

Snow Still Closes Sierra Pass Roads

Three important Sierra pass roads remain closed to thru travel by winter conditions. The Sonora Pass road from Sonora is open and good thru Long Barn and as far as Strawberry, where snow closes the road as a thru route.

The Silver lake road is open and good from Jackson to a point 25 miles east, thence closed. The Ebbetts Pass road is good from Angels Camp to Camp Connell, which is the end of the winter maintained road.

Second Gear's Use Will Save Brakes

Second gear is recommended for travel on the downgrade when traffic is heavy and moving slowly. Many drivers leave the car in high gear despite the necessity for frequent stopping. Second gear is better because it offers more effective braking and saves brake lining.

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Mountains Contain Many Recreational Possibilities

ACE MIDGET DRIVER TURNS TO BIG TIME



Bob Swanson, king of the midget drivers, is now preparing for an invasion of the East.

Photo shows Bob Swanson turning his racer for the big "try" at Indianapolis. Don Miller, of Firestone Auto Supply and Service Stores, reports Swanson will ride on Firestone tires for greatest blowout protection.

with the Memorial Day classic in Indianapolis as his primary goal. Swanson, who was Pacific Coast midget auto racing champion in 1935, and World's champion at Madison Square Garden in 1936, is conceded a good chance of finishing high in the field.

Swanson is using the same car with which Rex Mays won the pole position at Indianapolis for the past two years, a four cylinder Offenhauser with a 270-inch piston displacement. The popular young driver said that Firestone tires are the only kind to use in auto racing due to the exclusive Gum-Dipping process which eliminates friction, preventing blowouts.

Falls In Yosemite Sounding Thunder

Thundering heavily downward from the snow covered backcountry, the falls in Yosemite National park now present an inspiring sight. Warm weather coupled with the unusual fall of snow this year is expected to result in a record run-off of the Merced river and Vernal and Nevada falls between now and June 1.

Trees are beginning to leaf out, and the dogwood blossoms are expected to put in their appearance soon on the valley floor.

Fire Permit Needed In National Forest

Motorists, campers and sportsmen who plan to visit the national forests are advised they must have a permit to build campfires in these areas. These permits, good for 1937, may be obtained without charge from auto club office or forest ranger on duty and contain specifications for the shovel and ax that must be carried by each automobile.

CHECK LICENSE
Check the expiration date of your operator's license before starting on your weekend or vacation trip. Many motorists forget that these licenses expire every two years, and find to their chagrin that their license

Magnificent Ranges Extend for 200 Miles In Mt. Whitney Area

Towering majestically 14,496 feet, Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in continental United States, stands beckoning to the eager vacationist, urging him to tear himself away from the complexities of modern economic life to explore the vast open spaces of the High Sierra region.

Magnificent mountain ranges extend for more than 200 miles from the Mount Whitney area in the south to Yosemite, representing an ever-changing scene of shimmering lakes, cascades, sparkling streams and verdant-carpeted, flowery meadows that for scenic grandeur and recreational possibilities, surpass any like area on earth.

For the recreationist who wants to tie himself away from the rest of the busy world, five to eight hours' driving from Torrance over smooth ribbons of concrete is all that is required to transport him into nature's wonderland. Then a few hours by pack train will take him into a trailless virgin wilderness—remote from the nerve-racking hustle and bustle of city life—where human beings are few. For the more gregarious soul there are countless resorts and ideal camp grounds nestled away in an inspiring mountain setting, easily accessible by motor over good roads.

Angler's Paradise

To those who are thrilled by the savage strike of the gamey trout this is the land of the angler's dream. By rough estimate there are 3000 lakes and 10,000 miles of streams inviting the disciples ofzaak Walton to take their limits. This count is only an approximation, for this lofty fastness from Mount Whitney to the Sonora Pass section is too vast to be visited by any one person and hundreds of lakes and streams in the back country are seldom invaded.

For those who venture back into the higher altitudes by pack train limits may be taken for granted. A Sierra pack trip to be most satisfactory should be carefully planned with the help of experts who know the country, the outing bureau of the club suggests. Numerous ranches and packing stations afford horses, guides and packers, and some exceptionally fine districts may be reached by a short trail ride of a few hours. With the country a treasure house of sport and natural wonders for the fisherman, hunter or photographer, camping trips may be planned for two days or for months. In the lower areas of wooded lakes and

Auto Registrations Set New Record

More motor vehicles are now on United States streets and highways than in any other previous year. Federal bureau of public roads figures for 1936 reveal that an all-time record was established with 28,221,291 registrations. This figure exceeds 1935 by 2,000,000 registrations, and the former record year, 1930, by 1,700,000.

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