

Lee Company in 1925 brought in a 5,000 bbl. well on lower levels and Beaumont lived anew the excitement of the pioneer days. Today the Yount-Lee production at Spindie Top is 40,000 bbls. daily; the total production, about 54,000 bbls. daily. With the production of the other companies some 80,000,000 bbls. are now claimed as Spindie Top's record and the end not in sight. Networks of pipes lie under this land. Thousands of producing wells feed the refineries—from Spindie Top's prodigal flow and from the countless fields of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Louisiana. At Beaumont is the Magnolia refinery and near are other Magnolia plants. At Port Arthur, 22 mi. southeast of Beaumont is the Gulf refinery embracing 3,600 A.—largest in Texas, and also the chief refinery of the Texas Company, and at Texas Island is the big plant where the cans are made and the Texaco products manufactured and shipped; at Port Neches their asphalt plant. The Pure Oil Co., Humble, Atlantic, Yount-Lee, Prairie and others add to the network of oil industries in this district. An annual payroll of \$50,000,000 is claimed from the oil companies. The automobile was a toy when oil was discovered. Gasoline had no market and was dumped into the sea. Today the products from this district go out to the world over the seven seas. Today the automobile is King and the Sabine district is the King's market place. Stop here awhile. (See page 47).

**HOTEL BEAUMONT** is new and good. **CROSBY HOTEL** old but well kept. Two fine new hotels under construction. New cabin camp well equipped. Good free camp at the fair grounds. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce. Also Automobile Club (AAA) at Hotel Beaumont.

**McDonald's Tire, Service and Storage Sta.** is large and well liked.

\***LIBERTY.** One of the old settlements of Texas and center of fertile farming country. Several big oil fields. Rice, cotton and cattle. The **CENTRAL**, a clean country hotel, fills early. Cabin camp, east. free space; cabins \$1.00.

**TRINITY RIVER.** Another of the big flood rivers draining into the gulf.

**DAYTON.** Cotton, rice, cattle and oil fields. Developing into a busy little town. Lodging. Camp space.

**CROSBY.** Cotton and general farming. Lodging. Free camp, good shade.

**SAN JACINTO RIVER.** Private camps. Camp sites by the river.

\***HOUSTON.** Deep-water sea channel; greatest port and one of the important railroad centers of the Southwest; oil and cotton exporting and products manufacturing; one of the rich and fast growing cities of Texas. East 25 mi. is San Jacinto Battlefield where Gen. Sam Houston and the Texas patriots defeated Santa Ana and won Texas freedom in 1836. Big sulphur mines to the south. Galveston at the gulf. Rice Institute is passed on South Main St., a fine and distinctive college; a drive about the spacious campus will repay. The Gulf Coast Good Roads Ass'n. is proceeding intelligently to tie all East Texas together with a first-class system of highways. This is all good country.

**Hotels**—**RICE** leads, 1,000 rms., well liked; **SAM HOUSTON**, new, nice, moderate priced; **BRISTOL**, popular prices, well managed; **WARWICK**, apartment and transient, near Rice Institute. Cabin camp, Harrisburg Rd., camp space 50c, cabins up to \$2.50. Inf.—Motor League of South Texas (AAA) at Bender Hotel.

**SUGAR LAND.** This entire community is owned and maintained by the Imperial Sugar Co. and allied interests;

it is an interesting study in community development. A courtesy department is maintained for visitors. Over 1,000,000 lbs. of refined sugar shipped daily. Country hotel. Camp space.

\***RICHMOND.** The first Anglo-American settlement in Texas. Other early settlements were Spanish or Mexican. **NATIONAL HOTEL.**

**BRAZOS RIVER.** Note height of bridge above normal water. All OST bridges contend with high floods.

**ROSENBERG.** Cotton and corn. Country hotel, good meals. Free camp, east side, shady. **Jurica's OST Garage** has good mechanics.

**NOTE.** The Richmond—Rosenberg—East Bernard sector is black dirt, bad in wet weather. This is planned for pavement. A gravel and paved detour adding 8 mi. will soon be ready—only 5 mi. of this detour remains unimproved. The main line is well maintained and except during rain or construction will be found good driving.

**SAN BERNARD RIVER.**

**EAST BERNARD.** Rice, cattle and cotton. See dirt road memo under Rosenberg. Inf.—Highway Garage.

\***EAGLE LAKE.** About 40,000 A. of rice lands in this district. 40% developed. Water from Colorado River and from wells 27 to 40 ft. which flood 35 to 50 A. **DALLAS HOTEL.** running water in rooms. Also **DRUMMERS HOTEL.** Free camp on OST, east. Davis Filling Sta. gives good service.

**COLORADO RIVER** at Columbus.

\***COLUMBUS.** Numerous fine old live oaks about the town. Under the oak near the Court House the first district court of the Republic of Texas was held. Columbus was in the path of Santa Ana during the Texas revolution and was burned by Gen. Sam Houston. **HOTEL LIVE OAK** and several lodging houses. Camp space in grove. New complete cabin camp on OST east of town.

**WEIMAR.** General farming; chicken and turkey growing. Rolling country and pretty farms. **JACKSON HOTEL.** Camp space. Inf.—Brasher's Garage and good service.

**SCHULENBURG.** Cotton and pretty farm section; nice views over the hills. Only cotton-seed flour mill in world; shipped everywhere for bread used in diabetic cases. This part of Texas German and Bohemian. Clean rooms at the station hotel, also at new boarding house. Nice camp on OST, west. Inf.—J. C. Baumgarten, OST Director.

**FLATONIA.** Important turkey, chicken and egg production; cotton and pretty farms and rolling hills. Country hotel, good meals. Free camp in town. Inf.—Lee's Garage and good service.

**WAELDER.** Lodging. Camp space.

\***GONZALES.** Noted in the history of Texas liberation as the "Lexington of Texas." Thirty-two of her men died in the Alamo. The Texans mobilized there and fired the first shot for Texas independence. Santa Ana invested the town. State Park reservation in the town on the OST. Civic improvements progressing, asphalt streets, golf, nice residences. Rich wooded and farming country, rolling hills and valleys, cotton, corn, a leading poultry shipping center, natural pecan growing country. **PLAZA** and **ALCAIDE** hotels. Auto camp on OST, north of P. O.

**SAN MARCOS RIVER,** west of Gonzales 2½ mi. Fine camp in riverside grove.

\***SEGUIN.** Prosperous farming country. **AUMONT HOTEL,** only modern fireproof hotel between Houston and San Antonio. Free camp on river, south.

**GUADALUPE RIVER** at McQueeney. Other villages westward Marion, Cibolo and Schertz. Nice farms.