DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

August 25, 1943.

TO All Personnel of the Division of Beaches & Parks

FROM A. E. Henning, Chief

SUBJECT STATE PARK BULLETIN

IT'S UP TO YOU

Would the personnel of this Division be interested in a little bulletin, same to be prepared periodically by someone in the organization who would be given the responsibility of compiling the material for it? Such a bulletin would carry only news of interest to the personnel of this Division for the purpose of promoting morale, efficiency, better acquaintance and a more congenial relationship between the individual members of our personnel. Formerly there was a department magazine known as the "Conservationist", which carried information relative to the five divisions comprising the Department of Natural Resources. Publication of this departmental magazine was discontinued by act of the Legislature.

What I am here suggesting is not a large printed type of magazine, but merely a few pages of mimeographed material confined to the activities and objectives of this Division. Such a bulletin might be divided into sectional news or information under headings of a character suggested below. Commission activities, rules and policies, office routine and procedure, legislative enactments affecting the Division, and notes or items from the field personnel.

Items or notes from the field personnel will of course be those that are submitted by the field personnel and for that reason the cooperation of the entire personnel would be necessary for the success of the venture as well as making its contents worthy of the efforts expended in its compilation. A sample bulletin will consist of the material set forth from this point on:

A LIST OF OUR PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

Barker, Z. Allen
Chaffee, Jess T.
Crawford, Leo J.
Davies, Frank
Gregory, Murrell
Griffith, L. P.
Holmboe, George
Knight, Jack
Lemley, Jack
Morgan, Maurice
Nealon, Philip J.
Pesch, Harold T.
Powell, Everett E.
Saddler, Henry W.
Stanley, Kenneth
Trigeiro, Anton
Urch, Anthony
Weatherbee, Wm. A.

Every employee in the armed services will have his job waiting for him when he returns. Employees who have left the Division to engage in War industries will not have their positions reserved for them because it would not be fair to those of you who are remaining loyal to your jobs in this Division to be penalized in your opportunities of advancement or promotion.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE STATE PARK SYSTEM

The AZALEA RESERVE, located 3 miles north of Arcadia, Humboldt County, on the County road, 1 mile east of Highway #101. This reserve contains 30 acres and is valued at $6,000.00. It was acquired on the matching basis with funds contributed through the Save-the-Redwoods League. The area is an outstanding example of the beautiful azaleas which are in bloom between April and July.

VAN DUZEN REDWOODS STATE PARK, located in Humboldt County on the Eureka-Red Bluff Highway, 14.9 miles from Fortuna and includes the area at the junction of the Van Duzen River and Grizzley Creek. It is a beautiful redwood grove, comprised of 150 acres and was purchased through a legislative appropriation. It is predicted that some day this park will rival Richardson Grove.

LUMMIS' EL ALISAL HOME, located in Los Angeles adjacent to the Southwest Museum. It is an historic monument, comprising an area of approximately 2 acres. It was the home of Charles W. Lummis, Founder of the Southwest Museum, organizer of the Landmarks Club and an active pioneer in bringing about the preservation of early historic missions. Jurisdiction for the operation of this historic monument has been given to the Park Department of the City of Los Angeles.

SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL

Your Commission and administrative personnel are well aware of the acute shortage in our field personnel and everything possible is being done to secure additional field personnel, but this is very difficult due to the higher compensative wages paid by War industries. Retribution for your present sacrifices will not be immediate, but over a long period the advantages of pleasant, permanent and secure positions will, I am sure, pay off.

The Personnel Department will in the near future schedule an examination for Custodians and your assistance and aid in securing candidates for this examination will be appreciated. Employees will be advised of the date of examination as soon as same has been set.

STATE PARK COMMISSION

DO YOU KNOW that all the members of your State Park Commission are Native Sons who through a long period of years have given of their personal time and effort in the upbuilding of the State? Governor Warren deserves our highest commendation for having selected such a

splendid group of able men to guide the destiny of this Division.

The Chairman of the Commission--the Hon. Joseph R. Knowland, who previous to his reappointment to the Commission had served on the Commission from 1932 to 1939. During the latter portion of that previous service, he was Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Knowland has been the Chairman of the Historic Landmarks Committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West since 1902. He served in the United States Congress from 1904 to 1915, is a past president of the California State Chamber of Commerce and the California State Automobile Association, and for a long time has been the Publisher of the Oakland Tribune.

Hon. Isidore B. Dockweiler--Prominent Native Son and lifelong resident of Los Angeles, California. Founder of the firm of Dockweiler and Dockweiler, well-known attorneys of Los Angeles. His love for his native State has resulted in the adoption of legislation for the display of the State Flag (California Bear Flag) on every publicly-owned building in the State of California.

Hon. Leo Carrillo--Descendant of early Spanish and Mexican settlers of California. At the time his grandparents arrived in this country, it was sparsely settled and he is through intermarriage related to such pioneer families as the Picos, Sepulvedas, Bandinis, Vallejos and others. Before becoming prominent in the moving picture industry, he was a stage actor of note and has left a never-to-be forgotten career on the stage as the leading character in "Lombardi Limited".

Hon. Alfred Harrell-- Has been active in the Native Sons organization for the past 40 years, during which time he has been Editor and Publisher of the Bakersfield Californian, which paper has developed into one of the most important papers of central California. Mr. Harrell has known the Governor since the Governor was a young lad and a very close association has existed between the Governor and Mr. Harrell throughout the entire life of Earl Warren.

Lieutenant George Waldner --former Editor and Publisher of the Fortuna Enterprise; now a member of our Armed Forces. Lt. Waldner is well-known and highly regarded in northern California. A Native Son, he has taken keen interest in the welfare of the State and his section thereof.

The next State Park Commission meeting is scheduled for September 17th and 18th at the State Building, San Francisco.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Calaveras Grove Hotel Burns. August 19th. Fire as of yet undiscovered origin razed the Calaveras Grove Hotel in Calaveras Big Trees State Park, a center of pioneer hospitality in the early years of California statehood and in the gold-rush period. The historic building, one of the few remaining early-day inns, was destroyed completely.

The building was erected in 1856 by James L. Sperry, and for its day was considered large--it could accommodate about 60 guests. Those guests numbered such important figures as Mark Twain and Bret Harte, who immortalized the gold country.

The hotel was one of the oldest structures in the state park system. It held memories of an early period when it was the custom for arriving stagecoaches to drive up with a flourish to the wide, front door, where hostlers took the horses and the guests entered beneath the peaked, sloping roof, with its edging of "lacework".

Great credit is due the California Youth Authority for their efforts in keeping the fire under control and stopping the flames from entering the Big Tree Grove.

Death Claims Senora Luisa Vallejo Emparan. Death came July 23 to Senora Luisa Vallejo Emparan, 87, last of the Vallejos, colorful early day family. Donna Luisa, sixteenth, and for years the only surviving child of General Mariano Guadelupe Vallejo, was born in Lachryma Montis, now a state monument, and resided there virtually all of her lifetime. The State of California purchased Lachryma Montis in 1933, making it the Vallejo Home Historic Monument, and appointed Senora Emparan its custodian.

Legislation Adopted by the 1943 Legislature and now before the Park Commission for consideration and possible later action:

The following acquisition appropriations were made:

$25,000 for the acquisition of the Camp Taylor Redwoods located in Marin County.

$7,500. for the removal of the buildings from Seacliff Beach to a higher location.

$150,000 for the acquisition of additional beach land near Huntington Beach in Orange County.

$30,000, a continuing appropriation for ocean beach acquisition at the City of Redondo Beach.

$112,500 for the acquisition of the Shrine Grove, San Mateo County.

$5,000 for landscaping and construction of an automobile parking space at Marshall's Gold Discovery Site near Coloma.

$25,000 for flood control protective measures near Dyerville in Humboldt County.

Richardson Grove. Recently the concession employee's

dormitory burned down but the fire was limited to the building itself, which happened to be one of the older structures.

Big Sur. The concession at Big Sur State Park was not opened this season, principally because the Big Sur Highway is closed to travel from 4 o'clock on every afternoon as a military regulation.

In spite of the limitations on gas and tires, the following parks are enjoying an unusually large patronage from both soldiers and civilians: Big Sur, Doheny Beach, Big Basin and Seacliff Beach.

Parks personnel in the Sacramento Office were pleasantly surprised on August eighteenth when Sgt. Harold Pesch, formerly of Carpinteria Beach, arrived for a few hours' visit. Harold is now located at George Field, Illinois, and reports that he likes his surroundings there. Rush plans were made for a picnic and swim party, which was attended by the entire office force and numerous members of their family. The picnic was held on the banks of the American River, and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. Harold looks fine--reports that he is fine--and has asked us to pass his "hellos" on to all of his Parks friends.

Elsie Langford of the Sacramento office has returned from her vacation, which was spent in Texas, where her husband has been stationed as a member of the Armed Forces. She is looking brown, hale and hearty and tells us she had a "swelligant" vacation.

Malcolm Byce showed a splendid spirit of cooperation when on very short notice Custodian Urch, located at Richardson Grove, was called into service and Custodian Byce accepted transfer to Richardson Grove, where he will be located for the remainder of the season.

Superintendent Powell reports that the severe treatment to which the SeaBees are subjected is even tough on a hardened individual like himself.

WHERE YOU ARE LOCATED AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

You will find attached to this bulletin a list of the entire field personnel, park location of each person, as well as the park Post Office address. This is furnished in order that you may pass on this information to the public when requested and also to promote correspondence between the personnel.

NAME THE CHILD:

If this bulletin is to be continued, it should have an official name and suggestions from the personnel for such name are in order. Selection of the proper official title of the bulletin will be made on receipt of suggestions. In order to give you the idea, the following are suggested:

"Park Bench Breeze"

"Murmurs from the Trees and Waves"

IT'S UP TO YOU

This bulletin started out with a heading "IT'S UP TO YOU" and is being closed with the same heading for the final item. If the personnel believe such a bulletin as herein suggested will be of value for the purposes initially outlined, it will be continued, but the moment the same seems to disintegrate into a chore by failing to receive your support and cooperation, it will be discontinued.

LIST OF FIELD PERSONNEL OF DIVISION OF BEACHES & PARKS

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS STATE PARK, Guerneville, California

Fred C. Canham Warden

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK, Big Basin, California

C. L. Cushing, Warden
Russell Noyes, Assistant Warden
Wm. H. Butler, Custodian
Malcolm Byce, Custodian
Wayne Cox, Custodian
Darrell Knoefler, Custodian
Aelred Matthews, Custodian
Arthur Parvin, Custodian
Frank Wells, Custodian

BIG SUR REDWOODS STATE PARK, Big Sur, California

Wm. L. Kenyon, Warden
Lloyd Lively, Assistant Warden
J. W. Calvert, Assistant Warden
Clifford LeNeve, Custodian
Glenn A. McQueen, Laborer

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK, Box 66, Arnolds, California

Alfred A. Beck, Custodian

CARPINTERIA BEACH STATE PARK, Carpinteria, California

Alfred P. Salzgeber, Custodian

CAYUCOS BEACH, Cayucos, California

Alfred Luxton, Laborer

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK, Descanso, California

H. W. Moore, Custodian
James V. McCamy, Custodian
Trueman Wigg, Custodian

D. L. BLISS STATE PARK, Box 265, Meeks Bay, California

Gordon T. Kishbaugh, Custodian

DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK, Doheny Park, California

H. R. Greeley, Warden
Charles Morrison, Custodian
H. J. Barnes, Custodian

DYERVILLE HEADQUARTERS, Weott, California

Paul V. Engelhardt, Custodian
Ralph L. Banfill, Custodian

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATER HISTORIC MONUMENT, Monterey, California

Isabel Hartigan, Custodian

FORT ROSS HISTORIC MONUMENT, Cazadero, California

Wm. H. Turk, Custodian

HOUSE OF GOLD HISTORIC MONUMENT, 200 Olivier Street, Monterey, Calif.

Charles S. Hight, Custodian

LA PURISIMA MISSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, R.F.D. 98, Lompoc, California

Earl P. Hanson, Warden
Leonard Moore, Custodian

MARSHALL MONUMENT HISTORIC MONUMENT, Coloma, California

C. M. Traylor, Custodian

MCARTHUR BURNEY FALLS, Burney, California

Elmer J. Pool, Custodian

MORRO BAY STATE PARK, Morro Bay, California

Clyde L. Newlin, Assistant Warden
Robert Byars, Custodian
Glenn A. Jackson, Custodian
Gard W. Tinkham, Laborer

MT. DIABLO STATE PARK, Diablo, California

Charles F. Fakler, Assistant Warden
Wm. E. Gott, Custodian
H. S. Van Gelder, Laborer

MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK, Idyllwild, California

Robert Hatch, Custodian

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK, Rt. 1, Box 839, Mill Valley, California

R. G. Bassett, Assistant Warden

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE HISTORIC MONUMENT, Monterey, California

Mary L. Greene, Custodian
Mrs. Clarence Tarr, Janitress

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, Palomar Mountain, California

Louis D. Juch, Custodian

PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK, Trinidad, California

Franklyn Brown, Custodian

POINT LOBOS RESERVE, Carmel, California

R. A. Wilson, Warden

PIO PICO MANSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, Pico, California

Dolores A. Connors, Custodian

PRAIRIE CREEK STATE PARK, Orick, California

C. L. Milne, Warden

RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK, Richardson Grove, California

E. G. Gray, Custodian

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH, San Clemente, California

Jack Fleckenstein, Warden
Rudolph Anderson, Custodian

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HISTORIC MONUMENT, San Juan Bautista, California

Frank Fair, Custodian

SEACLIFF BEACH STATE PARK, Aptos, California

J. D. Staiger, Warden
George Barr, Custodian
Jas. DeRemer, Custodian
Leo Lang, Custodian
Carl C. Schnauer, Custodian

SONOMA MISSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, Sonoma, California

Pauline C. Hays, Custodian
Robert Padias, Asst. Groundsman

VALLEJO HOME HISTORIC MONUMENT, Sonoma, California

Daisy V. Barbour, Custodian
Dulinda Bruskey, Janitress

VAN DAMME BEACH STATE PARK, Little River, California

Ben Twight, Custodian

WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH, Box 85, Pacific Palisades, California

Eugene Velzy, Assistant Warden
Arthur Sill, Custodian
Floyd Atmore, Custodian
Louis Wakefield, Custodian

WILLIAMS GROVE, Weott, California

E. J. Nash, Custodian

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WE ASSUME THE OBLIGATION!

Because of the almost unanimously favorable comments regarding the need, value, and service that can be rendered by the issuance of a monthly bulletin confined to information, news, objectives, and obligations of this Division to its personnel, the public, and the State, the administrative and office personnel of this Division hereby assume the responsibility of compiling such bulletin.

So that its publication will not become a chore or burden on any individual, the responsibility of editing the bulletin will be delegated to various individuals. For example, this issue is being edited by Henning and Morley; the November issue will be edited by Louise Morley; the December issue, Alice Garibaldi; the January issue, Ernie Camper; the February issue, Gladys Zumwalt; the March issue, Elsie Langford; the April issue, Jack Covington. Contributions from the field may be designated for the use of any individual issue. We feel this system will promote an interest and rivalry, through which the greatest good to the greatest number of people will be obtained.

NAME FOR THE BULLETIN

You will notice this issue is still unnamed, for by general consent, the right name has not yet been conceived.

Some of the suggested titles are: DOBAP Sheet--explanation, DOBAP is composed of the first letter of each word of the title, "Division of Beaches and Parks". The uninitiated will ask, "What does DOBAP mean?" and there you have it! Publicity!

Other names include: "Park Views and News", "The Voice of the Beaches & Parks", "Bear Facts"--the bear suggests the State of California and the facts are what we are looking for; "Park Trailer & Raft"; "Nuggets & Foam"; "B&P Broadcaster"; "Grizzly Grist": "Aladdin's Lamp".

WHO'S WHO?

WM. H. MOORE, who was appointed Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Governor Warren, is a man of broad experience and ability. Prior to his appointment as Director he was, for several years, connected with the State Department of Finance, and before his association with the State held a very responsible position as West Coast Manager for the U. S. Steel Corporation.

WHO'S WHO?

NEWTON B. DRURY--associated with this Division for many years prior to his appointment as Director of the National Park Service, with headquarters in Chicago--is a native Californian, a distinguished conservationist, and a leader in park and recreational work, having also served for over twenty years as Secretary of the Save-the-Redwoods League, an organization largely responsible for our present State Park System.

STATE PARKS--WHAT ARE THEY?

State parks are lands held and managed by the State expressly for the purpose that the people of the State shall be able, by access to them, forever, to enjoy certain things of state-wide interest and importance of which the people would otherwise become deprived. Chief among those things are: (1) natural scenery of unusual beauty; (2) natural objects of unusual educational and scientific value, such as rare kinds and combinations of trees, plants, and wild life, and of forms of earth, rocks and waters; (3) objects of state-wide historical interest; (4) areas specifically adapted to such activities as camping, boating, fishing, bathing, hiking, and other characteristics of life in the open, all with special reference to their inspirational and recreational value for refreshment and upbuilding of body and mind.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Yosemite Valley was the first state park in the United States, having been set aside as such in 1865. In 1905, the famous valley became part of the present Yosemite National Park.

The first area acquired for state park purposes, and still operating as such, in California was the California Redwood Park in Big Basin. Twenty-five hundred acres of virgin redwood forest and thirteen hundred acres of protective brush lands were acquired and established as a state park in 1902.

The oldest monument in the present State Park System is the monument to James Wilson Marshall, whose discovery of gold is credited with starting the gold rush. Funds for the erection of a bronze monument to Marshall were provided by the State Legislature in 1887. More recently the actual discovery site was acquired by the State for inclusion in the Marshall State Historic Monument.

The present unified system of beaches and parks dates from legislation of 1927 whereby there was created a central State Park Commission with authority to control policies and administration, a state park survey authorized, and a park bond issue of six million dollars (to be matched in equal amounts with gifts) provided, and in November, 1928, ratified by popular vote of almost three to one. The process of acquisition and creation of the present State Park System got under way in 1929.

ADMINISTRATION

The following administrative responsibilities were recently confirmed by Commission action:

The Chief of the Division is charged with the responsibility of carrying out the policies of the State Park Commission as to acquisition of any properties and the protection, operation, management, development, and maintenance of the real properties under the Division's jurisdiction; he is in charge of all personnel and personnel matters and defines the line of authority for such personnel; he is responsible for the disbursement of funds and for the personal property charged to the Division; and in all departmental matters as set up by the State or by the Department of Natural Resources, he is responsible to the Director of Natural Resources.

The Executive Secretary of the Park Commission, in addition to his other duties, is to act as Assistant to the Chief of the Division.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

The four State funds from which this Division derives its support are as follows:

The State Park Fund, the State Beach Fund, the State Park Maintenance Fund, and the State Park Contingent Fund.

The STATE PARK FUND receives its moneys from two-thirds of the oil revenue accruing to this Division and can be used for improvement and maintenance of state parks, state monuments, roads, trails, and pathways, and when specifically appropriated by legislature, for the construction and acquisition of state parks and state monuments, roads, trails, and pathways, providing access to state parks. The money, in order to be available for improvements and maintenance, must be set up in our budget or specifically appropriated by order of the Director of the Department of Finance.

The STATE BEACH FUND receives its moneys from one-third of the oil revenue accruing to this Division and can be used for support of the budget and for other purposes, if and when specifically appropriated by the legislature.

The STATE PARK MAINTENANCE FUND is the fund in which is deposited all moneys derived from state park revenues, park services, park concession and lands and structures, and taxable sales. The accumulated moneys can be used only for support or operating expenses and this fund is always the first exhausted in setting up the annual budget requirements for the Division.

The STATE PARK CONTINGENT FUND moneys are only depository into this fund from outside sources for specific purposes and are in trust for the carrying out of obligations definitely outlined and established. Unexpended balances revert to original sources.

Special appropriations may be made by the State Legislature from time to time, either from the General Fund or from the State Park Fund or the State Beach Fund.

TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Employees of this Division may now be reimbursed for their travel expenses from the revolving fund on presentation of properly authorized travel claims, and when the employee has furnished the Departmental Accounting Officer with Power of Attorney.

This method of paying travel claims was inaugurated at the request of a great many employees who wished to receive reimbursement for their advances on behalf of the State as soon as possible after filing their claims. In order to render this service to the employee, the Departmental Accounting Officer must have a Power of Attorney from the employee before the revolving fund may be reimbursed.

If a travel expense claim is submitted for an employee who has not signed a Power of Attorney, a note should be attached signifying the employee will sign one. The accounting office will then issue the revolving fund check and send a Power of Attorney to be signed. Without this indication, the claim will be handled in the usual manner, requiring several weeks.

The Power of Attorney may be used by the Departmental Accounting Officer only when an advance has been made from the revolving fund to the employee.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Latest known whereabouts of former Assistant Warden Anthony Urch is "somewhere in Africa".

A card from Everett Powell indicates he may soon be leaving for "parts unknown".

Another of our parks men has left for the Service--Darrell Knoefler of Big Basin joined Uncle Sam's forces the last of September.

We would like to have the addresses of all of our former employees who are in the Service so that the bulletin can be mailed to them. Can any of you employees supply this information?

OVERLOOKED

The last issue did not give the District Superintendents' addresses. These follow:

E. P. French	Northwest District	Weott, Box 81
R. S. Coon	Northeast District	Sonoma, Box 797
H. L. Blaisdell	Central District	417 Montomgery Street San Francisco 4
Guy L. Fleming	Southern District	La Jolla, Box 228

CORRECTIONS

Lt. George Waldner is the editor of the Ferndale Enterprise, NOT the Fortuna Enterprise, as reported in our last issue. The Commissioner's present address is: Hq. Bty 37th CA Brigade (AA), P.O.Box 2619, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Louise Robinson, who has just transferred from Bureau of Immigration & Housing to Division of Beaches and Parks, has now taken over Virginia Jordan's duties in the Los Angeles Office, as Virginia has resigned and is leaving for the East to marry her soldier.

Mrs. Pauline C. Hays retired, because of ill health, on September 30, after ten years of faithful service as Custodian of the Sonoma Mission Historical Monument.

The entire Division's personnel was shocked to learn of the recent death of Mr. Matthew M. Gleason, former chairman of the State Park Commission. Mr. Gleason will long be remembered for his outstanding public service.

Sincere sympathy of the Parks employees goes to Dan R. Hull in the loss of his wife, who passed away on October 5 after an illness of several months. A beautiful floral piece, " The Broken Wheel", was sent from the employees of the Division.

NEWS

Big Basin employees are very proud of the new park sign located at the south entrance to the park. It is 5 feet high, 16 feet wide, and 1 foot thick, and will be used as a pattern for the larger park entrance signs. The carving on the sign was done by Warden Rollie A. Wilson.

The United States Navy Marine Corps has closed to the public all camping and fishing from Oceanside to San Clemente.

The personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks really outdid themselves in the recent War Bond Drive, having sold a total of $2375 in bonds, with a quota of $550. The generous help of the field personnel gave a big boost in establishing their reputation as go-getters and resulted in this Division's out-selling the next highest Division by several hundred dollars over the respective quotas.

RESTORATION PLANS

The State Park Commission has gone on record as favoring a general plan of restoration for all of the historic monuments so that these may be restored to the best state of preservation and utilization before 1946, the beginning of the five-year series of California Centennial Celebrations.

PARK ANTICS

Two bull elk at Prairie Creek Park got their horns locked in combat. Separation was brought about by having a soldier shoot a point off one of the locked horns with a tommygun. One of the animals later died, apparently from exhaustion and shock.

Ask Charlie Fakler and Bill Gott how it feels to become prisoners of war on their own home front.

It seems that recently the Army was having maneuvers on Mt. Diablo and Charlie and Bill—much to their surprise—were taken captive and held prisoner for several hours.

WHY WORRY?

Marshall Foch addressed his
country as follows:
"People of France, you have
nothing to worry about;
you have always two
alternatives.
There may not be a bombardment
of Paris; if there is not,
you have nothing to worry about.
If there is, you have two
alternatives, you may be where
the bombs fall, and you may not.
If not, you have nothing to
worry about.
If so, you have two alternatives;
you may be hit and you may not.
If not, you have nothing to worry
about; if so, you have two altern-
atives.
You may live or you may die.
If you live, you have nothing to
worry about.
If you die, you still have two
alternatives."

SO! WHY WORRY?

COMMERCIAL

WANTED--by November-editor-to-be-Morley.

All the news, park doings, vacation specials, and anything else you can scare up to make the November issue an interesting and informative bulletin. My reputation as an editor is at stake--DON'T LET ME DOWN! Louise Morley

JUST BEFORE GOING TO PRESS!

The examination for State Park Custodian has been set for November 18, with the final date for filing application November 4, and is open to both men and women. An announcement of this examination and one or two application forms are being sent to each park. Additional announcements and applications may be secured from the State Personnel Board, either Sacramento, San Francisco, or Los Angeles, or from the Parks Office in Sacramento.

The appointments made from the eligible list established by this examination are for the duration and ninety days thereafter, with an open examination then to be held to establish an eligible list for regular permanent appointments. Employment under the duration appointments will count toward seniority, sick leave, and vacation credit, and will constitute qualifying experience for entrance to examinations when appropriate.

Please post the announcement on your bulletin board, and contact anyone you think might be interested in taking the examination, giving him the information available.

Mr. Arthur Parvin
Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Big Basin, California

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Sacramento

Louise Morley, Editor

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What do you think of the suggested name of " Speeches and Barks" for our park bulletin? Mr. D.H.Blood, our Departmental Accounting Officer, gave us this name and most of the office personnel have grown quite attached to it. If you have a better suggestion, please send it in at once as we are anxious to make the selection, for it is high time for the christening of this brainchild!

Ray Bassett thinks we might be interested in knowing the Government has a new mail route from Mt. Diablo to Mt. Tamalpais.

His September issue of the CSEA magazine was re-directed from Mt. Diablo to Mt. Tamalpais on September 15 and was received by Mr. Bassett October 22d, having gone via Honolulu, Hawaii!

ARGUMENT ENDED

For several years there has been a contention among various employees and friends of the Division of Beaches & Parks as to whether our monuments should be called historic monuments or historical monuments. After considerable research and consultation with informed individuals, it has been determined to use the term historical in referring to our various monuments and drop the term historic entirely.

The above decision is based on the fact that a site, a building, or whatnot, if historic, loses that rather closely defined term and becomes a historical site, building or whatnot when it has been altered or changed from its original. In other words the term historical is much broader and more inclusive than the term historic.

Therefore, to end the argument so that our literature and useage of the above-referred to terms may be uniform, it has been decided to use only the term historical in referring to our monuments.

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NO MORE LIFEGUARDS

All details incident to turning over the west coast Los Angeles County state beaches to the County of Los Angeles for administration and operation were completed October 8. The agreement is for five years and thus relieves us of a type of operation for which we were never properly equipped, nor were our present personnel properly trained in this line of work.

WE PLEAD

Considerable work on your part, and even a greater amount of work on the part of others, can be saved in the Division's administration and fiscal office if you will be more prompt and accurate in mailing to Sacramento your orange copies of purchase orders.

The reputation of this Division among the vendors is based on their receiving payment promptly. They cannot be paid until after we have received your orange copy of the purchase order!

WHO'S WHO?

NEIL CUNNINGHAM received his degree in law from the Georgetown University, Washington D.C., and for several years practiced law with Ray W. Hays, now Adjutant General of the State of California. Mr. Cunningham was a Captain in the first World War. He has been affiliated with the State Attorney General's Office in San Francisco for about fifteen years, and handles the legal business for the State Division of Beaches and Parks and for the State Division of Insurance.

D. H. BLOOD was born in York, Nebraska, and in 1911 graduated from the York High School and in the same year moved with his parents to California. He attended the University of California and then accepted work with a construction firm. He served as Lieutenant in World War 1. Mr. Blood worked in various capacities for the State from 1924 on and in 1928 was appointed Chief Accountant for the Dept. of Natural Resources. On February 1, 1931, he was appointed Director of Natural Resources and served as such for three years. In 1934 he was made Departmental Accounting Officer and is still capably filling that position.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT GETS OUT OF A JAM

Eugene Velzy hightailed it up to the Northwest District with the large "cat" to get Percy French out of some jams--jams caused by down logs in several of the streambeds traversing the parks.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

The next Superintendents' Conference will be held in Sacramento around the middle of December. The main objective is to check up on the progress of the winter work program and to find ways and means of securing closer cooperation with the Division of Highways.

WANTED

News items for December bulletin. Your cooperation will be appreciated by Alice Garibaldi, the Editor-to-be.

CLERICAL

From the Zumwalt end of the office we have picked up the following bits in the way of reminders on recent rulings:

1. Are you remembering to write subpurchase orders covering barrels when you take delivery of any commodity that comes in a borrowed barrel?
2. Are you remembering to send in signed consumer's certificate for all truck or auto parts? This is still necessary and if you need extra certificate forms, request them from Sacramento
3. Requisitions from the field can be handled much more quickly by this office if prices are quoted and full descriptions of articles are given.
4. DONT ORDER IT UNLESS YOU NEED IT! With priorities and preference ratings what they are, it is becoming more difficult to buy certain items--especially tools or anything of metal. Order only absolute necessities and save the Bureau of Purchases the work of writing up and cancelling our orders.
5. It is no longer possible to obtain 50- or 75-watt light globes. Order nearest size that will suit your purpose.
6. And the old, old story: Write a sub for a purchase at the time purchase is made and send it in the next mail. This helps the routine work all along the way and keeps our dealers happy, because they need their money, too.
7. When ordering business cards, please send in a sample card

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Jack Covington returned from the Park Commission meeting with a walk that indicated all was not well. Apparently he and the horse he was given to assist in rendering service on the fire line in Los Angeles County did not get along too well. We would like to see the horse!

NOTICE

This and all future issues of the Parks bulletin will be punched for binding so that these bulletins may be kept in a permanent folder for future reference.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Al Salzgeber of Carpinteria Beach has just given us the following information about two of our ex-custodians.

Al has been corresponding with Cpl.Crawford, whose military address is Cpl. Leo D. Crawford-39286617, Medical Detachment, 653 T.D. Bn.(Sand Hill) Fort Benning, Ga.

He also informs us that Kenneth T. Stanley, formerly of McArthur-Burney Falls, is now Seaman 1st Class with the U.S.Navy and at present is manning one of the navy guns on a merchant marine ship.

Franklyn Brown, Custodian of Patrick's Pt., reports that Jack W. Lemley, handsome ex-custodian of Richardson Grove, is now Cpl. Lemley, of Co. A. SCU 1950, Special Training Bn. Arlington, California, and is an instructor and drill corporal for incoming recruits.

A short time back we had word that Everett Powell, District Superintendent, and Llewellyn P. Griffith, formerly of Seacliff Beach, were stationed at Camp Parks, Calif. but knowing Camp Parks and its reputation, we're not going so far as to say they're still there. In fact, we know Everett is not. We are wondering if Llewellyn and Everett, in a camp known as "Parks" would request the commanding officer for jeep patrol duty or would prefer to be put on the garbage collection detail?

Latest word from George Holmboe, formerly in charge of Mt. Tamalpais, gives us his address as Geo. E. Holmboe,G.M.1/c, Bn 130 Co. C-4, Advanced Base Depot, Davisville, Rhode Island. Mr. Holmboe was recently home on a furlough (his home is in Oakland) and if there are no more buttons on his coat, you'll know why when you have read on.

Murrell Gregory, U. S. Navy, is now stationed at Treasure Island, with this address: M.Gregory, EM3/C 8861710, A.N.T.S. Student Gyro, Bks I, Treasure Island.

From all reports our boys are doing their share and more--are we doing ours?

MORE PARK DOINGS

Several interesting items came in from Doheny Beach about various activities going on there.

Twenty-seven trailer shelter units are being completed; the walls along the entrance to the park are being painted; and all adobe restrooms are being repainted.

Ross and Dick Greeley have just returned from their vacation, spent mostly in Balboa. Immediately upon the Greeley's return, the Helmouth Barnes family left for their vacation, to be spent in Sacramento with relatives.

Last week the employees of Doheny Beach dashed out to investigate shots and found two marines with one gun and one dead mudhen. The boys were given a good scare. The same afternoon a repeat performance was given, with six shots, and a 1st lieutenant from the nearby marine base. Must be enticing mudhens down there!

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Believe it or not, the following was contributed by Ernie Camper. Now we're wondering if his recent vacation was a success?

Little Johnny wanted a hundred dollars so his mother told him to pray for it. When no results were evident she suggested he write a letter to God. Johnny's letter to God went to the Dead Letter Office and the officials there thought perhaps the President would get a kick out of reading the letter and forwarded it to Washington. The President felt Johnny should have some reward for his faith and mailed him a $5 bill.

When the letter arrived with the $5 Johnny ran to his mother, showed her the money, and with a rather disappointed expression explained to her "that God had mistakenly sent the $100 through Washington and the Government had taken out its usual 95 per cent".

WITHHOLDING TAX INFORMATION

The following information has been received concerning Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate.

If the Form W-4 has been incorrectly filled out or a change in dependency or marital status has occurred after filing with this office, a new form should be prepared and filed. In completing the new form, indicate whether it is a "correction" or a "change in status".

If the certificate indicates a correction, the new rate will become effective on the first payroll subsequent to the date of the form's submission, but no refund will be made.

In the case of a change of marital status or dependency, the new rate will not go into effect until the following January 1 or July 1, whichever date is at least 30 days subsequent to the filing date of the new certificate.

The above information is in accordance with Department of Finance Circular Letter #254.

A BIG SUR SPECIALTY

Bill Kenyon, Warden of Big Sur, has made a contraption for the detention of homeless housecats which, it has been reported, is working very well, having caught numerous domestic cats--as many as 7 in one fall.

The trap is so constructed that all "undesirables"--meaning anything other than housecats--may be released without harm, and and luckily for the park employees involved, is especially equipped with a long-handled hook for the release of the "two-tone kitty with the fluid drive".

Among the uninvited callers in the trap were a racoon, a wild cat, an opossum, a red fox, two blue jays, and a skunk. The last, needless to say, was handled with great care. The little red fox displayed a ferocious and defiant spirit by snarling and glaring at the employees who released him, re-entered the cage, ate the meat bait, and sauntered off to the woods.

THIS FROM EARL HANSEN

Unbeknownst to Earl, we're printing word for word a little ditty he sent in last week.

"Subject: Warden Badge. When Ernie Camper was here last week, he traded me Asst. Warden Badge #13 for Warden Badge#1. I feel luckier already. While it is good to have Badge #1, I am aware that a man cannot be first in everything. Take George Washington, for instance. He was 'first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen' and yet he married a widow!"

OUR VERY SPECIAL "WHO'S WHO?"

A. E. HENNING, Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks, graduated from Purdue University with degree of Civil Engineering in 1909, where he remained as instructor for two years. From 1911 to 1920 he was in charge of vocational education in various high schools.

Mr. Henning and his family located in San Pedro in 1920 and until 1937 successfully conducted his own business there. In 1937 he became Chief of the Division of Parks and served until 1939. In the year following he acted as Public Relations Advisor and in 1940 accepted a position as Director of Personnel Training for the Los Angeles Shipbuilding Drydock Corporation.

During these years Mr. Henning was very active in civic affairs, having served as City Councilman, president of several clubs and organizations, and in several welfare organizations such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A.

On April 21, 1943, Mr. Henning was again appointed Chief of this Division and is ably serving the State. Needless to say, the employees have always found him just and fair in all his dealings and particularly interested in the welfare of the park personnel.

(The above was put in as a surprise for Mr. Henning and he was not given an opportunity to "censor" it!)

SPECIAL ALLOCATION

Special allocation of $5,000 has been secured from the State Emergency Fund--later to be repaid out of the State Park Fund--for the vitally needed repair work on the Seacliff Pier. This work will consist of the removal of old piling, replacing same with new, and after the winter storm season is over, repairing the decking on the pier as well as badly needed repairs on the concrete ship. This difficult, technical, and treacherous job is being capably supervised by Lee Blaisdell and in this work King Neptune and his vicious waves will keep Lee jumping.

NEW PERSONNEL

Two more men have just joined up with the Parks Gang as Custodians and both are very enthusiastic in their new work, each thinking "his" park the best in the System, an attitude that creates an endeavor and a loyalty leading to a true Park man. Our new employees are: Chester P. Lilly of Richardson Grove and Allen Morley of Big Sur.

PERSONNEL LEAVING THE SERVICE--TEMPORARILY!

Gordon T. Kishbaugh of Calaveras Big Trees received his notice from the draft board to get into war work or else--so he has left for such work, having had several months military service earlier in the year.

Another war worker now is Paul V. Engelhardt, former custodian at Dyerville.

Trueman Wigg, of Cuyamaca Rancho, has gone into war work, having been informed of his "eligibility" for the Service.

Glenn L. McQueen, who has been working in Big Sur for the past several months, has just joined Uncle Sam's Forces.

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Ben Twight is having his "domestic" troubles. During deer season a rancher on land adjoining Van Damme called on Ben to help him locate the hunter who had shot his cow and his dog. Later in the month he helped a local rancher collect his flock of domestic ducks that had moved into the park and settled down.

NEWSY NOTES

Alice Garibaldi's husband was inducted October 25 and expects to leave shortly for Monterey and other points.

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Custodian Bud Atmore, of Carpinteria Beach, on his day off last week did some trout fishing on the Sespe River at a spot which is his own secret. He did all right for himself, cathing the limit in a very short time, with all fish measuring over 10" in length.

Since both custodians, Bud and Al Salzgeber, are batching (Al's wife recuperating in Los Angeles from a stay in the hospital) a swell fish fry was devoured by the two Carpinteria Beachers. (Editor's Note: The above wording is that of Al himself, and if intimation was given that it was a swell fry because of the Mrs.' absence, the editor disclaims all responsibility.)

We hope Mrs. Salzgeber is gaining her strength and will soon be back to take over the culinary duties in the Salzgeber home so that Al will remain in good health.

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We're not sure we should say anything about the wasp nest Supt.French stuck his arm into at Williams Grove last month, for the information was secured in a sort of underhanded way, but perhaps we can "intimate" that he was attempting to ditch his oars in the brush for safekeeping and didn't make a very good choice in location. We "heard" he got stung!

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Harvey Moore and James McCamy of Cuyamaca, with the help of Patrolman Wm. Morton, Forestry, rounded up 8 boys October 30 ranging in age from 15 to 18 who broke the federal lock on the Boy Scout gate and broke into all buildings. They tried to escape, taking with them a sack of sugar and a case of canned meat, but stolen cleaner's gas, which they thought was gasoline, stalled their car, which they were operating without ration sticker or stamps. They were turned over to the Sheriff.

ON THE ALERT

Your Division of Beaches & Parks, in anticipation of California's Centennial Celebrations which will be carried on from 1945 to 1950, is not overlooking a good bet.

The State Park Commission, at its meeting in September, went on record to endeavor to secure funds for the complete restoration of all state historical monuments under its jurisdiction and the first efforts have born fruit to the extent that all procedure involved in the securing of the following allotments has been completed and the allotments allowed:

Pio Pico Mansion	$15,250
Fort Ross	$10,500
Sonoma Mission	$ 6,000

This is just the beginning, for we are hoping to secure sufficient funds to properly restore all the other monuments. The plans, for instance, for Marshall Monument include the construction of a replica of Sutter's Mill, in the tailrace of which gold was discovered by James Wilson Marshall in 1848 which brought about the Gold Rush of 1849. The Division recently acquired the land adjacent to the gold discovery site along the American River at Coloma. This land will be used as an approach to the mill replica.

Information will be given from time to time on the progress of the restoration.

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The Division of Parks' "Grapevine" has nothing on the "Underground" operating in Sacramento.

Recently Elsie Langford began to think about selling her house and it was sold and she was out almost before she had made up her mind.

And Louise Morley was preparing to rent hers but had not yet more than whispered the information to a few friends when a U. S. Engineer called up from Tonopah, Nevada, and rented it--just like that!

BRAND N PERSONNEL--SPECIAL!

George Holmboe, former custodian of Mt. Tamalpais but now with the SeaBee's, reported the other day that he has an addition to his family, in fact, two additions-TWINS! Lawrence Even, 3 lbs.13 oz., and Gayle Ellen, 3 lbs. 6-3/4 oz. were born October 28. Both babies are doing very well but like all other tiny chicks, are in an incubator for the present. We don't believe there are any other twins in the park service so we are especially inspired to shout

CONGRATULATIONS! and CONGRATULATIONS!

Little Laurie Hatch, small daughter of the Robert Hatch's of Mt. San Jacinto, now has a fine baby brother, Michael Collin, born October 16, weight 4 lb. 4-3/4 oz., and like the Holmboe babies, is for the present in an incubator. A future State Park Custodian, or will he be satisfied to be President?

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But what's happened to the old adage, "Bigger and Better Babies"? These babies are no doubt better, but they're not doing so good on the bigger part. Guess we'll have to write an editorial on the subject.

ELSIE SPEAKS HER PIECE

You are receiving a memo setting forth all DO'S and DON'T'S regarding the use of gasoline and tires. That memo must be strictly adhered to in all cases. One of the boys is already out on a limb and that limb may be sawed off right back of him and great will be the fall thereof! So by all means, study these DO'S and DON'T'S and stay off that limb!

ON AND ON

The employees of the Monterey parks are getting us most confused, for during the coming vacation period it will go something like this:

Ellen Tarr will replace Mrs.Mary L. Greene
And in her place Dora Dumont will be seen
Doing the dusting and keeping things bright,
While replacing Rollie Wilson will be
Charlie Hight.
About replacing Charles, we don't have to
worry
For we've a fine man by the name of M.Perry.
Tarr, Greene, Dumont, Wilson and Hight,
And so it goes on, far into the night!

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Dull and dirty park badges which cause the wearer to appear as though he had just awakened from a Rip Van Winkle sleep may be easily cleaned to an efficient brightness by emerging them in a small aluminum cup containing a solution of warm water and one teaspoonful each of salt and baking soda. After allowing the badge to remain submerged for about fifteen minutes, take it out and wipe it off on the wife's dish towel. It will give the wearer the appearance of having had a new haircut. (A mighty good suggestion contributed by Bill Kenyon of Big Sur)

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Mr. Kenyon also gives us this interesting tidbit on the first State Park Custodian:

The first State Park Custodian, Galen Clark, called a "guardian", in charge of the Yosemite Valley-Mariposa Grove State Park established about 1864, was also the first concessionaire in a state park. His concession activities allowed him to escort visitors about the floor of the valley in an eight-passenger wagon drawn by two horses. The wagon was brought into the valley in parts on the backs of mules before there were any roads leading into the park.

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GOOD LUCK to all of our employees taking the State Park Custodian examination November 18!

LATE LOSS

Just before this bulletin went to press word was received that Alfred Salzgeber has been given final notice by his draft board to get into war work or expect to be drafted. So Al has accepted a war job and is leaving us temporarily.

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Ross Greeley reports having had a letter from Allen Barker, formerly Doheny Beach Custodian, who is now a 1st lieutenant with the U.S.Marines someplace in the Pacific. Mr.Barker said, in part, "Many times I catch myself thinking of those wonderful times we used to have, those STEAK DINNERS (and who doesn't?) Have had many interesting experiences and have seen lots and lots of country. Have discovered there is a lot more to this world of ours than sunny California. However I'll take the old stamping grounds anytime. Please give my best wishes to the State Park gang. They are a grand bunch and I think of them often. Well, I can't say much but hope this finds you well and happy,***"

It seems to me that when this war is over and our men all come home, we'd better have them take their turns at editing the bulletin to give us what they can in the way of their experiences, highlights of some of the places they've been and things they've done.

And this leads us to say that some of our custodians' wives are mighty clever in writing up newsy items.

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Clifford LeNeve, Custodian of Big Sur, burned his left hand severely while adjusting a Coleman gasoline lantern and is having to take a few days off for treatment.

EDITOR'S LAMENT!

The editor has had so many grand responses to the ad in last month's issue and has had such fun compiling these bits of news that she regrets having to wait several months before it again comes her turn to edit the Parks Bulletin.

Thanks to all the contributors!

PARK AND PERSONNEL ADDRESS LIST

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS, Guerneville
F.C.Canham, Warden

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C.L.Cushing, Warden
Clyde L. Newlin, Asst.Warden
Wm. H. Butler, Custodian
Malcolm L. Byce, Custodian
Wayne Cox, Custodian
Aelred Matthews, Custodian
Arthur Parvin, Custodian
Frank Wells, Custodian

BIG SUR REDWOODS, Big Sur
Wm. L. Kenyon, Warden
Lloyd Lively, Asst.Warden
Clifford LeNeve, Custodian
Allen Morley, Custodian

BORREGO DESERT, Julian
J. W.Calvert, Asst. Warden

CALAVERAS BIG TREES, Arnolds
Alfred Beck, Custodian

CARPINTERIA BEACH, Carpinteria
Alfred P. Salzgeber, Custodian
Floyd Atmore, Custodian

CAYUCOS BEACH, Cayucos
Alfred Luxton, Laborer

CUYAMACA RANCHO, Descanso
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H. R. Greeley, Warden
H. J. Barnes, Asst. Warden
Charles Morrison, Custodian
James R. DeRemer, Custodian

DYERVILLE HEADQUARTERS, Weott
Ralph L. Banfill (P.O. South Fork)

FIRST THEATRE, Monterey
Isabel Hartigan, Custodian

FORT ROSS, Cazadero
W. H. Turk, Custodian

HOUSE OF GOLD, 200 Oliver St. Monterey
Chas. S. Hight, Custodian

LA PURISIMA, R.F.D.#98, Lompoc
E.P.Hanson, Warden
Leonard L. Moore, Custodian

MARSHALL MONUMENT, Coloma
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McARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS, Burney
E. J. Pool, Custodian

MORRO BAY, Morro Bay
Russell Noyes, Asst.Warden
Robert Byars, Custodian
Glenn A. Jackson, Custodian
Louis Wakefield, Custodian

MT. DIABLO, Diablo
Chas. Fakler, Warden
Wm. E. Gott, Custodian
H. S. VanGelder, Laborer

MT. SAN JACINTO, Idyllwild
Robert Hatch, Custodian

MT. TAMALPAIS, Rt.1,Box 839,Mill Valley
R. G. Bassett, Asst. Warden

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, Monterey
Mary L. Greene, Custodian
Mrs. Ellen Tarr, Janitress

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, PALOMAR MOUNTAIN
Louis Juch, Custodian

PATRICK'S POINT, Trinidad
Franklyn Brown, Custodian

POINT LOBOS RESERVE, Carmel
R. A. Wilson, Warden

PIO PICO MANSION, Pico
Mrs. Dolores A. Connors, Custodian

PRAIRIE CREEK, Orick
C. L. Milne, Warden

RICHARDSON GROVE, Richardson Grove
E. G. Gray, Custodian
Chester P. Lilly, Custodian

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH, San Clemente
Jack Fleckenstein, Warden
Rudolph Anderson, Custodian

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, San Juan Bautista, Bx 84
Frank Fair, Custodian

SEACLIFF BEACH, Bx 98, Aptos
Eugene Velzy, Asst. Warden
George Barr, Custodian
Arthur Sill, Custodian

SONOMA MISSION, Sonoma
Dulinda Bruskey, Janitress
Robert Padias, Groundsman

VALLEJO HOME, Sonoma
Daisy V. Barbour, Custodian

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NAME THE CHILD

Christening of this bulletin is overdue. It has now arrived at an age and a stability which demands its having an individual "moniker". Many names have been suggested, such as: "Speeches and Barks", "Park Bench Breeze", "Murmurs from the Trees and Waves", "Dobap Sheet", "Park News and Views", "The Voice of the Beaches and Parks", "Bear Facts", "Park Trailer and Raft", "Nuggets and Foam", "B & P Broadcaster", "Grizzly Grist", "Alladin's Lamp".

At the end of this bulletin, a page has been provided upon which we hope everyone will cast his vote for a name, giving first and second choice. NEXT MONTH WE CHRISTEN THE CHILD.

NEW SERVICE CHARGES

At the last meeting of the State Park Commission a new and uniform schedule of service charges to apply alike in all parks was adopted. These new charges will go into effect January 1, 1944. Circular letter setting forth the new charges will be sent all employees. Watch for yours!

TREE CUTTING REGULATIONS

At the meeting of the State Park Commission held on November 5, 1943, rules and regulations with regard to Tree Cutting were adopted for incorporation in the Rules and Regulations for the State Park System. A copy of the new rules has been sent each park employee for insertion in his manual.

CUSTODIAN'S EXAMINATION

Less than 30 people throughout the state took the Custodian's examination held on November 18, among whom were several women, including the wives of several of our present employees.

TIRE INSPECTION AND MILEAGE REPORTS

The present gas rationing on trucks and pickups expires December 31, 1943. Be sure to have all tires inspected before that date. Complete mileage reports should be in the Sacramento office no later than the 5th of every month.

CAMP COMPLETED

The California Youth Administration authorities have completed their camp and have moved from the old C.C.C. Camp into their permanent quarters at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Here they have complete indoor woodshop equipment and will soon be busy doing project construction for the Division of Beaches and Parks.

THE NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE

At high noon on Christmas Day each year, devotional and patriotic services have been held beneath the General Grant Tree, designated in 1925 as the Nation's Christmas Tree. These services have been broadcast over Nation-wide hookups, and Presidential messages have constituted a part of the program. When the weather is favorable, a large audience attends this unique ceremony.

This tree, in the Grant Grove of Big Trees, Kings Canyon National Park, is so huge its size is difficult to comprehend. It is 267 feet high and its greatest horizontal diameter is 40.3 feet at the base and at 200 feet above the ground its diameter is about 12 feet.

We have been informed by Colonel John R. White, Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks that the traditional "All Nations" Christmas observance will not take place this year because of travel restrictions.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE FOUNDERS' TREE

The second annual Christmas Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Founders' Tree in Dyerville Flat (Humboldt Redwoods State Park) will take place at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, December 19. The event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fortuna, has been authorized by the California State Park Commission.

Participating in the ceremony will be the Reverend Andrew H. Juvinall, pastor of the Fortuna Methodist Church, and a choir composed of students of the Fortuna Union High School. It will be a religious service, symbolical of the true meaning of the Christmas Season, to remind us that we live in an era of stress and sacrifice--a service which should be doubly effective at the hallowed shrine of the Founders' Tree.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT HAS MANY VARIETIES OF BIRDS

A Mr. Emerson from New York recently made a check on bird life in the Northwest District and has reported 53 different kinds of birds found there. We do not have complete details in regard to his report at the present time, but hope to secure more data and will give anyone interested further information at a later date.

FLAGS THAT HAVE FLOWN OVER CALIFORNIA

One of the tablets on our Fort Tejon Historical Monument gives a list of the Flags that have flown over California. Will have to admit I did not know a few of them and wonder how many of us were familiar with the entire list?

Spanish - 280 yrs. Sept. 28, 1542 to April 11, 1822
English - 37 days, June 17, 1579 to July 23, 1579
Russian - 29 yrs. Sept. 10, 1812 to Dec. 12, 1841
Buenos Aires - 16 days, Nov. 20 to Dec. 16, 1818
Mexico - 24 yrs., April 11, 1822 to July 7, 1846
Bear Flag - 26 days, June 14 to July 9, 1846
United States - July 7, 1846 and after.

WHO'S WHO

J. H. COVINGTON was born in Madisonville, Kentucky. He studied mechanical engineering and commercial law at Washington University and the University of Arizona. A Canadian veteran of World War I. Practiced engineering with Phelps-Dodge Corporation ofArizona, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company of Los Angeles and California Petroleum Corporation. Commission agent for Texas Company of California for several years. Entered State service in July, 1934, as Inspector in Department of Professional Vocational Standards. Because of his affection for the great out-of-doors was transferred to State Park Commission as Executive Secretary in December, 1934 and has since held that position. Was Acting Chief for a few months and has served as Acting Assistant Chief for many years in addition to his regular duties.

AUBREY DRURY was born in Sacramento, a son of Wells Drury, one of the great pioneer journalists of the West, and brother of State Parks' own Newton Drury. Mr. Drury is a graduate of U. C., an author and historian of note, who has engaged in the advertising business for many years. His "California, an Intimate Guide" is as fine a guide to California terrain and history as has yet been published. He has been Administrative Secretary of the Save-the-Redwoods League since 1940, when his brother, "our" Newton, assumed the responsibilities of Director of the National Park Service. He has always been interested in the preservation of state park areas, such as redwood groves, Point Lobos and historical monuments. He serves with other California historians on the official approval committee for the registration of Historical Landmarks.

The following article has been contributed by Aubrey Drury for our bulletin:

REDWOODS--OLD AS THE CHRISTIAN ERA

The State Division of Beaches and Parks is the guardian of many Redwood trees which were sturdy saplings at the beginning of the Christian Era. Along the Redwood Highway, as well as in Bull Creek Flat, in Dyerville Flat and elsewhere in the State Redwood Parks, stand magnificent Sequoia sempervirens trees which are undoubtedly 20 centuries old, and probably some of the Sequoia gigantea trees in Calaveras Big Trees State Park are even older.

The oldest Coast Redwood tree measured as to age is a "down tree" in High Rock Flat, just north of the north boundary of Humboldt Redwoods State Park, in the Avenue of the Giants area. This 2200-years-old giant is part of the primeval forest which the Save-the-Redwoods League is seeking to preserve during 1944, in collaboration with the State of California.

This "down tree" is the only big tree thus far cut in the High Rock area (still privately owned) along the Avenue of the Giants. It was considered a dangerous "leaner" and judged necessary to be felled. A count of its annual growth rings made by Professor Emanuel Fritz of the University of California, showed its age to be more than 2200 years.

In the presence of the lordly Redwoods, we not only have a sense of reverence, but also must feel decidedly young.

NEW ARRIVALS

Louis Wakefield, Custodian of Morro Bay State Park, is the proud father of a seven and one-half pound baby boy, born Saturday, December 4.

TRESPASS CUTTING OF TREES IN STATE PARKS IS RATHER EXPENSIVE

Settlement was recently authorized by the Commission on trespass cutting of trees in one of our state park areas to the tune of $1,743.36. WOODMAN SPARE THAT TREE!

YE OLDTIME MELODRAMA

Mrs. Hartigan, Custodian of California's First Theatre State Monument, reports the Denny-Watrous management is continuing to present the old "mellerdramers", in spite of the man shortage, averaging almost every weekend since the reopening nearly seven years ago. They have held 429 performances to date with 23 different shows--the present show, "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl". Movie people, stage stars, directors of Little Theatre groups from all over the country attend these performances, as well as high ranking Army and Navy officers and enlisted men. The fame of the "Troupers of the Gold Coast" has travelled far and wide as evidenced from congratulatory letters from middle states, New York and Alaska.

This monument has the distinction of being the only one in the state that is now used for its original purpose.

VIOLATORS OF STATE PARK RULES APPREHENDED

On December 4, Harvey Moore and Jim McCamy of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, in cooperation with the local Fish and Game Warden, arrested two young men for violating rules and regulations of the State Park System and Fish and Game Commission. The evidence was: one 5-point buck and one 4-point buck and 2 rifles cached behind an oak tree. The outcome: Judge Collard, Justice of the Peace at El Cajon, assessed fines and sentenced the men to 25 days each in the County Jail.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

We park people are usually raving about our big trees, lakes, mountains, deserts, rivers, etc. But it seems Earl Hanson can always go one better: The PEARS he raises at La Purisima are "Colossal".

A pear the size of a large melon, which weighed 2½ pounds and was slightly more than 16½ inches in circumference, was grown at the Mission grounds on one of the grafted trees which was brought there from San Antonio Mission when the mission gardens were laid out. Originally the pear of this variety was brought to California from Spain by the mission padres.

STORM DAMAGE

From reports to date, the recent heavy wind storm which swept the state caused very little serious damage to parks, Carpinteria Beach and Big Basin Redwoods probably having been hit the hardest. At Carpinteria, power transmission lines were demolished and the tile roof on the recreation hall was damaged from falling trees; at Big Basin, power transmission lines, telephone lines and some buildings were damaged from falling trees and limbs.

NEW PARKS PERSONNEL AND TRANSFERS

Coincidence: We have another Lou Griffith in the park service, assigned to Big Sur Redwoods.

Arthur Sill, former Custodian at Will Rogers Beach, has been transferred to the Stephenson House in Monterey.

READ YOUR CIRCULAR LETTERS

Constant changes are occurring in the accounting setup of all state agencies. Our only method of informing the field personnel of such changes is by circular letter. Careful reading to gain a thorough understanding of the subject matter contained in all circular letters is of vital importance to attain the proper following out of standard procedure and smooth functioning of our organization.

Because of ever-increasing activity in the Division, our circular letter policy will be revamped. Each letter will be given a serial number and notation made as to whether it supplements or cancels a letter of a previous number. At the time this system is put into effect, the office will inform the field as to which circular letters are still effective so that a complete and active circular letter file will be in all field offices.

PARK PERSONNEL IN THE SERVICE

Corporal Anton Trigeiro, former Custodian at Vallejo Home, has asked us to convey his Christmas Greetings to the park personnel. Tony's address is now: Cpl. Anton Trigeiro, A. S. N. 39112454, 74 T. C. Squadron, A. P. O. 638, c/o Postmaster, New York City, New York.

Darrell Knoefler, former Custodian of Big Basin, may be addressed: P. F. C. Darrell Knoefler, R. R. Detachment M.C.B., San Diego, 42, California. Darrell has completed "boot camp" at the Marine Base. When on the rifle course, he made the highest score in his class. Result, he is now an instructor at Camp Matthews.

C. P. O. Henry Saddler, with the Seabees, is still in North Africa, but has been moved to another location near a large town and reports of having visited the headquarters of the French Foreign Legion.

Everett Powell, who is stationed at Camp Parks, California, paid a visit to the Sacramento office December 1. Annabelle accompanied him. It was grand seeing you Everett and Annabelle---we're looking forward to the war's end so that we may see you more often.

Corporal Jack Lenley recently visited his former park---Mt. San Jacinto. Custodian Hatch reports he did not know whether Jack was homesick for parks or just seeing what was what in the southern district.

Cpl. Jess Chaffee, at Stockton Field of the Army Air Corps, writes of his difficulties in convincing military personnel from the East of California's scenic beauty: "You should see their eyes pop out when in an argument I tell them about trees that are 212 feet to the first limb or others over 17 feet in diameter (Humboldt made an impression on me!) They just turn away and say 'The first liar hasn't got a chance!'" (We'll show 'em, Jess, when the war is over.)

Ross Greeley has sent us the following information:

"Another letter from Allen Barker on some S. Pacific Island, in which he mentions an abundance of bananas, coconuts, and 'pythons'. And the Black natives--well, he vows in his next letter to devote a page or two on 'the native love life' and 'POM POM'." Lt. Barker's address is: 1st Lt. Z. Allen Barker, USMCR, "E" Btry., 2nd Bn, 11th Marines, First Marine Div. FMF, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

Also a letter from Leo Crawford (former Custodian at Cuyamaca) now stationed at Medical Detachment, 653 T. D. Bn. Fort Benning, Georgia. Crawford mentions hearing from Maurice Morgan (also of Cuyamaca) from someplace in the S. Pacific.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

The terms "lease" and "concession" have been used interchangeably by many of us without consideration of the meaning which may be implied.

A "lease" usually implies an instrument by which the exclusive possession of real property is given for a definite period. The Attorney General has ruled that the Park Commission may not grant an estate or interest in state park property which would in effect exclude the public from the use and enjoyment of any portion of state park areas, whether such grant might be said to result in profit, great or small, to the State, for that would constitute a lease. The language of the act defining the Commission's powers and duties, as well as the California State Park Bond Act of 1927, clearly negatives the idea of commercialization of State Parks. THE STATE PARK COMMISSION CANNOT LEASE STATE PARK AREAS.

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(1) Property acquired as a part of the state park system cannot be diverted to any other use than park use.

(2) The purpose for which such concession is granted must clearly be shown to be of benefit to the Park or the Patrons visiting said park.

(a) Is the concession for hotel, restaurant, etc. needed for the benefit of patrons to parks or is it merely another commercial enterprise? Remember laws governing state parks prohibit the commercialization of such areas.

(b) Of what benefit to the park are grazing or other such concessions? Will the fire hazard be reduced?

If it appears that a concession is not beneficial to the general public nor adds to the enjoyment or convenience of the general public, then it would not be authorized.

PARK PERSONNEL ON CIVILIAN WAR LEAVE

Gordon Kishbaugh is working at Vega Airplane Company in Burbank. His address is: 920 San Gabriel Avenue, Azusa, California.

Custodian Paul Engelhardt of Burlington has taken leave of absence and instead of showing tall timbers to Park visitors is cutting the tall ones down for war timber.

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NEWS FROM THE PARKS

Our "Park Reporter" at Williams Grove inquires as to whether we have a State Park that is a home for "Bars" (Bears to you). Nash and Banfill found the track of one that was roaming on Bull Creek in the State Park. (Due to salmon run).

The "Izak Walton" league are starting to put in an appearance on the Eel River for steelhead and salmon.

While working on reconstruction at Vallejo Home, Bob Coon stepped off the porch and sprained his ankle. Am happy to report that Bob was able to attend the conference without having to use his cane.

Ruby told Bob not to bring Gene to dinner again until after rationing was a thing of the past because he ate too much. Shame on you Gene!

Men in the Northwest district have been working with caterpillar and disc in improving the meadows at Patrick's Point in an effort to see if they can be held in their natural state.

Some 75 to 100 elk which roam the open meadows at Prairie Creek State Park are proving quite an attraction to visitors in that area. Many of them are very tame and will come up and eat apples out of the hands of visitors. Warden Milne can call some by name and they come to him and eat from his hands.

Understand one of our employees in the Central District couldn't secure the legal limit of abalones because his fingers weren't strong enough to pry the abalones off the rocks.

TO OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE:

At the Superintendents' Conference, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved

> "That the Superintendents and the office force extend to our former employees in the service our appreciation of the splendid contribution that they are making to the War effort. We extend to them our most cordial Christmas Greetings and await their return with open arms."

The following verses from a poem by Grant Dennison, appearing in "The Railway Clerk" magazine, express the sentiments of all:

> "There's no merry Christmas, no joyous New Year
> Just a prayer for peace and for freedom so dear
> Just a plea to our God for our Boys' safe returning
> And a great plea of thanks for the vistory he's earning.
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> "Then we'll return to the Christmas so merry
> And the happy New Year that we'll greet so cheery.
> In the past we will bury all aches and mistakes
> And climb back again, IF WE'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES."

MAY THE PRINCE OF PEACE BRING YOU HAPPY NEW YEARS IN THE FUTURE.

Request has been received for a list of the administrative personnel. This list follows:

Name and Title	Headquarters
A. E. Henning, Chief, Division of Beaches and Parks	601 Washington Building, Los Angeles
J. H. Covington, Executive Secretary, State Park Commission	401A State Office Building Sacramento
Dan R. Hull, Associate Civil Engineer	" " " "
E. B. Camper, Field Property Inspector	" " " "
Intermediate Stenographer-Clerks	
Alice Garibaldi	" " " "
Louise Morley	" " " "
Gladys Zumwalt	" " " "
Louise Robinson	601 Washington Building Los Angeles
Junior Clerks	
Irene Vyenielo	417 Montgomery Street San Francisco
Elsie Langford	401A State Office Building Sacramento

The Editor for the month wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the bulletin. I was very happy to receive the article from Mr. Aubrey Drury and hope he, and other conservationists, will continue his interest in our bulletin and from time to time send us other articles.

The OFFICE FORCE wishes everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

EXTRA: Because of the illness of the girl who does our mimeographing, Langford and Garibaldi took over "publishing" this bulletin. Please forgive us if the work is not up to par.

NAME THE CHILD

My first choice in the name for the Parks Bulletin is _____

My second choice in the name for the bulletin is _____

My contribution for the next bulletin, relating to my park or some news item, follows:

Stamp

Mr. Arthur Parvin
Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Big Basin, California

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Sacramento

Ernie Camper, Editor

Volume II, Number I PARK NEWS AND VIEWS January, 1944

E X T R A ! E X T R A !

YOU DID IT! After four months of carefree consideration by our reading public, which compasses a domestic area bounded on the west by the Pacific, on the east by the National Park Headquarters office in Chicago, on the north by Crescent City and on the south by Mek-e-co, and a foreign area extending on the west from the Pacific Ocean to Tokio, and on the east from the Atlantic Ocean to Tokio, this publication, in humility and thanks, bows to your request and now adopts as its "moniker" the designation of "PARK NEWS AND VIEWS" and may all mankind learn to respect it and hold it in awe, for it must, after such a humble beginning be destined to cut a notch on the bark of a redwood tree that will tower above all and survive beyond the trials and tribulations incident to the cleaning of latrines and the answering of the public's oft inane questions.

Solemnly we dub thee "PARK NEWS AND VIEWS". May you live long and serve well. You came close to being named "Speeches and Barks", but a name is just a handle--you must learn to wield it properly as an agency of service before we can put you into long pants, and so may it be. The ceremony is ended. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

R E G R E T S

We regret that the suggested names submitted by our enthusiastic readers in the Chicago office of the National Park Service arrived too late for consideration. We appreciate your interest and hope you will not cut us out of your reading quota. Just to let you know how sincere our appreciation is we will give you a tip: We are ambitious and wildlife still flourishes.

CHICAGO'S CONTRIBUTIONS

The following names were submitted from the Chicago Headquarters office of the National Park Service:

The Parker
The Parkman
Parks and People
The Sunburst
Stickers, Sands and Ants
Pot of Gold (or Golden Pot)
Stingray
The Park Meridian
The Golden Spike
The Golden Leaf
The Park Monthly

And then, not to be outdone, Virginia, from the same staff, sent in the suggestion, "The California Par-Call" by airmail. We appreciate your interest, Virginia, and some day travel restrictions will be lifted.

OUR 1944 POLICY

WE DECLARE: No staff head will be used as we have a roving editorial policy--no regular staff and circulation is not based on monetary consideration. We carry no liability insurance and disclaim authorship for any article published. No advertising is solicited or wanted--we were cured when an advertisement was submitted as follows: "Swap or trade a pair of sharp-pointed pole climbers for a mink fur coat, size 40, 3/4 length and must be lined with white skinner satin."

WE PROPOSE: That Volume II shall consist of twelve monthly issues, if the necessary news items, articles permitting publication and other contributions are received. You can't just read and not contribute.

WE PROMISE: That all issues will have proper marginal punching to permit binding.

WE SURRENDER: At the request of competitive publications, such as Saturday Evening Post and Esquire, we will adopt the two-column per page setup as standard.

WE ADMIT: That this publication has grown by pain and sorrow until it now has our affection and parental loyalty as its generating motive.

WE CHALLENGE: That we serve our reader public, in our sphere, better than any competitor.

WE STATE: The above with pride and conceit because our foundling now has a name, acquired by selection, based on merit, dedicated to service and supported, "we hope", by those chosen to care for and preserve God's natural and wonderful gifts to man.

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The Sacramento Headquarters Office was greatly pleased with a visit from our Commissioner Leo Carrillo on January 19. Commissioner Carrillo is even more charming off the screen than on, and radiates geniality and cordiality wherever he goes. His enthusiastic interest in the State of California and our Park System is unexcelled. We hope you visit us often, Leo.

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Alice Garibaldi supplies interesting information, apropos to January 24, 1944, being the 96th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California.

JAMES WILSON MARSHALL

(excerpts from "California--an Intimate Guide", by Aubrey Drury)

It was in the mill-race at Sutter's Mill at Coloma, on the American River, that James Marshall discovered gold early in 1848.

James Wilson Marshall, an itinerant carpenter and wheelwright, had come to California and settled within the vast domain of Captain John Sutter, who employed him at Coloma in the erection of a sawmill and widening and deepening its mill-race.

This he did by opening the floodgates each night and then having Indians clear out the boulders thus laid bare. On the morning of January 24, 1848, as Marshall was making his usual inspection of the work, wading along the mill-race bed, he reached for a yellow gleam beneath a rock. It was a tiny flake, shaped like a melon seed. GOLD! Marshall went to Captain Sutter to report his astounding discovery. Sutter sought to keep the find secret, but to no avail, and soon the gold rush was on, reaching its climax within the next two years.

A rough stone monument near the riverbed marks the site of the Gold Discovery. (Now owned by the State.)

High on a hill, half a mile from the spot where the gold discovery was made rises Marshall's Monument, an heroic bronze statue mounted on a granite base, and beneath it Marshall lies buried. The finger of Marshall is pointing down to the spot where gold was found near the river.

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STORM DAMAGE Due to coastal storms during the early part of December, our properties sustained damages to the extent of $3,000. The greatest damage occurred at Big Basin, where telephone, electric and water lines, as well as structures were damaged by falling trees and limbs.

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Custodian Gray, of Richardson Grove, informs us that the South Fork of the Eel River has been behaving fairly well so far this year, but past history indicates that it might be a good idea to transfer some of our Navy personnel to that section later on, and have plenty of boats handy, just in case.

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Attractive New Year cards were sent out by the Salzgebers, bearing the news of the arrival of Russell Henry, 7 lbs., 7 oz., 20" long, born December 31, 1943.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S!

SOMNUS REX

Though Park Wardens sleep, they're oft torn from their slumbers
By the raucous and sinister blat of a horn;
Sending echoes for miles through the great mystic silence
That wraps Nature's dreams in the mists of the morn.
For tourists arrive at all hours ungodly,
With demands to the right that they claim as their own;
To be greeted, and housed, and bedded, and boarded,
And seeking to have every courtesy shown.
But nobody knows like the slumber-drugged Warden
How it feels to be pried from his bed's soft embrace,
To be met at the gate by a dust-covered tourist,
Who scowls with disdain at his yawning host's face.
No, nobody knows like this master of patience
How it feels to be waked when the hour has grown late,
By some gloomy vacationer hoarsely complaining
That his house trailer's stuck in the ditch by the gate!
And nobody knows how it is with the sleeper,
When shrill maidens, scared white by a bear at their door,
Shriek for help at what's only a cow munching cabbage
They'd left on the doorstep the evening before.
Yes, Park Wardens sleep, but their slumber is fitful;
They look forward with hope to the Park's closing date,
And when winter comes down, they all move to the city,
Crawl under the carpet and just hibernate!

--------Martin Van (formerly of the Departmental Accounting Office - Department of Natural Resources)

From Dona Dolores Alvarado Connors we hear that "There is gold in that thar Monument! It seems a Mr. Higdon, who is a frequent visitor at the Pio Pico Historical Monument, and who is greatly interested in mineralogy, picked a small piece of rock imbeded in the walls of the old building. Since it looked so interesting, he examined it under a microscope, and found a minute yellow speck. He decided to have the specimen assayed. The assayers reported that the specimen assayed 75 cents a ton. The adobes were made from the soil here on the premises, just where no one knows. Probably it was carried away by the river in the flood of 1867. Let us hope that the excitement of the discovery will not cause a gold rush to La Casa de Don Pio Pico, causing the crumbling walls to totter and fall--at least, not until the Casa is restored."

The following interesting sidelight on our great Redwood trees, contributed by Gladys Zumwalt, was published in the Fresno Clarion, August, 1943:

"A fallen redwood tree, which was about fifteen feet high more than 1200 years ago, tells a story which is recounted by Emanuel Fritz, associate professor of forestry on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. The tree, a section of which lies in Richardson Grove in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park, was four feet in diameter at the time of the Norman conquest of England, nearly six feet in diameter when the Magna Charta was signed in 1215 and nearly nine feet in diameter when Columbus discovered America. This great tree was probably 1229 years of age and had a height of between 310 and 320 feet. It would have made 95,000 board feet of

lumber and would have weighed about 500 tons. It fell March 13, 1933.

"Its rings, one added each year, show that it underwent fires in 1595, 1739, 1806 and 1820. A completely healed fire scar, caused in 1147, left a weakness which later caused a radial crack. Its root system, too, tells a story of its survival of seven floods which deposited silt that raised the ground level more than eleven feet. One heavy flood, a thousand or more years ago, left a deposit of silt two and one-half feet deep and which caused a new root system to develop to fit the higher ground level."

This calls to mind a tribute to our wonderful Redwoods, by Fred Emerson Brooks:

"Far beyond the time of Moses
Grew these monster forest kings,
For God has kept the record
In these huge concentric rings.

"'Tis the calendar of ages
And the mortal stands aghast,
When the student of the present
Tries to comprehend the past."

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In response to an inquiry, Custodian Daisy Barbour gave out with the following amusing incident, which occurred "in the line of duty":

I have been here at the Vallejo Home Historical Monument almost six years and never once has the weather kept me from making my appointed rounds. I've climbed over fallen trees during storms, waded ditches of mud and water, been whacked by falling branches, and drenched many times.

During a recent storm I was timid about coming up the avenue of old trees, so hiked up the railroad track. A gust of wind tore the hat from my head, tossed it high into the air, and dropped it on a horse's back, over in the pasture. There was a flying Pegasus right now--he frightened the others and my hat rolled away. It was a nice hat, too."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

When God gave out brains,
I thought he said trains,
And I missed mine!
When He gave out looks,
I thought He said books
And I didn't want any!
And when He gave out noses,
I thought He said roses,
And I ordered a big one!
When He gave out legs,
I thought He said kegs,
And I ordered two fat ones!
When He gave out ears,
I thought he said beers,
So I ordered two long ones!
When He gave out chins,
I thought He said gins,
So I said, "Give me a double!"
God! Am I a MESS!

(Editor's note--since we are unable to discover the identity of the author of the above, no credit can be given--only sympathy.)

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Here comes a bit of "Park Bragging" from Custodian Franklyn Brown at Patrick's Point. Believe he has something there, at that.

"When the rest hear what I have to say about Patrick's Point, I'm sure they'll like it here. There are sixteen different berries in the Park, of which there are seven varieties in the custodian's yard. And how does one get three bites out of a wild strawberry? It is like this: single plants are transplanted to a plot of ground well in the sunshine and work in good fertilizer. This doesn't have to be bought, either as there is grazing in the Park by a number of cows. Keep the runners from starting, and most of all, the weeds, also. The strawberries will sure surprise anyone--they did me. Beside all the luscious berries, there are apple, plum and cherry trees. And several varieties of the apples and plums. Can any one of you beat that in your Park?"

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Gladys Zumwalt is to be the February editor of PARK NEWS AND VIEWS. Says she: "Come on, folks, contribute lots for a really classy magazine."

MILITARY ROLL CALL

We have received the following short note from Sgt. Harold Pesch (still at George Field):

"Hi Gang! Have been in the hospital six days now, and will probably be here two weeks longer. This is a bad way to start the new year, I know. Wish everyone a Happy New Year."

We all wish Harold a quick recovery, and the bit of free advice that hospitals are still a good place to avoid.

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Supt. Guy Fleming submitted the following interesting bit of news: "Chief Carpenter's Mate 'Hank' Saddler arrived New Year's Day, all the way from North Africa to enjoy a month's furlough in Southern California. He and his crew of Navy Sea Bees have had many busy months of intensive construction. Just prior to the invasion of Sicily and Salerno they worked eight hours and had a rest period of eight hours and then back to work again. This schedule continued for weeks while they were constructing floating docks, causeways, ramps, etc. 'Hank' says there is no place he has seen equal to Southern California, and Palomar Mountain in particular."

And from Custodian Louis Juch: "During 'Hank' Saddler's visit here in the Park, he, Mr. Fleming and I entered into a rock skipping contest, which consisted of skipping small flat rocks over the ice-covered surface of Doanne Lake. 'Hank', despite his heavy Navy overcoat, I believe took the honors for distance skipped. He looks fine and states that German "booby traps" are really something."

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An interesting letter from Mrs. Philip Nealon, Mokelumne Hill, quotes as follows: "I am writing in behalf of my husband, Cpl. Philip Nealon, of the Army Medical Corps, overseas, in Persia. I am sure he would be very happy to receive your paper. He is always inquiring about the Parks and his friends in the Parks work."

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We quote from a letter from S 1/c Maurice Morgan as follows: "My dear Friends: I want to write and thank you very kindly for sending me the Parks bulletin. You really do not know how much it means to me away out here. I made so many real friends in the Park service and I like it so well that I sure enjoy reading the news about everything. I get a letter from my friend, Leo Crawford, every so often, and we are both waiting for the day when we can be back with you all." Maurice' address is: Indicator Station, Navy 15, % F. P. O., San Francisco.

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And Assistant Warden E. J. Nash gives us this thrilling news: "Former Assistant Warden Anthony Urch has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, according to a letter from him at Christmas. His address is: Cpl. Anthony Urch, ASN 39114566, Co. D, 6th Bn., 1st Repl. Depot, Personnel Center #2, APO 761, % Postmaster, New York. Needless to say, 'Tony' longs for the day when he will be able to roam amongst the Redwoods in the Northwest District. Custodian Banfill's boy "Bill" is doing his duty with the Coast Guards in the Hawaiian Islands, and seems 'rarin' to get at 'em."

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A V-mail Christmas greeting was received from Cpl. Anton J. Trigeiro, giving his change of address, as follows: 74 T. C. Sq., APO 638, % Postmaster, New York.

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We hear that Kenneth Stanley, S 1/c, is now in Baltimore, Maryland, after six months' sea duty as a Navy gunner on a merchant ship.

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We were greatly pleased during December to be visited by Lt. Craig Blood and Lt. Herb Hull, of the Army Air Force, the sons of Dan Blood and Dan Hull. Both

boys have won their shining pilot's silver wings.

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Irene Vyenielo gives us the following: "Can't let our Parks baby starve, Ernie, so here's some food: Everett Powell is now known as HOLLYWOOD POWELL, with headquarters at Actors Guild Canteen. He has been selected as one of three chiefs, one warrant officer and twenty-five men to go to Hollywood on a special assignment to last from 7 to 10 days. Quoting from his letter---'We do not know for sure just what we are to do, but it will have some connection with Paramount Studios. Possibly preparing for some military show."

Lewellyn Griffith recently left Camp Parks, sailing under sealed orders. We wish him all the luck in the world, and a safe and early return.

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We wish to thank William L. Kenyon for the following newsy letter:

Hope is again ours! After listening to a world-famous lecturer in Monterey recently, we learned the definition of 'education' and 'intelligence'. If we have either, we should get by. If both--well, we should get somewhere! He says, 'Education is the quality which allows one to get by in one's environment without intelligence; and intelligence is the quality which allows one to get by in one's environment without education'.

Lloyd Lively, Assistant Warden at Big Sur, received a notice from his draft board to appear for induction. At the last minute, he received a notice from the same board that he had previously been notified by mistake. So he's still on the job, at least at present.

"One hundred and twenty-five soldiers from Fort Ord are camped in the Big Sur CCC Camp, for about six weeks. They are working in the National Forest nearby.

"Bill Kenyon spent part of his vacation at Mount Diablo, Vallejo Home, Doheny Beach, Morro Bay, and the San Francisco District Office, and visited other Parks enroute.

"Cliff LeNeve and Lloyd Lively are reported as having had very good luck steelhead fishing at the mouths of the Big Sur and Carmel Rivers. It is also reported that Cliff's refrigerator broke down and he and his family had to do a lot of eating in a short time.

"Al Morley prefers surf fishing at Pfeiffer Beach to rock fishing at Point Lobos. All Point Lobos had to offer was a pounding surf and a heavy wind--and one legal sized crab. The crab was so full of iodine from the bay at Point Lobos that, when cooked, it made the kitchen smell like a hospital. All interest in crabs has been lost."

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We wish to present an eight-act play, entitled "HANSON TAKES A VACATION", by the Pious Padre of Purisima.

Act 1 -- Phil has chickenpox--vacation postponed four days.

Act 2 -- Hanson leaves on Christmas vacation.

Act 3 -- Hanson phones San Francisco office to wish them a Merry Christmas. Gets official orders over telephone.

Act 4 -- Hanson prepares to celebrate Christmas. Bobby Lou and Jackie come down with chickenpox.

Act 5 -- Hanson spends two days in San Francisco and Berkeley on official business.

Act 6 -- Hanson prepares to celebrate the New Year. Three Hansons catch colds.

Act 7 -- Hanson departs for Purisima on New Year's Eve, arrives too ill to welcome New Year.

Act 8 -- Last week of vacation, Hanson in bed four days with flu, three days with official business.

CURTAINS-------for Hanson

The editor wishes to take this opportunity to wish the Hanson family better luck on their vacation next year. They sure deserve it!

