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Samson Tire Plant Reported To Be Taken Over For Making Miscellaneous Rubber Goods

COMPTON—Something new is in the air on the subject of the Compton factory of the Samson Tire and Rubber Company. Just what is doing isn't quite certain, but it is being done, and it is being done in a way that is sure to keep their own counsel. But from authoritative sources it is learned that a subsidiary corporation is being formed to take over the local plant and convert it into a factory for the manufacture of a variety of rubber products.

The financial plan, it is said, is being worked out by a prominent Los Angeles realtor who specializes in industrial projects in strategic locations between Los Angeles and the harbor. Several large enterprises in the southeastern part of the county have been the result of his work. Persons who possess some of the stock of the parent Samson corporation have been known to have been approached on the new proposal.

Some of the city's pessimists were fearful when it was announced that the Samson company proposed to transfer the scene of its activities to a giant tire and tube manufacturing plant in the United Pacific industrial tract in the Bandini district. They feared that the local plant in which the great Samson business was built up would be entirely abandoned.

Abandonment Folly
 But officials of the company themselves have scouted this idea.

It would be the height of folly, they explained, to say that the huge investment tied up in local buildings and equipment should not be diverted into some line of manufacturing to which it is suited. Otherwise it would mean a huge loss.

The latest report, and it seems to come from reliable sources, is that the new subsidiary corporation will take over the old plant to manufacture such rubber goods as rubber hoses, bicycle tires, or hot water bottles.

Meanwhile the rubber tire business, which got its start in Compton, continues to grow in the Los Angeles county industrial area. Another big expansion program has just been announced by the Firestone plant at South Gate, from which many employees live in Compton. Improvements have also recently been made at the Goodrich plant in the Belvedere district, and the older Goodyear plant in Florence. Other prospects are in sight among rubber companies who are seeing the success of the name-brand established.

Look Over Sites
 Among those rumored to be looking over possible sites are the Dayton Rubber Company, General Tire Company, United States Rubber and Tire Company, Pisk, Miller and Ajes, The Dayton company, is definitely known to be contemplating the erection of a \$4,000,000 plant.

Did Mark Twain's Jumping Frog Really Jump?



A Butte, Montana, man—interested in the literary background of the west—recently visited Angels Camp in his Chevrolet coach. There the Butte man found evidence that perhaps the famed jumping frog story of Mark Twain was but a yarn told around the campfires.

Perhaps no frog in the history of the world has played such an important part in literature as the famed "jumping frog" glorified by Mark Twain. The story "The Jumping Frog" made the literary realize that in Twain, America had another great humorist. So quaint and fantastic was the tale that thousands have wondered since the story was written whether or not the frog really jumped. These thousands do know that the story of the jumping frog was received so enthusiastically that it was the first recognition of the genius that alone belonged to Mark Twain.

The famous frog is supposed to have jumped at Angels Camp. Others claim San Andreas was the scene of the contest; while still others maintain that the frog never jumped at all.

Recently a literary devotee from Butte, Montana, who was traveling through California in his Chevrolet coach, paused at Angels Camp long enough to visit the country made famous by Twain and Bret Harte and to inquire into the authenticity of the jumping frog story. Here is one version of the story, by the way—the way accepted by the literary man paid heed. Mark Twain was living near his friends James and Stephen Gillis in Tattletown. It was the practice of the men to congregate around the fire in the evening and spin yarns. An old miner told the story of the jumping frog—a story that was greeted with much speculation.

As soon as Mark Twain returned to San Francisco he wrote the story. The popularity of the tale enabled Twain to go east where he really won literary fame. Another version is that Twain picked up the story while acting as a pilot on the Mississippi river boats. Critics claim this version is without foundation, however.

The literary devotee from Butte, traveled throughout the entire West in his search for material. He states that he is going to incorporate the data into a volume called "Literary Backgrounds of the Great West." He has traveled all the way, as he says, "the Chevrolet way," and he is very enthusiastic about the roadability and economy of the Chevrolet Six. He paid special praise to the ease and dis-

patch with which the Chevrolet Six surmounts steep grades. He plans to return to Butte after touring through Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah.

TOY DEPT. IS LOCATED IN DOUBLE STORE

R. F. Hogue Takes Over Adjoining Rooms for Wheel Goods and Toys

A big double store filled with toys has been prepared for the children of this district by R. F. Hogue, and everything will be in readiness Friday morning, according to Mr. Hogue.

