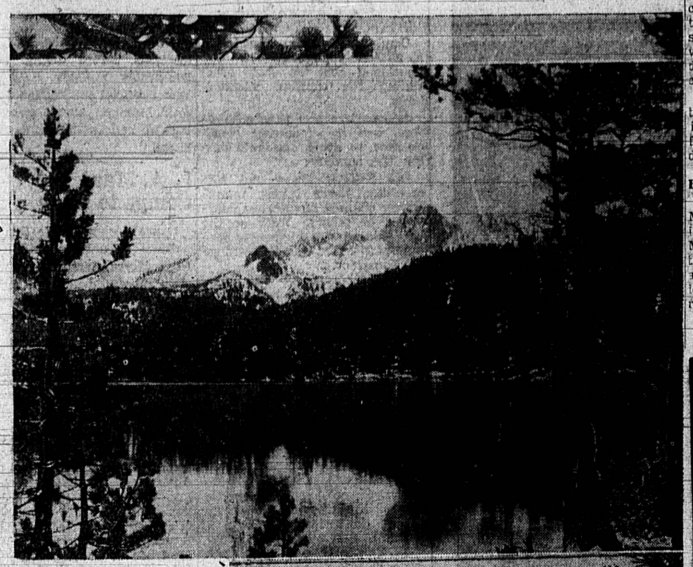
Open Road Calls Autoists To West's Vacation Lands



Scenic attractions like those shown here are to be found in abundance in almost every mountain section of the West. Seekers of such restful surroundings may be quickly rewarded with just a short journey from Torrance.

Fishing, the favorite pastime of millions of men and women, will be indulged in by many Western Auto Supply equipped anglers this summer.

'Catch Up' on Your Reading This Vacation

Wise vacationists do not try to cram too much activity into their annual holiday from business or family cares. Some of the wisest use the yearly rest period to "catch up" on their reading. Here are some new books available at the local library for your enjoyment now:

THE GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY by **Lee Shippy:** "They planned to produce the great American novel but the stork came flying low. They had to turn to pot boilers to pay for the baby and bring out the White Flag. But the stork couldn't understand signals and kept bringing them more babies, until—they realized that instead of producing the great American novel they had produced the Great American Family." This story records their hopes and dreams, struggles and comedies which are typical of the struggles and comedies of a million American families.

POINT NOIR by **Clelie Huggins:** On the ancient Creole plantation lost in Louisiana and enclosed on three sides by the sluggish waters of the bayou lived the Sevignes; strange people in a marvelous landscape of dreams. Paul Sevignes, the father had frightened his wife and children until they seemed like shadows. The children all had his strength but it turned inward to destroy them.

Only Simon who escaped in death was normal, but Simon's child Ange-Marie was like her grandfather—avid for life, brilliant, ruthless and impatient. The author was nineteen when she began to write "Point Noir" (the name of the plantation). The daughter of an engineer she spent a roaming childhood mostly in the tropics. Her mother came of an old Creole family and the author heard stories of plantation life from earliest childhood. This is the third novel to be published as a Houghton Mifflin Fellowship award.

THE MINSTREL BOY—Portrait of Tom Moore by **L. A. G. Strong:** When one comes to think of it, it is unusual for a famous man to be happy. Thomas Moore of the Irish melodies had the proverbial luck of the Irish. Besides his good fortune some credit must be given to his own singularly contented disposition. The author shows in able analysis that while Moore's verses are not great poetry they are perfect lyrics to be sung, which is what they set out to be; words taking advantage of the tune and aiding the voice. He makes one feel how likeable Moore was, sunny bright and melodious like a brook and it is a different biography in that it is the story of pleasant people who deserved happiness.

CELIA by **E. H. Young:** As one critic writes "Nothing is harder to transform into fiction than the stuff of daily living, the things that happen to everybody." In the story of Celia we enjoy a leisurely chronicle of family life in which action takes place entirely within the home. The background, a provincial English town, is solidly realized with a genuine intimacy. Celia is a woman in early middle life who married the wrong man under the illusion of war-time romance.

The mother of a son and daughter, delightfully alert and sensible young people, she fell in love just too late with another man, and lives in two worlds, that of actuality and a second world of imagination in which her early and unfulfilled love shares her dreams. The characters in the story, mostly her brothers and sisters, have great reality and one more than enjoys Celia's humorous reactions to their pretenses. This is a fine novel in a quiet vein.

Short-Circuit Causes Blaze in Trailer

A short circuit in the wire connecting H. C. Thompson's trailer to a service outlet caused a fire at the Western avenue auto court early Sunday morning that almost totally destroyed the trailer. Thompson registered as a resident of this city when he pulled into the court the preceding afternoon. Damage was estimated by the firemen as about $100.

Ratio Highest For Autos on Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Nearly two out of every three village families own an automobile, according to a survey of 140 representative villages by the Department of Agriculture.

One out of every five families bought automobiles in the year studied, 1935-36, the report said. In three of the five geographical regions of the country more new than used cars were purchased.

The highest percentage of car ownership was in 24 villages on the Pacific coast. In that region of good roads, many parks and "comparative scarcity of public conveyances" four out of five families owned automobiles, the report showed.

Midwest Well Represented

Seventy-five percent of the families in 22 Mountain and Plains villages, in Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado and Montana were auto owners, the department said.

It pays to advertise in The Herald.

No Funds For Ornamental Lights On Sepulveda Blvd.

Lack of funds will prevent the board of supervisors from allocating $20,000 for the installation of ornamental lights and standards on Sepulveda boulevard through the city of Redondo Beach, according to the county road department.

Request also has been made that $17,000 be allocated for the improvement of Elena street from avenue I to Palos Verdes drive in Redondo Beach.

ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY OPEN

Roosevelt highway, between Monterey and San Luis Obispo, is open and in good condition. Most of the storm damage of the past winter has been repaired and maintenance crews are rapidly bringing the surface of the road into good condition.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

Car Robbery at Beach Reported

Hugh Allen of 1233 Arlington avenue, told police Monday night that someone broke the left door lock on his car at Torrance beach and stole a pair of field glasses in a dark brown case, a Boy Scout two-cell flashlight, a Boy Scout first aid kit and a leather wallet containing $8 in cash and his driver's license.

Roads to Mammoth Region Now Open

The new Mammoth lakes highway to Twin lakes and Lake Mary is now open and in good condition. The lodge and the branch road to the Twin Lakes public camp grounds also are open.

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