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A U R E V O I R

It is with the keenest of regret that we announce that our old pal, NEIL CUNNINGHAM, has resigned from the Attorney General's office as of December 15, 1943, and will challenge the world as a private barrister from now on. Neil has been the legal guiding light for this Division since its inception and we will sincerely miss him. Don't forget us, Neil--you are always welcome.

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ADIOS, LOUISE

Our gorgeous and smiling Louise Morley, after nearly nine years of faithful and efficient service in the Sacramento Office is leaving next month to join her husband Allen Morley, now Custodian at Big Sur. We can't begin to tell you how much we will miss you from our office, Louise, nor how glad we are that you are not leaving the Park System, but merely transferring from the office to the field. All good luck to you and Allen and little Marilee, and we know that you will enjoy life at Big Sur. Whenever Parks people travel through that Park, listen for the sounds of that song----"Every little breeze seems to whisper "Louise"; Birds in the trees seem to twitter "Louise"---

WHO'S WHO

DANIEL R. HULL

Dan R. Hull, State Park Engineer, is a graduate of the University of Illinois, in 1913, with a Bachelor of Science degree, and of Harvard University in 1914, with the degree of Master of Landscape Architecture. Following the completion of his education he was awarded the Olmsted Travel Fund and spent several months in study in Europe. From 1920 to 1927 he held the important position of Chief Landscape Architect and Engineer of the United States National Park Service, then spent from 1927 to 1933 in private practice of his profession in the Los Angeles area. After a year with the Emergency Conservation Work of the National Park Service, he came to this Division in 1935. You are all familiar with his present duties, which he carries on in his quiet, genial and effective manner, and the fact that he gets things done without any trouble.

RAYMOND McCLURE

Raymond McClure, better known as "Ray", is the Deputy Attorney General chosen to succeed our old friend Neil Cunningham, as the "legal eagle" for the State Park Commission and the Division of Beaches and Parks. Ray is a native son, born in Red Bluff twenty-nine years ago, but has spent several years in Colorado, part of it high up in the Rockies. For the past twelve years he has lived in Sacramento. Before the study of law began to take up all his time, Ray spent a good many of his spare moments along the rivers, at the beaches and up in the hills. Now, his most immediate ambition is to get a good close look at some of the beaches and parks he's beginning to hear about. His wife, Frances, still nourishing the memory of four years as a "law school widow", and his husky five months old son, Steven Michael, have ideas along the same line. You fellows out in the field will probably be hearing more of the McClure clan, especially when full gas tanks again become something more than a mere memory.

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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment being the first love and main hobby of ye editor, he wishes to make the following suggestions for bigger, better and more accurate accounting procedure.

1. Never move any equipment without a piece of paper being made out and signed by somebody.
2. Please identify items to be transferred, preferably taking the information from your property acquisition

register, making reference to the page number and line number.

3. If any equipment is transferred before you are supplied with "Inventory Report Transfer", make a notation of the purchase order and estimate numbers on the advice of transfer which you issue. You may get that information from the blue copy of the purchase order sent you.

Property accounting has shown quite a bit of improvement lately, as we have received compliments from brunette and beautiful Lillian Fox, supervisor of the Accounting Office property section, and from genial "Tommy" Thompson, field auditor. So let's keep up the good work.

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Custodian Gray, of Richardson Grove informs us that the South Fork of the Eel River has been behaving fairly well so far this year, but past history indicates that it might be a good idea to transfer some of our Navy personnel to that section later on, and have plenty of boats handy, just in case.

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This is the slogan of the ocean park personnel:

"Oh, some folks boast of quail on toast
Because they think it tony;
But I'm content to owe my rent
And live on abalone."

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DID YOU KNOW THAT The State of California has had five capitols, in order as follows: Monterey, San Jose, Vallejo, Benecia and Sacramento. Sacramento has been the capitol since 1854.

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The Fourth War Loan drive is now on, so lets all back the attack and buy those extra war bonds. We want our boys back from the front and working in our Parks again right soon, and our way to bring them back is to BUY MORE BONDS. Parks has made their quota every time so far, so now let's break our own record.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK SYSTEM--The Seventy-four Wonders of the World.

We have the tallest tree in the world.

Nowhere else on the face of the globe, it is said, can one see a larger area of land and water than from Diablo's summit. It was Josiah Whitney, after whom is named the highest peak in the United States, who estimated that from Diablo an expanse equal to the combined area of six New England states is visible. Over 100,000 square miles, it is estimated, are within the range of vision.

It is believed that the Anza Desert has the largest acreage of any State Park in the world.

And we always have the Jumping Frog of Calaveras.

Other worldwide wonders will be noted in future issues.

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EDITORIAL NOTE -- "Papa" Chic Henning joins the editor, "Uncle" Ernie, in expressing deep appreciation for the proper nourishing of our newly christened Park baby by the very satisfactory amount of food for the baby that was sent in from the field this month. In fact, there was so much material supplied that it was impossible to print it all in this issue, but you may be assured that your contributions will be published by editor Gladys Zumwalt in the February issue. So may our motherly, fatherly, uncle-ly or aunt-ly interest keep up at a high fever pitch. Many thanks again.

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From Daisy Barbour we learn this welcome news:

> "Did you know that Hitler can now see his end? He tore his panzers near the Dnieper Bend."

Mr. Arthur Parvin
Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Big Basin, California

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NEW DIRECTOR

Governor Earl Warren has appointed Brigadier General Warren Thomas Hannum, United States Army Engineers, recently retired as army division engineer for California and other states west of the Rockies to the cabinet post of Director of natural resources. Brigadier General Hannum was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1902 and has been in the army corps engineers ever since, serving as district and division engineer in various parts of the country. During World War #I he trained two regiments of engineers and accompanied one of them to France, where he served on the headquarters staff of General John Pershing and was decorated with the distinguished service medal. Just before his recent retirement, the General was awarded the legion of merit for his administrative work in the present war. We wish to take this opportunity to pledge our support and loyalty to Brigadier General Hannum and wish him happiness and success in his new post.

Brigadier General Hannum replaces Acting Director William H. Moore, who has been serving temporarily in the position. We are grateful for the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with and of working with Mr. Moore, and wish him health and happiness as he returns to his regular position in the Department of Finance.

LAUNCHING

On January 14, 1944, there was launched a 15,600 ton tanker, the S. S. Mission Solano, named for Sonoma's oldest mission, San Francisco de Solano, now known as the Sonoma Mission. The big craft, tenth in a series of new-type tankers that will bear the name of famous California missions, is 525 feet long, and of 15,000 deadweight tons. It is powered by 10,500 horsepower turbo-electric motors.

Sonoma Mission is the most northerly of all the missions along the California coast and was built by the padres because of the healthful climate and fertile, well-watered valley. The Mission was founded in 1823 as Mission San Francisco de Solano. Ten years later it was called Sonoma Mission in order to avoid confusion with the Mission of San Francisco de Assisi. Sonoma Mission, which will be a hundred and twenty-one years old on March 23, 1944, marks a most interesting period in the history of California and stands as a memorial to the devoted padres who labored so faithfully in their work of Christianizing and civilizing the native Indians of California. At present a restoration program is being started to restore this Mission to its original glory. The Mission has been used as a place of worship by the Catholic Church and for many years the building was used as a warehouse.

"CUSTODIANETTES"

An interesting feature of the Custodians' examination which was given on November 18, 1943, was the fact that women were permitted to take the examination. Parks gals who walked off with all the honors in the examination were Harriett Weaver, Florence Greeley, Dorothea Barnes, Louise Morley and Margaret E. Wilson. Congratulations to the girls (and warning to the boys!) are extended by the headquarters office.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This interesting bit of psychology was submitted by Chief Henning. Virginia Jordon was replaced in the Los Angeles Office by Louise Robinson, and now Louise Morley is being replaced in the Sacramento office by Virginia Fillinger. So we still have our "Louise" and our "Virginia".

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WARTIME CONSERVATION WEEK
March 7-14

I believe that most of the employees of this Division are familiar with the general Conservation Week program, which has been carried on annually for a number of years, and which has always had the cooperation of this Division and its personnel. In keeping with our former procedure, I wish that all employees of this Division, if called upon to assist in the Conservation Program, give it their whole-hearted support. Folders relative to the Conservation Week agenda have been mailed to all of you.

----------A. E. Henning

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Big Sur personnel, through Allen Morley, report the very successful use of a new patent gopher trap in that Park. A blue heron is daily seen, patiently watching a gopher hole, until Mr. Gopher shows his head, then off goes Mr. Heron with his lunch.

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Viola French, of the Northwest District, contributed the following:

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I think that I shall never see
Along the road an unscraped tree,
With bark intact, unscarred and right,
That no car ever hit at night,
For every tree that's near the road
Has caused some auto to be towed.
Sideswiping trees is done a lot
By drivers who are plumb half shot.
God gave them eyes so they might see,
Yet any fool can hit a tree.

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Ripley says, "The Macrozamia Denisoni trees ofAustralia are older than the Sequoias. They are estimated to be 12,000 years old. This Methuselah of trees never grows more than twenty feet high." How about this?

Thanks, Viola--we all love your trees, too.

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We have had a letter from Sgt. Harold Pesch, announcing a transfer. His address is 446th F. G. T. S., Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida. Harold is quite enthusiastic about his new home, and gives a glowing account of the private beach, recreation halls, various sorts of entertainment and first class day and writing rooms for the use of the boys. He says Florida weather is swell, but we can still detect a trace of homesickness in his letters.

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A BIRD IN THE HAND--------

A little bird has reported to us that Noyes and Byars (Morro Bay)

"got their dander up" because they read that there were 53 kinds of birds in the northwest district. Not wishing to be beaten that easily, they started "counting noses" in Morro Bay State Park. They confined themselves to those birds that they could recognize, and have actually seen there. Upon their own admission, they are not bird authorities, and wishing to keep the count on the conservative side, they did not attempt to recognize many of the marine species, so were only able to enumerate 72 different kinds of birds. They go on to state, however, that in 1934 a couple came to Morro Bay to study birds and were able to make a list of over 90 species.

This opens an interesting field of endeavor for future issues of "News and Views". How about a "Parks Bragging" column editing contributions from some of the other Parks?

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Ralph Banfill reported a while back that it takes high water to make fishing good, and bring the salmon in the Eel River, but it isn't so good for the State buildings at Dyerville. He stated that the garage was just about dismantled to save the lumber, but that the River was getting too close to the other buildings for comfort. We are wondering about the recent rains---------- Hope the Dyerville boys didn't have their bathing suits packed too deep.

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Louise Morley has left us, with this parting shot:

NO ONE IS ENTIRELY USELESS;
EVEN THE WORST OF US CAN
SERVE AS HORRIBLE EXAMPLES!

We don't get the connection, but as the above was handed to your editor by Louise as her contribution, and as the editor strives to please-------- A farewell party for Louise was held at the home of Jack and Stella Prudek on the evening of February second. The entire headquarters office crowd and visiting firemen turned out for the party, which was a roaring success. One of the high lights of the party was that the Prudeks thought it was to be on the night of the fourth, and so were surprised, and not a little startled when the Parks Pack descended upon them, armed with food of all varieties and dozens of packages, which later turned out to be a kitchen shower for Louise.

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(GAME) WARDEN MILNE

The crack of a rifle echoed across Elk Prairie. Fearing a reoccurrance of the recent killing of an elk for the black market, Warden Milne hurtled his V-8 toward the redwoods at the south end of Elk Prairie. Parking the pickup in the woods, he cautiously walked along an old road that skirts the timber on the west side of the prairie. It was late in the evening. Suddenly, in the growing darkness, he discerned a figure moving down the road toward him. Fearing an attempt at escape, he ducked behind a log until his "black marketer" should come closer. Hearing footsteps in the gravel, he sprang up, hoping to impress the interloper with his big hat and shining badge, and looked squarely into the eyes of a huge black bear. Friend Bruin, after scornfully returning Warden Milne's gaze for a moment, turned and ambled off into the woods with an expressive "Hmph".

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CACTI COLLECTION

More than 1,200 cactus plants have been transplanted from the J. K. Oliver garden to the Old Custom House grounds, where they have

been set out under direction of District Superintendent Blaisdell, Dan R. Hull, State Park Engineer, and Charles Crew, Monterey city gardener. The plants were given to the State by Myron Oliver, son of the late J. K. Oliver, who collected them from many parts of the world during a period of about fifteen years. The plants have been set out along the easterly wall of the Old Custom House grounds, surrounded by a border of abalone shells, in the manner of old California gardens, and at intervals benches, designed like originals in Mission San Juan Capistrano, are placed for comfort and convenience of visitors.

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The abovewas submitted by Charles S. Hight, with the statement that the cacti garden is very lovely but "not so hot to work in". He also suggested that the purchase of a pair of tweezers would not be amiss.

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It has been suggested by Chief Henning that the personnel of some of the larger individual Parks edit one of the monthly issues of "News and Views", with the understanding, of course, that the final typing, mimeographing and mailing of same is to behandled by the main office. This would give personnel at Big Basin, Big Sur, La Purisima, or any other individual unit an opportunity to "toot their own horns". Reaction will be awaited with keen interest. Come on, you amateur editors------- this is the chance you have been waiting for.

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BACK THE ATTACK --- BUY WAR BONDS!

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Al Beck recently reported that he had twenty inches of snow in Calaveras State Park. Anyone want to go skiing? If so, kindly contact the Sacramento office---- all we are waiting for is an "invite".

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INDIAN HONORED

In 1794, an English botanist collected specimens of the redwood and sent them to England. The tree, however, was not classified until 1823, when the English botanists determined it to be an evergreen species of taxodium, bald cypress, which is a genus of deciduous cone-bearing trees. The tree was consequently called "taxodium sempervirens, evergreen bald cypress", "sempervirens" meaning "everliving". The name persisted until 1847, when Stephen Endlicher, an Austrian botanist, decided this tree was not a bald cypress, but an entirely new genus. Endlicher was a linguist as well as a botanist and through his study oflanguages had learned of the remarkable Indian alphabet prepared by the Cherokee Indian, Sequoyah. This botanist apparently thought that the unusual red man should be honored by having his name applied to the great red trees, both being products of the same little known continent. The new tree was, as a result, named "Sequoia sempervirens". This classification was accepted by other botanists. The tree also became commonly known as the redwood.

-------Chapin Hall

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A V-letter from L. P. Griffith, C. M. 1/c, 11th N. C. B., Co. B, % Fleet P. O., S. F., reports that he is well, and he sends his best to all of his Parks friends.

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SEA CLIFF BEACH

At Sea Cliff Beach, where life is tough,
And the wind and waves get plenty rough,
Where cliffs cave in on all your work
And the gophers eat spinach and go berserk;

Where the autoists park in any old form
And gum up your roads worse than a storm,
And the dogs do tricks with the picnickers' grub,
It's much easier there than on yonder stub;

Where mobs of fishermen seek finny game,
A porpoise or mackerel, it's all the same,
And they throw their lines with utter abandon,
Not giving a damn where their hooks are landin';

Where the seagulls circle and wheel overhead,
Raucously crying for some fish or some bread,
And the fisherman watches, his eyes from the sun,
And the guy that don't duck; brother, it ain't fun.

There's the querying visitor who wants to know all,
And asks forty-nine questions with no sense at all,
And I smilingly nod like I knew all the answers,
While secretly wishing to kick his damn "pansers".

But, in spite of all this, I wouldn't swap places
With our boys in the service, some will soon kick the traces;
I'll take all the woe, the grief and the troubles,
They are gambling their all, for nothing or double.

So I give this poem to "Park News and Views";
Don't toss it aside or go off for a snooze
'Till you've read all the dope that fills its pages,
Our editors' fine work will go down through the ages.

So send in your stuff and help them to make
A success of our mountains, beaches and lake;
There are things in our service they are anxious to teach.
This, from the Sea Cliff Kid, a son of a beach.

----------Eugene Velzy

Many thanks, Gene.

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Custodian Isabel Hartigan, First Theatre Historic Monument, is assisting in defense work by acting as Civilian Recruiter for the Waves. Mrs. Hartigan is to be highly commended for her work along these lines.

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We wish to thank Editor J. R. Gabbert for his splendid article on the Anza Desert State Park, which appeared in the December issue of the Calectric Bulletin. The Sacramento Union also recently published a very interesting and informative article on State Monuments in relation to the approaching California Centennial celebration.

WHO'S WHO

E. B. CAMPER

Ernest B. Camper was born in Oakland, California, and graduated from the University of California in 1917. He served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps in World War #1. After five years with the Associated Oil Company and ten years in the investment banking business in San Francisco and Oakland, and a year with the Supply Department of the United States Forest Service, he came to the Division of Parks in 1934, where he has handled budget and property and equipment matters ever since. In addition, he is now manager of the Sacramento Headquarters Office. Mr. Camper is especially efficient in his Parks duties in that he has had service both in the office and in the field. He was acting superintendent of the Northeast District for three years.

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E. E. POWELL, C. P. O.

It was the intent of the editor, inasmuch as the former Superintendent Everett Powell, now Chief Petty Officer of the Seabees, will soon be celebrating twenty years' service with the Division of Parks, to give him a bang-up "Who's Who". With the idea of getting more information, an inquiry was sent to Everett. His reply follows. The editor feels helpless to add anything to this narrative.

"I just this minute received your very welcome and gracious letter and, as it found me sitting absent-mindedly at a writing table with my writing where-with-all before me, and seeing as how you wasted 16¢ in stamps, more money than I have been able to accumulate for six months (damn those dice), I decided that this would be the most opportune time to delve into my past. Now, mind you, Gladys, there are things that I refuse to tell anyone, and then there are things that I would tell you only over about the sixth or seventh one, to say nothing of the things that you might know which you had better not tell.

"Now my past, in the minds of the public, possibly will not stack up alongside that of Paul Bunyon or Errol Flynn, but to me there are incidents that far surpass even the best of theirs. Well, my dad was born in Kansas and came across the plains by ox team when he was 16 months old. Now, Gladys, don't tell me that's a lot of bull. My mother was born in Santa Rosa, so what does thatmake me? A native son, as I, too, was born in California, in a small village by the name of Klamathon, Siskyou County. Being the runt of the family, I remember that there was some discussion as to whether they should try to save me or not. Dad wanted to put me out of my misery, and theirs, but Mother said no, that, inasmuch as I was by far the best looking one in the family, and milk was cheap, they should take a gamble, which they did, and here I am. By the way, Mother has told me ever since never to gamble.

"My family must have gotten the foot itch--I mean itchy feet, because from the time I was wearing triangular bandages on until I was about 7 years old, we traveled all over the northern part of California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho and back to Stratford, Kings County, California, behind four old nags, pulling a light covered wagon. Behind this wagon was usually strung out about 5 to 15 so-called horses. When I say strung out, I mean according to

their physical ability to keep up. Under, ahead and to the sides of the wagon also traveled a pack of half-starved dogs which from time to time had selected us as easy prey for a bountiful repast, much to the discomfiture of we 8 children, of which I was the black sheep and youngest and I still insist, the best looking one. Dad called himself in those days a contractor, but I swear that you couldn't tell the difference between us and a bunch of gypsy horse-traders, with the exception that we only stole from each other. Well, it was a good experience, anyway. Looking back I can see where that life wasvery much like the Navy--beans and more beans.

"Arriving at the above-mentioned place in California, we bought a dairy ranch. Dad and Mother could never knock any sense into my head so they decided to shoe me and send me to school. I immediately became the teacher's pet (the big lug--I'd like to meet him now as I think he is old enough for me to lick). Anyway, he used to pet me with an 18" ruler until it became monotonous. Well, I went through elementary school and upon my graduation, which all the neighborhood celebrated as I was breaking the taxpayers, I entered the school of hard knocks. Of course, I was quite familiar with this school to start with. I remember that it was two weeks before I could see out of either eye after one of the classes. My Daddy always told me when I was pitching hay to get a move on, so one day I took him at his word and got a move on and moved out. When I was sixteen I decided that the pastures were greener on the other side of the fence, so went to drivingjerkline with sixteen up. Now, Gladys, being that you are an expert horsewoman, you will know what I am talking about, only these horses had long ears. From that time on I have tackeled most everything that came along--hay balers, harvesters, teamster, oil fields, contractors, woodsman and what have you. I even became good enough in the automotive world to put a sparkplug in a Model T Ford and make it run. I was one of the first four-wheeled trailer builders in California and constructed for the patent office a trailer hitch which was patented and put on the market.

"I think that you know only too well my history in Parks. Yes, I went to work in Big Basin as a laborer at first and later they called me a truck driver as I was the first to take the civil service exam in the Park service, which happened to be for truck driving. Since then I have been called, Oh! so many different things (Not quoting.) If you will check back into the archives of park history you will see where I went into the very depths of Big Sur country alone and unattended and wrested the Pfeiffer State Park from the hands of destiny and set it up as a monument to posterity. I will have to admit that there were times in the park service when I longed to explore those greener pastures on the other side of the fence, but now that I am in my dotage, I am glad that I stayed. I will truthfully say that the Park service and the personnel is an attraction which I long to associate myself with again, and hope to in the near future. Of course, the Seabees are good!"

That is our Everett, folks. He added in his letter that his cargo ship was loading and he was practically on his way. May all the good luck in the world go with him!

PARKS LEGEND

We wish to thank Franklyn Brown for the following bit of legend about Patrick's Point. According to Robert Beach, pioneer Humboldter, Patrick's Point was named after Patrick McLaughlin, who was one of the earliest settlers in the district and who homesteaded the land comprising part of the park more than ninety years ago. The old house that he built, sheltered by the tall rock that bears his name, has long since been in ruins. A number of legends have grown up concerning the lands now enclosed in the park. One of these tells that Patrick McLaughlin was an old bachelor and was inclined to be rather "close" as well as cautious about money matters. A few years before his death, distrusting banks or other places of deposit, he is reputed to have buried his entire savings in gold coin in an orchard. However, since there are several orchards on the property, the credulous would have a rather long job ahead of them to make a complete investigation of all possibility of finding the reputed $75,000 fortune. Custodian Brown informs us that to date he has not had time to look for it. He also comments, in high praise of Patrick's Point, that a great number of good agates may be found on Agate Beach, and if folks don't care to look for agates, the fishing is wonderful.

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Custodian Brown has received his notice for preinduction physical. Having previously served fourteen months in the 251st C. A. (AA) in Hawaii, he doesn't have much doubt as to the outcome of the physical. Good luck, Brownie!

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Supt. Guy L. Fleming submits the following: "I believe that I am the only district superintendent who can see five of his State Parks from his headquarters, and none of them nearer than 30 miles in distance. Looking toward the north along the coast line, I can see the location of San Clemente and Doheny Beach State Parks, approximately 40 miles by airline; to the northeast, 30 miles airline, I can see the entire southern portion of Palomar State Park and, if I had powerful enough field glasses, I could tell whether Louie Juch had the flags up each day at his headquarters; over the left shoulder of Palomar and 60 miles airline, I can see the major portion of Mt. San Jacinto State Park; to the east and north I can see some of the high mountains that form the western boundary of Anza Desert State Park, 50 miles airline; and directly east, 35 miles airline, I view the entire western boundary of Cuyamaca State Park and the forested slopes of Middle and Cuyamaca Peak - all this dependent on clear days, of which we have many."

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FORT ROSS

An amount of $10,500 has been appropriated for restoration work at Fort Ross Historical Monument. Supt. Coon and Mr. Hull have contributed some interesting facts regarding this work. 500 feet of stockade is to be built of first growth redwood, hand-hewn. The block house is to be built of first growth redwood logs. The construction is complicated because the structure is seven-sided, (heptagon) and all corners are saddled and mitred. There is to be a plank floor and hewn redwood boards for the roof. Six portholes at floor level on the first floor, for use of ship's cannon, and seven portholes at eye level on the second floor, for the firing of rifles, will complete the defense facilities. One of the

BIG SUR REDWOODS STATE PARK

Provides comfortable facilities for the diversified recreation of all persons, in a rugged, picturesque setting where mountains, forests and streams verge upon the primitive.

----Wm. L. Kenyon

Big Sur Lodge--We will be open for business as usual with cabins, foods, novelties and all other service that it will be possible to give the public under war-time regulations, and with the help problem as it is today, we feel sure that the public will understand and bear with us until after the duration when we can again serve the fine standard that we had in pre-war years.

---Lt. Bill Raymond

BURIED TREASURE AT PIO PICO

All the excavating and digging around the old Casa brings to mind the day, quite a few years back, when my aunt, Dona Dolores Alvarado Serrano, and Mrs. Merced Abbot came to my house in Whittier. Mrs. Abbot was the owner of the Merced Theater in Los Angeles in the days of Nigger Alley and Sonora Town. Mrs. Serrano was hostess for many years at El Ranchito. In fact, she was at El Ranchito when the flood of 1884 carried away the beautiful little chapel that stood at the north of the Casa and other adobe homes that clustered around it. To come back to the visit of Senora Serrano and Mrs. Abbot. They were very mysterious and secretive. They carried a pick, a shovel and a lantern. Naturally, I became very curious, and finally they told me. They were going to El Ranchito to look for a buried treasure. They were quite sure where the exact spot was where Don Juan Mora had buried the little trunk filled with fifty dollar slugs.

It seems that Don Juan Mora, living at El Ranchito, kept the trunk under his bed. This little trunk was called a lingerie trunk. It was made of camphor wood, covered with leather, and studded with brass nails and in which brides kept their lingerie. Many of these trunks can still be found in the homes of descendants of early California families. I have one in my possession. These trunks were brought from the Phillipines by the Manila galleon that brought the beautiful Spanish shawls made in China.

There came a day when Senor Mora sickened and died. After the usual time of mourning ended, interested friends looked under the bed. Horrors! the trunk was gone. Senor Mora must have buried the treasure somewhere on the premises. The treasure surely must have been buried as no one in the community had shown affluence. Senora Serrano and Mrs. Abbot left. I suppose they dug and looked for the treasure. I know that they did not find it as both ladies died in impoverished circumstances.

Now that Pancho Gutierrez is digging around the Casa much of my time is spent watching and expecting the spade to reveal the little lingerie trunk filled with fifty dollar slugs. One thing that puzzles me is: where did Senor Mora get so many fifty dollar slugs?

------Dolores Connors

RICHARDSON GROVE

We will be open for business around the 10th of May with the same facilities as always--store, fountain, dining room and cabins. The only thing that will be stopping us will be rationing. Some place has to take care of the honeymooners and it might just as well be Richardson Grove. Last year was the banner year for this type of business.

----L. A. Spengler

Gordon Kishbaugh, 920 San Gabriel Blvd. Azusa, California, says:

"My best regards to all the gang and hope it isn't too long until I am back in the State Park business. Does any of our park people want pictures of the planes we build at Lockheed? If so, tell them to write me."

SAN CLEMENTE STATE PARK

As it is approximately halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego, San Clemente is a haven for those weary travelers who stop for that five minute stretch, drink of water, comb the hair, etc.

---Rudolph Anderson

old stone grinding wheels, a part of the mill, was found in use as a stepping stone at the doorway of a barn on a nearby dairy. It is to be returned to the Fort for display. It is expected that other things, in the way of period furniture and equipment, will be returned and placed on display.

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FISH STORY ?

Here is a seal story that tops all fish stories: At San Clemente a C. C. C. foreman told what he declared to be a true story of a baby seal captured by some of his boys and put in a pond with some goldfish. It was not so good for the fish, so the foreman ordered the seal returned to its native environment. Reluctantly the boys toted him back to the surf line, tied a red flag about his neck and headed him for Seal Rock, a mile or so off shore. They sorrowfully watched their pet make the swim, witnessed what seemed to be a happy reunion and then were amazed to see their little playmate, with the aid of a full-grown relative, untie the flag and vigorously wig-wag with it to the shore: "Thanks fellows stop everything okay stop found my mama stop."

-----Chapin Hall

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Your editor wishes to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of her heart for your splendid cooperation in contributing to this, the February issue of "Park News and Views". There has been such an abundance of material that it has been difficult to choose. All unused material will be turned over to J. H. Covington, editor of the March issue. Keep up the good work, folks--that is what it takes to make a success of our newest endeavor. Again, thanks!

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HONOR ROLL

Pvt. Robert W. Henning, Infantry
Son of A. E. Henning. Enrolled in A. S. T. C., at present unassigned, just released from hospital after knee operation. At present in Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, for reassignment.

Pvt. John D. Covington, Air Corps
Son of J. H. and Katherine Covington. 784 T. S. S. Brks 130, Army Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Army Aviation Cadet Don W. Camper
Air Corps. Son of Ernest B. Camper. Now located at Chico Army Air Field, Chico, California.

Lt. Herbert Hull, Army Air Force
Son of Dan R. Hull. Meteorologist now located at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.

Pvt. Elmo R. Garibaldi, Tank Corps
Husband of Alice Garibaldi. Now located at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A/C Jack Langford, Air Corps
Le Moore Field, Fresno, husband of Elsie Langford.

Clifford V. Robinson F 3/c, Submarine Division, 41 USN, son of Louise C. Robinson, of the Los Angeles office.

Gene Powell, United States Navy
New Caldonia. Son of Everett and Annabell Powell.

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The Honor Roll will be continued from issue to issue, just as long as names are submitted. Let's make this a one hundred percent record of all our sons and daughters in the service of their country.

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Mr. Arthur Parvin

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Big Basin, California

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PARK CREED

L E T U S

C onsecrate our efforts to the perpetuation of Nature's handiwork
O we loyalty and allegiance to all our Naturalist pioneers
N ot knowingly disturb Nature's balance in any way
S ave for posterity all natural park features
E ndeavor to convey a message of conservation to those who desecrate
R evere Nature in all of her phases
V alue the accomplishments of Nature above the works of man
E ntreat our neighbor to assist in the work of preservation and restoration.

O ppose all efforts to exploit our forests, river and wild inhabitants thereof
U rge the adoption of laws, rules and regulations to protection of natural features
R eforest our denuded hills to the verdure of their former state.

P ut our faith in the spirit of Nature to light the Path of Knowledge
A dmonish the vandal to tread lightly, lest he bring the wrath of God upon his head
R efrain from all practices harmful to our natural resources
K eep a tryst with Mother Nature to the end of our days on this good Earth
S corn the depredations of man in all of his selfishness, greed and vanity on the product of a bountiful and generous Providence.

(This comprehensive Creed was compiled by Superintendent Lee Blaisdell for the first State-wide Park conference, held in San Francisco in 1937)

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Recent additions to the State Park System have included lands adjoining Children's Forest and the Garden Club of America Grove in Humboldt County and Parcel 3, Unit II, of the Mill Creek Redwoods State Park. These additions comprise a total of 661 acres valued at $74,026.22.

In the June, 1933 edition of Santa Fe Magazine, L. J. Martin describes The Children's Forest:

"On the south fork of the Eel River stands a redwood grove that is dedicated to little children. It is the Keer Creek Grove, and is called 'The Children's Forest'. There is an inviting stretch of riverbank. Tiny meadows provide ample room for play.

"Woodsmen never will enter this children's retreat. It is a magic playground, where the memory of departed little ones ever will be held sacred; where the tramping of tiny feet will reverberate throughout the giant trees that shelter it. In the vast domain of the redwood there is not another spot quite like it. It is idyllic; it is beautiful. It is man's noble gesture--an interlude in his task of conserving the world's most beautiful tree."

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATRE

On June 3, 1937, Monterey's 167th birthday, California's First Theatre was reopened to its original use by "The Troupers of the Gold Coast" under the Denny-Watrous Management. At the opening of "Steve's Pal", February 18th, the Troupers had given 444 performances in this theatre. This is an average of better than one a week. Twenty-five different plays have been given, all well-known old melodramas.

WHO'S WHO

ENOCH P. FRENCH, Superintendent of the Northwest District. (Perc to you). Born in Guerneville, Sonoma County, California among the redwoods. Moved into Humboldt County to work with his father on contract work of logging operations with the Pacific Lumber Company of Scotia. Has been trained in all phases of the lumber industry. Has cruised for practically every redwood lumber outfit in California. His cruises are unquestioned and he is considered one of the outstanding men of this trade throughout the nation. "Perc" entered Park Service long before he was on the Park payroll. He was making cruises and selections for the Save-the-Redwoods League and others that later donated lands to the State of California for park purposes. He has been on Parks payroll since 1931 and has served in the redwood district continuously since. During this period Mr. French has raised a nice family of park-minded people and was residing at Dyerville with his charming wife Viola, when we were informed that it was raining hard there, the Eel River reaching high levels and the Frenchs looking for higher ground to call their home. Another competent park man that likes his work.

FRED C. CANHAM, State Beach and Park Warden #1, was born in Felton, Santa Cruz County, California. His parents were pioneers of this county and very active in the lumber business. After Fred finished his school work, he joined his father in working a timber claim. He established a record in making shakes, splitting out 7,475 in eleven hours and ten minutes. This record has stood for several years. He served in World War #1 with the Engineers. Following the war he started to work for parks in 1920. He has worked in many of the state parks and is now located in Armstrong Redwoods State Park. He has a lovely family, his wife and daughter do their part in being real state park people. A good park family and may they all have a long, pleasant and prosperous future.

(The Editor wonders if "Perc" French was carrying water and food to Fred Canham the day [illegible]ed made the record for working out split shakes?)

My Park is in the making
You fellows can watch it grow
Give the people the gasoline
And my horn I don't have to blow.
— Fred Canham

We would like a report at regular intervals on the San Simeon highway between Monterey and San Luis Obispo and on the highway from Jenner north.

ELLA DRURY DIES

It was with deep regret that this Division learned of the passing on February 16th of Mrs. Ella Bishop Drury, mother of Newton and Aubrey Drury. She was well-known as a writer in her younger days and up to the time of her death maintained a large correspondence with friends all over the country.

Mrs. Drury was born in Flora, Illinois, April 5, 1863. When she was three months old her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Simeon Bishop crossed the plains by stage through Indian-infested country. Dr. Bishop was a noted physician and surgeon of Civil War days and served with General Grant at Shiloh. He became superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane in Reno.

She married Wells Drury in Reno in 1888. He served as editor of the Territorial Enterprise, the Virginia City Chronicle and the Gold Hill News. After their marriage, they moved to San Francisco, where Mr. Drury served as editor of San Francisco newspapers, and later accepted a position as managing director of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. He also served a term as president.

His efforts in behalf of the commerce body contributed greatly to the upbuilding of Berkeley, the Drury home since 1906. Mr. Drury passed away in 1932, ending a long career of service to his adopted city. Mrs. Drury endeared herself to the community and up to a few weeks before her death made her chief interest her friends and her city. She is survived by two sons and two daughters.

DISPLAY OF FLAGS

When the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of California are flown from the same halyard, the Flag of the United States should always be at the peak. The flags should be so spaced that they will not touch nor interfere with one another when not unfurled.

MARSHALL MONUMENT

My idea of Marshall's Monument is that, owing to its historical background and the 100th Anniversary of the discovery of gold in 1948, it will be one of the outstanding attractions in the Mother Lode District.

------C. M. Traylor

LOSTCOR STRAYED

One Park superintendent and one Park Commissioner in wilds of Eldorado County between Coloma and Placerville. Search by District Attorney Lyons, Highway patrol and others to no avail. Lost parties took short-cut by way of Shingle Springs looking for food. Both came to Placerville under their own power and took plenty of heat for the delay and worry of the party. O.P.A. checked on gasoline but decided that as parties were so late they must have walked. Bob and Leo reported a pleasant trip.

SEACLIFF BEACH

Seacliff Beach will be the peer of all Parks, because over five million people reside within 75 miles. Best swimming, fishing, recreation.

------Gene Velzy

(Who is this person VELZY who thinks he can make the BEACH at Seacliff as popular as the Roger's Beach in Los Angeles County? Is it Velzy or is it the BEACH that brings all of the boys and girls from Stanford?)

PERSONNEL PROBLEM

I love it in the country
But one thing worries me
The bees work all day Sunday
Which really shouldn't be.

--Rebecca McCann "Cheerful Cherub"

CALAVERAS

How can one write poetry and at the same time report 24 inches of snow and icicles 42 inches long, and especially at the age of the author with a son in the 39th Fighter Squadron?

We may lose Airplanes
We may lose Tanks
We may lose Manpower from our ranks
But we'll beat the Japs
We'll take the lead
Your full support is all we need.

----Alfred A. Beck

PICTURES

We have a big file here of pictures of State Beaches and Parks. If you have a film of your park or persons using the facilities of your park, we would like to have it to add to our file for publicity purposes. We also have a file for pictures of the State Park System employees and their families. How's about giving us a snap of you and also of your family if possible. This file is always on hand and available to you when you are in the Sacramento Office. Gives you a chance to see what the other fellow looks like even before a conference. Don't think that this is only for now but at any time that you have films or when films are available.

BIG BASIN

Big Basin offers a full program of diversion and entertainment; namely: hiking, swimming, dancing, tennis, volley ball and the famous Campfire bowl. This, with the close proximity to the Bay area, makes it very popular.

-----C. L. Newlin

Big Basin Lodge. This year, my hopes are to surpass 1943's business which showed an increase over '42. Big Basin is a very fine place for our boys returning from active duty, for a complete relaxation and for the general public, at large, who are working under pressure in our defense plants, to get a few days of rest. Our accommodations will take care of approximately 120 persons in cabins. We have store, cottages, coffee shop, etc. ---A. D. Sgarlato.

POINT LOBOS

And it came to pass in those days that wise men took counsel together and said, one unto another, "Behold! the realm of Point Lobos, and the beauty of it, the shore of the great sea and the trees that fell not when the winds came and the rain descended, for they were rooted in the rock. Now it seemeth good to us that this place should belong unto all men, unto the fathers and the sons, unto the third and the fourth generation and yea for all time to come." Whereupon the shekels were gathered together until the price thereof had been paid, even to the last farthing. And they saw that which had been done, and behold! it was very good.

Then came yea more wise men and teachers of the sons of men and they gazed upon the beasts of the fields and the fowls of the air and the fish of the sea, and they were a delight to the eye. And one said "Behold! the fowls of the air, how many they are." And he numbered them even unto seven score and seven. And other men gazed upon the lilies of the field and the trees of the forest for they were good to look upon.

In those days also came full many of the children of men, fathers who sought after the fish of the great deep, mothers who brought their provisions in baskets and children who ran here and there seeking that which they might devour. And they made merry in that land.

In the fullness of time came men from far places of the earth, men who wrote many words concerning the beauty of that land, for it was fair and a delight to the eye. Some there were who took paints and wrought skillfully that they might put the beauties of that place upon pieces of canvas. But for all the beauty that men took away with them, a full measure remained for yet other men who came after them.

And behold! when the great wind went forth over that land and the storms came and the waves waxed exceeding high and smote upon the rock, then also came men with machines for the making of pictures and they stood in wonder.

Men of God walked by the great sea in those days, and men of the world gazed upon the works of the Almighty and were at peace with their brothers. Fathers took their ease and burned incense of the fragrant leaf and watched their children make merry with much laughter.

But then came wars and the rumors of wars and spread over all the earth. And soldiers came, clad in garments of the earth, earthy, and the flying chariots roared across the heavens. And the centurians came, they with bars of gold and silver upon their shoulders, and some with eagles and withal, some who wore the stars of heaven. There were those who fought in the far corners of the world, who wore bars of many colors upon their breasts. There were tall youths and comely who had silver wings and brought with them others like unto themselves.

Then longed the sons of men for the days of peace that once more they could take every man his chariot and his wife and his sons and his daughters and drive unto that fair land upon the first day of the week. For all men knew that the beauties thereof would last forever, even unto generations that no man could number. And they rejoiced, everyone, for it belonged unto all the people and they found it a goodly heritage, more to be desired than rubies or precious stones, yea more than gold, even much fine gold. Selah.

-----R. A. Wilson

During the months of April, May and June the wildflower display at Point Lobos reaches its height; however, one may find a great many blooming throughout the year.

A wildflower census on New Year's Day has disclosed as many as twenty-three different varieties blooming.

As a rule the Ceonothus thyrisiflorus or blue lilac is in bloom by the middle of March. From all indications the display will be exceptionally beautiful this spring.

ANZA DESERT

The finest display of wildflowers in the world. ------J. W. Calvert.

TOOL BOARDS

What's all this business we hear about some parks and beaches having tool boards and others having diagrams on the blackboard to show location of all tools? How's about sending along some of your ideas to make this arrangement standard in all parks and beaches? There should be a prize on this one for the winner. Perhaps a long-handled brush or back scratcher.

LA PURISIMA MISSION

La Purisima Mission is the largest historical monument in the system. It is the largest restoration of a California Mission. Here are grown the largest pears in the State System. The Warden tells a story about "Balogna"! 'Nuff Sed!

---Earl Hanson

NOTICE

We have been informed by the Sherwin-Williams Company that since September 1, 1943, they have not been charging the usual $1 deposit for five-gallon pails. They state that due to the very excellent cooperation of their customers, they have a very sizable quantity of five-gallon pails which will take care of their needs for some time to come, and ask that we advise all concerned not to return any more of these pails.

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

One feature of the Mt. Tamalpais State Park is what is known as Steep Ravine. Only twenty miles from metropolitan San Francisco is one of the most primitive spots left in the State. It is entered only by trail and is one of the most enchanting walks in the State. It drops from 1600 ft. to 500 ft. in one mile, following a beautiful stream all the way, with stately trees and moss grown rocks fringed with ferns of all kinds from the delicate maidenhair to the wide-spreading shield variety. The trail is bordered with blue and white lupin, monkey flowers, poppies and wild berries. The ground is thick with pine needles and leaf mold. The stillness is broken only by the wind swished redwoods, Digger pine, and Douglas fir, and the songs of numerous birds. For a real get away from the rest of the world better try this trail sometime.--R.G.Bassett

CUYAMACA

My park is the "best in the west"--self-supporting and just a little nearer Heaven than most of them, in fact sometimes when I think too much about it, I wax poetical and recite the following poem composed by Phoebe Moore while in a "celestial mood":

Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
Lovely range of Indian fame,
Long ago no doubt the red men
Gave you that sweet sounding name,
Called you Cuyamaca, meaning
Rain and mist, the old ones say,
Truly, here the rain clouds gather
From December until May.

Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
Gone is all your early race,
Nothing left to tell their story
Save a rustic burial place.
Save the arrow heads and ollas
And metates, frequently,
Signs and symbolds of a simple
People, hunters wild and free.

Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
All your grandeur still is here,
Stately pines and spreading oak trees
Have grown grander year by year,
Pastures hidden in the mountains
Peaceful, plenteous as of old,
Loveliness each year repeating
Such cannot be bought or sold.

Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
How we love your lofty peaks,
How we love the very highest
Where the youthful ranger keeps
Ever keen and lonely vigil
In his little house so high
His a trust complete and solemn
Dire destruction to defy.

Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
Deep blue lake and rolling hills
"Stonewall", silent and defiant,
How your beauty thrills and fills
Hearts of all with love and reverence
Almost touching the divine,
Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca,
Where are charms like unto thine.

KEEP BONDS ALIVE ----HAVE THE BOYS COME IN '45.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Lloyd Lively, Assistant Warden at Big Sur Redwoods State Park, is on military leave and is now serving in the armed forces. Future designation unknown at this time.

Warden Ross Greeley of Doheny Beach has separated himself from the State Park Service in order to take care of his private affairs, brought about by a "large inheritance". His address is now Balboa-by-the-Sea, California.

Warden Jack Fleckenstein has transferred to Doheny Beach.

Elsie Langford is getting tired of being a lonesome widow and has decided to join her husband A/C Jack Langford, stationed at Lemoore Field near Fresno. Her departure upsets the contemplated schedule of Park News and Views and the next number will, therefore, be edited by our old standby, the Division's one and only DAN HULL. Dan will accept all contributions.

Alice Garibaldi will leave for Louisville, Kentucky, to join her husband in the armed forces, sometime in April.

Several other of our employees have had their classifications changed to 1-A. The above changes, plus all others that have happened in recent months, places a heaview responsibility on the old employees and may be a factor in deciding which parks will not be opened for the coming summer--this also being affected by the recent drastic cuts in gasoline rationing.

STATE PARK CONFERENCES

When this global war is over and we are again on the BEAM, I am informed that we will have our annual conferences. This will give everyone a change to meet all of the Park People. It's certainly nice to remember the days when we were having such annual conferences and had the opportunity to meet our park personnel. This conference was started by Chief Henning in 1937 and was held annually until Pearl Harbor. Keep this in mind as it is really something to look forward to as a real Park Employee gathering.

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS STATE PARK

For the camper -------- -Ideal
For the picnicker-------- Tops
For the tourist-- Never to be forgotten
For the fisherman----Can't be beat
For the hunter------Camping
---- ------Jake Pool

WHAT! NO RESPONSE!

The office force is wondering whether the field force is asleep since none of the larger parks have come forward volunteering to edit an individual number of our bulletin.

DOHENY BEACH

Doheny Beach will greatly surpass
Every Beach from first to last
The swimming and sunning are ideal
And there's many a fisherman and his reel.

The weeds grow tall and the sea weed
piles high
There are birds on the ground and more
in the sky
We of Doheny give a word of advice
Come to our park where it is always nice.
----Helmouth Barnes

STANDARD PLANS

In case you have not heard, Dan Hull, our genial State Park Engineer, is now working out a standard plan for all State Park System facilities, such as houses, service areas, stoves, cupboards, recreation centers, etc. When this plan has been adopted and in effect for a time, you will feel at home in any Park or Beach of the entire system. We think it a grand idea. This is another brainchild of our ever-alert Chief "Chic" Henning.

BURL! BURL! BURL! BURL!

The Sacramento office could sure use a BIG one for display purposes. You can't cut them in State Parks, 'taint legal. Maybe your neighbor might have one that annoys him. Don't get caught getting it.

HONOR ROLL

Pvt. John R. Fleming
Co. A. 27th Tk. Batt. 20th Armored Div.
APO 444, Camp Campbell, Ky.
Has served in five states in little more than a year of service.
Son of Supt. Guy L. and Margaret Fleming, Southern District.

Sgt. Harold Pesch, #19066435
446th F. G. T. S. Tyndall Field
Panama City, Florida.
A good park man and a son and brother of the State Parks.

Sgt. Lewis R. Moore
On Italian soil and going strong.
Son of Leonard L. Moore, of La Purisima

Pvt. Bill Gott, U. S. M. C.
Marine Det. NTU, Erdman Hall
Occidental College
Los Angeles, 41, Cal.
Son of our good friend and park man Bill Gott, Sr. at Mt. Diablo.

Harry Lee Blaisdell, Jr. A. M. M. 3/C
U. S. Naval Air Station
Alameda, California
Son of Supt. Lee Blaisdell, a veteran of World War #1 and another guy that would like to be in service but like the editor he has found that time marches on.

LOOKEE! LOOKEE!
Cpl. Richard Barbour
101 Photo Mapping Sqdn.
Tampa, Florida

T/Sgt. Robert Barbour
Thunderbird Field #2
Phoenix, Arizona

Sons of our own DAISY BARBOUR at Vallejo Home. She should have a big hand and a lot of praise for this contribution. If she had any more sons they would probably be in there doing their part. Write these boys along with all of the others.

Sgt. George R. Beck
9th Fighter Sqd.
Somewhere in South Pacific
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Beck of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

Lt. Robert C. Grout
ASN-O-758988, Minter Field
Bakersfield, California
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton S. Grout Armstrong Redwoods State Park.

S/Sgt. W. A. Weatherbee
1124th Eng. C. Group
Camp Maxey, Texas
A good park man doing his bit.

Murrell Gregory, E. M. 3/C
S. C. T. C. Roosevelt Base
San Pedro, California

E. E. Powell, C. P. O. U. S. N. R.
Co. B. Pl. 6
122nd - U. S. N. C. B.
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

KEEP A FILE on these men and write as many as possible when time permits. These grand people are doing the things we would all like to do if it was possible for us all to be in proper condition and at the age where we were eligible to participate.

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The editor appreciates the many generous contributions sent in from employees in the State Park System. It is with regret that space will not permit us to use all articles in this issue. The remaining material will be turned over to DAN HULL, the editor of the next issue.

"KEEP EM FLYING--Buy BONDS whenever possible."

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NEW COMMISSIONER

Hon. Charles Kasch has been appointed by Governor Earl Warren as State Park Commissioner to fill the vacancy brought about by Lt. George Waldner's active army service. Attorney Kasch's interest in state parks is well known. He is a member of the Save-the-Redwoods League and of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. The Kasch home in Ukiah reflects this interest in the number of fine native trees which grace the surroundings. Commissioner Kasch was born in Humboldt County and is thoroughly familiar with the coastal region from San Francisco north to the Oregon line. We wish to extend the congratulations and welcome of the entire Division to Commissioner Kasch and hope that he enjoys his work with us.

WITH OUR CONCESSIONAIRES

We are happy to announce that the Big Basin Lodge, cabins and lunch room opened on April 15th under the able supervision of our old friend, Gus Sgarlato.

L. A. Spengler informs us that he plans on opening Richardson Grove on May 10th. Mr. Spengler, another old-time friend of Parks folks, and father of Mrs. Percy French, passes on the tip that he is going to specialize in honeymooners this season. There is your chance for a lovely honeymoon, Parks folks.

A recent letter from Lt. Bill Raymond states that the contemplated opening date for the concession at Big Sur Redwoods State Park is May 25th. The concession is to be operated by Mrs. Raymond and Bill's father. Lt. Bill is stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana, in the Camp Polk Exchange.

T R E E S

The following contribution from Viola French is very close to our hearts:

"In our Redwood temple do not these fluted columns lift higher the vaults of heaven than the roof of Greek Parthenon or Gothic cathedral? What words of dedication may we say on this auspicious day? Has not God himself dedicated these California slopes, planting them with his tree children, who ask of us only affection and preservation? Our dedication should be to an understanding of that great architect and builder whose master plan no human draftsman yet quite understands, whose magnificent landscape no mortal apprentice has yet proved capable of preserving in their pristine lovliness." ---Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt in her dedicatory address for the Garden Club of America Grove, 1934.

WARTIME OPERATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE BEACHES AND PARKS

The following article, which appeared in a recent issue of "Planning and Civic Comment" was submitted by our Chief, Chic Henning, and gives an interesting sidelight on our war-time policy of operation.

"Wartime restrictions on travel are without doubt affecting the attendance of all National and State parks.

"However, in California, we have another factor which is responsible for even greater changes in our park operation than those caused by the restriction of travel.

"The West Coast has been designated as a vital defense area. California has a coastline of close to one thousand miles, and because a great number of our parks and beaches are located along this coastline, they are subject to certain military restrictions and occupancy by Armed Forces at a moment's notice. The number of parks under military occupancy changes from time to time and it would, of course, be inadvertent to state the definite number of such occupied areas or the locations of same, but the fact that the military forces are occupying our areas presents problems in sanitation, the supplying of water and other utilities, and the conditioning of our roads for heavier traffic--and in many cases, realignment--problems that most State Park Systems would probably not have to contend with during the emergency. The uncertainty as to the duration of occupancy or when occupancy by Armed Forces may be needed also restricts public use to a considerable degree over and above the restriction due to limited travel.

"The use of our parks, if checked with ordinary years, shows a drop in patronage of those at a considerable distance from populous areas and a heavier use than normal of those parks and beaches adjacent to populous areas. At this point it might be well to mention that at the beaches where fishing is available, we find a large percentage of the fishermen fishing for the purpose of supplying food rather than for sport.

"The policy has been adopted by the present State Government prohibiting the expenditure of funds for any construction or development purposes since such use of critical materials would hamper the war effort. This means that after the duration, a more-than-normal problem of reconstruction of facilities will have to be carried on in order to bring our park structures and facilities up to the pre-war level. The California Park Commission is very sympathetic to our preparing a long-range planning program of park projects for the post-war period, since it is felt that after the duration, people will use the outdoor facilities to a much greater degree than ever before.

"Like the rest of the State Park Systems, we are facing our personnel problems in an endeavor to hire a sufficient number of persons for the proper protection, rather than the maintenance and operation, of our properties. In this State we have a very effective civil service set-up which limits non-civil service hiring of individuals to a maximum six-months' period. This, in the long run, will be of advantage to the Division since it will avoid freezing into permanent employment the type of personnel now available, which in most cases, does not meet our high pre-war standards.

"This article will be rather limited since there are many details involving the operation of the Park System I had best leave unsaid, because of their military signi-

ficance, but I must state that we will have a considerable claim against the Federal Government for the repair and replacement of our facilities and properties due to military occupancy.

"Campaigns of various kinds are being conducted throughout the State tending to discourage travel and we are cooperating with these to the fullest extent since we are not releasing any newspaper articles or printed material which might encourage more use of our park facilities, our present objective being merely to protect our properties and plan for the future."

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Malcolm Byce gave us a bad scare on April third, when he did a high-dive from the attic at the Sonoma Historical Monument, while doing some electrical work. We are happy to announce that the experiment was not fatal, although painful, ashe struck his back in the fall. Careful,there, boy, we don't have time to care for invalids--even nice ones. We are glad it was no more serious, and hope all the bad results are gone. Better luck next time!

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The Sacramento office force has gone social! On March 31st a going-away luncheon was had for Elsie Langford, on a three-months leave to join her husband, who expects to finish his training as pilot early in June. The kids don't know yet where they are going, but Colorado has been rumored. Spring in the Rockies!

On April 7th a going-away luncheon was had for Alice Garibaldi, who left for Kentucky on the 12th to join Elmo, stationed at Fort Knox. Alice is also on a three-months leave, and expects to spend the entire time with Elmo if possible. She has promised to represent the entire System at the Kentucky Derby. We hope she takes it easy--what with withholding tax and all---------

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A hearty welcome is extended to Miss Claire McGinnis, who is to be with us during the next three months to carry on in Elsie's place, caring for the gasoline rationing, etc., that has always been Elsie's job.

Also Mrs. Dorothy Emanuel, who will take Alice's place during her absence, in handling acquisition and Park Commission work. Mrs. Emanuel hails from Iowa, and is having a grand time learning to pronounce such names as "Hiouchi", "Vallejo" and "San Jacinto". Her husband is stationed at Camp Kohler, near Sacramento.

We hope the girls will enjoy working with us very much, and wish to express our good wishes to them.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Now that our personnel is shifting so rapidly, particularly former employees who are now overseas, we would like to have the help of everyone in keeping up to date on correct addresses.

ORCHIDS!

From the Calverts: Anza Desert State Park, Borrego Unit, is the future Winter Play Ground of the entire Southwest. It is historical, and has a marvelous winter climate. It has everything from beautiful flowers, rare trees and shrubs, unique birds and reptiles, to fossil oyster beds and mastedon remains and petrified wood. It

Is in this Park that the first white child was born in California on December 24, 1774, prior to any at the missions.

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The Calverts also report that the desert flowers are a great show this year. We all know that they are beautiful beyond description any year.

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From Ben Twight, at Van Damme: "Van Damme Park has the best ferns, fauna, firs, fish, fogs, redwoods, rains, rhododendrons, beaches, berries, boating, abalones, marine gardens and dampness on the coast." From recent correspondence, we gather that the Twights like it at Van Damme.

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Jack Fleckenstein says that Doheny Beach has the distinction of being the only State Park in California where the fish come up on the beach and stand on their tails and you don't need a hook to catch them. Grunions to you.

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Newton S. Grout, one of our newcomers, wishes to state that he thinks Armstrong Redwoods State Park has the most beautiful and enjoyable arrangement of Redwoods and other trees that he has ever seen.

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Bob Hatch gives us the lofty information that Mt. San Jacinto is made of monstrous mountains. He figures that the principal peaks, piled upon each other, would extend 61,505 feet up (and would be some climb). Might be a good post-war planning project, Bob. We will leave the details for you.

W. H. Turk passes on his opinion that Fort Ross Historical Monument covers but a small area, but makes up for its size in historical value. Interest in the story of Fort Ross will greatly increase with the expected development of the Western Coastal section.

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Fremont Peak State Park has undergone some drastic changes by the occupation of the U. S. Army. The Army's activities include the construction of a seventy-foot tower that will stand about forty feet above the top of the Peak. Also a road from the old cabin up to the saddle between the two peaks, and from there a trolley track on up to the base of the tower. This road is a minimum of sixteen feet wide andhas a grade of 40% part of the way. A cabin has been built at the end of the road. This interesting information has been submitted by Frank Fair.

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Information has been furnished the Sacramento office that the San Simeon-Carmel Highway is open and in good condition.

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Visitors at Doheny State Beach recently include Al and Henri Salzgeber and family, Mrs. Z. Allan Barker, Jack and Barbara Knight and daughter, and Murrell Gregory.

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Big Basin folks are happy because they have a group of soldiers in the Old Lodge CCC Camp, under the command of Captain Jordan. The boys have been repairing and installing telephone lines. This is of great value to the Basin area in fire protection. It is reported that the boys, from Fort Ord, are quite pleased with their new surroundings

WHO'S WHO

SUPT. GUY L. FLEMING

Supt. Fleming was born on a Nebraska homestead southwest of Hastings, Adams County. When about two years old his parents moved to Alabama. Guy was such a cute little tike, they decided to take him along. The family later moved to Tennessee and at the age of five his family went back to Nebraska. Before he reached the age of twelve they moved to a forested area in the region of Yaquina Bay, Oregon. Guy attended country schools, even going to and from school in a rowboat at one period. He received formal schooling at Corvallis, Oregon.

Near the close of the Spanish American War he served a short term in the United States Navy. He is now listed as one of the youngest Spanish War Veterans. He removed to San Diego in January, 1909, and started his park career as a gardner on the landscape layout in preparation for the 1915 San Diego Exposition. He has specialized in a study of native and exotic flora. Soon after this he became affiliated with the San Diego Society of Natural History and the San Diego Floral Association. In 1916, as chairman of committees representing both associations, he had a part in bringing public attention to the need of protection for the groves of rare Torrey Pines growing on City and private lands at the northern limits of San Diego.

In 1921 he was appointed Custodian of the Torrey Pines Preserve by the late Miss Ellen B. Scripps, who had purchased the lands on which the finest stands of pine were growing. This gave opportunity for further botanical study and collaboration with leading botanists, foresters and park specialists. In 1927 he was appointed one of many reporters to assist in the California Park Survey.

In March, 1928, Mr. Fleming attended the State Park Commission Meeting in San Francisco, representing San Diego Society of Natural History and San Diego Chamber of Commerce, to propose the selection and creation of a large desert park in eastern San Diego County. On that occasion he met Newton B. Drury. He was later assigned to work with Frederick Law Olmsted and his assistants, one of whom was Dan Hull, and with Newton Drury, in a study of areas in Southern California desirable for inclusion in the future State Park System. In the spring of 1932 he toured for three months, visiting National and State parks, in particular the park systems of New York and Indiana.

On March 1, 1933, he was appointed Acting Superintendent of the Southern District by the State Park Commission to assist Col. Wing, then Chief of the Division of Parks, in administering the growing number of State Parks in Southern California. At that time Perc French was the only full-time park superintendent, and then, as now, was ruler of the Northern District. On July 1, 1933, Guy was appointed full-time Superintendent of the Southern District. In the active eleven years following he has been ably assisted by "Assistant Superintendent" Margaret Eddy Fleming and a very cooperative group of fellow park employees.

The Flemings have three children, all grown--John R., Margaret and Elizabeth. They also have a grandchild, Patricia Ann Allen, Margaret's daughter.

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SUPT. H. L. BLAISDELL

Lee Blaisdell was born in 1891, in Seattle, Washington. His father was an electrical engineer and rancher and his mother was an artist.

He attended numerable schools throughout the Northwest and his education included a short course in forestry, U. S.Forest Service, a course in military engineering, U. S.Army Engineer School, a course in the Hancock College of Aeronautics, and he is a graduate of the U. S. Agricultural College.

Lee was apparently born under a restless star, as he was claimed by wanderlust at an early age. In his youth he roamed the mountains of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia by saddle and pack horse, stage coach, freight wagon and canoe. Later extended his travels by auto, motorcycle, airplane and boat.. He has worked in many positions and jobs; rancher, miner, logger, forest ranger, garage and service station operator, general construction and a few of the odd jobs. He served in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps and Motor Transport Corps as a non-commissioned officer in the last war; was wounded in action and received accolade from President Wilson.

He was married to one of California's lovliest and fairest daughters on Easter Sunday, 1919. Their family consists of four native sons and daughters.

Lee informs us that his hobbies are making friends and enjoying the beauties and bountiful life of this sovereign state, particularly as exemplified by the State Beaches, Parks and Monuments. He was twelve years in the Boy Scouts of America as scoutmaster and committeeman. Gardening and flying rank high in his list of hobbies. He entered California Park Service on April 15, 1931 (Happy Anniversary, Lee!), and he tells us that it is assumed that his history is an open book to the Parks gang from that date to the present. We find it mighty pleasant reading and are glad he is a member of our Parks crowd.

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The May Issue of the Parks News and Views is to be compiled by the Big Sur State Park personnel. Please send all contributions to the Park in care of Warden William L. Kenyon, Big Sur Post Office. Come on folks, Bill has taken us up on our offer to "farm out" the honors of playing editor, let's give him LOTS of newsy items!

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Elsie Langford and Gladys Zumwalt, as Chairman and Secretary of the CSEA "Send Your Books to War" Committee, have reported that the March drive netted 3560 books and $60.75. A great part of the books have already gone overseas and the money has been turned over to the Sacramento City Library for the purchase of additional books. The drive is to be a continuous effort, from month to month. Gladys has taken over the project in Elsie's absence, and asks the cooperation of Parks employees on their local book drives. All suitable books arebeing sent overseas and the small, pocket-size, paper-bound books are especially desirable.

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Franklyn Brown, Patrick's Point State Park, was the first to submit a plan for the suggested tool board. He sent in sketches of the board at Patrick's Point, and it is a very good tool board. "Brownie" also sent in snapshots in response

to our request. We hope we will receive more replies for tool board plans and Parks personnel snapshots. The tool board plans are desired for use in the Sacramento Office in making up Standard Plans. The snapshots are desired for the completion of our files.

PARKS FOLKS AT WAR

Ernie Camper's son, Don, is now located at StocktonAir Base, taking his advanced pilot's training. He has contacted "Jess" Chaffee, who is located at the same field.

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P. F.C. Don Covington spent several days at home enroute to Kearns Field, Utah, where he expects to be for only a short period.

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P. F. C. Bob Henning flew in from Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, to surprise his folks on Easter morning.

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Pvt. John Fleming was surveyed out of the Army and arrived home on March 30th. John was in the Army over a year and has been stationed in camps in California, Texas, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

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The Sacramento Office received a newsy letter from Lt. Bill Raymond, from Camp Polk, Louisiana. He also sent us a copy of the camp paper, "Armoreader".

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We have had word from Barbara Knight that Jack has changed his address to

Ensign John H. Knight, 301900
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% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

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A long letter from Mrs. Holmboe tells us that George is in the South Pacific--and hoping that he and Everett Powell manage one of the war-time miracles of meeting.

A newspaper clipping has been forwarded to us, telling of the two meetings of Everett and Gene Powell, one on the West Coast, and again in New Caledonia. Upon his arrival Everett was not allowed to leave his ship, but Gene was permitted to go out to the ship for a visit of several hours. We are so happy that these two swell people were able to cram a visit into their busy war-time lives.

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A letter from "Jess" Chaffee tells us that he is still fighting the "Battle of Stockton" at the Stockton Air Base--that he wants to get into the scrap just as much as ever, and passes on a hearty "hello" to all and sundry of the Parks family.

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FLASH!!! Word has just been received that the Langfords are going to La Junta, Colorado, so it is really to be Spring in the Rockies. Happy second honeymoon, kids!

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Letters from Everett Powell go into some detail as to life in the tropics, "the call of the wild"--the tropical moon--classy living in the jungle--cocoanuts--lack of women (why, Everett!), and he adds that he is "as trim and sleek as a Kentucky-bred race horse". (He wants to be careful--we'll bring him back for the Derby!) It all sounds pretty swell, and we are glad to hear from Everett--as well as all of our boys that are in the service.

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We wish to add to the HONOR ROLL the following:

Cpl. Donald W. Fillinger, brother of Virginia Fillinger, Sacramento Office, Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana.

Sgt. J.F. McAuliffe, fiance of Virginia Fillinger, Hdq. QM Corp, Hawaiian Islands.

Pvt. Donald Emanuel, husband of Dorothy Emanuel, Sacramento Office, Signal Corps, Camp Kohler, Calif.

Pvt. Francis E. Harwood, U. S. Marines, San Diego, and Cpl. Robert Harwood, Medical Dtch., Fort Bragg, brothers of Dorothy Emanuel.

Lt. Allen E. Ferguson, ring-bound to Claire McGinnis, infantry, Hawaiian Islands.

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GLEANINGS FROM WARDENS' WEEKLY REPORTS

C. L. Milne, Prairie Creek----
Mr. Walter Wood, of the San Francisco Aquarium, has been a park guest for several days. He is studying and collecting salamanders and other amphibians. Fourteen different species have been found in the Park.

H. W. Moore, Cuyamaca----
In working in the basement, gave a civet cat, who was not civil, a sleeping powder and he has gone up in the building between the walls, where it is impossible to get him out. This information is a warning to anyone just what to expect if anticipating a visit to Stonewall Lodge in the near future. (Ed. note--If any of you kind folks know of a method of luring said cat into the open, any advice will probably be accepted and tried!)

Earl P. Hanson, La Purisima----
The La Purisima gardens are more beautiful this year than they have ever been, due partly to the length of time the plants have been in, partly to the prolonged late rainy season and largely to the efforts of Custodian Leonard Moore.

C. W. Milne, Prairie Creek----
Continued running boundary lines with Mr. French. We have found traces and remains of ditches, pipe, dams and other workings of the gold miners who were here before the government survey of 1878. Some are on park land and some on adjacent land. All of these historical monuments should be acquired and preserved.

Daisy Barbour, Vallejo Home----
Robins in the tree tops,
Blossoms in the grass,
Green things agrowin'
Everywhere you pass.
(Ed. note: "In the spring folks' thoughts lightly turn to love and stuff----------" Daisy!)

Daisy Barbour also reports that the duck, "Daisy June" has eloped and everyone suspects Daniel Boone passed that way. We all join Daisy in mourning the loss of so wonderful a companion.

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T H A N K S !

Personnel of the Sacramento Office wish to thank Franklyn Brown, Patrick's Point, for the redwood burl, just received. It will be well cared for and loved by everyone.

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Frank Gutierrez, who is stationed at La Purisima, and is now working at Pio Pico on the restoration work, tells us an interesting story of how he and Jack Calvert used to "play hookey" from school, many years ago, in Azusa, in order to get out of final examinations.

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Did you know that in 1943 60% of all gas refined in California was converted to hi-octane? In 1944 80% of the gasoline will be converted. Out of every 100 gallons, 75 are to be turned over to the

armed forces and only 25% retained for non-military driving. Don't fill up too often!

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Recently plans were made with M. G.M. for the making of a moving picture in Point Lobos. Ye editor was sent down by the Chief to look after Parks interests. We decided that was the last we would see of Dan--that he would not be able to resist the glamour of the silver screen, when lo and behold! the movie set was moved to another location and Dan came home, suit cases, stories of movie happenings, and all. The Sacramento Office personnel are rejoicing in the return of the prodigal and we hope we don't have another close one like that soon.

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N O T I C E ! In your schedule of uniform State Beach and Park service charges, add the cost of wood at $3.00 per tier for 4' x 8' x 12", or 1/4 of a cord.

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DO'S AND DON'TS in accounting: (A plea for help from Gladys Zumwalt)

1. When making up gasoline requisitions always show license numbers of automobiles and list other equipment (tractors, etc.) located in the park ordering the gasoline.

2. Don't forget your Federal tax on personal calls on State telephone bills. The rate at present is 10% on calls of less than 25¢ and 20% on calls of 25¢ and over. Changes of rates will be noted at bottom of toll sheets.

3. When making up subs covering deliveries of gasoline, stove oil or cooking gas (any product that is delivered in split deliveries) always show estimate number in upper right-hand corner.

4. Please, oh, please remember that repair work on automobiles and equipment will absolutely not be allowed if over $50.00 from an outside concern, or $100.00 from the Division of Highways. CONTACT THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE--if emergency, approval can be secured the same day.

5. Make five (5) copies of all #2 contracts--this expedites the clearance of the contract.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To Russell Noyes, Morro Bay, on his promotion to Warden on April 1.

To Malcolm L. Byce, Big Sur, on his promotion to Assistant Warden on April 1.

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Jack Fleckenstein has transferred from San Clemente to Doheny Beach to fill the vacancy left by H. R. Greeley.

Malcolm L. Byce has been loaned by Mr. Blaisdell to Mr. Coon to assist in the restoration work being done at Sonoma Mission.

New employees, to whom we extend greetings are Nelvin S. (Ty) Cobb, Cesare Grosse and Natale Forni, all at Sonoma Mission, and Elbert M. Banfill, Dyerville. We hope all of these employees enjoy their work with the Division.

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The editor wishes to thank all those who cooperated in this, the April issue of Park News and Views, and particularly Gladys Zumwalt, Assistant Editor.

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Art Darwin

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Big Sur Edition

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BIG SUR REDWOODS STATE PARK is an area of picturesque beauty. Through the park flows the Rio Grande del Sur, a crystal clear stream shaded by redwoods, alders, and sycamores; a spawning ground for trout. Deer, foxes, racoons, squirrels and other animals inhabit the park. Birds stop on their migratory routes. The sun shines with radiant warmth, but it is seldom too hot. Adjoining the park is the Ventana Wild Area,53,000 acres of primitive mountain country, undeveloped and uninhabited, except for saddle trails and rustic camp places. Other uninhabited national forest lands adjoin our park. This is one of the few of nature's remaining untampered regions along the coast. The park is 34 miles south of the historic town of Monterey, on the Big Sur river, inland about 3 miles and sheltered from the sea.

History: Only wildlife and a family of native California Indians resided in the valley of the Rio Grande del Sur in 1869 when Michel Pfeiffer, one of the first white settlers located nearby. The wildlife included grizzly bear, deer, mountain lions, coyotes, foxes and many smaller animals. The family of Indians, named Innocenti, came from Ventura, but had been raised and educated by the padres of the Santa Barbara Mission, and were friendly and peaceful. The river, named Rio Grande del Sur by the residents of Monterey during the Mexican era, teemed with trout. One of Michel Pfeiffer's sons, John, when he became of age about 1884, acquired 160 acres of land for a homestead, and built a cabin of split redwood materials. He engaged in bee culture and ranching. The old homestead cabin still stands, and is one of our historic sites. Close by is a cemetery plot where the Innocenti family, six children and the mother, are buried. John M.Pfeiffer acquired additional land. After his marriage, a resort was established to take care of the many sportsmen who came into the country to fish and hunt. The transportation route was gradually improved from a rough, narrow and dangerous trail to a modern state highway. The country grew in popularity as a recreational area, and in 1934 the State Park Commission acquired from John M. Pfeiffer some 680 acres of land bordering the Big Sur river, including the original homestead and the burial ground of the Innocentis. Later acquisitions brought the total park area to 707½ acres.

Facilities: Park facilities include 135 campsites, picnic grounds, and an organization barbecue area built to accommodate a group of 500, also a boy scout or-

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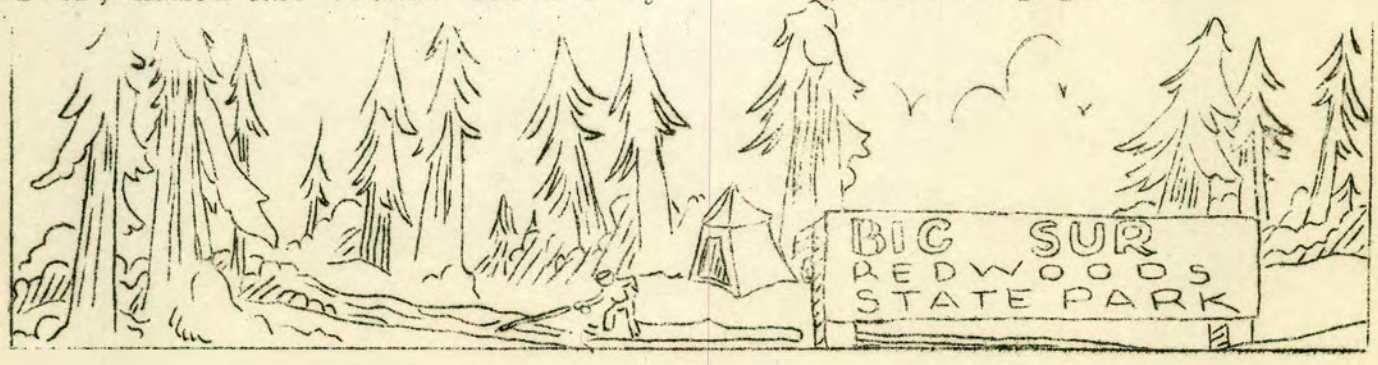

'S POW-WOW

It is rather difficult to make a last-minute contribution to a bulletin that is so unusual and unique as this one will be. I fear that the high artistic and editorial ability displayed by the personnel at Big Sur Redwoods State Park will make any other Park unit rather apprehensive in tackling the job of putting out an individual park number. The Big Sur number has developed something unique. Therefore, the problem for the other Park units is to develop something unique but in a different mode or method of expression. How about you rugged park individualists attacking it from that viewpoint. We shall look forward with interest to the results.

The June, July, and August numbers will be taken care of through the office since we do not want individual park units to be burdened with this responsibility during their busy park season. The June number will represent my own personal efforts. The July number will be put out by the female Neophites of the office personnel, namely, Virginia Fillinger, Louise Robinson, Claire McGinnis, and Dorothy Emanuel. This being put out by the ladies should receive the hearty support of the field employees' wives who are thereby given an opportunity for uncensored and independent expression.

FLASH!! June and July numbers will need many contributions from the field. Kindly start sending them in.

The request for a contribution also provides the opportunity of introducing Mr. DeWitt Nelson, newly appointed Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources to the personnel of this Division.

Mr. Nelson, former Supervisor of Santa Barbara National Forest, has assumed his new duties under date of April 20. He is a graduate of Iowa State College and joined the U. S. Forest Service in 1925. He has worked himself up in the National Forest Service as Ranger, Assistant Supervisor, and then Supervisor. Of the eighteen years that he has spent in California's national forests, thirteen have been spent in Northern California and five in Southern California, so that Mr. Nelson comes to us not only well equipped by previous experience, but also well acquainted especially with the forestry problems of our entire State.

On behalf of the Division of Beaches & Parks, I extend the greeting of our personnel to him as well as pledging our cooperation and best wishes.

WHO'S WHO IN BIG SUR

WM. L. KENYON, Warden

Born at St. Helena, Cal., February 3, 1898. Resided in Oakland 19 years. Later moved to Russian River area. Engaged in electric construction and various other work. Studied California's outdoors as a hobby. Active in civic work, in many organizations, including Monte Rio Improvement Assn., Guerneville Chamber of Commerce, Russian River Recreational Region, Inc, Redwood Empire Assn., Conservation Committee of State Chamber of Commerce, etc. Member of Rotary International seven years, in Guerneville and Garberville. Elected to Guerneville Fire District Commission and served five years. Entered State Park Service in March, 1948, and worked at Big Basin, Richardson Grove, and Big Sur.

CLIFFORD LE NEVE
Custodian

Born in Oakland, Calif. 28 years ago. Traveled throughout the state with family, finally settling in Carmel when 9 years old, attending Carmel and Monterey schools. Started to be a plumber but the lure of travel intercepted and plumbing was given up for travelling to other states, principally Idaho. After a year of this, again settled in Carmel and began his career as a painter. When 21 years old, married an Oregon girl, Freda Witt, and now has three children, ages 5, 3, and 2. Entered the Park Service January 25, 1942, and prior to coming to Big Sur worked in Big Basin. Is hoping to make the park work his lifetime endeavor.

MALCOLM L. BYCE
Assistant Warden

Born in Petaluma, Calif., May 31, 1913. Graduated from University of California in '36. Worked in various organized group camps during summer seasons during high school and college years. After graduation from college was employed as biologist in laboratory of milk processing firm, and later served as a social caseworker for the State Relief Administration. Employed as a Custodian (temporary) at Richardson Grove in 1939 and returned to that park following summer as Nature Guide, and in the fall worked as custodian at Carpinteria Beach. Entered permanent appointment as Custodian at Big Basin in February, 1941. Promoted to Asst. Warden, Big Sur Redwoods, on April 1, 1944

ALLEN MORLEY, Custodian

Born in Blackpool, Eng. 1902. Worked as apprentice millwright in sugar refinery in Liverpool. Came to California December, 1922, where he settled in Sacramento and started work with Southern Pacific. Later employed, for four years, as fireman on Delta King, river boat plying between Sacramento and San Francisco. Main trade was sheetmetal work, but also worked as nightwatchman, and window displayman. Left defense job in Sacramento for position with this Division November 1, 1943, having become interested in parks through his wife's association with the administrative office in Sacramento. Has one child, age 3.

LEWIS P. GRIFFITH
Custodian

Born at Kankakee, Ill. Came to Los Angeles in 1924 and was educated in the Los Angeles city schools. Was very much interested in aviation, since a boy, and started work for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in 1936 in the field he inteded to make his career. From November, 1936 to May, 1943 he worked as a mechanic, inspector, and instructor for various aircraft companies as well as the army air forces. Volunteered for induction in the Army June, 1943, and was assigned to the ground forces of the army air forces. Due to disability was discharged following September and accepted work with this Division December, 1943. Now says he wasted a number of years by not getting into the park service long ago. Is married and has two small sons.

HARRIETT (PETEY)WEAVER
Recreation Leader

Born in Burlington, Iowa, June 18, 1908, attended grammar school in Burlington and Denver and high school in L.A. B.E. in Physical Education in '30 from U.C.L.A. and was with L. A. Playground & Recreation Dept.--on 37 of 57 L. A. playgrounds in 3 years. Since graduation has taught, written, and was a free lance artist. Wrote book in 1938. Came to Big Basin in 1930, started to lead campfires and kept it up there for next 8 years, then went to Richardson Grove for next two, then to Big Sur. Home has been Santa Paula for last 13 years. Is a Lt. Colonel, and Commander of Area 32, Women's Ambulance & Defense Corps, a national organization of 60,000 women, closely associated with the Army & Navy.

ICHTHYOLOGY

The Brookdale state fish hatchery on May 8 planted 15,000 trout in the Big Sur River 12 miles upstream. The fish were packed in on horseback by the Big Sur Stables. Six pack horses and two saddle horses were required for the trip. It is hoped the fish, when they grow up, will come down stream to visit the park.

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Due to very hard rains the week before trout season opened which caused the streams to roil up and thereby providing an abundance of food for the trout, the fishing in the Big Sur River has not been as good as in many years. However, many fishermen seem to catch their limits, though the fish are all very small, usually ranging from about 5 inches to 12 inches.

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Speaking of fish! We heard one of our men from the Sacramento Office went fishing down the Sacramento River for striped bass and went in the river bodily after them. No names--dripping initials, J.H.C.

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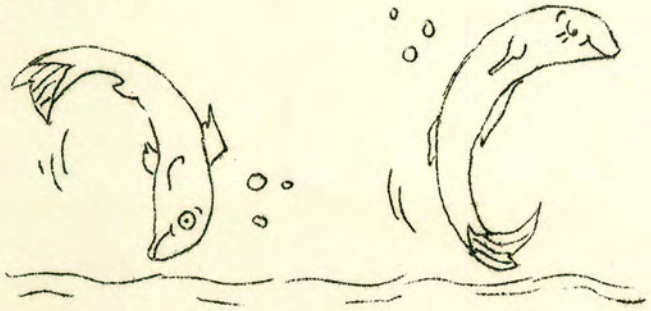
Jack Fleckenstein's report that the grunion only run up on the beach at Doheny and stand on their tails has gotten the Carpinteria Beach fish standing on their heads.

Frank Wells writes that he will need help so that Carpinteria won't be slighted. He reports 4 separate grunion runs so far this year. They run especially heavy here on the sandy beaches on moonlight nights, making the whole beach look silver, he reports. You should see the Wells's catching--or trying to catch--them with their hands.

Frank says "Here's what the World Book says about them. 'Grunion, a small fish common to the Pacific Coast from San Francisco to Balenas Bay in Lower California. On nights of high tides from March to June the grunion comes into the sandy beaches to spawn. Technical name, heuresthes tennis; Family--Atherinidae; Silver Smelt.'."



