

Tourists' Gold Paves Way For Great Pan American Highway

MEXICO CITY—The Pan American Highway is nearing completion after 20 years of dreams, planning and work. Within the next two and a half years, a tourist in Washington, Buenos Aires or San Francisco may be able to crank up his car and drive 11,200 miles over all-weather roads linking the Americas.

The road is paved with tourist gold. The Mexican tourist department estimates that nation's tourist business alone at upwards of 250,000,000 pesos (\$50,000,000) annually.

And business is picking up. During the war years the Pan American Highway south from the U. S. border to Mexico City practically was deserted. Tourist automobiles now are crossing the international boundary at the rate 3,000 a month.

Most of the traffic from the North stops at Mexico City. From Buenos Aires, the southern terminus, few tourists venture beyond Chile after crossing the Uspallata Pass high in the Andes.

In six months, from November through April, 1946, 18,040 tourists' automobiles entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo with peak travel in December, January and February.

Lure Tourists' Gold
Construction of the Pan American Highway has helped governments realize that tourist business is good business and many of them have sent officials to Mexico City to learn how to get a portion of the gold that rides on rubber tires.

Of even greater importance is the economic effect the highway will have on each nation and its neighbors. The Pan American Highway linking the nations together eventually will lead to construction of farm-to-market roads and greater economic interdependence among the Americas.

United States automobile manufacturers are allotting a portion of their production to Latin America to meet the strong bid of British manufacturers for the market, but a car in every Latin American garage must, of necessity, await the day when costs are in line with wages.

American-made cars sell for double to triple the U. S. market price and used cars with 50,000 to 100,000 miles of wear bring prices comparable with new cars in the U. S. The average daily wage ranges between five and 10 pesos (\$1 to \$2).

Much More to Be Done
Looking at the highway south-bound there are about 1,156 miles completed from the Mexican border at Nuevo Laredo through Mexico City to Oaxaca and some 50 miles beyond. From there to Guatemala it is hardly more than a trail.

Guatemala has a good road from border to border, but Mexico has 187 miles to finish, Honduras 60, El Salvador 20 and Panama 100. Completion of these stretches will give an all-weather highway from the U. S. border to Panama City, a distance of 3,250 miles.

Engineers believe it will be several years before Panama City is linked with Columbia—a distance of 200 miles through wild jungles, much of which has not even been surveyed. Much must be done to the South.

Engineers estimate that it will take two and one-half years to complete the highway and the cost will approximate \$25,000,000. When construction is finished the intrepid tourist will be able to drive from Fairbanks, Alaska, over the Trans-Canadian and Pan American Highways to Buenos Aires, a distance of 14,479 miles.

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Lamb Pool To Be Held Clyde Stock Yards On Monday

A cooperative lamb pool will be conducted at the Clyde stockyards on Monday, the 17th it has been announced by the county farm agents' office. The purpose of the pool is to assist in the production of more sheep in Haywood county and if possible in marketing lambs and showing the growers how to grade them.

All lambs which are to be taken to the cooperative lamb pool must be at the stockyards by 12 o'clock noon or earlier according to the county agent.

All the lambs will be graded and marked after which bids will be taken from the several buyers present and the pool will be sold in total to the highest bidder.

The lamb pool is purely a cooperative affair and it should be understood by all sheep growers that it is being held to teach them how to market lambs in order to receive the greatest net return. No grower is obligated to sell lambs at the cooperative pool if they are not satisfied.

Until July 1, of this year, there will be a government subsidy of \$2.65 per hundred in lambs weighing 90 pounds or over and \$2.00 per hundred on lambs weighing 65 to 90 pounds. There has as yet been no announcement as to whether or not this will be continued after July 1. However it does not seem advisable to sell lambs too light just to take advantage of the subsidy payments, the county agents pointed out.

There are many buyers for lambs and all growers are urged to realize the most profit for them.

Library Notes



MARGARET JOHNSTON
County Librarian

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Some suggested books are "Things to make from odds and ends," "Scrap fun for everyone," "Let's make more things," "Small rain," "David," "Tell me about Jesus," "Tell me about God," "One God," "Bible Stories," "Prayer for a child," "Child's book of prayers," and "Moses."

Camps are opening up very soon now and crafts will be taught. If you are interested in a hobby, let us know what it is and we will suggest books for you.

Our guess is that every bushel of grain theoretically "held on the farm" will provide one peck of grain fit for food.

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