

**FRANK M'ARRIER,
BACK FROM VALLEY
TRIP, IS OPTIMISTIC**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarrier and daughter Helen returned to Santa Cruz yesterday after a ten-day automobile tour through the cities of the lower San Joaquin valley, which took them southward to within approximately twenty miles of Bakersfield.

Mr. McCarrier returns bubbling over with enthusiasm, both at conditions encountered in the valley communities and the prospects for a great influx of residents from these localities to Santa Cruz during the coming summer season.

"From Santa Cruz to our southern terminus the countryside was one great garden," he stated. "Crops are good; there has been sufficient rain; territory never before utilized is now being cultivated, and the farmers and citizens are prosperous and optimistic.

"And believe me, we heard Santa Cruz mentioned on every side," he added. "They mention especially the improvement of the Pacheco pass and the ease with which they may now motor to this city. It seemed as though nearly every person I talked with stated that he was coming to Santa Cruz during the summer. I look to see an influx of valley people during the coming summer never before approached."

Mr. McCarrier also stated that he passed an exceedingly small number of "knights of the road" while motoring along the highways, and added that in this regard employment conditions throughout the valley were reported to him as being the best in many years, with very few persons out of work—and with plenty of work available for those now unemployed.

A great amount of land is being planted to cotton in the district immediately north of Bakersfield, he said, with many large signs being erected to handle this product.

The primary purpose of his family's trip, Mr. McCarrier said, was to visit with his brother, Owen McCarrier, who is superintendent of the Southern California Edison company interests in the vicinity of Visalia, and who lives in that city. While on their trip they also made short stays at Fresno, Porterville and Tulare.

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