KINKS & GADGETS

A handy rig for drying off concrete floors in restrooms after hosing is a squeegee made from an old broom handle and a few odd pieces of material. Take 2 pieces of 1"x3" wood strip and cut 3 or 4 pieces of old inner tube the same length but ½" or 3/4" wider than the wood; bolt the wood strips together with 4 stove bolts with the rubber between so that the extra width projects on one side. A broom handle inserted in the center of the strips completes the job.

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A little reminder to the parks that are through with their winter painting program--wash your paint brushes out in at least five different lots of paint thinner, then shake them until thoroughly dry. Do not beat the bristles against any object as this will break them and they will come out when brush is next used. Do not wash brushes in water or leave them soaking in oil for any length of time--either of these treatments will ruin a good brush.

Spring clothespins (when you can get 'em) mounted on campsite number posts are convenient clips for campsite rental receipts. Nail one half of the clothespin to the post, replace the other half and bore a small hole through the handle end, drive a box nail in just far enough to allow the clothespin to hinge properly. This nail keeps the halves from becoming separated.

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Experience has shown that a two-pronged pick-up stick holds papers, cigarette butts, etc., better than does a single. Take a brass ferrule 2" long and mount on the end of an old broom handle. Two ice picks make the prongs and are held in the ferrule with plumber's lead. A handy kink for keeping your park policed up.

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Trail Measurer (or Lesson 1 on How to Go Crazy!) It's a pushover! A bicycle wheel rigged out with a bell is used here in Big Sur to measure park trails. The distance of the trail is easily computed from the number of revolutions of the wheel--and this is where the bell comes. It's up to the operator to count the rings of the bell! About 10 minutes of such heavy concentration and he is ready for the gong!

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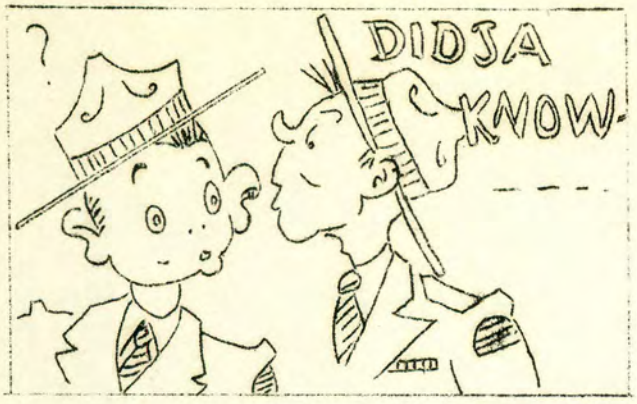
To sterilize your water tank, we give the following plan as presented to us by a recognized health authority. Drain the tank and wash out the sediment. Close the outlet. Pour in one pint of commercial Chlorax containing 25% free chlorine for each 1000 gallon capacity. Fill the tank with water and allow to stand overnight. If possible, drain the tank by opening the far end of the water main, thus cleaning the pipe.



Examinations will be held for the Division of Beaches & Parks as follows:

1.	State Park Custodian	6/17/44
2.	Asst. Warden (Prom.)	6/29/44
3.	Warden (Prom.)	6/29/44
4.	Administrative Aid (Prom.)	6/22/44

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In the future, whenever special approval is obtained to have automobile or equipment work done in amounts over $50, outside, or $100, Div. of Highways) it will be necessary for employees to execute Acct. Office Form AO-55 and forward to Accounting Office. This is the "satisfactory completion" form previously used with #2 contracts. Required forms will be sent you, together with approval on the job in question.

About the 1st of May a new federal tax rate on all personal phone calls will be in effect. The rate will be listed at bottom of toll sheet. Please watch the tax on personal calls. This is important. All incorrect payments will be returned for correction.

You must give the license numbers of the vehicles located in your park when ordering gasoline. PLEASE- - -

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The Editors congratulate Mr. DeWitt Nelson on his appointment as Deputy Director of the Dept. of Natural Resources, where he will assist the Director in the supervision of the administration of the Department and its divisions.

Corporal Antone "Tony" Trigeiro is reported in England and has been seeing many sights which he will talk about when he gets home. Tony was State Park Custodian at the Vallejo Home Historic Monument before entering the Service.

Air Corps Lt. Col. Bob Baughey, former editor of the California Conservationist, paid a between-trains visit to the Sacramento office last week. He has been overseas many months and is enjoying his visit home very much.

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We received a news item from Lee Blaisdell reporting some activity at Carpinteria Beach Sunday, Apr. 9. A diligent search failed to locate the copy and we are reporting the incident from memory. It seems there must have been an inrush of chickens from the surrounding country involving the laying of 50 dozen eggs. The chickens must have been Red Island Rhodes for the eggs were colored. Also we assume the town of Carpinteria must have been very short of provisions for a local grocery store had more than 100 children hunting for the eggs. Everyone must have been hungry as no one seemed to notice the strong wind. The report, if we remember correctly, said each child got at least six eggs. Our calculations indicate that 50 dozen eggs, 100 children, at 6 eggs each, equals the total amount of eggs laid by the chickens, therefore, apparently Custodian Frank Wells remained hungry, or did he eat Grunion? HOLD EVERYTHING, FOLKS! We found the article! Frank Wells reports that the Hope Grocery Store sponsored a successful Easter egg hunt at the Carpinteria Beach State Park for all the children of Carpinteria and at least 50 dozen colored eggs were hidden for the youngsters.

Ray Bassett, Assistant Warden at Mt. Tamalpais State Park reports that: the Army Camp at Mt. Tamalpais is rushing the fire season. On Sunday, April 15, at 2:30 A.M. the boys woke up to the fact that their mess hall and two barracks buildings were on fire and what a fire! Cinders were carried for over a mile by the wind, but did no damage due to the recent rains. The boys were all busy the next morning looking for chow and clothing as they lost all their personal belongings, even to their guns.

On Thursday, April 13, Chief Henning and Supt. Blaisdell visited Big Basin Redwood State Park. The park employees and Mr. Gus Sgarlato of Big Basin Lodge held a get-together and potluck dinner for them. It is reported there was plenty of good food and everyone had a good time. Everyone present had a chance to express himself and Mr. Henning and Mr. Blaisdell discussed matters of interest to the park employees.

Redheads in the Redwoods. It must be in the (h)air!

Five of the six children of the employees in Big Sur Redwoods are redheads, with all of the children under six years old. Pat and Richard Griffith, Carol and Bryan LeNeve, and Marilee Morley are the carrot-tops. Little Jeanene LeNeve is the individualist--a blond!

These youngsters are definitely not chips off the old blocks for among the six parents, only our newest member, Paul Griffith, matches his redheaded offspring.

PASTIME PLEASURES

The wildlife of the park provides a lot of entertainment for the Morley family--from a lizard that likes his neck scratched to the deer that come to the backdoor for their nightly handout.

Anywhere from one to ten deer come down expecting bread, but pickings have been rather scarce for them the last few weeks--they had been getting up to half a gunny sack of stale army bread--when the army moved out of the park, leaving the Morleys holding an empty sack!

Under the house live four racoons who come out every night to get the table scraps left by the back door for them, and anything's acceptable except carrot peelings and lettuce. Two of the 'coons are named Bobby and Rube--near-namesakes of some friends. A third is "Hoover" because, instead of picking up his food to eat it, he runs along snuffing it up like a little vacuum cleaner. Apparently these little fellows haven't been taught the niceties of life, for when given a bowl of water in which to do the "reputed" washing of their food, they would just wander over to it occasionally, put in a paw and hold it there a few seconds, then track back to the food. Plans now are to teach them to come at the tinkle of a bell.

Twice while the 'coons were eating, a red fox has come in and carried off a bit of food, one time passing by other tidbits to pick up and carry off half slice of burned toast.

A new attraction now are the moths that come to the windows at night-the most beautiful to date being the "Tiger Moth", well-named for its marking.

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ganization camp. Sanitary equipment is modern, with electrically-lighted rest rooms, a shower and laundry building with hot water. An outdoor theater which seats 975 persons is the scene of evening campfire entertainments under the supervision of a recreation leader. A dance platform under the trees helps while away the evening hours for a hundred couples. A large swimming pool attracts many visitors. Our trail system leads one from one point of interest to another. Some 200 miles of saddle trails are accessible from the park, traversing the wilderness areas of the adjoining Los Padres National Forest. Miles of trout streams provide fishermen with unlimited hopes and many surprises. We maintain modern electric generating plants, and an underground electric distribution system. A baseball diamond is located near the swimming pool.

Concessionaire services: Comfortable overnight guest cabins are provided in a beautiful redwood grove. A dining room seating 200 persons and a dining porch overlooking the river invite the visitor to three or four square meals a day, while a lunch counter fills in between. The Big Sur Lodge lounge is dominated by an outdoor atmosphere, enhanced by many a mounted wildlife trophy. A large rock fireplace and comfortable furnishings tempt one to linger and rest. A store, novelty studio, and soda fountain fill in varied needs of the visitor. A dozen primitive housekeeping units, known as Weyland Camp, grouped in a remote and quiet part of the park, provide shelter for those who wish more of the comforts than our campgrounds offer. Saddle and pack animals may be hired from the park stables for trips into the national forest, while local conducted trips attract many who are unable to take long rides. Guide service is provided to assist novice riders. Various other services are offered, such as gasoline and oil, public telephone, and information.

Points of interest: An easy walk of a half mile over a shaded trail which follows Pfeiffer Creek takes one to Pfeiffer Falls where the water drops in three stages for about a hundred feet. Big Sur Gorge, where the water roars over boulders from out of the mountains, is not far from Weyland Camp. The Old Homestead Cabin and Indian Cemetery are points of historic interest. Mt. Manuel, elevation 3,369 feet, commands a spectacular view of the surrounding country and ocean. It is reached by a 3½ mile trail from the park. The Ridge Trail, past Buzzard Roost and Ridge Summit, 1200 feet elevation, offers interesting panoramas of the park and the ocean. Pfeiffer Beach, 3½ miles from the Park Center, is visited by many who wish to play in the surf or fish for perch. A mile or more of sandy beach adjoins rocky Pfeiffer Point, a portion of the Los Padres National Forest, the only national forest in California with a coastline. There are many places to walk, on the level floor of the park, among the redwoods and along the stream, as well as quiet places to rest.

ANALIZATION OF STATE PARK CAMPGROUND OCCUPANCY

Where do the people come from who visit your park? How long do they camp? If you know the answers to these questions, you will be in a better position to operate your park satisfactorily, and to plan future development. To obtain the answers to the above questions, Big Sur Redwoods has compiled data obtained from campsite rental flimsies. Some of the information obtained may be of interest to others. We submit the following, taken from our records:

Season 1941, May 1 to Sept. 30, a normal year.

Percentage of total campers staying: 1 night, 49.3%; 2 nights, 21.6%; 3 to 7 nights, 22.3%; over 7 nights, 9%. Percentage of campers from certain districts: Local, (within a radius of 65 miles) 35.56%; Southern California, 23.5%; Central Coast from Ukiah to Santa Maria (exclusive of locals) 33.11%; Central Valleys from Redding to Bakersfield, 4.52%; out of state, 3.31%.

Season 1943, war year, gas rationing:

Percentage of campers staying: 1 night, ;38%; 2 nights, 25.7%; 3 to 7 nights, 25.7%; over 7 nights, 10.6%. (Only 11 camp parties stayed longer than 14 days.)

Percentage of campers from certain districts: Local, (within a radius of 65 miles) 70.5%; Southern Calif. 4.14%; Central Coast (exclusive of locals) 23.8%; Central Valleys, .2 of 1%; out of state, 1.36%.

As an example of the value of this information, let us take our normal season of 1941. Half of the people who camped stayed only one night. Therefore, half of the people who camp in the park are not likely to be able to participate in daytime recreational activities. They are interested in evening programs, such as our campfire entertainments. Consequently, these programs are of considerable importance, and should be held nightly.

Because 91% of all campers stay only one week or less, we must give out information oftener and repeatedly. More patrolling is necessary because people do not have an opportunity, in such a short time, to accustom themselves to park rules and routine. Camps must be cleaned oftener, because half of those occupied are vacated daily. They must be checked each evening because many people who stay one night arrive late and leave early. These are only a few points. There are many others of value. You may determine them by an analization of your state park campground occupancy. Big Sur Redwoods State Park is interested in how this compares with statistics from other parks.

Note: The above figures do not include group organizations and the Armed Forces.

OUR CREED:

1. To protect the natural aspects of the area.
2. To keep the peace therein with the least possible display of authority.
3. To serve the visiting public to the best of our ability so that each individual will enjoy his stay.
4. To keep our park immaculate in every respect, even while we are working in it.
5. To carry out the instructions of our superiors to the end that we will be an asset to the Service.
6. To maintain a neat personal appearance in regulation Park Service Uniform.
7. To maintain a neat and orderly office.
8. To keep our shop and tools clean and in usable condition.
9. To keep our vehicles and service area in satisfactory condition.
10. To maintain our warehouse in an orderly manner, with ample stock of necessary items to assure prompt service of all essential maintenance jobs arising without notice.
11. To cooperate to the fullest with other State and federal agencies.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST!

Tree with two leaf crops a year--California Sycamore (Platanus racemosa). is a common tree in Big Sur, where it often grows with the redwoods. In the spring large leaves suggestive of grape leaves appear. These are promptly attacked by a fungous growth which kills almost every leaf. A second leaf crop starts soon afterwards, and these remain until late winter, forming a good shade. The bark of the sycamore has a white and grey blotched appearance, and stands out amongst other trees of the park. The wood is brittle, often branches or the tree itself breaks from the weight of the foliage, or during heavy wind. If not completely severed from its root system, the sycamore often continues to grow, its main trunk lying on the ground. Many people visiting the park in the spring believe our sycamores are diseased; but the fungous growth which kills only the first leaf crop is apparently universal among this species.

Big Sur's new assistant warden, Malcolm Byce, we were told, heard the most gosh awful noise eminating from a remote and dark corner of the park the other night, and proceeded to investigate. True to his keen spirit of inquiry, he located the source, a pack animal at the forest service guard station. The simplicity of the discovery and the sudden let-down provoked an outburst of cheerful laughter from our assistant warden. Hearing this new and strange noise, one of our crew, residing a half mile away and quite familiar with the braying of the jackass, went out to investigate.

Harvey Moore's skunk-in-the-wall problem recalls an incident at Richardson Grove in 1940 which may help solve his problem.

In the warden's residence, in the wall between the bath and bedroom, peculiar tapping and scraping noises were heard at intervals for over a year. It was apparent that something was trapped within the wall, but no means could be found at first to make an inspection. The inner portion of the wall was not accessible. Finally measurements were taken on the outside wall and a spot was marked exactly in line with the inner partition which was at right angles. A hole bored with an extension bit thro the outer wall, and through two studs of the inner partition allowed a piece of 1½" pipe to be inserted, and the warden and one of the custodians waited patiently for something to emerge. After about five minutes, a small black and white head appeared, and a pair of beady eyes looked around in the daylight. It was a king snake. After another few minutes, the snake let itself down to the ground. But that's not all. A minute later the head of a mouse appeared, but after observing the coast was clear, he ran back in again, and did not reappear. The supposition was that a mouse nest in the partition attracted the king snake, who went in for the mice. The parent mice escaped and the snake ate the young. Then, expanded too much to make an exit through the small entry hole, had to await digestion. By that time, another litter of mice made another meal, etc. A true incident reported by Bill Kenyon.

Allen Morley of Big Sur is anxious to buy a State Park uniform and is not particular as to size, for it's not likely the outfit will be too small for him, and if too large, can always be altered to fit.

This Division has a tremendous investment in structures, as well as natural values, with practically no insurance coverage. The services performed by cooperating agencies in preventing and suppressing fires has been of inestimable value in the past; but there is a lack of sufficient protection for structures during the larger part of the year not covered by regular fire seasons. A conference was held in Sacramento recently between state forestry and park officials, and a program is under way in the Central District to prepare individual fire protection plans for each park.

The first of a series of meetings was held at Big Basin on May 4. Attending were: Deputy State Forester C.G. Strickland, his assistant Miles Young, State Ranger Lester Gum of Santa Cruz County, San Mateo County Fire Warden Bert Werder, Central District Superintendent H.L.Blaisdell, Park Warden C. L. Cushing, and Assistant Warden Clyde Newlin. Among the many problems discussed was that concerning maintenance of many miles of fire truck trails constructed by CCC for the protection of timbered areas of the Big Basin Region. A tentative protection plan was agreed on.

The next meeting in the series will be held at Big Sur, Tuesday, May 23. Big Sur Redwoods presents fire protection problems of considerable importance and complication, due to the type of terrain, ground cover, structures, and because of the park's proximity to U.S. Forest lands. Scheduled to attend this meeting are: U. S. District Forest Ranger Rickel, Deputy State Forester Strickland;, his assistant, Miles Young; State Ranger Austin, Assistant State Ranger Miles, District Superintendent of Parks Blaisdell Park Warden Kenyon, and Assistant Warden Byce.

Louis D. Juch, Custodian of Palomar Mountain State Park, wishes to have his Palomar apples compared favorably to the famous Purisima Pears. He states a pair of Baldwin apples taken from a tree in his park last fall weighed 30 ounces apiece.

The editors of this Big Sur issue are greatly indebted to our cartoonist illustrator, and summer season crew member, Miss Harriett (Petey) Weaver, for her splendid contribution to our effort. Miss Weaver is a professional artist, having illustrated for publications of many kinds, and has written a textbook on cartooning which has been used in public schools.

We are also indebted to Louise Morley for her untiring efforts in helping us coordinate everything and place it properly on the stencil sheets. She is a fine editor, but unlike most experts, never loses her temper. We are all thankful for that!

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The Fifth War Loan campaign is on!

"WHAT -- AGAIN?"

"What--again? Why, I just bought a bond a couple of weeks ago."

"Yes, sir--again. And again, and again. Those boys of the AEF who fought their way along the north coast of Africa did it again in Sicily. They did it again at Messina--and at Naples--and at Anzio. They're doing it again and again every day. There's no let down in the war.

"Yes, sir--again. Our Marines who picked the Japs, like chiggers, one by one out of Guadalcanal--and Rendova--and New Guinea--and Tarawa--are doing it again day after day, night after night, again and again. There's no let down in the war for them, either.

"Nor for you. Our boys need you--again and again. Just as you need them--again and again.

"The bands will come later. Right now it's bonds."

And now that D Day and H Hour have come and gone, let's really "shovel out the dough" and get our Beaches and Parks fighting men back with us that much sooner!!!!!!

YOUR BULLETIN

Under date of August 25, 1943, there was sent to each employee of this Division the first draft of the proposed organization bulletin, the purpose being to ascertain if the employees would be interested in such a bulletin and if they would support it by field notes and informative items for the betterment of the service. Bearing mind that such a bulletin could only justify its existence if it contained information and material that would build up the morale and efficiency of the entire Division's staff by providing timely information, contributing to such an objective. The response for such a bulletin seemed to be unanimous and, therefore, it has been compiled monthly since that time. To date, you have received nine issues, each edited by different individuals, thus reflecting different viewpoints and editorial fancies, but, in general, the various issues have adhered to the objectives that justified their compilation, and as long as that is done, it will be continued.

At this time may I extend my thanks and appreciation to the various editors and contributors for the support given the bulletin, and express the hope that "News and Views" may continue to survive on merited service. The last issue, as compiled and edited by the employees at Big Sur Redwoods State Park, deserves special mention. It was quite unique through introduction of art work, statistics on local park attendance and by setting forth their local conditions and problems.

Again I solicit your continued support for "News and Views"

PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Warden Earl Hanson has been transferred to the Northern Redwoods for the duration on a special assignment. His address is Weott, California.

Assistant Warden Jack Calvert has been transferred to La Purisima.

Assistant Warden Eugene Velzy has been transferred to San Clemente Beach State Park.

Custodian Charles Hight has been transferred and placed in charge of Seacliff Beach State Park.

Custodian Franklyn Brown has been Transferred to Seacliff Beach to replace George Barr, retired.

District Superintendent Lee Blaisdell will transfer to Monterey to occupy the House of Gold, which has been established as the District Superintendent's Headquarters building.

Custodian LeNeve has been transferred from Big Sur to Big Basin.

Custodian Carl Schnauer has resigned to enter the Merchant Marines.

TIME MARCHES ON

The first white men to see our California were those who accompanied Juan Rodriquez Cabrillo, when he sailed his two tiny ships north from San Diego Bay along a bold and rugged coast in 1542 and said of it: "There are mountains which reach the sky, and the sea beats upon them. When sailing along near the land, it seems as if the mountains would fall upon the ships." They probably saw the entire coast of California but found no waterway flowing from the east. The word carried back by the crew--for Cabrillo died and was buried off the California coast--was that the land was forbidding and bore no evidence of wealth. Our California of today is certainly a far cry from the Cabrillo party's judgment based upon it in 1542.

A NEW RELIC

District Superintendent Guy Fleming has just transported to the La Purisima Mission an old copper kettle which will carry a placard reading as follows: "Presented to La Purisima State Historical Monument by Mr. Lucien Blackman, San Francisco, California. An authentic ornamental mission copper kettle found in a fisherman's camp on the coast of Lower California about 1900. It is believed to be one of the copper kettles used at the Mission San Fernando de Valecata, in the central part of Lower California before 1769." This kettle is hand wrought from native copper.

THE BIG FIRE

September the 7th, 1904, was one of those sultry days that occur in this climate only at intervals of years, when the heat bears down from above like a weight, and radiates from the earth with intensified fervor, and the atmosphere is suffused with latent fire, waiting, watching for some opportunity to manifest itself in flames. And the opportunity came from a sawdust pile at the lumber mill on Waterman Creek.

It was alongside the trail that the tree stood that carried fire in its bosom for fourteen months. It was a superb specimen of the Sequoia sempervirens. Not a big tree but a perfect one to outside appearance. One could not pass it on the trail without praise for its stately beauty. It was about twelve feet in

diameter at the butt, and its crown of evergreen swayed in the breeze close to three hundred feet above. As the fire swept over the crest of the hill, it caught in its topmost branches and instead of swirling up the trunk and through the foliage, it burned down gradually, dropping off limb after limb.

As it proved, this tree, like many others of the larger redwoods, was "ripe". The fire found it "dosey" at the heart, and the flames that had licked up the limbs subsided when they understood the task of consuming the trunks.

When the rain came it appeared to appease the fire in this tree, as it did the others. Contrariwise, the dampness only swelled the punky interior wood and smothered but did not extinguish the fire. It smoldered silently for weeks; and then when it reached a knothole left by a destroyed branch and got vent, it burst out in flame, burning upward, and consuming the portion of the tree left above. It was now the rainy season, and the flames were again quenched as before. Again the fire smoldered for weeks and again it burst forth at the faint contack with a ventilating wound in the trunk. Rain would repeat the douching process with similar results to follow, ten, fifteen or twenty feet perhaps being burned off at each eruption. The last outbreak in November, 1905, fourteen months after the initial fire, came when the height of the trunk had been reduced to about one hundred feet.

This remaining portion still stands, a monument to the non-combustible character of living redwood -- a sad memorial of the awful days the besom of the destruction reigned in its wrath over field and forest.

----------Excerpt from "California Redwood Park" by Arthur E. Taylor 1912.

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Mark Twain told this one: Once when he was signing a hotel register in an old Mother Lode area hotel, a bed bug started to crawl across the register. Mark Twain commented that was the first time he ever knew a bed bug to come down and look at the register in order to see which rooms were to be occupied that night.

UNCLE SAM PAYS THE BILL

Three men had a rather expensive luncheon, accompanied with several rounds of drinks, so that the bill for same was quite large. When the waiter left the check one man said, "Let me pay the bill. I am in the 90% bracket so that it will only cost me 10% of its amount." The second man said, "Let me pay the bill. I am a government employee and I will put it on my expense account and it will not cost me anything." The third man said, "Let me pay the bill. I have a government contract on the cost plus basis, so if I pay the bill I will make 6% profit on the amount."

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GEMS OF WISDOM TO HELP LEAVEN LIFE'S PATHWAY

Nothing is impossible. Some things just have not been done before.

In married life each should be a help mate--neither one should be just a help eat.

A pessimist says that the glass is half empty. The optimist says it is half full.

Faults we see in others are reflections of the imperfections in ourselves.

The mind is the greatest power in the universe. Do you use yours?

Remember that there are often three sides to a question--your side, my side and the right side.

A man entirely wrapped up in himself makes a mighty small package.

Happiness begins with hope. Unhappiness begins with doubt.

Self-confidence is commendable. Egotism deplorable.

Are you trying to make a living or just living a life?

To be happy and successful you must practice the law of adaption.

Stop weeping and wailing about what you lost. Take up your belt another notch and go to it.

Worry is an idea with which we torment ourselves.

What use is money without health and happiness.

It is not what we know but what we practice that counts.

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TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG

On April 30th, at the request of the citizens of San Juan, the army sent an escort to raise the United States Flag on Fremont Peak to commemorate the 98th Anniversary of the first raising of the United States flag on California soil.

THE DIVISION'S ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES

The 1943 Legislature passed two bills: Senate Bill 445 and Senate Bill 1093. The have been incorporated into the Public Resources Code as Section 506.6 and Section 5015 and considerably broaden the duties and responsibilities of this Division. Previous to the passage of the above referred to legislation, this Division's jurisdiction over beach and shoreline areas was limited to acquisition, development and operation of its own properties for recreational and protective purposes. The Sections extend our jurisdiction to all publicly owned beaches where State funds are to be used for erosion correction or erosion protection. They also create a position of Beach Erosion Control Engineer and specify his duties as follows:

(a) To study and report upon problems of beach erosion and means for the development, protection and improvement of beaches and shoreline areas.

(b) To investigate and report to the State Park Commission upon beach areas suitable or needed for public recreation purposes and to prepare plans for the improvement, development and protection of public beaches.

(c) To cooperate with all agencies of government, Federal and State, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this code, and to act in an advisory capacity on beach erosion, protection, improvement and development when requested by political subdivisions of the State, when so authorized by the State Park Commission.

(d) To assist in the preparation of a State master plan of shoreline development, which plan shall take into consideration, correlate and coordinate, as nearly as feasible, the master plans of shoreline development of the various coastal counties of the State.

The State Park Commission, always alert to its responsibilities, directed that necessary steps be taken to properly discharge the new responsibilities. Accomplishments to date along this line are as follows:

(1) Funds have been set up in the next fiscal year's budget for the hiring of the following personnel: Erosion Control Engineer, Assistant Structural Engineer Draftsman, Civil Engineer, Junior Civil Engineer and Intermediate Stenographer Clerk, and for the purchase of the necessary instruments and equipment needs for the personnel to function properly.

(2) Specifications have been drawn and the date set for the Beach Erosion Control Engineer examination, so that before long we hope to carry on our new assignments.

The personnel, other than Erosion Control Engineer, is to be drawn from present available personnel lists.

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Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted and Col. Henry S. Graves, former Director of the United States Forest Service, in company with Earl Hanson and Percy French, recently made a very complete tour of the northern redwoods for the Save-the-Redwoods League and from their tour of inspection there is to be compiled a report which will no doubt prove to be a valuable guide for future redwood acquisition.

WE SALUTE YOU !

Lieutenant Donald W. Camper, pilot of the Army Air Force, son of Ernie Camper, recently visited the office of Beaches and Parks, wearing his shining silver wings, following his graduation from Stockton Air Field. He has been assigned to Kingman, Arizona, and will pilot a Flying Fortress. His father, who was an Army pilot in World War #1, proudly states, "Don isn't a chip off the old block--he's a feather off the old wing."

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REGISTRATION OF HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

Since 1931, when this registration program went into effect, the Historic Landmark Approval Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce has been passing on all applications for registration to determine the suitability and authenticity of such landmarks from an historical standpoint. Applications for registration take the following procedure: Proper forms are filled out and returned to the Committee. They are then passed upon individually by each of the members. The application with the supporting data and approval signature is sent to the Department of Natural Resources, where it is duly registered.

Upon being officially registered as an historic landmark, the Department of Natural Resources advises the State Highway Department so that proper directional signs leading to the historical site can be erected. These signs are furnished by the Northern and Southern California Automobile Clubs, depending, of course, in whose territory they are located. The erection of such directional markers are contigent upon a plaque being erected at the actual site. Until such plaque or monument is erected, it is deemed useless to direct travel to such sites.

The monument or plaque to be erected in such registered sites is not

a function of any State Department. Heretofore all such monuments or plaques have been erected by and at the expense of certain public spirited groups, such as the Native Sons, Native Daughters, Daughters of the American Revolution, etc. In a few instances, some monuments have been erected by counties, using county funds.

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S Q U I B B S

Harvey Moore furnishes artistic sketches along with his "dangerous tree removal" forms.

Dan Hull says, "You know, it's quite a job to get out one of these monthly bulletins."

Alice Garibaldi reports that there is nothing fast in Kentucky but the horses.

Ernie Camper says that they're still all gorgeous.

Gladys is still parking a couple of horses and running a ranch.

Neil Cunningham is becoming portly. Later information advises he has recently undergone an appendix operation. Here's to a speedy and complete recovery, Neil!

Dan Blood's son and daughter have both been married within the last six months.

Irene Vyenielo claims she is still single.

Viola French submitted a poem for "News and Views", but it was too hot to handle.

Bob Coon says, "Never again! After this I will always telephone."

Franklyn Brown, Patrick's Point, (Now at Seacliff Beach) is a real cooperator. Thanks for the office burl--it is doing fine.

Guy Fleming is kept busy with grazing concessions for his 300,000 acre range.

Have you seen the new park stationery? Do you like it?

George Barr has retired after many years of faithful service. Good luck, George!

Tahoe Camp Grounds and Bliss Rubicon State Park will not be open this summer.

Lee Blaisdell is a pessimist. He goes down when he could go up. Ask him about it.

The Big Sur Gang sure sold their Park. Are the rest of you jealous?

Rumor has it that Bill Kenyon has applied to the Personnel Board regarding openings for those possessing demonstrated editorial ability.

Harvey Moore has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant Warden. Contratulations, Harvey!

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Marin's Muir Woods National Monument, known the world over by thousands of tourists who have admired its beauty and cathedral-like atmosphere, came into being as the first National Monument in the United States, as differentiated from either a National Forest or a National Park, and was created as such by President Theodore Roosevelt. Muir Woods National Monument was a gift to the United States Government of 427 acres of natural redwoods from the late William Kent, his only stipulation in the gift being that it be named in honor of John Muir, who had done so much toward

the development and preservation of nature's beauty spots throughout the United States.

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R E M E M B E R

That the next issue of NEWS AND VIEWS will be edited by the female Neophites of the office personnel. This will be an opportunity for the field force to show that the services of the office personnel is appreciated by them. I might tip you off in advance that these women will probably measure your contribution as a yard stick for future cooperation. Miss Virginia Fillinger will be the editor-in-chief for the issue.

REGRETABLE ACCIDENT

On the weekend of May fourteenth a picnic party on the beach one-half mile south of the Dyerville Headquarters, on the South Fork of the Eel River, consisting of five persons, were canoeing and drifted into a whirlpool at the junction of the South Fork of the Eel and the main Eel River. The canoe was swamped and the five persons, who were Mr. and Mrs. Rex and their small son, and Mr. and Mrs. Thissel, all of Eureka, endeavored to swim to safety. Mr. and Mrs. Thissell failed to make the shore and were drowned. Although this accident was not due to any fault that could be attributed to this Division, it did, however, occur within a Park and therefore had to be reported.

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PARK ACTIVITIES

Starting June 23rd, there will be held at La Purisima Mission a three-day Catholic Service Boys' Religious Retreat. This retreat will be under the direct auspices of the Bishop and it is expected that more than one thousand Catholic boys from Camp Cook will participate. They will be encamped in the old C. C. C. camp and attend services in the Chapel. The religious retreat for these boys is being held just previous to their departure for overseas.

On July 4th the State Park Commission will hold a dedicatory ceremony at the Mission San Francisco de Solano, at Sonoma. This ceremony is held to celebrate the restoration of the Mission. After the dedicatory ceremony High Mass is to be sung in the Chapel to mark its official reopening after a lapse of sixty-two years. The Chapel has been restored by the Knights of Columbus.

The San Francisco Horsemen's Association, in connection with their annual cross-country ride, passed through a portion of Big Basin State Park on June tenth, stopping for lunch in the Park under definite arrangements. This occasion presented the greatest passage of horses through the Park in many, many years.

The annual dedication of a tree in Mount San Jacinto State Park will be held on June seventeenth. The San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce annually dedicates a tree to the individual of their community who is credited with the greatest civic service for the year.

Although it is difficult to estimate the patronage or use of our Parks and Beaches for the coming season, it is very evident that

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REDEDICATION CEREMONIES
SAN FRANCISCO SOLANO MISSION

JULY 4, 1944, legendary Sonoma Mission, Northernmost of the early California sanctuaries, was the scene of the rededication ceremonies in commemoration of its founding 121 years ago by Father Jose Altemira on behalf of the Franciscan monks.

Senator Herbert Slater of Santa Rosa addressed the gathering and expressed his appreciation of the repairs made to Sonoma Mission and his satisfactory feeling that the people of his district were in complete accord with the State Park Commission in establishing parks and restoring the historic monuments of California.

Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman, State Park Commission, acted as Master of Ceremonies and told the story of the Mission from its inception to the present date.

Ray Williamson, Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West expressed the appreciation of the organization for the manner in which the Mission had been restored. Mrs. Emily Ryan, Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West concurred in Mr. Williamson's statements.

Hubert Peter spoke in behalf of the Knights of Columbus and told about their contribution to the restoration of the interior of the chapel. Their efforts were praised by the Park Commission and representatives of the Native Sons and Native Daughters of California. Mr. Knowland stated that without the assistance of Mr. William R. Hearst in starting a drive to secure funds to obtain this Mission that it probably would not have been one of the historical monuments of the State of California. Mr. Hearst was unable to be present and was represented by Edmund Coblentz, editor of the San Francisco Call Bulletin. He stated that Mr. Hearst's efforts to restore the monument reflects the sentiments of all the people of the State of California.

Those present from the State Park Commission, and the Park staff, are as follows: Chairman Joseph R. Knowland and Commissioners Isadore B. Dockweiler and Charles Kasch; General Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources, A. E. Henning, Chief, Division of Beaches & Parks; J. H. Covington, Secretary of State Park Commission; District Superintendent R. S. Coon.

Other notables present were Senator Herbert Slater and Mrs. Celeste G. Murphy, editor of the Sonoma Index Tribune, together with Virgil Jorgensen, J.J.Serres, and August Pinelli of the Mission Restoration Advisory Committee.

Letters and telegrams were read from the Honorable Earl Warren, Governor of California, Frederick F. Houser, Lieutenant Governor of California, and Commissioner Leo Carrillo.

The Altimira Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, following mass at the St. Francis Catholic Church, marched in a group to the Mission where they participated in the State ceremonies. Father Urbin Habig, assisted by Father Lacy, rededicated the chapel. Thomas Duffy, State President of the Knights of Columbus reviewed the work of their Order and committed the Order to continue its efforts toward the further furnishing of the chapel.

HISTORY OF THE MISSION

Founded in 1823, it is more generally known as the Mission Sonoma, within which historic city it is located.

California's Mexican Governor, Don Luis Arguello, ordered the establishment of the Mission, which was a rather unusual procedure in Mission history.

Sonoma Mission was purchased for $5 through a fund raised in 1903 by the California Historic Landmark League, Native Sons and Native Daughters of the Golden West, with other groups participating, under the newspaper leadership of W. R. Hearst of the San Francisco Examiner.

The Mission property consisting of a church and adjoining residence building was deeded to California and taken over by the State Park Commission in 1927, becoming a historical monument.

The old church, prior to acquisition by the State, had been outrageously desecrated by its use as a storehouse for hay, while directly in front of the chapel abutted a saloon, and the vestibule became a storage place for empty liquor bottles. Photographs taken in 1903 show this shocking disregard of the esthetic and historic value of the last Mission to be established in California.

Hope has been expressed by many Californians interested in the Mission that eventually the museum might find lodgement in the adjoining building, and those entering the chapel might be privileged to view a restored sanctuary. Now that desire has been fulfilled.

PARKS SERVICE IS GROWING UP

During the past month, Fred C. Canham, Warden, Armstrong Redwoods, completed 24 years of Parks service. C. L. Cushing, Warden, Big Basin, is a close runner-up to this record having completed 21 years of service. Congratulations to you both.

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Warden Bill Kenyon reports that 10,000 trout were planted in the river at Big Sur Redwoods State Park June 20th by the Division of Fish & Game. The river is a popular fishing stream. More persons fished the stream this season than in former years. The Forest Service left the Big Sur river open for fishing from the Park boundary to Sykes Camp, about 10 miles back, because of the many park visitors who fish the stream. It will close July 15th, however, because of fire hazards.

O B I T U A R Y

The last of the timbers in the old garage and warehouse at Dyerville were salvaged on April 27, 1944. Thus passes into history an old landmark on the Highway. (No more gossiping 'neath its roof).

'S POW-WOW

FIRE LOSS--On June 15, it was reported to this office that the custodian cottage at Green Valley Falls, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, had been entirely destroyed by fire. This was a serious loss and its replacement will be difficult due to the fact that it is almost impossible to secure priorities for all the materials necessary to construct a replacement cottage. The State Park Commission at their meeting in San Francisco on July 3d approved the request for a special allocation of $5,000 for the purpose of replacing this cottage as soon as conditions will permit. The State is a self fire insurer--by that is meant that the State carries no fire insurance so that when a loss of this kind occurs, it always requires a special allocation of funds to provide for the replacement, and due to the above conditions, may I, at this time, again warn the field personnel to use every possible safeguard and means of protection of our structures and properties.

NEW ACQUISITION--It is a pleasure to announce the acceptance on the part of the State Park Commission of a gift from Mrs. Betty Rogers, widow of Will Rogers, world-famous humorist and writer. This gift consists of 186 acres of their home ranch situated in the western portion of the City of Los Angeles upon which are located their home building, stables, and other out buildings, as well as two houses occupied by grounds keepers. The gift also included all the furnishings, objects d'art, souvenirs, and mementos collected by or given to Will Rogers throughout his lifetime.

The real property is valued at $500,000 and the personal property is valued at $50,000. This gift offer was accepted and the details incident thereto completed just two days before Mrs. Rogers herself passed to the great beyond.

This park will be assigned to Superintendent Fleming's district and Assistant Warden Eugene Velzy will be placed in direct charge. The other personnel will most likely consist of two of the present grounds keepers and one or two historical custodians.

The grounds will be open to the public, but a charge of 25¢ will be made from all persons desiring to visit a portion of the home area which is set up as a museum. The fact that a charge is to be made is a stipulation of the gift to insure necessary control and protection of the personal property. This property has, for the past several years, been turned over to various charitable organizations who are in charge of the display, and the funds derived from the admittance fee was used by their organizations. Records of these organizations show that in the year 1941 over 72,000 people paid admissions into the home. This indicates the wide interest on the part of the public. This property should become one of our most popular holdings.

The State will take over the operation of this property and open same to the public the latter part of July. The official name as adopted by the Commission is "Will Rogers State Park". Location: 14253 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. Mailing Address: P.O.Box 188, Pacific Palisades, California. Telephone No. Santa Monica 51972.

CONGRATULATIONS--At the ceremonies in Sonoma on July 4, Honorable Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman of our State Park Commission, made the statement that he believed the restoration work just completed at the Sonoma Mission was the finest piece of restoration he had ever seen in California. That statement reflects tremendous credit to District Superintendent Robert Coon, who had charge of the restoration as well as to those assisting him, viz.: Dan Hull, Daisy Barbour, Dulinda Bruskey, Ty Cobb, Robert Padias and Orval Beith.

Congratulations are also to be extended to District Superintendent Blaisdell and Assistant Warden Jack Calvert for the splendid manner in which they handled the three-day religious retreat at the La Purisima Mission. No doubt many of our employees noticed the wide publicity given this occasion. In fact, it was given nation-wide publicity and was said to be the largest religious retreat of its character ever held in this nation.

--Chief Henning

"WORLD'S TALLEST TREE"

Earl Hanson says that many persons ask if the "World's Tallest Tree" in humboldt Redwoods State Park has not grown taller since it was measured some years ago at 364 feet. "Percy" French, genial superintendent, smiles whimsically and says, "Yes, it may be taller. It also might be shorter! The top of this tree sticks up above the general level of the forest canopy, a prey for the heavy winds which may have knocked out several feet from the top. According to Mr. French, the top of the "tallest tree" has changed sufficiently to warrent another measurement, which will be done in the very near future. Hold your breath!

WELCOME

We are happy to have our old friends Dorothy Barber, Harriett Weaver, and Hubert Jenkins, with us again for the summer season. These three faithful Parks employees have the responsibility of the recreational programs at Big Basin, Big Sur, and Richardson Grove.

THINGS I WISH I DIDN'T KNOW DEPT.

The Roosevelt Elk is not an Elk! Zoologists claim that the Roosevelt Elk, such as are to be found in the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, are not really elk at all but are more closely related to the Red Deer of the European continent. The zoologists recommend that the American Elk be called by the name given it by the Indians, WAPITI. They also state the North American Moose should be called ELK. Nevertheless, the Prairie Creek Elk are known as the Roosevelt Elk (Theodore, not Franklin D.) and are the largest native wild animal extant in California today. More than 100 head have been counted as resident in the reserve there, according to Warden C. L. Milne, who, by the way, was treed for over an hour by one of these pugnacious beasts not long ago.

--Earl Hanson

Mr. Hanson added the following: "By the way, after the summer season is over, it might be well to give the Northwest District a crack at editing the PN&V. We cannot hope to compete with the Big Sur edition, but promise to do our best to produce an interesting and informative issue. I speak only for myself at the moment, but feel confident that the REDWOOD PERSONNEL will respond fully and cheerfully, and favorably."

We applaud Earl for volunteering and knowing him so well, we look forward with anticipation to the super-super bulletin he will be given the opportunity to edit sometime this Fall. There is no doubt in our minds that the Northwest District will put out a colossal edition.

VISITOR

State Senator Shelly paid a visit to the San Juan Bautista Monument and made a "pretty thorough inspection" according to Custodian Frank Fair. The Senator seemed favorably impressed Frank reports.

"K" RATION

"We think food concentrates are new" says Warden Charles Fakler, Mt. Diablo, "--for hundreds of years the Indians used the seed of Chia, a spoonful being enough for a day's forced march."

T R A N S F E R

Custodian Wayne Cox has been transferred from Big Basin to the Big Sur Redwoods.

AMAZING

It is hard, and very unpleasant, to believe a figure announced last week by the treasury department, but we have no choice. Facts are facts, whether you happen to like them or not. And so we have to accept the fact that during the month of May, in this nation, the amount of E bonds cashed in was 38 per cent of the total of E bonds sold. More than a third of the money loaned to the government in that month had to be promptly returned to people cashing in bonds. That's a terrible record.

Surely, now that the invasion is on and people are presented with its tragic facts, the percentage of bonds cashed in will drop greatly. Granted that bonds must sometimes be cashed to meet personal emergencies, we know that a third of our people did not face such great personal emergencies in May that they had to cash their bonds. They just cashed them because they wanted the money for something else. Maybe some of the things they wanted were perfectly all right--only that isn't the way to finance a war.

As a gesture of strength and defiance to the enemy, don't just buy bonds--keep them too!

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The Fifth War Loan Drive we are happy and proud to state was a success as far as the headquarters office of this Division is concerned as we came through with a whirlwind finish and went over the top just before the deadline.

Jack Covington brought in $18.75 out of his daughter's penny piggy bank so the whole office force was busy counting money but we must say, in all fairness to Jack, that he had the bond registered in his daughter's name.

HATS OFF

Harry L. Parsons, Custodian, Patrick's Point says "There is not much news as we are having a lot of rain and mist nearly every day. There is a good crop of berries which are attracting some people in this vicinity. But I am sort of war-minded now. I think we should all get into the fight. Being past the age for actual fighting, I am asking the office to send my first month's salary check in bonds. I hope every employee of the State can do the same, or at least one half of their month's pay which will help to save the lives of our boys and shorten this war. We have got the Japs and the Germans on the run now. What do you say, let's all get in there and do our part to finish them off as quickly as possible." Bravo, Mr. Parsons. We heartily agree.

C O O P E R A T I O N

WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL if each one of us shouldered our responsibilities, each doing his part unreservedly thereby lightening the load of our fellowmen? It is said that in the scheme of life, we are all part of a pattern in the great design of living. When one of us fails to do his share, someone else must carry the load for the one who falters or dallies.

There are many unsung heroes who are conscientiously doing their job well. There are others for whom our unsung heroes must carry added burdens, for life is not a magic carpet, and the weaving never stops. How many of us can honestly say at the end of the day, "I have done my job well." If we could all admit such a truth, instead of a few expecting praise upon announcing occasionally such a fact, I know we should ALL of us have time to enjoy many hours of real joy and happiness. Let us all do our share and earn the respect and happiness due us.

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Hi! Tony Trigeiro--how about a letter? It has been a long time since we've heard from you.

NEWS OF OUR G.I. JOE'S

Lt. Herbert Hull, son of our one and only Dan Hull, is at Syracuse, N. Y., Army Air Base, where he is connected with the Troop Carrier Command. Within a month, he expects to be assigned a new plane and fly it to the India-Burma area.

C.C.M. Everett Powell, U.S.N.R., writes he hopes his next letters will be written from Burma, India, or China. His son, Gene, also in the Navy, is expected home on furlough soon.

Pvt. Elmo Garibaldi is to report to Baltimore, Maryland, for further training orders. Alice will return to her old spot in Parks, and we are all happy to have her back.

Malcolm Byce, Assistant Warden at Big Sur, was inducted into the armed forces on July 11th, 1944. A big loss to Parks service and a wonderful gain to Uncle Sam. Warden Kenyon reports our new G.I. Joe "as full of 'pep' as ever." Our best wishes go with him.

Former Custodian Wiley Garber, who worked at Richardson Grove, entered Army Aviation following the declaration of war. On June 28th, Malcolm Byce heard the following news report over KPO at 7:00 A.M. "Captain Wiley Garber of Oakland has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for operations in Europe."

Cpl. Jess T. Chaffee, Stockton Air Base, gave us a pleasant surprise by 'phoning the office recently when he brought a plane up to Sacramento's Army Air Repair Base for a check-up. We're hoping to find an extra gasoline coupon so he can pay us a real visit soon.

Lt. Jack Langford has been ordered back to La Junta, Colorado, and Elsie has returned with him. Bon Voyage, kids!

We have had a long, interesting letter from Sgt. Harold Pesch; also some snapshots. You are looking pretty sharp there, Harold! We take it that Florida is agreeing with you. At a later date, we received a very pretty card from Harold depicting all the beauties of Wakulla Springs, Florida, so we take it that he is doing a bit of sight-seeing.

The Parks office also received a long letter from Lt. Z. Allen Barker, and we were certainly glad to hear from him. Allen tells us that he has recently taken over Battalion Communications and is "as busy as Doheny Beach on the Fourth of July". Thanks for your letter, Allen--the office force promises to answer it as soon as something happens so they will have some news. Write again!

How about letters from some of our other overseas Parks boys? We are always so happy to hear from all of you, and we promise faithfully to answer all letters sooner or later.

Cpl. Donald W. Fillinger, brother of your editor, is now home on furlough from Santa Ana Air Base. It is the occasion for a family reunion as it is seventeen years since the family have all been together.

Pvt. Don Covington reports that he has been on the move again; has left the rainy area in New Guinea and is now in a better climate. (Location unknown.) Feeling fine and enjoying the service. Sends regards to all.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

HAIL TO THE WOMEN

"So at last the women of the Division of Beaches & Parks have an opportunity to prove their worth, ability, talents and skill. About time the men lifted the curtain and let their ladies take a bow! They have been the forgotten--
--men long enough!

"I would like very much to know where the California Park System would be without the lovely ladies.

"Who would answer the telephone calls from high and low bown when the men are digging ditches, if not the women?

"Who would answer the door bells and knocks with their aprons on and their hair in curlers, if not the women?

"Who would feed the Park Rangers, and keep them sleek and fat--and in good disposition, if not the women?

"Who would keep the park residences immaculate like the palace and gardens at the Tuileries, if not the women.

"I ask you, where would the Park System be without the Women?"

--Edith Street Noyes

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Mrs. Isabel Hartigan, Custodian at California's First Theatre, Monterey, has been doing an excellent job in promoting a keen interest in the legitimate stage productions performed under her direction. Many of her visitors include important Hollywood celebrities. Just recently movie star Elexis Smith Stevens was a patron at the current play "After Dark" and went back-stage after the show to greet and compliment the cast. We're very proud of the fine work you are doing, Mrs. Hartigan.

A BLESSED EVENT

Custodian E. M. Banfill reports a new withholding tax exemption in the arrival of Louis Martin Banfill who was delivered by Mr. Stork on May 24, 1944. Congratulations to Mother and Daddy Banfill.

Claire McGinnis is leaving us after brightening our lives these three months with her sunny ways--and believe you us Claire is going to be missed.

Dorothy Emanuel will take over the desk formerly occupied by Elsie, and lately by Claire. Good luck, Dorothy. What with gasoline, scratch pads, ink and glue pots, you might need it. We'll all be with you, though.

WELCOME HOME

The Sacramento Office personnel were thrilled last week by the return of our "Migratory Army Wives"--Alice Garibaldi and Elsie Langford. The entire staff answered the call, as usual, by having one of our rip-roarin' get-togethers on Thursday evening, which was the only time during the stay of Elmo and Jack, that we could see all of them. The party gathered at Jack and Elsie's and we proceeded with a wonderful evening during which everyone just sat around and gabbed and ate. The men all went GI while the girls jitter-bugged with each other with the assistance of the radio. After the food was disposed of everyone got settled down to cards. Everyone reported a swell time and it was wonderful to see all four of our "wandering children" at the same time.

GIRL SCOUTS

Big Basin has 5 separate group camps for girls. Camp Chaparral is the Girl Scout Camp for the training of leaders. This is called the Regional Camp, and takes girls from 5 western states. This year they plan to operate 6 weeks, and will have 225 in camp.

The other camps "Skymeadow", "Camp Wastahi", "Shadowbrook" and the Y.W.C.A. camp "Hazelgreen" accommodate girls from specific sections of the State.

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PERSONNEL

Dorothea G. Barnes donned the Park Custodian's badge at Doheny Park recently.

Louise Morley is again working for our Parks system with all the insignia of a true Custodian. She is operating the checking and information station at Big Sur Redwoods.

AUGUST BULLETIN

Ernie Camper will be your editor of Parks News and Views for the month of August, and it is hoped that we shall continue to have the grand support of you field people which we have received in the past. At this writing, Ernie is taking inventory at Will Rogers State Park and I'm sure if you all come through with your newsy notes for him as you have for me, he's going to be mighty happy.

NATURE STUDY
(A modern Fable for Grownups)
"The Shy Firefly"

Susie, a firefly, was so timid and conventional that nobody even made fun of her. While the other fireflies were frolicking over the lawn at night, vieing to see who could shine the brightest, Susie would hang around the edges with her wings down.

Susie thought it was bad taste to glow. She said it was being conspicuous. She said it made a person cheap to glow in public, and, even when one glowed in private, glowing was one of those things one was better off not to talk about. One just didn't, she said; that is, if one had any pride in oneself. "It's--well, bad taste," Susie said. But since Susie's thoughts were her own and what Susie said the other fireflies didn't listen to, she made nobody unhappy but Susie.

Of course, she led a lonely life. Daytimes she took to making long crawls and more than once she got lost. On one of these evenings twilight caught her some distance from home. "Oh, dear," thought Susie, "to get back before dark I shall have to fly and, if I fly, I glow," and she decided that she wouldn't, so there!

She compromised by glowing a little behind a blade, thinking to spot a landmark, but she only flushed a ladybug.

"I beg your pardon," Susie said to the ladybug, "can you direct me back to the lawn?"

The ladybug got down from the blade and leered at Susie and remarked in a surprisingly hoarse voice, "Listen, kid, I can show you lawns that will knock you silly."

"I'm sure I don't know what you mean," Susie bridled. "And furthermore," she added, "you may be a ladybug but you are no lady!"

"Kid," said the ladybug, "you are right. My name is CERATOMEGILLA FUSCILABRIS, but the other guys call me Buck," and he explained apologetically that he was in a bad temper because a human had flipped him off with instructions to fly away home because his house was on fire and his children might burn.

"I have no children to speak of," said Buck, "and I don't want to go home. What do you say, kid?"

Susie was so upset that she couldn't quench a faint glow.

"What you need," said Buck, " is a spot of dew. Now I know a lawn that just opened..."

It was late when Susie got home and the other fireflies had finished their romp and gone to bed. A few woke, grumbling about the flashlight, but only the more nocturnal insects saw Susie, who was glowing like sixty, and they approved.

The next night, when Buck came around, he found a note. "Sorry, honey," it said. "Gone out with a bunch of cicadas. Susie."

CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPORT PURPOSES

The 1943 Session of the Legislature passed legislation abolishing the State Park Maintenance & Acquisition Fund and in lieu thereof created two new funds, viz., the "State Park Fund" and the "State Beach Fund", these two new funds to be depositories for the monies which this Division receives from its proportion of the oil revenues. Since the creation of these two funds, the Department of Finance has requested the Division to classify its holdings in the two necessary categories, viz.: Parks, and Beaches,--Parks to include the historical monuments.

With the above in mind, the following classification of the two groups was submitted to the State Park Commission for their consideration and was approved by them at their meeting in San Francisco, July 3d, 1944.

STATE PARKS and MONUMENTS

Parks

Mill Creek Redwoods
Del Norte Coast
Patrick's Point
Humboldt Redwoods
(Dyerville Headquarters
(Burlington Camp Grounds
(Williams Grove
(Bull Creek-Dyerville Flats
(Stephens Grove
(Richardson Grove
Van Duzen Redwoods
Hickey Grove
Dimmick Memorial Redwoods
Indian Creek
Kruse Memorial
Armstrong Redwoods
Big Basin Redwoods
Mt. Tamalpais

Calaveras
D. L. Bliss
Tahoe Hatchery
Bidwell
Castle Crags
McArthur-Burney Falls
Point Lobos
Fremont Peak
Big Sur
Morro Bay
Tule Elk
Will Rogers State Park
Mt. San Jacinto
Palomar Mountain
Cuyamaca
Anza Desert
Azalea Reserve
Mt. Diablo

Monuments

Fort Ross
Sonoma Mission
Vallejo Home
Chief Solano
Marshall Monument
Gold Discovery Site
Donner Monument
Shasta Town
San Juan Bautista
Monterey Custom House

California's First Theatre
Serra Landing Place
House of Gold
Stevenson House
La Purisima Mission
Fort Tejon
Lummis Home
Pio Pico
San Pasqual Battlefield

STATE BEACHES

Dry Lagoon
Trinidad
Little River
Russian Gulch
Van Damme
Sonoma Coast
Phelan Beach
Natural Bridges
New Brighton
Seacliff
Sunset
San Simeon
Cayucos
Morro Strand
Pismo
Carpinteria
Will Rogers
Manhattan
Alamitos
Huntington Beach
Doheny
San Clemente
Carlsbad
Mission Bay
Silver Strand

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Jack and Kit Covington plan to leave next week for a short vacation at Camp Sacramento Summer Resort. We hope they have a marvelous vacation. "Jack stay away from the saddle horses."

Any of this personnel not listed as going on vacation would like for the public to know that it isn't because they don't want to go. (Chief, Superintendents, etc., please note!)

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Your editor wishes to take this opportunity of thanking each one of you who have contributed so generously to this issue of Parks "News & Views". It has been a real pleasure, and a surprise to me now that it is completed since it is my first attempt at anything of its kind. We hope you like it.

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Sacramento

ERNIE CAMPER, Editor

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A GOOD WORD FROM OUR CHIEF

As this is being written, we are about half way through the summer and it appears that the parks and beaches adjacent to populace areas are going to receive greater patronage this season than at any time since the commencement of the duration, which means more work on the part of the personnel in those areas-- and that personnel is considerably limited due to the fact that it is impossible to secure sufficient help. So, may I compliment and thank you employees involved for your extra efforts and the splendid way in which you are taking care of the public needs and demands. The high standard of State Park service is only being maintained because of your extra efforts predicated upon your love of the work rather than your own personal monetary returns.

-----A. E. Henning

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OUR NEW PARK

Formal acceptance and dedication of the former ranch home of Will Rogers, as the newest unit of the State Park System will be held on the site on Saturday afternoon, August 19, at 3:00 P. M.

The chief address will be made by our Governor, Earl Warren, with Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman of the State Park Commission, presiding. Los Angeles City will be represented by Robert Burns, President of the Los Angeles City Council, who will act in the absence from the city of Mayor Fletcher Bowron. James Rogers, youngest son of the late Will Rogers, will express the sentiments of the family. Commissioner Leo Carillo will pay tribute to the world famous humorist and writer on behalf of the moving picture industry. Speaker Charles W. Lyons will represent the State Legislature and it is expected that Chairman Knowland will call on other public officials or other notables who are present for extemporaneous remarks. John Charles Thomas will sing "Home on the Range" as the closing number for the dedication.

It is expected that several thousand people will be present at the ceremonies. Superintendent Fleming, Asst. Warden Eugene Velzy and the other members of the State Park personnel will have a busy day!

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"LIFE IS REALLY RUGGED AT BURNEY FALLS"

From Elmer J. Pool
To Parks News and Views
Subject: Visitors

On Tuesday, July 11, I went down in the camp to empty the garbage that had collected over the week-end and found that I had someone or something helping me, as all the cans were emptied. The only catch was that instead of being emptied in the incinerator, they were emptied right where they sat. I thought at first that it was some stray dog that was just looking for a handout. I looked around for tracks and I didn't have to look far, for there they were--great big

old bear tracks. He hasn't been back since and I hope he doesn't come back as I had quite a mess to clean up.

Since the warm weather has been on, Mrs. Pool, our little daughter, Arlene, and I have been sleeping outside under the pine trees. The other night about twelve o'clock our little three-months-old pup started growling and fussing, so I got up to see what was going on. Lo and Behold, he had a little flying squirrel. The squirrel, in his flight, must have miscalculated and hit a tree, as he was stone dead. I had heard of flying squirrels all my life, but thought they were extinct. This little squirrel had a spread of about nine inches. When he was spread out he was just about as wide as he was long. His tail was about two inches wide and very flat. His front and hind legs were attached together with a very thin layer of skin with a very light fuzz on it.

---Custodian Elmer J. "Jake" Pool

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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR FAIR STATE

GOVERNOR'S FLAG The Governor's Flag is emblematic of the Governor's rank as Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard (now the State Guard) and the Naval Militia. The flag is provided by the Military and Veterans Code and has been in use since prior to the turn of the century.

STATE FLAG The original Bear Flag was raised at Sonoma June 14, 1846, by a group of Americans in revolt against Mexican authority. In less than four weeks it was replaced by the American Flag, but was made an official symbol of California in 1911 when the State legislature adopted the Bear Flag as the California State Flag.

STATE SEAL The design for the Great Seal and the "coat of arms" of California was adopted October 2, 1849, by the convention which framed the Constitution of the State of California. The 31 stars around the bend of the ring represent the number of States in the Union after the admission of California. The Grizzly Bear has long been considered symbolic of the State. The Godess Minerva, who sprang full-grown from the brain of Jupiter, embodies the type of political birth of the State of California, which was admitted as a State without having gone through the usual probationary period as a territory. The miner represents a leading industry and the shipping scene typifies commercial greatness. The snow-clad peaks in the background represent the Sierra Nevadas. The Greek motto "Eureka" (I have found it) applies either to the principle involved in the admission of the State or to the success of the miner at work.

STATE CAPITOL Plans for the State Capitol at Sacramento were drawn by Miner F. Butler and selected by a Commission July 14, 1860, from seven competitive drawings submitted. Work on the foundation started September 24, 1860, and the cornerstone was laid with Masonic ceremonies May 15, 1861. The structure was first occupied by the Governor and State officers November 26, 1869, and by the legislature December 6, 1869, but was not actually completed until 1874. Cost of construction was $2,600,000. Length of building

is 320 feet; depth, 164 feet; height (not including dome), 94 feet; elevation of ball of Capitol dome above street level, 247 feet; height from first floor to top of rotunda, 125 feet; area of Capitol Park, including extension site, 40.2 acres. The park contains more than 400 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers. Other major State buildings are located in Sacramento, as well as in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

STATE TREE The California Redwood was designated by the State legislature in 1937 as the official State Tree. It grows to greater height than any other living thing; its natural distribution is limited almost wholly to California; and it is one of the best known and most beloved of all trees. The ancient forests of Redwoods, which once flourished over most of the northern hemisphere, have reached their last stand on the Pacific Coast. Some of the finest groves are being preserved as public parks, but civic-minded groups are demanding larger areas be saved, for once gone, these trees will not return. The maximum recorded height of the Redwood is 364 feet; circumference, 101 feet; diameter, 36½ feet; age, 2,200 years. (The General Sherman Redwood in Sequoia National Park has an estimated age of between three and four thousand years and is 272 feet in height.)

STATE FLOWER In 1903 the State legislature officially adopted the Golden Poppy (Eschscholtzia Californica) as the State Flower. The Golden Poppy can be found blooming in some portion of the State on any day throughout the year. It once grew in great profusion the length and breadth of California, and the flaming glow it lent to the hills could be seen from far out at Sea. "Its satiny petals, bright with the gleam of our gold mines, rich with the sheen of our fruits, and warm with the radiance of our sunshine, typify the ideal of California as no other flower could."

STATE BIRD The State legislature in 1931 gave official recognition to the California Valley Quail (Laphortyx Californica). The California Valley Quail is found in many sections of the State; is social in nature; and it is noted for its hardihood and adaptability.

STATE SONG California has no official song. Several have been presented to the State legislature but have failed to receive recognition. A popular song for State and festive occasions is "I Love You, California."

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Warden Fred Canham sends us the following information on an impressive ceremony that took place at Armstrong Grove on July 16th.

"Gold Star Mothers Honored By Tribute--Under the towering spires of giant redwood trees, an impressive entertainment program was presented in Armstrong Grove State Park outdoor amphitheater Sunday afternoon in honor of Sonoma County's Gold Star Mothers.

While travel restrictions handicapped attendance, an appreciative audience from all parts of the country basked in the sunshine to enjoy the program of music, drama and oratory.

Included in the audience was a large number of Sonoma County mothers whose sons have made their supreme sacrifice in this war, and to them Senator Herbert W. Slater concluded his final remarks in the address of the day with the

sentiment: "No greater love hath any man than this: that he lay down his life for a friend."

Enthusiastic applause was given all of the numbers presented by talented musicians and dramatists of the Santa Rosa Army Airbase, with an especially warm reception for the Army's Little Symphony Orchestra, directed by Corporal Floyd Stancliff.

The entertainment was sponsored by the Guerneville Legion and Sonoma County Chapter, Disabled American Veterans, and will be made an annual event in Armstrong Grove, the third Sunday in each July. Committeemen voiced their appreciation for the cooperation of the Army units who took part, and to the State Park Warden in charge of Armstrong Grove.

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MOUNT DIABLO

This unit of our State Park System is unique in many respects, although it is only 3,849 feet high and therefore a midget compared to Mt. Whitney, which soars to a height of 14,522 feet. Mt. Diablo, however, because of its location, affords the visitor to its summit a view into both the Sacramento Valley to the north and the San Joaquin Valley to the south. In fact, the statisticians have worked out the fact that Mt. Diablo's visitor to the summit is assured that if the weather is clear, he can look into 35 of the 58 counties which make up the State of California.

Mount Diablo has, since 1851, been the meridian base for all northern California surveys. Mt. Diablo has played an important part in the early history of California and it is said that the pet bandits of California, Murietta and Vasquez, who ranged all the northern part of the State when it was still cattle and wheat country, used the fastnesses of Diablo for hiding places. But all that has been changed, for today there is an automobile road winding up to it with two arms. It passes at one place through a group of fresh rock formation known now as the Garden of Jungle Gods.

There are rocks as big as buildings whose resemblance has won them such names as El Perro, which is Spanish for dog; La Ballena--whale; and La Rana--frog. There are old abandoned coal mines on the mountain's slopes and old gold mines, which never were of much consequence. There are quaries and shale formations thick with fossils, once sea bed, but now two-thirds of a mile in the air. The road has been called the road with the airplane view, and while in places it is blasted out of rock, it has an average grade of no more than 7 percent.

These facts about Mt. Diablo are merely intended to arouse your interest and cause you to some day visit its famous and prominent summit. You can be assured of a cordial welcome by Warden Charlie Fakler and Custodians Bill Gott and Harry Van Gelder.

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A NICE BOOST FROM OUR GOOD FRIEND, NEIL CUNNINGHAM

"Dear Chic: I have just read 'PARKS NEWS AND VIEWS', edited by Virginia Fillinger, et al, and spontaneity impels me to express appreciation both for its contents and the fact

that you so graciously include me on your mailing list. I think all the issues have been fine, much better than I ever expected they would be. They keep me in touch with the activities and doings of the personnel, and while I see one of you occasionally, the PN&V fills a big gap now that I am no longer officially connected. It would be pretty hard for me to lose interest in the Park System after fifteen years' service.

Best regards to all,
Neil"

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FIRE HAZARD

Due to the fact that we have had a very dry winter in northern and central California, the fire precautions in State Parks should be enforced to even greater degree from now on throughout the rest of the season. I recently requested from General Hannum, Director of the Department of Natural Resources the assignment of ten completely equipped fire crash trucks for use of this Division, and here's hoping they will be assigned to us. The Division of Forestry is, of course, charged with the fire prevention and protection of our properties and I am happy to state that at no time have we received more splendid cooperation from the Division of Forestry than at present.

------A. E. Henning.

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The following from Sonoma Mission:

At the first marriage rites performed in the old Mission chapel since its restoration, Lt. Roger Thibeau, U. S. Army Air Corps, claimed Miss La Vera Brown, of Napa, as his bride last Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by John I. Easterly of the 7th Day Baptist Church, of Oakland, in the presence of relatives, friends and neighbors.

The 1950 Version of A Redwood State Park

Editor's Note: What we would like to know is: Did Custodian Daisy Barbour catch the bride's boquet--and if not, why not?

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MONUMENT NEWS

Troupers of the Gold Coast, who date from the reopening of California's First Theatre seven years ago, now number 287 with 43 blue service stars. At the opening of "Fashion", July 20th, the troupers had given 390 performances and 27 different plays, all well-known old favorites. "Fashion", or "Life in New York", a 19th Century farce,

plus 12 "olio" acts is playing to full houses every weekend.

The Denny-Watrous management have done good work, using tact and tolerance along with their knowledge of what the public wants. It hasn't all been smooth sailing and those who work in the shows must really love the theatre and what it stands for as "California's First Theatre".

Since the reopening of the building as a theatre the attendance has more than doubled. Important movie stars, directors and managers of little theatre groups from various states are interested in the back stage and costume department. All marvel at the good work done in such a small space.

Warden R. A. Wilson and family from Point Lobos are usually "first nighters". Custodian Arthur Sill and wife are proving to be real fans. Last week we noticed Warden Bill Kenyon and party in the front row. Mary Greene hasn't missed a show, as well as having taken part in several.

And so I still claim to have the most interesting monument in the system and I'm sure the most exciting. Never a dull moment.
----Custodian Isabel Hartigan

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MILITARY NOTES

On August 15th the Sacramento Office had a grand visit with Cpl. Jesse Chaffee, formerly Warden at Mount Diablo, now in the U. S. Army Air Force. Jesse is on the control tower at Stockton Army Air Field and spends many hours "talking" the army planes down for a safe landing. Jesse, however, states that he prefers being a State Park Warden and will be as glad to return to us as we will be to have him back--and believe me, that will be plenty glad.

Irene Vyenielo, of the San Francisco Office, has sent in the following news:

Kenneth Stanley, S 1/c, Lion #8, Barracks G54, % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, has noted his approval of the News & Views. He informs us that he is a gunner--has been in India and Egypt--and in a San Francisco hospital for two months. He is now in San Francisco, where his wife and child have joined him. We are glad to hear from him, and wish him the best of luck all along the way.

Lew Griffith wrote in one of his letters: "The Atolls would surely make wonderful parks, as they are filled with all kinds of fruit and game. The scenery is wonderful where there is a placid lagoon. I've often thought that if we could take one back to California, it would surely be a sensation. There aren't any Japs here now and we miss them, as it is a trifle monotonous without them around. Don't let anyone kid you, but the U. S. is boss of the air down here--where a few months ago the Japs were." Attaboy, Lew! We are all for you----and hurry home.

Incidentally, Lew's address is L. P. Griffith, C/M 1/cl, 33rd N. C. B., c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

A letter was received from Everett Powell, written on some paper that the Japs left--he says that he is as fit as a fiddle, and has lost some waist line.

A letter from Sgt. Harold Pesch gives us the following interesting

dope (all C. of C's please note!): "This Florida weather is sure something that can't be figured out. Never saw such a place. This morning was hot and sultry, then at noon a brisk wind came up, and within fortyfive minutes it was raining cats and dogs. Good thing we don't have rains in California like they have here. Some times it looks like the rain will wash this state into the Gulf, and there have been a lot of men who wished that it would--including myself at times."

At that, Florida has something that California doesn't have----Harold. We will be glad when he is home.

The following letter is of great interest:

"Dear Mr. Camper: I notice that you are to edit our very fine 'Park News and Views' this coming month. There are two names I would like to submit to go on the roster of our men in the Service.

"Carl Giles was our most efficient groundsman here for over six years. He took care of the grounds at all the Monuments here. He was a part-time employee, so he ran a gas station in addition. Carl was guardian to an orphaned nephew who was about fifteen and the two boys used to get here about daylight. Carl was like a whirlwind, never was our garden more lovely; walks clean and beds full of lovely flowers and plants that he obtained from his friends all over the Peninsula. Carl used to have to prod the 'little boy', Gus, his nephew. I am afraid I used to think that Gus liked to lean on the hoe. At any rate, he had lots of friends who did their visiting while he was supposed to be at work. However, gus tended to the sprinkling and the tasks that took longer time than Carl could spare.

"Came the period of National defense. Carl enlisted immediately and Gus went into the Air Corps. I have just received a letter from Sgt. Carl Giles, 39088380, Bty C, 352nd AAA Sh. Bn., A. A. F. S. A. C., Orlando, Florida. Sgt. Giles asks to be remembered to all his friends in the Park Service. He says he'll be seeing Mr. Henning when the war is over. We certainly can't lose a man of Carl's ability. And the 'little boy', Gus? Well, he is Captain Gus Weiser, U. S. Army Air Corps, now piloting a bomber on his second tour of duty in the European theatre.

----Mary L. Greene"

RANDOM NOTES--Don Covington is now in New Guinea, running an Army post office here--Pvt. Elmo Garibaldi is now stationed at Fort George Mead, Maryland, and Alice is back in the Sacramento office after her three months' wife's military leave--Elsie Langford is still with her husband, Lt. Jack Langford, pilot in the U. S. Army Air Force, and they are now in South Carolina--Dan Hull's son, Herbert, was recently promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant. Herbert is both pilot and meteorologist for the Troop Carrier Command--Irene Vyenielo's nephew, Lt. Bob Mihovich, and Ernie Camper's son, Lt. Don Camper, are both completing the final stage of their training as Flying Fortress pilots, at Alexandria, Louisiana.

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OLEANDERS

Did you know that every part of the Oleander is deadly poisonous to children, adults and livestock? Squads of soldiers in camp in the Far East have died from soup that

was stirred by a branch of Oleander. Others, by using Oleander for a spit on which to roast meat in a camp fire.

So many livestock were killed by eating Oleander leaves in Arizona that the state conducted a series of experiments with useless horses, cattle and sheep. All died from various doses and the State University then issued a bulletin on the subject, which said, "Be careful to keep children from putting leaves or branches in their mouths. Carefully burn all prunings as children are likely to suck the cut ends of the branches."

----Celia Wells

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ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!!

Please, when submitting interoffice requisitions, do everything possible to furnish prices, either local or taken from previous purchase orders. When a requisition comes in without sufficient information, it tends to hold same up while the information is secured. This is especially true of the securing of prices. In addition, since prices vary throughout the state, many times prices that are obtained in Sacramento are out of line, and the order is again held up. THANKS, PALS!

----Gladys Zumwalt

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TRAILER FACILITIES

There has been some confusion recently regarding facilities for trailers in the parks of the Central District. Visitors coming into these parks with trailers have understood that there was individual unit electric service available. For your information we list trailer facilities in the following Parks:

BIG BASIN--Trailer space available in campgrounds--no individual electric or water service.

SEACLIFF--Trailers permitted in campgrounds--no individual electric or water service.

BIG SUR--Trailers are permitted in campgrounds--no individual electric or water service.

MORRO BAY--Special trailer court with individual electric and water service.

CARPINTERIA--Trailers permitted in formal campgrounds with individual electric and water service.

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The editor takes pleasure in quoting the following excerpts from the article "The Brothers Drury", which appeared in the May, 1944, issue of the California Monthly.

"In California the proud native son takes the eastern visitor by the hand and shows him the Golden Gate, the Bay Bridges, Yosemite and the Sierra, the Missions, Seal Rock and the oceanside. He might well also point out the brothers Drury, for Newton Bishop Drury and Aubrey Drury are well on their way to becoming--we won't say 'landmarks'--but a California institution. The Drurys cannot lay claim to this distinction on the score of their statuesque proportions, for they are both small men, mild-mannered, unassuming, and even retiring--that is, retiring until they set out to accomplish something on behalf of the redwoods, the natural beauty of the West, or the state of California. In this they have well earned their place in the California sun; let there

be one who will listen to the wonders of the Golden State and the Drurys will sing him sweet songs; let there be another who would encroach on natural values of the state and the Drurys will do him mighty battle. They have devoted a goodly portion of their lives to writing about California, talking about redwoods, finagling for public parks, cajoling, coaxing and bullying people into a consciousness of a great heritage, militantly defending the destructible and irreplaceable values of a country which is still young enough to be spoiled.

"When you start out to do a piece on a fellow--or two fellows, because you quickly find that you can't talk about only one of the Drurys--it is nice to be able to fit him (or them) into the conventional pattern of a professional niche. With the Drury boys this isn't so easy. The sign on the door of their partnership business says 'Drury Advertising Company', but that's not the answer. If you look within, you won't find Newton. He is in faraway Chicago now, landmark, institution, or otherwise, where he is the Director of the National Park Service. If you ask him, he will tell you that he is a 'conservationist,' but upon further reflection, he will probably confuse you by explaining that this merely describes the subject matter of the field in which he is now most active and interested, and that he regards himself as definitely in the calling which involves the presentation of facts and theories. This is a high-toned way of saying 'advertising man', but Newton is more than an advertising man, as anyone who knows him can tell you.

"Inside the office of the Drury Advertising Company, you will probably find Aubrey affixing his signature to a pile of letters on the stationery of the Save-the-Redwoods League.

"Aubrey also writes books, as 'California: An Intimate Guide', the best of the books about California, and other volumes will prove to you, but probably he doesn't think of himself primarily as a writer. About the best tagline that you can find for them is 'professional Californians' and this is not intended in the invidious sense, the writer of this piece being himself a native son who has been known, upon occasion, to put in a word here and there quietly on behalf of the western terminus of empire. But for the years they have generously devoted to their state their biographies should carry the line: 'Profession, Californian'."

To no one do we owe a greater debt for the success of the California State Park System than to the brothers Drury.

The above article further states: "A few years ago it was the custom of this magazine to publish once a year a quiz designed to test--and refresh--the minds of its graduate readers. In one of these quizzes the question was asked, 'What is the tallest tree in the world?' In the back of the magazine the answer was given as 'Eucalyptus'. The ink was hardly dry and the presses hardly cooled when a letter arrived at the office of the editor from Newton--or was it Aubrey? 'By what authority do you claim that the eucalyptus, and not the redwood, is the tallest tree in the world?' Now that is the kind of reader response that a good editor likes to invoke, most particularly when he can smugly respond, 'The Encyclopedia Britanica'.

"Britanica has stumped many a worthy dissenter, but not the

Drurys. Forthwith a letter was on its way down-under asking, 'What is the height of the tallest eucalyptus tree in Australia?' Back came the answer that the tallest of the Australian gum trees was four hundred and umpty-ump feet high--memory fails in the exact statistics department--but the figure comfortably topped the best that the Drurys could muster in the way of Sequoia, either gigantea or sempervirens. Another letter went forward on Save-the-Redwoods League stationery, 'Please advise the location of this eucalyptus tree and send us, at our expense, a photograph.'

"This time there was something more of a delay, but at length the response was forthcoming that when the Australian Chamber of Commerce went hunting for 'the world's tallest tree', they discovered that someone had absent-mindedly chopped it down. Then to the office of the California Monthly came the final letter l'affaire eucalyptus vs. redwood: 'You are informed that correspondence with the Australian Chamber of Commerce has revealed that while there was at one time an eucalyptus tree on that continent of four hundred and umpty-ump feet, this tree has been destroyed, which means that the three hundred and sixty-four foot redwood growing on North Dyerville Flat, California, is indeed the world's tallest known standing tree. A correction of the misstatement in your October issue, therefore, will be sincerely appreciated by the Save-the-Redwoods League...' There is no doubt that the publishers of Encyclopedia Britanica received a similar rebuke--with an admonition to sin no more."

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D O G S

We like dogs and so do you,
Little dogs, big dogs and fat ones, too,
Dogs are fine when a leash they are on,
But turn them loose and in a jiffy they're gone.

Back to the hills, chasing the deer,
Their masters are behind, and custodians in the rear,
The chase goes on maybe a day and a night,
It finally winds up and OH! what a sight!

The dog comes back with his tongue hanging out,
The master and the deer got on the wrong route,
The custodian, by the way, takes trail #7,
And he gets in about a quarter to eleven.

The very next day the dog comes around,
He wasn't a chow, a bulldog, or hound,
You probably have guessed it by now for you see
He was more or less of a Pekinese.

---Custodian Art Parvin, Big Basin

F L A S H ! Our newest service man, Pvt. Malcolm L. Byce, has forwarded his address, which is:

Company B
82nd Inf. Trg. Bn., 1st Platoon
Camp Roberts, California

The editor wishes to express sincerest thanks for the generosity of the field force in supplying material for this issue, so please carry on the good work for Alice Garibaldi, who will edit the September issue of "News and Views".

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

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Alice Garibaldi, Editor

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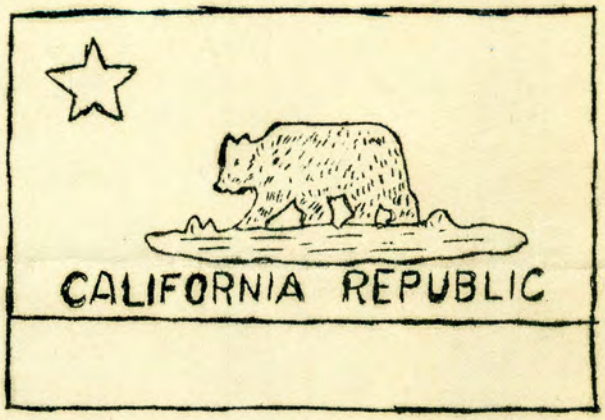
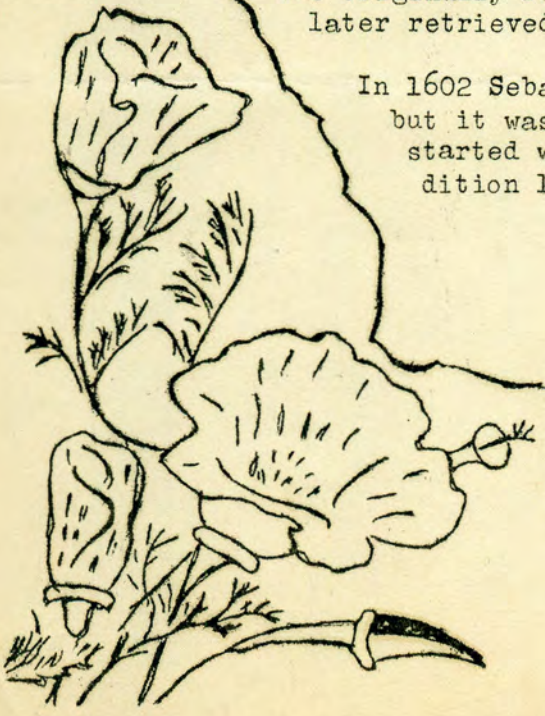
DISCOVERY OF CALIFORNIA

The recorded history of California goes back 402 years to September 28, 1542, when Juan Rodriquez Cabrillo, with two ships--the San Salvadore and Victoria--sailed from Navidad on the Mexican west coast and landed at San Diego Bay to discover the coast of California. Cabrillo explored the coast as far north as Point Reyes.



