

Greatest Transcontinental Road

By Caleb Johnson

By the end of 1931 it will be possible for a motorist to start from Maine and drive to San Antonio, Texas, without ever getting off a hard road. Within another two or three years the motorist can continue his journey to California, over hard roads all the way.

With all of our progress in road building, there is today not a single route across the Continent which does not involve driving over hundreds of miles of roads which nobody could classify as good and which most motorists, accustomed to the paved highways of both coasts and the Great Lakes region, would classify as positively bad. But with the completion of the Old Spanish Trail we shall have a highway connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, a highway paved or hard surfaced throughout its entire length, and a trans-continental highway, moreover, which will be passable at all seasons of the year, since it is located throughout its length far to the south of the snowbelt, which makes the more northerly passages impossible in winter.

It is no wonder that the United States Government is aiding liberally in the construction of this road which will give the speediest possible route for the movement of motorized military forces from one coast to the other.

From Maine to Florida the Atlantic Coastal Highway is now substantially completed, either concrete, tarmacadam or hard sand-clay surface all the way. And when it gets to historic old St. Augustine, Florida, it strikes the beginning of the Old Spanish Trail (connecting St. Augustine on the East with San Diego in the West).

The idea of a cross-continent highway which would follow the trade and military trails blazed by the early Spanish settlers on the Gulf and in the Southwest was first given light at a gathering at Mobile, Ala., in 1915. Nobody knows who selected the picturesque and descriptive name, nor just how the movement started. The first idea was to connect New Orleans with Miami. But the West heard about it and eagerly joined

in the movement, set up a promotion headquarters in San Antonio, and projected the original plan two thousand miles farther than its original enthusiasts had dreamed of today.

And now it is nearing completion. Starting from St. Augustine, where the Spaniards have left their indestructible record in the narrow streets and picturesque old fort and other buildings of this oldest of American municipalities, the Old Spanish Trail runs through Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Pensacola, Mobile, Bay Saint Louis, New Orleans, Lake Charles, Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Fort Stockton, El Paso, Las Cruces, Douglas, Tucson, Phoenix and so to California and San Diego. It crosses eight states, three great bays and the greatest of North American rivers. It crosses the Great Divide at its lowest point, at Bisbee, Arizona, at an altitude of 6,030 feet above sea-level and descends into the Imperial Valley through El Centro, California, 51 feet below sea-level. Yet there are no grades which cannot be driven in high gear.

Two-thirds of the drainage water of the United States crosses the Old Spanish Trail, yet only two ferries are necessary; one across the Mississippi River at New Orleans, the other over Berwick Bay at Morgan City, Louisiana. All of the other watercourses which the Trail crosses have been bridged.

The Old Spanish Trail follows the line of the chain of missions and presidios which the King of Spain ordered in 1772 to be constructed from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of California. San Antonio was the meeting place of all the trails connecting the Spanish settlements with each other. And in San Antonio, a few weeks ago, the King of Spain, through the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, presented a royal decoration to Herral Ayers, the managing director of the Old Spanish Trail Association, in recognition of his services in preserving and perpetuating the old Spanish tradition.

Of the first 579 miles of the Trail from St. Augustine to Bay St. Louis, all but a few miles have been paved, and that part, in Mississippi, is hard sand and gravel. Thence across Louisiana to the Texas line, 362 miles, concrete pavement is being laid the entire distance, though it will be the end of next year before this is completed. The unpaved sections are good gravel roads.

From the Texas-Louisiana line to San Antonio, 329 miles, the Trail is 90 percent paved. Thence 583 miles to El Paso, the gravel road is good but dusty and paving is being carried on rapidly, eventually to cover the entire stretch. From El Paso westward across New Mexico and Arizona to the California line is 112 miles, of which about half is paved, the rest gravel roadways over the desert and through the Rocky Mountains. By the end of this year it is expected that the last stretch of the 178 miles across California to the Pacific will have been paved.

This great highway, 2,741 miles long, is the largest single piece of road building which has ever been undertaken since the days when the Caesars connected all of the outlying provinces of Europe with Imperial Rome by roads some of which lasted to this day and are still main thoroughfares of commerce. When it is finished will have cost upward of \$115,000,000, provided by the states, counties and municipalities and by the United States Government.

