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California Poppies on Southern Pacific's Coast Line

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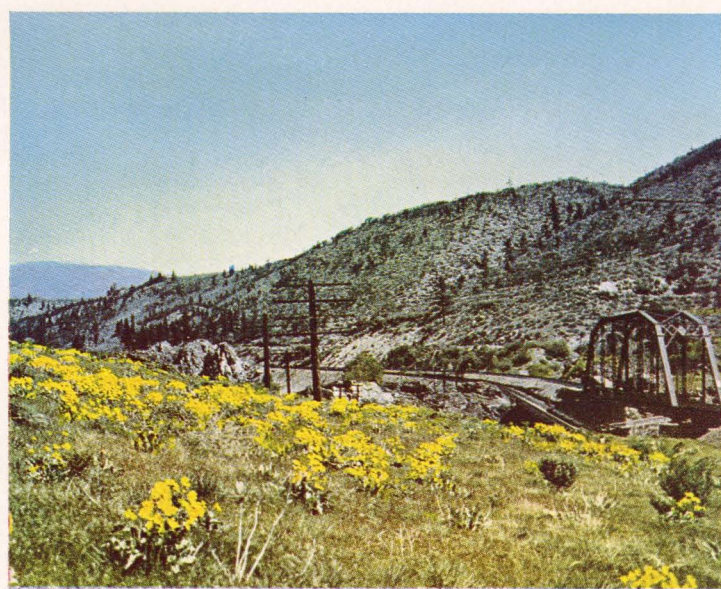
IN SPITE of the troubled state of the world, Spring will arrive as usual on Southern Pacific's 16,000 miles of line, beginning a cycle of color that lasts throughout the year. Already millions of wild flower seeds are germinating in the warm, wet earth and bare orchard branches are swelling with tiny buds.

Soon golden poppies and purple lupine will splash the soft green hills of California, and a thousand miles of western orchards will burst into bloom. Southern California will know the sweet scent of orange blossoms and the magnificent gardens of the Old South will glow with color. Thousands of travelers will follow the Azalea Trail and thrill to the New Orleans Spring Fiesta. The Desert, lush with Spring rains, will be carpeted with flowers.

Then Spring blooms will give way to those of Summer, followed by the russet colorings of Fall—especially beautiful in the Pacific Northwest, where autumn leaves blaze like fires in the evergreen forests. Even in winter western flowers bloom abundantly, especially in California.

In this issue, WEST salutes Nature, whose floral miracles are an endless source of inspiration to travelers on Southern Pacific's Four Scenic Routes.

Spring comes softly to the mountains



The yellow flowers are Balsam Root (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*), photographed in California's High Sierra on Southern Pacific's Overland Route. Wild flower displays are frequently most beautiful along the railroad right of way. (Trains carry wild flower seeds for hundreds of miles.) Rhododendrons at left are near Mt. Hood in Oregon; also grow abundantly by Southern Pacific's Cascade Line tracks in Oregon, and in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

OUR COVER PHOTOGRAPH: A field of California Poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*) on Southern Pacific's Coast Line. San Joaquin Valley Line is equally beautiful in Spring. Wild flower display in Tehachapi Mountains near Bakersfield is world-famous.





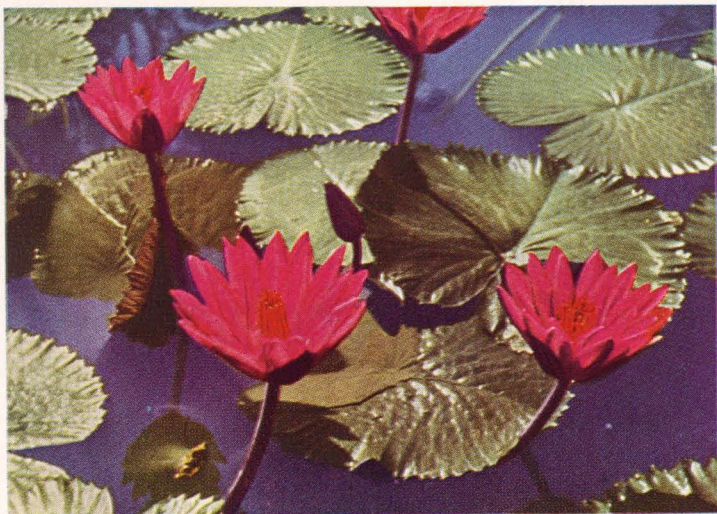
Like popcorn are the prune blossoms in California's Santa Clara Valley. Thousands of acres of these trees, blooming in the Spring, provide a real thrill for passengers on Southern Pacific's streamlined *Daylight* between San Francisco and Los Angeles. From the surrounding hills, the Santa Clara Valley looks as if covered with snow, so white are the blossoms.