In 1579 Sir Francis Drake landed at Drake's Bay, naming the territory New Albion, and claiming it for England. Three and a half centuries later, in the year 1936, the original plate marking possession of the country by Drake was found near San Rafael in Marin County. Following this find, it developed that 3 years earlier, in 1933, a chauffeur had picked up this historic relic at a point 1 mile and a half from Drake's Bay. The original discoverer, failing to realize the significance of the "piece of brass" cast it away some distance from where it was originally found, and from this spot it was later retrieved.

In 1602 Sebastian Vizcaino again explored the coast but it was not until 1769 that Spanish colonization started with the arrival at San Diego of the expedition led by Gaspar de Portola.



CALIFORNIA ADMITTED TO THE UNION

California was admitted to the Union as the thirty-first State on September 9, 1850, after the territory of which it was a part had been relinquish to the United States by Mexico in February of 1848 as the result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Another Big Season Comes to an Informal Close.

Our major Park season comes to an informal close, or at least to a decided drop off, on Labor Day, and from all reports it is safe to estimate that our usage, as well as service charge returns, approximate a 30% increase over last season. This means that we have had the biggest season since the war started and all the park units were operated with less personnel than in normal years. I, therefore, wish to again compliment the personnel on the splendid manner in which they served the public to maintain the reputation of this Division, and may I predict that by next season conditions will have righted themselves to the point where we will be able to secure the needed manpower to bring up to the standard state of perfection our park facilities.

Organization use of organization camps or areas also shows an increase for the past season, typical of which is the following report from Cuyamaca State Park:

Camp Tapawingo--a Girl Scout Camp--had a season's attendance of 844.
Camp Oyanehanko--a Junior Girl Scout Camp--had an attendance of 219 Brownies, all of whom enjoyed an individual two weeks' stay at camp.

Superintendent's Conference

On September 25 and 26 the District Superintendents will hold a conference in Sacramento, at which time the winter's work program will be outlined.

The District Superintendents have been requested to have their personnel take their vacations and compensating time off as soon as possible, so that they in turn will be in a position to better outline the time schedule of the winter work program.

Recent Trip.

I recently visited a number of the parks in the southern and central districts and found them in good condition, and since my trip was made immediately after Labor Day, I was surprised to find some of our parks, namely Big Basin and Doheny Beach, still enjoying mid-summer patronage.

Deer Season

Deer season will soon be upon us and although Fish and Game is responsible for the enforcement of the hunting laws and regulations, we have a certain amount of responsibility in protecting our properties against poachers. This, however, does not mean that the personnel should spend both day and night in personally patrolling our properties, but they should be informed as to where and how they can get in touch with the nearest Fish and Game employees to help expedite their efficiency of enforcement.

Letters of Criticism.

Throughout the entire season, this office has received only a dozen letters criticizing our park policy of operations--eleven of these being on the DOG subject. SHALL WE OR SHALL WE NOT PERMIT DOGS IN STATE PARKS? I do not know of any single subject that has received more attention on the part of the Commission than this dog question and the Commission, at its last meeting, again requested that the policy of DOGS ON LEASH in parks be the regulation for another season, and that this regulation be regidly enforced.

The only other letter of criticism concerned an accumulation of kelp on the beach at Doheny State Park.

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Big Sur State Park, not to be outdone by the Parisians, who immediately after being rescued by the Allies, are again setting the millinery fashions for the world, recently designed and mailed to the Sacramento office their conception of the kind of head gear the Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks should wear. Same is on exhibition at the Sacramento office. It can't be described--it must be seen.

Shall it be ← this?

Or this? →

STATE BEACH PROGRAM

With the adoption of Sections 506.6 and Sections 5015 of the Public Resources Code, this Division is charged with additional responsibilities in the development, protection and improvement of public beach and shore line areas. The initial step in carrying out such responsibilities will be the appointment of a Beach Erosion Control Engineer, examination for this position to be held on September 23, 1944.

The following excerpts are taken from an address given at the closing session of the 16th meeting of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association in Chicago, by Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service:

"You are engaged in a preservation of a national asset that, like our forests, will be lost to us without concerted, well-planned aggressive effort.

"I agree heartily with the position of your Association that it is short-sighted as a matter of national defense not to look ahead to the period after the war, and define programs to be carried out. As far as we are concerned in the National Park Service, our 'post-war plans' are our plans. Of necessity, and in propriety with the Nation at war, we have ceased construction and development except for maintenance purposes and protection of the Government's investment. When the war ends, we shall within the limits of funds made available by Congress resume where we left off, moving in accordance with Master Plans that over the years we have developed through experience. These will, of course, be modified to meet changing conditions. They will afford us all the work that we can profitably absorb for many years to come.

"The National Park Service is in sympathy with the objects of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association both as to conservation of a national asset and as to planning for the needs of the Nation in the future. We agree that coasts and shores of lakes and rivers are 'assets for the promoting of the health and well-being of the people of the Nation', and I take it that the spiritual as well as the physical well-being of our people is included in your concept--the inspirational aspect, if you will, involved in holding intact and unmodified the beauty and the grandeur of the Great American Scene as found at some points on our Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and on the fringes of our inland waters. The passion for development, for 'public works', both for industrial and recreational uses, has sometimes modified for the worse outstanding areas which would have served their highest public purpose if left as Nature created them.

"I have in mind such areas as Point Lobos Monterey County, on the Pacific, in my native state. With characteristic modesty and under-statement some Californians have referred to it as 'the greatest meeting of land and water in the world.' Certainly it has great charm and rugged beauty with its seaward pinnacles upon which cling the wind-shaped cypresses, its flowered meadows that present a perennial pageant of color, its rich bird and animal life both inland and on the off-shore rocks, with rookeries of pelicans and gulls and colonies of sea lions, whose hoarse wolf-like barkings caused the Spanish to name it 'Punta de los Lobos Marinos'. This place is a 'nature reserve' in California's system of state parks. It is safe, but it narrowly escaped exploitation as a seaside subdivision with a harsh gridiron of streets, and development as a cheap resort. Under state custody, the motto is 'restraint'. 'Leave Nature and her works alone.' The public enjoys Point

Lobos in the highest sense of the word 'enjoyment'. The injunction to them is: 'Use this area, but do not use it up.'

"Many other examples of this type might be mentioned. Then there are the all-important areas of another type, the beaches and shorelands that have been, or should be, acquired and intelligently developed for mass recreation. The National Park Service, working in cooperation with states and communities has made extensive studies of these opportunities. The results have to some extent been published in the recreational study reports of the various states. Many valuable public beaches have been established. Yet scarcely a beginning has been made if the people of this country are to have the full benefit of what used to be looked upon as a common heritage. More study and planning is needed, and the National Park Service stands ready to do its part in this; my own belief being that the actual administration of shores and beaches devoted to intensive recreation should be placed in the hands of authorities closer to the public who visit them, as the use is largely local or regional, rather than national. But the important thing is to speed up the public acquisition and protection, before it is too late, of this type of land that is fixed in its quantity and extent, and becomes increasingly vital to all of us as our population increases."

(Thanks, N. B. D. for contributing to our bulletin. Please let us hear from you again.)

A recent visitor to the State Park office was Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, of Brookline, Massachusetts, internationally-known landscape architect and better known to Park folks as Director of the California State Park Survey of 1928. Mr. Olmsted and Colonel Henry S. Graves, former Chief Forester of the United States and for many years head of the Yale Forestry School, are now engaged in a survey and report on the Redwood areas of Northern California in the expectation that a Master Plan for Redwood conservation will result.

The Legislature of 1927 created the State Park System, authorized the state park survey and a state park bond issue of $6,000,000 (to be matched in equal amounts with gifts). With both technical and volunteer assistance, Mr. Olmsted investigated some 325 projects proposed for state park purposes, of which 125 were recommended for further study or acquisition. It is from this report that selections of areas for park purposes have largely been determined by State Park Commissions.

Park Warden Earl Hanson reports:

One of the most frequently photographed trees along the Redwood Highway is not a redwood, but a Big-Leaf Maple located in that portion of the Avenue of the Giants proposed for immediate inclusion in the State Park of that name. The tree bows out over the highway and catches the elusive sunlight on its graceful foliage, making it an excellent and suitable prey for hunters with cameras. Prior to the war this tree was featured in a series of natural color photographs distributed by one of the major oil companies of the state.

In the "Classification for Support Purposes"summary of Parks, we failed to list with the "Parks" one of our finest Redwood areas--PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK. With apologies to Warden Milne, this should be added to the list of parks.

Also, since this list was compiled, a new acquisition should be added to the list of "Parks" --WILL ROGERS STATE PARK.

GOD'S CATHEDRAL

When the early morning dew
is sparkling on the leaves
And the golden rays of sunlight
are sifting through the trees
I stand in awe and wonder and
the tears bedim my eye
As I gaze at God's cathedral
in the redwoods 'neath the sky.

---By Jean Horn

Our Palomar hermit Louie Juch reports a delightful visit from Custodian Rudolph Anderson, Mrs. Anderson and party, on the occasion of Mrs. Anderson's birthday.

They all enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch and sight-seeing trip through the park. On return to headquarters house they dug out and dusted off the old "squeeze box" and guitar and decided to celebrate with a little mountain music.

The Sacramento office is happy to have in their midst Mrs. Louise Riggle, who is occupying the position formerly held by Mrs. Elsie Langford. We hope that Louise will be happy in her work and stay with us for a long, long time.

Recent additions to our field personnel include Herbert Hedicke, Louise Zoller and Emil Sandmier at Will Rogers State Park and Ernest G. Bauman at Patrick's Point. Greetings to all of you and best wishes for happiness and success in your new assignments.

Melvin (Ty) Cobb, formerly employed at Sonoma Mission, has been transferred to Will Rogers State Park.

We are all sorry to hear Clyde Newlin is in the Santa Cruz Hospital and hope that he will soon be out and around again. We are glad to hear Newton Grout is recovering from his broken leg. Our sincere wishes to both of you for a speedy return to health.

The Sacramento office recently enjoyed a brief visit from Allen and Louise Morley and daughter, Marilee. It is like old times to have Louise in the office.

At Tamalpais State Park, Ray Bassett has re-opened the road to the old C.C.C. Camp, also enlarged park areas on the parking space at Bootjack picnic area and started construction of the new water storage tank.

The U. S. N. R. C. B. now working on road improvement at Mt. Diablo State Park, with three power shovels, 12 trucks, 2 tractor dozers, and are installing a rock crusher in preparation to making approximately 100,000 tons of crushed rock for road improvement. This program it is hoped will include the further improvement of many miles of fire truck trails within and adjoining Mt. Diablo State Park.

At Armstrong Grove, Fred Canham and Newton Grout have recently completed the construction of one of our standard combination restrooms. It is a very attractive job and much favorable comment has been passed on the work.

Plans are underway for channel clearance on the Discovery Site of Gold at Coloma. Work is expected to start within the next week or 10 days and it is hoped that this effort will eliminate the erosion caused by dredger tailings.

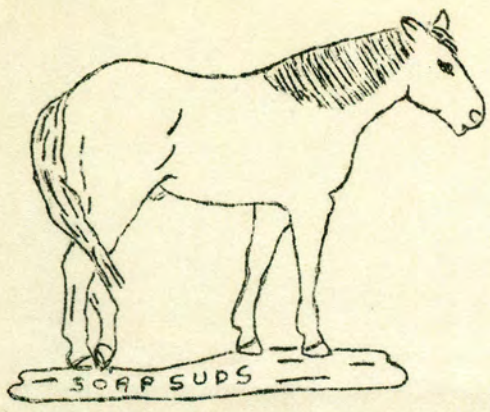
Custodian Juch of Palomar reports that the rainbow trout are very elusive, due probably to great abundance of feed, both vegetable and animal. The few he has angled lately, however, were firm and very tasty.

Warden Milne of Prairie Creek reports the elk cows and this year's calves have left the prairie for the woods. The mating season has begun and old bulls are fighting for control of their harems.

Gladys Zumwalt spent a brief vacation in southern California visiting relatives. She regrets not being able to make the rounds of some of our southern parks, but time was short and transportation facilities over-crowded.

Virginia Fillinger also enjoyed a brief vacation during the past month, several days of which were spent in San Francisco. The Ice Follies were a main attraction of her trip.

A PARK MAN'S TRIBUTE



Where in this land of milk and honey,
  Is there a spot so bright and sunny?
Where in this land of fiction and story,
  Is there a spot with all God's glory?
Where in this world of struggle and strife,
  Is such a quiet spot to enjoy life?

It's this garden spot on the slope of the hill,
  Where every canyon has it's rill,
Where the deer and coyotes roam at night
  And live in peace, without afright.
And myriad birds nest in the trees,
  That gently sway in the Pacific's breeze.

Where could one find such blissful peace
  Where all one's troubles and worry cease?
And the day's dull cares are taken away
  In the calm evening breeze at the end of the day.
Where sleep comes easy on nature's breast
  And the starry nights are filled with rest.

It's on this ranch where fame and glory
  Came to WILL ROGERS in acts and story.
In heavenly heights the Lord stood by
  And directed Will's thots to you and I.
He filled our lives with smiles and laughter
  He's getting his reward in the great hereafter.

For his love of life and his fellow man
  Was Will's heritage to the earthly clan,
And we who live to cherish his name
  Will never have envy of this man's fame,
But with humble souls and heart contrite
  Will keep his memory forever bright.

This ranch and home where the cowboy rode
  Was his family's house and their safe abode,
Now the roundup's over and Will's gone home
  To his just rewards in heaven's dome.
So we'll guard its hills and peaceful beauty
  It was his wish and our sacred duty.

And we know that Will's face as he gazes down
  Is wreathed in smiles with never a frown.
And is glad that we Park folks have his home
  Where old "Soapsuds" is free to roam.
And we'll tenderly nourish his gardens and flowers
  And the trees and shrubs that form its bowers.

By GENE VELZY

(Thanks, Gene, for this lovely tribute to our newest State Park--WILL ROGERS. No need to ask how you like your new assignment--the poem speaks for you.)

WELCOME HOME, PHIL NEALON!

The first of our boys to be discharged from the service and return to the fold is Philip J. Nealon, former Custodian at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Big Basin and Tamalpais. Phil joined the armed forces in July of 1942 and since leaving park service was in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army. He reports he has completely circumnavigated the globe and then some--has been in the Asiatic, Mediterranean, African and European fronts. In his own words Phil tells us "It seems like Heaven--more so than ever before--to be back home again, and I'm very happy to be coming back to the Park Service."

We are all happy to see Phil back, and I might add Bob Coon is walking on air as Phil ranks with the best of our park men. He will return to Calaveras Big Trees within the next week or so, where he will fill a vacancy of long standing.

Jess Chaffee, former Warden of Mt. Diablo State Park, has forwarded us his new address. It is

Cpl. Jess Chaffee
3033rd Base Hq. Sqdrn. Sec. "C"
Stockton Field, California.

Jess reports he had an unexpected tour of some of our nicer parks. He was supposed to fly to Oakland direct but got lost. Flew over Mt. Hamilton first, then cut south and west, pivoting around Seacliff Beach, over Santa Cruz, then up and over Big Basin, and on the return trip over Mt. Diablo.

We're looking forward to a visit from Harold Pesch (a Sargeant to the Army but just Harold to us). You had better not let us down, fellow, 'cause we are using you as an excuse for a big blowout and if you don't come soon DAN HULL is going to beat your time.

On Sunday, September 10, the personnel of the Sacramento office of the Divisions of Mines and Beaches and Parks sponsored the afternoon canteen at the main U.S.O., 824½ J Street, Sacramento. Sandwiches, cake, fruit and coffee were served to some fourteen hundred of our service men and women. Several gallons of punch and some wedding cake had been left at the Canteen from the Sellers' wedding, which was added to the refreshments. The girls of the Sacramento offices of the two Divisions were assisted in the serving by Kitty and Joyce Covington, Mrs. Marie Fillinger, Mrs. Martha McAuliffe, Mrs. Iva Dills, Mrs. Lillian Fox. A total of some 17 cakes were donated by the personnel of the two Divisions and their friends, and the firm of Levy & Zentner donated half of the fruit. The affair was a huge success and we wish to thank everyone who assisted, both in the serving and in the making of cakes.

The ladies who served state that to say they were busy is a gross understatement. Diversion was furnished during the serving by the rebellion of Joyce Covington and Louise Riggle against their shoes, as the girls very nonchallantly served in their stocking feet. Might state they were enviously regarded by their less daring companions.

Our wandering Army wife, Elsie Langford, is now in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her address is 1200 East 35th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and she would like to hear from some of us once in awhile.

Our mail from service men has fallen down and I'm wondering if we cant have a word from some of you, both in the United States and abroad. We'd like to know how you are getting along, what your present address is and whether you are receiving your copies of Parks News and Views.

CALIFORNIA'S STATE HISTORIC MONUMENTS

By Aubrey Drury

Said John Keats, "Scenery is fine, but human nature is finer."

Through preservation and marking of its historic sites, often in scenic settings, California has an immense fund of human interest accumulated which will draw vast throngs of visitors through the years, and it is gratifying that some of the most significent of the historic sites and structures are in the keeping of the State Division of Beaches and Parks.

Few States have had such a set of authors of genius to endow them with distinction; no State has had a history more eventful, a pageant of personalities more colorful. This is our Mother Lode of romance, and within the next few years, when we are celebrating our great centennial anniversaries, these landmarks will have special importance. They will attract many travelers from afar, helping in re-establishing the "tourist industry" as one of the main economic assets of California--perhaps our greatest. They encourage knowledge of California's history which is an essential element of State patriotism and the solidarity of our people. Our hundreds of thousands of new residents will be aided by them to become real 14-karat Californians, familiarized with the traditions and picturesque background of the Golden State.

News reports have told something of the plans for historical development of the Gold Discovery site at Coloma, with a replica of Sutter's Mill, under the wing of the State Park Commission--which, it should be said, is remarkable for the knowledge and enthusiasm which its members have in the field of California history. True to their heritage, these members of fine old California families cherish our historic possessions. Fortunate indeed are we to have such a Chairman as Hon. Joseph R. Knowland, who for so many years as head of the Historic Landmarks Committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West has rendered invaluable service to our State, and is the author of the outstanding "CALIFORNIA: A Landmark History."

Recently we have read, too, of the restoration work at the Pio Pico Mansion, the hacienda near Whittier which has vivid associations with California's last Mexican governor. Public attention has been directed also to the Sonoma Mission, where restoration work was completed not long ago and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

The various chapters of California's romantic past are well represented among the State historic monuments, though other elements doubtless will be added from time to time to round out the "collection." The Mission era is represented not only by Sonoma but by the great restoration work of Mission La Purisima, near Lompoc, and the Plaza at San Juan Bautista, fronted by the Castro House, the Zanetta House and the old Hotel, where (so the story goes) early Californians were accustomed to ride up to the bar and toss off their drinks while still in the saddle.

Few such places are more notable than the Vallejo Home Historic Monument, at Sonoma, which has added interest because of the old Swiss chalet nearby which Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo brought to California around the Horn in 1850.

Current interest in affairs Russian adds significance to the Fort Ross Historic Monument, on the Sonoma County coast--with its restored stockade, the commandant's house, the old Russian church and much more besides, in this picturesque outpost of the Czar's domain established in 1812.

Fort Tejon, in the mountains south of Bakersfield, recalls the early American period. Even older, established in 1839, is Sutter's Fort, at Sacramento, administered by the State Department of Finance. The museum collection there is worth visiting and revisiting, especially before going up to Colona to see the gold discovery site and the Marshall Monument, or to Old Shasta, near Redding, a State historic monument representative of the old gold-mining towns.

In the south, the recently acquired Will Rogers State Park, the home and ranch

of America's beloved philosophic humorist, and Charles Lummis' El Alisal home are to be noted. The San Pasqual battlefield, under State ownership, recalls the strife of 1846.

Many reminders of that time are seen at Monterey, "the old Pacific capital," as Robert Louis Stevenson called it. The State owns the old Custom House where the American flag was officially raised over California, July 7, 1846; the First Theater; the House of Gold; the Stevenson House and the Padre Serra Landing-Place--surely a noteworthy collection.

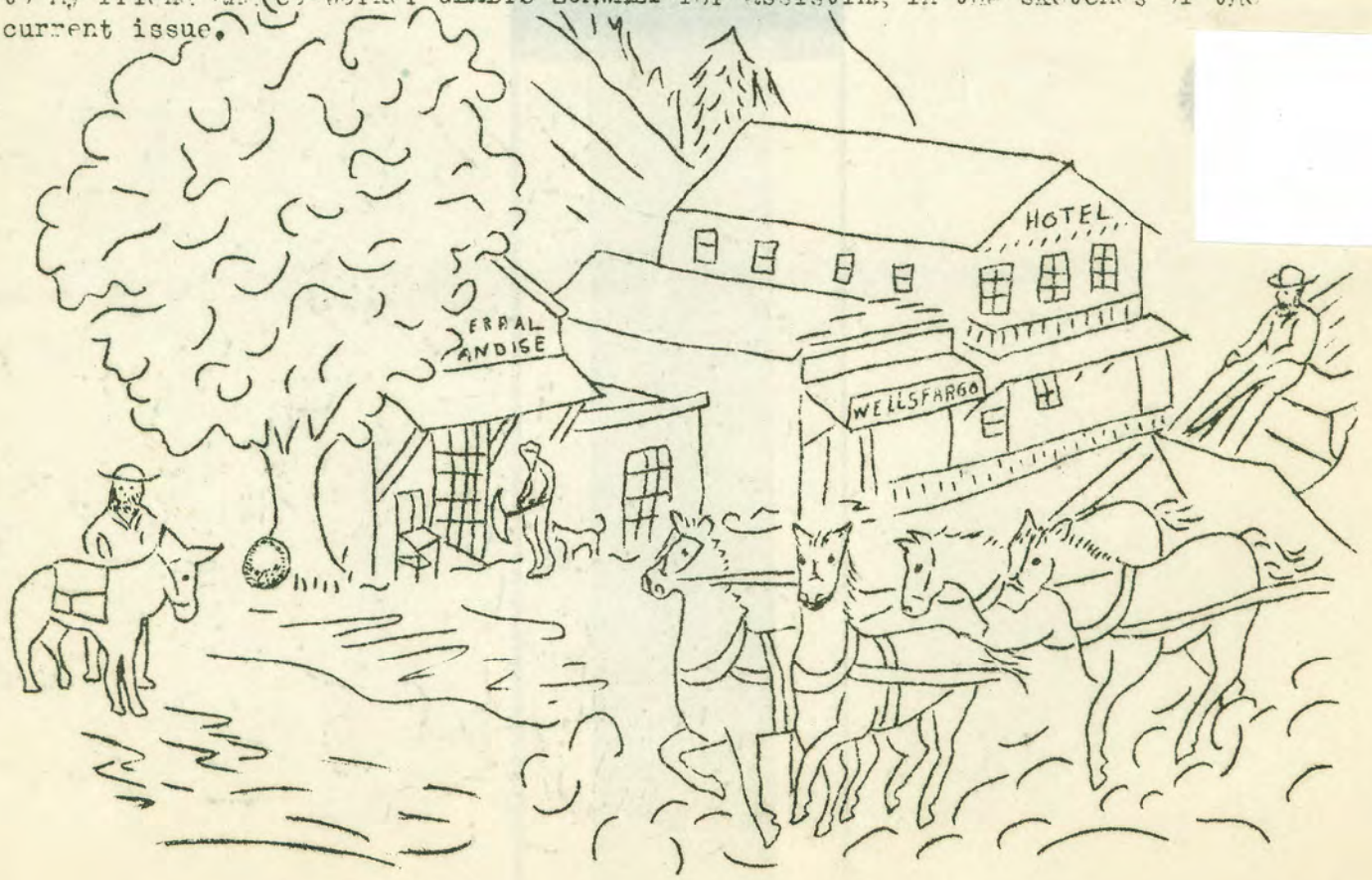
Other units in the State Park system, not classified officially as historic monuments, have many associations with California's story--Fremont Peak, for instance, and Point Lobos, Mount Diablo, Castle Crags (with Battle Rock, scene of a fight with the Indians in pioneer times), Bidwell Park, and the Calaveras Big Trees.

Rich indeed is California in historic lore, and it is satisfying that the State Legislature recognizes this in its solicitude for preservation and restoration of these relics of the past. It is a program meriting the support of all our people. It is a program which appeals to sentiment, true; but it is eminently practical also.

(Aubrey Drury, author of the foregoing article, is Administrative Secretary of the Save-the-Redwoods League; also Secretary and Treasurer, California Historical Society; member of the official landmarks committee; author of "CALIFORNIA: An Intimate Guide" (Harpers) and other books and articles.

Thank you Mr. Drury for this splendid article for our Parks News and Views.)

This seems to wind up another issue of PARKS NEWS AND VIEWS. The editor wishes to thank everyone for their contributions and may I ask that you send material for the next bulletin to our Editors at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Big Basin, in care of C. L. Cushing, Warden. And in closing, I wish to extend sincere thanks to my friend and co-worker GLADYS ZUMWALT for assisting in the sketches of the current issue.



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Big Basin

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HISTORY OF BIG BASIN STATE PARK

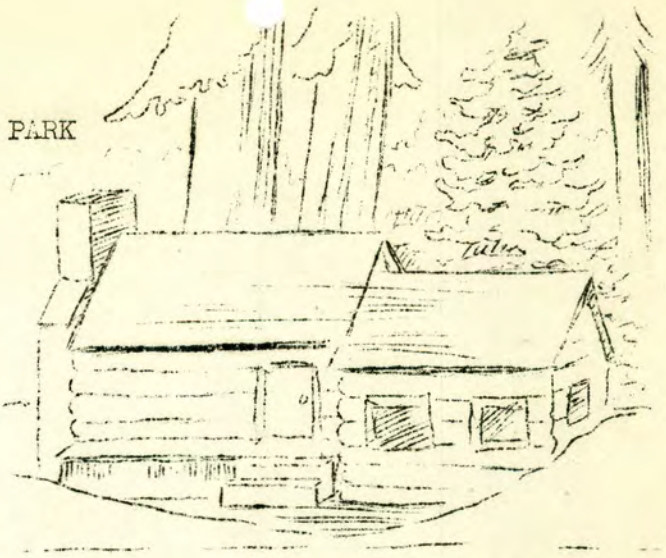
Big Basin Redwoods State Park is so named because it is situated in a large, natural basin in the hills and has only one natural outlet, namely the Waddell Gorge, a narrow opening in the hills where Waddell Creek flows out to the ocean. In some places it is only a few hundred feet wide.

Big Basin was first explored in the 1860's and was later settled by homesteaders who moved out leaving very little trace of their occupation. The most noteworthy of these early settlers was Thomas Maddock, about whom we have the adjoining article. It remained for some public minded citizens of the time to see the advantage of having this area set aside as a public park for the enjoyment of everyone. So, as early as the middle 80's agitation was started to have this area set aside. But it remained for the Sempervirens Club headed by Andrew P. Hill as the driving force to put over the plan of acquisition to the State Legislature. The Park area was in imminent danger of being cut over by lumbering interests, at the time of its acquisition, but these people were far sighted enough to desist while the necessary negotiations were carried out, thereby saving some of the finest of the present trees.

The original purchase of 3,800 acres started the present park. This has been added to by purchase, grants and gifts, until the area at present has 9,997 acres.

This Park was acquired in 1902 and was the only State Park until 1927. When the Park was purchased Gov. Gage appointed as the first Commission: Wm. H. Mills, A.H. Foster, Father Robt. E. Kenna and Dr. Wm. Dudley.

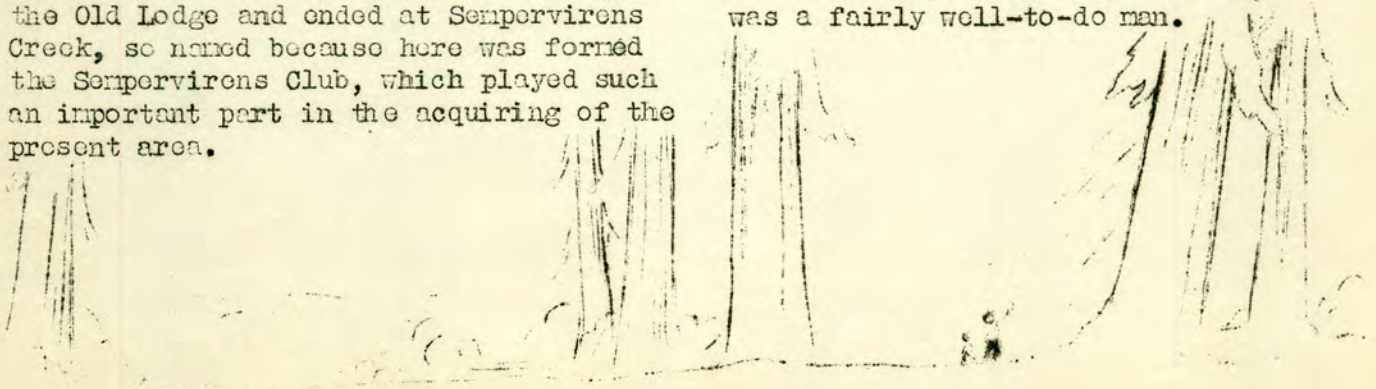
At the time of the acquisition of the Park the only road came by the way of the Old Lodge and ended at Sempervirens Creek, so named because here was formed the Sempervirens Club, which played such an important part in the acquiring of the present area.



* * MADDOCK'S CABIN * *

The Maddock's cabin is the last remaining one of the pioneer cabins in Big Basin. It is a typical redwood pioneer cabin made entirely of native redwood material from logs in the immediate area. It is one of the main points of interest to the visitors to Big Basin, being located on Opal Creek about 1¼ miles upstream from the Lodge.

The history of the Maddocks family is typical also of the redwood pioneer family. Thomas Maddock was an immigrant Irishman, who with his wife came to California in the 70's to be a teamster in the then just beginning to flourish, lumber business. But land then could be had for homesteading so he took up a homestead where the present cabin now stands. He came into Big Basin about 1880 building the present cabin in 1882. The only means of access at that time was by trail from Boulder Creek. There were two children in the family at that time and three were born in the cabin home. The family moved out of Big Basin to Boulder Creek in 1890 or thereabouts, where Mr. Maddock engaged in the timber business. At the time of his passing away in 1920, he was a fairly well-to-do man.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

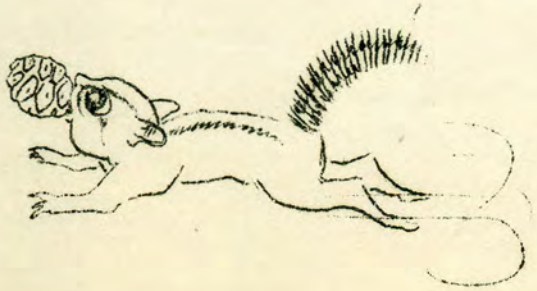
Big Basin State Park is located in Santa Cruz County adjacent to the southern boundary of San Mateo County, 67 miles south of San Francisco, via State Highway #5 and 9, and 24 miles from Santa Cruz, via highway #9.

Big Basin has an elevation of 1000 feet and due to the peculiar formation of the mountains, enjoys one of the heaviest rainfalls in the state, thus accounting for the growth of vegetation.

It is the easiest accessible of the redwood parks in the state, to the Bay area and central California, and for this reason has a very large attendance through the summer months and a great many tourists through the winter months. This season we have had visitors from every state in the union and 25 foreign countries. The large redwoods are a source of amazement to the visitors from foreign countries, who have never seen anything to compare with them.

One of the most interesting short walks in the area is the Redwood Trail which takes in the most interesting of the features of the main area as well as the largest trees. These include the Santa Clara Tree which is the largest in the Park in board feet, having 145,000 feet of merchantable timber in it. The Mother Tree which is the tallest, is 329 feet tall. The Father Tree has a large ground circumference of 66 feet 9 inches at ground level.

In connection with this walk is the Pictorial Museum of Redwoods which tells by means of drawings, the history, living processes and uses of redwood as well as the influence the redwood forests had on the history of California. Included in this display are many oddities that have been found in Big Basin during its forty two years of existence.



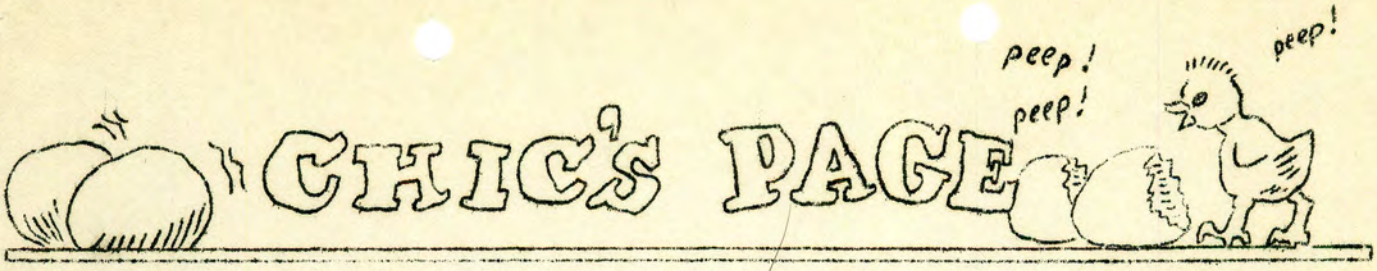
FACILITIES

Our Park facilities include some 200 campsites and picnic area with stoves and tables. Our camps are set out by groups and are scattered along the main floor of the area for over a mile and a quarter. This gives a wider range of selection to the campers. We also have three Girl Scout organization camps that are occupied regularly by the same groups and two camps that are let out to smaller or independent groups.

The camp and picnic areas are equipped with modern sanitary equipment with main roads and restrooms electrically lighted. In the center of the area is located the shower and laundry room with hot and cold water, laundry trays, ironing boards and plug-ins for electric irons, and also in the outlying areas we have two shower rooms with cold water.

Tje campfire bowl, seating approximately 900 people, has hewn log seats and rustic stage with set-up for motion pictures. The campfire program with talent gleaned from the audience is one of the most popular entertainment features we have in the Park. The open air dance floor across Opal Creek accommodates 200 people and is a very popular diversion for the young people. The large naturalistic swimming pool is very popular with the public who seem to enjoy the very cold water. There are many beautiful trails in Big Basin , leading over mountains and beside streams. The climb is gradual so walking is comparatively easy. They wind through the wonderful redwood forests to delightful spots such as water falls and mountain peaks from which can be seen thousands of acres of redwoods and the ocean in the distance.

There are also tennis courts, volley ball court and horseshoe courts with equipment furnished. Trout fishing is allowed inside the boundary of the Park. Conducted hikes are taken by a Park naturalist for those who would like to know more about the area.



The last issue of Parks "News & Views" as edited by Mrs. Garibaldi certainly maintained the previous standards set by other editors and, in order to permit sufficient time for the future issue editors to do their best, the following schedule has been arranged and the issues will be edited in accordance therewith:

Month	District	Editors
November	Northwest District	E. P. French and Earl Hanson
December	Southern "	Guy Fleming
January	Northeast "	Bob Coon
February	Sacramento Hqtrs.	Jack Covington
March	Under direction of the Historical Custodians with Mrs. Greene as Editor-in-Chief	
April	Central District	Lee Blaisdell
May	Sacramento Hqtrs.	Dan Hull
June	" "	Gladys Zumwalt
July	" "	Chic Henning
August	" "	Ernie Camper

Will all take notice of this schedule so that future reminders will not be necessary.

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The highlight of the recent District Superintendent's conference was the surprise visit by Messrs. Newton and Aubrey Drury and, thus, there was engendered a round table discussion keenly enjoyed by all. Future repititions will be welcome.

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Among the other projects which District Superintendent Bob Coon is supervising is the widening of the Mt. Diablo Summit road. This is being done by a unit of Seabees from Camp Park, who have undertaken this work as a road building training project. The equipment on the job consists of two steam shovels, twelve trucks, and a rock crusher. Considerable progress can be recorded to date.

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Reclassification

After considerable effort, final approval has been secured from the Personnel Board and the Department of Finance for the up-grading of a number of State Park Custodians. Effective as of October 1, six additional wardens jobs will have been created as well as ten additional Assistant Wardens. This change has been brought about by reclassification and it does not mean that sixteen additional positions have been added to our personnel roster. All but one of the Wardens positions and all but two of the Assistant Wardens positions have been filled from the available Civil Service Duration promotional lists.

This reclassification is intended to help place our personnel roster in a position where we can take care of the contemplated expansion when the war is over and gives a splendid opportunity for the field employees to show whether they will merit the higher rating in the post-war era.

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For the past year, thought has been given to the many suggestions from the field and the District Superintendents that the present designation of our field employees should be changed and be in more direct keeping with the classifications or name designations used by the national forests, national parks, and other State Park systems.

At the last District Superintendent's conference, it was agreed that I should submit to the State Park Commission for their consideration, the following:

State Park Custodian to be reclassified as Deputy State Park Ranger;
Assistant State Park Warden to be changed to Assistant State Park Ranger;
State Park Warden to be changed to State Park Ranger;
State Park Historical Custodian to be changed to State Park Historical Curator.

You will be later advised as to the action taken by the State Park Commission on the above subject matters.

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The State Personnel Board has scheduled another examination for State Park Custodians. Final filing date is November 3rd. Examination date: November 18. It is hoped that all present employees who do not have civil service status will take advantage of this test and thus assure themselves of continuous employment with the Division.

# # #

SET OF TOOLS REQUIRED IN REDWOOD SPLIT TIMBER OPERATIONS
Compiled by Percy French

1	D.B. Ax, 4½ to 6 lbs., 36" to 42" handle
1	Pole Ax, 4½ to 6 lbs., 36" handle
2	Cross-cut Saws, 7' to 12' long for felling
2	Cross-cut Saws, 7' to 12' long for bucking logs
6	Steel Wedges, 7 lbs. each for felling
6	Steel Wedges, 7 lbs. each for splitting
2	Steel Checkers, 7 lbs. each for splitting
1	Steel Sledge, 10 lbs.
1	Gas Power Drag Saw
4	Drag Saw Blades 6' to 12' long
1	Round Point Shovel, 1 Maddock
2	Crow Steel Bars, 5' to 6' long
1	Broad Ax, 10 lbs. for hewing
1	Steel Frow for riving split shakes
4	Pine Drivers 6' long
4	Pine Boards for felling
1	Plumb-bob for plumbing tree before felling
4	Hardwood Glutes for splitting
1	Gun 9' long for gunning tree to lawyout

* * SEASON'S ACTIVITIES * *

This season has been very busy in spite of gas rationing. We have had a larger patronage and revenue than for the past two seasons. People have been coming and staying longer than usual.

This summer, with the lifting of the blackout regulations, we have been able to have moonlight hikes when the moon was full. On these hikes, we take as many visitors as are desirous of going, to a predetermined spot on one of the higher points and make a bonfire and coffee for them, and they may cook whatever they wish over the fire. Then community singing around the campfire and the hike home by the light of the moon. These have proved very popular. On July 3rd 78 people took part in it and in August, 45 people. Each Sunday evening, to take the place of the dance, we conducted supper hikes along the same plan as the moonlight hikes, only returning to the Park in time for the evening entertainment. These also had a very hearty support.

In the spring we had an Army Signal Corps Unit in, which worked over our entire telephone line system as a field problem.

During the past year much has been done to improve the living quarters of the personnel. Among these has been the complete remodeling of the South Gate Lodge and the addition of three rooms, the remodeling and installation of all electric equipment in the shops cottage, and the complete remodeling of the C.C.C. Camp cottage, with the addition of two rooms.

Also during the past year we have endeavored to restore the old picnic area in the main area. In doing this, we have planted over sixty young redwood and fir, with a loss of only two, and have hauled in innumerable loads of duff and limbs, which, with heavy irrigation, have started to give results.

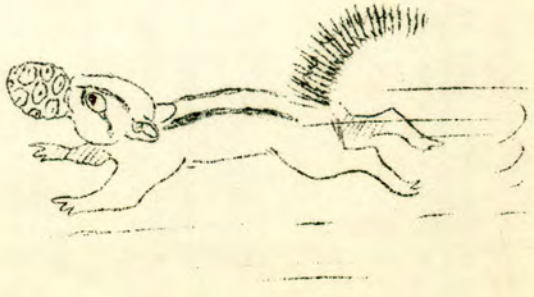
* * VISITORS * *

Even with transportation facilities as they were, we had a very good season this year with many fisitors from other states and from foreign countries. Checking from our visitors' register, we were able to get the following figures to Aug. 31st.:

Ala.	11	N.J.	36
Ariz.	16	N.C.	18
Ark.	28	N.D.	12
Conn	26	N.Mex.	2
Colo	78	N.H.	6
Del	2	Nev.	6
Fla	35	Neb.	36
Ga	18	Ohio	83
Idaho	18	Okla	41
Ill	180	Ore	45
Ind	63	Pa	76
Iowa	86	R.I.	6
Kan	42	S.C.	2
Ky	21	S.D.	24
La	33	Tenn	17
Maine	13	Utah	30
Mass	46	Va	21
Md	15	Vt.	2
Minn	77	Wash. D.C.	12
Miss	21	W.Va	11
Mo	98	Wisc.	57
Mont	23	Wyo.	3
N.Y.	179	Wash.	64
Mich	93	Texas	96

We also had visitors from 25 foreign countries totaling 76.

The revenue for this season to Sept. 8th totals $5,439.85. This exceeds the two previous years by a good margin. The concessions all had a better business than previous years indicating that although the crowds may have not been much larger, people stopped longer in the camps and cabins.



OUR WORLD

Roy Cushing started out this spring with a lot of hard nights and days off to have a victory garden (than there are none than whomer)-

First he discovered that the wood rats ate the tops off the potatoes. Then they waited until the string beans got up about a foot high, whereupon they nipped them off at ground level. He eliminated them, then the cottontails got through the wire and went to work on the lettuce and carrots. Being a good conservationist and a law-abiding citizen, Roy just said, "Nuts to the whole business" and gave up.

Custodian Art Parvin is getting to be known as the poet laureate of the redwoods as attested to by the literary effort in a past edition of "News and Views" on the dog situation in Big Basin. He is now working on another masterpiece but we are afraid that it will not reach this issue. He feels that he cannot be outdone by the bard of Santa Monica Canyon, i. e., Asst. Warden Gene Velzy.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Mr. Sgarlato gave a dinner and dancing party to all the park employees and their wives. This was attended by Mr. Henning, Mr. Covington and Mr. Blaisdell. At the same time a party of friends and acquaintances of Mr. Sgarlato from Santa Cruz and Redwood City were at the Lodge, and everyone joined in the entertainment. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Sgarlato gave the park employees a dinner at the start of the season, which was also attended by Mr. Heming and Mr. Blaisdell. These occasions are enjoyed very much as they give the employees an opportunity to meet our Chief personally.

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On September 29th, Universal Pictures Co., of Los Angeles, came into the Park for two days to shoot some redwood scenes for their forthcoming production "Salome, Where She Danced". There were about sixty personnel with some fifteen head of horses and three stage coaches. The director, Mr. Easton was very well pleased with the shots they filmed while here, and also with the beauties of the Park.

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THE REDWOODS

Through the years the trees look down from magnificent heights, at man and his like seeking respite and pleasure in their eternal shade.

They stand, tall and impregnable, a mighty tribute to time.

Wars rock the earth- hearts break- wounds heal- years come and go.

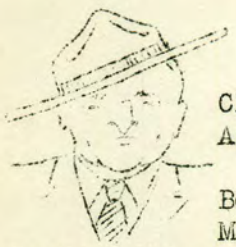
In them is to be found a great steadiness of spirit

They exude a flowing peace and tranquillity to all who are receptive.

-- K. Jackson -

Charles L. Cushing
Warden

Born at Burlin, Nevada August 27, 1901. Come to California when two years old. Lived in the San Joaquin Valley until October, 1916, when the family moved to Santa Cruz County. Helped raise chickens and worked out at various jobs, mainly fruit work and truck driving, house moving and tree falling. Started Park work in Big Basin in June 1923. Had charge of Big Sur in 1938. In charge of the Four Beaches in Santa Cruz County in 1939 and 40, with headquarters at Sea Cliff. Took charge of Big Basin in March 1941. Plans to stay in the Park Service until time to retire. Have a son, age 18, in the U.S. Navy. Remarried in 1941, and have a four year old step-daughter.

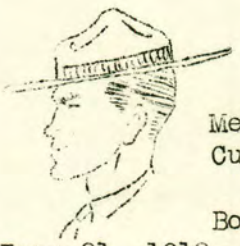


Clyde L. Newlin
Assistant Warden

Born in Monterey, California March 12, 1908. Attended Grammar School in Monterey and Santa Cruz. Graduated from Boulder Creek U.H.S in 1925. Worked at various jobs until 1928 when accepted employment in garage in Boulder Creek for seven years. Was appointed to temporary employment in Big Basin from 1936 to 1939. Was then appointed to permanent position and transferred to Morro Bay in 1940. Appointed to Asst. Warden July 1943, and returned to Big Basin Oct. 1, 1943. In 1938 married Doris Jackson, a Canadian girl, and have two children, four and a half, and one and a half years.

Aelred M. Matthews
Custodian

Born in Hollister, Calif., May 17, 1915. Educated in the Hollister Schools. Assisted father in ranching in early years. At the age of 16 went to work for the Pep Creameries and Standard Oil Service Stations after school hours. Was initiated into Alpha Xl of Phi Sigma Fraternity and served as Historian for 16 months. Married Miss Grace Abbe in 1935 and moved to San Juan Bautista. Worked four years as equipment operator and road maintenance man for San Benito road district 5. Decided there were bigger and better fields ahead so went to work for Div. Beaches and Parks in May 1939. Worked as groundsman and flower gardener at San Juan Bautista until June 1942, when I was then appointed permanently at Big Basin. Last but not least, I am the proud father of four children, Patty, 8, Nancy 6, Judy 4½ and Jerry 3.



Melville M. Whittaker
Custodian

Born at Marlette, Mich., June 21, 1912. Attended school in Michigan, Illinois and California. Graduated from Eagle Rock High School, Los Angeles, Calif. Worked 10 years as an automobile and truck mechanic. Worked as an apprentice carpenter , sold life insurance and cars. Was appointed permanently in the Park Service in June 1942. Am married and have a son six years old.

Glenn A. Jackson
Custodian

Born in Limerick, New York, 1903. Attended schools in New York State. Graduated from Adams High School, New York. Married Korleen McLean in 1923. Have three children, all boys. Bud, 20, in the Army Air Corp, now in Advanced Bombadier Training in Texas, Norm 17, a senior in High School and Glenn 12, in the eighth grade. Was telegrapher and relief agent for New York Central and Canadian National Railroads, until 1931. During that time spent two years in northern Canada and opened a Trading Post, where the only means of travel was dog team, canoe or train. Managed chain stores in New York. Finally had my own store. Sold out in 1941 and took to the open road. Travelled extensively in the southwest, doing some carpenter and construction work. Entered Park System through love of the outdoors, in 1943.

Arthur W. Parvin
Custodian

Born in Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 27, 1913. Family moved to Detroit, Mich., in 1924. After living in Detroit for five years, the call of the west must have been intriguing, for we settled in Morro Bay, Calif., in 1929. Graduated from San Luis Obispo High School in 1934. Among other things have worked at a copper mine, rough neck on oil derrick, carpenter work, and steel worker. Was greenskeeper at Cabrillo Golf Club at Morro Bay before entering park service. Married Margaret Stocking in Los Angeles in 1940. Have one boy age three. Entered park service at Big Basin Jan. 1942.

William H. Butler
Custodian

Born in Oswepo, Kansas, Aug. 3, 1874. My father homesteaded 160 acres of hard pan when I was three years old. I attended a country school until I was eleven. The weather being, many times, 20 below zero. Later moved to the city where I finished grade school and two years of high school. At 15 I went on my own and tried my hand at riding range, mule skinning, soldiering, railroading and at last settled down on a job as lines man, where I stayed twenty years. During the First World War I was a Master Signal Electrician. During the depression I managed to keep my boyish figure together via the three C's, the W.P.A. and the allied trades. Later I attended a Theological Seminary and graduated in Jan. 1933. In 1906 I married an Oregon girl, in Portland. We had two children. Remarried in Los Angeles Jan. 15, 1941. Because of age, my plans are to retire in Santa Cruz.

Dorothy Calef Barber
Nature Guide and
Recreation Leader

Born in Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 26, 1897. A.B. from Mills College 1920, M.S. Univ. of Chicago and Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. and Phi Beta Kappa. Taught science two years at the Univ. of Delaware, and since has been employed as a science teacher and counselor in the Sacramento City Schools. Completed the six weeks' training course given for nature guides in the Yosemite School of Field Natural History in Yosemite National Park with Dr. Harold Child Bryant. Attended the first session of the West Coast School of Nature Study held in Big Basin in 1931 by the faculty of San Jose State College. Summer sessions at Stanford, Univ. of California and Mills College. Hobbies are horse-back riding and folk dancing. She is a widow and has a daughter who is nineteen and a junior in home economics at the University of California. Appointed to Big Basin State Park in June, 1943.

* ** OUR CONCESSIONAIRES * * *

A. D. "GUS" SGARLATO

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, March 31, 1898. Came to San Jose in 1918 at which time he enlisted in the First World War as a mechanical instructor in the Motor Transport Division, and was stationed in Spokane, Washington.

Back to San Jose after the war and married. Worked as service manager for Olsen Motor Sales Co., in that city. Then in 1920 went to San Francisco as service manager for Chester N. Weaver Co. until 1925, at which time became Studebaker distributor in Santa Cruz county and in later years, Dodge-Plymouth dealer up to 1940. Also during this time took over the concessions at Big Basin State Park (1938). Mr. Sgarlato has shown a substantial increase in the Big Basin Lodge business and feels that during the post-war period, there will be a great many people coming to the Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

At the present time he is in the process of improving facilities for the benefit of the people who patronize the Park.

Big Basin Lodge, operated by Mr. Sgarlato, is constructed of rustic logs and hewn timbers, entirely in harmony with its surroundings of giant redwoods. There are two large dining rooms equipped with rustic furniture and a large open air dining room. The rustic redwood lobby with its large native rock fireplace and Monterey type furniture, invites the visitor. There are fifty modern rustic redwood cabins in connection with the Lodge as well as a lunch room, soda fountain, and grocery store where all kinds of supplies are sold.

F. R. "ROY" FULMER

Mr. Fulmer nearly grew up with the Basin or as he puts it "In August 1915, I drove into Big Basin over the new road from Saratoga and camped over night. Then on April 15, 1922, I accompanied a truck load of merchandise, equipment, paintings, groceries, etc., over the same road, in the employ of Andrew P. Hill, who owned and operated the Studio in addition to being the Postmaster for 'Redwood Park', which was the official name.

My work was from daylight until dark, 31 days per month at $2.50 per day. I printed pictures each day in the sunlight and washed them in the creek as the water supply was very limited. My evenings were spent in pleasant conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who related their participation in the acquisition and gave facts regarding the early history of the Park.

The next year after Mr. Hill's death I purchased a half interest in the Studio, accepted my appointment as Postmaster and brought my new bride to live in a tent.

The pleasant memories of the years I lived in Big Basin shall always constitute that part of my life which I consider in retrospect as having a strong influence on my future.

There is a vast difference between those 'pioneer' days and the Big Basin as we know it today with the many fine improvements and modern conveniences.

In the many years of my connection with Big Basin there is one thing which seems unchanging with the passing of time. Those immense, magnificent, luxuriant Sequoia Sempervirens, which seem to stand in all their splendor with a kindly understanding smile, looking down upon man with an apparent infinite wisdom, wondering why the hurry and bustle.

OUT OF OUR WORLD

Warden Kenyon, Big Sur, says: "Deer and raccoons seem to be all over the Park. Many deer linger around under the trees in the old orchard waiting for windfalls. Many valley quail are in the Park. Foxes are seen often. Bluejays are numerous. Most of the fish have been caught from the river.

The old fruit trees in the old orchard are gradually falling into decay and ruin. Some fruit has been obtained by Park employees and others. It is difficult to keep Park visitors and others from climbing the trees and shaking down fruit for the deer.

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Warden Earl Hanson, Richardson Grove: "Autumn colors are beginning to show. Fallen twigs of redwood tress are carpeting the floor of the forests with golden brown mantle; dogwood leaves are becoming tinted with yellow; even the dread poison oak is putting on a striking display of red 'mittens'. During October such displays will be at their finest.

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Warden Fred C. Canham, Armstrong St. Pk. "My wife killed a rattlesnake with 8 rattles and a button, a short distance from the back door.

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Elmer J. Pool, McArthur-Burney: "Deer season opened in full swing in this district Sept. 16th., and up to date there have been more deer brought in than last season.

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The editors at Big Basin wish to extend their sincere thanks to Harriet 'Petey' Weaver for her usual fine sketches, and Korleen Jackson for the stencil work on this issue of "Park News & Views."

" MEN IN SERVICE "

Supt. Fleming reports that Chief Carpenters Mate "Hank" Saddler is now assigned to the Navy Beachhead Battalion located for the present at Camp Parks, near Livermore. There are prospects that it will not be long before "Hank" and his boys will be landing on some distant beach on the other side of the Pacific. "Vaya usted con Dios, Henrico Amigo."

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Tony Trigerio writes a very newsy letter from "Merrie Olde England", as he says. He is having quite a time antique buying and from his letter is doing alright, his biggest worry beside paycall being getting his purchases shipped home.

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C. L. "Lee" Cushing, son of Warden C.L. Cushing, Big Basin, is at Farragut, Idaho in Navy training.

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Sgt. Leo D. Crawford writes from Camp Bowie, Texas, to say that he and his wife have been through a good many State Parks in a good many states and that none have anything to compare with California's Park system (a good loyal Park man). Sgt. and Mrs. Crawford wish to announce the arrival of an eight pound daughter, Leanne Louise. Congratulations.

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A/C B. M. Jackson, "Bud", son of Glenn Jackson, custodian, Big Basin, is in the last weeks of his bombadier training at the advanced bombadier training school in Big Springs, Texas. Good fortune holding out, Bud should have his wings and commission by New Years.

* * * SHORT CUTS * * *

Drilling Glass

This is done very readily with a common drill, by using a mixture of turpentine and camphor.

To extract grease from stone or Marble - - - Soft soap, one part; Fullers' Earth, two parts; potash, one part. Mix with boiling water. Apply to spot and let it remain a few hours.

To soften Putty - - To remove old putty from broken windows, dip a small brush in nitromuriatic acid or caustic soda (concentrated lye), and with it annoint or paint over the dry putty that adheres to the broken glass and frames of the windows; after an hour's interval the putty will have become so soft as to be easily removable.

To pull rusty Nails - - First strike head one sharp blow to break rust and loosen nail.

To start any car easier, push in clutch while starting.

To extend the life of the clutch, don't ride it. Take foot off as soon as gears are engaged. The clutch will last twice as long.

A Chevrolet shouldn't use oil in crankcase heavier than S.A.E. 10 in winter or S.A.E. 20 in summer.

When checking oil in car, put a drop or two in oil cups at each end of generator, off of oil stick, when cups look dry.

How to Sterilize a Water Tank when time is an Essential Factor - - -

Drain tank and scrub with a stiff broom or wire brush. Cover sides and bottom with layer of unslacked lime and let set for four hours. Wash well with broom and rinse twice, after which your tank is again ready for service.

Laying Mud Blocks under Foundation -

Always check the grain of the wood, and see that the curve of the grain is downward, so that moisture will drain out of block.

Splitting Redwood Slabs or Puncheon-

Split log cuts in half, then in smaller sections, like pie cuts. Split pie cuts with the grain of the wood. After splitting off the small three cornered section at the point of the cut, measure off two thicknesses of the piece needed and split that off of cut. Then split that piece in the center, giving you the two pieces. This causes the double size piece to spring evenly and follow with the grain.

When making split material, always split toward the base of the tree.

When loosening a well corroded clean out plug in a sewer or water line, tap briskly around the edge of pipe where it screws in and then give a good brisk tap on the head of plug. This method, if repeated, will loosen a stubborn one.

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SHORT CUT TO VICTORY

*** BUY WAR BONDS REGULARLY * *

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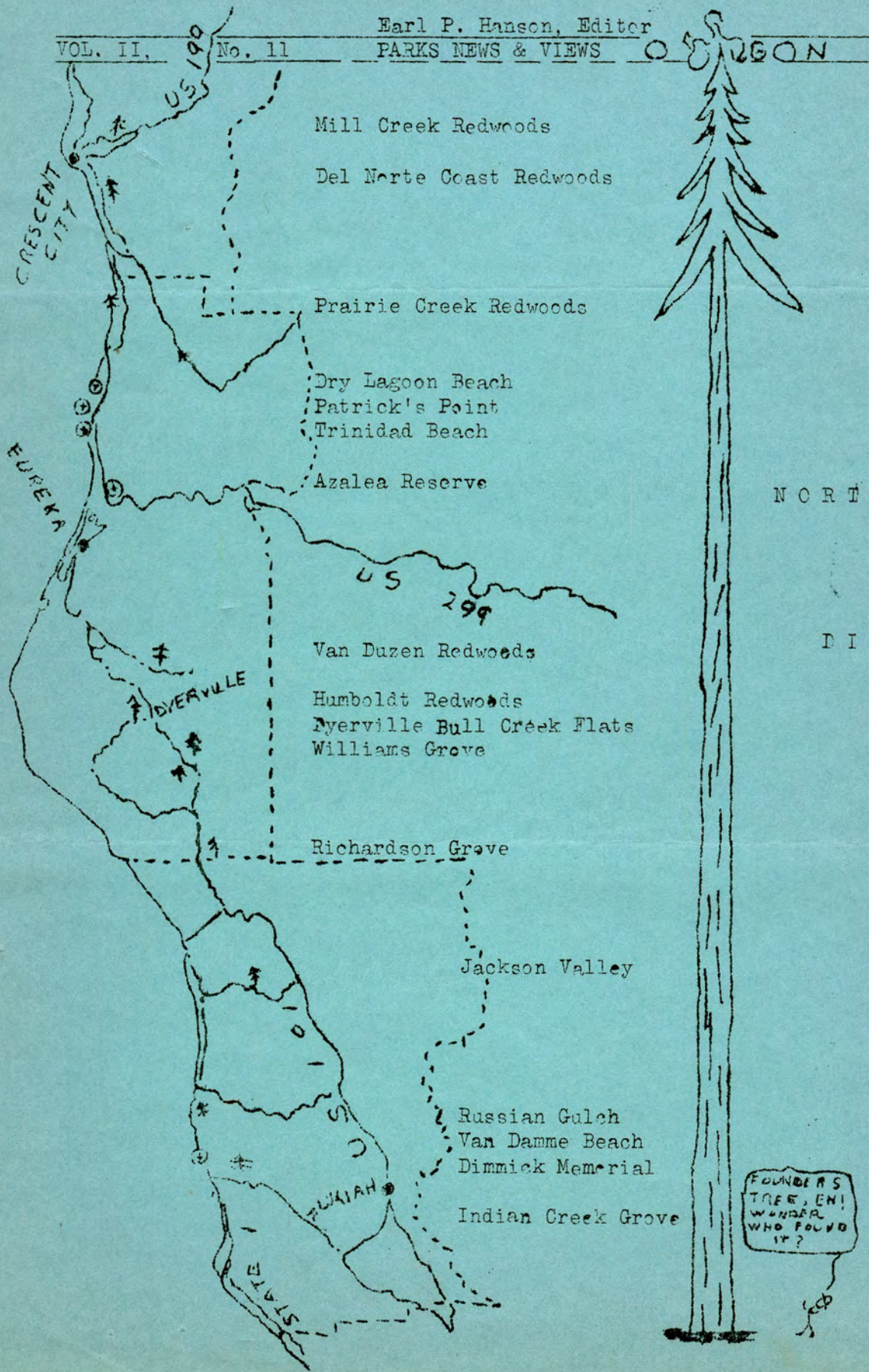

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Beaches and Parks

DATE 11/8/44

FROM Earl P. Hanson

TO A. E. Henning, Chief
Division of Beaches and Parks

SUBJECT: PARK NEWS AND VIEWS FOR NOVEMBER, 1944

Enclosed is same as viewed from the editor's easy chair in the Dyerville office of the State parks, and offered for corrections and additions.

No profusion of art work do we present, firstly because we feel for the stylus operator; secondly, because this blankety, blank typewriter held us up more than once. Besides, we have had to become artists at dodging rain drops in the past two weeks. It hasn't stopped raining since one week ago Saturday night.

You will note that each page is a complete unit and may be lifted bodily out of the issue. Therefore, the pages are unnumbered. We are not adverse to the deletion of the page headed DISSA AND DATA. The next one we would be willing to sacrifice is that which includes PATRICK'S POINT FACE LIFTING.

The pages, GOSSIP FROM THE G.I'S. and SOUTH OF THE BORDER are left to be filled in at your discretion.

It was a great privilege to have this opportunity and I am certainly grateful to those who have contributed so generously to the Northwest Edition.

Respectfully yours,
Enoch P. French, Supt.
Northwest District
by Earl P. Hanson
Earl P. Hanson, Warden

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PRAIRIE CREEK PARADISE by C. L. "TARZAN" MILNE

SEEING PRAIRIE CREEK PARK, he says!

As you leave the little town of Orick, northward bound by bus or private auto along U.S. Highway 101, you enter the valley of Prairie Creek and soon find yourself in a picturesque new world. Along the creek, which parallels the highway for 12 miles, is a tropical jungle so dense that one cannot see the stream, which in places flows only a few feet fron the roadway. Giant redwoods, their massive buttresses hidden in the dense undergrowth, raise their huge grey trunks above the jungle of ferns and salmon berry.

Six miles north of Orick, the valley suddenly widens into a beautiful grass-covered meadow--Elk Prairie, the entrance to Prairie Creek, the OUTSTANDING REDWOOD PARK OF CALIFORNIA. Grazing peacefully in the meadows may be seen 50 or more Roosevelt Elk, the last remaining herd in California. At the north end of the prairie a road leads to the headquarters and camping area, where the visitor may register for a camp site or for one of the five rustic housekeeping cabins that nestle in the woods along the stream.

OH! RANGER!

If camping, a courteous ranger will conduct you to your campsite. Entering the campground, you stop with an "OH!" and an "AH!" at the man-size ferns and huge redwoods that encircle each camp. It is hard to pick a campsite--they are all such beautiful green mansions, and so secluded, literally carved out of the jungle. The floor is a thick, soft carpet of redwood twigs. The ranger may tell you that rattlesnakes don't like to crawl over redwood leaves, but hastens to add that there are no rattlesnakes here because campers never rake up the leafy carpets.

Now the ranger will take you for a short hike to see the "Mystery Trees". Near one camp is the Chimney Tree, a great hollow redwood or goosepen through which you can look up 200 feet into the home of the bats. Coming out of the tree you look up again to see the 200-foot Huckleberry growing from the top of the Chimney Tree.

Sixty years ago an Indian family lived in Indian House Tree, within which 40 people might stand.

Down a side road along the stream, you enter the Jungle, where bundles of moss hanging on the limbs of huge western maples remind you of monkeys, and the chattering of Stellar Bluejays makes the illusion complete. (If you have had a couple of drinks, they jump from tree to tree!) The salmon berry bushes, interwoven with wild cucumber vines and 12-foot bracken ferns, graceful vine maples and giant sword ferns, make an impenetrable jungle. Travelers compare it to the jungles of the Amazon or South Pacific.

Farther along, a vine maple tree has tied itself into a very complex shape, the "Wedding Knot". In this you see how the little Octopus trees started on the Nursery log.

Then there is an Oregon Myrtle log that lies across a redwood log. Both ends of the myrtle log are dead, yet 13 living myrtle trees grow from it apparently without roots.

The wood of the myrtle tree makes beautiful novelties. In southwestern Oregon you may be told that it grows only in Oregon and in the Holy Land. This is true for California is a holy land and the tree grows throughout the length and breadth of this state. Locally it is called California Laurel and Pepperwood.

But the outstanding feature of this green mansion is the tropical luxuriance of its furnishings. Vistas of fern-covered slopes and of lovely Prairie Creek, framed by branches of the graceful vine maple, make pictures no artist could paint. Surely this is the Mansion of God!

PATRICK'S POINT "FACE LIFTING"

Patrick's Point (Point Lobos of the Redwoods), recently has undergone a facial operation to remove blemishes and restore its old-time colorfulness.

This 420-acre seacoast park, located 5 miles north of Trinidad on the Redwood Highway, with rugged coastal headlands, numerous small meadows and an "agate" beach--all strikingly similar to the singularly beautiful Point Lobos Reserve--came under the protecting arm of the State Park System in 1930. At that time, the most striking feature of the area--and the primary reason for its preservation--was the magnificent springtime display of colorful wildflowers upon the man-made clearings between the highway and the spectacular coastal headlands of the park.

But in time, the youthful appearance of this lovely mermaid, with the delicate tint and sweet perfume of the Western Azalea on her cheeks and the hue of the wild strawberry on her lips, was marred by outcroppings of uncomely whiskers, in the form of native alder, spruce and pine seedlings, upon her once glamorous face.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, "restoration" of the meadows was begun, then abandoned because of war-time restrictions. Then the trees and brush marched upon the meadows, to "blitz" the peaceful pastoral settings.

More recently, approval has been granted to continue the "restoration" work. First the mermaid's face was shaven by a bulldozer blade, then thoroughly massaged with a plough. The next step is a mud pack to be applied by old man Winter, which Miss Spring will remove, restoring, we hope, all the youthful charm and colorfulness to Patrick's Point State Park.

Cosmetic operations were under the direction of Chief Cosmetician Percy French. Beauty Operator Ralph Banfill performed the "face lifting" and Manicurist Ernie Bauman hopes to maintain the newly restored glamour of our lovely mermaid of the Trinidad Coast.

OUT OF THE FOG

Along the Trinidad coast, the fog often becomes so thick that it is difficult to distinguish from the water. Thereby hangs an old Indian tale.

Once upon a time, it was so foggy that even the fish could not tell which was river and which fog. They swam on upstream, amid what they believed to be drifting branches. Suddenly, the fog lifted. There, out on the limbs of the redwood trees, floundered the fish! Along came two Indians. Looking upward and observing the plight of the finny ones, one redman nudged the other, gesticulating upwards, and grunted, "Ugh! Ugh! PERCH!" From that day forward that particular kind of fish so has been called.

ALMOST MIST THIS ONE

Ted Milne has his own version:
One day when he was fishing in the River Klamath, (probably was Prairie Creek, but Ted disclaims fog in his park), the fog was so thick that he gave up trying to maneuver his skiff, tossed out anchor, bait and sinker and was rewarded with unusual good luck. Only the fish felt kind of furry and with bushy tails. Ted, new to the Klamath and having been told, by an Indian maiden, that the fish of that river clothed themselves for the winter, was anxious to view the unusual catch. Imagine his chagrin when the fog lifted and he found he had hooked a boat load of gray squirrels!

REAL KASCH PUT OUT FOR THIS

A Klamath River Indian, graduate of Carlisle University, was sent to the nation's capitol to plead a case for his people, which he ably did before a committee of the senate. One committee member, in the spirit of ridicule, slyly remarked, "You are a very smart Indian, aren't you?" "No. I not very smart," pleaded the KRI. "What!" barked the congressman. "Do you mean to tell me that your people would delegate a not very smart man to represent them?" With sober countenance, the Indian drily replied, "Just like white men, Indian never send smart men to Washington!"

MENDOCINO MISTS by BEN and MARY TWIGHT

WHOSE ZOO!

We have been asked if we had an aspirin, a museum, swimming suits to rent, bread for sale, etc., but this one floored us. A large, middle-aged man banged on the door one afternoon. Ignoring our welcome, he demanded. "Where are the animals?"
"Animals?" we asked, not getting it. "Yes, animals! Wild animals!" he roared impatiently. He glanced around, obviously expecting to see deer, lions and bear browsing among the alders. "This is a State park, isn't it?"
We explained gently that this was a game reserve, not a zoo, upon which he gave us a glare of fury and left without another word.

Since we strive to please everyone, we wish to insert the following want ad: Wanted--slightly used stuffed animals. Deer, elephants, what have you. To be placed in a naturalistic setting in Van Damme Beach State Park.

One bit of wild life to whose stuffing we'd like to contribute personally is the elusive pack rat inhabiting the attic of the shower building. It's probably a lady rat, on account of it's always rearranging its furnishings. Some of the tasteful decorations have consisted of empty cleanser cans, the yellow paper coverings from full ones, an old celluloid soap box, a large coil of wire, five packs of toilet tissue, paper towels and one pair of pink rayon panties belonging to a feminine camper.

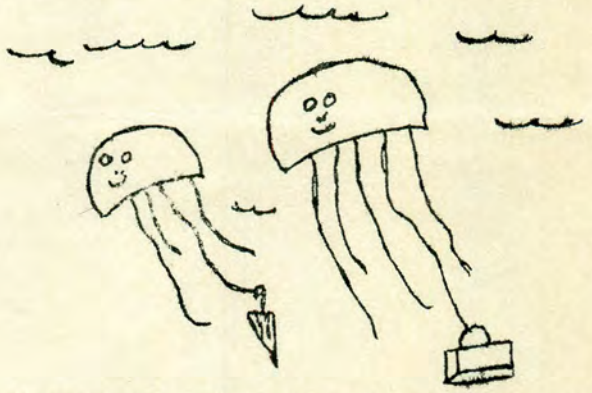
The Little River Airport at the southeast end of the park is nearly completed.
Fly up and see us some time!
Okey, Ben, we'll be up in time for the zoo opening!

TALES OF THE SURF

Residents of Little River are firmly keeping one eye on the bay for signs of silver-side salmon. This annual habit, hard on the eye muscles of the present generation, is expected in future generations to produce children with retractable eyes. Sooooooooo----------

ASSISTANT WARDEN Twight modestly reports that he caught a 35 pound king salmon during their run--tops for the sportsmen around here this year. The natives claim he stuns the fish by playing his accordion--when they rise to the top for air, he gaffs 'em.

Not only are the geese and ducks flying south, but to make fall definite, the jelly fish are also going south. Altho many have been seen since, the main mass, millions of them, passed Little River cove on the eighth of October. They ranged from a few inches across to the size of chop plates. Clear blueish white ones, white ones with gold centers, even deep red ones flowed, or swam, or whatever jellyfish do, in a band a mile across and just about solid from the surface of the water to the bottom. The band extended for six miles up and down the coast, probably much farther.



MAYBE THE COAST GUARD WAS LONELY

This fall we have heard only once and briefly from our mountain lion. Last year it did quite a bit of nocturnal screaming around camp. In fact the Coast Guard boys organized two different rescue parties to aid a "woman screaming for help" up the canyon.

ALONG THE HIGHWAY WITH NOTES BY NASH

A GHOST TOWN WOBBLES

At the confluence of the South Fork and main Eel Rivers, on the north bank, huddle the remnants of the once promising village of Dyerville. Three decades ago a thriving community, trade center and stage station of this region--a landmark to travelers on the Redwood Highway--Dyerville now is little more than a place name.

Apparently destined to become the center of logging operations in the Bull Creek-Dyerville forest, its bubble burst in 1919 with the first efforts to save this, one of the world's magnificent forests. Eventually, Dyerville became State park headquarters for the district. Oddly, the store that once sold axes and snuff dispensed picture cards and candy bars.

Possibly, Paul Bunyan stirred restlessly when he realized that a logging center, born of adventure, was turning "sissy". So Paul spent rainy winter days wading in the Eel River. The waters rose 42 feet at Dyerville. When Paul stepped out, the waters dropped so rapidly that large chunks of Dyerville real estate dropped with them, washing downstream.

Only the alertness of park crews prevented some of the buildings from floating down stream. These were torn down and the lumber salvaged. Today, only three dwellings and the no longer functioning store building remain.

State engineers have been courageously endeavoring to minimize the devastating effects of Paul's winter wading. Thus the "master" logger may be cheated out of his "revenge" and Dyerville may cease wobbling long enough to get a good start toward becoming an even greater center of conservation than it might have been a center of logging.

From October 29 to November 5, twelve inches of rain fell at Dyerville. Once during that period the river was nearly twelve feet above low water. Bank protection structures were sufficiently near to completion to suffer no damage due to this early and prolonged rainfall.

WILLIAMS GROVE

This campground is located 50 miles south of Eureka and is ideally situated between the Redwood Highway and the South Fork of the Eel River. The camp area is equipped with 100 campsites, a large picnic area, a firecircle and shower buildings.

Swimming, fishing and hiking are the recreational activities of the area.

Similarly to Richardson Grove, Williams was first administered by the State Board of Forestry for one of whose members, Solon H. Williams, the grove was named.

The campground area gets very heavy use during the season by picnickers from Eureka and vicinity "to escape the coast fogs for a day and fill up on sunshine" and on several occasions the area was filled up after crowding of other parks.

THE "SHRINE" TREE

Adjoining Williams Grove on the south, on private property, stands a "drive through" redwood known as the "Shrine" Tree. Visitors may drive through an opening in the tree without charge, although for a time a fee was collected and funds turned over to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in San Francisco. Many visitors to the redwood region do not consider their journey complete without driving through one of these trees. The "Shrine" tree is one that serves the purpose.

EEL RIVER

The word "eel" is not a misnomer as applied to the river of that name in the redwoods. At certain times of the year "eel" run and may be caught in the river. They are about 18 or 20 inches in length, the meat being very white, rich and oily, but is considered a delicacy by some persons.

(Editor's note) The "eel" of Eel River is an "eel-like aquatic vertebrate known as a lamphrey". The mouth is a jawless sucking apparatus with which the lamphrey attaches itself to its prey of fish and other aquatic dwellers. As do salmon, lamphrey ascend streams from the ocean.

PEEPS AT THE PERSONNEL

ENOCH "PERCY" FRENCH, "SUPER"

Unbeknownst to "Perc", we are quoting excerpts from a letter recently sent to him by someone, who in this instance, remains anonymous.

"The redwoods have always been a source of inspiration to me, but I never fully realized the responsibility that rests upon some of us to see that they are preserved and cared for until good fortune brought me into contact with the park work and subsequently with you.

"California is rich in natural scenic attractions, many of which should undoubtedly be saved through additions to the State park system. But the most important thing is attention toward saving more of our redwoods.

"I am glad that there are fellows like you to care for these trees after they are saved. You've got to love them to be able to care for them. Thus, I know these trees are going to be safe in your care.

"And now, I am glad that I have had the opportunity of knowing you better and of working with you in my feeble way to make our trees safe for posterity."

ANTHONY URCH, ASSISTANT WARDEN

Humboldt Redwoods, but more recently with the U. S. Army, somewhere in Italy.
Service, 6 years.
Single, girls! Hobby, dancing; rave, the State parks; peeve, muddy waters.
Tony writes from abroad that his experience in State parks has been invaluable to him in the service. "TONY" to you, and me.

HUBERT O. JENKINS, NATURE GUIDE

Richardson Grove, 3 summers, also served as program director.
Wife, Gem; hobby, photography; rave, Sacramento College; peeve, not enough trails.
Better known as "DOCTOR" Jenkins.

C. L. MILNE, WARDEN

Prairie Creek, Mill Creek Redwoods and Del Norte Coast. Service, 8 years.
Wife, Marian; hobby, photography; rave, the Elk; peeve, hunters. Better known as "TED".

EARL P. HANSON, WARDEN

The Redwoods and La Purisima Mission.
Service, since 1936, first a Nature Guide.
Wife, Rigmor; hobby, photography; rave, High Sierra; peeve, bathtubs. Better known as "OIL".

EDGAR NASH, ASSISTANT WARDEN

Williams Grove and Humboldt Redwoods.
Service, 6 years, first at Richardson.
Wife, Kay; hobby, gardening; rave, Williams Grove and British Columbia; peeve, vegetable eating deer, Better known as "ED".

BEN M. TWIGHT, ASSISTANT WARDEN

Van Damme Beach, Russian Gulch, Dimmick Grove and Indian Creek. Service, 6 years.
Wife, Mary; hobby, accordion; rave, fishing; peeve, inventory. Called "BEN".

E. G. GRAY, ASSISTANT WARDEN

Richardson Grove and Richardson Grove.
Service, 3 years.
Wife, Sally; hobby, "kinks"; rave, Richardson Grove; peeve, "spare" time.
Better known as "GARLAND".

RALPH L. RANFILL, CUSTODIAN

Burlington Campground and Humboldt Redwoods. Service, 3 years.
Wife, Kathryn; hobby, the Grange; rave, people; peeve, Klamath Weed. Well known as "RALPH".

ERNEST G. RAUMAN, EMPLOYEE T.A.U.

Patrick's Point. Service, 3 months.
Married. Hobby, rustic construction; rave, Trinidad coast; peeve, alder thickets. We call him "ERNIE".

DISSA AND DATA

PARK KINKS

In building a porch or other outdoor floor with tongue and groove lumber, paint or varnish the T & G while assembling as an aid in keeping moisture from the cracks.

To remove old faucet washers from their seats, take out the brass screw and insert a 3-inch wood screw about two turns. Sidewise pressure will force the washer out easier than it can be dug out with a knife.

When the handle works loose on a plumbers force cup, simply remove same and seat a beer--or cola--bottle cap on the end of the handle, fastening with a nail. The sharp edges of the cap will bite into the rubber and hold it tightly.

TO PUT A KINK IN HITLER AND HIROHITO,
BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

AGE OF THE REDWOOD FOREST

Many people like to think of the redwoods as being very old--2,000 years or more. Although the "oldest" Coast Redwood on which there is authentic age data is said to be 2,200 years old, this is exceptional. Following is a summary, compiled by Professor Emanuel Fritz, of the number of trees and their age classes on a 30-acre logging operation:

201 to 300 years---	108 trees
301 to 400 years---	89 trees
401 to 500 years---	81 trees
501 to 600 years---	102 trees
601 to 700 years---	67 trees
701 to 800 years---	38 trees
801 to 900 years---	34 trees
901 to 1000 yrs.---	31 trees
1001 years and over-	17 trees

Thus, only 9½% of the trees on this plot exceeded 1,000 years of age. Nevertheless, the redwoods are among the oldest of trees, surpassed only by their cousins of the Sierra, the Giant Sequoias.

FOUNDERS' TREE AGAIN TO BE LIGHTED

Every year, for the past three years, public-spirited citizens of Humboldt County, with approval of the State Park Commission, have provided for the flood lighting of this world famous tree during the Christmas holiday season. Services have been broadcast over a radio network.

Lighting again is provided for this year. It has also been suggested that the "World's Tallest Tree" be similarly lighted at the close of the war.

THE POOR(?) FISH!

Every autumn, the salmon come up the Eel River to spawn. This year, on arriving at the forks of the river, those that usually go up the main fork, floundered around at its mouth in dismay. Engineers, performing flood control work here, had moved the channel. Wearily, the disappointed salmon drifted in exhaustion down the stream. Suddenly, one of the finny tribe encountered the current at the mouth of the pilot channel. He "scented" familiar waters, nosed with a profound directness up the man-made canal. His weary brothers, turning to look for him, saw. With one accord, forgetting their weariness, they darted upstream behind him!

CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS

Pick them and they will die in your arms. Leave them and they will live in your heart.

BOUNTIES IN COUNTIES

Warden Milne favors the proposed change to Park Ranger because of the danger of being mistaken for a Game Warden. There is a bounty on bobcats and Game Wardens in Del Norte County.

RHODODENDRONS

Heartiest congratulations to Ben M. Twight and Garland Gray upon their promotion to the position of Assistant Warden.

RICHARDSON RAVES by ERNEST GARLAND GRAY

RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK is located on the Redwood Highway, 200 miles north of San Francisco and 82 miles south of Eureka. It is some 400 acres in extent and includes a virgin grove of Redwoods and a mixed stand of Redwood, Douglas Fir, Tanoak, Madrone and Liveoak timber. Elevations range between 400 feet and 1000 feet rising from both shores of the South Fork of the Eel River.

Acquired by the State in 1922, it first was operated by the State Forestry Board. In 1927 it became a unit in the newly created State Park System. Since then Richardson Grove has been administered by the State Park Commission. The main grove bears the name of former Governor Friend Richardson. In later years, a tract of land, which includes the present very fine swimming hole, was donated to the State park and named in honor of the late Professor Toumey of the Yale School of Forestry.

