

shelter house, screened dining room, tables, benches, shower baths, toilets, electric lights, wood. OST Councilors, Joe North and L. B. Adams.  
Sheep and goat ranches and bumper gates; high rock-bound hills and plateaus.  
The roads are better from Oozona westward, considerable work has been done. Meas, small valleys and one "Alpine hill" 38 mi. west, are encountered. In the canyon creek is 3.47 mi. west, with the ruins of the old frontier Camp Lancaster on the stream nearby. Oozona is another mid-west community with some improvements. The improvements developing nicely and a country to interest the traveler.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Royal Hotel & Cafe. Home cooking. Clean service. Oozona Garage. North side of Park. 8000-ft. floor space. Ladies' rest room. Tourist camp.  
Chris Meinecke. General store. Food, hardware, ammunition, camp goods.  
Oozona Meat Market. Finest barbecue meats. Day and night service.  
Flowers & Adams. The Big Store. All lines of merchandise.  
Oozona Hotel. W. B. Grassis.

1240.9-----SHEFFIELD, TEXAS (Pecos River)-----1576.1

73.0 mi. Graded Dirt and Gravel.  
Pop. 100. Elevation 2229 ft. Tourist Camp—Maintained by community one mile off OST at Pecos Springs. Country Hotel. OST Vice Pres. Mrs. Josephine Couch.  
Ancient crossing of the Pecos river built in Spanish, pioneer and military days. Ruins of old Camp Lancaster, east of the river. A noted ancient trail was from Sheffield to Ft. Clark (bracketed), then to San Antonio to Ft. Clark. A noted ancient trail was from Sheffield and connecting the Spanish frontiers at San Antonio, and at Chihuahua. The overland mail route from San Antonio to El Paso and San Diego. At Sheffield the traveler enters the big cattle range country and long mileage without houses. Stock up carefully with supplies.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Sheffield Garage. Supplies and repairs. Day and night service.  
1167.9-----FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS-----1649.1  
Zero at Post Office.

53.6 mi. (33.7 mi. Graded Dirt; balance Gravel).  
Pop. 1297. Elevation 2948 ft. Tourist Camp—At Comanche Springs; community house, kitchen, dressing room, shower bath, electric lights, stoves, swimming pool at springs. Hotel Stockton. OST Councilors, James Rooney and Dr. D. W. Sibley.  
"The Spring City of Texas" is a bit of country made to blossom by springs, supplies, and a good road from the rocks. Comanche Springs, 35,000,000 gals. daily; the group of springs, 55,000,000 gals. Over 1000 cars of alfalfa shipped annually. Fruits, vegetables and grains produced. The army built Ft. Stockton. The springs in the arid country west of the Pecos were the "waterholes" and stations when the overland travelers between San Antonio and San Diego. The army planted its frontier posts around them. More anciently they were points of contest as Indian tribes and Spanish conquerors, adventurers and missionaries struggled for mastery. Leon Springs, 7 mi. west of Ft. Stockton, flow 1,654,800 gals. daily, irrigating 21,000 acres and also creating Leon Lake of 700 acres. Stock up carefully with supplies in this West Texas town. Ft. Stockton. Davis Mountains reached by two routes thru Ft. Stockton.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Stockton Pharmacy. Drugs, kodaks, fountain, confections.  
Rooney Mercantile Co. Complete department store. Camp and auto supplies.  
Stockton Bakery. Fresh daily baking. Tourist and camp needs.  
Hotel Stockton. Larrest, best equipped hotel between San Antonio and El Paso.  
City Garage. Main St. Ph. 103. Day and night service.  
Pace Auto Co. Authorized Ford sales and service. Tourist headquarters.  
City Meat Market. Fresh and barbecued meats. Clean, sanitary. W. F. Hockett.

1114.3-----BALMORHEA, TEXAS-----1702.7

36.0 mi. (10 mi. Gravel; 16 mi. Dirt; 10 mi. Gravel).  
Pop. 400. Elevation 3209 ft. Tourist Camp and bath-

ing at Phantom Springs 8.2 mi. west. Hotel Balmorhea. OST Councilor, B. W. Van Doren.  
Balmorhea, named from founders, Balcomb, Morris, and Rhea. A district of alfalfa, melons, apples, pears, peaches and honey created by irrigation from Head Springs located at Toyahvale. The OST takes the northern foothills of the Davis Mountains. Balmorhea is the northern entrance.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Hotel Balmorhea. Home cooking, clean. C. M. Linton. OST Filing Station. Garage, repairs, supplies. John B. Coffey.

