

Spring's in the Air

Birds are chirping. Buds are bursting. Open roads are calling. Motorists are preparing for a happy, carefree touring season—the best ever!



New Tire Tread Contribution to Safer Driving

This summer American motorists will pile up millions of miles of touring and sight-seeing around the country. This traveling, according to Harry O. Bock, Division Manager, U. S. Tire Dealers' Corporation, will be greater than ever, because the war abroad will prevent the usual exodus of American tourists to Europe.

"The wise motorist," Bock said, "before setting out on a trip, no matter how extensive or how brief, will make a special point to see that his car is equipped with the best tires—is 'summer-proofed' for trouble-free motoring."

"During the coming weeks, motorists will have the opportunity of 'summer-proofing' their cars by equipping them with U. S. Royal DeLuxe Tires, available at special summer prices at all General Petroleum service stations and other 'U. S.' dealers."

"The U. S. Royal DeLuxe tire, found as original equipment on many of the 1940 cars, is a major contribution to safer and more comfortable motoring."

'MAYONNAISE' MOTOR-MADE

"Car mayonnaise" is a new name given to a product created in automobile motors. But, unlike the delectable oil that makes our foods more appetizing, this product is something no one would dare to eat. The "mayonnaise" does the eating in this case—actually eating the life and pep out of motors.

What is this "mayonnaise"? "The common name is sludge," says Ted Coggins, salesman for General Petroleum Corporation. "It is whipped up and deposited in considerable volume in many motors that are not regularly inner-cleaned every 5,000 miles."

"Sludge is a combination of several or all such detrimental substances as asphaltic residue from oil, blow-by carbon, soot, unburned fuel, organic acids, metal shavings, water and road dirt that has been sucked into the crankcase."

"This slimy, gummy, abrasive creation clings to and chokes valves, valve springs, piston rings. It also builds up in the crankcase. It pulls down power and increases operating costs. It may cause stuck rings, clogged oil holes and screens, and result in ruinous motor damage."

"To prevent the building up of sludge, crankcases should be drained and refilled every thousand miles, and the motor thoroughly flushed with flushing oil at least every 5,000 miles. This is one of the car-protection services rendered during Summer-proofing."

Mrs. Palmer Heads Waleria P.T.A. Carnival Planned

Waleria P.T.A. is planning a carnival for May 2 when there will be a number of attractions to interest all comers; grab bags, motion pictures, candy booths, koolade booths, fortune telling, side shows and a food sale booth. Japanese members donating food for the food sale.

New officers elected for next year are: Effie Palmer, president; Mrs. Mildred Gouker, first vice president; Mrs. Natalie Ross, second vice president; Mrs. Ethel Wilson, secretary; Mrs. W. Ferguson, treasurer; Mrs. D. Getchel, parliamentarian; Mrs. H. Duerloo, historian; Mrs. Grace Nixon, auditor.

Harbor City P.T.A. Names New Officers

Officers elected by Harbor City P.T.A. were: Mesdames William J. Baxter, first vice president; H. C. Higgs, secretary; R. Richina, treasurer; W. E. Jenkins, auditor, and E. K. Wanka historian. There being no candidate for president, Mrs. W. C. Suduth, incumbent, will serve until a successor is elected.

Special guests at the meeting were the Brownies sponsored by the P.T.A. Miss Margaret Cuenod of San Pedro spoke on her experiences at the Youth Conference held in Amsterdam. Refreshments were served by Mrs. S. A. Horner, assisted by Mrs. Marjorie Spain and Mrs. R. McVay.

It Was a Lot Different in Good (?) Old Days

Do you remember the "good old days" of automobile driving?

"We call them the good old days," declares Fred Harder who operates a General Petroleum service station at Post and Sartori, "but were they? Remember, here's what we did:

"To lubricate the wheel bearings, we took off the wheels and daubed on axle grease. To lubricate the car, we crawled underneath, filled numerous grease cups and tightened many fittings."