Outstanding redwoods of the grove are, SAMSON TREE, bearing two large sprout trees; OLD TIMER, largest in the grove, about 15 feet in diameter; PORTAL TREE, a burned out tree through which one may walk; REINCARNATION TREES, on whose prostrate trunks numerous trees are growing; and OCTOPUS FIR, whose massive exposed roots suggest the tentacles of a giant squid.

An interesting feature of the grove is the outdoor exhibit, prepared by Professor Fritz of the University of California, through the Save-the-Redwoods League, the most impressive unit being the up-turned root and first log sections of a 12-foot windfall redwood. (See PN&V, January, 1944). Other units are, FLATIRON TREE and cross-sections of a double tree and the OLDEST COAST REDWOOD.

In connection with the outdoor exhibit, there is a small living specimen of the GIANT SEQUOIA, (Sequoia gigantea), now about 15 years old--and but two feet high --that serves to illustrate the difference between its foliage and that of the COAST REDWOOD, (Sequoia sempervirens).

RICHARDSON GROVE has 163 campsites and a small picnic area. Principal diversions are hiking, swimming, softball and the evening campfire programs. These are nightly, during July and August, and are held in a firecircle of hewn log benches with a seating capacity of 500, more or less. They are organized and directed by a guide-director who also conducts trips over several miles of interesting trails and who discusses with park visitors the nature lore of the redwood area.

The concessionaire operates 20 tourist cabins and 20 tent shelters, all with facilities for outdoor cooking. Meals are served in an octagonally shaped dining room, almost entirely of hand-hewn redwood, including lighting fixtures. In the main park building, there is a novelty store, lunch counter, postoffice and spacious lobby, with grocery store nearby. Season is May 1st to October 1st.

Concessionaire, Mr. L. A. Spengler, reports a very busy season, with cabins being occupied almost every night in July and August and well patronized the balance of the season. The dining room was most popular, since it was a long distance between meals on the Redwood Highway during the summer.

Camping attendance for the summer, although increased over each of the two previous years, was only 30% of that for the pre-war years.

The 1944 park staff never exceeded three at any one time. The following played no small part in satisfying the vacation needs of visitors to our park:

E. G. Gray, Custodian in charge
C. P. "Redwood" Lily, Custodian
Elbert M. Banfill, Custodian
Leo T. Swithenbank, Junior, Emergency
Dr. Hubert O. Jenkins, Nature Guide
Earl Hanson, pinch-hitter

During the summer of 1944, there were more dogs in Richardson Grove than in the two previous years, says Gray and "Maybe camping has gone to the dogs!"

GOSSIP FROM THE G. I's.

From L. P. Griffith, C.M. 1 Cl.
33rd U.C.B., Co. B, c/o F.P.O.
San Francisco, California

Dear Ernie:

Your excellently edited copy of Park News and Views arrived yesterday on the first airmail into Palu, where we landed with the First Marine Division. In it was a quotation from one of my letters saying to wit, "that it was sure monotonous without the Japs around." Believe you me, Ernie, when I say that monotony has "done" been broken for we've sure got plenty of Japs now--dead ones, live ones, big and little ones. A choice collection of assorted vermin. After much study and thought I've decided that these Japs are much like the California variety except that these smell a little bit worse but then maybe that's because most of these have been dead three or four days.

Boy am I pleased because I'm sure that I'm at least one jump ahead of Everett Powell on the race to Tokyo and if my luck holds out, I'll be down to meet my highly esteemed superintendent when his L.S.T. beaches on Japanese sand.

Gee this place is sure tore up--even worse than Seacliff Beach after a winter storm or a plumbers' picnic.

We've got some big guns firing just in back of us and they sure do muss up one's writing (what an alibi for bad penmanship).

Sure hope this finds you well and your usual congenial self. Give my very best to all the fellows and gals.

The girls of the Sacramento office were the recipients of a delightful bit of old English lavendar, through the k··iness of Corporal Anton J. Trigeiro.

SGT. HAROLD PESCH delighted the girls of the Sacramento office by a surprise visit on Friday, October 27. We say girls because the men had all run out on us, leaving the field clear for Harold. A buffet supper, with fried chicken, potato salad and all the trimmings was served at Alice Garibaldi's and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Harold behaved himself very commendably under the circumstances except for one little incident which he was not able to explain. We don't know whether he was scared or not!

From Maurice Morgan, E.M. 3/c
U. S. S. Cockenoe, Y.N.T. 15
c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, California

Dear Park Friends:

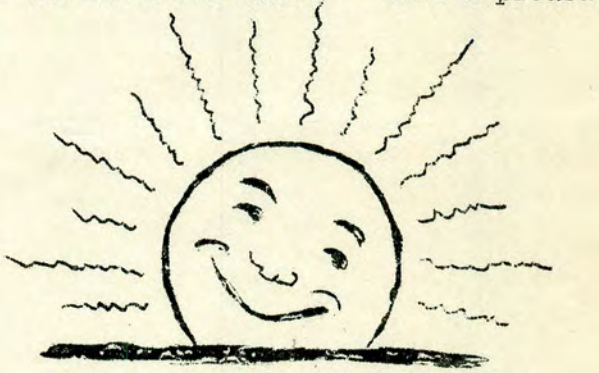
I want to tell you how much I appreciate your sending me the P N & V. I like to read what is taking place in the various parks and about my old friends. I think you are doing a swell job of it.

In my last letter from my friend, Leo Crawford, I was told that they are the proud parents of a baby daughter. May I say that it is an addition to a swell family in our park system. I received a picture of my boy for my birthday and I too am a very proud papa.

One of the first places I am going when I get a leave is up to good old Cuyamaca Park and see a great couple, Harvey and Louise Moore. I enjoyed working with Harvey and he is one swell fellow as everyone knows. Keep up the good work and let's have lots of park news.

ORCHIDS

The editors of the Northwest Edition of Park News and Views wish to thank all of those persons who so kindly contributed their efforts toward the publication of the November issue. 'Twas a pleasure.



(Note from Percy French: "Wish to thank Earl Hanson for the splendid job of editing this issue of 'Park News and Views'. To Earl goes all the credit for a job well done.")

SOUTH OF THE BORDER (OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT)

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN VERSE

One FAIR day in AUGUST, an ERNEST CAMPER started on his vacation. With plenty of JACK in his GENES, he first went to BYCE some grub. Then, hitching his BROWN TRAYLOR to his GRAY NASH, he drove off ROLAND liesurely down the highway past GREEN fields with just a DAISY here and there. In time, the road led up a KENYON and upward toward the HIGHTS. But Ernie avoided elevations lest he have trouble with his HARTIGAN. So, finding a placid POOL, he encamped for the KNIGHT by its shores.

After a most satisfying supper of CANHAM, he eased down by the fire, took out his JUCH, and began to strum a LIVELY tune. Presently, he heard a RUSSELL in the brush. There he saw a COON BOB his head to remark with disdain, "That's JESS about enough NOYES! Please go 'way and leave a GUY alone!"

Shocked out of his nocturnal BLISS, the CAMPER HARRYED off to bed, determined to go home to MORRO.

A TRAYLOR TRYST

A pretty announcement states that:

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Traylor
announce the marriage of their daughter
Florence Traylor
to
Mr. Merlin Winji
October 9, 1944 at Placerville, California

Congratulations to the Traylors on the acquisition of a new son and much happiness to Florence and her hubby. May all your troubles be little wizards.

FROM A FRIEND OF PARKS

The October issue of P.N. & V. came to me and I wish to thank you for putting me on the mailing list. The information it contains is worth telling and recording. Although I am not a member of the State Park organization, I feel proud to be in a line of work selected by so many fine people.

(Signed) Everett A. Pesonen

THANK YOU!

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OCTOBER PAY CHECKS

The October pay checks will not have the earnings record data because of factors beyond our control, namely, that the carbon used in preparing the pay rolls was of an inferior grade, and in order to make legible copies of the payrolls for the Controller, we had to eliminate filling in the earnings records.

We have ordered a replacement of the carbon and we hope the November checks will show the accumulated salary and deductions as per usual.

(Signed) D. H. Blood

Okeh, Mr. Blood, but you'd better write Santa for good carbons at Christmas time so we can have something to support our report of earnings to dear old Uncle.

HISTORIC DISCOVERY

Incident to erosion protection work at the Gold Discovery Site, several long hewn timbers and an old blacksmith vise were discovered. Proper steps will be taken to authenticate these findings in order to determine whether or not they were part of Sutter's original mill, establishment of which brought about the discovery of gold in Northern California.

MORE WEDDING BELLS

Dan Hull has recently returned from his honeymoon, having married Mrs. Mollie Head in San Jose on October 29, 1944.

Announcement was also received of the marriage of Custodian Franklyn Brown in August of this year.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE THE BRIDES AND GROOMS.

A WORD FROM "MOLLIE"

Dear Parks' Family:

Thanks for the lovely gift, which came today. The glassware is so beautiful. Dan and I want you all to see it.

He has told me so much about you, I already feel that I am acquainted. I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Thanking you again for the lovely gift, I am sincerely,

Mrs. Dan Hull

Department of Natural Resources
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Southern District

Guy I. Fleming, Editor

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE MYSTERIOUS MISTLETOE

Guy L. Fleming

Of all plants associated with Christmas and New Year festivities the mistletoe can probably claim the greatest share of romance and mystery. The name is of Celtic origin and means "different twig."

Our custom of hanging mistletoe in a doorway dates back to the days long ago when the Druid priests of the Celtic tribes of ancient Gaul, Britain and Ireland, gathered the mistletoe about the time of the new year.

The oak tree was especially sacred among the Druids and whatever was found growing in one they regarded as having been placed there by their gods. They had a special reverence for the mistletoe when it was found growing on an oak. This they gathered with great ceremony. When the oak was reached on which mistletoe grew a Druidist priest climbed into the tree and with a knife of gold cut the mistletoe, which was received by another priest on the ground. It was then distributed among the people with the greeting: "The gift of the oak for the New Year." The Celts hung the mistletoe over their doors as an offer of shelter to the sylvan gods during the season of frost and cold.

The early Christians, too, held the mistletoe in great esteem and there are many legends about this shrub. One is the tradition that the Cross was formed from the mistletoe, which before that time was a fine forest tree, but since has been doomed to live on other trees, its roots never to touch the Earth.

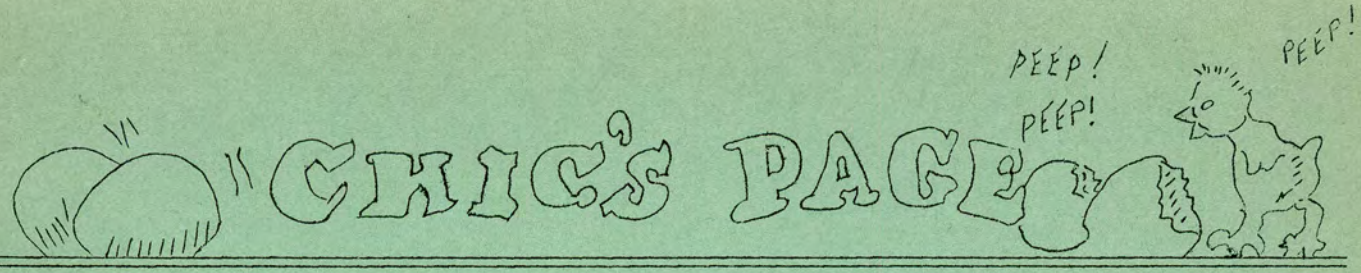
With the evolution of our Christmas and New Year festivities from the pagan festivities of the Celts, Gauls and Huns, the mistletoe, together with the Christmas tree and the holly became symbols of our midwinter holidays.

It is surprising to learn that there are more than 600 members of the mistletoe family, with representatives in all parts of the world. Only one member of this large family, a small tree growing in Australia, is a true tree; all others are parasites growing on the host plant.

The seeds of our American mistletoes are distributed to a great extent by birds from one tree to another, where, being sticky, they adhere to the bark and germinate. The small seedling develops a rootlet which penetrates the bark and establishes itself upon the tree. Later, other rootlets spread up and down the branch of the host and draw nourishment for this robber plant.

These interesting plants are dioecious, that is, the male or staminate flowers are on one plant and the female or pistolate flowers on another plant. Therefore, it is only the female, or fruit bearing plants upon which we find mistletoe berries. And it is only such berried plants that have osculatory value, a kiss for each berry on the branch.

California has at least 14 members of the mistletoe family growing upon trees and shrubs and ranging from the forests of the north to the desert shrubs of the south. Our Christmas mistletoes are found on oaks, cottonwood, willows, sycamores, alders and ash. There are also interesting and decorative mistletoes growing upon incense cedar, white fir, juniper and cypress. A leafless variety of mistletoe is found on many desert trees and shrubs. Other leafless forms have chosen the pine family as hosts.



A preview of the December issue reveals artistic highlights and voluminous copy. Hence, the Sacramento office additions will be curtailed in favor of the Southern District's splendid compilation. It looks as if the Southern District is in competition with the Northern District and this interesting rivalry speaks well for the future.

GLIMPSES FROM THE RECENT COMMISSION MEETING

At the request of Mr. William E. Colby, former chairman of the State Park Commission, the Commission has officially changed the name of Big Sur State Park to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

The State Park Commission has approved changes in the titles of personnel classifications, as follows:

Custodian of Historical Buildings
to - CURATOR OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS
State Park Warden
to - STATE PARK RANGER
Assistant State Park Warden
to - ASSISTANT STATE PARK RANGER
State Park Custodian
to - DEPUTY STATE PARK RANGER

In view of the above, the State Personnel Board has been requested to concur in these changes and, if that is brought about, the new designations will be made official.

The Post War Reconstruction and Re-employment Program, as submitted by the Chief, was approved and adopted by the Commission and it is now awaiting the approval of Colonel Alexander R. Herron, Director of Reconstruction & Re-employment Commission.

The Commission approved the removal of the beetle infested trees at McArthur-Burney Falls State Park.

FAN MAIL

The circulation of Parks "News & Views" is continually increasing. The latest request for addition to our mailing list comes from the Department of Planning & Development, Queens Park, Toronto, Canada.

OUR STATE PARK COMMISSION

Members of the State Park Commission are never too busy to devote their time and talents to the State Park problems or appearing before interested groups and addressing same on our State parks and monuments as is revealed by the many newspaper clippings reporting the activities of Chairman Joseph R. Knowland and Commissioner Charles Kasch. The following is given as an example and is the introduction of a talk given by Commissioner Kasch before the Redwood Empire Association at Hoberg's on October 21, 1944:

"Man has always lived in a world of rivalries and comparisons. This rivalry between nations has brought about the tragedy of the greatest war in all history.

"But there have also been peace-time rivalries between segments of our people vying for the favor of those seeking for a place to settle or to play. There has been the rivalry between San Francisco and Los Angeles, between California and Florida. However, as a people, we are profligate with comparisons, California peaches and Georgia

peaches, California grapefruit and Florida grapefruit, the falls of the Niagara and the falls of the Zambesi, the majesty of the matterhorn and the majesty of Shasta, the Alps of Switzerland and the Canadian Rockies.

"But in all the world there is nothing with which to compare the Redwood Empire. Since the age of the glaciers, over a million years ago, it has had no rival.

"The highways from San Francisco across the Golden Gate Bridge to Grants Pass traverses a wonderland of the world. Here are to be found the works of the Almighty. All who can read and can travel will come to visit us. And I need not remark that even Mrs. Roosevelt has passed this way.

"Only a few weeks ago, I again visited Bull Creek Flat and as I, a mere pigmy human, stood among those giants, with pride in my heart that this, the finest forest in the World, was a part of our State Park system, I said to myself that if we had permitted this grove to be destroyed, we would be subject to the curses and maledictions of a thousand years.

"There must be development and activity and commercialism within the Redwood Empire, but we must never lose sight of the fact that none will travel across the Continent to see a redwood stump, or even a whole hillside of stumps. The Redwood Empire is renowned for its lakes and its rivers, its rugged coast, its hunting and fishing, its farms, its geysers and mineral springs, and its resorts like Hobergs, but its crowning glory is our redwood forests. They are for us to enjoy who live among them, but countless generations yet unborn will come to the Redwood Empire to enjoy them,too, and as paying guests.

FLASH! After keeping her public in suspense since the 1st of December, Lois Rae McClure, 9 lbs. 9 oz., arrived about 9:30 P.M., December 13. Miss McClure is the daughter of Deputy Attorney General and Mrs. Raymond McClure. Ray assures us he timed the arrival just for this issue of Parks "News & Views" as this was his only possibility of getting into print in this publication. Congratulations!

I'M JUST A CUSTODIAN
(My contribution)

I'm just a custodian
I keep your State Park clean
At times I don't see how I can
You are so very mean.

Now, I don't mean all of you
'Cause some had fetching's up
But, Gee Whiz, there are a few
Who'd be cleaner if a pup.

I greet you at the gate each week
And say, "I'm glad you came"
You leave the camps so they fairly reek,
I think it really is a shame.

There are cans for your trash
And stoves to cook your grub
And wood for you to put to ash
God, how you make me scrub.

The stoves are filled with melon rin
Until I pull and tug and swear
I hardly get it clean in time
Until you will again be there.

You bust the stoves by splitting wood,
I wish you'd bring an axe
If you just only understood
I'd kinda like to relax.

So, please, dear frinds, understand
I aint a crabbing much
But won't you help and lend a hand
I thank you very much.

--Milton M. Harvey
Cuyamaca State Park
Green Valley Camp

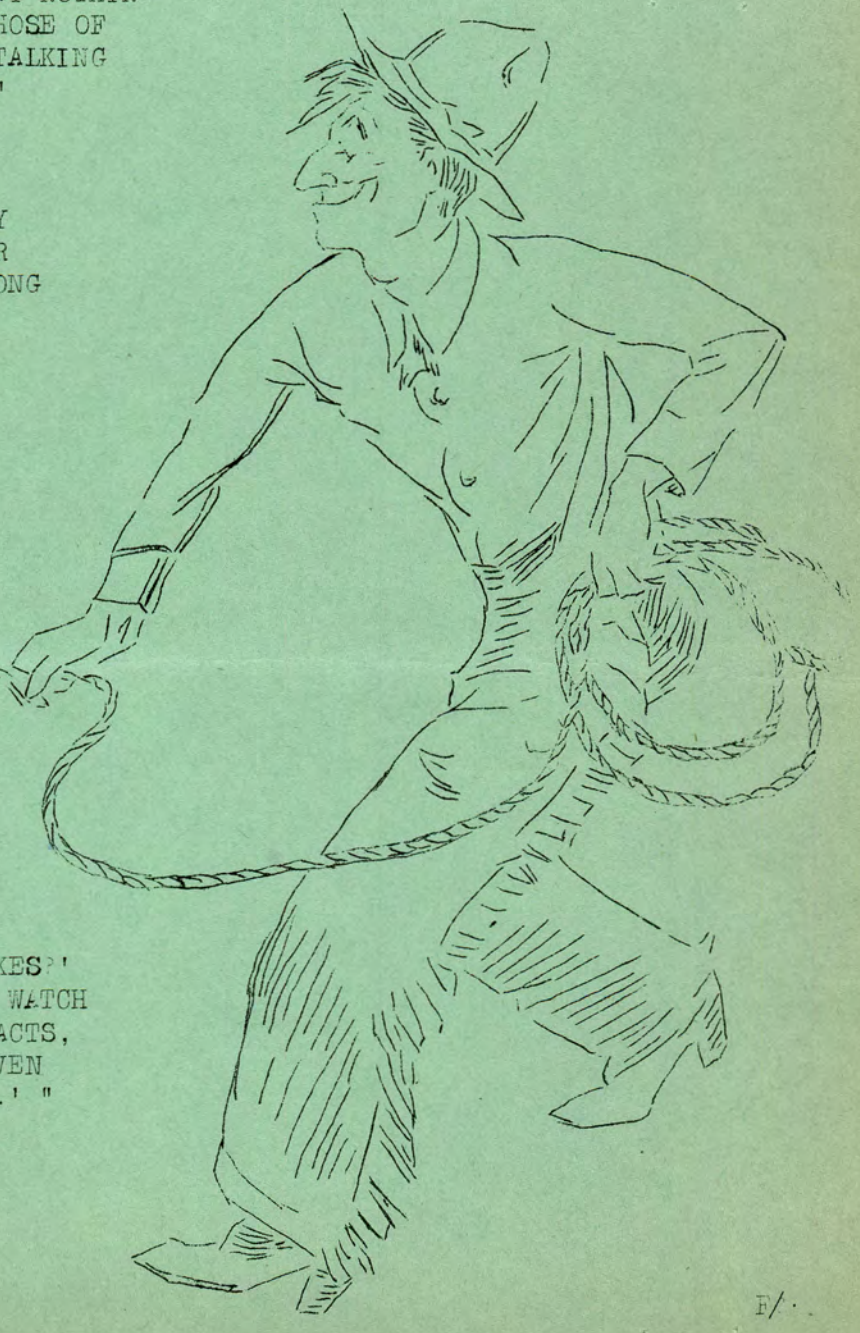
Will Rogers Said:

"SWINGING A ROPE IS ALL RIGHT IF YOUR NECK AIN'T IN IT."

"AMERICANS ARE GETTING LIKE A FORD CAR -- THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME PARTS, THE SAME UPHOLSTERING AND MAKE EXACTLY THE SAME NOISES."

"ANY MAN THAT KNOWS ENOUGH TO SAY NOTHING ALWAYS WINS THE ADMIRATION OF THOSE OF US WHO FEEL THAT WE CAN DO THE TALKING MUCH BETTER THAN HE CAN ANYWAY."

"BERNARD SHAW HAD US RIGHT, 'WE DO THINGS WELL WHEN SOMEBODY SHOWS US HOW'. BUT WITH ALL OUR MONKEY TRAITS WE ARE KICKING ALONG PRETTY GOOD."



"POLITICIANS AMUSE MORE PEOPLE THAN THEY INTEREST".

"PEOPLE OFTEN ASK ME, 'WELL, WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR JOKES?' I JUST TELL THEM, 'WELL, I JUST WATCH THE GOVERNMENT AND REPORT THE FACTS, THAT IS ALL I DO, AND I DON'T EVEN FIND IT NECESSARY TO EXAGGERATE.' "

"DOG IRON"

WILL'S BRAND.

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WILL ROGERS STATE PARK

The story of the land now known as Will Rogers State Park, dates back to the year 1827 when a provisional grant was given to Xavier Alvarado and Antonio Machado. The place called Santa Monica, then referred to the Canyon and the land that lay between it and Topango Canyon extending to the hills in the rear.

In 1831 Machado gave up his interest to Alvarado and when Alvarado died his sons remained in possession until 1838, when they abandoned "Santa Monica" in favor of Ysidro Reyes and Francisco Marquez. Descendents of these two families retain part of the rancho and still reside there.

In 1839 a dispute arose between the Sepulvedas who owned what is now the City of Santa Monica and then known as the Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica and the families of Reyes and Marquez, who owned the land north of Santa Monica Canyon (including the Park), and known as Rancho Boca de Santa Monica.

By 1843 the dispute ended in surveys of the two Ranchos. In 1848, California was ceded to the United States by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In 1851 the Board of Land Commissioners was created but it was 30 years later in 1881 that patents were issued to Ysidro Reyes, et al, for Boca de Santa Monica (6600 acres) including the Park, Pacific Palisades and Huntington Palisades.

As early as the late 1860's, campers used the Canyon as a summer resort, enjoying the sycamores, surf bathing and Saturday night dances. The entrance to Will Rogers State Park, being just a few hundred yards above the juncture of Rustic Canyon and Santa Monica Canyon.

In 1891 and 1892 the Long Wharf at "Port of Los Angeles" was built. The approach to the wharf being the present site of the headquarters of Will Rogers Beach State Park, now operated by the County.

The legend of the origin of the name was that the Spanish explorers, looking upon the springs where they camped, thought of the sparkling tears of Saint Monica, who wept for her wayward son, Augustine, and thereupon named the place Santa Monica.

The diary of these explorers, unfortunately do not bear out the story. The old archives and maps indicate that the name Santa Monica was first applied to the land northwest of Santa Monica Canyon, Will Rogers Park being part of same.

In the middle of 1920's, Will Rogers, then living in Beverly Hills, started looking for a place to stable and ride his horses; started buying land in parcels and by 1932 had acquired 345 acres, bounded by Rustic Canyon, Sunset Boulevard, Reevis Canyon, and extending back into the hills. Termites made such inroads on the Beverly Hills home, that it was partially torn down and he moved to the ranch.

His untimely death came on Aug. 15, 1935 in Alaska, the first leg of a proposed world flight with Wilgy Post and in 1944, just before the death of Mrs. Rogers, she deeded 168 acres of the ranch to the State. This included all the developed portion of the ranch, home, polo field, stables, lawns, gardens and corrals.

We in the Park service will keep this home a shrine to the memory of a man whose love of family, the rich and the poor, the great and the small, and whose honest and spontaneous humor endeared him in the hearts of the peoples of all nations.

From an humble beginning as a cowboy to the greatest humorist and humanitarian this world has ever known, a pinnacle of fame reached by the simple teaching of the Bible and apropos of this Xmas season, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

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Eugene Velzy reporting.

MOUNT SAN JACINTO STATE PARK

Mount San Jacinto State Park is located high in the San Jacinto Mountains of central Riverside County, 60 miles east of Riverside and 20 miles south of Banning.

The park is divided into two units: a 13-acre administrative area in the village of Idyllwild, at an elevation of one mile above sea level; and a twenty-square map mile primitive area, with an average elevation of 8500 feet, and only accessible by foot and horse trails.

The movement to acquire Mount San Jacinto as a wilderness park dates back to 1920 when A.C. Lovekin proposed to have this area set aside as a National Monument. In 1928 the San Jacinto Mountain Park Association was formed through the efforts of A. E. Bottel and other prominent Riverside and Southland leaders. This was achieved in 1930 and, after a complicated land exchange with the Southern Pacific Railroad and the U.S. Forest Service, the park was officially dedicated on June 19, 1939.

Al Bottel realized his dream of a wilderness park and will be remembered by many in the Park Service as the Custodian of Mt. Jacinto State Park from 1941 to the spring of 1943, when he was suddenly called to that Great Park in the Beyond.

Mt. San Jacinto reaches the highest elevation of any of our parks and is the only primitive area that is a State Park. In the upper area there are six principal peaks, five being over 10,000 feet. The main peak, San Jacinto, is the second highest peak in Southern California and has an elevation of 10,805 feet.

From the top of San Jacinto one views a vast panorama of Southern California, Arizona and Mexico (Lower California). Directly to the north, the land drops to San Gorgonio Pass, 9,805 feet below, in less than six miles. This is said to be the sheerest drop on the face of any mountain in the United States. Across the Pass towers Mt. San Gorgonio, (Grayback).

Beyond "Grayback" lies the Mojave Desert, and to the northwest one sees the southern mountains of the Sierra Nevada. To the east is Salton Sea, 249 feet below sea level, the great expanse of the Colorado Desert, the Colorado River and the faraway mountains of Arizona.

To the south of Mt. San Jacinto the distant views include Anza Desert State Park, Cuyamaca State Park, Palomar Mountain, San Diego, Lower California and its Coronado Islands. To the west you overlook the great Southern California citrus belt to the coastal parks, San Clemente, Doheny Beach, all the Los Angeles Beach Parks, Will Rogers Ranch, and on the Channel Islands and the far horizon of the broad Pacific.

One of the greatest attractions of Mt. San Jacinto State Park is the opportunity for forest camping. There are over 30 miles of horse and foot trails through magnificent, unspoiled country. Just under the summit of San Jacinto Peak is a shelter house constructed of native rock. This small, but weather-tight cabin, contains four bunks and cooking cranes in the large fireplace. It is a popular overnight stop for parties who go to the top of the mountain to watch the sunrise.

The most unusual of the abundant and varied wild life found in the Park, is the band of Mountain Sheep which are now ranging the Park in the summer in increasing numbers. And the Black Bear population, which was nearly extinct, is on the increase once more. Other usual inhabitants of the Park are deer, mountain lion, band-tailed pigeons, golden eagles, mountain quail, Clark's crow and many other animals and birds common to our mountains and forests.

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ROBERT HATCH, reporting.

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park comprises 20,819 acres of the original Mexican land grant of about 36,000 acres.

This mountain area has an interesting history which we have been able to trace back into the Indian period before white men entered these mountains.

Historians agree that the word "Cuyamaca" is probably a Spanish mispronunciation of the Indian words "Ah-ha Kwe-ah-mac" meaning "water beyond" or "rain beyond." The name was applied to the group of mountain peaks and also to the main Indian village and its people.

The ancient Cuyamaca village was on a rocky knoll just north of Stonewall Peak and only a short distance south of the present day camp occupied by the Girl Scouts. Another nearby village was at the foot of Middle Peak, which was named Hual-cu-cuish, meaning "grouped together, tough-strong." This village was occupied until after 1860. It is now the site of the Boy's Group Camp.

In 1837 the last skirmish between the Mexicans and the mountain Indians, who were never converts of the Missions, was fought at the site of the Cuyamaca village. The Indians were defeated and agreed not to again raid the ranch settlements near San Diego.

In June of 1845, Augustin Olvera, a resident of Los Angeles, and a relative by marriage of Pio Pico, then Governor of California under Mexican rule, petitioned the Governor for the grant of Cuyamaca stating "that he has information that the land in question is wholly vacant and is inhabitated by wild Indians." Governor Pico granted the petition with "orders that Augustin Olevera be declared full owner of the tract called "Cuyamaca."

The grant by Pio Pico was questioned by the Land Commission in 1854, seven years after American occupation of California. Title was later confirmed and a land patent, signed by U.S. Grant, President, was given to Olvera December 19, 1874.

Shortly thereafter the Rancho was divided into large lots and sold.

About this time gold was discovered near the old Indian village of Cuyamaca. This discovery was made by two ex-soldiers of the Southern Confederacy named Skidmore. They named their mine the Stonewall Jackson Mine.

In 1884 the gold mine was acquired by Governor R. W. Waterman and it was renamed the Stonewall Mine. During the next ten years this mine produced over $3,000,000.00 in fine gold. Adjacent to the mine was the new town of Cuyamaca, with a hotel, schoolhouse, store, saloon and livery stable. This town had a population of over 500.

The depression of 1893 brought about the end of the gold "diggings." Soon after the mine closed down the shaft became flooded with water. With the abandonment of the mine, Cuyamaca joined the long list of California's deserted mining villages.

From 1900 to 1923 the major portion of the Rancho Cuyamaca was again brought under onw ownership through purchase by Col. Gassen.

In 1923 Mr. Ralph M. Dyar of Cleveland, Ohio, became owner of the lands acquired by Col. Gassen. During the next ten years, Mr. Dyar made many improvements to his property.

It was the great fortune of the people of California that Mr. and Mrs. Dyar became interested in the State Park program and made their generous offer to the State Park Commission which resulted in March 1933, of the creation of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Reported by Guy L. Fleming, for Asst. Warden Harvey Moore, who is on his vacation.

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK

Rain-In-The-Face, Guardian of Borrego Palm Canyon.

The great Anza Desert State Park comprises over 408,000 acres of incomparable scenic, scientific and recreational values. It is destined to become a world-famed natural reserve of our interesting chain of state parks.

The name "Anza" was applied to this park in honor of Captain Juan Bautista de Anza, the Spanish explorer who first entered this unknown land in 1774 and who, in 1775 and 1776, brought the colonists from Mexico who were the founders of the present day cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

This vast empire of nearly one-half million acres of State-owned land is interspersed with many acres of privately-owned lands, so that the park boundaries surround an area extending from the Santa Rosa Mountain on the north, at the Riverside-San Diego County line, to a point on the south close to the Mexican border, along the renowned Carrizo Gorge, a distance in length of forty-eight miles; and from the San Ysidro and pine clad Cuyamaca Mountains, over 6000 feet in elevation, on the west, to the eroded desert plain below sealevel near the Salton Sea, a maximum distance in width of thirty miles.

Within this reserve, hidden in rugged canyons, are groves of the native fan palm. There are colorful clay hills and rolling sand dunes; and, after the winter rains these apparently barren lands become a riotous flower garden, an endless Persian carpet of rich colors. There are camp sites of people who knew this country when an ancient lake of great width filled the Salton Sink from mountain range to mountain range. This is truly a land of surprises and of much that is unexplored and unknown.

The present-day created improvements for the recreational use of park visitors is centered at the entrance to Borrego Palm Canyon. A postwar program of park development contemplates the selection of other sites for public camping and allied recreational activities and the construction of needed roads and trails to get the park visitors to the scenic attractions of this great area.

Mr. Frederick L. Olmsted established the inspirational guide for the development of this desert reserve in the "Report of State Park Survey of California" in the following statement: "Certain desert areas have a distinctive and subtle charm,------, a charm of constantly growing value as the rest of the earth becomes more completely dominated by man's activities." Again: "The desert is in general worth so little for any other purpose than occasional enjoyment of its untamed character, - --, that it seems a clear duty of the State to acquire and preserve inviolate several desert areas large enough for future generations to enjoy in perfection the essential desert qualities."

G.L.F.

THUMB NAIL HISTORIES

DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK

Doheny Beach State Park is a very small portion of lands originally part of the vast property of the Mission San Juan Capistrano.

In his book "Two Years Before the Mast" Richard Dana tells of landing the long boat from the ship Alert on this beach in the summer of 1835.

In 1845, after the Missions and their lands were confiscated by the Mexican Government, La Playa de San Juan Capistrano (the present day Doheny Beach State Park) became part of the ranch lands of Don Juan Forster, an Englishman who had married Don Pio Pico's sister, Isidora.

Forster's heirs sold the beach area and some of the upland near the mouth of the river to land promoters who founded the town of Serra (now called Doheny Park). These promoters built a hotel, a large dance pavilion and a race track on the site of our state park.

Aaron Boucheim, an early settler of the valley, reports that in 1887 six trains arrived each Sunday, carrying great crowds to attend the races, rodeo and bull fights. Such Sunday outings often totaled 10,000 persons.

The land boom broke with the depression of 1893 and Serra became a ghost town. In 1906 the hotel and dance pavilion were destroyed by fire. In 1916 flood waters from the river and high tides destroyed all that remained of the boom time development on the beach.

Messrs. Pierce and Coffee are named as the owners of the property for many years. About 1925 they sold several miles of ocean frontage, extending southward from the bluffs of Point San Juan Capistrano to the northern limits of the present city of San Clemente, to E. L. Doheny and associates.

In 1931 Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Doheny gave to the State of California approximately 20 acres of land composing the estuary at the mouth of San Juan Capistrano River, with an ocean frontage of 2600 feet. It was their request that the area be named Doheny Beach State Park in memory of their son who was killed in an automobile accident.

Today La Playa de San Juan Capistrano is again a popular gathering place for thousands of people. During the 1944 season over 72,000 persons enjoyed their visit to this seaside park.

Warden Jack Fleckenstein, Warden Helmouth Barnes and Custodian Ray DeRemer are to be congratulated, for their park has undoubtedly turned in the highest revenue solely from camping and picnicking of any park in the State. The 1944 revenue is $10,200.00 for the period January 1 to December 1.

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH STATE PARK

San Clemente Beach Park is another small portion of lands that were formerly part of the property of Mission San Juan Capistrano. It, too, was one time owned by Don Juan Forster, brother-in-law of Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of Alta California. It remained undeveloped range land until very recent years.

About 1925 beach resort development invaded Orange County coast and the townsite of San Clemente was subdivided and developed by "Ole" Hanson, one-time mayor of Seattle.

Citizens of the new town became enthused with the plan to create a State Park in the southern part of their city and in 1931 saw this plan realized.

This now well-developed park is ably administered by Assistant Warden Rudolph Anderson and prospective Park Custodian Roy Moore.

CASA DE PIO PICO

The work of repair and restoration is progressing at La Casa del Ranchito de Pio Pico. Lack of laborers to assist Frank Gutierrez has been a handicap. However, Frank, who is in charge of the construction work, has carried along alone before in restoration work at San Fernando and La Purisima Missions, so this particular assignment moves forward.

Many yards of adobe wall have been grooved to receive tie-rods and turnbuckles. Perpendicular channels have been cut in which were imbedded H columns; into these columns are bolted the tie-rods and by this manner the walls have been re-inforced and held securely together. When the channeling and grooving is completed the walls are plastered with mud and whitewashed.

The former sagging windows and doors on the west side have been straightened and re-inforced. Steel I beams were worked in over the lintel of the large doorway into the bodega (wine cellar) and the very badly shattered walls of that room were re-inforced and stabilized.

Very early in the program repair work on the west side of the building revealed foundations of three rooms and a raised terrace which had been part of the original structure but destroyed by a flood in 1867. Portions of tile floor were also uncovered. These discoveries were reported to the State Park Commission, with the suggestion that it might be very worthwhile to hold back the restoration program until considerable research was made to determine the age of the house and the period of construction that would be associated with Pio Pico's active occupancy.

The Park Commission appointed a committee on research including Mr. Knowland, Chairman of the Park Commission, Dr. Owen Coy, Director of the California Historical Society, Mr. Henning, Chief of Beaches and Parks, Mr. Fleming, Superintendent of the Southern District Mr. J. Marshall Miller, Planning Engineer for the City of Pasadena, and an expert on early California Building construction, and Park Custodian, Frank Gutierrez, who was trained in archeological research under Dr. Harrington of the Southwest Museum. A conference was held at the Casa and Mr. Fleming and Mr. Gutierrez were encouraged to continue the excavation work around the foundations.

This summer's "diggings" have uncovered a brick wall which makes a raised terrace of the covered area which has in recent years been part of the patio on the east side of the Casa. And a former patio, or courtyard floor was located thirty-four inches below the present-day brick pavement. A number of hand-made brick were found at this old floor level; some were light yellow in color and others red, indicating that the original floor may have been decorated with a herring bone pattern of red and yellow brick. Above the old brick floor and under a modern brick pavement a cobble stone floor was uncovered.

When was the Casa built? Who dug the well in the patio? Who filled the area over the old courtyard floor and laid down the modern brock floor? Who sealed the fireplaces and cut holes in the chimneys for stoves? Who, etc? Quien sabe!!!

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DOLORES ALVARADO CONNORS reporting.

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Palomar State Park is so much a part of Palomar Mountain in historic heritage and physical geography that a brief geographical and historical description of the Mountain may be appropriate.

The first name of this enchanted mountain appears to have been the Indian name "Paauw", meaning mountain. About the year 1800 the Franciscan Padres in their diaries referred to it as "La Sierra". Some years later the Spanish "Dons", whose ranchos bordered the mountain, called it "La Sierra del Palomar", (the mountain of the pigeon roost); for thousands of band-tailed pigeons inhabited the mountain then. In later years it became "Smith Mountain", named for an early day American settler, Largo (Long) Joe Smith. In 1901 the Division of Geographic Names at Washington, acting in response to a petition of San Diego citizens, officially established the name "Palomar Mountain."

Palomar has a great store of folklore. Before the coming of the white man there were several large Indian villages on the mountain. At least one tepee still stands just east of the park boundary. It is constructed of poles and cedar bark and shows plainly that it has been there a long time. There are many mortar holes, Indian mills used for grinding acorns and seeds in the flat rocks. In the Silver Crest picnic ground of the park are nearly 130 of these mills in a radius of 25 feet.

Tall tales are told by old settlers about desperados, both Mexican and American, who used old Palomar's sylvan fastness for a rendezvous when enroute to Sonora with stolen cattle and horses. One person feared by these outlaws was "Large" Joe Smith, already mentioned. Beside being one of the first homesteaders, Largo was a "Judge of the Plains." As "Jefe del Campo" he enforced the laws of the frontier and meted out justice to all offenders. He always wore buckskin britches, as he was unable to find store pants long enough.

One of the first settlers on Palomar was Nate Harrison, a freed slave. He was black as a frying pan but always spoke of himself as "de fust white man on de wes side of de mountain."

Many stories are told about George Doanne, for whom Upper and Lower Doanne Valleys, in Palomar Park are named. This great bear of a man was a colorful character whose flowing beard reached down to his belt buckle. He was an educated man from the San Francisco Bay region, tiring of civilization he came to Palomar and took up land which is now a part of the State Park. His weaknesses were "doughnuts, clams and schoolmams". His affection for the latter was apparently not mutually received, for after many years of unsuccessfully wooing them, he, in desperation, turned to the matrimonial agency method to catch a bride. This brought him good luck and he carried a sixteen-year old bride across the handhewn threshold of his Doanne Valley cabin.

Palomar Mountain State Park, with an acreage of 1680 acres, lies at the western end of the mountain. The average elevation is about 5000 feet above sea level. The chief attractions are the sweeping panoramas from Boucher Hill and from the Silver Crest picnic ground; the north slopes heavily forested with Big Cone Spruce, White Fir, Incense Cedar and oaks; the profusion of azalia, dogwood and other flowering plants; the sweeping expanse of the fine meadows in Upper and Lower Doanne Valleys, and the fact that it is next door to the area in which is located the world famous Palomar Observatory.

Louis D. Juch reporting.

"MORNIN' ON THE DESERT"

(Found written on the door of
an old cabin in the desert)

Mornin' on the desert,
And the wind is blowin' free,
And its ours, jest for the breathin'
So let's fill up, you and me.

Mornin' on the desert,
And the air is like a wine,
And it seems like all creation
Has been made for me and mine.

Mornin' on the desert, - -
I can smell the sagebrush smoke,
I hate to see it burnin',
But the land must sure be broke.

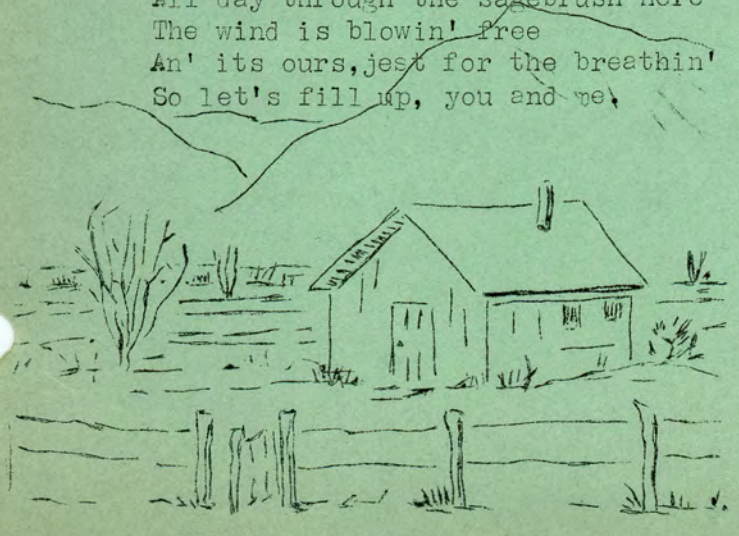
Ain't it just a pity
That wherever man may live,
He tears up much that's beautiful
That the good God has to give?

Sagebrush ain't so pretty?
Well, all eyes don't see the same.
Have you ever seen the moonlight
Turn it to a silvery flame?

An' that greasewood thicket yonder,-
Well, it smells just awful sweet
When the night wind has shaken it,-
For its smell is hard to beat.

Lonesome? Well, I guess not!
I've been lonesome in a town,
But I sure do love the desert
With its stretches wide and brown.

All day through the sagebrush here
The wind is blowin' free
An' its ours, jest for the breathin'
So let's fill up, you and me.



"PALOMAR SUNSET"

I sat on the top of Boucher Hill
In the tower with Ranger Bill,
Looking into the setting sun,
'Twas a sight with many a thrill.

The cross blue lightning in the east
Had rent the clouds asunder,
As we turned again to face the west
We heard the distant thunder.

"Oh, Look!" says he, "far out at sea
The phantom ships do sail
There's Sinbad of old with sails of gold
Coming straight on at me."

The scarlet faded into crimson,
The crimson to old rose,
The cobalt sea was paling,
To colors no artist knows.

"Behold!" said I, "in the florescent sky
Where the fleecy clouds do float
There is a big pink elephant
Now, it's a pale yellow goat."

From our lofty seat, down at our feet
We saw man's lights snap on;
Puny things they were indeed,
Compared to God's neon.

The Chinese lantern that was the Sun
Plunged into the Shalimar
Leaving in its wake a crimson lake
And, two rangers on Palomar.

--- L.D. Juch
The Palomar Hermit

NEWS OF OUR SERVICE MEN

Special!

Ensign Jack and Barbara Knight are the proud parents of twin daughters, Judith Ann and Joan Marie, born November 16, 1944, in Oakland, California. Jack is aboard a Net Tender somewhere in the Pacific. Our hearty congratulations to Jack and Barbara and a sincere hope that Jack may soon visit his grand family.

Chief Carpenter's Mate "Hank" Saddler, is now on one of the Hawaiian Islands. "Hank" says it is a land of many flowers and wonderful weather. His new mailing address is:

Henry W. Saddler, C.C.M., U.S.N.,
Company C
70th Naval Construction Battalion
c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco,
California

The editor has received word that "Morrie" Morgan, EM 3/c USN, is in the hospital in Honolulu. Nothing serious we hope. Our best wishes for an early return to duty.

Sgt. Leo and Frances Crawford, with Leanne Louise, visited Cuyamaca in mid-November to show Louise Moore her young namesake. Leo was making the most of a furlough to take his family to Texas to be near his camp.

Gene Velzy recently received a newsy letter from Frank Davies, who is now a weather observer and cryptographer at one of the big flying fields in Texas.

November visitors at Will Rogers State Park included Sgt. Harold Pesch and Kenneth Stanley, USN.

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The editor of the Southern Edition wishes to give special mention to Historical Custodian Louise Zoller, who made the cartoon of Will Rogers; to Margaret Eddy Fleming who made the cover and all other drawings and to Louise Robinson, who labored over a balky typewriter to cut the stencils for printing these pages. The personnel of the entire district gave active and moral support. My sincere "Thank you" to all.

Lynda Fleming

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CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

What is now Calaveras Big Trees State Park is the first discovered grove of Sequoia Gigantea in California. It is located fifteen miles northeasterly of Murphys in Calaveras County, on the Ebbetts Pass Highway and on the ridge between the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and San Antonio Creek.

The discovery of the Grove is shrouded in a great deal of doubt. The credit is usually given to a man named Dowd, and the date sometime in 1852. Dowd is supposed to have been engaged as a hunter during the time the Union Water Company was constructing their canal from the North Fork of the Stanislaus River to Murphys and vicinity, and on one of his hunting expeditions had followed a wounded animal that led him into the grove. The name "J. M. Wooster" was carved on the trunk of one of the trees, with the date 1850. Upon being given the credit of having discovered the trees, Mr. Wooster stated that he carved his initials on the tree twelve days after they had been discovered by a man named Whitehead, about May 20, 1850, while on a prospecting tour. General Bidwell, many years after the discovery, claimed that he found the trees when he crossed the Sierra Nevadas to reach California.

As the "Mammoth Grove Ranch" the property passed through many hands and the major portion of it became the property of A. Smith Haynes, who first conducted a hotel at Big Trees. The original hotel, a two-story building, was built along similar lines as the later Sperry Hotel, though a much smaller building. The later hotel, built by Sperry and Perry, was destroyed by fire on August 19, 1943. The property went through many changes in ownership in the following years, through sale, litigation and delinquent tax sale. It was deeded to the State of California in 1931.

The Grove contains ten trees each 30 feet or more in diameter and over 70 that are between fifteen and thirty feet in diameter. In his "Resources of California", Hittell says of one of the trees that is down, "The Father of the Forest must have been four hundred and fifty feet high and forty feet in diameter." In 1853, a large tree ninety-two feet in circumference and over three hundred feet high was felled. Five men worked twenty-two days performing the task. The tree was bored down by the use of large ship augers, additional pieces of metal being welded on the handles as the work progressed. The stump of this tree was smoothed off and used as a dance pavilion. It is large enough to accomodate thirty-two dancers. Theatrical performances have been held upon it and in 1858 the "Big Tree Bulletin" was published there. At one time a ten

pin alley was laid out along the immense trunk and it was wide enough for two alley beds, side by side. The Two Sentinels stood not over 100 feet from the stump of the tree that was bored down. For many years the road passed through these two trees. Several years ago one of them fell.

The Mother of the Forest is in the northerly part of the grove. In the summer of 1854 the bark was stripped from this tree to a height of 116 feet by Mr. George Gale for purpose of exhibition, and a portion of it was sent to London, England. The Father of the Forest has been down for many years. At a distance of three hundred feet from its roots, and where it was broken off when it fell against another large tree, it is eighteen feet in diameter. Taking the average taper of the other trees, this giant must have been 450 feet high when standing. This is the tree that has a hollow or burned cavity extending through the trunk for two hundred feet that a person can walk through. . A tree named "J. M. Wooster", named after the possible discoverer of the Grove, was the largest standing tree in the grove when discovered. This tree, sometimes called "Hercules", went down in a severe storm in 1862. It was 325 feet high and 97 feet in circumference. When standing, it is said that it leaned about 60 feet from perpendicular.

The South Grove is across the North Fork of the Stanislaus River from the North Grove. "Smith's Cabin" in the South Grove was named for a trapper and guide who lived in the burned base of the tree for two years. Trapper Smith, as he was called, was using this tree as a cabin when "Old Goliath" fell. He compared it to an earthquake. At the distance of 261 feet from its base, it broke and at the break was 45 feet in circumference. Quite a number of trees have been down for years and lie in the grove almost buried in the soft earth.

The wood of these trees is very soft, of a beautiful reddish color and takes a high, glossy polish. While Mr. Sperry conducted the business at the grove he kept a man with a lathe, making various articles out of the wood of the big trees, which were sold as souvenirs. Many of the trees have been named. At one time marble name plates were attached to the trees, but many of these are now gone.

In the North Grove were the following named trees: Grant, Sherman, McPherson, Pride of the Forest, Three Graces, Miner's Cabin, Florence Nightingale, W. C. Bryant Pioneer's Cabin, Seward, America, Broderick, California, Harry Ward Beecher, Abraham Lincoln, The Twins, Salem Witch, Longfellow, Prof. Asa Gray, General Sutter, Dr. John Torrey, Starr King, Richard Cobden, John Bright, Daniel O'Connell, Edward Everett, Fred L. Grould, James King of William, Keystone State, Phil Sheridan, Sir John Franklin, Dr. Kane, Century, John and Joseph LeConte, Maid of Honor, Queen, Mother and Son, Sir Joseph Hooker, John Lindley, Humboldt, General Scott, Old Maid, Old Bachelor, Kentucky, Siamese Twins, Daniel Webster, Granite State, Old Republican, Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Vermont, Empire State, Old Dominion, George Washington, Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Beauty of the Forest, The Two Sentinels.

In the South Grove, we find Dawson Two Lovers, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, General Garfield, Hancock, New York, Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Palace Hotel, Cyclops, Knight of the Forest, Three Graces, Noah's Ark, Old Goliath, Smith's Cabin.

Scientific men pronounce the trees to be from 2000 to 4000 years old.

The age is determined from the number of concentric rings on the tree, each ring denoting one year.

The present State holdings consist of 1951 acres. It is one of our finest year around Parks and perhaps the oldest known Park area in the State. The Sequoia Gigantea (Big Trees) were first discovered here and for many years it was the attraction of out-of-the-State visitors. In cooperation with the CCC extensive improvements have been made, developing camp and picnic areas, sewage disposal, water storage and distribution.

Recently the Youth Authority established a camp to accomodate and train boys in a program of construction work. They are constructing a 100,000 gallon concrete reservoir for the Administration area.

Assistant Warden Alfred A. Beck has been in charge since Assistant Warden Jack Knight entered the service. Al was born in London, England, and apprenticed to the leather trade. Married to Lillian Roberts, they arrived in California in 1914. He was on Hetch-Hetchy construction for fourteen years and entered the Park service in 1941, at Big Sur, later at Big Basin and Mt. Tamalpais. Family of two married daughters, one son, Staff Sergeant in Army Air Force, New Guinea, and three grandchildren.

Assisting Al is Custodian Phil Nealon. Born in California of 1846 pioneer stock; graduating from U.C., he has spent a diversified life in the lumbering and U. S. Forest Service, mostly in the High Sierras. Entering the State Park Service in 1941, he has served at Big Basin, Seacliff, Mt. Tamalpais. He was working at Calaveras Big Trees when war was declared and shortly after that entered the service and spent twenty-six months with the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, as a Corporal. Most of his service was with the Russian Supply line in Persia. Discharged, he returned post haste to his old post at Calaveras Big Trees, with his wife Genevieve. (Were we ever glad to have Phil Back! That is going to apply to all Parks boys in the Service.)

SONOMA COAST

Sonoma Coast State Park, acquired in 1933, jointly with Armstrong Redwoods, comprises six and one-half miles of ocean, bays and river shore line. Several fine beaches and excellent fishing grounds. It has always been a popular vacation and picnic area for valley and local residents.

The Russians established two ranch houses, or quarters, in this section during their occupancy of Fort Ross, and Bodega Bay was a port of entry, being used by ship owners to evade custom charges and by settlers and trappers (1840) not having passports. One party, of which Peter Lassen was a member, was ordered to leave the country but replied that they had a number of pounds of powder and lead and would stay as long as it lasted. They stayed. Today, at Bodega Bay, due to recent U. S. Engineers' work, a fine harbor has been dredged out and it is fast becoming an important base for fishing boats.

The area is supervised by Warden F. C. Canham, jointly with Armstrong Redwoods.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS

Armstrong Redwoods State Park, consisting of 395 acres, is located three miles north of Guerneville and the Russian River. The Park comprises 395 acres of virgin timber, Redwood, Douglas Fir, cruised at thirteen million feet of sawmill timber.

The Park is named for Col. J. B. Armstrong, a Civil War newspaper and business man, who published the first Republican paper in Sonoma County and has been credited with being responsible for prune growing in the North State area. Later engaged in sawmill operations, he had offered this tract to Howard University in the early 1880's as a gift, providing they would preserve and maintain it, and never allow it to be cut. The offer was refused.

After the death of Col. Armstrong, the property passed into the hands of his daughter, Lizzie Armstrong Jones, who many times refused to sell to lumbering interests. Determined to carry out the wishes of Col. Armstrong and family, she offered it to the County of Sonoma at a price of $70,000, which was raised by an official bond issue, and acquired in 1916. R. S. Coon was appointed County Park Warden, serving until he entered World War I in 1918. His place was filled by C. E. Pells, who served until his death in 1935. R. S. Coon returned and was in charge until a transfer in 1936 to Mt. Diablo State Park.

Under W. P. A. in 1935-38, extensive developments were made, including a recreation hall, 40 x 60 and Warden's headquarters. The Outdoor Theatre, with a seating capacity of 2700, is considered one of the most attractive settings to be seen anywhere. Electricity is carried by underground cable to serve the area and the dressing rooms. A well-developed camp and picnic area has been established and plans are for increased units to be installed this spring. Good progress is being made in the construction of additional service buildings and facilities.

Armstrong Redwoods presents a typical Redwood Park where trees, shrubs, and plants native to the Redwoods are found. A wonderful, well protected cover of oxalis covers the floor of the Park with trillium, wake robin, fairy bells, adder's tongue, several violets and wild orchids. A number of flowering shrubs and ferns add to the beauty of this Park nestled in the wooded hills and nearby is that famous playground, "The Russian River."

Warden Fred Canham has the longest service in State Parks. He was born and raised in Santa Cruz County. His early life was spent in the working of split timbers and the writer believes he holds a record of making 7475 split shakes in eleven hours and ten minutes. Something to shoot at! Entering the Park Service in 1920 at Big Basin , after fifteen years he was transferred to Dyerville Headquarters in the Northwest District. Since 1936 he has been in charge here and at Sonoma Coast. On the restoration work at the Sonoma Mission, recently completed, Fred hewed the timbers used in the replacements and the work has been subject to a lot of interest. It is almost a lost art.

The family, consisting of wife, Geraldine, and talented daughter Eleanor, who is now attending Junior College and making a place for herself in music, being an accomplished pianist. Cpl. Fred Canham is a World War I veteran, having served with the 115 Engineers, Muese Argonne, St. Mihel and defensive sectors and Army of Occupation.

Assisting Warden Canham is Custodian Newton S. Grout, who has been with us this past year. Custodian and Mrs. Grout have a son, Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, European theatre, a daughter in Medical college and a younger son and daughter at home.

MOUNT TAMALPAIS

Mount Tamalpais State Park, consisting of 960 acres, is located 15 miles north and west of San Francisco. It has been for years

the most popular hiking section of the Bay cities, with over one hundred miles of trails on the Mountain and twenty-five miles of trails within the Park. A small developed camping area is provided but hiking is the popular recreation. Thousands of visitors enjoy the wonderful views of the San Francisco bay area; to the west the Farallons and the Pacific Ocean, to the east, Mt. Diablo, and to the southeast, Mt. Hamilton, form a triangle of scenic beauty that is hard to equal.

Warden Ray G. Bassett has been in charge of Mt. Tamalpais since George Holmboe entered the service. Ray is a native of Vermont, working several years with firearms manufacturer in Hartford, Connecticut, coming to Santa Barbara in 1923, where he engaged in private business and entered the Park Service in 1933 at Carpinteria State Park, later at Big Sur and Mt. Diablo.

Ray has recently completed the construction of a garage, work shops and additional water storage, all badly needed. His family, wife Ruth, and two married daughters, Dorothy and Barbara, and interesting grandchildren.

MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK

The geographic location of the summit of Mount Diablo is Latitude 38° 51' 30" North, Longitude 121° 54' 48" West, rising to a height of 3849'. More than ninety years ago the Federal Government established a monument as a base and meridian for surveys, extending north to the Oregon line, South to the Tehachapi and east to the Nevada-Utah line.

On a clear day the view is truly magnificent. All six hundred miles of the High Sierras are seen as one looks to the North, East and South; Mt. Lassen, Half Dome of the Yosemite and Mt. Whitney in a panoramic view. On the west may be seen San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais and the Farallon Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Thirty-five of California's fifty-eight counties may be seen.

The interior valleys of California spread out like a map, extending as far as the eye can see. To the East the view seems illimitable and it is believed that there are few, if any, points on the earth's surface from which so extensive an area may be seen, as from Mt. Diablo. The area spread out before the eye is approximately 40,000 square miles.

Josiah Dwight Whitney, in whose honor the highest point in the United States is named, established the survey in 1861 and first publicized the many features of Mt. Diablo. Accepting the chair of Geology at Harvard University in 1865, five years previously he had become State Geologist in California, a post he held until 1874.

Mt. Diablo figures prominently in early California biographies. Pedro Fages and his fellow explorers, the first white men to tread its slopes (1772), Juan Bautista Anza, who passed this way in 1776, Josiah Dwight Whitney, William Brewer, John Muir, John Swett and Bret Harte, whose Legend of Mt. Diablo is so interesting, forming the background for that splendid canvas painting by Clarkson Dye, a noted California artist, for the Museum at the summit of Mt. Diablo.

The area from which Mt. Diablo rises was once, according to Dr. Bruce L. Clark, of the University of California, Museum of Paleontology, an island in an inland sea, as large as the Mediterranean now the great valley of California drained by the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, which together join at Suisun Bay. Eon by eon, the story is told in the series of Coast Range formations bared on Diablo's ridges. Fossils of marine shells corroborate the record. There have been found on Mt. Diablo the fossil remains of the three-toed horse, the mastodon, the camel and other vertibrates which tell of a distant age.

Mt. Diablo has enjoyed the benefits of the W.P.A. and C.C.C. construction programs over a period of several years. The splendid water storage and distribution system was constructed under C.C.C., as well as most of the camp and picnic facilities. The unfinished Summit Museum building was a part of this program. W.P.A. rebuilt the North Road, portions of the main road and grading of the Summit area. More recently the U.S.N.C.B. has, under a training program, done a splendid job, realignment of that section between headquarters and the Junction, construction on North Road checking location, a fill of many thousand yards of earth, also a rock crusher to provide surface materials.

Plans are to open another project from the Devil's Slide to Macauley Springs. They also maintain headquarters at the old C.C.C. camp, where facilities are provided to care for 1200 men during a training period.

Warden Charles Fakler has been in charge since Warden Jess Chaffee went into the service. Charley has been in the Park Service since 1936, serving at Big Basin, Fremont Peak and Russian Gulch. A World War I veteran, married, wife, Wilmina, two sons, Allen, 3 years, and Charles, 20 months. Some boys!

Custodian W. H. Gott has been employed at Mt. Diablo State Park since its acquisition. A native of California, of pioneer stock, Bill spent several years in the gold mines of Sierra County. He has a son, William, Jr., attached to the Marine Corps.

Custodian Harry S. Van Gelder has been in Park Service since 1933, mostly spent in Mt. Diablo. Although nearing retirement age, he has held down the Summit lookout job. Another faithful employee.

McARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS

McArthur Burney Falls State Park, one of our fine Parks, located ten miles north of Burney, consists of 335 acres.

The Falls, over which flows millions of gallons of water a day, drop 130 feet and flow into Lake Britton. Of semi-circular shape, covered with ferns and plant life, hundreds of jets of water appear over the face of the wall. It is a sight to be remembered.

Comprising 300 acres of fine cedars and oaks, this Park has a well-developed camp and picnic area. Excellent trout and bass fishing, together with good deer hunting makes this a popular location for hunters and fishermen.

Assistant Warden E. J. "Jake" Pool, formerly of Stephens Grove, is in charge. His good wife, Naomi, daughter Velma, 14, son Charles, 12, and Arlene 5, comprise a lovely and interesting family.

BIDWELL STATE PARK

Located near Chico, on the east bank of the Sacramento River, a part of the grant owned by Gen. John Bidwell, California pioneer. No park facilities are developed here. Recently the State Park Commission has granted the use of a section of river frontage to the Chico Sea Scouts, sponsored by the Chico Lions Club and under the direction of Deacon Whisman they have established their floating dock, etc., and have plans for additional development when conditions warrant.

This area is very popular with fishermen, furnishing good bass, perch, catfish and salmon in season.

CASTLE CRAGS

Castle Crags State Park, 34,760 acres in Shasta County, south of Dunsmuir on the Sacramento River, with an area developed for campground and picnicking. This Park has been closed to public use since the beginning of hostilities.

The Crags, granite peaks rising to a height of 6,000' are rugged and interesting formations, reached by trails from the Park, and the back country form a hiker's paradise. There is excellent trout fishing at hand in the Sacramento River.

DONNER HISTORIC MONUMENT

Donner Monument, located 3 miles west of Truckee on Highway 40 and old Emigrant Trail.

This area witnessed the most tragic episodes of the migration west, when the Donner Party wintered there, snowbound, in 1846-47. Forty-two perished.

Comprised of eleven acres, there has been erected a heroic 20' bronze monument by the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West which was dedicated in 1918. There is also a tablet on the Murphy Cabin Boulder, a complete list of the entire party, perished and rescued.

This shrine to the pioneers attracts many thousands of visitors each year and recommendations have been made for many developments to care for the interest and travel in the post-war period. Its location makes it the most favored spot for State Park publicity.

TAHOE CAMPGROUNDS

Fourteen acres located north of Tahoe City on Lake Tahoe, this small and popular Park has been developed from a former State fish hatchery. It has been closed for the past two seasons, due to inability of securing personnel.

Camp and picnic development has made this spot attractive and popular. Practically all the Lake Tahoe shoreline is privately owned and this is the only spot in this north lake area open to public use.

D. L. BLISS STATE PARK

Located on the southwestern shore of Lake Tahoe and Emerald Bay, this scenic State Park has no equal in this area. It is comprised of 957 acres with extensive camp and picnic developments.

Operated seasonally it has been closed for the past season. It is hoped that it will be opened soon, to afford the protection needed, and the return of the many visitors who returned each year to enjoy its beauty.

From: D. H. Blood

To : A. E. Henning

You have asked me to give you a statement setting forth the method of tax and retirement deductions from our employee pay checks, and to explain why in some cases the salary increases were almost wiped out due to higher classification deductions.

Let us take up retirement deductions first.

The rate of contributions is set forth in Section 65 of the California State Employees' Retirement act, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 65. The normal rates of contribution of members, other than members of the California Highway Patrol, or city policemen or city firemen, shall be based on sex and age at the nearest birthday at the time of entrance into the retirement system. The

normal rates of contribution shall be such as will provide an average annuity at age 65 equal to one one hundred-fortieth of the final compensation of members, according to the tables adopted by the board, for each year of service rendered after entering the system. Nothing in this section shall prevent the adoption of one schedule of rates for males and one schedule for females."

This normal contribution, as provided for in Section 65, is deducted from the employee's salary as set forth in Section 67 of the Act, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 67. The Board of Administration shall certify to the head of each office or department of the State and to the comptroller of the university the normal rate of contribution as provided in this act for each member in such office, department, or the university respectively. The head of each office or department of the State shall apply such rate of contribution to so much of the compensation of each member as does not exceed four hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-six cents ($416.66), per month and shall certify to the State Controller on each and every pay roll the amount to be contributed and shall furnish immediately to the Board of Administration a copy of each and every such pay roll; and each such amount shall be deducted by the head of each office or department and shall be remitted to the board. Each contribution deducted and remitted to the board shall be credited by the board, together with regular interest, to an individual account of the member for whom the contribution was made. Payment of salaries or wages less such contribution shall be full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for the service rendered by members during the period covered by such payment, except their claims to the benefits to which they may be entitled under the provisions of this act.

Withholding Tax Deductions:

Withholding Tax for salary paid in 1944 is determined from a table published by the Collector of Revenue. Each employee files a Form W4, known as Employees Withholding Exemption Certificate indicating his marital status and number of dependents, which, when applied to his salary rate shown on the table of deductions determines the amount of withholding tax. For example, if the employee's salary is at least $120, but less than $140, and such person is a married person claiming none of the personal exemption, his withholding tax is $26. If he had three dependents, it would be $10.40.

In the 1943 table, salaries from $80 to $[illegible]00 were figured in $20 brackets. That is, at least $80, but less than $100; at least $100, but less than $120. The salaries from $[illegible]00 to $[illegible]00 are figured in $[illegible]0 brackets--at least $[illegible]00, but less than $[illegible]40. Salaries from $[illegible]00 to $[illegible]000 are figured in $[illegible]0 brackets. That is, at least $[illegible]00, but less than $[illegible]40, etc. In the 1944 table, which we are required to use January 1, up to $[illegible]40 a month is figured in $[illegible] brackets. That is, $80 to $84; $84 to $[illegible]8, etc. From $[illegible]40 to $[illegible]00 is figured in $8 brackets; from $[illegible]00 to $[illegible]000 in $20 brackets.

In 1943, most of our salaries fell in the $20 and $40 brackets. In the 1944 table they will fall in the $[illegible] and $8 brackets, which permits of a finer computation and is advantageous to the employee.

Now, as to why an increase is almost wiped out due to higher classification deductions, let us take for example a State Park Warden whose salary range

is $150 to $190, with $10 steps, and this warden is receiving pay at the third step, which is $170 a month, plus $25 salary adjustment, making $195 total salary. This warden falls in the bracket $160-$200 in the 1943 table. If he is a married person claiming no exemption, his withholding tax is $36. If he receives an automatic salary adjustment to the fourth step, of $10, making his salary $180 plus $25 salary adjustment, he gets $205 total salary, which throws him into the bracket, $200-$240. The withholding tax then is $44, which takes $8 of his $10 increase. To this $8 is added the additional retirement. That is, the rate of retirement, if it is $5, figured on $10 additional money, would be 50¢, or a total deduction of $8.50 from his $10 increase.

Instances where the salary adjustments are entirely consumed or exceeded by the deductions are exceptional and are brought about by extraordinary circumstances. I have in mind an instance where an employee had a $5 step which raised his pay to the next salary bracket and the withholding tax was $8.

/S/ D. H. Blood
Departmental Accounting Officer

CSEA REPLIES TO BOARD ON REFUSAL TO INCREASE PAY

As you already know, the Personnel Board denied the request of CSEA for a general 10% increase in the salaries of all State employees to compensate for increased living costs. In comprehensive report dated October 14, 1944, addressed to the Governor and members of the Legislature, the Board set forth in detail the reasons for its action.

Upon the release of the Personnel Board's report, a meeting of the Salary Survey Committee was held and the report was carefully studied. A comprehensive analysis of the Personnel Board's report was prepared by the Salary Survey Committee, and a preliminary draft submitted to the Board of Directors of CSEA at its meeting held in Los Angeles on November 5, 1944.

The Salary Survey Committee has disagreed with the principal reasons given by the Personnel Board for its denial of the 10% increase; and in making its analysis of the Board's report, those points of difference were set forth in the nature of a "bill of exceptions" of CSEA with respect to the subject matter of the report.

On the basis of statements made in its report, it appears that the Personnel Board has referred to the State Legislature the problem of an additional general salary increase at this time. The Salary Survey Committee therefore recommended to the CSEA Board of Directors that its analysis of the Personnel Board's report, together with the CSEA letter of August 3, 1944, requesting the 10% increase, and together with all of the data furnished to the Personnel Board at that time, be printed in the form of an answer to the Personnel Board's report, and addressed to the Governor and to members of the State Legislature.

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The bus was very crowded. Many men were standing. One of the girls who was hanging on to a strap remarked in a voice to be heard: "Oh, dear, I do wish that good-looking soldier would give me his seat." Five GIs promptly stood up.

THE CHIEF'S COLUMN

The Christmas number which was edited by Supt. Guy Gleming was indeed a most noteworthy issue and wound up Volume II, No. 12, as a most successful year for "News & Views".

This issue, which will be Volume III, No. 1, by District Superintendent Bob Coon, will revert back to just a plain issue, since I feel we have been working colors and cartoons overtime. However, after reading this issue, I am sure you will gain as much information and enjoyment as from the more highly decorative issues.

WATCH THE SCHEDULE

The Big Basin issue carried a schedule of the editors for future editions up to and including the August issue for 1945. Keep your eye on this schedule. Jack Covington received quite a shock today when he found out he has the February issue, but had overlooked that fact. He would appreciate contributions from the field!

I would like to make one change in the schedule. Mrs. Greene was to edit the March issue as Editor-in-chief for the various historical custodians. However, at the recent District Superintendent's conference, it was suggested that Mrs. Greene should continue as the editor of the March issue, but limit coverage of same to the historical monuments of the Monterey area, thus saving the other historical monuments for future issues.

Fort Ross, Vallejo Home, Sonoma Mission, Marshall's Monument, and the Gold Discovery Site at Coloma have not been included in this issue, although a part of Bob's District, but are being held for separate issues of News & Views at an early date. We find the wealth of valuable information pertaining to these monuments too extensive to be included in this issue.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR

If anycne is in doubt as to the future growth and development of our State Parks and their place in the recreational life of California, they should refer to Governor Earl Warren's biennial message as delivered to the Senate and Assembly in joint session on Monday, January 8, 1945.

NO SPACE AVAILABLE

My remarks in this issue have been necessarily cut to a minimum in order to conserve sufficient space for the splendid material collected by Bob Coon.

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MILITARY NOTES

A Christmas card has been received from Cpl. Anton J. Trigiero, 39112454, 74th Troop Carriers Sqdn., A.P.O. 133, c/o Postmaster, New York. Tony was a former custodian at Vallejo Home Historical Monument. Indications are that Tony is somewhere in or near Scotland.He mentions the Clan MacDonald.

Christmas cards were also received by the Sacramento Office from Cpl. "Tony" Urch, Cpl. Jess Chaffee and Pvt. Malcolm Byce, Thanks, fellows! And Good Luck!

"Petey" Weaver may be deserting us for the U.S. Service. A recent note states she is located at Camp McQuade, 9th Service Command, Watsonville. As usual she will be busy. The best of luck to you, Petey!

Ernie Camper's son, Lt. Don W. Camper, flying a B-17 with the 8th Air Force, has completed many missions over Germany and has already been awarded the Air Medal.

Lt. Herbert Hull is in the Netherlands East Indies, on the beach, where he reports he is enjoying glorious sunsets and wonderful

swimming along with his duties.

Don Covington and Everett Powell are together on the Philippine invasion and have met recently to discuss matters having to do with Home and Parks. It is hoped that they will be together for a considerable period of time. (Ed. note: Don's Pop is straining his vest buttons these days because Don's picture with Gen. McArthur appeared in a recent issue of Time).

Pvt. Elmo Garibaldi is home on furlough from his camp in Maryland. Elmo looks hale and hearty and very fit.

Lt. Jack Langford is in Sacramento on furlough and he and Elsie, formerly with Parks, paid a visit to the Sacramento Office.

Word has been received of Ensign Jack Knight's promotion to Lieutenant (JG). Congratulations, Jack, both on the promotion and the twin daughters, Judith Ann and Joan Marie! Reports indicate that Jack is on duty, U.S.S. Barebba, Philippine area.

E. M. 2/C Murrell Gregory, attached to U.S.S. Takelora, A.T.S. 113, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, with the Pacific Fleet.

Clyde Newlin reports the rainfall at Big Basin has been almost like old times. The streams are all full and everything soaked underfoot. (Ed. Note: Surprised to hear of it raining in Big Basin. Can't believe it. That rain belongs to the Northwest District. Earl Hanson will have to check if a shortage).

Charles Fakler reports a visit on December 21, to Mt. Diablo, by Lt. Robert N. "Bob" Ross and his wife. He arrived by plane from the Mariannas.

Warden Cushing has requested the address of Darrell Knoefler. Here 'tis: P.F.C. Darrell A. Knoefler, R.R. Detachment, M.C.B., San Diego (42) California

He also reports a letter from W.A. Weatherbee, 124th Engineers, C. Gr., Med. Det. A.P.O. 655, c/o Postmaster, New York

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Many will remember Mr. and Mrs. Emory McLaughlin, a former State Park Custodian at Richardson Grove and Van Damme State Park. A visit with them this past week found both in good health and they asked to be remembered to the Gang. They appreciate very much their copy of Park News & Views.

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GOLD DISCOVERY SITE

James Wilson Marshall, an American from New Jersey, arrived in California in July of 1845 and was employed by Captain John Sutter. Though eccentric, he was an excellent mechanic. One of Sutter's most pressing needs was a saw mill and Marshall had agreed to explore and decide on a suitable site. After months of searching he found and selected Coloma "The Beautiful Vale" on the South Fork of the American River.

On his return, Sutter fitted him with an expedition to establish a permanent camp. Tools and supplies were loaded into Mexican oxcarts and a flock of sheep were driven with the wagons to serve as food. It took a week for the wagons and stock to reach Coloma from the Fort.

A double log house was erected 400 yards from the Mill site. Later two more log dwellings were added.

From Sutter's Diary we note "Marshall and Merio left for the mountains on the American Fork to select site for sawmill" July 21, 1847. New Year's Day, 1848, the mill frame was completed. Two weeks later the brush dam was finished. Then came a flood that nearly swept away the whole structure. Trouble arose with the tail race. In order to save labor a dry channel 50 rods long had been selected.

Early on Monday, January 24, 1848, Marshall was inspecting the channel and tail race, noticing some yellow particles exposed by the washed earth. Picking up and examining he felt sure it was gold. Later in the day he remarked to the men "Boys I believe I have found gold". "No such luck" was the answer.

The following morning, he walked down by the race and again picked up a larger piece; and gathered some 3 ounces of flakes and grains. Two days later Marshall mounted his horse and rode toward Sutter's Fort.

On January 28, 1848, Captain Sutter's Diary reads "Mr. Marshall arrived from the mountains on very important business." Marshall asked to see Sutter alone in his "big house" behind locked doors. Reaching into his pocket he pulled a white cotton rag and opening it in his hand remarked to Sutter, "I believe it is gold". Together they tested and decided the metal was surely gold.

Marshall returned that evening to the mill site and on February 1st Captain John Sutter, with an Indian attending him started for the saw mill. The following morning Sutter, Marshall and the mill crew walked along the channel picking up the yellow flakes and grains. After 5 days with Marshall along the River and creeks gathering specimens, Sutter returned to the Fort.

All effort was made to keep the secret, but on February 13, 1848, the Diary reads: "Rain until midday. Witmer returned with two wagons from the mountains and told everyone of the gold mines. He brought a few samples with him." And the secret was out.

Work continued on the saw mill until it was completed and on March 22, 1848, Sutter's Diary records: "The wagons returned from the mountains and brought a few new sawn planks as samples from my Coloma Saw Mill."

The Diary closes May 25, 1848 "Great hosts continue to the mountains."

THE GOLD RUSH WAS ON!

Sutter, unable to hold his former employees or hire new ones, sold his interest in the Coloma Mill for $6,000 in August of 1848.
The GOLD DISCOVERY SITE of nine acres, located on the South Fork of the American River at Coloma, was acquired by the State Park Commission through condemnation proceedings in 1942. Who can write the story of this State Monument. It has been told by thousands and still the story has not been told. "Gold", the word that started around the world, and started the greatest migration in the history of the world and the greatest people made it.
Written across State Office Building No. 1 is a challenge "Bring Me Men to Match My Mountains". That challenge was accepted by the thousands of Pioneer men, women and children, who conquered those mountains and made California the 31st State of the Union on September 9, 1850.
Recent work on channel clearance, removing dredger tailings, uncovered several interesting pieces of hewn timbers, one 53' 6" in length and 12" square, mortise and tenon construction and several others of the same type, evidently the original Sutter Mill Timbers. Being under water, all are in good state of preservation. With these timbers a blacksmith's vise, a wheel of the saw carriage and a link and dog was recovered. There is evidence of additional material buried and it is hoped that a recovery will be made this coming season.
Funds appropriated by the State Legislature have been used in channel clearance, the building of a parking area, and work is planned this spring to complete the parking area, construct a boundary fence of rubble stone and rails as well as landscaping. It is hoped that conditions will warrant the necessary improvements in time to observe the centennial of January 24, 1948.
Custodian Cary M. Traylor has this assignment along with Marshall' Monument.

MARSHALL'S STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Located at Coloma, it includes the Marshall Cabin, built and occupied by James W. Marshall. Under the monument, erected by the State of California and the Native Sons of the Golden West, James Wilson Marshall lies buried. The hand of Marshall on the bronze statue points to the spot on the South Fork of the American River where on January 24, 1848 he discovered gold.
Picnic facilities are maintained here and the register lists visitors from over the world. Out of state visitors predominate.
Custodian Cary M. Traylor, a native of Pensacola, Florida, a veteran of World War I, serving with 103rd Engineers 28th Division, entered Park service in 1930 at Williams Grove, later Calaveras Big Trees, is in charge of these two monuments. His family consists of his wife Stella, two married daughters, Florence and Betty, and grandson Billy.

VALLEJO HOME HISTORICAL MONUMENT

This was the home of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, Commandante of the Frontier. Built in 1850, it was one of the finest established homes in California and here the General died in 1890. It later was occupied by his daughters, Mrs. Cutter and Mrs. Emparan. Sold to the State Parks, Mrs. Emparan continued to live here until her death in 1943 at the age of 87 years.
Extensive repairs were made on the home and chalet by W. P. A. and today the Chalet is housing relics of the Vallejo family.
It is an interesting museum, open to the public daily except Tuesday. Mrs. Dulinda Bruskey is the Acting Custodian in charge. A native of Sonoma, she has been at the Monument since 1933 and is familiar with the early history of the Vallejo family and community.
Robert E. Padias is Assistant

Groundsman at Vallejo Home and Sonoma Mission. He is a Californian, schooled in southern California, experienced in florist work.
N. S. "Ty" Cobb has been in and out of Parks since 1936. Ty's first contact was with W. P. A. as Foreman on the restoration work at the Vallejo Home and Chalet. Credit for the careful handling and repair work is due to him. On completion of this project, he was assigned to Armstrong Redwoods and was in charge of the construction of the camp and picnic facilities. After a period of several years, he again came to us and worked on the recent Will Rogers Ranch repairs, at the Sonoma Mission and Fort Ross.

The foregoing information on State Historical Monuments was submitted by Superintendent Robert S. Coon of the Northeast District.