As every other great road lies, the old Spanish Trail is opening up new areas to settlements, to industry and to development. Until it was cut through from Jacksonville west five years ago, few tourists to Florida ever saw the lovely rolling country of West Florida, the hills and rivers and coast-line vistas that lie between Tallahassee and the beautiful city of Pensacola. The opening of the Trail has brought new life to Pensacola which with its magnificent harbor and new rail connections northward is rapidly recapturing its ancient importance as a seaport. And so all along its route, the growing tide of motor tourists following the Old Spanish Trail is discovering and spreading the news to the rest of the world that in this South and Southwest there are opportunities and beauties which few had ever realized existed.

At this time of year the thoughts turn first to berries as a source of delicious flavor. Strawberry juice may be used, with or without the crushed fruit, for ice cream and pudding sauces. Red raspberries, raw or cooked, are almost as good as strawberry for giving us delicious flavor for desserts. Red raspberries make delicious ice. But many persons fail to know their possibilities in ice cream. And out of the best homemade ice creams I ever ate was made from crushed black-caps—or black raspberries—and cream and sugar. It was a lovely lavender color and had a delicacy of taste quite incomparable. The black raspberries were mashed with sugar, and heated just enough to make it easy to rub them through a sieve to remove the seeds. Then when the juice was cool it was added to the cream and frozen.

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that can be used to give natural flavors to our summer dietary. There are many delicious vegetables that may be used, cooked or raw. Raw vegetable salads, ought to be served every day if you wish. The foundation may be of any one of the good bit flavors, and the fruits may vary from strawberries to red raspberries, cherries peaches, pineapple, with an ever reliable, interspersing of grapefruit and orange.

Lumber Bridge Items

Lumber Bridge, July 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Balfour entertained the Leonard-Currie wedding party at 6 o'clock dinner Friday afternoon. The dinner was served on the lawn in front of the house where everybody got the full benefit of the breezes.

Those enjoying Mr. and Miss Balfour's hospitality were Mr. Robert Leonard and Miss Isabelle Currie, bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Currie and daughters, Misses Bertha and Lina; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Currie, Mrs. Ceasar Leonard and daughter, Miss Ruth Leonard, Miss Lela Morgan, Mrs. Alfred Wylie and son, Stanton Wylie and Mrs. Martha H. Cobb.

Master J. D. Cobb, Jr., entertained several of his little friends on his 9th birthday. Those present were, T. C. Chason, Burney Bristow, Elsie Dunn, Carolyn Burnett, Gaston Dunn, Stewart Tolar, Mack Williford, James Parnell, Earl Parnell, Robert Hall, Fulton Hall, Robert Norvell, Paul Britt, Allan Henry Lee, Louis Lee and Hilda Lee.

Masters Allan Henry and Louis Lee and little Miss Hilda Lee returned to their home in Dunn Sunday morning, after spending the week with J. D. Cobb, Jr. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan H. A. Lee came for them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Adams spent the weekend in town with Mrs. Adams mother, Mrs. M. L. Marley. Miss Kate Currie came home Saturday to be present at the marriage of her sister. She returned Sunday morning.

Mrs. F. B. Dunn and son, Franklin were Fayetteville visitors Saturday afternoon. They also visited Mr. Clarence Dunn and report his condition as no better.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Howard of St. Pauls were guests Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marley and children spent Sunday in Alkinson with Mrs. Marley's mother, Mrs. D. B. Johnson. Miss Morris Johnson Marley stayed for a week's visit with her grandmother.

Miss Mary Barrett recently left for Boise to visit her mother, Mrs. L. A. Barrett.

Mr. J. E. Clifton was a business visitor to Lumberton Monday morning.

Mrs. Alfred Wylie and son, Stanton of New York were guests last week of Mrs. Matha H. Cobb. Mrs. Wylie and son lived here a few years and they have many friends here who are always glad to see them. They came to attend the Leonard-Currie marriage.

Mrs. Ceasar Leonard and daughter, Ruth and Miss Lela Morgan of New York spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Balfour. They were here for the Leonard-Currie marriage.

