain may also tear apart, and instances are recorded where the chain has pierced a timing chain cover. Little expense or time is required to correct a loose chain before it does harm.

## NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS FOR PIPE LINE FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Torrance that bids will be received at any time prior to the hour of 8:00 p. m., May 7, 1929, for the purchase from the City of Torrance of a pipe line franchise in accordance with the application of Union Oil Company of California for a franchise for a period of forty (40) years to lay and maintain a pipe line along Cedar Avenue from Dominguez Street to Camino Real, and along Camino Real from Cedar Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for the amount bid for such franchise. On the day and hour mentioned such bids will be opened and publicly declared and such franchise sold to the highest bidder, provided that at the time of opening said bids any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented may bid for said franchise, a sum not less than ten (10%) per cent above the highest bid therefor, and said bid so made may be raised not less than ten (10%) per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States.

Within thirty (30) days after granting of such franchise the successful bidder shall file with the City of Torrance, a bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars conditioned upon his performing all conditions and terms of such franchise, and that in case of

any breach of condition of such bond the whole amount of the sum of such bond shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon such bond.

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By order of the City Council, Dated March 8th, 1929.

A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

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