

GUNTER, 550 rms. all with bath, enlarged and completely modernized, center of activities. **OST headq.**, Baker hotel system. **HAMILTON**, 65 rms., moderate priced, quiet street, nice hotel. **JEFFERSON**, 70 rms., moderate priced commercial in business center. **MENGER**, 300 rms., 200 with bath, a noted tourist hotel many years, spacious lobbies, patio, old southern dinners. Baker hotel system. **PLAZA**, 500 rms., all with bath, new, splendidly equipped modern hotel home. **ROBERT E. LEE**, 200 rms., all with bath, new, well liked, well equipped, \$2.50 down. Percy Tyrrell hotel system. **ST. ANTHONY**, 450 rms., fine hotel, spacious lobbies, large veranda facing park. **TRAVELERS**, 150 rms., comfortable, popular commercial hotel, centrally located. All well regulated, well located hotels.

CAMPS—Nice free municipal camp in riverside location at Josephine St. Numerous private camps. The two listed below rank among the best in the United States for equipment and service.

GRANDE COURT TOURIST APMTS. 2-3-4 rms., kitchenette, showers, living rms., dinettes, well furnished; nice lawns, flowers, excellent service. Mulberry and Jones Sts., near Brackenridge Park.

ANGELES COURT. Attached bungalows of most modern character, on OST west. Equal to hotel apmts. See display adv.

For pleasant auto service—Jamison's at 3rd and Broadway and Lowry's at 1227 Navarro. Jamison has filling sta., washes, greases, carries accessories and Hood tires. Lowry has filling sta., quick tire service, accessories and Kelly tires. The men are efficient and attentive.

INF—Old Spanish Trail headquarters at Gunter Hotel. S. A. Automobile League, (AAA) Crockett Hotel; Chamber of Commerce, Aztec Bldg.

THRU THE HILLS

San Antonio to El Paso—382 miles

Road Conditions

This section is usually driven without hardship in two and three days. Well graded, well maintained gravel prevails; 200 mi. are paved. The roadbed is broad, grades and curves are comfortable. At Roosevelt for 12 mi. the Llano River is forded on a fine line of under-water concrete bridges; between the fords the old trail is maintained. A new road has to be built. This river trail with its spring water and shady groves is enjoyed by most people. Dry weather prevails in West Texas.

Description of Country

The Old Spanish Trail westward from San Antonio cuts directly thru the Texas Hill Country to El Paso. The mileage is shortened and the traveler enjoys the rugged hills and sparkling waters that have made the Hill Country noted for its cattle and goat ranches and popular for recreation. The elevation and the dry sunshine make the climate enjoyable and allow all-year outdoor sports and pleasures. Fourteen clear-water rivers are in West Texas. Bexar, Kendall, Kerr and Kimmie counties have a thousand miles of spring-fed rivers and creeks. Very good drinking water prevails. Hotels serve generous country meals. Three new, fine hotels have just been built and others enlarged. Camps of all kinds are settling in the Hill Country—church encampments, auto ranch and recreation camps, boys' and girls' character camps, boy and girl scouts and numerous other recreational camps. In the Davis Mts. the Madera Springs mountain club is developing with every convenience for all-year service and all kinds of pleasures and for Old Spanish Trail travel.

Old History

In 1684 La Salle with a colonizing expedition from France sought the Mississippi River to take possession of the Mississippi Valley in the name of his king. He failed in this colony on territory he claimed and in 1689 sent an expedition from Mexico; they reached the La Salle site and found La Salle had been murdered by his men and the French were dead or going away. A second expedition in 1690 continued northward and founded missions in the district in East Texas. In 1699-1700 a group of missions was established south

of the Rio Grande between the present Eagle Pass and Laredo. In 1716-17 four new missions were established near Nacogdoches but Spain found Nacogdoches too remote an outpost so in 1718 the mission, now the historic Antonio, was transferred from the Rio Grande and a fort (presidio) was established near it and San Antonio dates from this. In 1720 the Mission San Jose was established. In 1721 the Villa of San Fernando de Bexar (townsite) was started and the missions Concepcion, San Juan and San Francisco were transferred from the Nacogdoches district to the San Antonio River.

From San Antonio other missions were established over a wide area. Gradually the outlying missions were abandoned or Indians destroyed them. The San Antonio missions grew into great establishments. Fine schools, churches and other buildings and irrigating systems were built. Today the ruins bear mute testimony to great achievement. These enterprises, so deep in a savage land, were remarkable achievements even in that brilliant age.

LEON SPRINGS. Jct. to Camp Stanley, one of the large U.S. military reservations. R. Aue Service Station, good.

BOERNE. Beginning of West Texas Hill Country; sheep, goat and cattle ranches. **KENDALL INN**, **PHILLIPS** and **HILLTOP** hotels. Free and cabin camps.

LIVE OAK SERVICE STA. (at sign, "North Boerne") **Goodyear**, Firestone tires; rest rms., iced drinks.

GUADALUPE RIVER at Comfort; this river now flowed for 25 mi.

COMFORT. On the Guadalupe river. These hills and valleys between Comfort and Boerne offer some of the prettiest driving scenery in America. Rustic drives among the hills. Pretty farms in the valleys, good ranches back in the hills and canyons. Elevations and dry sunshine provide a stimulating climate. Hermann Sons Home on a hill crest westward.

MEYER HOTEL—Mrs. and Mrs. Ellenberger. Pleasant country place, good meals. \$2.50 to \$3.00 A.P. Open day and night.

COMFORT AUTO CO. Ford dealers. Well equipped garage and service.

COMFORT DRIVE-IN FILLING STA. Tires, repairs, accessories, general service, rest rms. 6:30 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

HIGHWAY SERVICE STA. Grease rack, tires; iced drinks; general service. 6:30 A. M. to 9:00 P. M.

ARMADILLO FARM. 3.6 mi. west. (Chas. Appell). You have seen the odd looking armadillo baskets on sale. See these queer animals alive at the world's only armadillo farm.

Free camp on river, east.

CENTER POINT. On a river bluff; a hill town resort. Church encampment near. Several small hotels, **BRUFF HOUSE** loads. Camp space along the river. Cabin camp in a riverside grove on OST west.

BURNEY'S GARAGE and service sta. Grease rack, tires, gen. repairs, Ford and Chev. parts, storage, labor \$1, tow car. Pl. 3, 8:30 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

COX & EDEN'S GARAGE, service sta., Ford dealers, parts, repairs on all cars, labor \$1, tow car. 6 A. M. to 10 P. M.

KERRVILLE. A resort capital of the hills. Largest primary wool and mohair market in Texas. Numerous camps along the river; cabin and free auto camps, boys' and girls' character camps, church encampments. East 3 mi. on the OST, the American Legion \$2,000,000 hospital now conducted by the U.S. Government; adjoining are the Schreiner Institute and the Presbyterian Encampment. **BLUE BONNET HOTEL**, new, modern, 140 rms., overlooks Guadalupe River. **ST. CHARLES** and other hotels.

INF—Chamber of Commerce.