Messrs N. H. G. Balfour and W. E. Morf were Charlotte visitors Thursday. Both are enthusiastic about rabbits and while in Charlotte saw many fine ones.

Mr. A. J. Currie of Laurel Hill spent a while Sunday evening with Mrs. Martha H. Cobb and family. Mr. Currie was overseer of Mrs. Cobbs farm for several years and he has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Currie left Sunday morning for their home after spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Currie.

Miss Nell Harris of St. Pauls is visiting Miss Rebecca Monroe this week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Powers and little daughter of Aulander were recent guests of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ammons. Mrs. Jasper Lee, mother of Mrs. Powers accompanied them on their visit.

Mr. Leon Williams of Bunn Level spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. M. N. Tolar.

Miss Margaret Williford returned Thursday evening from a few days visit to Aberdeen among relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Stamps and son, Walker, returned Friday from a weeks outing at Norfolk and Virginia Beach among relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Cobb spent the weekend with Miss Lorene Mears of Fair Bluff. Miss Cobb and Miss Mears joined a house party at Myrtle Beach Saturday morning and through Sunday.

Miss Virginia Hord of Lincolnton came Wednesday and is spending the week with Mrs. Rebecca Currie. Miss Hord was the room-mate of Miss Currie at Greensboro college and both received their degrees together last spring.

Mrs. Charles Murphy and Mrs. Lela Ferguson of Grctna, Va., visited Mrs. Murphy's brother, Mr. J. D. Cobb and family Wednesday.

Davidson To Receive Carnegie Library Aid

Davidson, June 28.—Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of Davidson College, who returned this week after an absence of eight days in Northfield Mass., and New York, confirmed newspaper dispatches a short time ago, which said that Davidson was one of two institutions in North Carolina which would receive library aid from the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Lingle stated that the amount would be \$5,000.00 for three successive years, and is to be used in the purchase of new books.

The Davidson president said that this amount would not be used as a substitute, but as a supplement to the funds which the college annually appropriates for buying latest editions. He also said that he had been in correspondence with the Carnegie officials since last October, and that an official of the Foundation had visited Davidson to investigate and make recommendations.

While in New York early this week, Dr. Lingle went to the offices of the Carnegie Foundation, and personally thanked them for the appropriation. Dr. Lingle stopped in New York for a few days on his return trip to Davidson from Northfield, Mass., where he had been to give a series of lectures.

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Chocolate, of course, comes in for some good midsummer service. And sandwiches spread with pate de tomates are as delicious in July as they are in December. But it is fun to try using the natural food flavors as much as possible—to substitute fruit juices for bottled extracts, just to give the palate a change. Then, when summer has gone, taking with her many fruits and vegetables, we will fall back on our extracts and powders with renewed relish and appreciation.

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Mrs. C. J. Ammons and children, spent Thursday with Mrs. Ammons mother, Mrs. Powers of Barker Ten Mile.

Mrs. Lennon Marley and children returned Tuesday afternoon from a week's visit with her parents at Loris, S. C. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Gladys Butler.

Mr. Robert Roach visited his aunt, Mrs. J. A. Singleton at Highsmith hospital Thursday.

Messrs W. E. Graham, F. B. Dunn, Ernest McGougah, F. L. Tolar, J. E. Clifton, J. E. Williford, and J. D. Monroe attended a joint installation of Masonic officers at Laurinburg Friday evening. Laurinburg Lodge gave a banquet in honor of all visiting Masons.

Mrs. J. G. Williams and little son, John Charles left last week for Raleigh after spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monroe.

Mr. Wiley B. Malloy of Fayetteville was in town Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Hall returned Friday afternoon from Salisbury where she spent several days with her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heitman. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Heitman and little daughter, Martha Lou.

Mr. Floyd Thomas brought a cotton blossom in to this reporter June 24, the first one seen. After inquiring, others had cotton beginning to bloom also. The early bird catches the worm and we hope these early blooms signify a good crop of cotton, before the boll weevil does much damage.

Miss Julia McIver returned Tuesday from her work at West Edgecomb School, Rocky Mount, where she has been teaching Home Economics for the past year.

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