

Sonora. Junction had sent four men to the New Mexico border to meet the motorcade. This Junction car, therefore, traveled 956 miles to act as escort.

At Junction another neighborhood dinner was served with the mutual greetings, speeches and comradeship that were to become the rule throughout the life of the motorcade.

At Kerrville the motorcade was off schedule due to the West Texas mud but were stopped and given refreshing drinks.

At San Antonio due to late arrival the fleet of cars that had been planned as escorts had slowly faded away; this was natural and expected. San Antonio police, however, met the motorcade at the Babcock Road. San Antonio hotels refused to give special rates but insisted upon giving the OST association \$2.00 on each registration. This was turned over to the San Antonio committee and the motorcade members were banqueted at the Wenger Hotel and their cars taken care of at a garage with this money.

Sixteen San Antonians were in the bus that left San Antonio. At Schulenburg again a neighborhood dinner. Please remember that in no instance did we ask for or suggest these free courtesies.

At Eagle Lake the Rotary Club committee stopped the party and gave everyone cold drinks without limit and a small bag of Eagle Lake rice.

At Sugar Land 10 cars from Houston and a group of traffic police were waiting. We were on schedule and henceforth were to stay essentially on schedule to the end of the trip and its return. An hour was spent in receptions at Houston. Houston's prominent leaders greeted us and Houston's traffic officers and automobile club conducted the motorcade through Houston and far on the way toward Beaumont.

At Liberty was another community gathering where punch and cookies were served. The Beaumont delegation was at Liberty. At Beaumont that night there was a nice program of entertainment; all wanted to go to bed early but the next called for about 650 miles driving---but the evening was spent with these warm hearted people.

The next day called for a 322-mile drive to make New Orleans for Easter Sunday. The roads are gravel across Louisiana and this added to the labor of that day. Stops were avoided because of the long drive but we were greeted at Lafayette and conducted to St. Martinville, the home and shrine of Longfellow's Evangeline. Girls in the old Evangeline costumes honored the party. Leaving St. Martinville two Louisiana traffic officers escorted the motorcade 150 miles to New Orleans.

At Houma, 58 miles west of New Orleans, the motorcade was stopped. There was an outpouring of these happy people. Coca-cola was passed around and then the party was loaded up with canned shrimp and oysters. A cordial invitation was given to stop on the return. This invitation was so happily remembered the return schedule was arranged to make Houma