"When we had a puncture (and this happened frequently) we pried, pounded, cussed and sweated for a long time to get the tire off the wheel. Next ensued the long process of pulling out the tube, mending it, putting it back in the casing, and then forcing the casing back on the wheel. Finally we pumped up the tire, praying that it would hold. "We were lucky if we didn't

get another puncture in the next hundred miles. We were fortunate, indeed, if the tire served us a total of 2,500 miles, instead of the 25,000 to 30,000 miles we get on the sturdy tires of today."

"When preparing for a Sunday trip of 50 to 100 miles (a long journey in those days) we put in all Saturday afternoon greasing, cleaning and polishing, possibly mending one of those frequent radiator leaks, and inspecting tires, lights, fan belts and numerous other parts of the old-time gas buggy."

"But today, thanks to modern precision engineering, and modern super service stations, with their efficient Mobilization departments, and their special 'Summer-proof' offers (which include many checkup and shineup services) we are relieved of this worry, fuss and bother."

Some psychologists say a person's interest in life can be measured by his newspaper reading habits. If he finds at least one story of interest to him on each page, he probably lives a "well-rounded life."

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Gas Company Prepares for More Customers

In expectation of a probable increase of 3,600 gas customers in this district during the year 1940, Southern California Gas Company has budgeted over \$290,000 to be spent here this year for gas main extensions, service piping, and new meters and regulators to take care of the growth, according to G. W. Carbee, manager of the company's southern division.

The company's 1940 budget,

in addition, provides for the expenditure of \$315,000 for betterments and reinforcements to the gas distribution system, and for miscellaneous general improvements and replacements, Carbee states. The total capital outlay by which the local gas system may expect to benefit will approximate \$600,000.

The American Public Works association reports that according to a recent experiment in Boston, traffic congestion increases gasoline consumption on short city trips by 50 percent.

Memorial Rites Held for Slain Youths Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ables and a number of friends of Cyril Lewis Ables, including alumni of his class of Narbonne 1929, attended memorial rites at Reseda Friday afternoon for Cyril and his chum, Ralph Ellinson, whose bodies were found in the woods near Arlington, Washington, several weeks after they were robbed and murdered.

Rev. L. Brooks Lauman, a

brother-in-law of Cyril from Reseda, California, assisted at the rites in the Reseda Presbyterian church which was filled with beautiful floral offerings. The body of Ellinson was sent back to his home in South Dakota for interment and the ashes of Cyril Ables were taken to Santa Maria to be buried in the family plot there.

Mr. Ables' aged mother is in a serious condition in the Cottage hospital at Fullerton. News of her son's death caused a heart attack which necessitated the amputation of a leg because of a blood clot.

Salvation Army Has Store in Gardena

The Salvation Army, which maintains social service centers and stores in Hermosa and Redondo Beach, has opened a store at 827 Gardena boulevard in Gardena where Mrs. Price is in charge of sales of renovated clothing and household supplies. The public is cordially invited by Brigadier Sidney L. Cooke to visit the new Gardena headquarters.

Californians paid an aggregate of \$919,000,000 taxes in 1939.



Ideas and Information

The what, where, why and how of having your car inspected, in preparation for a Summer of joyous motoring. Such are the helpful hints to be found in this section. Here's valuable information for car owners.

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5. OIL FILTER: Inspect for need of replacement.
6. AIR CLEANER: Inspect for need of service.
7. SPARK PLUGS: Inspect. Clean, test and re-space electrodes.
8. WINDSHIELD WIPER UNIT: Inspect wiper blade and arm.
9. LIGHTS: Inspect for any burned out lamps.
10. TRANSMISSION AND DIFFERENTIAL: Inspect level and condition of lubricant.
11. CHASSIS AND SPRINGS: Inspect for need of lubrication.
12. TIRES AND VALVES: Inspect and remove all foreign material.
13. FRONT WHEEL BEARINGS: Inspect condition of lubricant.
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