

AN INTERESTING MOTOR TRIP ENJOYED BY LOMITA RESIDENTS

Few people living in Lomita in sight of the Palos Verdes Ranch realize that just over the hills along the terraces of land adjoining the ocean for twelve miles are magnificent vegetable gardens, below is the ocean, above the terraces of the hills reaching to the skyline, and between 3000 and 5000 acres of vegetables under cultivation by Japanese gardeners, and all produce grown entirely without irrigation.

The late rains of this season, which destroyed so many tons of hay for the California farmer, was the making of an abundant crop of vegetables and melons for these growers. At this time it is a most interesting sight to visit these gar-

dens and see many thousands of boxes of tomatoes and cucumbers being so carefully packed, to be carried in powerful auto trucks or shipped to the different markets. Not only are the gardens and the system of marketing most wonderful and interesting, but the historic points of land and landmarks and tales of pioneer days along this coast, as told by Harry Phillips one day last week as he drove a party of Lomita friends from Pt. Firmin to Redondo Beach over the Palos Verdes Ranch, consisting of 16,000 acres of land, of which he was manager for over twenty-five years.

On leaving Lomita the party motored to San Pedro and visited Mr. Phillips' son, J. Phillips, at his new sales room and garage on Sixth street, near Pacific, which is now

under construction. Then on to H. F. Phillips' garage, another son, on Pacific avenue, where Mr. Phillips had his Buick tuned up for the trip. As we motored on our way to Pt. Firmin Mr. Phillips pointed out the bluff where, as told in Dana's "Two Years Before the Mast," in early history of California traders threw the hides over the bluff and loaded them in ships at anchor here to carry them to market. Next we passed the lower reservation of Ft. McArthur.

On reaching Pt. Firmin we motored to the top of Caroline Hill and had a splendid view of the entire harbor. You could see Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro inner harbor and breakwater, winding like an immense serpent into the water, with the lighthouse at the far end. The submarine base, the outer harbor, with the battle ships, submarines, lumber schooners, passenger vessels, launches, sail boats, motor boats, etc., presented a most wonderful sight.

We then motored near the gun emplacements of the upper reservation of Ft. McArthur. The first point of land to visit was White Point, where we saw tables and canopies for picknickers. Here also we viewed the bluff where five persons were killed some years ago when they lost their way in the fog and pitched over the bluff in an automobile. Then a short distance from here we entered the eastern boundary line of the Palos Verdes Ranch.

The next place visited was Portuguese Bend, receiving its name from a party of Portuguese who were in the whaling industry many years ago. After leaving here, looking in a northwesterly direction, you could see the nursery and cottage of F. A. Vanderlip, owner of the ranch. Many trees from this nursery have been transplanted onto the hills to beautify the surroundings, as the Vanderlips come from New York City in the winter and spend several months here. As we neared Inspiration Point, a long, high point of land projecting out into the ocean, Mr. Phillips pointed out the spot where Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Towne lived when they were pioneer ranchers in the Palos Verdes Hills. The next place was the much advertised "Cave of the Winds," where excursion boats were run from Long Beach many years for picknickers and sight-seeing parties.

Not far from here is Long Point, where the old steamer Newburn went ashore on her trip from Mexico to San Francisco and was wrecked. On to Point Vincent, where the whistling buoy is placed for protection from the rocky shore in high tides, as it is so adjusted that when the tide raises it whistles, and is commonly referred to by pioneers as "Wheaterington's Bull," the name coming from a pioneer rancher, John Wheaterington, who awakened one night and heard the noise, not knowing of this whistling buoy, and thought the cattle had got into his fields. At this point also the government has secured the sight and expect to build a modern lighthouse for the protection of shipping on the coast. Near Pt. Vincent is an inlet which is called "China Bite," and marks the spot where a Chinaman was caught and held fast by an abalone until the high tide drowned him.

All the way from Pt. Vincent past China Bite, Resort Point, up to Flat Rock Point, the land has an elevation of from 350 to 400 feet above sea level. Here the hills are divided into five natural terraces, with 300 acres of fine, rich, level farming land on the table-land on top.

Presently we reached Malaga Cove, which is the northwest corner of the ranch. The road was quite passable all the way, but in years to come if this road is made a boulevard it will be one of the most beautiful and scenic drives in Southern California.

Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stinton and daughter, Mrs. C. P. Roberts and mother, Mrs. Geo. Hippensteel and Harry Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb of Wilmington moved this week into their new home on Moon street, recently purchased from Teddy Payne, through Mrs. Wilson as agent.

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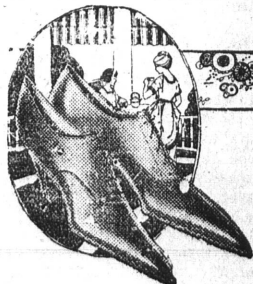
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