THE WOODSMAN

A practical woodsman first gets a full set of the best tools made. Such a set complete today would cost about $500.00. Second, he puts his tools in first class condition. This is done by grinding the axes on a grind stone and using a file for sharpening the saws. All other tools such as wedges, bars and frows are ground down to a fine edge on a grind stone. Then the woodsman is ready to go to work.
To fell a large Redwood tree the first thing is to look up the best lay-out to fell the tree in. This requires some skill if the tree is to be felled without breaking or springing it. A large percentage of the sound timber can be destroyed in a large Redwood tree if poorly felled.
Next step is putting up a staging to work from in undercutting and felling. A staging is generally set as near the ground as possible in order to save all the timber in a tree. To put up the staging, driver holes are cut into the tree several inches deep, generally two on each side of the tree in front for making the undercut and two in the back for cross cutting the back of the tree. Two drivers, one on each side, are placed in the driver holes then the spring boards are laid on the drivers to stand on to work from
The undercut is then put in facing the layout or bed where tree is to fall. The undercut is generally one-third to one-half way through the tree. The deeper the undercut the better for guiding the tree into the layout. The undercut will be some three or four feet high from the ground. The gun is then used on the undercut to gun the tree to the layout.
The next move is to cross cut the back of the tree up to four or five inches from the undercut. Then with the felling wedges the tree is wedged over which is done by putting the felling wedges in the saw kerf and using the steel sledge to drive them into the saw kerf, wedging it up until the tree falls.
Next move is bucking the tree into the length cuts wanted for split material. Cut is then rolled free of the tree--marked off at the end into the size material wanted. Then with splitting wedges it is split into the sizes marked. The bucking is done with a power drag saw. Bucking can also be done by hand.
A good woodsman can average around 800 feet board measure per day of split material such as grape stakes, railroad ties, fence posts and hewed timbers. Some men can average over 1000 feet B. M. per day. Many men will not average over 250 feet B. M. per day. A good timber man will average around 2000' B. M. in shingle bolts per day. Shingle bolts require no extra trimming or hewing when making, which is the reason for averaging more feet per day.

----- E. P. French

B U Y W A R B O N D S!

C H I E F'S P O W-W O W:

FIELD FORCE

If you people who make up the field employees' staff of this Division could have sat in at the last Superintendents' Conference and heard the reports of the individual superintendents regarding your accomplishments, you would all be proud. To summarize their reports, the winter program and preparation for the summer season are far in advance of normal. This has been done in spite of our inability to fill all of our regular positions. So, my hat is off to you with thanks and appreciation.

OUR BUDGET

The budget, as presented by this Division, has been approved by the Department of Finance without the deletion of a single item. Our budget still has to be presented to the Finance Committees of the Legislature for final approval, but the fact that our requests are supported by the Department of Finance should mean that we are over the first hurdle, and, if the legislative committees approve the budget, we will operate during the next biennium under the largest budget that this Division has ever had. This large budget has been allowed in order that we may make the necessary repairs and improvements to our structures and facilities which has been impossible during the past three years because of priorities and lack of manpower.

MANPOWER

The pending Federal legislation may affect us very seriously. This Federal bill demands that all males between the ages of 18 and 45, including 4-F's be compelled to go into essential industries. I do not feel that our personnel should become too much alarmed if this legislation does become effective, for the following reason:
I believe that most of the draft boards will realize that we must maintain a force sufficient to give proper protection to our properties, because these properties must be preserved and be available immediately after the war for the expanded use which all recreational areas are bound to receive in the early postwar period and from thence on.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Our new Deputy Attorney General, Ralph H. Cowing, was born and raised in Carson, Nevada, and was graduated from the Stanford University Law School in 1924. He then came to Sacramento and entered into the private practice of law until Attorney General U. S. Webb appointed him a Deputy Attorney General and in this capacity he has served in the Sacramento office.
On May 12, 1934, he married Jean Laurence of Woodland. They reside at 1126 46th Street, and have three children: Janice, 8 years; Jeffrey, 5 years; and Eric, 3 years.

NEW TITLE

After more than ten years of service in the Division, Ernie Camper's title under the Personnel Board's designation has been changed from Field Property Inspector to Administrative Aid. Ernie's duties will be the same as in the past, but the title will more accurately describe such duties and will permit of advancement. The entire personnel of the Division will, I am quite sure, be glad to hear of this reclassification.

STILL BATTLING

At the meeting of the Personnel Board on January 26, they agreed

to make the following changes in title classifications:

State Park Warden to State Park Ranger, Grade 3
Asst. State Park Warden to State Park Ranger, Grade 2
State Park Custodian to State Park Ranger, Grade 1

Members of the Board, however, agreed that their method of grade designation was in reverse of that applied to like designations in everyday life and have agreed to permit this Division to use their own form of title designation for use within the service. Therefore, State Park Ranger, Grade 3, will be referred to as Chief Ranger; State Park Ranger, Grade 2, will be referred to as Assistant Ranger; and State Park Ranger, Grade 1, will be referred to as Deputy Ranger.

At this writing, the battle is still on. At the next hearing before the Board, I hope to convince them that the present title of Custodian Historical Buildings should be changed to Curator, Historical Monuments, the Board having already agreed to change the name of "Buildings" to "Monuments".

Soon after the final determination has been made regarding the proper title for the person in charge of a historical monument, a new Ranger's Manual will be gotten out to replace the present Warden's Manual. At the next printing of the Weekly Warden's Report sheets, the title will be changed to "Ranger's Weekly Report".

-----A. E. Henning

Assistant Warden "Jake" Pool of McArthur-Burney Falls State Park reports a visit to the park by Dr. Ralph Hall of the Bureau of Entomology. He inspected the beetle control work that has been carried on in that park and stated it was the most complete job of control in the whole area.

The Editor received the following account of the Meeting of the Northwest District Personnel from Warden Earl P. Hanson:

"Superintendent and Mrs. "Percy" French were host and hostess to employees and wives of the Northwest District on Wednesday, January 31, at a meeting held to better acquaint all with park problems and duties and with one another.

Superintendent French reviewed subject matter of the recent Superintendents' conference, after which open forum was held on subjects dear to the hearts of all park men, such as

WEEKLY REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE, WEAKLY; REPORTS
WHERE? OH, WHERE SHALL OUR LITTLE DOGS GO?
HOW TO CURL RED TAPE AND MAKE IT COME OUT STRAIGHT.
ON TIME WITH THE PAYROLL AND THE PAY WILL ROLL ON TIME.
ORDER NOW FOR THEN, INSTEAD OF THEN.

In spite of a typical Humboldt downpour, all was brightness at the luncheon of delicious cracked crab served by Viola French, assisted by Mesdames Nash, Banfill, Hanson and Twight. Present at the Dyerville meeting were: Supt. French, Wardens Milne, Nash and Hanson, Assistant Wardens Twight and Gray and Custodians Banfill and Bauman.

Line from a weekly report of a custodian:
CLEANED GARBAGE CANS WITH WARDEN.
(Contributor's note: Probably the handiest thing!)"

Warden Wilson of Point Lobos reports the park is quite green at this time and many wildflowers are showing much earlier than usual. Several purple iris and a number of wild lilacs are in bloom.

January Pay Roll Checks

Due to war conditions, the printer advises us that we will not be able to obtain our new pay roll checks in time to write the January pay roll. We hope, however to get our job out in time to write the February checks.

In order that each employee may have a copy of his Earnings Statement showing deductions, we are detaching these Earnings Statements from the checks this month and will fill them all out in this office and mail them out subsequent to the mailing of the checks.

It will be unnecessary, therefore, for any of the employees to make a request for their Earnings Statements this month as it will be sent to them sooner or later.

---D. H. Blood
Departmental Accounting Officer.

GREEN VALLEY FALLS

I've heard of rocks and rills and
templed hills
This whole long life of mine
I've seen them too in other hills
And in most any clime

But in all the places that I've
been
The one that takes the cake
Is beautiful Green Valley Falls
Up by Cuyamaca Lake.

For there you have peace and rest
Besides the rippling brook
And I am told the fish do bite
If you will bait the hook.

There's hikes up trails to lofty
heights,
Where you can see the sea
And gaze on all that is below
And know there is Eternity.

---Milton M. Harvey
Cuyamaca State Park

Warden Nash reports that during a recent storm a large tree in Blair Grove (Humboldt Redwoods State Park) fell, knocking down six others--among them, one approximately seven feet in diameter; two, six feet in diameter; one, five feet diameter, and two three feet in diameter. One washed completely away down river by high water.

Warden Earl Hanson reports that the number of stream fishermen visiting the region of the South Fork of the Eel River might be compared, very roughly, with the number of Russians advancing toward Berlin, except that the Steelhead seem to be more fortunate than the Nazis.

COLOR BLINDNESS

Color blindness, say the experts, usually involves the confusion of red and green. The confusion of red, a symbol of fire protection, with green, safety, is not of major importance, because neither of the colors indicate hazards. Markings, symbols, and legends, especially in the case of color-blindness, will further aid color identification. Yellow, orange and blue are distinguishable to color-blinded individuals and appear distinct under all types of artificial illumination except sodium vapor. Bear this in mind when choosing colors for all, when identifying hazardous spots in your plant.

Gladys Zumwalt contributed her fourth pint of blood to the Blood Bank on February 7th. Good for you, Gladys. We know our men in the armed forces appreciate these donations. She is most proud of the fact her blood was accepted as whole blood.

PARKS ORIGIN

The following are excerpts from various articles in "A State Park Anthology" selected and edited by Herbert Evison of the National Conference on State Parks in 1930. They give interesting facts on the background and history of state parks throughout the nation:

"Probably the earliest park areas in this country were established through an ordinance of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England in 1641, when it decreed that "Great Ponds," bodies of fresh water over ten acres in extent, should be forever open to the public for 'fishing and fowling'. They were a food necessity for the struggling colonists in those early days and so were placed within reach of all. Now the public demand needs them for breathing-spaces and for our necessity, recreation, just as important to the present-day population as to the first hardy settlers--an interesting cycle on the necessity of public lands being dedicated to the public use. The public right to these "Great Ponds" is still maintained.

"The first State Park was established by Act of Congress in 1865 in Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. The area was administered as such for thirty years. Congress created a National Park of the area adjacent to the Valley and, in 1905, the California State Legislature passed an act of retrocession and the valley and grove were added to the Yosemite National Park.

"Efforts to preserve from defacement one of our greatest natural wonders, Niagara Falls, begun in 1867, culminated in 1885 in the dedication of the Niagara State Reservation as New York's first State Park.

"In the same year, 1885, Mackinac Island was transferred to the State of Michigan by the Federal Government. This property was originally a military reservation and was for a time a National Military Park, the second to be established.

"A few years later Minnesota entered the field, establishing first, in 1889, the Birch Coulie Park, a battleground of the Sioux War of 1862; in 1895 it acquired Camp Release, scene of a siege of the whites by the Indians, and the beginning of the well-known Itasca Lake State Park in 1891.

"The first large, extensive State Park was created when the nucleus of the Palisades Interstate Park of New York and New Jersey was acquired. The preservation of this area was due to a desire to save from further destruction the Palisades of the Hudson. In the same year, 1895, the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society was created with the object of acquiring State and historical parks. Similar agencies have been created in other States, which have acquired numerous properties in several of the States.

"Practical conservation work in the United States dates from 1908 when President Theodore Roosevelt called a conference of all the Governors of the country and laid before them plans for the great and patriotic work of conservation.

State Parks throughout the nation have been acquired through gift, the proceeds of bond issues, tax levy, exchange of school lands, purchase through legislative appropriations, transfer of Federal lands, and the use of a certain percentage of the fish and game funds."

MILITARY NOTES

Sgt. George Beck, son of Assistant Warden Al Beck of Calaveras Big Trees State Park, is returning after three years' service in the Southwest Pacific.

Mrs. Mary L. Greene has sent a clipping from the Carmel Pine Cone as follows:
"MAJOR AT TWENTY-TWO--Word reached Carmel this week that Captain Gus Weiser, Pilot of an A-20 with the Army Air Force in France, has been promoted to Major. He is only twenty-two years old. His wife Fordre and small daughter are making their home here with her parents, Chief of Police and Mrs. Roy Fraties." Mrs. Greene adds: "Major Gus is the 'little boy' who used to be our Assistant Groundsman here at the Historical Monuments in Monterey. Are we proud!"

Louis Wakefield writes that Kenneth Stanley, a former Custodian at Morro Bay State Park but now in the Navy, has returned. After several years in the Navy on ships and in bases all over the country, he is transferred to a Navy base in the very park he worked in, the Annex to the Morro Bay Amphibious Base.

Proud papa, Ernie Camper, tells us his offspring, Lt. Don Camper, is doing okeh. He now has an oak leaf cluster to add to his air medal.

We have received a nice portrait of Sgt. Harold Pesch, which the girls have on display on the bulletin board at headquarters in Sacramento.

The Editor had a letter from Everett Powell, dated February 6th. He is still located at a permanent base on an island near Luzon in the Philippines. He is in good health and sends his best regards to all employees of the State Park System.

AND ON THE HOME FRONT

Louise Riggle has left the park family to accept work in a law office in Sacramento. Good luck, Louise--we'll miss you.

We welcome to our fold Mrs. Edith Rhea, who is taking Louise's place.

Neil Cunningham dropped in to see us the latter part of January. Seemed like old times to have him around.

Gene Velzy reports he is now a man. Grandfather to a 7 pound girl. Just call him "Gramps".

The next issue of Park News and Views will be edited by the Custodians of Historical Monuments, Mrs. Mary L. Greene of the Monterey Custom House in charge. Contributions from the field will, I know, be greatly appreciated by her.

The Editor wishes to thank everyone for their contributions for this month.

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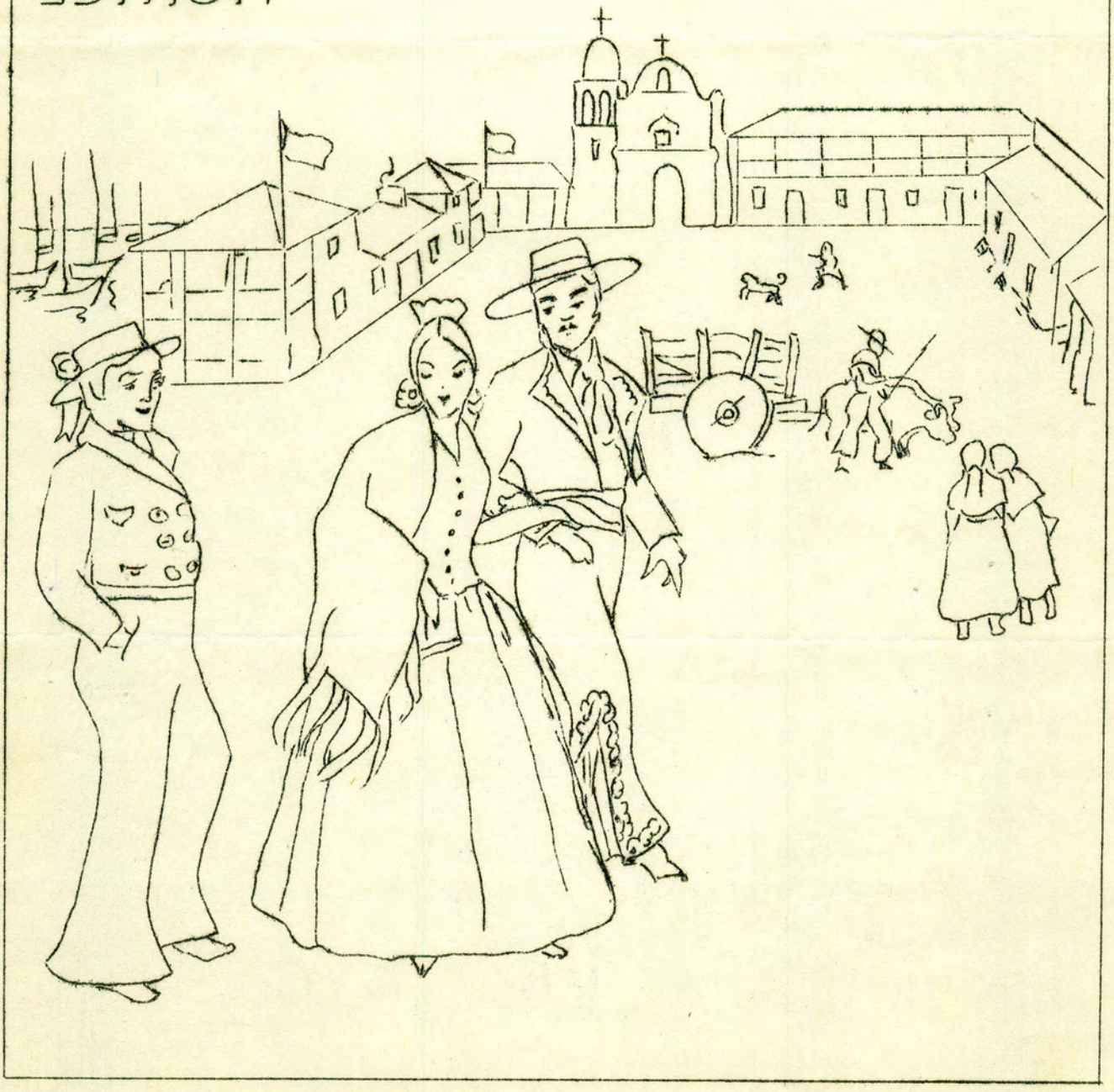

THE VALUE OF OUR OLD ADOBES

NO STATE IN THE UNION HAS A RICHER HERITAGE OF ROMANTIC HISTORY AND CULTURE THAN HAS CALIFORNIA, AND THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF THE MANY FINE EXAMPLES OF COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE FOUND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA FROM SAN DIEGO TO SANTA ROSA, THAT HISTORY IS KEPT ALIVE AND VITAL. THESE BUILDINGS ARE LIVING MONUMENTS TO THOSE PIONEERS THROUGH WHOSE SACRIFICES, COURAGE, AND PERSEVERANCE THE CULTURE OF OLD SPAIN WAS FIRMLY IMPLANTED ON CALIFORNIA SHORES.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOW OWNS FIVE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN MONTEREY, THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, THE FIRST THEATRE, CASA DEL ORO, STEVENSON HOUSE, AND THE VISCAINO-SERRA LANDING PLACE. THESE BUILDINGS, EACH IMPORTANT IN THEMSELVES HAVE A MUCH GREATER MEANING WHEN CONSIDERED AS PARTS OF A MUCH LARGER PICTURE, OLD MONTEREY, COLONIAL CAPITAL OF CALIFORNIA, WITH MORE THAN FIFTY OF ITS IMPORTANT HISTORICAL BUILDINGS STILL INTACT AND STILL FUNCTIONING. A RATHER COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE WAY OF LIFE IN THE EARLIER TIMES MAY BE GRASPED BY STUDY OF THESE MANY BUILDINGS. THE OLD SPANISH CHURCH, STILL SERVES THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, THE FIRST THEATRE STILL FUNCTIONS AS A PLACE OF ENTERTAINMENT, THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE STILL STANDS SERENE WHILE THE COMMERCE FROM THE SEA FLOWS BEFORE HER DOORS, THE OLD TOWN HALL, THE GOVERNORS HOUSE, THE DWELLINGS OF THOSE FIRST ADVENTUROUS SEA-CAPTAINS WHO WERE WON TO CALIFORNIA CHARMS, THE HOME OF THE AMERICAN CONSUL THOMAS OLIVER LARKIN, THE FRENCH CONSULATE, THE HOMES OF THE SPANISH GRANDEES, DON JOSE AMESTI, DON ESTEBAN MUNRAS, DON JOSE ABREGO, THE MORE SIMPLE YET STILL LOVELY HOMES OF HUMBLE, ALL THESE STILL STAND WITH MANY MORE, JUST AS THEY WERE ONE HUNDRED AND MANY MORE YEARS AGO.

REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL VALUES OF MONTEREY, THE CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE DIVISION OF PARKS, THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE, ADOPTED THE MONTEREY MASTER PLAN, DRAWN UP AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMERSON KNIGHT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, AND DR. AUBREY NEASHAM, HISTORIAN. THE PLAN RESTRICTS THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND WILL PREVENT UNSUITABLE ENCROACHMENTS UPON THE SURROUNDINGS OF THESE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS.

THESE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS ARE NOT VALUABLE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE OLD, BUT BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE USED AS AN INSPIRATION AND YARDSTICK FOR THE FUTURE. THEIR VALUE AS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IS SECOND ONLY TO OUR CLIMATE. THEY HAVE A PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE NOT OFTEN CONSIDERED IN THAT WITH THE HIGH PRESSURES OF MODERN CIVILIZATION IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO FEEL SOME ROOT WITH THE PAST, WHERE HE CAN RETURN FROM TIME TO TIME AND FIND THESE SPRINGS OF REFRESHMENT IN THE WHIRLWINDS OF MODERN LIFE. FINALLY THE FACT THAT CALIFORNIA REVERES AND CHERISHES HER COMMON BACKGROUND WITH THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, IS A GREAT FACTOR IN PROMOTING HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY.

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THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE

DURING THE TIME THE SPANISH FLAG FLEW OVER CALIFORNIA, SHIPS FROM FOREIGN LANDS WERE NOT WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNMENT. TOWARDS THE END OF SPANISH RULE, HOWEVER, LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE APT TO DISREGARD SPANISH LAW WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PRESENTED TO OBTAIN NEEDED SUPPLIES AND REVENUE FROM VISITING SHIPS. VERY SOON AFTER MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE WAS DECLARED, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE FREQUENT VISITS OF FOREIGN SHIPS WOULD PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED COIN TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MONTEREY WAS MADE THE ONLY PORT OF ENTRY FOR THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CALIFORNIA. LOCAL POLITICIANS FOUGHT CONSTANTLY TO HOLD TO THAT POLICY. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CUSTOMS ALWAYS WAS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN CALIFORNIA POLITICS.

THERE HAD BEEN A WAREHOUSE NEAR THE LANDING PLACE FOR USE OF SPANISH SHIPS, SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY. THAT BUILDING WAS DESTROYED SHORTLY AFTER THE YEAR 1800. DEHAUT-CILLY, A FRENCHMAN WHO ARRIVED IN 1827, DESCRIBES A "NEW WAREHOUSE CONSISTING OF TWO ROOMS, HAVING A TILE ROOF, NEAR THE LANDING-PLACE". MORE AND MORE OF THE BOSTON SHIPS CAME DEVELOPING THAT RICH TRADE BETWEEN CALIFORNIA, SOUTH AMERICA, AND CHINA. AND AS FAR AS THE POLITICIANS WERE CONCERNED, THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT AS FAR AS ASSESSING DUTIES AND TAXES ON THESE CARGOES WERE CONCERNED, FINALLY ATTAINING THE PROPORTION OF ABOUT 47% ON THE SHIPMENT PLUS A 600 PESO FEE FOR ANCHORAGE. ALL OF THE REVENUE FROM THESE SOURCES WAS NOT REGISTERED ON THE BOOKS BUT PALM-GREASING AND SMUGGLING, BECAME AN ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE. THERE WERE NEVER SUFFICIENT FUNDS ON HAND HOWEVER TO BUILD THE MORE ADEQUATE CUSTOM-HOUSE NOR WERE ANY FORTHCOMING FROM MEXICO, BUSY WITH HER OWN REVOLUTIONS.

FINALLY THE ENERGETIC LARKIN, WHO HAD DONE MUCH LOCAL BUILDING SECURED THE CONTRACT TO ENLARGE THE CUSTOM-HOUSE COMPLETING IT TO ITS PRESENT SIZE IN 1845. CALIFORNIANS WERE PROUD OF THE FINE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND OFFICIAL

RECEPTIONS, BANQUETS, AND GRAND BALLS WERE GIVEN IN THE BUILDING.

WHEN COMMODORE SLOAT SAILED INTO MONTEREY BAY, JULY, 1846, IT WAS AT THIS BUILDING HE CHOSE TO RAISE THE FIRST FLAG, THE EMBLEM OF THE UNITED STATES, AND CALIFORNIA THEN BECAME PART OF THE UNION.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN APPOINTED THE LAST COLLECTOR OF THE PORT OF MONTEREY STATIONED IN THIS BUILDING, WHO WAS JOHN T. PORTER. PORTER SERVED HERE UNTIL 1867 WHEN THE BUILDING WAS CLOSED AND ALL BUSINESS TRANSFERRED TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ABANDONED AND FORLORN, THE BUILDING STOOD FOR YEARS UNTIL THE NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, INTERESTED THE STATE IN ITS PRESERVATION. A FEE WAS PAID TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, $1.00 A YEAR, AND RESTORATION PROGRESSED. THE BUILDING WAS USED AS A MEETING PLACE BY THE NATIVE SONS AND THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS UNTIL 1930 WHEN THE BUILDING WAS TURNED OVER TO THE DIVISION OF PARKS, AND A MUSEUM INSTALLED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LAURA BRIDE POWERS, HISTORIAN, WHO SERVED UNTIL 1937. IN 1938 THE BUILDING BECAME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY PURCHASE, $10,000 BEING PAID BY LOCAL DONORS, MATCHED BY $10,000 PAID BY THE STATE. THIS WAS ONE-HALF ITS APPRAISED VALUE BUT THE SALE WAS MADE WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT WAS TO BE FOREVER FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE IS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST VENERATED SHRINES, IN WAR AND IN PEACE, EACH YEAR MORE THAN 30,000 VISITORS PASS THROUGH THE DOORS, LAST YEAR 32,000. SCHOOLS HAVE FOUND IT A FINE CENTER OF VISUAL EDUCATION WHERE CHILDREN CAN LEARN OF THE CULTURE OF THE PIONEER SETTLERS THROUGH VIEWING THE FINE EXAMPLES OF CLOTHING, DISHES, FURNITURE, AND OTHER ARTICLES USED IN THE DAILY LIVES OF OUR FIRST CALIFORNIANS.

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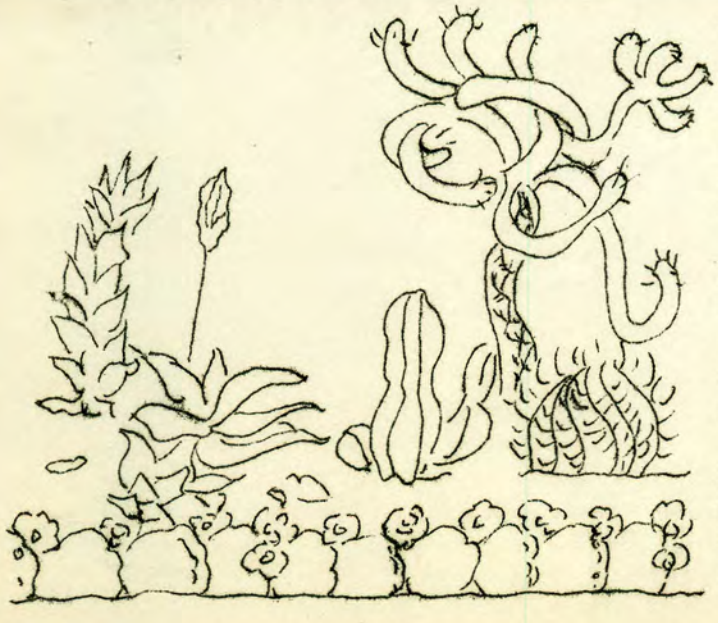

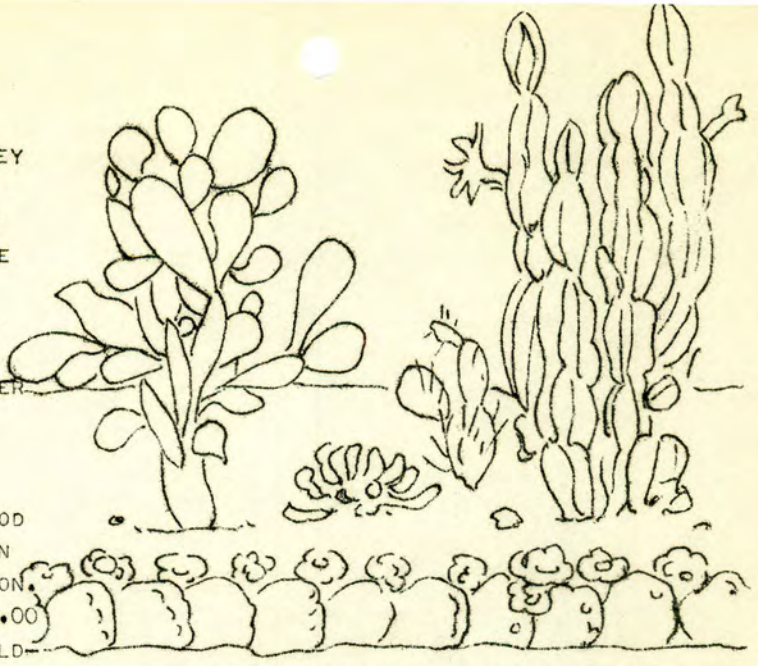

THE OLIVER COLLECTION OF CACTI THAT WAS SET OUT IN A BORDER ALONG THE SEA-WALL ABOUT A YEAR AGO, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. HULL, HAS DONE REMARKABLY WELL. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE LOSS OF PLANTS, MANY OF WHICH WERE QUITE LARGE AND VERY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE, AND THEY HAVE GROWN AND THRIVED IN THEIR PLACE IN THE SUN. ALMOST ALL THE LARGE SAGUAROS BLOOMED LAST SUMMER, THEY HAD NEVER BLOOMED DURING THE TWENTY YEARS OR SO THEY HAD BEEN IN THE OLIVER GARDENS ACROSS THE STREET. THIS COLLECTION, AND THEIR BLOOMS, HAS ATTRACTED MANY VISITORS TO THE CUSTOM HOUSE GROUNDS. THE BORDER IS EDGED WITH ABALONE SHELLS AND BETWEEN EACH SHELL IS TUCKED A TINY SUCCULENT MOST FREQUENTLY CALLED "HEN AND CHICKENS". THIS BORDER GIVES THE REAL MONTEREY TOUCH TO THE GARDEN. EVERYONE ADMIRES IT.

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RARE ANCHOR FOR THE CUSTOM HOUSE

A HEAVY BRONZE ANCHOR, A FINE EXAMPLE OF ANCIENT CRAFTSMANSHIP, WAS HAULED FROM THE DEPTHS OF MONTEREY BAY LAST JULY AFTER IT HAD BEEN ACCIDENTALLY HOOKED BY THE ANCHOR OF AN OIL TANKER. IT WAS PURCHASED FROM CAPTAIN KURTZ OF THE TANKER BY THE CITY OF MONTEREY, TO BE PRESERVED AS AN IMPORTANT RELIC OF THIS HISTORICAL BAY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE ANCHOR IS OF IMPRESSIVE PROPORTIONS, CAST OR FORGED IN ONE PIECE OF SOLID BRONZE, RICH IN COPPER. IT WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY ONE TON, THE SHANK MEASURING 8 FEET 8 INCHES, PLUS A RING 17 INCHES IN DIAMETER, 6 FEET 6 INCH FLUKES AT THE OTHER END, WITH SPADES OR PALMS 17 BY 19 INCHES. THERE IS NO CROSSBAR AS ON ANCHORS OF RECENT MAKE. IT HAS A LOVELY BLUE-GREEN PATINA THAT IT HAD ACQUIRED DURING ITS LONG PERIOD IN THE SALT WATER. THERE IS NO IDENTIFYING MARK UPON IT OF ANY KIND BUT FROM

ITS DESIGN AND WORKMANSHIP, MANY BELIEVE IT AT LEAST ONE OR EVEN TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD. IT MAY NEVER BE LEARNED FROM JUST WHICH SHIP IT WAS LOST, SOME HAVE SUGGESTED IT TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE FAMOUS "NATALIA" UPON WHICH IT HAS BEEN SAID NAPOLEON MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM ELBA. THE "NATALIA" WAS WRECKED HERE IN 1834.

AFTER MUCH CONSIDERATION, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THE MOST SUITABLE PLACE FOR THIS ANCHOR IS AT THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE WHERE THROUGH THE YEARS ALL CAN VIEW THIS MOST INTERESTING AND VALUABLE RELIC. A COMMITTEE OF THE MONTEREY HISTORY AND ART ASSOCIATION ARE ARRANGING ITS INSTALLATION. ARMIN HANSEN, CALIFORNIA'S DISTINGUISHED ARTIST, WHOSE PARTICULAR FORTE IS OF THINGS PERTAINING TO THE SEA, IS DESIGNING THE SETTING AND WE HOPE THAT SOON THE OLD ANCHOR WILL REST BY THE SIDE OF THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE.

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MARY L. GREENE, CUSTODIAN OF THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, BORN IN NEW ENGLAND BUT FOLLOWED HORACE GREELEY'S ADVICE AT THE AGE OF TWO MONTHS, AT LEAST HALF WAY. GREW UP NEAR KANSAS CITY AT THE OTHER END OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL. FATHER BOUGHT A FARM AT BLACK BOB, WHERE THE FAMILY LIVED IN A LOG HOUSE UNTIL A NEW FARMHOUSE COULD BE BUILT. MOTHER WAS WORRIED THAT MARY DIDN'T STICK TO ONE THING BUT WAS A "JACK OF ALL TRADES", SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS THE BEST PREPARATION FOR A CAREER IN THE PARK SERVICE. FATHER TOOK THE FAMILY TO MEXICO WHILE HE WAS ON RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF TEHUANTEPEC. MARY AND HER SISTERS WENT TO A BOARDING SCHOOL IN AN OLD SPANISH BUILDING IN PUEBLA WHERE SHE ACQUIRED A LOVE FOR ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO OLD SPAIN, AND MEXICO, SO MUCH SO, THAT AFTER SOME YEARS BACK IN THE STATES SHE PREVAILED UPON HER FATHER TO ACCEPT ANOTHER POSITION ON THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO WHERE SHE PROMPTLY MARRIED THE SURGEON OF THE RAILROAD AND STAYED THERE.

CAME A FEW REVOLUTIONS, SO THE GREENES, HAVING ACQUIRED A SMALL DAUGHTER, MARIAN, DECIDED TO TRY GREENER FIELDS. U. S. ARMY NEXT ADDRESS, FIRST BERKELEY, THEN 3 YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE AGAIN THINGS OF OLD SPAIN, OLD WALLED CITIES, OLD FURNITURE, OLD JEWELRY, COULD BE ENJOYED. A STAY OF ONE WINTER IN NAGASAKI WHERE SHE LEARNED ABOUT JAPS WHILE DR. GREENE WAS IN SIBERIA, A COUPLE OF TRIPS TO CHINA, A TRIP TO KOREA, THEN BACK TO WASHINGTON WHERE DAUGHTER BARBARA WAS BORN. NEXT FORT WALLA WALLA AND FINALLY TO SAN DIEGO WHERE MARY SETTLED DOWN IN THE HOME SHE HAD DREAMED OF WITH A PLACE TO PLANT FLOWERS AND ROSE BUSHES WHICH SHE GOT DARN SICK OF, ONLY THE BERMUDA GRASS GREW. ENTERED THE PARK SERVICE, JANUARY, 1937, CUSTODIAN FIRST THEATRE. AFTER SIX MONTHS CAME TO THE CUSTOM HOUSE AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF LAURA BRIDE POWERS. HOBBY NOW IS HER ADOBE, BUILT BY JOAQUIN SOTO ABOUT 1827. THAT, WITH ABOUT THREE ACRES OF LAND SURROUNDING IT, WILL HOLD HER FOR A WHILE.

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IMPRESARIOS OF THE FIRST THEATRE

DENE DENNY AND HAZEL WATROUS, WHO TOGETHER COMPRISE THE DENNY-WATROUS MANAGEMENT, HAVE CONTRIBUTED NOT ONLY AS PRODUCERS AND MANAGERS OF CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATRE PLAYS, BUT IN COOPERATION WITH ISABEL HARTIGAN, CUSTODIAN, HAVE WITH TACT AND TOLERANCE SUCCEEDED IN OPERATING THE MONUMENT AS A THEATRE FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS.

THE MISSES DENNY AND WATROUS FIRST MADE THEIR APPEARANCE ON THE PENINSULA ABOUT 23 YEARS AGO. BOTH NATIVE CALIFORNIANS, THE FORMER HAVING RECEIVED HER EDUCATION AT U.S. AND THE LATTER HAVING GRADUATED FROM SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE.

SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN CARMEL, THEY TURNED TO DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS, BRINGING ATTRACTIONS TO THE GOLDEN BOUGH THEATRE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PRODUCING PLAYS FROM TIME TO TIME USING LOCAL TALENT. THE ANNUAL BACH FESTIVAL, NATIONALLY KNOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL NOW DISCONTINUED DUE TO WAR WAS STARTED BY THEM IN 1935 AND WAS BROADCAST ON A COAST TO COAST HOOK-UP.

JUST BEFORE LAURA BRIDE POWERS RETIRED AS SUPERVISING CUSTODIAN OF MONTEREY STATE MONUMENTS

SHE INAUGURATED THE PLAN TO OPEN CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATRE AS A PLAYHOUSE, AS WELL AS A MUSEUM. THE DENNY-WATROUS MANAGEMENT WAS CONTACTED AND IT WAS AGREED TO OPEN WITH A MELODRAMA ON THE DAY OF THE CELEBRATION OF MONTEREY'S BIRTHDAY, JUNE 3, 1937. SUCCESS SEEMED IMMINENT AND THE STATE PARK COMMISSION FOUND IT ADVISABLE TO GIVE THE MANAGEMENT A CONCESSION TO CONTINUE THE WORK.

TO DATE 30 PLAYS HAVE BEEN OPENED WITH TROUPERS HAVING GIVEN MORE THAN 500 PERFORMANCES ON THE HISTORIC STAGE. "ON THE RIO GRANDE", THE CURRENT PRODUCTION OPENED FEBRUARY 15TH AND IS ATTRACTING CAPACITY CROWDS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

"TROUPERS OF THE GOLD COAST" AS THEY ARE CALLED, COME FROM WATSONVILLE AND SALINAS AS WELL AS PACIFIC GROVE, CARMEL, AND MONTEREY. FORTY-THREE FORMER TROUPERS ARE NOW IN THE SERVICE.

THE SAN JOSE CONCERT SERIES HAS BEEN CONDUCTED UNDER THE DENNY-WATROUS MANAGEMENT SINCE 1935, BRINGING SUCH ATTRACTIONS AS YEHUDI MENUHIN, THE JOOS BALLET, BALLET RUSSE, THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, AND MANY BROADWAY HITS ON TOUR.

AS TO THE KIND OF THEATRE, THE FIRST THEATRE IS, IT MAY BE SAID THAT A MORE UNIQUE GROUP DOES NOT EXIST IN AMERICA, FOR IT HAS THE ESSENCE OF MANY TYPES. IT IS COMMERCIAL AND YET NON-COMMERCIAL; IT IS AMATEUR AND YET HAS ITS PROFESSIONAL TOUCHES; IT HAS THE ELEMENTS OF THE STOCK COMPANY; AT THIS TIME IT HAS MANY OF THE QUALITIES OF THE EDUCATIONAL THEATRE; IT HAS SOMETHING OF THE REPERTORY IDEA OF WHICH EVA LE GALLIENNE WOULD APPROVE; THERE ARE DECIDED FOLK ELEMENTS OF THE FREDERICK H. KOCH VARIETY; IT IS SOMETHING OF A PEOPLE'S THEATRE IN THE TRADITION OF ROMAIN ROLLAND; IT CAN CLAIM FACETS OF THE COMMUNITY THEATRE, OF THE LITTLE THEATRE, AND OF THE GROUP THEATRE; EVEN IN A SMALL WAY IT EXPRESSES SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ART THEATRE; IT IS EXPERIMENTAL; IT IS A STATE THEATRE, AND A CIVIC THEATRE; BUT MORE THAN ALL ELSE, IT IS A THEATRE OF ENTERTAINMENT, AND WITH DUE HUMILITY IT MAY BE FELT BY ALL CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD EVEN HAVE THE BLESSING OF SHAKESPEARE HIMSELF — FOR THE MAIN AIM OF THE BARD OF AVON WAS ENTERTAINMENT OF THE ELIZABETHAN CROWDS.

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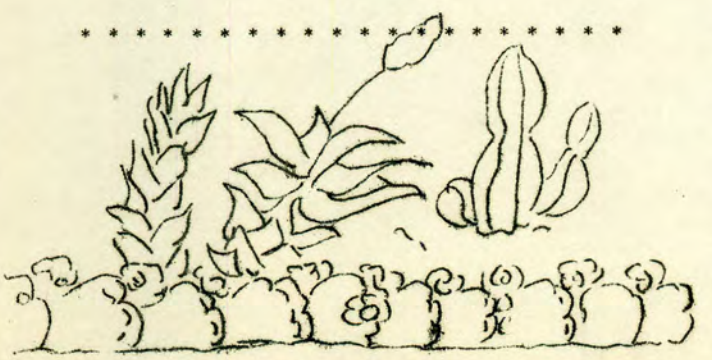

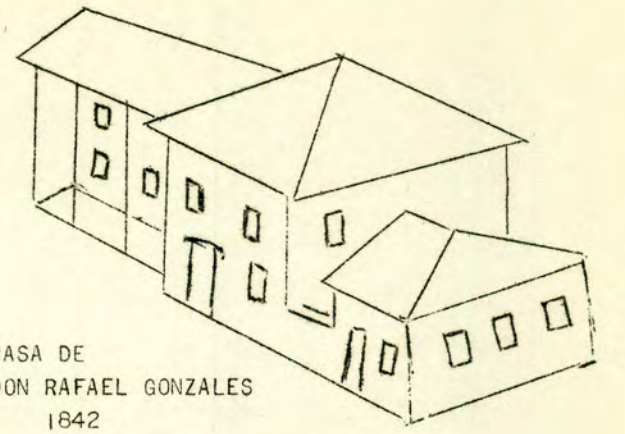

CASA DE
DON RAFAEL GONZALES
1842
LATER KNOWN AS THE
STEVENSON HOUSE

THE STEVENSON HOUSE

A BUILDING, AROUND WHICH HAS LONG BEEN CENTERED A GREAT DEAL OF SENTIMENTAL INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE LITERARY-MINDED, IS THE SO-CALLED STEVENSON HOUSE. THIS BUILDING WAS PRESENTED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MARCH, 1941 BY MRS. EDITH VAN ANTWERP AND MRS. C. TOBIN CLARK. THEY HAD PURCHASED IT A NUMBER OF YEARS PREVIOUSLY TO ASSURE ITS PRESERVATION WHEN "PROGRESSIVES" OF THE LOCALITY HAD SUGGESTED IT BE RAZED TO MAKE WAY FOR A STREET.

IT WAS HERE IN 1879 THAT R.L.S., THE BELOVED SCOTCH AUTHOR TOOK QUARTERS IN THE ROOMING HOUSE OPERATED BY DR. HEINTZ. THE BUILDING WAS AT THAT TIME CALLED "THE FRENCH HOTEL". MRS. HEINTZ, BORN MARIE CLEMENTINE GIRARDIN INHERITED THE PROPERTY FROM HER MOTHER, DONA MANUELA GIRARDIN TO WHOM THE BUILDING WAS ASSESSED ON THE RECORDS OF 1851. THE LOCATION WAS DESCRIBED AS IN "MERCHANTS ROW, BACK OF THE CUARTEL."

THE REAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS BUILDING, WITH THE MANY FINE ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS IT STILL POSSESSES, IS THE FACT THAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY THE HOME OF DON RAFAEL GONZALES. DON RAFAEL, A NATIVE OF MEXICO, RECEIVED THE APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR CUSTOMS FROM DIRECTOR-GENERAL PAVON, 1829 BUT DID NOT COME TO CALIFORNIA UNTIL JANUARY 1833 WHEN HE ARRIVED WITH GOVERNOR FIGUEROA. A FEW MONTHS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HE ALSO RECEIVED A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS SUB-COMISARIO. OF COURSE THERE WAS THE USUAL JEALOUSY OF THE NATIVE SONS WHO REFERRED TO HIM AS "PINTITO" WITH SOME DEROGATORY REMARKS. HIS FAMILY ACCOMPANIED HIM FROM MEXICO AND A DAUGHTER, ANA, BECAME THE WIFE OF CASTANARES, A CLERK AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE. THE TEMPEST THAT DONA ANA RAISED WHEN SHE DISCOVERED HER HUSBAND INVOLVED IN AN AFFAIR WITH THE WIFE

OF ANOTHER PROMINENT OFFICIAL WAS ONE THAT ROCKED THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR MONTHS.

LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE FURNISHINGS OF THIS FINE HOME WERE MAGNIFICENT AND THAT IN THE GARDEN, PEACOCKS PREENED THEMSELVES AMONG THE ROSES AND FRUIT TREES.

DR. HEINTZ MADE MANY CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE HIS GUESTS. IT WAS AFTER STEVENSONS STAY THAT THE LARGER BUILDING WAS JOINED ON TO THE SMALLER ONE ON THE WEST THOUGH THE APPEARANCE IS ABOUT THE SAME. A WING THAT STOOD AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LATTER BUILDING, EXTENDING ALONG THE SIDE OF THE CREEK, HAS LONG SINCE DISAPPEARED.

PERHAPS AFTER SOME RESEARCH AND RESTORATION THIS BUILDING WILL TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE CALIFORNIA PICTURE AS THE STATELY HOME OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CUSTOM HOUSE, WHERE AFTER ITS TRANSITION FROM MANSION TO BOARDING HOUSE, ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON STOPPED FOR A TIME.

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ASSISTANT RANGER ARTHUR SILL CAME TO MONTEREY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND TOOK CHARGE OF THE STEVENSON HOUSE. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY THAT WOULD BE OF VALUE IN THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS HERE. THIS HE DEMONSTRATED IN THE WORK HE DID ON THE STEVENSON HOUSE BUT THE TROUBLE IS, WARDENS IN OTHER PARKS FOUND THAT OUT TOO, SO FOR MANY MONTHS THE SILL FAMILY HAVE BEEN FIRST HERE AND THEN THERE, TO DO THE THINGS THAT HAD TO BE DONE. HE IS BACK NOW IN MONTEREY AND WE SERVE WARNING ON ALL COMERS THAT HE HAS TO FINISH THE CLOTHES CLOSET IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE THAT HE STARTED LAST AUGUST AND NO EMERGENCIES NEED OCCUR.

MR. SILL IS A NATIVE SON, BORN NEAR PERRIS, RIVERSIDE COUNTY WHERE HE GREW UP. HIS VOCATION AND AVOCATION IS WOODWORKING AND ANYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO THAT FIELD BUT WE ALSO HEAR THAT HE CARRIES A TUNE ALL RIGHT WITH A FINE BARITONE VOICE. THE OTHER HALF OF THE FIRM OF SILL AND SILL, IS PEARL, WHO HAS MADE A REAL PLACE FOR HERSELF IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE SHE HAS BEEN HERE. SHE WAS BORN NOT SO FAR FROM THE TOWN OF RIVERSIDE WHERE SHE LIVED UNTIL THEY CAME INTO THE PARK SERVICE. SHE CAN DO MANY THINGS WELL BUT HER HOBBY AT PRESENT IS AS FIRST ASSISTANT TO HER HUSBAND AND FURBISHING UP THE STEVENSON HOUSE. THEIR APARTMENT THERE IS THE ENVY OF ALL OF US.

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MRS. ISABEL HARTIGAN, CUSTODIAN OF CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATRE WAS BORN IN FRESNO, A NATIVE DAUGHTER OF A NATIVE SON. HER FATHER WAS BORN IN OLD SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, HIS FATHER WAS JOHN BERMINGHAM, CIRCUIT JUDGE, AND HER GRAND-UNCLE WAS ALEC BERMINGHAM, SHERIFF OF SAN BENITO COUNTY. MRS. HARTIGAN'S MOTHER ATTENDED THE SISTERS OF CHARITY SCHOOL IN SAN JUAN. MRS. HARTIGAN WAS BORN TO CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY AS HER FAMILY HELPED MAKE IT.

MRS. HARTIGAN HAS BEEN A STATE EMPLOYEE SINCE JUNE, 1937, BUT PREVIOUS TO THAT AS ASSISTANT TO LAURA BRIDE POWERS AT THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE. SHE MADE MANY FRIENDS IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO REMEMBER HER EFFICIENCY AND CAPABILITY. MRS. HARTIGAN TOOK CHARGE OF THE FIRST THEATRE SHORTLY AFTER THE BUILDING WAS RESTORED AND PRODUCTION OF OLD PLAYS WAS STARTED. SINCE THAT TIME THE THEATRE HAS BEEN HER LIFE AND HER HOBBY. SHE GATHERS OLD BOTTLES FOR THE BAR, OLD COSTUMES TO PATTERN THE WARDROBES OF THE ACTORS, OLD SONGS FOR THE OLIO AND SHE EVEN DANCES THE OLD TIME DANCES, WHEN DANCERS ON THE GREEN ARE CALLED FOR. THE GROUP PUTTING ON THE PLAYS ARE CALLED "TROUPERS OF THE GOLD COAST", BUT ISABEL HARTIGAN IS THE HEAD TROUPER.

MR. HARTIGAN IS EMPLOYED AT FORT ORD, AND THERE ARE TWO DAUGHTERS IN THE FAMILY, FRANCES WHO IS ALSO THE MOTHER OF JIMMIE AND MARGARET, AND MARGARET HARTIGAN, WHO LAST SPRING GRADUATED FROM SAN JOSE STATE THEN STEPPED TO THE POSITION OF SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE "MONTEREY HERALD".

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MRS. ELLEN TARR, ASSISTANT AT THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE AND THE FIRST THEATRE, HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED SINCE NOVEMBER 1929, THUS MAKING HER THE OLDEST STATE EMPLOYEE IN MONTEREY. SHE WAS BORN IN PHOENIXVILLE, PENN., AND CAME TO CALIFORNIA WHEN VERY YOUNG. SHE GREW UP ON A VERY LARGE CHICKEN RANCH WHICH HER PARENTS OWNED AT PETALUMA. LAST YEAR MR. AND MRS. TARR ACQUIRED A NEW HOME, AND 3/4 ACRES OF LAND IN DEL MONTE HEIGHTS WHERE THEY HAVE ABOUT 100 CHICKENS, FRUITS, BERRIES, A FINE VEGETABLE GARDEN AND A DOG AND A CAT. MRS. TARR HAS TIME TOO FOR A HOBBY. SHE RAISES ROLLER CANARIES WHICH SELL FROM $20 TO $40 EACH. MR. TARR HAS A COMMERCIAL FISHING BOAT, "THE FAST BIRD". THE TARRS ARE DOING ALL RIGHT.

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CASA DEL ORO

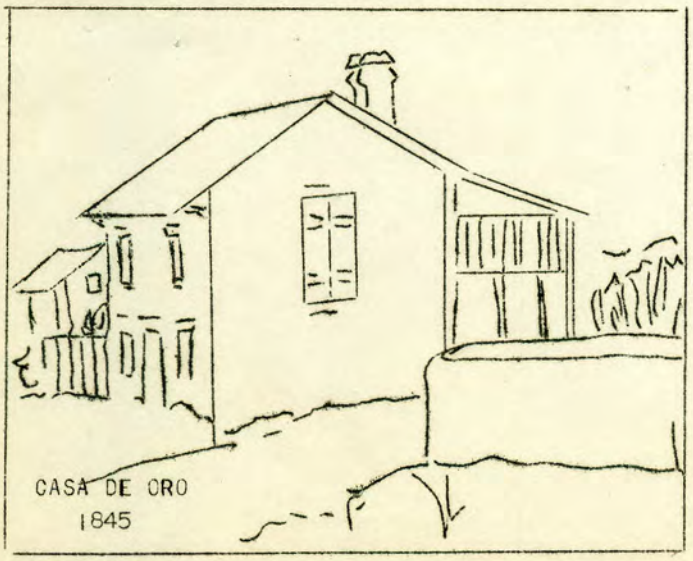
DOWN CLOSE BY THE WATERFRONT IN MONTEREY, IS A CIRCLE OF FINE OLD BUILDINGS CONNECTING THE CUSTOM HOUSE AND THE FIRST THEATRE, THESE BEING THE FIRST BRICK HOUSE, THE WHALING STATION AND

THE LARGE AND IMPRESSIVE PACIFIC BUILDING. THE LINK CONNECTING THIS GROUP IS THE CASA DEL ORO, NOW THE HOME OF SUPERINTENDENT BLAISDELL. THIS BUILDING WAS PRESENTED TO THE STATE BY THE FIVE DAUGHTERS OF DAVID JACKS WHO HAD PURCHASED IT FROM THE ESTATE OF THEIR BROTHER WILL JACKS, REALIZING ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE HISTORICAL PICTURE AND WISHING TO INSURE ITS PRESERVATION.

THE NAME CASA DEL ORO IS ONE THAT INTERESTS MOST VISITORS AND THERE ARE SEVERAL VERSIONS AS TO THE ORIGIN OF THAT NAME, THE ONE MOST ACCEPTED IS THAT A VERY RELIABLE SPANISH WOMAN ONCE MADE HER HOME THERE AND THAT MINERS WOULD LEAVE WITH HER THEIR POKES OF GOLD WHILE THEY BRAVED THE PITFALLS THEY MIGHT ENCOUNTER WHILE IN TOWN.

THE HOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED ABOUT 1845 BY THOMAS LARKIN, IT WAS OF THE TYPICAL "MONTEREY" TYPE, TWO STORY CHALK ROCK AND ADOBE CONSTRUCTION. AN OLD SKETCH SHOWS A BALCONY AT THE BACK OVERLOOKING THE GARDEN. LARKIN SOLD IT TO JOSE ABREGO, AN ALCALDE OF MONTEREY, HE IN TURN SOLD IT TO DAVID JACKS, THE CANNY SCOT WHO BECAME MONTEREY'S FIRST MILLIONAIRE. WILL JACKS INHERITED IT FROM HIS FATHER AND ALTHOUGH BEQUEATHED THE FAMILY MANSION HIGHER UP ON THE HILL, HE AND HIS WIFE PREFERRED TO LIVE IN THE CHARMING OLD ADOBE. THEY MADE CONSIDERABLE ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, THAT SOMEHOW CHANGE THE SIMPLE MONTEREY STYLE INTO WHAT APPROACHES THE "EARLY HOLLYWOOD" ACCORDING TO SOME. BUT IN THE OLD PART THE CONSTRUCTION IS SOUND AND PERHAPS POST-WAR RESTORATION MAY GIVE IT BACK ITS PROPER DRESS.

IT IS SAID THAT GENERAL MANUEL CASTRO AT ONE TIME QUARTERED TROOPS HERE AND THAT SHERMAN ALSO HAD PART OF THE AMERICAN FORCES HOUSED THERE. DURING THE CIVIL WAR, CAPTAIN COATES ESTABLISHED HIMSELF HERE AND SOLICITED FUNDS FOR CARRYING ON THE WAR THUS GIVING IT THE NAME OF "THE MINT" WHICH IT IS SOMETIMES CALLED.



CASA DE ORO
1845

SOON AFTER WORLD WAR II WAS DECLARED THE STATE GRANTED USE OF PART OF THE BUILDING TO THE RED CROSS TO BE USED AS HEADQUARTERS. QUITE A BIT OF REPAIRS WERE DONATED BY LOCAL FIRMS AND THE CITY OF MONTEREY COMPLETELY REFURBISHED THE GARDEN. THE RED CROSS LAST YEAR FOUND THAT THEY NEEDED MORE SPACE FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND MOVED TO A LARGE OFFICE BUILDING.

MRS. BLAISDELL HAS EVER KEPT IN MIND THE CHARM OF THE OLD FASHIONED SPANISH GARDENS OF CALIFORNIA AND HAS MADE A HOBBY OF COLLECTING FINE SPECIMENS OF GERANIUMS AND OTHER SUITABLE PLANTS. HER COLLECTION ADDS A GREAT DEAL TO THE CHARMING OLD WALLED GARDEN OF THE CASA DEL ORO.

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COLTON HALL

ANOTHER HISTORICAL BUILDING IS SOON TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC HERE, COLTON HALL, WHERE THE FIRST CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WAS WRITTEN IN 1849. THIS FINE TWO-STORY CHALK ROCK BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF WALTER COLTON WHO WAS APPOINTED BY COMMODORE STOCKTON TO BE THE FIRST AMERICAN ALCALDE OF MONTEREY. THIS STATELY BUILDING WAS BUILT ALONG THE TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND COLONIAL LINES WITH TALL COLUMNS ORNAMENTING THE FRONT.

THE CITY HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE RESTORATION ON THE UPPER FLOOR, WHERE THE CONVENTION MET AND IT IS THEIR PURPOSE TO HAVE THE BUILDING LOOK JUST AS IT DID IN 1849. THE MONTEREY MUSEUM BOARD IS SEARCHING FOR FURNISHINGS AND MATERIALS THAT WILL TELL OF THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE MEN THAT WROTE THE DOCUMENT. THEY ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO FIND A PORTRAIT OF "GEORGE WASHINGTON, PAINTED BY A NATIVE ARTIST" THAT BAYARD TAYLOR DESCRIBES AS HANGING ON THE WALL AT THE CONVENTION.

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THE MONTEREY HISTORY AND ART ASSOCIATION

THE MONTEREY HISTORY AND ART ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED VERY SHORTLY AFTER THE STATE HAD TAKEN OVER THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE AND HAD OPENED THERE A MUSEUM, THIS HAVING CREATED A GREAT REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN THE RICH HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THIS DISTRICT. AT PRESENT THERE IS A MEMBERSHIP OF WELL OVER 300. THE ASSOCIATION VERY ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE PROGRAM OF THE MONTEREY MASTER PLAN AND EACH YEAR SEES A GREATER DEGREE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. MEETINGS ARE HELD FIVE OR SIX TIMES A YEAR WITH PROGRAMS THAT WILL PROMOTE INTEREST IN MONTEREY'S HISTORICAL BACKGROUND.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR IS THE "MERIENDA" HELD EACH YEAR JUNE 3RD, WHICH CELEBRATES THE FOUNDING OF MONTEREY. IT IS ALWAYS HELD IN MEMORY GARDEN, THAT LOVELY SPANISH GARDEN OF THE PACIFIC BUILDING, MAINTAINED BY MISS MARGARET JACKS.

DURING WAR YEARS, THE SUCCULENT "CARNE ASADA", HAS TO BE FORGOTTEN BUT FRIJOLES COOKED BY THE SPANISH DAUGHTERS OF MONTEREY ARE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER. THERE IS ALWAYS A HUGE BIRTHDAY CAKE CARRIED WITH CEREMONY THROUGH THE GARDEN, ESCORTED BY THE PRESIDENT, COLONEL FITCH AND LA FAVORITA, CHOSEN EACH YEAR, ON HIS ARM, SPANISH MUSIC AND FINE ENTERTAINMENT. THIS MERIENDA IS OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS, EXCEPT IF ONE IS OVER 70 AND A DESCENDANT OF PIONEER CALIFORNIANS. THIS TABLE, WITH THE HONORED GUESTS, IS ALWAYS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.

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MONTEREY WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB

THE MONTEREY WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB IS ANOTHER ORGANIZATION HELPING TO KEEP ALIVE MONTEREY'S TRADITIONS.

EACH YEAR THEY GIVE A LARGE BALL JUST BEFORE LENT BEGINS, "EL BAILE DE LOS CASCARONES". THE MEMBERS MEET ONE DAY EACH WEEK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PREPARING THE "CASCARONES". THIS IS DONE BY GATHERING THE EGGSHELLS WHICH HAVE BEEN EMPTIED OF CONTENTS BY PUNCTURING A SMALL HOLE IN ONE END, THEN DRIED. ALL BITS OF COLORED PAPER AND TINSEL ARE SAVED AND ARE SHREDDED INTO TINY PIECES. THE EGG SHELLS ARE FILLED WITH THIS CUT PAPER, THEN A PIECE OF COLORED PAPER PASTED OVER ONE END, SOMETIMES OTHER DECORATIONS ARE ADDED.

AT THE BALL, YOUNG GIRLS SELL FROM HUGE BASKETS OF THESE EGGS AND THE TRICK IS TO HOLD THE EGG IN THE HAND OVER THE HEAD OF THE ONE YOU WANT TO COMPLIMENT, CRUSH THE SHELL, AND THE COLORED PAPER FALLS IN THE HAIR OF THE FAVORED ONE. SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, THE PROCEEDS OF THE BALL ARE GIVEN TO THE RED CROSS AND EACH YEAR A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY HAS BEEN REALIZED FOR THIS GOOD USE.

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SUPERINTENDENT FLEMING RECENTLY RECEIVED A VERY INTERESTING LETTER FROM HENRY SADDLER, C.C.M., U.S.N., IN WHICH HE SAYS HE IS AT PRESENT ENJOYING LIFE IN A STEAMY, HOT JUNGLE WHERE PARROTS AND NUMEROUS OTHER BIRDS ABOUND, IN FACT "EVERY SORT OF CREATURE AND INSECT IS FOUND HERE THAT INHABITS THE TROPICS". RAIN FALLS EVERY DAY. THE PARK BULLETIN ARRIVED AND ENJOYED READING IT. REGARDS TO EVERYONE FROM THE OFFICE STAFF DOWN.

H. W. SADDLER, CCM, U.S.N.
70TH NAVAL CONST. BATT.
COMPANY C, PLATOON 13
% FLEET POST OFFICE,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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CHIEF RANGER R. A. WILSON OF POINT LOBOS STATE PARK, AND MRS. WILSON, THIS WEEK ARE REJOICING IN THE RETURN OF THEIR SON RODERICK FROM A YEAR SPENT IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND AUSTRALIA WHERE HE HAS BEEN WITH PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS. AFTER A SHORT FURLOUGH HE WILL BE STATIONED AT MILLS FIELD, SAN FRANCISCO, AND HE AND HIS WIFE AND CHARMING LITTLE DAUGHTER WILL MAKE THEIR HOME IN BURLINGAME.

THE WILSON'S DAUGHTER, KATHERINE, AND HER LOVELY LITTLE DAUGHTER IS WITH THE WILSONS WHILE HER HUSBAND J. H. HALLET IS SERVING UNCLE SAM. MR. HALLET IS AT PRESENT AT FORT LEWIS. THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT IN THIS WAR FOR THE WILSONS IS THAT THEY HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO ENJOY THEIR TWO LOVELY GRANDDAUGHTERS AND YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT RANGER WILSON HAS TURNED OUT IN THE WAY OF DECORATIVE TOYS FOR THOSE LITTLE LADIES IN THESE TIMES WHEN GOOD TOYS CAN'T BE BOUGHT FOR ANY MONEY.....

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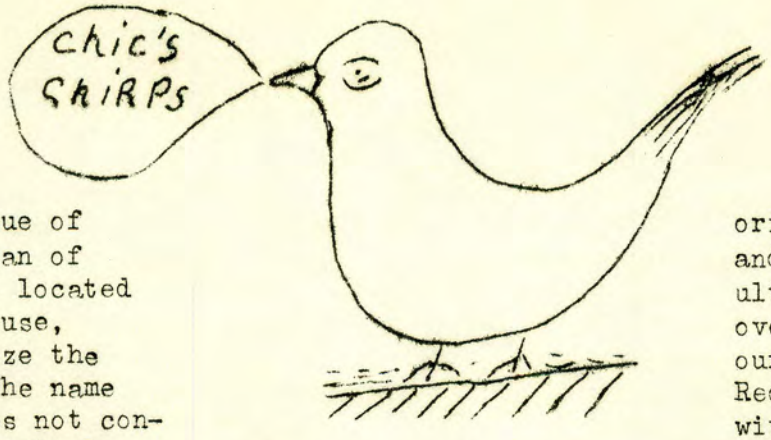
MONTEREY

IN THE MANTLE OF OLD TRADITIONS
IN THE RIM OF A VANISHED DAY
THE SHROUDED AND SILENT CITY
SITS BY HER CRESCENT BAY.

BEHIND IN THE MARCH OF CITIES -
THE LAST IN THE EAGER STRIDE
OF VILLAGES LATER BORN -
SHE DREAMS BY THE OCEANSIDE.

--- DANIEL O'CONNELL



This splendid issue of Mrs. Greene, Custodian of Historical Monument, located at the Old Custom House, should again emphasize the fact that although the name of this Division does not contain the words "Historical Monuments", nevertheless, our historical monuments are a very definite responsibility and trust. Most of our historical monuments are open throughout the year and therefore have a large number of out-of-State visitors whose impressions of early California must be directly and properly presented to them through our historical custodians.

WINTER JOBS

During the inclement winter weather, Assistant Ranger Beck and Deputy Ranger Nealon at Calaveras Big Trees State Park are not just sitting around telling tales. They are busily engaged in constructing fifty units of our "new standard camp cupboards", twenty-five having already been completed. These will be distributed this Spring in such a manner that some will go into each District Superintendent's area to be used as models for all future cupboard requirements.

COMMENT

No decision from the Personnel Board regarding the change of title from Custodian of Historical Buildings to that of Curator of Historical Monuments has as yet been received, but I am still hoping.

NATIONAL TRIBUTE GROVE

At the February meeting of our Commission and at the request of the Save-the-Redwoods League, the request being presented in person by Mr. Aubrey Drury, the State Park Commission established the National Tribute Grove in the Mill Creek Redwoods State Park as a memorial to all who serve this nation in World War II. The wonderful living memorial of both beauty and permanency will ultimately contain over 7,000 acres of our finest northern Redwoods and will, without doubt, rank among the finest memorials that nature or man can ever conceive for those whose lives or services were given in order that our American way of life might endure.

LEST WE FORGET

105 courageous daring "Boys", most of them in their 'teen age, rode the Pony Express in 1860-61. 500 of the finest Morgan strain horses were used to out-run the Indians. 155 "Stations" were located, about 12 miles apart, for changing mounts on the 2000-mile stretch between St. Joseph Mo., and San Francisco.

WE THANK YOU

We extend our thanks to Mr. Henry Green of Hollister, California, who recently presented to this Division what we believe to be the original ornament, a horse figure wind wane, for restoration to its original place on the stable at San Juan Plaza State Historical Monument.

FORT TEJON

The Fort Tejon State Historical Monument area deeded to this Division some five years ago by Mr. Harry Chandler, former publisher of the Los Angeles Times, has just recently come into our actual possession. Heretofore, it has been under lease along with other property and this lease has just recently been rewritten excluding the monument parcel deeded to the State from the main lease. Although the access road leading from Highway 99 to the monument area would still be subject to joint use for the balance of the rewritten lease or up to 1950; we, however, plan the immediate fencing of the area and

such protection as can be given to the old adobe fort and buildings under present duration limitations.

FISHING POSSIBILITIES

California has an area of approximately 158,693 square miles. It has an estimated 8,000 lakes with a surface area of five acres or more, and 20,000 lakes with a surface area of one acre or more; 26,000 miles of potential fishing streams, and 1,264 miles of tidal shoreline.

--This ends the chirping!--A.E.H.

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OFFICE NOTES

Chief Ranger Eugene Velzy, from Will Rogers State Park, spent some time in Sacramento, while on his vacation. It is always a special occasion when any of the field employees get a chance to come into the Sacramento office and Gene's visit was, as usual, enjoyed immensely.

Deputy Ranger Phil Nealon recently paid us a visit from Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Phil is looking better every time we see him, and is so thrilled over being back in the Big Trees that his happiness is contagious. Needless to say, the day we are all looking forward to will be the day when all of our military are home and back on their jobs--when we can have one of our conferences, such as only Parks can have (remember?) and everyone can get acquainted with everyone else and we will again be just a great big family with nothing to worry about except the routine problems of carrying out our work.

Mrs. Leo D. Crawford recently arrived from Camp Bowie, Texas, with daughter Leanne. Leo has been shipped and leaves us his new address, with the hope that someone will do something about it. One of the nicest ways in the world to spend an evening is to write to a service man, so we hope Leo's mail call, as well as that of all our other boys, will prove that Parks is thinking of her own. Leo's address is:

T/4 Leo D. Crawford, #39286617
695th Ambulance Company, (Motor)
A.P.O. 18259, c/o Postmaster
New York City, N. Y.

Superintendents Blaisdell and Coon have made routine visits to the Sacramento Office. It is a real pleasure for the office force to have the Superintendents come in as minor problems can be ironed out so much more rapidly.

The Sacramento office force, and most especially one member, has been pretty excited and happy over the fact that Lt. Don Camper is spending some time in and around Sacramento. Don looks like a million dollars and everyone is really enjoying his stay here. To say that Ernie is happy these days is a gross understatement. Don has been temporarily hospitalized for the treatment of a throat infection and is most anxious to return to his combat squadron with the 8th Air Force. He completed 14 missions over Germany before returning to the U.S.A.

A note from Superintendent Lee Blaisdell states, "The Central District is elected to get out the next issue of News & Views --will you please send in any current news regarding your park or personnel and also any special articles you may wish to prepare on your individual park or monument. Please get this in as soon as possible."

The folks in the Sacramento office were pleasantly surprised to receive a nice, newsy letter from Darrell Knoefler --"from somewhere out there". Cpl. Darrell says he can't tell us where he has been--what he is doing--or where he is going. And even at that the Censor had to get in a bit of work with his shears. Write again, Darrell--and better luck next time!

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- - - - GIVE TO YOUR RED CROSS - - - - -

Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Edited by the Central District

PARK NEWS AND VIEWS

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This issue is dedicated to District Superintendent Everett E. Powell of the Central District now on duty in the battle zones of the Pacific, with the U.S. Navy Sea-Bees. Our prayer is that he may return safely to us when his tour of duty is completed.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

This district has quite a varied history. Administered out of the Division Headquarters Office in San Francisco for several years subsequent to 1927 by various members of the executive staff. Organized into a district with a superintendent assigned in 1937, with boundaries of Mendocino County line on the north and Santa Barbara County line on the south.
In 1940 divided into two districts, Central and South Central with Everett E. Powell placed in charge of the Central after many years served in Big Basin and Big Sur Parks. In 1943 when District Superintendent Powell entered the Navy Sea-Bees it was supervised by State Park Engineer Dan R. Hull for a season.
At present comprises parks between San Francisco and the Ventura County line. Supervised temporarily by Lee Blaisdell with headquarters at "House of Gold" in Monterey. Miss Irene Vyenielo with an office at 417 Montgomery Street in San Francisco watches over the destinies of parks in this district and dispenses her genial and charming personality to the general public and parks personnel, also representing the Division Headquarters in this region.

We herewith list Parks, Beaches and Monuments included in the district at the present time. It would take several issues to treat all of them as they deserve so the articles will necessarily be rather brief.

JAMES D. PHELAN BEACH

A six acre beach at China Cove in San Francisco, near the south approach of the Golden Gate B ridge. Administered by the City of San Francisco for recreational purposes.

ISLAM SHRINE REDWOODS

This 1669 acre tract of typical virgin redwood forest land, located on Pescadera Creek in Southern San Mateo County was recently acquired from the Islam Redwood Shrine. It was used by members of that Fraternity for outdoor recreation and entertainment since 1924.
We understand that the splendor and technical qualities of the productions staged in the outdoor theatre were noted for their colorful pageantry.
Thus another redwood grove will be perpetuated for enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

Chief Ranger Clyde Newlin in charge assisted by Deputy Ranger Franklyn Brown.

FRANKLYN BROWN
Deputy Ranger

Born in Denver Colo., July 19, 1918. Came to Long Beach, Calif., at the age of four, with mother and older brother. Graduated from L. B. Polytechnic High School in 1936. With C.C.C's for 2 years as Fire Fighter, Asst. Educational adviser and Fire Dispatcher for the camp. Joined U.S.F.S. as temporary Fire Guard during Fire Season. Returned to L. B. Jr. College to take course in Forestry. Passed several Civil Service Exams and chose the outdoor life of the Parks. Started at Big Basin in June 1940. Called to Army, by way of National Guard and served 14 months in Hawaii. Came back to Parks in Prairie Creek in Jan. 1942. At Richardson Grove for summer season acting as Recreational Director. Went to Patrick's Point for one and a half years. Transferred to Seacliff Beach in May 1944.
A charming young lady, Patricia Jamieson, took my heart and I got married. Transferred to Big Basin in Nov., until Islam Shrine Redwoods was taken over.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS

A recent issue of the News & Views was edited by the personnel of Big Basin in a big way so we will skip it this time.

NATURAL BRIDGES BEACH

The ceaseless action of the waves has carved out a series of arches in the rock cliffs to form the main feature of this 27 acre beach park at the end of West Cliff Drive west of Santa Cruz. A nice bathing beach. Surf fishing. No recreational facilities. Supervised out of Seacliff.

NEW BRIGHTON BEACH

Formerly known as China Beach due to the catching and drying of large quantities of fish by the Chinese in the early days. One of the nicest bathing beaches on Monterey Bay. 48 acres of sandy beach and upland area located 5 miles east of Santa Cruz via State Hiway #1. It is interesting to note that in 1769, when the Portola expedition of Spanish explorers landed upon the shores of California near Monterey Bay, probably in this area above Watsonville, that the Redwood trees were first sighted. Father Crespi noted in his diary, under date of Oct. 10th, "as we knew not the names of the trees we gave them that of the color of the wood, Palo Colorado." Thus, for the first time, the name Redwood was applied to these new and wonderful trees.
It is planned to locate the Central District Headquarters in this park after the war. Superintendent Powell had started this establishment before he entered the Service. Recreational facilities started by the CCC's incomplete.

Leonard L. Moore
Assistant Ranger

Born in Compton, Calif., in 1884 on a State Park holiday--Oct. 12. Was educated in So. Calif. Worked as day laborer on a golf course. Subsequently was Greenskeeper of several. Finally was superintendent of construction of many courses in California and one in Michigan. Have two children. My son S/Sgt. Lewis R. Moore has been in service in Italy the past two years.
In 1941 two important events in my life. I married Enid Gault; and entered the Park Service.

First stationed at San Clemente; then transferred to La Purisima. After two years there was transferred to New Brighton Beach, where I am now located, though working at Seacliff Beach.

SEACLIFF BEACH

A favorable combination of water temperature, climate, exposure and extent of safe ocean shore, accessible to automobile makes this beach a strong competitor for the first place amongst the beaches of Northern California. 8015 feet of sandy beach located 8 miles west of Santa Cruz near Aptos. Camping, picnicking, bathing, surf and pier fishing. Expect to have boats for the first time this season for offshore fishing and recreation.
An unusual feature at this park is the old World War 1 concrete ship extending seaward from the end of the pier. This is one of the few parks where a large variety of fish may be caught. We have smelt, flounder, seven kinds of perch, sole, halibut, mackerel, steelhead, salmon, bass, cabezon, ling cod, blue cod, and Tom cod. Also crabs and Pismo clams. Each variety has its season. Most of the species are taken by the sack full. It is quite common to see a fisherman land five or six on one line.
A new concession building for lunchroom, refreshments and bait has been established on the entrance to the pier. This is operated by Mr. Ralph Creffield.
Reported by
Assistant Ranger Charles Hight

Charlie S. Hight
Assistant Ranger

Born at Kernvill, Calif., Jan. 4, 1877. Came to San Jose, Calif., with mother at age of five. Lived in Willow Glen and attended Willow Glen school. Worked in mother's orchard. At age of sixteen dug many wells and installed stationary steam engines and pumps. Married Ella Smith in 1897, moved to Los Angeles. Worked for S.P. railroad. Have two children, daughter and son. Then in 1900 went to Montana. Was in cattle business with my uncle until 1914. Returned to Calif. Purchased an orchard at Linden, Calif. Sold it in 1925. Moved to Long Beach. Was superintendent for Grading Contractor until Sept. 9, 1933. Entered the Park Service at San Clemente. Had charge of this Park nine years. Was transferred to Monterey Nov 1, 1940. In May 1944 transferred to Seacliff Beach. Have been a jack of all trades and master of none. Have enjoyed every day that I have been in the service.

Thomas B. Butler

Born at Tom Bing, Texas. Worked at home until married in 1908 to Hattie Lou West. Worked for M.K.& T railroad as fireman and in car department for 11 years. Have five children. Ranched in Oklahoma for seven years. Moved to Arizona and opened up a general merchandise store, garage, and service station, which I operated for 11 years. Here I lost my wife. Leased this business out and moved to San Diego, Calif. Here I opened an eating place, garage and oil station. Remarried to Mrs. Mary Conway. Sold out and moved to Capitola, to retire from hard work. First work in Park Service in 1943 repairing pier at Seacliff Beach. Liked park work so well that I returned to the park in June 1944.

Ranger Glenn Jackson was transferred from Big Basin to Seacliff Beach on March 11, 1945.
Glenn's biography was published in an earlier issue of Park News & Views.
Glad to have you with us, Glenn.

The Rebirth of a Reo Truck

I was towed to the Basin a wreck,
They took inventory and a check,
My body was tattered,
My parts were scattered,
And all I could hear was, Oh Heck!

After standing a spell thru wind and rain
I was towed to the shop for repairs.
The fellows all gasped
As I passed through the door
They all shook their heads in despair.

But time will tell, as it usually does
And it did in this case of mine.
They gathered together my parts and then,
I was rebuilt from end to end
And given a coat the color of pine.

Now 'tis said, I'll be going someday
To my new home, over Shrineway,
And with Newlin and Brown as my chauffeurs,
You can bet there'll be no loafers.
Thanks to Big Basin we'll be on our way.

Contributed by: The Basin Nut & Bolt Works, Big Basin Redwood Park. This truck, by the way, was 'inherited' by the Division of Parks from the Civilian Conversation Corps. Rebuilt in Big Basin and now assigned to the Islam Shrine Redwood State Park. Nuts and Bolts who did the job are two d _____ good mechanics. (Editor's note.)

*** "Grapevine" Propagation ***

I had a rebuke the other day,
A well deserved one, by the way.
It set me thinking, strange but true,
And here is what I mean to do.

To see the best in everyone,
Their faults I'll never mention.
It really might be nice clean fun
To believe in their good intention.

So if you've a "gripe" (please pardon the pun)
Why won't you try what I have done.
We'll grow a State "Grapevine" that will bear
Wonderful fruit, for us all to share.

The "sour grapes" in time, will go
And on our"grapevine"there would grow,
Not even one bunch of gossipy news
That couldn't be published in "Park News & Views."

Enid Moore

WATSONVILLE-SUNSET BEACH

Six miles west of Watsonville via State Hiyway #1. 160 acres of sandy beach and upland area. Surf fishing and bathing. Noted for its Pismo clams. Limited recreational facilities. Just recently opened to the public again after use by the U.S. Army.
Supervised out of Seacliff.

SAN JUAN PLAZA MONUMENT

The San Juan Bautista State Historic Monument is located 92 miles south of San Francisco, about 3 miles east of Hiway 101. It consists of 4 buildings and about 4 acres of land. The buildings face onto two sides of the old central Plaza, while the other two sides are occupied by the buildings and grounds of the Mission San Juan Bautista.
The Plaza Hotel is the oldest of the buildings, being built in 1792 as the first unit of the Mission. Then until 1856 it was used as a barracks for the Army of General Castro, as a storeroom, etc. In 1856 it was bought by Angelo Zanetta, who added a second story, and opened it as the only hotel between San Francisco and San Luis Obispo, and the headquarters of the Overland Stage Lines. It was operated as a hotel until about 1934 when it was acquired by the State Park System.
Next to the Hotel stands the Castro House, which was built about 1825-30 as the Military Headquarters of the California Republic. The house is of adobe, the walls being 54 inches thick. It is of two stories, with balconies both back and front. This house is one of the most outstanding examples of early California architecture in the State. It was Gen. Castro's headquarters at the time he was defeated by Capt. John Fremont. In 1849, the house was sold by Gen. Castro to Patrick Breen, a survivor of the ill-fated Donner Party, and stayed in the possession of the Breen family until it was acquired by the State Park System in 1934.
The Zanetta House was built originally about 1800 as a nunnery and home for the young Indian girls attached to the Mission. Later it was used as a hay shed, and then about 1858, Angelo Zanetta bought it and made it over into a two story house, as a residence for his family, and the entire upstairs as a ballroom. The house was occupied by the Zanetta family until about 1934, when it was acquired by the State Park System.
The Plaza Stable was built in 1859 by Angelo Zanetta to house the stock and equipment of the Overland Stage Lines. When the stages were discontinued it was operated as a livery stable, and still later as a garage by the late C.C. Zanetta who died March 28 '45. The building was taken over by the State Park System at the same time as the Zanetta House, and has recently been restored to its original state.
Reported by Deputy Ranger
Frank Fair

Frank Fair
Deputy Ranger

Was born on the estate of Sir Walter Scott at Galashiels, Scotland, on June 2nd 1880. Shortly after that he was taken to the south of England. He lived there until March 1895, when he ran away and went to Canada. In 1899 he went to South Africa with the Alberta Rangers, returning to Alberta in 1901. In 1902 he went to the Peace River district of Northern Canada, staying there two years. In 1905 he went to the Argentine with a load of Hereford bulls, and stayed on the Pampas for a year and a half. Returning to Canada then he punched cows in Alberta and Montana until 1912, when he went to Glacier National Park. He worked there in the Park as a Guide, Packer, Fire Guard, Ranger, and various other capacities until 1926 when he moved to

southern Oregon. He stayed there for two years, found the best wife in the world, and then moved to Los Angeles. In 1942 he was appointed to the California State Park Service, and went to work at San Juan Bautista, where he has remained ever since.
Lennice Fair, the better half of the Fair team, was born in Pa., moved to N. Dakota as a small girl, living there on a horse ranch until she grew up. She moved to Medford Oregon in 1928, where the Fair team were hitched together.