## THE DAVIS MOUNTAINS

A great state park is planned in these mountains. Ft. Davis was a noted frontier post. The mountains range up to 8000 ft. They will be the only all-Allen mountain park in the U. S., and of remarkable attraction. Heretofore herds of pure bred range muttons and valleys. Ft. Davis is the country seat. A tourist camp is provided in a cottonwood grove nearby. Dry and cool temperature summer and winter. The Bloys Camp Meeting held in August each year, is non-denominational and noted all over Texas. Their grounds are in a valley a mile high 18 mi. west of Ft. Davis. The mountains are reached from Ft. Stockton, Balmorhea, Van Horn, Valentine, Marfa or Alpine.

1078.3-----KENT, TEXAS-----1738.7

38.4 mi. Gravel. (6 mi. rough around Plateau).  
Pop. 31. Elevation 4202 ft. Country store with gas and oil.

1039.9-----VAN HORN, TEXAS-----1777.1

33.3 mi. (11 mi. Gravel; 10 mi. Dirt; 12 mi. Gravel).  
Pop. 614. Elevation 4010 ft. Tourist Camp—Shelter and ovens.  
Cattle country. Western gate to Davis Mountains. A store and garage will be found at Allamore 10.9 mi. west of Van Horn. Some interesting mountain and canyon driving.

1006.6-----SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS-----1810.4

34.7 mi. Gravel.  
Pop. 723. Elevation 4512 ft. Tourist Camp—A camp house in case of emergency. Palace Hotel. OST Councilor, E. T. Anderson.  
High, rocky country, rich in old Indian and Spanish lore. The traveler is on the ancient trailway to the west. Back in the days of wild animals and Indians the pass thru the mountains, now El Paso, was the way westward. Sierra Blanca means "white mountain."

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Borderland Auto Co. Lincoln-Ford-Fordson. Garage, storage, repairs, supplies.  
Palace Hotel. Clean. Reasonable. Home cooking.

971.9-----FT. HANCOCK, TEX. (Rio Grande)-----1845.1

23.6 mi. (11 mi. Gravel, then Paving).  
Pop. 34. Elevation 3519 ft. Small accommodations in emergency.  
The highway now follows the course of the Rio Grande into and beyond El Paso. Town one-half mile north of OST. The old fort was abandoned in 1883; some of the old buildings remain. Irrigation system continues 40 mi. southeast of Ft. Hancock, following the river.

948.3-----FABENS, TEXAS (Rio Grande)-----1868.7

16.6 mi. Paving.  
Pop. 500. Elevation 3612 ft. Tourist Camp—On island in the Rio Grande. Small hotel and garage.  
Fabens is a growing community. Irrigation growing cotton and alfalfa.

931.7-----YSLETA, TEXAS-----1885.3

12.7 mi. Paving.  
Pop. 2025. Elevation 3827 ft. Interurban to El Paso. This is the "Valley Road" of El Paso, following the course of the Rio Grande. This tree-shaded highway, and the irrigating canals, tree gardens and country homes offer an attractive picture. There are canals and old missions that date back to the Spaniards of the 17th century. Clint 7.4 mi. west of Fabens and one-fourth mile off the OST was first called by the Spanish, San Elizario, and is claimed as older than El Paso. Ysleta and its old mission carry their history back to the struggles that made Santa Fe the second oldest city in the United States. This Rio Grande Valley around El Paso was a strategic point between Mexico City and New Mexico. The mission San Jose lies nearer El Paso.

919.0-----EL PASO, TEXAS (Rio Grande)-----1898.0  
Zero at Hotel Paso Del Norte.

19.6 mi. Paving.  
Pop. 77,560. Elevation 3762 ft. Tourist Camps—At Washington Park on OST at east edge of city, all conveniences. Camp Grande, Alameda Ave. east end of OST, fine accommodations, both private and general. El Paso del Norte, the Pass of the North, Gateway to Mexico and the new Southwest, keypoint to a veritable empire. Cabeza de Vaca and his companions landed here in 1536. First Spanish settlement made in 1659. Noted point on El Camino Real (the King's Highway) from Mexico City to Santa Fe. City of importance, modern in every respect; manufacturing and distributing center. In heart of rich irrigated farming, cattle and mining districts. Ft. Bliss, one of the most important military and air bases in the United States, is located at El Paso.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Hotel Paso Del Norte. Leading hotel between San Antonio and California.  
Camp Grande. Southwest's Premier Camp. Camping space and conveniences. Also private accommodations. Perry Tire Co., 600 Texas St. Phone Main 146. Kelly-Springfield tires, USLI batteries, Gabriel snubbers. El Paso Automobile Club.

899.4-----ANTHONY, N. M.-STATE LINE-----1917.6  
Rio Grande.

21.1 mi. Concrete Paving.

Pop. 938. Elevation 3793 ft.

878.3-----MESILLA PARK, N. M.-----1938.7

66.7 mi. (Graded Gravel 7 mi. west from Mesilla Park; 30 mi. Natural Gravel and Dirt; 23.4 mi. of Graded Gravel to Deming).  
Pop. 1000. Elevation 3878 ft. Rio Grande 5 mi. west of Mesilla Park.

