

Alpha Council Royal Select Masters Granted a Charter

Alpha Council, No. 39, of Royal and Select Masters, which has just been granted a charter at the last Grand Council session, will be constituted by the officers of the Grand Council, at the Ocean Park Masonic temple, Saturday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock.

of officers is open to all Masons and their ladies, to whom the officers and members of Alpha Council extend a cordial invitation to be present.

As Torrance is a part of the jurisdiction of Alpha Council, several of the Masonic brethren from this city expect to attend the ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thurman and children of Park street spent Sunday at Exposition Park in Los Angeles.

THAT CAR OF YOURS

Many motorists waste money having motor bearings taken up when they should be replaced. It is better to select a reliable mechanic and allow him to check crankshaft and bearings and advise what repairs are best.

To determine which piston or pistons are doing the slapping, short out each cylinder by disconnecting the spark cable. The guilty one will show up in the decreased noise it makes. The engine, of course, should be thoroughly warm for the test.

Uneven wear in the brake drum, due to excessive heat, accounts for considerably more brake inefficiency than many motorists realize. The condition of the drums should be noted carefully when a retuning job is ordered. Grinding the drums sometimes is the only way to take advantage of the new linings.

If the doors on your car rattle, look at the little rubber door stops which may be worn down. If they are replaced with new ones you usually will find the rattle disappears.

During the first part of the hot weather the car probably will begin to develop squeaks and rattles. This is due to the dampness being driven out by the change of temperature. Squeaks and rattles should be eliminated immediately.

Due to the fact that warmer weather is at hand it is advisable when the oil is changed in the crank case to put in a little heavier grade than you have been using. Warmer weather makes the motor run hotter and of course causes the oil to become thinner.

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Tires Smaller Yet Larger



MISS JEANNE VINET, of the General Tire and Rubber company, recently selected as Akron's most beautiful girl is shown above with a 43x5 inch tire of the vintage of 1910 and a modern type General Dual Balloon 8 tire, showing the way tires have changed and improved in 20 years. The 1910 tires gave a maximum mileage of 2700 to 3000 miles while the modern General Dual 8's often run 65,000 miles or better. As "Miss Akron", Miss Vinet will represent Akron at the state beauty contest at Cedar Point this summer and, if successful there, will go to the Inter-national Pageant of Pulchritude at Galveston, Texas, as "Miss Ohio" to compete for the title of "Miss Universe".

General Tires are sold exclusively in Torrance by Mullin's Complete Auto Service.

Property Must Be Relieved From Excessive School Tax Says Supt. of Public Schools

By ELWOOD SQUIRES (United Press Staff Correspondent). SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 24.—(UP)—The property tax as a means of supporting California's great school system has outlived its usefulness and some other financing system must be evolved. A tax on personal incomes and a severance tax, placing a levy on minerals taken from the ground, seem the most available substitutes for the property tax, which has heavily burdened land and home owners. Vierling Kersey, state superintendent of public instruction, has come to these conclusions after weeks of research into the problem of future financing of the state's educational institutions. "Property must be relieved of its tax burden," said Kersey. "Education in this state costs approximately \$150,000,000 a year and property taxation is supplying more than 80 per cent of that amount. "I realize that my plan will meet with opposition, particularly that pertaining to a personal income tax. But these two sources appear to be the only ones which would be satisfactory for our purposes." The excess of support given by property owners to schools rests on the fact that counties and districts are supplying a large percentage of school funds, with the state doing very little for education costs, Kersey pointed out. "Taking total cost of education in California as 100 per cent, the state is supplying only 13.4 per cent of the amount, counties are giving 19.9 per cent and the districts contributing 66.3 per cent. "As county and district taxes are largely derived from property, it is apparent that land owners are more than supporting state schools with their taxes. "An equalization fund looms large in Kersey's plan. This would provide for those districts too poor to furnish proper facilities for their pupils. Both the state and county would aid these districts by the equalization fund, to be built up from part of the income and severance taxes. "District taxes would be considerably reduced under the scheme. In a district where a city tax and a district tax are both imposed for schools, they would be combined into one tax, at a lower rate than now prevails. "With the idea projected, Kersey said he intended to wait for popular reaction to the proposed change. He stated communications from anyone interested in commenting on his plan would be welcomed.

Ramona Pageant Opens This Week



The scenes drop—One of the lighter episodes in the spectacular dramatization of the life story of Ramona to open its 1930 season at Home on Saturday, April 26. Left to right—Doris Schubert, as Ramona; Haska Newwood, famed Navajo baritone; Belle Mitchell, as Margarita; and Archie O'Lous, as Luigi. In circle—Herbert Hayes, as Alessandro, the hero.

Thomas F. Fitzgerald the travel expert will be in Torrance, April 30

—available for free consultation on any travel or vacation questions you may wish to ask.

As a service to the people of Torrance, Southern Pacific has arranged for Mr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, the well-known travel authority, to be in this city April 30, for free consultation regarding vacation trips.

Mr. Fitzgerald has devoted many years to the problems of the traveler and has an intimate knowledge of vacation resorts, all railroad routes, steamship lines, etc.

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Southern Pacific has arranged this service at this time because reduced excursion rates to Pacific Coast points go into effect May 1—and to eastern points May 22. Both in effect till Sept. 30.

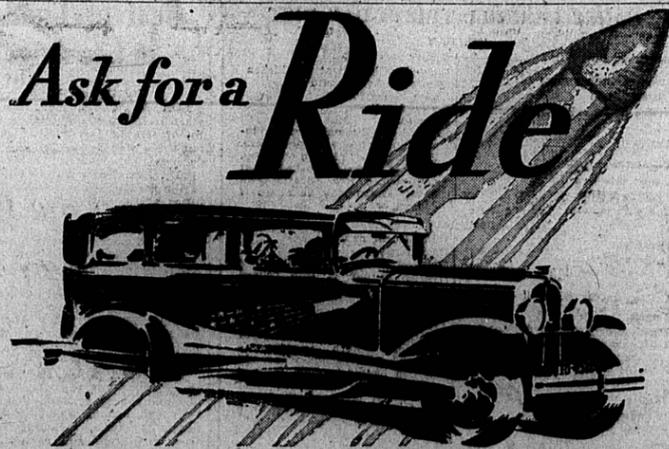
While here, Mr. Fitzgerald will make his headquarters at the Pacific Electric Station, 1250 Border Avenue.

His services are entirely free and without obligation on your part. He will be here to serve you. We want you to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to get this information right here in your own city.

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