FREMONT PEAK

Located 12 miles south of San Juan Batista in San Benito and Monterey Counties. The park comprises some 287 acres in the Gobilan Range of mountains. The peak has an elevation of 3200 feet. This is the spot where Captain John Fremont first raised the American Flag in California, on March 4th, 1846.
The view from this elevation is one of the most extensive and spectacular in this part of the country. To the west one can see far out over the Pacific Ocean, while to the north, east and south are various valleys and other mountain ranges.
The park is known to contain several limestone eroded caves of considerable extent and it is the opinion of old-timers here that it is full of underground passages. As a post war project we hope that these caves can be developed and opened to the public--supervised out of San Juan Batista.

STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN MONTEREY

The last issue of the News & Views, edited by Mrs. Greene, covered Monterey and its State Parks personnel quite thoroly.

POINT LOBOS RESERVE

Point Lobos has been termed "The Greatest Meeting of Land and Water in the World" Most of us are aware of the vast amount of research and data compiled by various scientists and persons interested in the future maintenance of this unique area. Much time, labor, thought, and discussion was spent,before the Point Lobos Advisory Committee, which was comprised of many imminent persons, arrived at a plan for Point Lobos. This plan was recommended to, and adopted by, the State Park Commission; thereby assuring the future generations of the pleasure of enjoying to their fullest a primitive area.
A condensed form of the entire research is at present on 'ice' waiting for the post-war period for its publication, at which time it will be available to the general public.
Point Lobos also figures in the romantic history of California. According to Mr. Aubrey Drury's report on that phase..."the area was first occupied by the Aborigines, who no doubt belonged to the Monterey Costanoan stock."
" The name Point Lobos (Lobos Marinos sea-lions) was probably given during the Spanish period."
"During the Spanish and Mexican regimes Point Lobos was frequently visited and many a marienda was held."
Originally the area was a part of a large Spanish Grant known as Rancho San Jose y Sur Chiquito and was mainly a cattle ranch. Members of the early California Castro family owned the Rancho at one time. According to record.. "The title comes originally from Don Marcellino, a gambler, who received the land with other large holdings from the Spanish Governor. He lost it to 10 soldiers from the Spanish Garrison. One Captain Jose Castro finally bought or won the shares of his partners. He sold the Point to a California

pioneer, Abner Bassett, and it was from the Bassett heirs that Mr. A. M. Allan has his title."
The whaling industry was established in Monterey in the fifties at which time a station was also established on Point Lobos in the cove known as Carmelito. It was at this time that the cabin, known as Whaler's Cabin (which is still standing) was built. Whaler's Knoll was used as a lookout station for spouting whales...hence the name.
In 1890-91 an attempt was made to establish a residential community to be known as "Carmelito" and fronting Carmelito Cove. Several lots were sold, one of which was sold to Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, wife of the famed author.
In the early Spanish era Point Lobos is said to have been used by smugglers. In later years much search has been made for buried treasure. This is said to be one of the scenes of Robert Louis Stevenson's books,"Treasure Island", which was filmed on Point Lobos several years ago.
The Japanese established a colony in the Carmelito Cove area where they dried abalone which they shipped to Japan. Later an abalone cannery was built and flourished for a time.
Mr. Allan acquired the property from the Bassett heirs in 1898. During Mr. Allan's ownership the Point was maintained intact; visitors came in increasing numbers and it was ever the first concern of the Allans to preserve the Cypress Grove. The area comprising some 336 acres was purchased from the Allan heirs in 1933 by the State of California and became a part of the State Park System.
Reported by
Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson

Margaret E. Wilson
part time employee, was born in Wisconsin, reared, educated and married in Tacoma, Washington; she has two children, a son and daughter and two grandaughters. Came to California in 1920 and lived in Sacramento Valley until the fall of 1932, then moved to Patrick's Point. Remained there for six months and moved to Point Lobos in June 1933.
Hobby --antiques and interior ecoration.

Roland A. Wilson
Chief Ranger

Born in western Washington near Tacoma. He made his home with his grandparents who were early pioneers in the northwest. There he lived a veritable Huckleberry Finn boyhood, roamed the prairies and woodland, learning to love the great out of doors. During the summer his favorite haunt was the old swimming hole. At an early age he had considerable of a collection of birds eggs, butterflies and Indian relics. He completed his education in the Tacoma schools, later worked for Foster & Kleiser, Out Door Advertising Company, where he was Pictorial and Sign Writer for 15 years. He was married in Tacoma and has two children, a son who is with Pan American Airways and a daughter who is at home, with her small daughter, for the duration, while her husband is in the service. The bug to become an orchardist in sunny California bit him hard in 1919 and 1920 he moved his family to the Sacramento Valley. The venture was not too successful due to depression times. He was with the Dept. of Agricultur for several years as in Inspector. Joined the ranks of the Park Personnel in 1932. Started at Big Basin, then Sea Cliff, next Mt. Diablo, Burney Falls, Patrick Point, Richardson Grove, Dyerville, Calavaras Big Trees and last to Point Lobos in 1933.
Hobby - Sketching and Woodcraft.

C H I E F ' S C O M M E N T S .

Last month's issue was certainly a MONUMENTAL issue in every sense of the word. Congratulations, Mrs. Greene! We are all proud of you.

This issue of News & Views is rather voluminous and, rightly so, because it covers the Central District which is the largest district in the State and the tribute it pays to District Superintendent Everett Powell is very appropriate. District Superintendent Blaisdell has carried on the duties of the two districts for the duration.

Because this issue is rather voluminous, my remarks will be restricted to one page.

ADDITIONS TO PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK

We have just received the deed for approximately 240 acres of Redwoods adjoining the Prairie Creek Redwoods. This gift to the Division was made possible by the following contributions: Mr. James Irvine, $25,000; Sage Land & Lumber Co., $11,000, and $8,020 from the Save-the-Redwoods League Land Fund. Mr. James Irvine's gift carried a stipulation that the trails in this area south and west of Godwood Creek be named officially the "James Irvine Trails."

FRIEND AT COURT

"Governor Warren announced definitely he will not "consider favorably" any bills to boost the salaries of constitutional officers, state judges, heads of departments or other high ranking state officials until the legislature has reached a policy on whether there shall be pay rises for the rank and file of state government workers.

"Governor Warren said he has given that assurance to a committee of the legislature which is urging a $25 a month increase in compensation for all state employees."

The foregoing quoted from press reports.

STATISTICS

The greatest statistician in the park service is Chief Ranger William L. Kenyon. His statistics reveal the following, as applying to Big Sur State Park. Comparing the campers for the season of 1944 with 1941, it shows a decrease of 64%; compared with the year 1942, a decrease of 37%; compared with 1943, an increase of 11%.

Statistics of this character are very valuable in planning the anticipated season's activities.

KEEPING IN TRIM

During the Duration, Chief Ranger Earl Hanson occasionally gives his illustrated lecture on state parks before various organizations in order to keep in trim for his many similar assignments when we are back to normal. His latest appearance was before the Rotary Club of Garberville.

MT. DIABLO ADDITION

Through the medium of having State tax-deeded land conveyed to this Division, we have just secured a tax deed title to 40 acres on Mt. Diablo adjacent to our headquarters. The 40 acres were acquired by merely paying a small delinquent tax fee and advertising charges.

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PPIEFFER BIG SUR

Please refer to the issue of News & Views edited by personnel of Big Sur for information regarding this park.

Assistant Ranger Wayne Cox transferred from Big Basin to Big Sur between issues so he did not get into "Who's Who", so we give you his life story in this issue.

Wayne Cox
Assistant Ranger

I was born in Missouri, on a ranch just south of Kansas City. Attended grade school walking three miles a day. Pretty cold business in winter. Incidentally, I went to the same grade school all eight years of my primary training. Graduated from High School in 1926. Did ranch work with my dad and served an apprenticeship in carpentry and woodworking. Moved to Fresno, Calif., in 1935, and went into carpenter work. Have had my hand in quite a few different types of work, including plumbing, plastering, and ornamental tile laying. Specialized mostly as carpenter and held a general contractors license for four years. Was appointed into Beaches and Parks in 1941. Have been married sixteen years, wife Velda, have two boys; one in grade school and the other in high school.

SAN SIMEON CREEK BEACH

Two miles of rocky shore line with stretches of sandy beach closely paralleled by State Hiway #1, near the town of Cambria Pines. 32 miles north of San Luis Obispo. Scenery, surf fishing, clamming. Not safe for surf bathing. No recreational facilities. Superfised out of Morro Bay.

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CAYUCOS BEACH

Twenty five acres of sandy beach, a fishing pier and large recreation hall in the town of Cayucos on State Hiway #1, 13 miles north of San Luis Obispo. Surf bathing and fishing. Administered by the County of San Luis Obispo for recreational purposes.

MORRO STRAND BEACH

One mile of rocky shore and sandy ocean beach along State Hiway #1. 13 miles north of San Luis Obispo. Surf bathing and fishing. No recreational developments. Supervised out of Morro Bay.

MORRO BAY STATE PARK

Morro Bay State Park is located 13 miles northwest of the city of San Luis Obispo. Consists of approximately 1500 acres of land. Morro Bay, an inland, shallow bay of about 4½ square miles in area, divides the park into two pieces.
The landward part consists of about 900 acres and borders the town of Morro Bay on its north west part. Black Hill, a rocky peak of 654 feet elevation, dominates the scene and affords a rare view in all directions.
The seaward part is a narrow strip of sand dunes, including nearly all the land between the bay and the ocean and extending beyond the southern end of Morro Bay. The entrance to Morro Bay lies between the northern tip of this peninsula and Morro Rock. At the southern end, its sand dunes rise to an elevation of from 60 to 100 feet.
Morro Rock is also part of the park- about 40 acres in area and 576 feet in heighth. It is one of the outstanding land marks along the coast and is valued as such by the sea faring fraternity. Strangely enough, it is inhabited by its own particular species of

rattle snake. Otherwise it has its mice, brush rabbits and is a favorite nesting place for cormorants. A trail built to the top was the most popular hike hereabouts until the navy took it over at the outbreak of the war.
The most interesting feature are the birds of Morro Bay. Pelicans, loons, grebes, hell divers, herons, egrets, ducks, sea brant, curlew, godwits, willets, sandpipers, snipe and many others are common sights, some of them the year around. Of rarer occurance but of even greater interest are the night herons, rail, snowy egrets, stilts, avocets, the feeding mergansers and the duck hawk on his deadly missions.
Most anyone can get his limit of Pismo clams in a short while on the ocean beach of this park. But although better known than other species, the Pismos represent only a fraction of the total clam population of the district, most of which occur within the bay. Horse clams, geoducks and Washingtons are the largest among many others, the first two being much larger than the Pismo clam. The flats of Morro Bay are noted among shell collectors, several of them making annual pilgrimages for the purpose.
Wild flowers are many and interesting and worthy of note are two that can be seen in bloom each and every one of the 365 days in the year. They are the California Poppy and the Rush Rose.
The camp ground and trailer court designed especially for the use of trailers, with its stoves, tables and combination building of native stone and its landscaping of native trees and shrubs is admired by most of our visitors. It is a great tribute to the good work of the CCC.
The nine hole golf course has brought much pleasure to many people but particularly the service men of the surrounding area have appreciated it being here. Mrs. Robert L. Byars, wife of our Assistant Ranger holds a concession for the operation of the clubhouse and golf shop.
A concession has recently been let to Mr. C. L. Gault to rent boats, sell bait, rent fishing tackle, etc., at the boat landing. Halibut fishing is about the most popular sport hereabouts during the summer months.
Since the outbreak of war, several different branches of our armed forces have occupied parts of the park. The Coast Guard used the clubhouse and built another building close by for their beach patrol units and kennels for their dogs. At the same time a Coast Artillery battalion occupied the CCC camp and were here for a year. Both of the above are now gone and the navy has taken over. They have had as high as 700 men quartered at the CCC camp and are using the old Coast Guard building as an officer's club. Several Army Infantry divisions held training classes for Rangers on the bay shore.
A panoramic view of Morro Bay affords one of the most picturesque marine and landscape compositions on the California coast.
Reported by
Chief Ranger Russell Noyes.

Russell Noyes
Chief Ranger

Was born in Oakland, Calif., in 1891. Attended school in Oakland, Mill Valley, and the California School of Mechanical Arts in San Francisco. His first work was for a machinery concern in San Francisco which he left after two years to take an agricultural course at Davis. He worked at farming until 1916 when he went to Wyoming, and Afognak, Alaska, for the United States Bureau of Fisheries. He was with them for four years. After a year in the oilfields of Kern County he and his brother Richard bought a ranch in Sutter County which they farmed for several years. H is next employment was with the Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner for five years. In 1934 he joined the Division of Parks at

Morro Bay and has been there ever since with the exception of a three year interlude, returning to Morro Bay in 1943, November.

Robert Lee Byars
Assistant Ranger

Was born in Waxahotchie, Texas, 1907. Attended grade schools in Santa Ana. Started work at an early age at harvesting in Orange County. His first real job was with McKay Engineering Co. on general and bridge construction. The work consisted of truck driving, handling of equipment. Other occupations included golf course work, cook, and waiter. Previous to joining the park service, he worked five years for the La Jolla Lumber Company. Joined the Division of Parks 1942.

Louis C. Wakefield
Deputy Ranger

Born in Brookfield, Mo., in 1914. Attended L. A. grade school and the Gardena H igh School from which he graduated in 1933. Joined the CCC in 1935 and left in 1936. In 1934 to 35 worked as mess boy and ordinary seaman on large oil tanker. 1936 he was truck driver in L. A. In 1942 went to Honolulu driving truck on construction work. 1943 back in L. A. driving truck. Joined the Division of Parks in July 1943.

PISMO BEACH

Two and a half miles of gently sloping sandy beach backed up by low sand dunes and partially by a small lagoon. Located at Oceano just south of the town of Pismo Beach. Noted for its Pismo clamming. Surf fishing and bathing. No recreational development. Supervised out of Morro Bay.

TULE ELK REFUGE

A 900 acre zoological park created for the purpose of saving the last remaining native elk herd in the region of the Elk H ills. Located near Tupman, 25 miles west of Bakersfield. There are about 130 of these animals here and the increase has been removed to a favorable site in Inyo County where they are thriving. Over 400 in both locations now. Administered by State Division of Fish and Game and the County of Kern.

FORT TEJON
HISTORICAL MONUMENT

The last remaining example of a frontier military outpost established for the purpose of guarding travelers and settlers in the passes of the Tehachepi mountains in the 1850 and 60's. Five acres with historical adobe buildings and ruins. Located on U.S.Hiway 99; 35 miles south of Bakersfield. This site also commemorates the death of an early settler named Peter LeBec by an infuriated bear. LeBec fought the bear with a hand axe.
Of particular note in connection with the fort is the experiment with camels introduced by the U.S. Gobernment from overseas to be used for transportation of supplies across the south western deserts. They were not a success however. This monument has just recently come under complete control of the Division. It is hoped that a protective and restoration program can be initiated in the not too distant future to prevent the complete disappearance of this interesting part of California's early military history.

LA PURISIMA MISSION
HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Mission La Purisima Conception de Maria Santisima (The immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, Most Holy) was founded in December 1787. The 11th in the chain of 21 Missions built by Indian labor under the direction of the Franciscan Padres. Spain was eager to

acquire California but was unable to send settlers on account of the hostile Indians. King Charles lll, sent Father Junipero Serra with an expedition into Alta, Calif., to christianize and educate the Indians.
La Purisima was originally built on the site of Lompoc. Was destroyed by earthquake in 1812. Rebuilt in 1813 at the present site. It was abandoned by the Padres in 1836 and ravaged by time and neglect, until 1935, when all that remained was a mass of ruined walls. In this condition, its acres were acquired, by gift, by the State Park System. Today, three of the beautiful buildings, measuring 1000 feet in length, have been restored through the co-operation of the National Parks, Civilian Conservation Corps and Santa Barbara County State Parks. Adobe bricks, clay tile for floors and roofs, all furniture, hardware, window frames and doors were made by CCC boys in careful reproduction of the originals.
The result is a State Historical Monument of which we may all be proud. Its Residencia corridor, graced with 18 stately columns, shaded by the ancient historic pepper tree and facing a garden of six and a half acres of native California Flora, where at every season of the year, a profusion of wild flowers abound; is a sight never to be forgotten. The master plan for complete restoration of the mission contemplated the re-creation of a complete mission community with its primitive industries, agriculture, and mode of life in the form of a folk museum to symbolize and typify this most colorful era of California's past.

John W. Calvert
Chief Ranger

Was born in Azusa, Calif., Nov. 27, 1894, on Thanksgiving Day. Grammar school days were spent there as well as one year of high school. Then my father sent me to Indiana to Culver Military School for four years. When World War 1 came along enlisted in the First Calif., Field Artillery National Guard, that was later known as the 143 Field Artillery 40th Div., and went to France with them. After the war, worked for my father for about six months and then joined the U. S. Forest Service on the Sierra National Forest at Huntington Lake and then transferred to the Angeles National Forest as District Ranger. Resigned in 1924 to become Postmaster in Azusa. In 1934 resigned as Postmaster and bought half interest in a Chevrolet Agency. The automobile business wasn't what I thought it would be, so sold out in 1936 and joined the Div. of Beaches and Parks starting at Big Basin. Wife, Ella, has taught in California schools for a number of years.

CARPINTERIA BEACH

Located at Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County, it consists of 16.88 acres of sandy beach, small dunes and low land area. Beach frontage of 1159 feet, advertised by local boosters as "The Safest Beach In The World".
Earliest Spanish explorers found the natives of this locality making boats for channel navigation to off shore islands. They used rough planks in their construction calked and sealed with asphatum from la brea pits, still in existence adjacent to the park.
The large clubhouse in the park, the "Cerca Del Mar" was used as a private club first, then operated by Santa Barbara county before the state acquired it.
Recreational development consists of camp ground with 41 units of which 20 are just being completed at present due to premature departure of the CCC, who were originally responsible for this development. This camp ground is now being used as a trailer court. A splendid picnic ground accommodates several hundred and a fishing pier where surf perch, rubber lips, corbina,

etc., are taken. Bathing, fishing, camping, picnicking, boating (private boats are brought in and launched through the surf) are amongst the sports enjoyed here. This park has been occupied by both the U.S. Army and Coast Guard for national defense purposes, but has been evacuated by both of these services.

Frank Wells
Assistant Ranger

Was born in San Francisco, Sept. 1908. Attended school in Santa Cruz, San Jose and Berkeley. Worked here, there and yonder at different jobs of logging, surveying, salesman, etc. In July 1936 went to work at Burney Falls State Park. Did seasonal work then went on permanent and have been around ever since. Have lived in eight parks so far. Married Celia in Aug. 1935. Have one daughter, Carol Sue.

Guy A. Crosby
State Park Skilled Laborer

Recently employed at Carpinteria Beach State Park, is a native of Kansas, became a resident of Oregon in 1894. Followed logging and lumbering operations prior to World War 1. Since then have had various occupations--U.S. Forest Service, Police Officer U. S. Indian Service, carpenter CCC's, caretaker public campground U.S.N. P.S., for 11 consecutive seasons at Crater Lake National Park. Came to California in Nov. 1944 and while looking for a place to live, met Frank Wells. Found a place to live and work that I like very much. Have wife and daughter whose husband is T/Sgt Phillips, stationed at Santa Barbara.

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*** News Items***

The son of our district superintendent - Everett and Annabelle-Gene Powell, just returned from a tour of duty in the South Pacific with the U. S. Navy, was married to Olga Nelson, a Santa Cruz girl, April 3rd, in a double wedding ring ceremony - candle light - Both attended Santa Cruz High Schools and graduated together.

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Eugene Velzy reports the birth of a new baby daughter in the Hedicke family at Will Rogers Ranch and remarks "Hedicke got his wish- third time is a charm."

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Chief Ranger Earl Hanson visited the San Francisco office recently while on his vacation from the 'Big Sticks'. We enjoyed having you Earl, -would like to have seen Rea and the children also.

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Big Basin

The repair work on the Big Basin Lodge and cabins is going along nicely. Should be finished by April 1st., at which time the concessionaire hopes to have some of the cabins ready for guests. He also hopes to have the coffee shop ready to serve the public. The coffee shop has been moved into one wing of the Lodge building, which will give much better service to the public, as well as a much better setup for the concessionaire.

There has been very little storm damage in Big Basin so far this winter. Several trees have fallen, with only minor damage to light wires and water pipes.

Several dead fir trees have been taken down, which were in places endangering buildings and gathering places for the public. If the amount of inquiries we are receiving, and the travel that

has been here all winter, is any indication, we should have a very good season in Big Basin again this year.

C. L. Cushing

Carpinteria

An Unusual Family--

In the Park is quite an unusual family. The father and mother, their five sons, two daughters, one son-in-law, three daughter-in-laws and four grandchildren (only part of the family is here- there are two sons in the armed forces, a daughter in Sacramento, and two children have died). It is a sanitary outfit- the father owns all five of the red pumper trucks and the five trailers. The trucks and trailers are of the best make and kept in perfect shape. They have the business right in the family.

Wouldn't it be lovely if we had cesspools that needed cleaning and they couldn't pay their rent...

When you fellows are down with shovels and buckets just think of the possibilities if you had this family in your park.

F. H. Wells

** A Tribute to Park Ladies **

We wish to pay homage to the ladies who make possible the splendid services rendered our Park System by their menfolks.

They are in a position to make a great contribution to the happy and successful operation of State Parks, Beaches and Monuments.

As proof that they have unselfishly and very effectively worked and sacrificed to this end, we point with pride to the esprit de corps amongst the field employees in the Central District and the progress we have made under difficult and trying conditions. We are humbly grateful to you ladies of the Park Service for this inspiration and active assistance in maintaining a very high standard in our service.

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We wish to extend our hearty thanks and appreciation to Korleen Jackson and Enid Moore for their able assistance in preparing this issue for the press.

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This issue of the Parks News and Views is being dedicated to the brave men who have struggled for long months to bring about the utter crushing of Germany. It must also be dedicated to those men who are laboring in the Tropics for the same downfall of Japan.

There has been no month during history in which so many history-making events have taken place. We were all shocked and grieved, as was the entire world, to learn of the death of our President. There were few people who did not feel that they had lost a personal friend, a bulwark of strength, the man upon whom we were consciously or unconsciously depending to bring us through this chaos of a war-torn world. During the past few weeks the life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been compared with that of Abraham Lincoln. An insight of the history books of a hundred years hence would be interesting--we know that our President was a great man, but it will take time to establish the scope of his greatness.

We have pledged ourselves to President Truman and to the chore we have of ridding the world of its inhuman beasts who have so little compassion for their brothers. May God bless President Truman and help him in the duties of his high office.

Then came the end of the fighting in Europe--a day that has been tagged "VE" Day--a day of mixed emotions--of joy because at last the peoples of war-ridden Europe could lay aside their rifles and pick up the implements of reconstruction--of the joy of mothers because their boys would soon be returning to their homes, if only for a short time before they go on to help mop up the third and final leg of the triangle of inhumanity--of the sorrow of mothers whose sons won't be coming home when the troopships start making their return trip across the Atlantic.

We on the west coast didn't do much about VE Day--except work. We are waiting for VJ Day--then we will show the folks in New York how it is done--even if we don't have enough ticker tape or high buildings to match their celebration.

Right now we still have a lot to do--we have bonds to buy, and more bonds--and we have our jobs to stick to. We must work, and continue to work until all can share in the final peace and return to their civilian life--whether they be men and women in uniform--or welders in coveralls.

As for our own, our Parks folks who are still hard at it--we are proud of you and wish you all the luck in the world--and hope for a very early return to your old jobs. We believe that after the war is over Parks are going to grow beyond our fondest dreams, and that with your help.

MILITARY ROLL CALL

Some time ago the Editor called for "reports" from all of our men in the Service, both at home and abroad. Their response to the call has been gratifying, and we take great pleasure in passing on their good messages to one and all:

Ens. E. P. Jepson, Jr., U. S. N.R., M. T. B. Ron 17, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, is "somewhere in the Pacific" on a PT boat. He is well satisfied with his duties and likes the climate. He does mention, however, that there are no tall trees, mountains or trout streams. Sends greetings to all the Parks people and mentions that he enjoys PNV.

S 1/c Kenneth T. Stanley, 878-26-00--Navy 3256, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, states that he is aboard a troop ship headed for Island "X". Also informs us that he is well and that he recently enjoyed several months in the States, where he was able to see his wife and son. We will be so happy when all the boys can return to the States, and to stay.

Maurice Morgan, E. M. 3/c, is expecting a leave soon and has halfway promised to see a lot of us. We certainly hope that his list will include the Sacramento Office, is he gets up this way. The corner of his V-mail which showed his new address met with an accident, so we are still going to have to use his old one, U. S. S. Cockenal, Y. N. T. #15, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, until we hear from him again--which we hope will be soon.

The Editor has had a letter from Florence Saddler, who is welding on cargo ships at the Permanente Shipyards. Orchids to you, Florence--it is a very good work and keep it up. She stated that she had just had a letter from Henry, the first one she had received in over a month. He was in the first wave of an Easter Sunday invasion and reported that it was plenty rough. That, from Henry, means that it was PLENTY ROUGH. He speaks highly of the accomplishments of his platoon. We were so happy to hear that Henry is still going strong, and hope we will have a letter from him some day. His address is Henry W. Saddler, C. C. M., U. S. N., Company C, Platoon 13, 70th Naval Construction, Battalion, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Some time ago we received word that Jess Chaffee had been transferred to the A. T. C. and had also been alerted for overseas shipment. We, of course, responded with our best going-away letter, and the next we heard from Jess, he had been "shipped"--to another section. He didn't sound particularly happy about being left behind, but we are all sort of glad, nevertheless. Cpl. Jess Chaffee's new address is 591st A.A.F.B.U., Section B, Stockton Field, California

Sgt. Harold Pesch gives an interesting account of the memorial ceremony which took place at Tyndal Field the Friday following President Roosevelt's death. Between nine and ten thousand men took part in the parade. Of that number Harold's squadron supplied 2250 men. He tells us this is the largest single squadron in the United States--large enough for one complete station. French and Chinese detachments also marched in the Parade. Harold also recently went through the excitement of a possible chance to go overseas, but was again disappointed. His address is Sgt. H. Pesch, 19066435, Squadron C, Box 1385, Tyndal Field, Florida.

Capt. Z. Allen Barker, USMCR, Reg. H & S Btry, 11th Marines, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, recently sent us another of his interesting letters. He gives us a wonderful description of his location and activities. He also was in an Easter Morning invasion, but was late in arriving, due to the fact that his amphib was stranded for three hours on a coral reef. What he so lightly tosses off as a trifling annoyance gives us the cold shivers. Allen painted a lovely picture of the short period of time when all the Marines had a horse, which they later had to return to the natives. Practicing, boys? You can't ALL ride that white horse, you know--we doubt if he is that good a horse. We are of the opinion, going back to the serious side, that Capt. Barker has been doing a bit of all right for himself, and we want to congratulate him on the promotion. Seems like every time he writes he has had another one. Keep up the good work, Mister--and hurry home!

Recent letters from Father-in-Law Everett Powell tells us that he is still trying to crowd twenty-four hours' work into each day; that he is well and happy. We think he is taking a little too much credit for being a father-in-law and too little for the work he is doing. Everett has been very faithful in keeping the home-folks posted as to his wellbeing. We do appreciate the letters, even if we don't always get them answered as soon as we should. We'll be pretty happy when Everett can be back with Parks in his old job of District Superintendent. His address is E. E. Powell, C.C. M., USNR, Co. B-6, 122 U. S. N. C. B., c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

We were very happy to receive a letter from Pvt. Walter G. Palmer Co. B., 87th Mt. Inf. APO 345, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York. Pvt. Palmer is a former employee of the U. S. Forest Service, and became acquainted with Parks while stationed at Fort Ord, where he met Mt. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson at Point Lobos. He has been receiving News & Views for two years and is one of our most ardent fans. He wrote from Italy, so we are hopeful that he will soon be permitted to return to the States. We also hope that it will not be too long until he can have an opportunity to meet more of the Parks family, and to visit more of the Parks. Thanks so very much for the grand letter, Pvt. Palmer, and we hope that we will hear from you again, and have an opportunity to meet you.

A letter from Murrell Gregory, E. M. 2/c (the first we've had!), U. S. S. Takelma (ATF 113), c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, tells us that he is busy and well. We have missed hearing from Greg, and are entirely grateful to him for the letter. Of course, it isn't his letter-writing habits that makes us like him, anyway. Good luck, Fellow--and we hope we will be seeing you soon.

Mrs. Mary L. Greene forwarded a clipping and picture from the Monterey Herald, of Major Gus Weiser. The item states that the Major has just received the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement" in the bombing of a strong enemy fortification, in an attack on Lunebach, Germany. We are sorry the picture can't be reproduced here as it is a good one. Major Weiser was an Assistant Groundsman before he enlisted in January, 1942. We think the Major was probably our youngest employee, as he is now only 21. We were so happy to again hear of his progress and wish him all the luck in the world.

L. W. (Lloyd to us) Lively, F 1/c (E. M.), U.S.N.A.S., M.A.A., Seattle 5, Washington, is, as the address would indicate, in Seattle. He is also hopeful of an early transfer in duties. He is now on the Master at Arms force at the Naval Air Station. His remarks on the subject are that "nobody loves an M. A." We agree that it is a long cry from being an Electrician Mate, but hope that the transfer, when it comes, will be from the Navy to Parks. When he comes home the Naval title will be missing, but we'll bet that the work will be familiar.

A letter from Jack Lemley tells us that he is stationed at Camp McQuaide, assigned to the training cadre. We are so glad that he can be near home. He sends greetings and best wishes to everyone and states that he would like to hear from anyone who has time to drop him a line. His address is Sgt. Jack W. Lemley, 39559338, Co. C., NSC Special Training Center, Camp McQuaide, California. (Editor's note: Jack's letter was written on the 18th of April, and on the 19th, Sgt. and Mrs. Lemley announced the arrival of Michele Teri, weight 7 lbs., 14 ounces. CONGRATULATIONS!)

Ralph Banfill, Dyerville Headquarters, sent us a clipping and picture from the Ukiah paper about his son, Bill L. Banfill, S 1/c, Coastguardsman. Bill recently disembarked at a west coast port following more than twenty-four months of duty in Hawaiian waters, aboard various Coast Guard vessels guarding the sea lanes for invading ships. The picture is a very good one and we are sorry that we aren't able to pass it on. It is being returned to Ralph--in spite of the fact that the girls in the office would like to put it on the bulletin board. We know, Ralph, how proud you are of Bill, and we are proud of him, too. He looks like a mighty fine boy, and we will be glad when he is home to stay.

A long letter from Lt. Bill Raymond gives us an interesting story of the feeding and care of German POW's at Camp Polk, Ruston, Louisiana, where he is employed in the Prisoner of War Camp Exchange. Little information can, of course, be passed on at this time. We do not envy Bill his associations in his work, and will rejoice with him when he can take up some other kind of work.

We have heard indirectly (Thanks to Ed Nash) that former Assistant Warden "Tony" Urch is in Italy, still with the replacement depot of an armored division. At Christmas he was presented with a third stripe, making him Sgt. Tony. He has had several leaves and spent them visiting places of interest in that country, among them being the Colosseum at Rome and the Leaning Tower at Pisa. We all hope that Tony can soon return to the States and the Redwoods.

Lt. Don Camper is still in Utah, and reports that he is gaining weight.... .....PFC.Don Covington is in the Philippines..... PFC Elmo Garibaldi, stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, was among the onlookers at the funeral procession of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. ... ..First Lt. Herbert Hull writes from the Philippines that he keeps busy flying and doing weather work.

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Now that we've got two down and one to go, there is all the more reason to support the SEVENTH WAR LOAN drive. The buying of Bonds will put an early end to the antics of the Japs and bring all our boys home. Let's buy that extra bond today and have them home for Christmas!

It is regrettable that the information regarding a portion of the personnel at La Purisima Historical Mission reached Mr. Blaisdell too late to be published in the last issue. We are, however, including it here and hope the folks will not feel too badly about the delay. We, therefore, soberly dedicate this portion of this issue to the folks at La Purisima, in the Central District.

ALFRED P. SALZGEBER, Asst. Ranger

Mr. Salzgeber was born in Tulare, California, February 6, 1916. He attended school in Los Angeles, graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School there. Joined the CCC's and worked at various jobs there from baker (first task: baked 30 pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving and left sugar out of the ingredients) and ended up on powder monkey work on road construction. After eighteen months in the C's left for various jobs in Los Angeles. While temporarily employed by the U. S. Engineering Department passed examination as Custodian, and in 1938 was appointed temporarily to Big Basin and Mount Diablo State Parks. He then worked at Lockheed Aircraft for six months until another TAU came through for Mount Palomar. While on this appointment was transferred to Borego Desert for two months. In April, 1940, was appointed to Doheny Beach and was there until April, 1943, at which time he took charge of Carpinteria Beach. In November, 1943, he was requested by his local Draft Board to get into war work, so he left Parks again and worked for a year as instructor at a Los Angeles Aircraft School. In November, 1944, he returned as an Asst. Ranger, to La Purisima.

Mr. Salzgeber was married to Henri Swinford in July, 1939, and they have two sons, Garlan, 3, and Russell, 1. It might be added that he has just passed the preinduction physical and has a 1-A classification.

F. A. BRIDEWELL, Skilled Laborer

F. A. (Al) Bridewell began working for the Division of Beaches and Parks at La Purisima Historical Mission in September, 1944. He was born in Georgia, in March, 1891. His earlier work was with two large national manufacturers, which took him, for several years, into nearly all of the states east of the Mississippi River and ultimately to California. He chose to settle permanently in this state early in 1929--has seen most of it--and likes all of it. He has lived in both San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mr. Bridewell is unmarried. His hobby is California history. As a result of many years of intensive research and study, he has acquired a large collection of pictures and dates on most of the historic places and buildings of California including all of the Missions. It naturally follows that he has a strong attachment for La Purisima, where his knowledge of Mission history is a great help in the work of conducting visitors through the buildings.

Al's greatest regret is that he did not get into the State Park work many years earlier. His greatest desire is to assist in the continued restoration and maintenance of La Purisima Mission.

THOMAS THOMSON, Deputy Ranger

Mr. Thomson was born in Scotland May 18, 1887. He attended school in Glasgow, graduating from High School there, and was one year at Edinburgh University. He worked for his father, who was a carpenter and funeral undertaker. At the outbreak of World War I he joined the British Army, the Royal Engineers. Arrived in France in November, 1914, and served there and in Belgium until February, 1919. He was lucky enough to get through in good shape, with only a bullet

wound in the forearm and two slight doses of mustard gas. (Note: Scotty does not mention receiving several medals, including the Victoria Cross.) He arrived in this country in May, 1921, and came straight to California, where he has been ever since. He received his final naturalization in June, 1931. Scotty has worked at various jobs, including painting, service station attendant, power plant operator, and, believe it or not, was a cook in the La Purisima CCC camp for several years.. He worked for Santa Barbara County for one and one-half years at La Purisima, and in February, 1944, was appointed Custodian there.

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COAST REDWOODS IN THEIR SOUTHERN RANGE

By William L. Kenyon

Because the coast redwoods, (Sequoia sempervirens) reach the height of their development in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, many people are unaware that these trees grow south of Monterey to Salmon Creek, which is close to the San Luis Obispo county line.

Yet the southern redwoods are quite important from a number of standpoints. The first record we have by white men of the existence of the redwood, is from a diary entry made by Fray Juan Crespie, of the Portola expedition, October 10, 1769. These trees were seen by members of that party as they left a campsite at the Pajaro River, near Watsonville. The Spaniards called them "Palo Colorado", (tree color red) and "palo alto", (tree tall).

Thousands of tourists who visit California see only the redwoods which grow in the southern portion of the range, as viewed primarily from the San Simeon - Carmel highway, and in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

According to the U. S. Forest Service, redwood is one of the principal tree species of the Monterey Division of their Los Padres National Forest, representing one of the largest stands of Sequoia sempervirens in Federal ownership. The heaviest stands in the southern part of the redwood belt are on the Big Sur and Little Sur rivers, and on Willow Creek. They grow only on the stream bottoms and lower slopes draining into the Pacific Ocean, and are entirely within the summer fog belt.

While the rainfall in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park has reached 87 inches, and certain other portions of the watershed even more, (Cold Springs, 15 miles north of the Park, as an example, has had a reading of over 150 inches), the general rainfall of the southern range is less than that of the northern area. Nevertheless, there are some very fine groves in Monterey County, perhaps one of the most outstanding being Hearst Grove on the Little Sur River, about nine miles inland. Here the trees grow in a pure stand. 1200 acres of this grove were listed in the State Park Survey authorized in 1927, (and conducted by Fredrick Law Olmsted), as suitable for inclusion in the State Park System. This area is still untouched by commercial operations, and can be reached only by trail.

The trees in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park (and this is generally true of the balance of the southern area), are not as tall, nor as large in diameter, nor as old as those of the northern range. The largest of these, measured by park rangers, was found to be 27 feet in circumference, at 4½ feet from the ground, with a height of only 156 feet. Others of the largest trees in the park measured, circumference and

height: 13'4", 182'; 14'1", 113'; 17'7", 186'; 22'4", 205'; 23', 205'. The tallest measured was 205'6", with a circumference of 24'. Along the coast, they grow in practically every canyon which opens to the ocean; and there are some thirty canyons containing streams flowing into the sea, between Point Lobos and Salmon Creek. Some of these canyons extend back into the mountains a number of miles, but most of them head into a steep mountainside. In places the redwoods grow down almost to the ocean shore. While the small canyons often contain dwarfed growth, picturesquely grotesque from their struggle with the elements, the larger canyons, such as Big Sur and Little Sur, contain many trees of fair size.

It is reported that redwoods of a larger size than those in the State Park grow farther up the Big Sur River in the National Forest, but we have no authentic information concerning them, nor of the measurements of those in the Hearst Grove; but generally speaking the sizes given of the trees in the Park, from what we have seen, represent the typical large trees of the area.

We have noticed quite a few "umbrella" top trees. These are the ones with broken off tops, where limb growth has been active and has formed a canopy effect at the top. There are also numerous spike tops; and in the canyons there is much evidence of the struggle for existence against erosion, where many trees have their roots exposed on one side.

The ground cover and forest associations are quite similar to those of the northern redwood range, with a few notable exceptions. Monterey County is a transition zone between some of the northern and southern trees, and here one finds redwoods growing side by side with Western sycamore. In a small creek close to Point Lobos Reserve, we found redwoods in association with Monterey Pine and Sargent Cypress. We did not find Doublas fir with redwood anywhere, although this tree grows in certain portions of the Santa Lucia mountains.

In an effort to learn more of the southern redwoods and the conditions under which they grow, Prof. Emanuel Fritz, of the Department of Forestry, University of California, visited the Big Sur area last winter, with his headquarters in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Adverse weather conditions made it impractical to cover all of the area, and he plans to return this summer to continue the study. When completed, we will have authentic technical information covering the southern range of the coast redwoods.

Because of the large amount of tourist travel from the southern part of the state, over the San Simeon - Carmel highway, many people obtain their first view of the famous Sequoia sempervirens in the canyons just north of Salmon Creek. Unless they travel much farther north, which is not possible for many persons, they may obtain a misconception of the coast redwoods of California. For this reason, and to better acquaint the travelling public with the trees which have helped to make California world famous, it has been suggested that a suitable "Shrine" be created and maintained at the first point of contact, to give everyone from the south who stops, an authentic story of the coast redwoods. This might well be a worthwhile undertaking for the State Park System, which has intrusted to it for care, protection and perpetuation, more coast redwoods than any other agency.

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The SEVENTH WAR LOAN Drive is now on. Let's back 'em up all the way and buy bonds, more bonds and MORE BONDS. Remember, the purchase of war bonds will turn the Jap Yappies into Yapping Jappies.

THE CHIEF'S CONTRIBUTIONS

This issue of News & Views is being edited by Dan Hull and for the next several issues the same will be edited by the members of the office personnel. In other words, during the active park season none of the Field Personnel will be requested to edit any of the issues.

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VICTORY !

On April 14, 1945, Personnel Board changed the class title of Custodian of Historical Buildings to Curator of Historical Monuments; adopted a revised specification for the class; and increased the salary range from $100 (10) 140 to $130 (10)170. This change applies to the following locations: Vallejo Home, Sonoma Mission, Old Custom House, California's First Theatre, Pio Pico Mansion, and Will Rogers State Park.

LEGISLATION

Legislation as a whole seems to be moving slowly. However, legislation of interest to this Division is progressing satisfactorily. To date four bills effecting this Division have been signed by the Governor and thus have become effective legislation. They are as follows:

AB 753, which makes it mandatory that before any division may accept gifts of real property, such must have the approval of the Director of Finance.

AB 1620, creating permissive legislation whereby the State Highway Commission may purchase land not exceeding 300 feet in width between the right of way line of the State Highway and the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean, bays or estuaries when the State Park Commission deems such property of value for parks or recreational purposes.

AB 2139, which permits the State Park Commission to exchange lands in Anza Desert State Park when such exchange is made in accordance with Federal legislation created for the specific purpose.

SB 1260, which transfers certain tide lands and submerged lands of the State of California to the City of San Diego, except such parcels as were acquired through the expenditure of State Park Bond Funds. This is the area designated as our Mission Bay State Park.

BUDGET

This Division's budget for the coming biennium is progressing according to schedule and at this time it seems that the budget as submitted and approved by the Director of Finance will finally be accepted. When this becomes a fact, this Division will have the largest budget allowance in its history. It will permit us to carry on vital maintenance and repair work which has been delayed because of war conditions.

BEACH EROSION CONTROL ENGINEER

The State Park Commission has approved the appointment of Col. Edwin C. Kelton for the position of Beach Erosion Control Engineer. This position was created by legislation in 1943. Col. Kelton will assume his new duties as of June first.

Col. Kelton is a West Point graduate, a veteran of World War I, and was recently retired from the Army where he held the position of District Engineer of the Army Engineers in Los Angeles.

We welcome Col. Kelton to the

staff of this Division and assure him of the Division's heartiest cooperation and support.

RESIGNATION

Ralph H. Cowing, Deputy Attorney General, who has been assigned to the Division of Beaches and Parks, is leaving state service on June first to go into private practice at Woodland, California. Although Mr. Cowing has only been with us a few months, his services have been of real value to this Division and it is with the keenest regret that we are forced to sever our present relationship. However, everyone in this Division who has become acquainted with Mr. Cowing wishes him happiness and success in his private practice.

CONFERENCE

At the recent District Conference all plans and arrangements were completed for the opening of the State Park season. The District Park Superintendents all reported that the various areas are in condition to receive the public and that they are looking forward to the most active season since the war started. In spite of the acute manpower shortage, it is hoped that the public will be cared for in the usual efficient and satisfactory manner.

--FINIS--

From the Warden's Weekly Reports we learn that the Mount Diablo State Park is receiving about twice as many visitors this season as they received last year. This is indeed good news.

Ernest Bauman reports that a dead baby whale washed up on shore at Agate Beach late in April. It was twenty-five feet in length. After two days on the beach at Patrick's Point it washed out to sea again. We hope that Ernest got some pictures of his little (?) visitor.

We learn that Jack Calvert, on his day off, caught a limit of trout in the Santa Ynez River. Which makes the Administrative personnel perfectly willing to trade places with the man in the Field. Do we hear any offers?

Mr. C. L. Cushing reports that the Lodge and camps are open at Big Basin and that they have had some campers in for overnight stays.

The Richardson Grove State Park concession will be open on May 15th.

The Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park concession will open on May 25th.

The San Simeon Highway is open.

Votes of thanks and orchids are going out to "Rol" Wilson, who made the new carved desk signs for the Curators. They are very handsome, made from redwood, bearing the word "Curator" and a place for the name of the employee.

The Pio Pico restoration is continuing after several months of research.

The Sacramento Office put out the "Welcome" mat one day last week for Newton and Aubrey Drury. We are always so glad to have them pay us a visit, and when they visit us at the same time, it is really an occasion.

Among visitors in Sacramento during the last month were Earl Hanson, William L. Kenyon and C. L. Cushing. It is always a special occasion when any of the Field Personnel are able to pay a visit to the office. Earl Hanson picked an especially auspicious day for his visit--and had an opportunity to help Dan Hull eat his birthday ice cream and cake.

Virginia Fillinger has been in the hospital during the past week, but is now at home, and we expect her to return to work at an early date.

We hear that a rattlesnake steak barbecue was enjoyed in one of the southern Parks. We would like to learn more about it! And at least part of the Sacramento Office personnel are angling for an invitation to the next one.

Barbara Knight and the twins, Judith and Joan Marie, and Linda, recently visited Bob and Ruby Coon at the Vallejo Home. We've heard a lot about how cute the twins are and are anxiously awaiting a chance to see them. Barbara, can you really tell them apart?

Jack Calvert has been having himself sort of a bad time, having been confined to the hospital for some time. However, he is much better now, and has resumed his duties at La Purisima, which is indeed good news to all of us.

The last two days of the District Conference the group went to the Sonoma Historical Mission, Vallejo Home, in Sonoma, and on Sunday travelled to Armstrong Redwoods State Park, where lunch was served by Mrs. Coon and Mrs. Grout. It was a most delicious lunch and the gathering was entirely grateful to the ladies--especially certain members of the party who indulged in their freedom by hiking all over the hillsides. All were very sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Canham had been called to Santa Cruz and we were not able to see them. This was the first opportunity several of the girls in the office had of seeing State properties and they enjoyed the trip a great deal. The initial purpose of the trip was to inspect new standard installations, the warehouse at Sonoma, the combination buildings, campground layout at Armstrong. The new standard cupboard was also inspected. All have been constructed in accordance with the new standard plans and appear to be highly satisfactory.

The Sacramento office force are again sending out tentative hints for a redwood burl for the office. Brownie sent us our last one and it was enjoyed a great deal. Of course, we don't want anyone to go to any trouble, but if they should happen to have an extra burl, just sort of kicking around loose----------

Even the dullest day (and there aren't very many of them!) in the Sacramento office seems to have its lighter moments. Recently a letter was received from a well-known firm, addressed to the "Division of Benches and Parks". How about it, folks--have you been keeping something from us? Another letter has been added to our file of wacky addresses. This one was directed to the "Division of Peaches and Parks". And every once in a while an interoffice requisition comes up with a gem--such as five gallons of "aunt paste". Keep it up, you folks. You'd be surprised how monotonous things can be when no one makes a typographical error.

We haven't had any word from the Holmboe family for quite a while. Come on folks--Give! Just a note if you are too busy to write a letter.

BELIEVE IT, OR NOT!

A recently published book on American wild life describes the method a fox uses to rid himself of fleas. Taking a stick in his mouth, he slowly submerges in a pool of water. As he sinks, the fleas move upward to drier regions of his body. Finally, when only the stick of wood remains above the surface, the fleas desert the sinking fox to take refuge on the dry wood. Then the fox releases the stick, leaving the fleas alone on the raft! It seems almost too amazing to believe; and yet the fox is proverbially smart, and perhaps with his fox's instinct he is truly capable of hitting on such an ingenious plan.

MAN-CAUSED FIRES INCREASE

Careless smokers caused more fires in or near national parks in 1940 than in any year since the establishment of the National Park Service 25 years ago, it was reported to the Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by Director Newton B. Drury.

The 218 fires caused by smokers represented 39% of the total of 551 fires resulting from all causes according to the annual forest fire report of the National Park Service. The next highest numbers of smoker-caused fires were 188 in 1939 and 171 in 1936. Lightning, with 34% of the fires to its credit, was the second highest cause.

The total number of fires was the third highest in the history of the Service. There were 557 in 1939 and 733 in 1936.. The burned area inside national parks was 23,235 acres, the third highest acreage since 1928. Of the burned area 88% resulted from seven fires, each involving 300 acres or more, in Yellowstone National Park; six of which were caused by lightning and one by a careless smoker.

"Fire weather as it affected the start, spread and resistance to control the fires", said the report, "was generally about normal except in the northern Rocky Mountain region. Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks experienced the worst concentration of lightning strikes in their history which, following a winter of below normal snowfall, created early and protracted dangerous conditions."

Though at least one fire occurred on 214 days during the year, 30% started in July and August.

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One ship sails east
And another sails west
With the selfsame winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sail
And not the gale
Which tells the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea
And the ways of fate
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal
And not the calm or the strife.

------Wilcox

A last-minute letter tells us that Leo Crawford has been heard from, as of April 29th, from inside Germany. He describes the released prisoners of all nationalities, making their way homeward. Leo's address is Sgt. Leo Crawford, 39286617, 695th Mt. Amb. Co., A. P. O. 230, % PM, New York, N.Y.

The June issue of the News and Views is to be edited by Gladys Zumwalt and she assures one and all that she will be entirely grateful for news items--and LOTS OF THEM!

The Editor wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who have submitted material for this issue, and especially thanks the service men for their prompt and interesting letters.

"Our Dreams are Getting Better all the Time"--we are dreaming of the day when we can buy paint and lumber and nails and door handles. When we won't have to have an AA-1 to buy a bundle of shingles or a hammer handle. It won't be long now until we can mend that broken board on the back porch--before Aunt Susie breaks her neck.

Support the SEVENTH WAR LOAN Drive. This is the time for everyone to get behind the boys for that last final effort of going over the top. Come on, everybody, LET'S-BUY-THAT-EXTRA-BOND-TODAY---and watch it pay dividends with an early victory now and added cash later on!

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IN COMMEMORATION OF THE

PIONEERS

WHO CROSSED THE PLAINS TO

SETTLE CALIFORNIA

Early in April, 1846, there set out from Springfield, Illinois, a wagon party which had been organized by George and Jacob Donner and James F. Reed. The wagon train reached Independence, Missouri the first week in May and was increased by additional members, the entire train being composed of about one hundred persons from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Missouri and Ohio.

There was nothing in the appearance of this particular wagon train to distinguish it from the hundreds of other pioneer parties who left their homes, tempted by the fame of the fruitfulness and almost tropical beauty of the land bordering the Pacific.

The formation of the company known as the Donner Party was purely accidental. The union of so many emigrants into one train was not occasioned by any preconcerted arrangement. In many instances small parties would hear of the mammoth train just ahead of them or just behind them, and by hastening their pace, or halting for a few days, joined themselves to the party. Many were with the train during a portion of the journey, but from some cause or other became parted from the Donner company before reaching Donner Lake, where occurred one of the most heartbreaking tragedies, not only in California history, but in pioneer history of the settlement of the entire western countries.

For a period of time this wagon train was little different from the many others that were continuously heading westward. They had their little differences and their Indian scares and took part in the general search for good camping places and for good feed at the end of each day's drive.

Letters from Mrs. George Donner mentioned their leader as Captain Russell. They spent July 4th, 1846, at Fort Laramie. On July 20th George Donner was elected Captain of the train at the Little Sandy River. From that time forward it was known as the Donner Party. It is seen from letters written by various members of the party that, even as early as this, there was a good deal of dissention in the party, which played a large part in bringing about the calamity which later befell what is now known as the Donner Party.

George Donner was a farmer from Illinoic, sixty-two years of age, accompanied by five daughters and his third wife, Tamsen. Other children did not accompany the family west. With him went also his elder brother, Jacob, his wife, two stepsons and five children. Three teamsters accompanied the family.

James Frazier Reed, formerly a business man, was accompanied by his family of five, and three teamsters. This family made quite a show of their wealth and were not too well liked by the rest of the party, except the Donners.

Mrs. Murphy was accompanied by her seven daughters, two sons-in-law, and their families. They were from Tennessee and Missouri, and numbered thirteen.

William Eddy, his wife and two children were from Illinois. Eddy was the best qualified as a "frontiersman", being the best hunter and the best versed in frontier arts.

Patrick Breen and his family of eighteen were Irish naturalized American citizens. Starting from his farm in Iowa, he was able to take a relatively large number of animals. Traveling with the Breens but driving his own conveyance, was Patrick Dolan, a bachelor.

Probably the best educated man in the party was Lewis Keseberg. With him traveled his wife and two children. He was most unpopular with members of the party, because he was abusive to his family and he was caught stealing from an Indian burial ground.

The Wolfinger family were German. There were three other Germans and a man known as Fleming who stayed with the Keseberg family. Three more unattached men completed the roster of the company--Antonio, from New Mexico, Halloran, a consumptive traveling with the Donner family, and Stanton, a young man interested in geology and botany.

This, then, was the Donner Party, consisting of twenty wagons, which left the main wagon train on July 20, 1846, near the Little Sandy River and turned to the southwest on the "Hastings Cutoff". The split had been brought about by a letter from Lanford W. Hastings, which had been brought to the train a few days before. The letter carried considerable weight as Hastings had made several trips to the coast, and books published by him had done much to arouse interest in the Pacific Coast. In his letter Hastings promised to guide the party personally over the cutoff.

Eight days after leaving the main train, the party reached Fort Bridger, where they were to meet Hastings, only to discover that he had, due to the lateness of the season, gathered together a wagon train and started on. They were encouraged to follow him by Bridger. Four new recruits joined the party

here--Juan Baptiste, a young half-breed who claimed to know the country, and William McCutcheon and his wife and baby.

At this point the Donner Party had an opportunity to take the old Oregon Trail, and rejoin the larger wagon train, but there was no hesitation as they followed Hastings and started the fateful journey to the Salt Lake Basin. They soon discovered that the way was the roughest they had so far encountered, and their progress was slow.

At the crossing of the Red Fork of Weber River, they found a letter from Hastings, telling them that the route through Weber Canyon was worse than he anticipated. After some discussion Reed, Stanton and McCutcheon following Hastings and the rest of the train went into camp. After five days only Reed returned. Stanton and McCutcheon had remained with Hastings' party, due to the exhaustion of their horses. Hastings refused to return to help the party find another route, but had pointed out a route to Reed. This also promised to be rough, and to require road building. A vote decided them to follow Reed's new route across the Wasatch Mountains.

It took them twenty-one days to cover thirty-six miles of country. Soon after they started they were joined by three wagons under Franklin Graves. Graves, his son, son-in-law and a driver were a welcome addition to the road builders. The Graves outfit, thirteen in all, increased the total in the train to eighty-seven. A search party was sent out for Stanton and McCutcheon and they were found in a half-starved condition.

From August 28th to September 2nd the party traveled from the mountains to the edge of Salt Lake Desert. It was during this part of the journey that Luke Halloran, the consumptive, died.

At the edge of the desert they rested a day, then went on, having filled all containers with water, in preparation for the thirty-five mile dry drive. As the train reached the salt plains it began to dissolve into units, based upon the heaviness of load and strength of teams. It was only on the third day that the sink marking the middle of the desert was reached. There the heavy wagons were especially handicapped because they broke through the salt crust and sank into soft sand which oozed brine. The Reeds and the Donners were far behind the greater part of the train, due to the heaviness of their wagons. Nearly all the people walked, to save the oxen, and much of their equipment and household goods was left behind to lighten the loads. Thirty-six yoke of oxen were missing, although enough were found later so that only four wagons had to be abandoned--two of Reed's, one of George Donner's and one of Keseberg's. Reed had suffered the heaviest because in a stampede all of his animals had gotten away and only an ox and a cow were recovered. He finally managed to borrow two oxen and continue with the big family wagon.

The outlook was not cheerful, for, even after seven days' rest, the animals were still weak and another forty-mile desert drive caused many of them to be abandoned. Also there was a shortage of supplies, and McCutcheon and Stanton were chosen to go ahead and bring back supplies. On September 30th the party finally arrived at the junction of the main route. They had spent half of July, and all of August and September crossing the "cutoff" and were many days behind the last California-bound wagon

train. They were to be handicapped not only by the lateness of the season, but by the fact that the preceding parties had fed off the countryside and there was little or no feed for the animals.

Forced travel, shortage of feed and the fact that October was crowding the party for time caused great concern and shortness of temper among the men. In a flareup between Reed and Snyder, Graves' driver, Snyder was killed. Reed was banished from the train by a vote of the company, and pushed on towards California alone, leaving his family in the train.

The party was being harried by Indians, who, although they lacked the courage to attack the train, did a good deal of damage by shooting at the members from ambush, stealing and wounding the animals. And the way was again becoming very rough. Between Humboldt Sink and the Truckee River lay the last desert, which also took its toll in stock and supplies.

A change had come over the company, in physical appearance and in temperament. Only a few cattle were left, and those few so thin as to be almost useless. There were not fourteen wagons in the entire train. Hardkoop was inadvertently left behind and Breen and Graves, the only ones who had horses, refused to search for him, or to loan their horses for a search party. Eddy had been forced to abandon his wagon and he and his wife carried their two children across the last desert. When the children were suffering from thirst Eddy had to threaten Breen, who had a cask of water in his wagon, to obtain enough to revive them. Thus far had progressed the breakdown of morale.

The triumph of conquering the last desert was shortlived, and there was no time for rest. The way was becoming increasingly rough, and winter was upon them. And they were threatened with starvation. It was here that they were met by Stanton, two Indians with seven pack mules, returning from Fort Sutter with food. Next day they arrived at Truckee Meadows, where they camped for five days. Even then it was commencing to snow, but the oxen could go no farther without rest. It was here that Pike, of Mrs. Murphy's family, was accidentally shot by his brother-in-law. Different groups of the party pushed on as their animals became stronger. On the 31st the Breens, together with Dolan, the Kesebergs and the Eddys camped not far from a cabin that had become a landmark on the trail, having stood there for some years, and which was to be occupied by the Breens for the winter.

Next morning the party pushed on, only to discover snow as deep as five feet between them and the summit. After a number of attempts at finding the trail, they were forced to return to the cabin by torrents of rain. Next morning Stanton and several members again tried to reach the summit, in the hope that the rain had melted the snow. This did not prove to be true. It became evident that the wagons would have to be left behind and much time was lost while members of the party tried to decide what to pack on the animals and what to leave behind. In the meantime, Stanton and one of the Indians had attained the summit. For the second time Stanton, a man with no ties in the company, returned to aid them when he could have saved himself. Upon his return he found a hopeless confusion of indecision, with part of the company desirous of pushing on, and part of them making camp. By the next morning all knew that it was too late--a

foot of new snow had fallen.

Every effort was then made to construct cabins and prepare for winter. Soon two new cabins were built and the old one repaired. The Donners had not been able to reach the cabins when the snow began to fall and were forced to set up a camp independently. Tents and brush shelters furnished their only protection against the elements. In that camp there were twenty-one people, six men, three women and twelve children, while the establishments at the head of the lake housed sixty, nineteen men, twelve women and twenty-nine children.

The worry about food obsessed them. Practically all of the supplies, including those brought by Stanton, had been exhausted during the period of camp building. They had a little sugar, tea and coffee, but the salt was nearly gone. Their main provision was to be the animals, oxen, cows, horses and mules. Some were slaughtered immediately; others were left to brouse where some of the snow had melted. The Breens were the best off because they had lost the least--Eddy had just one animal--Mrs. Reed, with children and drivers to feed, had none at all. There was no thought of pooling, and in the attempt on the part of those who had little to buy meat, hard bargains were driven by those who had the most. Mrs. Reed had to promise two for one, when they should reach California. Then real disaster overtook them--some of the grazing cattle strayed away and were buried in the snow. With them went the few horses and Captain Sutter's seven mules.

The party had little luck at hunting and fishing, and soon winter stopped that small help. Graves and Stanton were the only ones who had any knowledge of snow shoes. These they were trying to make with what they had at hand among the supplies. Spitzer was the first of the party to succumb to cold and malnutrition.

Several attempts had been made to reach the summit, and on December 16th seventeen members of the party tried again. Their packs were light, a blanket each, what they called six days' rations, pistols, a light axe and one rifle. In their weakened condition the packs were as much as they could handle. Unaccustomed to snowshoes as they were, the first night found them still in sight of the camp. The second day they crossed the pass and camped a little west of it. On the third day a new enemy appeared--snowblindness. Stanton was the first to be striken and on the fourth and fifth days he was far behind the rest of the group, on their reaching the chosen campsite. On the morning of the sixth day he remained by the fire, telling them that he would be along shortly, but he never arrived at camp that night.

Withoug Stanton the party immediately lost its way and bore south into the rough country of the American River, rather than the comparatively easy Bear Valley. Two more days passed as they floundered on, working their general way toward safety. It was then that they first began to consider eating the only food that was at hand. Many proposals were voiced as to ways of securing the food, but they finally staggered on, waiting for someone to die. It was again storming. Antonio, the Mexican was the first to die. During the night one of them lost the hatchet while cutting wood, and despair was heavy upon them. One of the Indians accidentally put out the fire. Eddy knew of a way to keep them from freezing, but they were so discouraged, that before he could get them to cooperate, Graves had died. Eddy made them

all sit on a blanket in a circle and covered them with the rest of the blankets. Thus they were safe from freezing. During that night Patrick Dolan died. After the storm they were able, after much trouble, to fire a pine tree. They then took the last step and roasted flesh from Dolan's body. At first the Indians refused such food, but the second day they also ate.

For three days they stayed in camp, resting and drying the flesh for packing. They then set out once more, and on the second day sighted the green of Sacramento Valley. It is not hard to imagine the hope that thrilled them. For six days they toiled in the snow, many of them leaving blood-stained tracks. When food ran out they looked with greedy eyes at the Indians. Eddy warned them and these two left the party. Fosdick had become so weak that he was able to travel only a mile in a day. Eddy and part of the group pushed on and it was on the following day that Eddy was able to shoot a deer. After they had eaten Eddy went back after other members of the party and found that, while Fosdick had died, his wife had survived, without a fire. Part of Fosdick's flesh and that of the deer were dried and the party pushed on.

Two days later the people again ran out of food. Foster became violent, when the party found the Indians, so exhausted they could not rise. There was a fight and Foster shot the Indians. Eddy and three of the women left the party, through fear of Foster. For three days they had only grass to eat, but on January 12th they found tracks and followed them into a Digger Indian settlement. The only food the Indians had was acorn mush, which they generously shared with the survivors. They continued from Indian village to Indian village, traveling together, but with Eddy and his little party camping apart.. After many days they reached the Johnson ranch in Bear Valley. Of the fifteen who had crossed the pass thirty-three days before, only seven survived. At the Johnson Ranch they learned for the first time of the efforts made by Reed and McCutcheon to get back to the party with food from Sutter's Fort.

With the assistance of Captain Sutter Eddy was able to organize a relief party. They experienced some difficulty as conditions in the valley were poor and wages were high, due to the Mexican war. Caleb Greenwood, an old mountain man, had been induced to lead the relief party, and General Vallejo and other influential citizens contributed freely with money and horses. Both Reed and Eddy were extremely anxious to effect the rescue as they had left their wives and children behind.

The relief party left the Johnson Ranch--the "jumping off" place, on February 4th. The story of the tribulations and the hardships of the various relief parties in their fight against rain, snow and starvation, is worthy of a book in itself. When this first party reach its goal they feared that they had missed the way, for all that greeted them was an expanse of snow. A shout, however, brought from a hole in the snow a woman who tottered as she struggled toward them. Then other figures appeared--other living skeletons. Food was distributed to them, but only in small amounts. The state of affairs had grown steadily worse after the departure of the snowshoe party. Even with the withdrawal of that number of persons, each cabin contained five to eleven people. One authority describes the cabins thus: "Buried beneath the snow, the cabins were dim and damp caves. The

flickering fires lighted them uncertainly. The kettles where hides and bones were boiling steamed almost without ceasing. All were unkempt and unbathed. Even the cold had failed to keep down the vermin. The sick apathetically watched those who were still able to get on their feet. Everyone spent much of the time in bed, wrapped in blankets and quilts which had not been sunned in months." The men, in their weakened condition encountered great difficulty in securing enough wood to supply the cooking fires.

Little was done except wood gathering, cooking and praying. There was not much visiting done--in fact, it occurred so seldom that Breen called members of the other cabins "strangers". From his diary comes the entry--"Saw no strangers from any of the shantys today". Another thing that shocked the rescuers was the number of the deaths.

Three of the rescuers started out with seventeen of the party. Their trip over the pass was almost as disheartening as that of the snowshoe party. Their first shock came when they discovered that a cache of food left on the way in had been destroyed by animals. The weakened members became sick, and several died. They were constantly threatened by storms. As they neared Bear Valley they were met by Reed and a group of men, who told them of cached food, and of camps that had been established.

Reed and his group continued on to the Donner tents and the Murphy cabin, where they discovered that the members of this part of the party had been forced to eat several of their dead in order to retain life themselves. Reed left almost immediately, with fourteen of the people who had wintered near the Lake. They were caught in a storm, and again ran out of food. When the storm was over the people were in bad condition, mentally and physically. Mrs. Graves and her children and the Breens had to be left behind. Eight started out to make their way as best they could. After some difficulty Eddy and Foster were able to secure the services of five men to return after the Breen and Graves families. On the afternoon of the second day they came upon a huge pit in the snow, where the fire had melted it. At the bottom of the pit were the Breens, Mary Donner and three of the Graves children. Mrs. Breen had secreted some sugar, tea and seeds, which had lasted only a short time. The skeletons of two babies and Mrs. Graves' mutilated body told the rest of the story.

Eddy and Foster were making every effort to again get to the cabins and bring their families out. They and two companions were able to get in. Upon their arrival there they found their sons dead and eaten, a fact about which Keseberg boasted, and but for the efforts of the rest of the party he would have been killed upon the spot by the grief-crazed fathers. All but five members of that group left with Eddy and Foster--Keseberg, Mrs. Murphy, Temsen Donner, who refused to go because her husband was too sick to be moved, and the Donners' nephew. This rescue party had a good deal less trouble than former parties and a week later were safe at Sutter's with only one death.

California seemed to lose interest in the last refugees and it was more than a month before another group started into the mountains--more in the nature of a salvage than a rescue party. Upon their arrival at the cabins they found Digger Indians there, but no sign of the people who had been left

behind. They were surprised to discover tracks that had not been made by the Indians, and upon investigation they later found Keseberg. He told of the deaths of the rest of the people who had remained behind with him, but since had quite a bit of money on him, and they were able to force him to dig up more which he had buried, the rescuers were inclined to believe that at least one murder might have been committed on account of the money. On April 21st the party left for Bear Valley. With their return the Donner Party was completed and the last person accounted for.

So ends a tale of sacrifice, love, toil, horror and avarice. Yet some parts of the story are so heroic that it is not hard to forget the sordid episodes. Now only a bronze statue of four figures, a pioneer family, with the inscription, "In Commemoration of the Pioneers who Crossed the Plains to Settle California", marks the spot in the solitude of the Sierra Nevadas where took place one of the most outstanding epics in the winning of the west.

The Donner Historical Monument was acquired as a gift from the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1928. It consists of 16.10 acres, which embraces a large portion of the cabin and camp sites of the Donner Party, the Monument and concession building. The site borders State Highway #40 for a short distance, and is consequently one of our most important points of contact with out-of-state visitors. It is the only monument in the System which offers tribute to the American pioneer settler of California. By that we mean the pioneers who came from the east in covered wagons, on horseback and by foot.

Donner Monument is located approximately six miles west of Truckee, and only a short distance from the California state line. Donner Lake country, in which the Monument is located, is one of the most beautiful spots in the state, as well as being one of the most historic.

The base of the monument, which was erected in 1910, measures 20 x 21 feet; the pedestal, which is 22½ feet high and represents the snow line during the winter of 1846-47, is 16 x 16 feet square The bronze base is 1½ feet high and the figure of the man is 16 feet tall. The sculptor was John MacQuarrie of San Francisco. The monument was dedicated June 6, 1918, under the auspices of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Native Daughters. The inscription on the tablet set in the base of the monument was composed by Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, President of the University of Californi

There is a bronze tablet, placed by the Landmarks Committee of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1920, which lists the members of the party. This tablet is at the site of the Murphy cabin, which is not at this time state-owned.

This tribute is to the type of California pioneer rather than to individuals or to the Donner Party. It is with love and pride that we cherish this Monument as a tribute to those early settlers who helped to save California and to build her into a state that has worldwide prominence, a state that has everything to offer to her visitors, including her people, truly Westerners with all the western love of entertaining and hospitality, all the western pride in our country, and all the western love of freedom, engendered by our mountains and lakes and rolling valleys.

CHIEF'S CONTRIBUTIONS

This present issue of "News & Views" presents future possibilities in that the greater portion of the issue is devoted to one of our prominent State Historical Monuments. Mrs. Gladys Zumwalt, the editor, has done considerable research work in order to compile the issue and it merits the keen appreciation of the entire staff.

My contribution to this issue will be quite limited because of the length of the issue and the fact that I will be responsible for the next issue.

The next issue will carry a schedule of those who will be requested to act as editors for the following nine or ten months.

"AU REVOIR"

Mrs. Alice Garibaldi, familiarly known to all of us as "Gari", has decided to resign from this Division and assume the full responsibility of being a helpmate and a help-work to her soldier hubby.

Gari leaves us on the fifteenth of this month, after many years of faithful, competent and devoted service. She is the oldest employee from the point of service, having started out at scratch. She has taken a prominent part in the acquisition program, since its inception, as Secretary to our former associate, Newton Drury. No one is more familiar with the details of each and every individual acquisition and since she also possesses a wonderful memory, we have relied upon Gari as an encyclopedia of facts concerning this Division's growth and development.

It is with the keenest of regret that we say "Au Revoir" and wish her Godspeed, health, and happiness, coupled with the consoling thought that she will always be interested in this Division's activities and its personnel.

BOQUET

A report recently released by the Department of Finance on the gasoline consumption reductions of the various State Divisions show that this Division had the greatest percentage gas use reduction between the dates of February, 1941, and February, 1945, of any Division in the entire State Government. Our percentage consumption decrease over the last normal year of 1940 was 74%. Every member of this Division can be proud of that record and look upon it as an added contribution to the war effor

BUSY SEASON

Reports received at the office indicate that the parks are receiving a greater patronage than at any time since the peak season of 1941. If this carries through the remainder of the season, personnel will be taxed to its limit. In spite of the manpower shortage, we hope to be able to fill all of the allotted positions, thus easing the burden to the greatest possible extent.

BUDGET

The Governor has signed the budget for the next biennium. It is a pleasure to report that this Division's individual budget, as approved, carries the largest allotment of funds ever granted. The budget also carries a general $15 per month increase for all State employees who have not received an increase within the past year. Legislature still pending is endeavoring to raise the general increase to $25 per month.

LEGISLATION

Although legislation effecting this Division has been advanced through various committees, no additional legislation effecting Beaches and Parks has been signed by the Governor during the past month. The July issue will carry a complete digest of all legislation of interest to this Division.

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G. I. CHATS

It is with extreme happiness that we are able to report that we are still getting responses to our yelp for help on news from our men in the Service.

Sgt. Anthony Urch writes from Italy and tells of his service there and in Africa. He doesn't say when he will be coming home, but his constant reference to Parks indicates that he is thinking strongly of his return.

T/Sgt. W. A. Weatherbee reports from Germany, and tells us of a visit to Paris. He states that "Paris in the Spring" is all that they say it is. We have a feeling that when we are able to hold that long-promised Conference our widely traveled exservice men are going to have a lot to tell us.

Leo Crawford is in Southern France. He expects to be on the move again one of these days--into the South Pacific this time. He tells of a trip through the prison camp at Buchenwald and describes it as truly a place of horror.

George Holmboe, C. C. M., is unable to tell us where he is or the type of work that he is doing. He does state that he is well, which is the important news.

"Hank" Saddler, C. C. M., writes of time spent in North Africa and in the Pacific. Since moving into the Japanese theatre he has been plenty busy. His platoon was in the first wave in the Easter Sunday morning invasion of Okinawa. He expresses regret at not being able to contact Capt. Barker and states his admiration for the Marines. He sends best regards to everyone, from "somewhere in the Marianas".

Supt. Coon has loaned us an extremely interesting letter from Cpl. "Tony" Trigeiro, who is now located at Mourmelon le Grand (Marne), France. He remarks that in that locality there is evidence everywhere of damage done in World War I and added to that are the bomb craters of this war. He describes the "little red school house", where the original armistice was signed, as a business and technical college that covers about a city block. He also visited the Cathedral at Rheim and took a tour through the Pommery champagne cellars, which are a hundred feet below the surface. Here he found eleven miles of catacomb-like limestone tunnels in which there are seven million bottles of champagne, ageing and being processed. He also commented on the brimming glass of champagne that one receives upon completion of the tour. He hopes to be back with us around the middle of October, and we have the feeling that he is going to have some pretty wonderful news for us about that time.

A letter from Malcolm Ryce, early in May, told of his being discharged from the Army and his transfer to the Veterans Hospital at San Francisco. We have not had any later news. We do so hope that his stay at the Veterans Hospital will be short. His mailing address is 10 Sixth Street, Petaluma, California.

We are sure that he will appreciate lots of mail.

Almost every letter that is received from a man in foreign service shows appreciation for "Parks News & Views" and the assistance that it has offered them in keeping in touch. Many times men have told of receiving mail from a former Parks employee, through our policy of passing on changes of address. It makes us feel that just one such contact makes worth while all the confusion, the mopping of a fevered brow and the labor of getting out an issue of our "child". The red letter day of our "career" will be when we can report the last man back on his job and our "family" entirely reunited.

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G O S S I P

Chief Ranger C. L. Cushing reports that on Sunday, June 3rd, they had 137 members of the International Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on a conducted tour of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. All indicated that they were well pleased with their trip. It makes us very proud to have such nice offerings for the taste of our visitors from other countries. Roy states that there have also been several other smaller parties of visitors from the Conference. All have said it was the highlight of their trip to the United States.

Supt. R. S. Coon tells us that we have received a gift from the Pataluma Parlor #27 of the Native Sons of the Golden West, in the form of one of the original Russian bells at Fort Ross. This is indeed good news and makes us very grateful. We are looking forward to the day when the bell can be restored to its former position.

Col. Kelton, Beach Erosion Control Engineer, is becoming nicely established in his new work, and we admire him very much. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Louise Riggle is returning to the Division soon, to the position of secretary to the Colonel. We welcome her back.

Old friends of the Division who have recently paid us a visit include Aubrey Drury, F. L. Olmsted, Neil Cunningham, Clair McGinnis and Elsie Langford.

Dan Hull and F. S. Olmsted recently had themselves quite a trip into the Calaveras South Grove. Dan seemed to relish reporting the hardships of mountain travel in that district, but we think he is just boasting. We are going to overlook it, though, because he brought back such an outstanding bunch of pictures.

Here is Earl Hanson's solution to a knotty problem: "Should a Nipponese balloon appear over the Redwoods, we will pull up a redwood tree, chase said balloon with it, explode it on the tree top, which will be blown off, and put the tree back into the ground, where it will grow for another 1,000 years. With the top gone, winds cannot knock it over. Deduction: Should Nip balloons fall here, the lives of many redwoods may be prolonged by 1,000 years." All right, Paul Bunyon, but be sure you eat your cereal before you start.

Contracts for the erection of the new cottage at Green Valley Falls, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, has been approved and work will be started shortly. This will replace a house that was destroyed by fire.

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THE "GO-AHEAD" CHALLENGE

The 1945 session of the State Legislature has adjourned. During its session, it certainly gave the green "go-ahead" signal to this Division by bringing into lawful being the largest expansion and development program in the history of the State Park System. At the beginning of the session, Governor Earl Warren sponsored such a program, our State Park Commission supported it, and the Legislature has brought it into being.

Details of the various items that make up this program will be set forth in this bulletin. After reading same, everyone must be impressed with the fact that our Governor, our Commission, and the Legislature expects us to create and develop the finest and most outstanding State Park System in the entire United States. CAN WE DO IT? Every member of the office and the field force must thrill with pride when realizing the confidence and responsibility that has been reposed in us, and on behalf of all of you, I accept the challenge. LET'S GO! A.E.H.

RECENT COMMISSION ACTIONS

At the recent meeting of the State Park Commission in Los Angeles on June 29, the following actions were taken:

Islam Shrine Grove was officially renamed "Portola State Park", in recognition of Don Gaspar de Portola, the discoverer of San Francisco Bay; also California's first Spanish Governor.

The following list of recent appointees to field positions in this Division were extended police powers in accordance with Sec. 5008 of the Public Resources Code:

Ernest Bauman
G. H. Bellinger
C. A. Brenneman
F. A. Bridewell
T. B. Butler
E. J. Crawford
Guy Crosby
Louis E. Donaldson
John Fleming
L. P. Griffith
Newton B. Grout
Frank Guiterrez
Houston Harvey
Joseph Hawley
Herbert Hedicke
Glenn Jackson
Carl Johnson
Allen Morley
Phillip Nealon
Jack Prudek
Charles Ramey
Floyd Saddlemyer
Thomas Thomson
H. VanGelder
Louis C. Wakefield
Melville Whittaker
Margaret Wilson
Alex Yaroslav
E. L. Zoller

Due to considerable trespass tree-cutting in State Parks, the Commission adopted the policy that in all cases where any willful tree-cutting charges can be sustained that triple damages be assessed against the trespassers in accordance with Sec. 3346 of the Civil Code.

JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL

The historical town of Columbia is again to assume its old-time importance for on Sunday July 15, it will be the Capitol of the State of California. On that day, Governor Eral Warren will set up his "official family" in one of the ancient buildings and there officially sign a legislative bill creating the legal vehicle through which that city may become one of this Division's state-owned and operated Historical Monuments.

Old timers claim that Columbia was "finagled" out of the honor of being the State Capitol way back in the 50's, having lost by but one vote to the then busy metropolis of Benicia.

The Columbia State Park Association is being created as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of soliciting and accepting funds to meet the matching provision of the bill which requires that $50,000 be raised to match an equal amount on the part of the State for the acquisition and restoration of this best-preserved old ghost town typical of the gay and hilarious 50's.

TALL TALE OF TALL TREE
(From the Santa Fe Magazine)

Out in California, the natives are mighty proud of their state's giant redwood trees, and occasionally their stories about them are as tall as the trees themselves. Here is one:

Big Trees? Why out our way they felled a hollow tree over a ravine that was too deep and wide to build a bridge across. One day while I was driving through this tree with a trailer I met a big moving van coming through from the other end. I couldn't back up or go ahead, so I just edged the trailer into a hollow branch and let the other fellow go past.

OUR COMMISSIONER VOUCHES FOR THIS

State Park Commissioner Leo Carrillo states that the first ship built in Los Angeles was constructed at San Gabriel, seven miles southwest of Monrovia in 1827 by the side of the mission of the same name. Furthermore, it was built by Joseph Chapman, the first blonde haired man to come to Southern California. The craft was transported by ox-cart to Wilmington where it was launched and used by hunters of the sea otter then plentiful off that coast.

FROM CURATOR DAISY V. BARBOUR'S REPORT

A little girl came up to my desk and asked in a lisping voice if I was a teacher? I said, "No." She said, "My daddy is, he teaches public peeking."

WELCOME BACK

Jack R. Dyson, former employee of this Division, has been reinstated and assigned to Dyerville Headquarters. Ranger Dyson's reason for resigning was based upon his desire to complete his college education and we welcome him back to Park service.

CHECK THIS-YOU MAY BE "NEXT"

The following schedule lists the month and name of the individuals who will edit News & Views for the next six months:

September.....Gene Velzy

October.....Daisy Barbour

November.....Earl Hanson

December.....Virginia Fillinger

January.....Clarence L. Milne

February.....John H. Covington

GIFTS

During the month of June, the Division was offered the following gifts:

1. The General Vallejo Petaluma Adobe located near Petaluma and considered to be the largest old adobe building in California. This gift was offered to the Division by the Petaluma Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

2. Eighty acres of virgin Redwood timber presented to the Division by the Save-the-Redwoods League as a gift from Mr. A. W. Way, former mayor of Eureka. This will be an addition to Prairie Creek State Park.

Both of these gift offers have been submitted to the Department of Finance for approval.