Spring makes magic in the valleys

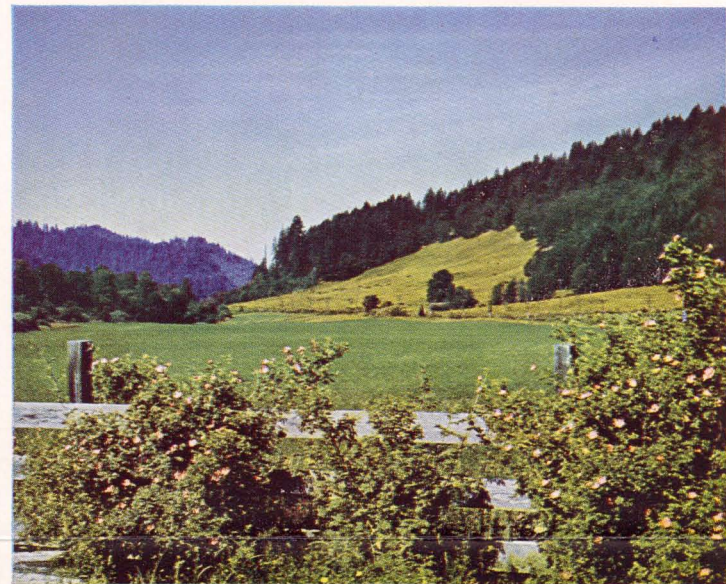


Tulips! Acres of them in gorgeous bloom near Portland, where the flowers are cultivated commercially for their bulbs. Like giant flags with multi-colored stripes spread out on the ground, these tulip fields are worth going many miles to see.

Water lilies are a feature of many formal gardens in New Orleans and other parts of the Old South. These are fine specimens.



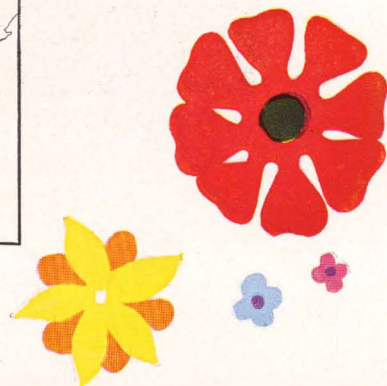
A golden field of *Hypericum perforatum* ("Klamath Weed" to you) in Oregon's Willamette Valley on the Shasta Route. (There are nearly 6,000 kinds of wild flowers on the Pacific Coast.)



Sweetbriar Roses (*Rosa rubiginosa*) bloom on a fence beside Southern Pacific tracks near Portland, Oregon. Portland is famed for its roses and its Rose Festival, held annually in June.



The Mission Trail between San Francisco and Los Angeles (route of the streamlined *Daylights*) might well be called the "Flower Trail." Here is Mission Santa Barbara, surrounded by gardens.



*...and the desert
blossoms like a rose*



Desert Verbena (*Abronia villosa*) is one of the countless varieties of wild flowers on the American desert. Contrary to popular belief, the desert is not a barren place. Millions of seeds await only the kindly touch of rain to burst into glorious bloom. California's fertile Imperial Valley once was desert.



Even cacti respond to the urge of Spring and bear flowers. This is a prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia*) on the vivid Southern Arizona desert.



Unlike the barren, rolling sand dunes of the Sahara is this California desert scene near Palm Springs, with yellow sun flowers, white evening primroses, pink verbena.



Streamlined "Daylight" speeds through blossoming orchards near San Jose.

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