The double store on El Prado, adjoining the R. F. Hogue company and formerly occupied by the J. W. Barnes company, has been taken over for the display of toys and wheel goods exclusively.

Here in this big store, you will find tricycles, bicycles, wagons, and all other types of new fangled wheel goods as well as a fine collection of dolls, games, and toys. An invitation is extended to boys and girls of this district to bring their parents down and pick out what they wish for Christmas.

In the main store of the R. F. Hogue company on the corner, a splendid array of gifts for adults are on display and the store is agog with the Christmas spirit.

Opportunity To Visit Huntington Art Library

The Torrance Women's club is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Henry E. Huntington library and art gallery, on Jan. 15. A block of tickets have been secured, and reservations may be made with Mrs. Harry H. Dolley. While admission to the library and art gallery is free, entrance is by card only, and reservations must be made in advance.

Those who go from Torrance on Jan. 15 will leave here about 12 o'clock in order to reach the gallery as early as possible after the opening hour.

F. L. Parks Is Toastmaster At Builders Meet

REDONDO—Said to be the most spirited meeting held for many months, South Bay Builders' Exchange members with their wives gathered in Masonic temple last week for dinner, and a business session.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Mona Zan, of Los Angeles Builders' Exchange, whose subject, "Organization of Builders' Exchanges," was declared to be the most explanative ever heard here on the work being done by exchanges throughout the country.

Modernization of the home, through co-operative work fostered by builders exchanges was stressed by the speaker. He commended the organization methods used by President Hoover as methods useful for builders exchanges use.

David Merrill, Long Beach, explained the uniform building code, and Rufus Page, Torrance chamber of commerce, reviewed the activities of his business in their recent establishment of sites on the Pacific coast. He made special reference to the recent expansion of businesses to Southern California.

F. L. Parks, Torrance, presided as toastmaster. Ladies' rat—the Eastern Star served dinner.

New Trains to West Coast of Old Mexico

Announcement was made today of new train schedules from Southern California to the west coast of Mexico, via Southern Pacific, which will become effective December 15th according to Lawson Overman, district passenger agent, Southern Pacific.

Passenger schedules will be changed to provide a daily, except Friday, service, along the entire west coast route to Guadalupe and Mexico City. Through sleeping car service to those cities from Los Angeles, will be available daily except Friday.

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ANANIAS CLUB - UP THERE.

Tourist Season Has Just Opened

The only below-sea-level winter playground in the world that combines beauty with the most unique characteristics in natural formation has just opened for its fourth tourist season.

The playground, which is rapidly gaining favor, is Death Valley, where a visit can only be made in comfort during the winter months. The Union Pacific system has started regular, four day tours into the valley, under the direction of expert guides and personal escorts.

In line with the opening this year the Union Pacific has just published a colored booklet, featuring in pictures the points of interest and telling in traveling form the wonders of the sights unfolded to the traveler in this legendary land of suffering and hardships.

Death Valley today is unlike the vast desert land which gained its name from the early day pioneers who met almost certain death on a journey into this inferno.

The wonders of this land described in the new two color Union Pacific booklet include the Devil's Golf Course, the lowest land in the western hemisphere; the old ghost city, Rhyolite, once a roaring gold mining camp; the borax mines, the sand dunes, and Furnace Creek Inn.

The booklet has a highly colored cover in modernistic motif, and is being sent to all travel bureaus, agencies and chambers of commerce throughout the United States in conjunction with the opening of the fourth winter season of the Valley.

NAB MANY IN DRIVE ON HEADLIGHTS

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 26—Early reports received from all parts of the state by the California Highway Patrol indicated today that more than 60,000 California motorists had fallen into the net set a few weeks ago when the patrol launched its campaign against glaring headlights.

To date, Eugene W. Biscailuz, superintendent of the patrol, has received a record of 12,730 actual arrests by the state officers for violations of the headlight provisions while approximately 23,000 other motorists, stopped by the patrolmen, were allowed to proceed after making a satisfactory arrangement for the immediate adjustment of their lights.

These figures do not include thousands of others who have been stopped or arrested by municipal and county officers, enlisted in the campaign by Biscailuz.

A heavy percentage of those arrested paid fines, the records show. The new law permits the immediate arrest of any person who refuses to submit his lights to a screen test when demand is made by an officer.

Biscailuz said the drive against glaring headlights would be continued "until the nuisance has been abated permanently."

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