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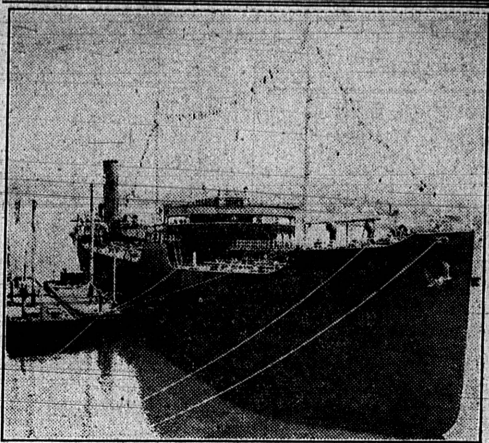
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General Petroleum's Latest Tanker



On her maiden voyage to the Pacific coast, the two-million-dollar tanker "Socony-Vacuum" arrived at Los Angeles docks of General Petroleum Corporation last Saturday. She took on a cargo of gasoline for Seattle. Later she will return to load 4,292,000 gallons of gasoline for transportation to the Atlantic coast.

Christened with a bottle of California champagne at her recent launching at the New York Shipbuilding Company's plant, this 500-foot ocean-going tanker started her nautical career under the most encouraging auspices. The christening was done by Mrs. J. J. Maguire, wife of the president of the Standard Vacuum Transportation Company, affiliate of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, of which the General Petroleum Corporation of California is a subsidiary.

The "Socony-Vacuum" sister ship of the "Magnolia" launched April 3, is one of a fleet of five new vessels added during the past year to the line of the company, whose name she proudly bears on her prow. Her appearance on the Pacific coast officially records the successful completion of the largest merchant marine program of recent years.

More than 45,000,000 barrels of crude oil and refined products were transported by the fleet during the past year. Much of this was shipped from California, thereby speeding up the leading industry of this state and contributing to more business activity on the Pacific coast.

Wandering Sand Dunes of 'American Sahara' Make Lineman's Work Hard



In the New Mexico desert. Above: Using a tractor to scrape away a sand hill in order to place a new pole. Left: When these 40-foot telephone poles were installed, a few years ago, there were no sand dunes at this point. Now sand reaches almost to the cross-arms of the poles in the background.

From an elevation of 7,623 feet where it enters the State of New Mexico over the Raton Pass, to the lowest point of the line at El Paso, Tex., where the elevation is 3,780 feet, the telephone line between Denver, Colo., and El Paso rises and falls 3,843 feet within the 550 miles of its route within New Mexico.

The Journey of Death
In the northern part of the state, the line follows generally the route of the historic Santa Fe Trail, and in its southern section it follows a no less historical path, namely, the Jornada del Muerto, or Journey of Death. Along this section of the line between Albuquerque and Socorro a veritable Sahara exists. Due to the ever shifting sands, the region is utterly devoid of any vegetation. The sands follow the vagaries of the wind and there are times when the sand piles up until it reaches almost within a foot of the lowest telephone wire, while at other times the sand is cleared away down to the very desert floor.

Replaced All Telephone Poles
It was in this area that the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company recently had the task of replacing all the poles across these sands. And it was quite a task. As a well defined ground line exists, forty-foot fully cross-topped poles were used, and in order to find ground in which to dig the pole holes, it was necessary to use scrapers and tractors to remove the sand.



Deputy Sheriff Harry Bryant, right, questions Hugh B. Smith, 25, Oakland, who was arrested by Bryant following the slaying of E. G. Fish, North Sacramento police chief.

Safeway Celebrates Founding Of First Store 20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago this week in American Falls, Idaho, a young man spent the last of his savings to start a grocery store.

All this week, in approximately 3,000 stores from coast to coast, the event will be celebrated with a great anniversary program. The young man who walked down the streets of American Falls that August day in 1915 is M. B. Skaggs, now chairman of the board of one of the world's largest food retailing organizations, and the store he founded is No. 1 of Safeway Stores, Inc.

Request Funds For Surfacing Drive In Hills

Request for \$10,000 for surfacing of Palos Verdes drive was laid before the board of supervisors this week by George Jones, county road commissioner.

Palos Verdes drive, extending westerly across the north slope of the Palos Verdes Hills from Vermont avenue, was graded under the SEIRA project several months ago. It was started as a CWA project. "This road was graded and oiled some time ago, but due to the nature of the soil it is now found to be desirable that it be surfaced with macadam in order to prevent rutting," the road chief wrote the supervisors. "Right-of-way for the road, 240 feet wide, was given by the owner of the property, an eastern capitalist."

Formal application for federal funds for the grading of Western avenue through the Palos Verdes Hills between Lomita and San Pedro was also submitted to the board of supervisors by the county's public works cabinet. The application, which is expected to be filed as a WPA project, was to have been acted on Monday, but there was not a quorum present and the first board meeting was continued to Wednesday.

Installation of a storm drain also is provided for in the application, which is for \$15,000. The employment would be distributed so that each man employed would earn not more than \$1,625 per year. It was computed. Cost of superintendence, engineering equipment and materials was estimated at \$12,353, which the county would furnish.

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ORDINANCE NO. 265
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING BOULEVARD STOPS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 260.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That those portions of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 260 establishing boulevard stops for all motor vehicles operating in a southerly direction on Hawthorne Avenue at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and the southerly portion of 23rd Street, and northerly on Hillsworth Avenue at the intersection of Hillsworth Avenue and 24th Street are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle upon, along and/or across the intersection of Calle Miramar and Catalina Avenue in the City of Torrance when any such vehicle is being operated in a southeasterly or westerly direction on Calle Miramar without first bringing such motor vehicle to a complete stop immediately prior to entering said intersection of said two highways.

Section 3. That when any motor vehicle is being operated by any person, firm or corporation in any of the respective directions and upon any of the respective highways hereinafter set forth immediately prior to entering any of these respective intersections of said highways with State Highway No. 60, also known as "Roosevelt Highway" or "Pacific Highway," it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or cause to be operated any such motor vehicle upon, along and/or across any of said respective intersections from any such respective directions and public highways without first bringing such motor vehicle to a complete stop immediately prior to entering therein, such respective directions and public highways being more particularly described as follows:

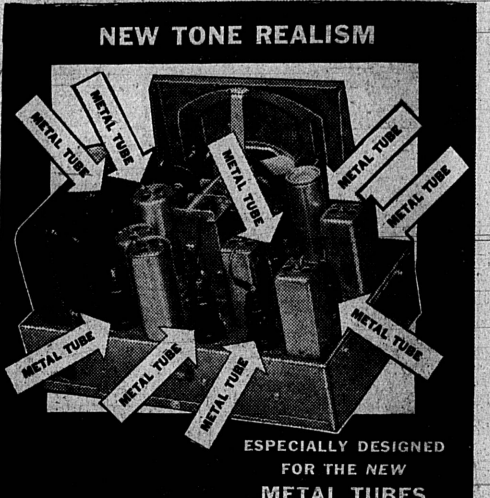
Direction in Which Motor Vehicle Is Being Operated
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Easterly on Madison Street
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Northerly on Baseo De Las Delicias
Northerly on Camino De Las Colinas
Northerly on Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway
Northerly on Vista Del Mar
Northerly on Private Road out of Weston Ranch, 1/2 block east of Ward Street on north side of Roosevelt Highway

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance by the said City Council, and shall cause the same to be published by one insertion in the Torrance Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

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