

DEATH VALLEY DOIN'S

(By THE RAMBLER)

Graham Visits Coen Clay Co.

Mr. William Graham, representative of the Richfield Oil Co., is registered at hotel Amargosa, where he is attending to business affairs of the company in connection with the Coen Co., whose clay filtering products his company use in the oil industry. Mr. Graham reports an increase in production of the Coen Co., and a decided improvement in service, during the present year. Mr. R. M. Rice has just recently been made local manager of the Coen Company at their plant across the state line in Nevada and at their laboratory here. Mr. Graham spent eight weeks here in 1929, for the Richfield Co. and is enthusiastic over the many improvements hereabout since then.

Work Tailings On Old Pioneer

Simon Bacon, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Edith and son Buddy, were at the Junction last Thursday on a business trip from their camp, 12 miles north of Beatty, Nevada. Mr. Bacon reports very satisfactory progress at the cyanide plant which he and a small force of men are operating, working over the tailings of the old Pioneer workings, and those of the Mayflower. Mrs. Bacon, who was taken ill at the camp, three or four weeks ago, has been removed to San Fernando Valley, where she is improving.

Bentonite Will Begin Shipment

Mr. A. S. Clark, superintendent of the Western Talc Co. mines, located twelve or fifteen miles east of Tecopa, stopped off at the Junction last Tuesday.

Mr. Clark was enroute to the old Bradford bentonite property, fifteen miles north of the Junction, where he has a small force of men re-timbering the old mine shaft and installing a hoist.

Shipments of the mineral will soon be going out over the T. & T. This is said to be an exceptionally fine grade of bentonite, with a good market for the product.

Scotty Host To Redondo People

It was a live bunch of visitors from Redondo Beach sojourned for several days at hotel Amargosa and toured the Valley, last week, not only toured the Valley, with a side trip to Scotty's, and another to view the ruins at Rhyolite — but they 'broke over' into Nevada and had the natives of our neighboring

state staring at them and watching them in wonderment. Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Burr, of Redondo, who have been regular visitors to Death Valley for years past, arrived late Saturday evening, October 16th, and registered at the Amargosa. On one of the ir side trips, to Las Vegas, they picked up Mr. Edgar Etter, secretary, chamber of commerce at Redondo, and Mr. Joe Louis, (not the Joe of heavy weight fame), merchant at the sea-side resort. The four, one day, visited the Nevada placer mining fields and saw the yellow metal extracted from the sands and gravel of Mother Nature. They were delighted at seeing, at close view, the workings of the primitive "dry washers," wash the gravel which had been deposited in the gulch by erosion and storms, ages ago, and then to see the little streak of gold collect at the crease in the miner's pan, as he deftly washed (with water, in the last stage) the dross away. On the following day Messrs. Etter and Louis made the trip up to Scotty's nearly 90 miles from the Junction. They were agreeably surprised to find Scotty right on the job. And, to their surprise and delight, Scotty entertained them for some time, and he seemed unusually jovial and good-natured that day.

The government highway leading up to Scotty's has just recently placed in good condition, with a surfaced road right up to, or very near the Castle. Inasmuch as this has been a rough, tedious road for visitors to travel, and has deterred many tourists from making the trip up there, we predict that, now, with a smooth roadway, there will be a marked increase in the number of visitors to Scotty's Castle, in the future.

Rambler Gossips Of Death Valley

Ben Barlow, garage mechanic at the Junction, sustained an injury to his knee one day last week, which layed him up, suffering excruciating pain. He was later removed to the Las Vegas hospital for an X-ray examination and for observation. Latest reports are that Ben suffered no vital injury and it is thought will soon be back on the job.

Frank Tilton, the genuine old-time of Death Valley, was siezed by a sudden illness early Sunday morning, October 16, and was removed immediately to the Las Vegas hospital for observation. At last report it was stated that Frank was not seriously ill, and it was thought that he would soon be back on the job again, at his bench, in the stops of the T. & T.

Mrs. N. P. Gower, hostess at hotel Amargosa returned last week to Death Valley from their Hollywood home. She is now to be found in the lobby of the hotel, where she has lived for several years past, during the season. During the early summer, Mr. and Mrs. Gower and daughter, Mary Lillian, made a rather extensive tour of the Pacific coast, visiting and examining all the old missions. They did seek out and examine about fifteen or sixteen — nearly all of the missions — but stated that in their opinion, there were perhaps a couple of the smaller, or more obscure ruins which they did not visit.

Later in the summer Mrs. Gower and Mary Lillian toured, by train, the middle-western and eastern states and cities, going as far as Boston and Cambridge, Mass., where at the latter city, they visited the famous Harvard University. One of the outstanding features of their trip, Mrs. Gower states, was the many interesting and instructive exhibits at Harvard.

Capt. Otto Buer, of the state highway patrol, located at Independence, was a visitor to Death Valley Junction last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Grimes returned to the Valley during the past week from a six week's vacation, a part of which was passed on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mauer, chef and waitress respectively, at hotel Amargosa, for a number of years in the past, are expected to arrive Tuesday, October 25. This will release the present chef, Mr. Frank Schneehagen, who will immediately leave for San Francisco to make the acquaintance of that new son, born to Mrs. Schneehagen, in the French hospital there, recently. Mrs. Schneehagen was formerly Miss Marie Isaacs, daughter of Mr. Bernard Isaacs of Ash Meadows.

Not Very Slow In Death Valley

We claim we're not so slow in Death Valley after all. How's this for Hi?

Mr. W. W. Beach ate noon lunch in Hartford, Connecticut, last Wednesday, October 19, and ate lunch at around 12 to 1 o'clock at hotel Amargosa, on Thursday, October 20.

Mr. Beach was met at the Las Vegas airport, where he landed from his plane and brought immediately to Death Valley Junction, a trip of about two hours by auto, by Mrs. Chas. Brown and her daughter, Mrs. Sorrell, of Shoshone.

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