811.6-----DEMING, N. M.-----2065.4

61.8 mi. (Gravel 21 mi. west from Deming; under construction 24 mi.; Gravel 7 mi.)  
Pop. 3212. Elevation 4215 ft. Over the Divide at 4524 ft.

748.8-----LORDSBURG, N. M.-----2067.2

48.0 Gravel.

Pop. 1325. Elevation 4244 ft.

701.8-----RODEO, N. M.-----2115.2

State Line 1.8 mi. west  
51.8 mi. Gravel.  
Pop. 267. Elevation 4118 ft.

650.0-----DOUGLAS, ARIZ.-----2167.0

Zero at Hotel Gadsden.  
24.6 mi. Concrete Paving.  
Pop. 9916. Elevation 3966 ft.

625.4-----BISBEE, ARIZ.-----2191.6

Zero at Depot.  
26.3 mi. Gravel and Asphalt.  
Pop. 9205. Elevation 5294 ft. Continental Divide crossed at 6030 ft. elevation.

699.1-----TOMBSTONE, ARIZ.-----2217.9

26.3 mi. Gravel.  
Pop. 1178. Elevation 4537 ft.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

A. H. Gardner, OST Vice President, would like to have you stop. Branch at Tombstone for Nogales and the old missions in Santa Cruz Valley.

572.8-----BENSON, ARIZ. (San Pedro River)-----2244.2

52.4 mi. Gravel.

Pop. 825. Elevation 3578 ft.

520.4-----TUCSON, ARIZ.-----2296.6

Zero at Congress St. and Stone Ave.  
69.6 mi. (Concrete 5.4 mi., then Gravel to Florence).  
Pop. 20,232. Elevation 2386 ft. Location of the University of Arizona.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Tucson Chamber of Commerce.

450.8-----FLORENCE, ARIZ. (Gila River)-----2266.2

67.3 mi. Paving and Gravel.  
Pop. 1161. Elevation 1490 ft.

383.5-----PHOENIX, ARIZ. (Salt River)-----2433.5

Zero at Adams Hotel.  
34.6 mi. Paving.  
Pop. 29,053. Elevation 1052 ft.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Automobile Club of Arizona. Van Buren and Central ave.

348.9-----BUCKEYE, ARIZ.-----2468.1

9.3 mi. Concrete construction to be finished Jan. 1925.  
Pop. 726. Elevation 980 ft.

339.6-----HASSAYAMPA RIVER, ARIZ.-----2477.4

79.0 mi. Gravel.

Pop. \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation 875 ft.

260.6-----AZTEC, ARIZ. (Gila River)-----2556.4

81.6 mi. Gravel.

Pop. 62. Elevation 494 ft.

179.0-----YUMA, ARIZ. (Colorado River)-----2638.0

Zero at Bridge. Colorado River the State Line.

46.3 mi. (Paving, Gravel and 6 mi. of Plank Road).  
Pop. 4237. Elevation 139 ft.

132.2-----HOLTVILLE, CAL.-----2684.8

11.2 mi. Graded Dirt.

Pop. 1347. 19 ft. below sea level.

121.0-----EL CENTRO, CAL.-----2696.0

121.0 mi. Paving and Gravel.

Pop. 5464. Below sea level, 51 ft.

0.0-----SAN DIEGO, CAL.-----2817.0

Zero at OST Zero Milestone at the Plaza.

Pop. 74,683. Elevation 146 ft. at City Hall. OST Director, Ed Fletcher, Jr.

San Diego is the Pacific Terminus of the Old Spanish Trail. It is the beginning of the Spanish occupation of California. The first mission, San Diego de Alcalá, was started in 1769, then followed those other sanctuaries "a day's journey apart" northward and beyond San Francisco, twenty-one in all. While the patriots on the Atlantic slope were fighting England for freedom Spain was peacefully building the missions along the Pacific slope. Earlier than this her missions at Tucson and Nogales and Santa Fe, at El Paso and Ysleta, at San Antonio, St. Augustine and elsewhere, and her works all thru these Southern Borderlands were now being her name with an interest that will live thru the ages. The legends and landmarks of a romantic past lie along the pathways and out among the byways of the Old Spanish Trail.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICE

San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

## TRAVEL TALKS

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The officers, directors, councilors and information bureaus are interested in developing travel comforts and friendliness. They will enjoy your calls.

The Old Spanish Trail is under state maintenance except for 60 mi. in Alabama. It is a pleasant sight to observe the maintenance crews working to make driving conditions always. It is better despite the heavy wear and tear of traffic, and to see here and there things they have done along the roadside to add to your safety and comfort.

The aim of the membership is to make this the first paved highway across the United States. Gravel will not endure under such constant, all-year service.

The Texas, the Gulf, and the Humble oil companies are members and helping promote travel comforts for your enjoyment.

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