Mr. Covington reported today that through the generous donations of the employees he was able to purchase $75 in war bonds and other personal gifts for Mrs. Alice Garibaldi following her resignation from the Division of Beaches and Parks. He wishes to thank all for their cooperation and good wishes for Mrs. Garibaldi.

OVER THE TOP AGAIN

The 7th War Loan has terminated and under the leadership of Dan Hull this Division went over the top, having subscribed 180% of our quota.

This issue of News & Views has been delayed in order to carry a complete digest of the legislation affecting this Division.

TRUE TREE FACTS: Size and height of some of the larger Redwood trees in our State Park System.

Location	Circ. on Ground	Dia. (Waist High)	Height in Feet	Timber Stand (F.B.M.)
SEMPERVIRENS				
Prairie Creek State Park				
3/4 Mi. N. of Campgrounds	90'	17'7"	200'	225,000
Big Tree Bull Creek Flat				
4 Mi. W. of Dyerville	72'	16'6"	345'	235,000
Mill Creek State Park				
Stout Memorial Grove	62'3"	16'6"	340'	226,000
Tallest Known Tree				
North Dyerville Flat	47'	12'5"	364'	125,000
Irvin S. Cobb Tree				
North Dyerville Flat	40'7"	10'10"	335'	60,000
Samuel B.Blythe Tree				
North Dyerville Flat	38'	11'7"	340'	65,000
Santa Clara Tree				
Big Basin State Park	65'6"	17'9"	240'	200,000
GIGANTEAS				
Calaveras Big Trees				
Empire State	82'6"	19'3"	300'	506,000
Pride of Forest	70'8"	17'3"	271'	316,000

QUITE EXCLUSIVE

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. Mr. & Mrs. Archie Edwards, forest guards, live in a lookout tower, 6000 feet up in the air. Mr. Edwards is on guard from midnight to noon and Mrs. Edwards is on guard from noon to midnight. They get two days off a month and call themselves the world's happiest people.

EELS

(Extract from Smithsonian Scientific Series, Vol. 8 - Part 1, pp. 119-120 (Fishes))

"Dr. Johannes Schmidt believes that now he has discovered the chief spawning ground of the eels in a region of deep water somewhere to the southwest of Bermuda. The strangest part of this singular phenomena is that both the American and European species come to the same general locality to carry out the process of reproduction. And their respective progeny, very soon after they are hatched, begin to retrace the path followed by their parents, the American species finding its way to the fresh waters of this continent, and the European species to the rivers of Great Britain and the continent, including those emptying into the Mediterranean and the Baltic. It is believed that the fresh-water eels spawn only once in a lifetime and that they probably die in the vicinity of the spawning grounds shortly after the eggs have been cast and fertilized. Thus the new-born eels have no parental aid to guide them to their separate destinations, in some cases as much as 5000 miles away. It takes the American species a year to reach the coast and fresh water, and the European eel spends three years on a journey across the Atlantic."

A wit, after reading the above, said we should change the old expression of "Horse sense" to "Eel sense".

TEN LITTLE WORKERS

Ten little workers,
feeling fit and fine--
One dropped a garbage can;
Then there were nine!

Nine little workers,
Got on a skate--
One tripped another;
Then there were eight!

Eight little workers,
Looking up to heaven--
One fell in a hole;
Then there were seven!

Seven little workers
Had the staging fixed--
One said, "It's safe enough;"
Then there were six!

Six little workers,
Glad to be alive--
One played with a saw;
Then there were five!

Five little workers,
Standing near the door--
One thought a wire was dead;
Then there were four!

Four little workers,
One scratched his knee--
Didn't go to First Aid;
Then there were three!

Three little workers
Had much to do--
One over-did it;
Then there were two!

Two little workers
Cleaned a gun--
One said, "It isn't loaded;"
Then there was one!

One little worker
Thought of the other nine--
Began to practice safety;
So now he's doing fine!
MORAL: Watch your step!

CRUISING BY PERCY

Following is a description of the methods used by our Percy in cruising Redwood and Douglas Fir timber: Preliminary cruise lines are run according to the percentage of

timber required for the sample. Center line of the first run is 165 feet on line from a corner of the forty. All trees within 82½ feet of each side of center line are measured and listed. Those over 24 inches in diameter, inside bark at breast height, are estimated on a saw-timber basis. Those from 12 to 24 inches DBH are listed as piling; those from 6 to 12 inches as poles. Each tree is measured with diameter tape or glass and listed with its DBH and the length of commercial saw-logs in it. Applying these figures to Spaulding Scale for Redwood timber the true volume of board feet in a tree is determined. From this full scale a discount is made for breakage and defects. This is made for each tree and may run from 20 to 45% or more in some cases. In large, defective Redwood and Douglas Fir timber all hollow-butted and defective trees are listed as "culls." Should any cull trees contain some salvage timber, this is estimated and shown on the cruise sheet.

Twice through forty acres results in a 25% sample of the plot, a large enough one for most pure stands of virgin redwood. Four times through results in a 50% sample, adequate for fairly dense stands of mixed conifers and the size sample most commonly used in the Redwood region. Eight times through results in a 100% sample, most necessary where timber is scattered and a large number of non-timber species are present.

JULY 16, 1769
(Condensed from the Catholic World)

While George Washington was still a loyal subject of King George, and Dan Boone was oiling his rifle for his first trip into Kentucky, another pioneer, nearly 3000 miles farther west, was exploring the remotest corner of the future United States. Father Junipero Serra in his gray Franciscan robes was no less daring and resourceful, no less visionary of the future greatness of a new land, than the English-speaking pioneers. And he was just as much an American as the Mayflower settlers. For, like them, he had been born in the Old World and had come a painful way to build in the New a better home; at the age of 55 Serra had cast in his lot for life with the fate of the wild, wide North American continent.

It was on July 16, 1769, that Father Serra first said Mass at the foot of a cross overlooking the fine harbor that is today San Diego's. There and then he dedicated the first of the 21 famous missions of California. "Father Serra's Rosary", they are affectionately called. But the little band of men -- fellow Franciscans, a few soldiers and some Indians from Lower California, were witnessing more than the beginnings of the great "mission system." They were present at the actual founding of California itself, neglected as inaccessible for 200 years.

OUR SERVICE BOYS

Word has been received from "Tony" Trigiero, asking that his mail be held until he is able to forward a home address--which is certainly good news. Beaches & Parks offer an open-armed welcome to all our returning boys.

Word has also been received from Everett Powell that he expects to be home very shortly. It will seem like old times indeed to have Everett here, and we hope that his liberty will be a long one.

Sgt. Harold Pesch recently paid a visit to the Sacramento Office from his present station at Camp Pinedale, Fresno. Harold is preparing to join an outgoing outfit soon. We will hate to see him go, but know his wishes on the subject.

"Tiny" Byce writes that, while he is still under supervision of the hospital authorities, he has been enjoying a furlough at Richardson Grove. Tiny tells us that

AB 1239 referred to as the San Jacinto Tramway Bill creates the necessary enabling legislation which would permit the State Park Commission to enter into an agreement for the operation of a tramway by the Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority.

AB 1620 will permit the acquisition of shoreline property not exceeding 300 feet in width, intervening between right of way line of the state highway and the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean or any bay or estuary thereof, when the State Park Commission decides that such acquisition is desirable as an addition to the State Park System.

AB 2075 might be called the staggered term bill and provides a definite four year term of appointment for the members of the State Park Commission. The terminating date of the appointments being such that they overlap, thus establishing a continuity of service from one administration to another. No more than two commission appointments will terminate in any one year.

AB 2139 is the Anza Desert land exchange act which will permit the exchange of our holdings for those of private holdings in order to consolidate our holdings into a unit better suited to our purpose from the standpoint of administration and operation.

SB 630 is the State Trails System Act and provides for the creation of a state-wide system of riding and hiking trails. It authorizes the State Park Commission to make investigations, reports, recommendations and plans for the location and development of such a system. This act carries an appropriation of $20,000 to finance the project.

IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS

SB 795 appropriates $29,000 for the improvement of the Gold Discovery Site.

SB 511 appropriates $100,000 from the State Park Fund, and AB 1086 appropriates $100,000 from the State Beach Fund. These funds to be expended for the purpose of developing the necessary details, plans, surveys, etc., incident to the postwar reconstruction and development plans of the division.

Our new budget provides an appropriation of $26,500 from the State Beach Fund and $155,950 from the State Park Fund. These funds are available for expenditure in the repair, maintenance, and improvement of our present park structures and holdings.

ACQUISITION APPROPRIATIONS

The major acquisition bill already referred to in this issue provides for $10,000,000 to be expended for the acquisition of beach and shore line property and $5,000,000 for the acquisition of interior county parks and recreational areas. This omnibus Park acquisition bill AB 1810 was sponsored by Governor Earl Warren.

The bills which call for additional acquisitions to the division's holdings are as follows:

Appropriation of $40,000 from the State Beach Fund and $60,000 from the State Park Fund for the purpose of acquiring small parcels of land either completely surrounded by or contiguous to present holdings which are deemed necessary for acquisition in order to better administrate and operate the individual units. These appropriations do not carry the matching clause.

$45,000 (to be matched) for the acquisition of a property known as Camp Taylor, a redwood grove area in Marin County. $200,000 (to be matched) for the acquisition of a beach property located in Orange County and commonly known as the Corona del Mar Beach. $90,000 (not to be matched) for the acquisition of the Tamalpais toll road if the State Park Commission

he is feeling much better, and hopes to be back with us soon, another event that we are looking forward to.

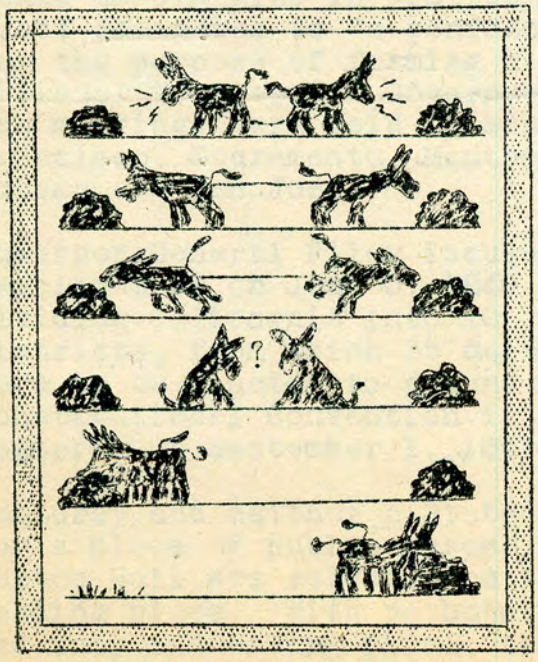
"HELP" NEEDED

We are continually receiving appeals from the District Superintendents stating they need more field employees and I think the best assurance that can be given to the District Superintendents and the field park personnel that good employees for this Division are hard to secure is to cite some of the information contained on a recent application for employment with this Division. Under the heading "Reasons for Leaving Previous Positions", the following appears:

(1) Too many bosses
(2) Bad working conditions
(3) Bad on health
(4) Poor equipment
(5) Job was finished
(6) Too hard on stomach
(7) No cooperation from boss who was always drunk
(8) Changed, too bad job

And the reason given for quitting the last job was that he wanted better wages.

C O O P E R A T I O N



THE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

The operating budget for the biennium July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1947, provides for allotments totaling $852,286 for support; $104,445 for acquisitions, and $186,459 for construction, improvements and equipment. These allotments compared to the last biennial budget are as follows:

For support, a 30% increase;

For acquisition, the same amounts; these amounts are in keeping with terms of a unit purchase contract for additions to Mill Creek and the Avenue of the Giants holdings;

For construction, improvements, and equipment, a 250% increase.

Personnel additions in the budget allow for one additional District Superintendent, making a total of six; two Assistant Rangers; six Deputy Rangers, and one Groundsman. These are all maintenance position increases. One Educational Director and one Junior Title Examiner are to be added to the Administrative staff;
One Structural Engineering Draftsman, one Associate Civil Engineer, one Junior Engineer, and one Intermediate Stenographer Clerk. These will constitute the staff of the Beach Erosion Control Engineer.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

A.C.R. 75 instructs the State Park Commission to make an investigation of Donner Lake in regard to the feasibility of acquiring Donner Lake for a State Park.

AB 753 requires that no State division or department may accept any gifts in the form of real property until such gifts have been approved by the Department of Finance.

deems such an acquisition worth while. $10,000 (to be matched) for the acquisition of a memorial to Robert Lewis Stevenson. This property is commonly referred to as Mount St. Helena located in Napa County. $12,500 (to be matched) for the acquisition of the Sonoma Barracks in Sonoma County. $32,500 (to be matched) for the acquisition of a redwood grove commonly referred to as Montgomery Woods, located in Mendocino County. $50,000 (to be matched) for the acquisition of the townsite of the old city of Columbia located in Tuolumne County. $25,000 (to be matched) for the acquisition of the Amestoy Adobe in Los Angeles County. $399,500 for the acquisition of beach areas located near Huntington Beach in Orange County. $7,725 for the acquisition of a small beach area located in Del Norte County.

THE FIRST LEGISLATURE

The winter of 1848 found northern California towns overflowing with miners who had been driven out of the hills. It became obvious that it was necessary to have better government than was then in force. At a mass meeting at San Jose on December 11, 1848, the people were asked to organize in districts and elect delegates to "a convention for the purpose of forming a "Provisional Territorial Government." The meetings were held in San Francisco, Sacramento, Monterey, Sonoma and San Jose.

Governor-General Riley issued a proclamation on June 3, 1849, dividing California into 10 districts, from which 35 delegates were to be elected to attend a Constitutional Convention in Monterey on September 1, 1849.

Monterey had neither a State House nor a place of public assembly. Colton Hall was selected as the meeting place. With no hotels and only one eating place, the confusion can easily be imagined. The meeting drew a great deal of outside attention.

It was here that the Constitution of 1849 was drafted. The convention safeguarded the inalienable rights of man to freedom and independence, established a government for and by the people, guaranteed freedom of religion and speech, trial by jury, and the writ of habeas corpus. Slavery was prohibited.

Legislative power was vested in a two-house Legislature and executive power in a chief magistrate to be styled the Governor of the State of California. The foremost question before this convention was the selection of a site for the Capitol. During the meeting, two men from the booming little town of Pueblo de San Jose were sent galloping over the hills to Monterey to offer Washington Square in their town as a capitol site and to assure delegates that suitable buildings would await them. After hours of debate the convention accepted the offer and named Pueblo de San Jose the capitol--with the qualification that, by law, it might be moved elsewhere.

Lt. Henry Halleck, Secretary of State for Governor Riley and a delegate to the convention, engrossed the Constitution on parchment, after which it was rushed to San Francisco and printed in pamphlet form. With the Constitution drafted, a Capitol site selected and an election day set, this convention felt that much had been accomplished. The Constitution received 12,064 votes; Peter H. Burnett was elected Governor, Senators and Assemblymen were chosen as members of the first legislature, which would convene at San Jose on December 15, 1849.

Peter H. Burnett, the first elected Governor of California, was sworn in December 20th and the Legislature began its task of organizing the government.

San Jose did its best but it was the old story of too few accommodations, too many people, and too much rain. In spite of the early hardships, this first Legislature was a hard-working one.

On September 9, 1850, President Millard Fillmore signed the bill that admitted California to the Union and the second Legislature assembled in San Jose January 6, 1851. It was at this time that General Vallejo made his bid for the capitol with fabulous offers of land and money for public buildings, state university, schools, hospitals and a state penitentiary.

The Act of Removal was passed on February 14, 1851, and the solons moved to Vallejo on the 10th of May. There was the familiar scramble for accommodations, with most of the members of the Legislature staying on the steamer Empire, which had been moored for that purpose. The "Capitol on wheels" had started rolling. It very soon became obvious that General Vallejo was not going to be able to carry out the greater part of his offer, and Sacramento had, in the meantime, offered the County Court House as a meeting place. Vallejo put forth superhuman efforts to hold the capitol, but on January 11th a bill was passed which designated Sacramento as the "Temporary seat of Government," with Vallejo as the "permanent capitol of the State."

The Legislature convened on Monday January 16, in Sacramento, where the second session was completed.

The third session of the Legislature opened January 5, 1853, in Vallejo, Transportation and communication were wholly unsatisfactory and again bills of removal were volleying back and forth between the two Houses. Benicia had offered the use of their new City Hall, and volunteered to pay the expenses of the removal.

The Legislature adjourned on February 4, 1853, to meet at Benicia on February 11. It was recognized early that Benicia was not large enough to accommodate the capitol. And Sacramento had again offered the use of the County Court House. And, as an additional inducements, housing facilities, fireproof vaults, free removal charges and a wealth of land for the erection of state buildings, all available if Sacramento should be declared the capitol. Finally a bill was signed by Governor Bigler on February 25, 1854, designating Sacramento as the State Capitol of California. The wheels had stopped rolling.

ANOTHER GIFT

Through the generosity of Mr. A.P. Eckert of Cazadero, Calif., we have just acquired one of the old original Russian millstones. This has already been moved and put into place at Ft. Ross where it blends into the present restoration project. A letter of thanks and appreciation has been sent to Mr. Eckert on behalf of the State Park Commission.

OFFICE PERSONNEL NOTES

The latest addition to the office force is Mrs. Dorothy Faight who has fallen heir to Gary's former assignment.

Colonel E. C. Kelton was suddenly called back to service for a limited period of time. Let's hope that he will return during the early part of the next month.

F L A S H !

Last minute word has been heard from Al Salzgeber, from deep in the heart of. His new address is Pvt. A.P. Salzgeber, 39749400, Co. C., 66th Bn., Camp Wolters, Texas. He passes on a big "Hello" to every one, and adds a few cryptic remarks about the climate where he is.

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PROMINENT PERSONAGES present AIDING IN DEDICATION OF PROPOSED STATE PARK — July 15th — News Clips

"Out of fifteen hundred bills that have recently been handed me by the State Legislature, none will give me more pleasure in signing than that which will make COLUMBIA a part of the State Park System." This was the statement made by Governor Earl Warren to a gathering of nearly one hundred local organization heads and outstanding personages of the state at a breakfast in the Indian Room of the Sonora Inn Sunday morning, July 15, 1945. The breakfast honored the presiding heads of the various organizations which sponsored the project of securing Columbia as a State Park.

Continuing, the Governor said: "This will be a day of history in California--a day of real progress. It is a great thing that the State of California shall preserve at least one of the old mining towns and it will develop into a shrine of which you will be justly proud."

W. G. Wickland, Vice-President of the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company, made the first gift to the State Park, when he presented Governor Warren with a deed to the old Express Office.

The Governor was one of a group of speakers who made brief remarks during the breakfast at which Charles H. Segerstrom, Sr., served as toastmaster. Other speakers included Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman of the State Park Commission; William R. Cavalier, President of the California Historical Society, and Senator Jesse M. Mayo.

"The celebration was a success." This was the statement of Dr. James E. McConnell, general chairman of the Committee in charge. "It was a success, not only because of the committee's work, but because of the full cooperation and coordination of all persons and groups in carrying out the work accepted by them or assigned to them. I want to thank everyone for the part they had in making this celebration the success it was," he concluded.

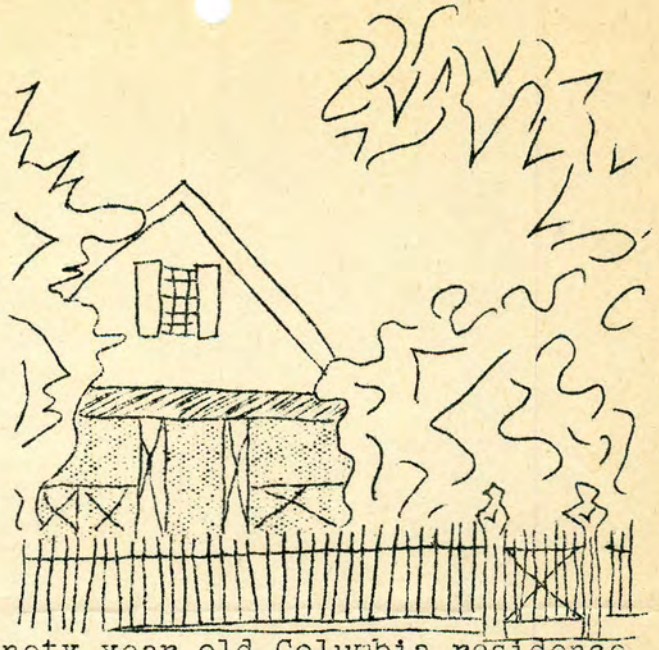
The '49er parade which followed the noon hour was thoroughly typical of the early gold days, and portrayed in colorful fashion a cavalcade of immigrants to this great gold center in the hey-days of its career. Here Indians, Chinese, miners, cowboys, spirited

horses and picturesque carriages, buggies, Stanhopes, stage coaches and covered wagons, led by the Camp Stoneman Army Band and Sonora Union High School Band, wended their way through the town's two principal streets. Hundreds upon hundreds of persons lined each block along the line of march to marvel and thrill at the portrayal of life as it "used to be" by the parade participants.

Concerts by the two bands interspersed the program throughout the day. The Camp Stoneman organization was chosen to play for the dedicatory program in the afternoon.

The dedication of Columbia into the State Park System, featured by the signing of the bill by Governor Warren, was witnessed by thousands gathered in the plaza around the speakers' stand. Then the entertainment features, including hard rock drilling, log bucking, with comparative cutting by a power saw, demonstrations of gold panning, dancing by a quadrille team, and an exhibition of the powers of "Old Papeete", followed in quick succession for the rest of the day.

Governor Warren signs Senate Bill 1256 in Historical Columbia Building.



Ninety year old Columbia residence served as Governor Earl Warren's official home during his visit to Columbia.

The rambling garden of the early gold days, with its crepe myrtle shrubs, boxwood hedge, hollyhocks, which, with its authentic replica of a Maupin fence, surrounds with old-fashioned charm the homestead of the pioneer Wilson family, built over ninety years ago by James Wilson, first shoemaker in Columbia. The home was occupied by members of that pioneer family for eighty-five years. The house is now the treasured property of Dr. and Mrs. James Edward McConnell. An interesting fact is that Mrs. McConnell is the granddaughter of the late James Edward Johnston, who drove stages out of Columbia for eight years for Wells Fargo and Company.

In the bringing about of events leading up to this noteworthy dedication ceremony, considerable credit goes to State Senator Jesse Mayo, author of Senate Bill 1256, who succeeded in having the measure passed by the State Senate, and Assemblyman Allen G. (Scoop) Thurman, of Colfax, who steered the Columbia State Park Bill through the State Assembly.

EVERY FEATURE OF THE CELEBRATION HIGHLY PRAISED BY THOUSANDS

True to the traditions of hospitality of '49er days, citizens of Columbia threw their arms wide on Sunday and greeted nearly ten thousand Californians who thronged the narrow, tree-lined streets to properly insure the acceptance of the town as a proposed historic shrine in the California State Park System.

True, too, to the legend of four score years, Columbia came into its own and held sway with colorful gracefulness as capitol of this great state "for a day". For, included in the thousands of Native Sons and Daughters, was Governor Earl Warren, who, seated in the one-time Toy Shop and Barber Parlor, signed the bill which makes it possible for Columbia to become a part of the State Park System.

Columbia has often been the scene of celebrations, memorials and pageants, but none have carried the glamour, the history and the interest which marked that of July fifteenth. Visitors started filling the little town hours before any scheduled program, and it was not long before parking facilities were at a premium. Twenty-five hundred cars were officially checked by members of the State Highway Patrol, who filled the streets, Recreation Park and the Grammar School grounds with cars. Motorists even parked along the highway as far as the airport road.

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Columbia, lovliest of all yesterdays' towns! Unquestionably, of California's many historic spots, this almost forgotten gold town, which once played an important part in the founding of our great State, is by far the most picturesque and unspoiled. During the hectic fifties Columbia was called "Gem of the Southern Mines".

The site of Columbia's almost unlimited riches was discovered in March, 1850, when a group of discouraged prospectors, returning from an unsuccessful gold hunt "'crost the river", paused to rest beneath a large oak, which at that time stood in a shallow ravine at the foot of Kenebeck Hill. Their discovery of gold resulted in a great rush to the rich location.

Less than a month after the exciting discovery the newly born camp contained a population of over 6000, and, needless to say, with this rapid influx of men from all nations, crime and vice flourished. It has been said that 143 gambling tents were in operation at this time.

On the 27th of April, 1850, a mass meeting was called at which, among other important issues, the camp's name was changed from "Hildreth's Diggings"--so named in honor of one of its discoverers--to the more patriotic COLUMBIA. Two months after the disastrous Foreign Miners Tax Law went into effect, resulting in the hasty evacuation of the camp. The law was repealed the following year, however, but a shortage of water for washing the gold held the camp's growth in check.

To discuss this distressing problem, hundreds of miners gathered at the plaza on the night of June 30th, which resulted in the organization of a water company to dig ditches to bring the waters of the nearby rivers into Columbia's gold strewn flats.

It was a tremendous undertaking, but on May 1st of 1852, amid great rejoicing, the waters of Five Mile Creek were turned into the camp and the second great rush was headed for Columbia's placers. This time Columbia sprang into prominence for permanency. A contemporary account reads, "The small amount of labor expended there has resulted in a benefit of over $2,000,000. Two hundred and fifty good and substantial houses have sprung up as if by magic, and the Genii was gold!"

By autumn of '51, three newspapers were being published, and during the summer of the following year, the first school was established. In November of this year of '52 the first Post Office was granted. Saloons and gambling houses reaped a golden harvest. During the first weeks of the re-establishment there was little time for substantial construction and liquor was often dispensed in tin cups from bars made of planks straddling empty kegs. Gold dust served as the medium of exchange. Carson relates in his "Early Recollections of the Mines":

"The wily old storekeeper, thrusting his thumb and forefinger as far down his throat as possible, covering them with saliva (to make the gold stick) would then thrust them into the miner's pile of gold dust. The amount of such a "pinch" was from four to eight dollars. This mode of settling was always taken by the miners as rather a source of amusement than as an imposition." Regarding the weighing of gold he chronicles: "The first scales used by the gold seekers for weighing gold were made by taking a piece of wood for the beam and pieces of sardine boxes for the scales, with silver dollars for weights. Gold dust could be bought in any quantity at four dollars per ounce in the diggings and for six and eight dollars in the coast towns."

As for Columbia's many fandangos, they, too, were crowded from dawn to dawn, and typical of most gold towns along the Mother Lode, a large and noisy Chinatown was located at the north end of Main Street. It has been related that Columbia's Chinese section was one of the most colorful of any on the gold trail. Its two-story Joss House, gaily decorated with paper banners, gilt streamers, and strung with lanterns, reminded many a miner of a bright boquet in the midst of dismal surroundings. The Chinese theatre at the upper end of Main Street was a picturesque structure and the few old timers recall the noisy clatter of cymbols announcing its nightly performance.

In the latter part of '52 there was in operation in Columbia one hundred and sixty-one business houses, which included doctors, lawyers, drug stores, laundries, boot, harness and silversmith shops, a reading room and even a Daguerrotype studio. In addition to these there was a large hall for theatricals, amphitheater for bull and bear fights, a church, a Masonic Lodge, a division of the Sons of Temperence, and a vocal Music Society. Besides all these, which were within the limits of the town, there were many shops, taverns, fandangos and trading houses in the outlying diggings.

In May, 1854, the town was incorporated and town officers elected. Two months later, on July 10th, the little metropolis was ravaged by the most extensive conflagration that has ever brought destruction to any camp in the Southern Mines. The losses to Columbia's merchants amounted to over half a million dollars. Undaunted,

Columbia arose from her ashes into a larger and more substantial town, for this time brick instead of cloth and plank were the building materials.

This bitter lesson of destruction by fire awoke the citizens to the immediate need for an organized fire fighting company, and this in turn led to the purchase of the historic little engine, "PAPEETE".

Records of the Columbia Fire Department run concurrently with the history of this famous old gold diggings. For Columbia had hardly felt the tread of miners' boots until those same miners had formed Columbia Fire Company No. 1. That was in 1850, and from that first year of California's statehood, this company has maintained its identity, fought for the preservation of its town and carried on the tradition of fire fighters everywhere.

After Columbia's second great conflagration, which was on August 25th, 1857, a committee of miners were delegated to purchase a suitable fire engine for the future protection of the rapidly growing town.

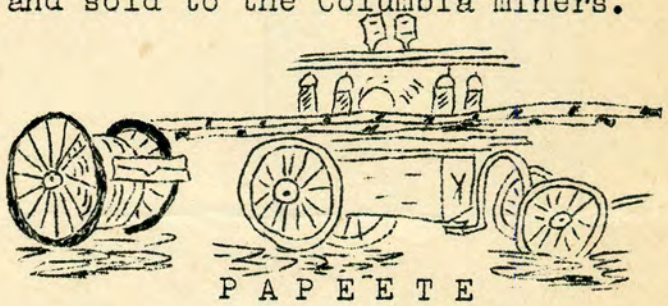
Accordingly, a group of men, headed by John Haskell, who was a close friend of David Scanlon, then San Francisco's first fire chief, proceeded to the latter city in search of the object of their desires.

Prior to this time, King Kamehameha of the Sandwich Isles, had ordered a fire engine from Hunneman & Co., of Boston, more for parade purposes, it was claimed, than for the squelching of fire. For this reason the little engine was a gay affair, with polished bronze trimmings and fittings and painted red.

For some reason, still unknown, the engine was lettered with the word "Papeete", which referred to the Island of Tahiti rather than to the Sandwich Isles.

In 1856, at its completion, Papeete was shipped from Boston, via the Horn to San Francisco, where it remained in the hands of the San Francisco Fire Department for quite some time. No ship was then plying to the Hawaiian Islands which could take it aboard. King Kamehameha became impatient and began diplomatic action with the United States for its delivery.

The exhange of diplomatic notes became hotter and hotter, until the San Francisco Fire Department decided it had something too hot to handle. The timely arrival of Columbia's committee solved the unpleasant situation. Papeete was hastily repolished, demonstrated and sold to the Columbia miners.



P A P E E T E

The engine was brought to Columbia first by river steamer to Stockton, then on one of the tall mule-drawn freighters to the roaring gold camp, which gave it a noisy welcome upon its arrival. For over eighty-five years Papeete has been the pride and joy of Columbia's fire companies. Prior to that time the firement heroically offered combat to the red demon by the primitive

bucket brigade, the human chain, and hook and ladder.

Old "Monumental" fire engine came to Columbia from San Francisco in 1858. "Monumental" had already killed three firemen in the bay metropolis before coming to the Southern Mines, and after her advent here, she added one more volunteer to her list of dead. She proved much too heavy to control with safety on descending streets.

Columbia is justly proud of its volunteer fire fighters, but that pride is intensified and made more inclusive by reason of the finest Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department to be found anywhere. In fact, it is said that Columbia possesses the only Ladies Auxiliary which has within its ranks members who can man the pumps, drive the truck and fight fires with a modern firefighting tank truck, such as that which Columbia now owns.

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The foregoing information was obtained through the courtesy of the "Banner" and the "Union Democrat", newspapers of Sonora, Bill Grant's complimentary booklet, "Columbia Fire Department No. 1" and "Historic Sketches of Columbia" by Otheto.

Members of this Division who attended the celebration reported an amusing and interesting event, stressed the size of the attendance and remarked especially on the fact that almost the entire population of Columbia was in '49er costume. The display of dresses, from silk, satin and lace, to homespun, hoopskirts, pantalets and mantillas furnished an ever-changing panorama of color and beauty. The men were equally resplendent in attire, varying from "tails" to red shirts and teamster's boots.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

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POST-WAR RESPONSIBILITY

With the knowledge that it is "all over over there", we must, as rapidly as possible, proceed to adjust our Division's activities to post-war requirements. This summer's park season is nearing its close and will positively have been the largest season from the standpoint of patronage and service charge receipts since the pre-war period. In fact, several parks will set new all-time records.

It is not visionary to predict that the summer season of 1946 will exceed by a considerable margin all previous records due to the following major reasons:

1. Removal of gasoline and tire rationing.
2. Overdue vacations.
3. Shorter work week.
4. Increase in State population.
5. Increase in tourist travel.

With this advance knowledge, we must do our utmost to recondition and enlarge our facilities. In the early part of September, I shall hold a District Superintendents' Conference, at which time a program will be outlined, based upon the following vital factors: Funds, Priorities and Available Manpower.

With the increases in our budget and some relief in priorities and manpower shortage, we should be able to carry on a considerable maintenance and development program this winter.

This is notice to the District Superintendents to start compiling

their needs and requirements, same to be considered at the September conference.

CONGRATULATIONS

The recent appointment by Governor Earl Warren of Major William F. Knowland as United States Senator from California, to succeed the late Hiram W. Johnson, should be of interest to all of the personnel of this Division, since Major Knowland is the son of the Honorable Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman of the State Park Commission.

Major Knowland is still in Europe, where he is serving with the United States Army. At the beginning of hostilities, he joined the Army as a Private and by unusual merit has advanced to the rank of Major. He is a native son and a graduate from our State University. He has had previous legislative experience as a member of the California Assembly and also as a State Senator.

We congratulate Senator Knowland and wish him success in this difficult assignment during one of the most critical periods in the Nation's history.

TRESPASS

Due to the effective work of our personnel at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, assisted by Charles P. McHenry, Deputy District Attorney, a Mr. John Edward Hunt, Jr., of Los Angeles was charged with taking ferns in a State Park and fined $100 in the Justice Court of Judge Ray Baugh.

As near as could be ascertained, he removed approximately 900 fern roots from park property. In view of the amount of the theft, his fine seems to have been comparatively light. The precise charge was described as a violation of the California State Penal Code, "wilfully and unlawfully, for commercial purposes, cutting ferns and roots".

--------A. E. H.

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THE WAR IS OVER

THE WAR IS OVER!
Silence fills the air,
Hearts once more are lifted
From the depths of deep despair.
Eyes are brightly shining,
Peace once more for all.
The crash of guns has ended,
The bombs have ceased to fall.

Prayers have now been answered,
Our work was not in vain,
A new world is in the making,
It must not ever come again.
Our dead have now been honored,
Their spirit shining through,
Telling us, who stayed at home,
To build this world anew.

The war is over!
Let's give a thought to prayer,
To those who gave, that we might live----
Just a white cross over there.
The war is over,
God grant there be no more.
Let peace come to the hearts of man,
And forget the thoughts of war.

----Donald McDonald

Mr. McDonald was a visitor at Richardson Grove and the above was written by him immediately upon the announcement of the Japanese capitulation. We are grateful to him for helping us to put into words our feelings at this time, and to Ranger Gray for sending the poem to us.

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NICE OFFER

The following letter has been received from General H. H. Arnold:

"Secretary of the Sonoma Mission Museum, Sonoma, California

Dear Sir:

"During my visit to Europe this last month, I secured from the German Reichstag Chancellery a collection of German medals, together with two types of certificates signed by Hitler at awarding a couple of the medals. I also have an S. S. knife that I found at Berchtesgaden and a Japanese two-handled sword that came from Okinawa.

"I was wondering if you would like to have these things for display in the museum on loan from me.

"There may be other items that I can find around the house if you are interested.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. H. Arnold
General of the Army"

Needless to say, we feel highly honored and deeply grateful to General Arnold for his generosity.

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The following letter has been received from Alice Garibaldi, upon receipt of gifts from the entire State Park personnel:

"Dear Parks Gang:

"For once in my life I am speechless! To put into words my thanks and appreciation of your generous gift is about the most difficult thing I have ever attempted to do. If you have ever had the feeling of wanting to express in beautiful phrases appreciation of something, and find when you go to speak there's a big lump in your throat, you may know how I feel. Somehow, the proper words cannot be said.

"Many of the happiest moments of my life have been with the Parks Gang and I don't know where another group of such 'swelligent' people can be found. Even though I'm rather far from California, a big chunk of my heart is and will always be with Beaches and Parks.

"Thanks, Gang, for everything--not only the gift, but the memories. You're a grand group of people and long may you carry on. 'Keep up the good work' and God bless all of you.

Lovingly,
Gari"

For the enlightenment of the field personnel, our gift to Gari consisted of three $25.00 bonds and a housecoat.

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Due to recent events and the rapidly changing picture, there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of news of our men in the Armed Forces.

We are all thrilled and happy over the return of CPO Everett Powell, of the CB's--recently returned from New Guinea, Milne Bay, Humboldt Bay and Samar in the Philippines. We are pretty proud of Everett's Battle Star of the Pacific Theatre.

One of those "once-in-a-thousand-years" things happened in the Sacramento Office. Less than an hour after the arrival of Everett Powell "Tony" Trigiero put in his appearance. It seems almost uncanny that the two men would arrive at so nearly the same time--Tony traveling from France and Everett from

the Philippines. Of course it was a red-letter day in the office!

Cpl. "Tony" Trigiero has been with the Airborne Troop Carrier Command of the 9th Air Force and wears the ETO ribbon with five battle stars and a Presidential Citation emblem. Tony is to be married to Miss Eleanor Blank, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the latter part of August. We wish to offer congratulations and best wishes, and to express to Tony our happiness upon his safe return.

We were pleased to receive the announcement of the arrival of Sandra Lee Brown on August 3, 1945, weight 7 lbs, 13½ ounces. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Brown. "Sandy" sounds like a good husky Parks girl and we hope she likes her surroundings at Portola State Park.

We wish to offer our sympathy to Mrs. Isabel Hartigan on the recent passing of her brother.

Personnel from this organization who were present at the Columbia celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, General and Mrs. Warren T. Hannum, Mr. Leo Carrillo, Chief A. E. Henning, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covington, Mrs. Edith Rhea and Mrs. Gladys Zumwalt.

All departments of the State were remarkably well represented in attendance. Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan, in his office behind one of the original "Secretary of State" signs, attracted very great interest. Although the origin of the sign is doubtful, it appeared to be a relic of the 1850's.

From the Warden's Weekly Report of Eugene Velzy, Will Rogers State Park, we learn that from August 1, 1944, to July 31, 1945, ending the first year of operation of that Park, 43,769 people paid $10,942.25 in admissions. A close check reveals that for every one hundred people that go through the home and pay admission, there are twenty-five that merely drive through or go to the stables to ride, making a total of 54,711 visitors for the first year of operation. That is an outstanding record.

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Everett Powell returned to Beaches and Parks on August 20th, and will be Superintendent of the following Parks:

Mount Tamalpais
Mount Diablo
Big Basin Redwoods
Seacliff Beach
Sunset Beach
Swanton Beach
New Brighton Beach
San Juan Bautista
Fremont Peak
Portola

Quoting from Rangers' Weekly Reports from La Purisima Mission:

"Thursday, May 3, Calvert day off. Caught limit of trout in Santa Ynez River.

"Thursday, May 10, Calvert Day off. Went fishing--my wife and I each caught limit of trout.

"Thursday, May 31, Calvert day off. My wife and I each caught limit of trout."

When we office bound workers read such reports we would be more than willing to trade jobs with any Ranger. In fact, would like to receive some offers for a trade, at least during the fishing season.

We are sure that Eugene Velzy, September editor, will be entirely grateful for any and all assistance that he may receive.

On September 5th and 6th a very successful District Superintendents Conference was held in the Sacramento office, all district superintendents, including Everett Powell, being present. The main discussion was, of course, the winter maintenance and restoration program.

Several undetermined factors entered into the discussions due to the happy and fortunate, although sudden ending of hostilities. We must now plan on a post-war basis and give consideration to the following additional factors that have entered into the post-war recreational requirements of our people, mainly: (1) During the last five years our population has increased at least twenty per cent; (2) The average work week has decreased eight hours, thus permitting two full days of recreation compared with one in the pre-war period; (3) The last session of the State Legislature in the legislation passed affecting this Division considered that the end of the war was still in the remote future; (4) Due to the sudden ending of hostilities it is contemplated that a Special Session will be called to adjust operations of the various State Departments and Divisions in keeping with the post-war period.

No definite statement has been made by the Governor regarding the Special Session; however, if one is called previous to the opening of next Season's operations, it is hoped that certain legislation affecting this Division and its next year's operation will be given due consideration. In view of the foregoing, it must be admitted that our winter work program is still in a nebulous state.

THE LIFTING OF GASOLINE RATIONING

The sudden lifting of the gas rationing restrictions has evidenced the pent-up desire on the part of our people to seek recreation. The results immediately affecting this Division are best illustrated by the following excerpts from the various rangers' Weekly Reports:

Dyerville The daily number of visitors at the Founders Tree jumped from an average of 50 to that of 500 per day since the gasoline restrictions have been removed.

MT. TAMALPAIS A check of cars going through the park for one hour on August 19, 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. totalled 226 cars. Previous high for the season was 120 cars per day, not per hour.

MT. DIABLO Our Sunday visitors are coming close to pre-war level and our weekday visitors are above the pre-war level since gasoline restrictions have been removed.

PFEIFFER-BIG SUR STATE PARK (Concessionaire) We are going to have to close the Lodge on Labor Day, September 3, due to shortage of help and supplies. The turning loose of gasoline has forced us to limit our dining room to guests only for dinner.

REDWOOD HIGHWAY Practically all the pre-war situations are being repeated, such as camping along roadsides; mutilating of noted Redwoods; damaging of park signs; stealing of Park signs, etc. We are looking forward to Labor Day hoping it will ease the situation.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR The Park receipts are ahead of 1941. This means that this is the biggest season that this park has ever had. Wood sales for this season to date total $816.25 (Aug. 25, 1945).

DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK We are closing the Park two days a week to campers because of overcrowded conditions. If we hold out until after Labor Day, we will be okey. (Aug. 25, 1945)

THEY AROSE TO THE OCCASION

May I congratulate and offer the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Commission and the office personnel to the field force for having met in such a commendable manner the added burden suddenly thrust on an already undermanned force in meeting the situations which arose incident to the sudden lifting of gas rationing. It is supporting evidence to prove that within the field personnel of this Division we have the latent ability to meet all situations. This, I believe, is based upon the fact that our employees love and are loyal to the Division and its responsibilities.

A.E.H.

.COLONEL CHARLES B. WING, OUR FIRST CHIEF OF PARKS

On Wednesday evening, August 22, at Palo Alto, Colonel Charles B. Wing passed into the Great Beyond at the age of 81 years, completing a long and eventful life.

Coming to Palo Alto and Stanford University in 1892, one year after the university was established, as professor of structural and civil engineering, he served as an active member of the Stanford faculty until 1929, when he retired with the title of emeritus professor of engineering.

An authority on highway construction, bridges and dams, and a designer of wireless towers, he was a consultant on many important engineering projects.

His title of "Colonel" dates to his active service in World War I. He went to France as a major with the 23rd Engineers and served in the Argonne-Meuse area. While in France he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He held the rank of honorary commanding officer of the 23rd Engineers until his death.

We wish to pay tribute, however, to his record as a sincere exponent of the wise use of our natural resources and a leader in the organization of our great state park system

Soon after coming to Palo Alto he became an advocate for the conservation of portions of California's unusual forests and mountains. In those early years of studying the scenic area of California the young professor covered many miles of virgin territory on foot and on horseback. This explanation inspired him with California's opportunity for an outstanding system of park areas, representative of the many types of unique native landscape.

In the summer of 1894 he, with a group of friends under the leadership of Dr. W. R. Dudley, then head of the botanical department of Stanford, explored the region now known as Big Basin State Park. So dense was the undergrowth in the central portion of the Basin that the explorers were compelled to crawl on their hands and knees, and sometimes to imitate a snake, as they worked their way from one great tree to the next. This expedition resulted in 1902 in the State purchase of 3,700 acres of the present day park of nearly 10,000 acres.

About 1906 Colonel Wing was appointed a member of the California Redwood Park Commission and held that position for 22 years. When he took office there were three state parks, when he retired from active park work in 1936, the State Park System totaled 70 parks and historic monuments.

Colonel Wing's retirement as a university professor coincided with his appointment by Governor Young, in 1928, to the position of Chief of Parks in the newly created California Department of Natural Resources. There followed eight very active years of participation in park acquisition, planning and development.

The older members of the park organization who had the privilege of knowing and working with Colonel Wing have many pleasant memories of their association with him.

We will all benefit if we will remember the philosophical comment of Colonel Wing when he left the Division of Parks. Closing his desk he looked up at a picture of the great redwoods he knew so well and remarked:

"The Redwoods will go on growing although I am gone."

By one who served with Colonel Wing.
(Guy L. Fleming)

"like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end."
(Shakespeare)

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MT. SAN JACINTO

Bob Hatch writes in to say that his Park had an extremely heavy run this year on horses, children, sailors, soldiers, women campers, dogs and moles. To continue, quote: "I am having trouble with trout in my water lines,(no similarity to ants in the pants). They get jambed in the cutoff float valve of the water tank and the tank goes dry with a campground full of people. I'll swear that I have gotten more trout there, than I have with a rod this year. Also there are lightning fires and you know what that means up here.

Now there is a Park that covers some territory! The last figures I had on it was 12,707.956 acres and most of that, primitive area. Forty miles of mountain trails that run to better than ten thousand feet elevation. The Pacific bucks up there have a horn spread that would nearly shame Milne at Prairie Creek and his herd of Roosevelt elk. They have so many forks on their antlers that they look like the inside of an Elk's lodge. The snow gets so deep that an eleven foot Indian couldn't even wave his headdress so you could see it ten feet away. (Last statement cleaned up for publication) G.V.

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Mt. San Jacinto State Park has the distinction of being the only Park that is a primitive area. This presents many problems in operation and administration not encounted in any other Park. There are about ten areas in the upper Park with as many as twelve individual campsites where camping is allowed. The closest of these is a good eight miles from the administration area in Idyllwild. There are also more than thirty miles of horse and foot trails within the Park boundaries and this area has had more use than ever before; consequently needing more attention. An attempt was made to get bids for trail work this spring but no bidders could be located.

As a result of plans of long standing and of several personal appearances and talks at the Boy Scout camps in the Idyllwild area, there was established a Pioneer Camp for advanced scouts in Wellman's Cienega within the Park boundaries. The purpose of the camp was to promote cooperation among the scout camps by acquainting their leaders with the problems faced by the Parks in administering to an area of this type. This was accomplished by leading work details on campsite cleanup, trail and sign repair.

Instruction was given in fire suppression, use of tools, trail conduct and safety, mule packing and handling and similar subjects. The results of this experiment were very gratifying. About seventy-five boys spent time in this camp during the summer and spent more than one hundred and ninety man days in volunteer, supervised maintenance work in the Park. The trails and campsites are in better shape than they have been in five or six years.

Even more important than the Park conditions, is the change in the attitude of the boys in the scout camps. They are now aware of the problems of the area. They have a better understanding of why things should be done in a prescribed manner and they will carry their ideas to other campers in the area. There has been no defacing of signs, hacking of trees, unsanitary camps or any of the other violations of the area that used to be so prevalent. Real good has been accomplished both for the Park and for the future visitors of the area.

Bob Hatch, Asst. Ranger

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Dear Gene:

Everything has been told that is old, so how about the new, that is since old "RANCHO CUYAMACA" was named "CUYAMACA RANCH©"by the State in March 1933. Let's go on a tour and assume that we are coming in on Highway #80, we turn north on Highway #79 for four miles and we see the south boundary sign, hewn and carved out of huge cedar logs by the CCC boys who have gone overseas and done for us another good job. Soon after entering the park we come to another of these carved signs, which informs us that we have arrived at "Green Valley Falls Camp." This camp has the custodian's or ranger's cottage at the front. Camp consists of picnic area and 27 individual campsites with two combination houses with hot and cold water for showers and laundry room, also 50,000 gal. sunken concrete reservoir all

built with CCC labor. Entering, we pay our 25¢ to a genial Deputy Ranger and cross the ford over Sweetwater River, where we see on either side small children splashing in clear pools; these pools are as nature made them with clean white sandy bottoms and grassy banks. If we look a little further downstream we would find Pa and Ma swimming in the "Ol Swimmin Hole" built by El Cajon troop Boy Scouts, who have spent several summers here and each year have added a few more rocks to the dam. This, and other natural pools in the river have become so popular that every Sunday many people come here especially to cool off. If you want a private pool you will continue down stream until you come to the first falls and there above and below you will find natural pools carved by force of water in solid rocks, like bathtubs. There is one oval-shaped at the top of the second Falls which must have been the private tub of old Chief "Hilsh Ki" who, so Indian legend tells us, lived nearby and that he was a giant and had to have a mush bowl twice as large as ordinary Indians. The immense granite boulders which surround the Falls, are pitted with mortar holes or "Morteros" as they are called by the Spanish-speaking Indians. They were used by the Indians for grinding acorns and corn. Every summer many counter clerks and tired office-people relax here and are rehabilitated listening to the soft murmur of "Sweetwater River" telling its story to them as it did to the simple of old.

Leaving Green Valley we pass green meadows bordered by oaks and tall pines about three miles to another of the carved signs. This is the Park headquarters with its two story rock mansion. This was the former home of Ralph M. Dyar who donated one-half of the value of this 20.819 acre mountain wilderness to the State Park System so that people of Southern California might have much needed recreation for years to come. This was formerly a showplace with many exotic flowers and shrubs, but which now looks neglected to those who knew it while under the care of Mr.Dyar, but we of the Department of Natural Resources, partly through lack of time and partly through a desire to encourage native flowers and shrubbery are to some extent letting it revert to its natural state. While we are at Park headquarters, we can see the old CCC camp now operated under concession by the San Diego City-County Camp Commission, to take care of and give out-door recreation to some 200 under-privileged children each week.

Leaving Park headquarters, about four miles up a wooded canyon, we come to more carved signs. This is the summit on Highway #79 with an elevation of about 5000 feet. Here is the entrance to "Paso Picacho Camp" and at the front is Cuyamaca Fire Station, manned and operated by the State Division of Forestry, who are charged with the fire protection of this Park. Here also is housed another park ranger who is right after that fee, but we fool him and present the picnicking permit which we paid for at Green Valley Falls, thus cutting down the expense of our trip. Immediately after entering the campgrounds we begin to wonder if we brought along all our fishing gear, as every person we see has a fishing license attached to them, and on inquiry we find we are two miles from Cuyamaca Lake and that the Park has 1½ miles of lake frontage. At this camp in the evenings there is also a murmur, but not of the River flowing by. It is the murmur of mingled voices of many fishermen sitting around campfires, telling stories of the big ones that got away. At this camp start trails leading to the main points of interest: one to Cuyamaca Peak or South Peak, with branch trails to West Mesa and to Middle Peak. South Peak is 6,528 elevation which furnishes a wonderful view of the Pacific Ocean and the Colorado Desert and Mexico. Directly across the road from the entrance starts the trail east two miles to the top of Stonewall Peak. The top is of solid granite, conical-shaped furnishing a panorama of the Park at about 5900 feet elevation.

At the north boundary, we turn left about one-fourth mile to "Camp Hal Cu Cuilish" - Indian for "Tough and Strong." This camp is a Men and Boys Camp and is at the present time operated under concession by the Boy Scouts of America. A total of 10,538 boy days were spent here this summer in groups of about 150 for two-week periods. There is a large recreation hall and dining room, kitchen and staff quarters, infirmary building, two combination houses built mostly of native material all by CCC boys and in addition there is a 100,000 gallon sunken reservoir.

While at the Boy Scouts we were told by the caretaker that we were driving too fast and passed by the road leading to the Women & Girls Camp now operated under concession by the San Diego Girl Scouts Inc., so we retrace our way through beautiful meadows and find a fine oiled road leading through more meadows. We pass through and stop to visit an old Indian Village. This is the original village called "Cuyamaca" surrounded by large granite boulders with many mortar holes. There is a spring in the center of the camp. Here the Spaniards fought and conquered the Indians inthe year 1837 and the Indians agreed not to raid the settlements again. We go on about a mile across another meadow and on top of a rise we find the site of "Stonewall Mine" discovered in the year 1872 by two brothers, Geo. and Ed Skidmore and a fellow sheepherder, named Chas. Hensley. This mine operated until 1893 and, according to the Bureau of Mines records produced $1,600,000.00.

Continuing along on a point overlooking Cuyamaca Lake we come to the Girl Scouts ~~building~~ camp which is similar in construction to the Boy Scouts, excepting this camp has a large swimming tank. This summer, a total of 1108 girls enjoyed hiking, boating, horseback riding and swimming from this camp. Camp periods were two weeks each.

Well, now you've seen Cuyamaca, how do you like it?

H. W. Moore

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WEDDING

Another Park man joins the ranks of the benedicts. Frank Gutierrez, formerly of La Purisima Mission, and a schoolboy pal of Jack Calvert's, now located at the Pio Pico Historic Monument, doing the reconstruction work, took unto himself a wife. On a visit here last week he asked me to express the thanks of his new Foreman and himself for the War Bond gift presented by the Park employees. So here 'tis. Best of luck to Frank and his bride.

G.V.

SAN CLEMENTE STATE PARK

There's a quiet little spot
Where nature's placed a mark,
Of Beauty fine and simple;
It's San Clemente Park.

Here is natural beauty
Framed on either side,
On the East the rolling hills
The West the changing tide

Sandstone cliffs along the shore
Have stood the test of time.
Passing winds have worn them,
Like a worn and shiny dime.

You'll find a perfect beach
Where you can get your tan,
Or lie beneath a sunshade
While cooling breezes fan.

Do you want some recreation
To keep you lithe and trim?
Try your luck at fishing,
Or an early morning swim.

If you want a nice vacation
And be happy as a lark,
Come and spend the summer
In San Clemente Park.

Ruth Moore
San Clemente

PARK MEN

Park men are good
For paying bills
Buying food
Tending tills,
Driving nails
Sawing boards
Fixing rails,
Mowing yards
Stringing vines
Cutting weeds
Felling pines,
Planting seeds
Unstopping drains
Stopping a drip
Out in the rain,
Getting the grippe
Answering questions
Feeding deer
Attending sessions,
So it's clear
Park men are GOOD.

Art Parvin, Big Basin

THE WAGER

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"In days of old when knights were
bold,
And Barons held their sway....."

The early Californians were in truth land barons. The following story exemplifies with what reckless abandon they dissipated their wealth with not a tho't for the future or what the morrow would bring. Coming into possession of vast land grants, thru political influence, or thru inheritance they believed that it would always be so. Little did they dream that the day would come when they would find themselves bereft of all and many a proud Californian now lies in a pauper's grave.

On a bright sunny morning in April, Don Pio Pico, ex-governor of California, met Don Jose Sepulveda in front of the Bella Union Hotel, then the finest hostelry in Los Angeles.

"Buenas dias, Don Jose," said Don Pico. After the greetings were over many things were talked about and discussed, but not that which was uppermost in Don Pico's mind. Don Pico was a gambler, not with cards, but with horses, and it had been some time since Don Pico had entered his great horse, "Sarco", in a race. Finally he broached the subject. "Jose" said Don Pico, "what about a race?" Don Jose seemed not interested.

Don Pico urged, "Jose, you have race horses, fine ones. Sarco is not as young as he was when he won the race against Pancho Carrillo's Alzan. Maybe you can win a pile of cash. Let us set a day for a race. Say $50,000 a side."

Don Jose was non-commital and not a bit enthusiastic. Don Pico was puzzled. What was the matter with Jose Sepulveda? Did the sum seem too large? Didn't Jose have the cash? With all his cattle and immense grant, didn't he have $50,000 to bet on a race?

Still Don Jose seemed to ponder and hesitate. Finally he said, "Hermano (brother) Pico, why waste time having a race with such a paltry sum as that? Why don't you say $75,000 or $85,000 a side?"

This was a pauser for Don Pico, but he was game. After much talking and planning, the wager was set at $75,000 a side. Don Jose said Don Pico had to wait as Senora Sepulveda was not well and he wanted her to be present at the great event. With that understanding they parted.

Four months later Sepulveda notified Don Pico that he was ready. They set a day early in August. Word was sent to all Californians in the surrounding country. Main Street was lined on both sides by hundreds of people. Dons, vaqueros, Indians, senoras and senoritas, with a light sprinkling of Yankees, all were there to cheer for Don Pico's horse, not that Don Jose Sepulveda was not so popular as Don Pio Pico, but because Sarco was famous as a racehorse and had won every race in this part of the country.

The race course was down Main Street, nine miles straight ahead. The crowd was expectant. What horse was Don Jose Sepulveda going to pit against the great Sarco? Suddenly the crowd parted. A magnificent black mare stepped forth lead by a diminutive darky. This was Don Jose's entry! The people gasped with astonishment and exclaimed, "Where had Don Jose obtained such a horse?" No one knew.

The race was about to be run. Guards on horseback cleared the course. They were away!!!! Sarco led! At the half-post, Sarco was still ahead. Cheers went up. "Viva el Sarco," "Viva Don Pico." were cheers from Don Pico's friends. Black Dawn, Sepulveda's horse, confused by the noise took the bit between her teeth and overran the stretch by two hundred yards. Pico's friends were thunderstruck on seeing Sepulveda's mare reach the post ahead of their favorite. Their cheers were silenced and thus was Sarco, the unbeaten champion vanquished.

The delay was not caused by the illness of Mrs. Sepulveda, but by the waiting for Black Dawn, to make her appearance from Australia.

Mrs. Dolores Alvarado Conners, Curator
(Pio Pico Mansion)

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WILL ROGERS - UNFORGOTTEN!

Just ten years ago, the 15th day of August, a void was created. Something uniquely American was silenced with the voice and personality of Will Rogers. He was so friendly. His smile, his homespun humor, his sincerity, his congeniality, his inborn common sense of expression and his universal love of "just folks" endeared him to the millions of the earth.

Yet it seems but yesterday that we heard the familiar voice, or read the daily message that had become a habit with most of us. What a political campaign asset he was and how he shamed the phoney and false!

Generous to the core, he gave of himself freely and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Red Cross and other causes associated with the public welfare. His personal contributions were endless.

Appraising his all too brief life, we recall him as an expert cowboy and lover of horses, as a fine human actor, an entertainer who never gave a dull performance, a writer of common sense reflections and comments of a true yet humorous nature and withal a character so honest, so unpretentious and natural, that just to meet Will Rogers made you proud of America and happy to be living in a country that could produce such a man.

The simpler and more human a man is, the greater he is. Anyone could talk to Will Rogers and he could talk to anyone - peasant or king - and he talked to them all. No man of his time was more universally loved. All over America are tracks that he left behind and every memorial to him is a tribute to his character.

Decade after decade the story of his life will be told and it will inspire the future generations of Americans, as well as numberless others all over the globe.

He loved to roam. He loved his horses. He loved to fly and look down on the wonderful earth, always fascinating to him no matter where he looked down upon it.

He was a born humorist, worthy to march along with Mark Twain, and he had a reservoir of common sense expressions that flowed from his mind freely, tying them frequently to the tail of a current piece of news. As a philosopher you can put him upon the same page with Benjamin Franklin.

"Live your life" said Will Rogers, "so that whenever you lose, you are ahead!"

Future generations as well as those now a part of this generation will visit the Will Rogers State Park to view his beautiful ranch home housing his personal mementos; enjoy the spacious grounds with the developments made under his supervision; see his favorite old horse, "Soapsuds" now twenty-six years old, and absorb the sense and the spirit of this fine American.

FACTS AND FIGURES-WILL ROGERS STATE PARK

First half of August 1945 (gas rationing) 2044 admissions, $511.00.

Second half of August (plenty gas, no tickey, as we Chinese say) 2809 adms. $702.25

Clear the decks and give us room, our season is just starting and we don't want those other small-income Parks like Doheny, Big Basin and Big Sur to clutter up the route. (I'll be sorry for this).

WILL ROGERS SAID

"Come pretty near having two holidays of equal importance in the same week, Halloween and election, and of the two election provides us the most fun. On Halloween they put pumpkins on their heads, and on election they dont have to."

"If I wanted to start an insane asylum that would be 100 per cent cuckoo, I would just admit applicants that thought they knew something about Russia."

"Back home from South America. Must be American territory -- I don't see any Marines."

"I would like to stay long enough in Europe to find some country that don't blame America for everything in the world that's happened to 'em in the last fifteen years--debts, depression, disarmament, disease, fog, famine or frostbite."

"From all I can read in the papers, dated from some foreign capitol, the ambition of their lives seems to be to force us and Japan into a war. Now, if any nation on earth can give any excuse why we should fight Japan anymore than they should, they ought to get a prize for thinking of it."

"The greatest aid that I know of that any man could give to the world today would be a correct definition of 'liberty'. Everybody is running around in a circle announcing that somebody has pinched their 'liberty' - - - - So the question arises 'how much liberty can I get and get away with?' Well, you can get no more than you give. That's my definition but you got perfect 'liberty' to work out your own, so get in."

"A holding company is a thing where you hand an accomplice the goods while the policeman searches you."

"One thing about farmers' relief. It can't last long, for the farmers ain't got much more to be relieved of."

A friend met him after a long absence and invited him to dinner. "No thanks" Will answered, "I've already et." His friend corrected: "You shouldn't say 'et'; you should say 'have eaten.'" Rogers grinned and drawled, "Well, I know a lot of fellers who say, 'have eaten' but who ain't ett'"

OUR GANG

Jack T. Prudek, born Sept. 20th, 1919, at Fresno, California. Graduated from Clovis High School, played football, likes to hunt and fish. Moved to Sacramento and married Stella Siemans of Red Bluff; has one boy, Tommy. His wife, Stella, will be remembered by some of the Parks men as having been in the main office of the Division of Beaches and Parks and Forestry. Joined this Division on October 1, 1944.

Herbert W. Hedicke, born Feb. 1, 1908, in Libertyville, Ill. Completed course in Agriculture and Horticulture at University of Wyoming. Completed five years apprenticeship in Landscape Architecture at Cheyenne Wyo. Served as principal Agricultural aid at Fort Warren, in charge of soil erosion and re-vegetation work. Likes to hunt and fish. Married to Martha Glatz, July 6, 1933, of Coshocton, Ohio. Has three children, two boys and one girl. Joined State Parks, July 10, 1944.

E. Louise Zoller, Curator, born in Philadelphia, Pa. Graduate of Philadelphia High School, Keystone State College, Pennsylvania Museum & School of Industrial Arts at Philadelphia. Taught mechanical engineering for two years at the University of Puerto Rico. Red Cross liaison officer, Federal Board for Vocational Education and Red Cross for two years. Transferred to Federal Board for Vocational Education as personal service assistant. Resigned after 18 months to become Occupational Therapist at Prescott, Ariz. for two years. Transferred to Boise, Idaho, as Chief Occupational Therapist for nine years. Moved to California and became warden at the California Institute for Women and was later promoted to Educational Director for three years. Resigned to

go into war work and for the next two years served as draftsman in the engineering department of the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. Resigned to enter service of the State Parks in August 1944.

ORCHIDS

To Herb Hedicke goes the bouquets tossed by thousands of people who visit this Park. The flower gardens, ferns, shrubs and vines are a source of constant wonder by everyone who sees them and their beauty. Constant care, spraying, pruning, feeding and watering by a man who really knows his business have made the gardens at Will Rogers the talk of all the visitors including amateur gardeners as well as professionals. I also wish to thank the rest of the personnel for their fine job here and to the contributors of articles in this issue, who I know were sore pressed for time at this busy season of the year.

Gene Velzy

GEOMYS BURSURARIUS

Gopher to you. Now don't lay this down, but read on, you may be glad I published this helpful hint about the creatures that chew up your scallions, thoroughly masticating your dahlia bulbs, clips, geranium roots and make your lawn look like a bombed-out Jap village.

For obvious reasons I won't mention the name of the Park Ranger, that in dire desperation resorted to this means of extermination of the above-mentioned rodent. Now in this Park we had gophers, little ones, big ones, fat ones, skinny ones, light ones, and dark ones; it was at my request that the said Ranger started out to cut down on their population. He started out confidently with a prod and a can of poison grain and two days later the gophers would pop out of their holes and shoot the poison grain at him from a bean-blower. Not discouraged, mind you, he tried the water cure on them and after running sixty-five thousand gallons of water down their holes, found that they had all learned the crawl stroke and were doing swan dives from the dirt piles into their holes. Somewhat enraged at their antics, he backed the truck onto the lawns, attached a hose to the exhaust pipe and tried monoxide gas on 'em. Two days later we heard beautiful music and discovered six of them singing the Sextet from Lucia and another group singing Handel's Messiah. The gas merely cleared the dirt from their throats, and gave them a Saturday night jag. Infuriated at this display I saw him sit down by a hole, carefully remove one shoe and then a sock and wave it over the hole. In a moment, out rushed the gopher and with tears streaming down his pouches, fell on his knees and shouted, "No, No, not that," but the Ranger in a frenzy and murder bent, slapped the sock on the gopher's nose, and rigor mortis set in within five seconds.

P.S. My ranger and his socks are not available for the Statewide use.

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Here's hoping that in the not too distant future, the Park gang can look forward to one of our former annual get-togethers. I think we would all like to take our hair down, just once more.

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SCREWY QUESTIONS

There is a picture here of the barn, the children, the grooms and the horses they had at the time, under which Will Rogers wrote: "THIS IS THE BARN THAT JOKES BUILT."

Here is the question they ask our Curator, Miss Zoller. Who was Jokes?

Another one they fire at her is this: "Oh, are you Mrs. Rogers?" (Mrs. Rogers passed away here at the home a year ago last July).

A man said to me the other day: "Did 'Soapsuds' (Rogers' old horse, now 26 years old) get his name because he liked to take a bath in soapy water?"

"Ain't this a State Park?" "Well, I'm a taxpayer and why do I gotta pay two bits to see the joint?" The Guvner is a friend of mine and I'll see about it."

G.V.

THE LIFE OF A RANGER'S WIFE

(Enid Moore)

Oh the life of a Ranger's wife for me
'Tis the life that is surely untrammelled and free
You don't have to worry about any rent,
You merely live where you are sent.

Of course you don't know where the house will be
It may be six rooms, or it may be three.
There may be a gas stove, shiny and bright
There may be a wood stove, a horrible sight.

There's toilet tissue, paper towels galore
There was some Boraxo, but not any more.
You never know how long you'll stay,
It may be two months, it might be for aye.

The kitchen you had last month, was blue
While the one this time, is a reddish hue
And every kitchen gadget you own
Is painted a beautiful soft green tone.

The curtains must be changed around
The proper sizes are never found.
You cut in half, the longest pair
Or add a ruffle here and there.

That nice new rug won't fit at all,
There's never a one to fit the hall.
There's a hole in that new upholstered chair
The chesterfield has added another tear.

The mirror broke and some dishes too,
Canned tomatoes burst and stained the blankets through,
It always rains when you move, I bet,
So the finish is off the bedroom set.

The canvass slipped and the mattress is wet,
But really there is no cause to fret.
This bedroom is so very small
The Ranger dresses in the hall.

You store half your stuff out in a shed
And feel darn thankful to fall in bed.
You give your dog to Uncle John
Perhaps you take your cat along.

You sell your piano ,or store it away
You give all your plants to some folks down the way;
You plant lots of garden, but when the things bear,
You're at some new place, repairing a chair.

You raise little chickens until ready to eat
Then you sell them and move, and get no white meat.
This sounds very dizzy, but really it's true
I moan and complain, and I guess other wives do.

But it's fun, and it's change, and it's interesting too,
I'd hate to miss a bit of it; and before I get through,
If it takes all the rest of my life;-
I bet I make a Ranger's darn good wife.

Enid Moore, Big Sur

F L A S .

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Last minute word has been heard from Al Salzgeber, from deep in the heart of. His new address is Pvt. A. F. Salzgeber, 39749400 Co. C., 66th Bn. Camp Wolters, Texas. He passes on a big "HELLO" to everyone and adds a few cryptic remarks about the climate where he is. Al forwarded the following as a "stitch in time. . ."

Traveler, please, before you go,
Douse your fire with H20.
Pour on more if you're in doubt,
Campfires are the best things out!

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Had a nice long letter from former Park man, Frank M. Davies, now a "sojer" with the Army Air Corps, stationed somewhere in the innards of China, where they flew him "over the hump" from India just before the end of the war. Says their chief past-time is swatting bugs, big game hunting, (doves), and keeping the Chinee houseboy contented. Four of them in his tent pay him six thousand yen a month, which is about two and a half bucks American. (Just a bunch of plutocrats, I sez. GV)
Address: Pvt. Frank M. Davies, 39576608, 159th AACS, Sta. 370, APO 210, c/oPM, New York, N. Y. This is for the benefit of Art Sill and Louie Wakefield. Why not drop him a line?

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Had a visit from Harold Fesch the other day. Four years travelling all over the U.S. and not enough points. Says he thinks they class him as "green troops" and he may do a little occupying of the land of Hirohito, the mosquito.

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Sept. 1st has came and went. So has gas rationing. Would like to see some of the Redwood boys come out of hibernation, cut off their beards, get the cones out of their hair, swap their raincoats for a T-shirt, put the wife and kids in the family go-cart and see the Southern end of the State. The WELCOME sign is out at Velzy apartment at Will Rogers State Park. I am always good for a feed and a place to wash out your socks.

P.S. This also goes for the Mountain boys, beachcombers and just plain flatland dwellers.

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I see in the dictionary that "Hiroshima, a seaport city in S. W. Honshu Island, Japan: pop. 167,000 (Kinda out of date).

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KNOW YOUR NAILS

Nails were made entirely by hand until about the year 1795 when a machine was invented for making wrought iron cut nails. About 1881 steel cut nails were invented and about 1890 wire nails were invented.

Size	Length	Appr. No. to lb.
3d	1¼"	635
4d	1½"	473
5d	1 3/4	406
6d	2"	236
7d	2¼"	210
8d	2½"	145
10d	3"	94
12d	3¼"	87
16d	3½"	71
20d	4"	52
30d	4 ½"	46

The above pertains to smooth wire box nails

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P E A C E !

'Our Father, we thank Thee....'

A GREAT VISION

For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' eiry navies grappling in the central blue;
Far along the world-wide whisper of the south wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the people plunging thro' the thunderstorm;
Till the war drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle flags were furl'd
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

------- Tennyson

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MISSION SAN FRANCISCO SOLANO

The most romantic of all the highways of California is that which extends from San Diego to Sonoma, a distance of 700 miles. El Camino Real, The King's Highway.

It is through the ruins of the old mission stations that we reach the atmosphere of the early days in California. While the Puritans were busily engaged on the Atlantic Coast in spreading the enlightenment of civilization, the Franciscans were at work on the same venture in the West.

Fifty years after Columbus discovered America, Cabrillo sailed up the California coast with the flag of Spain. Thirty-seven years later came Sir Francis Drake and twenty-three years after Drake, Vizcaino, a Spanish navigator. None of these attempted colonization. Don Gaspar de Portola, the first Governor of California, led an expedition from Mexico in 1769 under the Spanish flag. With him came Junipero Serra, founder and first President of the Missions of California.

The period of the Missions in California covers little more than two-score years, from the time of the founding of Mission San Diego de Alcala in July of 1769 to the secularization or confiscation of the mission properties by the Mexican Government. The mission stations were located at points distant by one day's ride from each

other. They included not only the Church, but industrial plants and dormitories. The days of the Missions have been called the "Golden Age of California".

"In the days when the Missions were in their glory," wrote John Steven McGroarty, the California poet, "the traveler on the King's Highway between San Diego, Harbor of the Sun, and Sonoma, in the Valley of the Seven Moons, could make the entire journey of 700 golden miles without a penny in his pocket and never lack for food to eat or a shelter at night, for in that golden age the Missions were also the hospices of the land. Their great open doors swung ever inward with welcome to whomsoever might come".

The first irrigation ditch in Western America was built by the Indians of the San Diego Mission. Here also was planted the first palm and the first olive and here was erected the first human habitation on the Pacific shore within the present United States.

Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma, the twenty-first and last of the Missions, was established in 1823, under peculiar circumstances. In 1822, at a conference between the church authorities and the Governor of California, it had been decided to transfer the Mission of San Francisco from the peninsula to the "Northeastern Contra Costa on the Gentile frontier". This decision was based on the comparative sterility of the old site, insalubrity of the peninsula climate, broadness of field for conversion in the north, and the success of the experimental founding of the San Rafael branch. Nothing more was done regarding the transfer until March 23, 1823, when Padre Jose Altimira presented to the diputacion a memorial recommending the transfer, and on April 9th the diputacion voted in favor of the change. It was agreed that the Asistencia of San Rafael should be again joined to San Francisco and transferred with it.

An exploring expedition was made and Sonoma was found to be best adapted for mission purposes by reason of its climate, location, abundance of wood and stone, and most excellent springs and streams. On July 4th, a cross was blessed and set up on the site of a former Gentile rancheria, now formally named New San Francisco. Although the place was for a little time abandoned and on July 6th all were back at Old San Francisco, July 4th may be celebrated as the date of founding better than any other.

The approbation of the prelate was not received by the end of July, so Altimira was instructed by Governor Arguello to make a beginning at once. On August 12th Altimira took possession by inventory of the mission property at San Rafael. He returned to San Francisco and on August 23rd started for Sonoma. Arriving at New San Francisco on August 25th, he at once began work on granary, ditch, corral and other needed structures. Although August 25th is usually given as the date of foundation, there is no record of any formal ceremony, the usual ceremonial acts having taken place on July 4th.

All did not go smoothly, for the authorities of the neighboring missions, especially San Francisco and San Jose, objected to the fact that the new mission had been established without proper authority. Finally, however, a compromise was

made providing for New San Francisco to remain as a mission in regular standing, but for neither Old San Francisco nor San Rafael to be suppressed. Altimira was to be regular minister to the new mission and associate minister of Old San Francisco. Altimira complained that the ministers of neighboring establishments used their influence to keep neophytes from going to New San Francisco. However, there was some progress.

On April 4, 1824 (Passion Sunday) the mission church, a rude structure, 24 x 105 feet, built of boards and whitewashed, but well furnished and decorated in the interior, was dedicated to San Francisco Solano (the great apostle of the Indies), which from this date became the name of the Mission. Ten years later it was called Sonoma in order to avoid confusion with the Mission of San Francisco de Assisi. A mission rancho of Santa Eulalia had been established at Suisun before the end of 1824; a provisional house for the Padre's visits, with a corral for horses, had been built, and a neophyte alcalde was in charge of the rancho. In March, 1824, the Mission had a granary, a padre's house, and seven houses for the guard, besides the chapel, all of wood. By the end of the year, one large adobe house 30 x 120 feet and seven feet high had been completed, with tiled roof and corrider, and two other structures had been made ready for roofing just in time to be destroyed by unusually heavy rains. A beginning had been made of weaving. A garden fenced with willows contained many fruit trees, and in the vineyard 1,000 vines were growing.

At the end of 1824, the mission had 693 neophytes, of whom 322 had come from San Francisco, 153 from San Jose, 92 from San Rafael, and 96 had been baptized on the spot.

By 1830, 650 had been baptized and 375 buried; but the number of neophytes had increased only to 760, leaving a margin of over 100 for runaways. Notwithstanding the advantages of the site and Padre Altimira's enthusiasm, the Mission at Sonoma was not prosperous during its short existence.

In 1834 the neophyte population decreased from 760 to 650, and in 1835 to 550. There was a gain in livestock and but slight falling-off in crops; and the establishment must be regarded as having flourished down to the date of secularization, being one of the few missions in California which reached their highest population in the final decade, though this was natural enough in a new and frontier mission.

In 1834 Mariano G. Vallejo was made Comisionado, and with Antonia Ortega as majordomo in 1835-36, the secularization was completed. Movable property was distributed to the Indians, who were made entirely free, many of them retiring to their old rancherias. Thus the mission community had no real existence after 1836. A pueblo was founded at Sonoma in 1835 on the secularization of Solano.

The mission was then used as a place of worship by the Catholic church up to the time of its purchase by S. Shocken in 1881. The building was for years used as a warehouse. In 1902 it was sold to the Landmark League of California, and was by this organization presented to the State of California that it might be preserved as an important historic landmark. The adobe walls were rapidly crumbling away and the entire structure pre-

sented a most ruinous appearance.

Through the activities of the Sonoma Valley Women's Club, funds were raised and the walls were protected against further destruction by the elements. This Club was also instrumental in restoring to its place the original mission bell which had been lost for many years.

In 1911 an appropriation of $5000 was made by the State Legislature and the restoration of the mission was begun.

It is fitting, then, that when the State turned, a few years ago, to the preservation of some of its historical monuments and the establishment of State Parks, attention fell naturally upon this garden spot.

The restored mission, with its long, gracefully arched concourse and its many rooms filled with arresting relics of a thrilling period in the life of California, is now a State possession, where a few hours may be very profitably spent.

A never-failing source of interest and delight to tourists, but they are not well enough high-lighted. By this is not meant exploitation in the sense of ballyhoo, but they and the marvelous tale of El Camino Real, of Padre Serra and the Franciscans who gladly laid down their lives for the demonstration of a boundless faith in the midst of unbelievable obstacles, should be made available for all who have eyes to see and a heart to understand.

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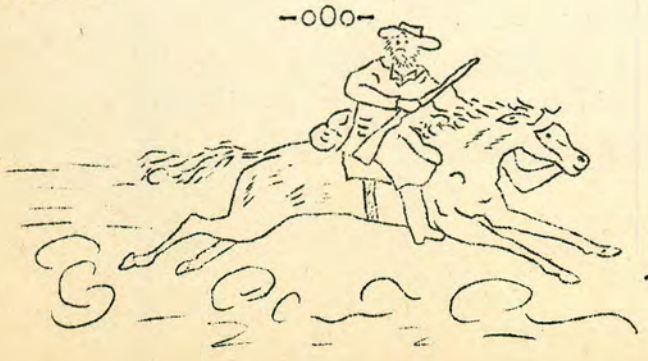


GENERAL VALLEJO

Not in the Hall of Fame at Washington, but enshrined in the hearts of all true lovers of California, is General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, guardian of the destiny of the Golden State during the thrilling transition days--Mexican-California and California of the Union--1834-1850--the days of bitter tilts 'twixt greaser and gringo, guerilla warfare, gunplay and general impression that Mexico must yield to some real power. He openly advocated the accession of California by the United States instead of its acquisition by European powers known to be interested and on the ground to watch developments. In April, 1846, at a Junta, just three months before the American uprising known as the Bear Flag rebellion, he frankly expressed his preference. He had long yearned for more stabilization than the Mexican government could give to this magnificent territory. California, a rich prize for which many nations were contending. Vallejo dealt diplomatically and suavely with Russian, English and French officials anchored in California waters, or entertaining lavishly at the Capitol, Monterey, but in his heart and mind was ever the eager hope that some day the enterprising, wide-awake, understanding Americans would take and protect the land of his birth to which he was deeply attached and in whose destiny he was profoundly interested.

VALLEJO'S BIRTH

No native son of California had a more interesting background than Mariano Vallejo. His proud lineage dates back to the Admiral of the Spanish King, who brought Columbus back to Spain, Admiral Don Alonzo Vallejo. We next hear of the family and its descendents in New

Spain or Mexico. The Vallejos of Guadualajara sent one son, Ignacio Vallejo, with the Portola expedition to the great uncharted wilderness of California, which Father Serra was to bring into the faith by establishing missions and converting the heathen. Mariano was destined to be the deciding factor in the destiny of a great state.

Vallejo had married the Senorita Benecia Carrillio of an influential family of Southern California and had one child when he came to rule the Indians of old Sonoma. The Vallejo family were accommodated with living quarters at the Mission by its kindly padre. The Mission establishment was not flourishing, the Indians neither faithful nor tractable. Secularization was ordered. Indians were put to work at various trades and Vallejo taught them soldiering. He extended his authority in every direction in the new land and soon had a domain of princely proportions.

A young man of elegence, who had sent to Paris for his wedding vest, pioneer inconveniences were not long for Don Mariano. He built spacious living quarters of adobe, erected impressive military barracks and farmed the northern counties on a large scale with thousands of Indians to do his bidding. He made good artisans of the natives, built a tannery, taught the Indians to be shoemakers and weavers of blankets at his imposing two-story adobe, which still stands overlooking the contra costa near Petaluma. In addition to this great ranch house he built a palace in Sonoma on the plaza, from the glass tower of which he could view his troops and observe the movements of unfriendly Indians. He was also accumstomed to note the growing numbers of his cattle, which, during the roundups and rodeos, moved in great clouds of dust across the horizon between Suisun and Petaluma ranchos, thousands of them. Hides and tallow added to his riches.

Vallejo's home reflected the discriminating taste of the connoisseur and was the essence of the hospitality which is the heritage of all true Californians. He bought the richest cargoes from Europe and the far east, hired the finest tutors for his fast-growing family of sixteen children, and to one music master, Andrew Heppner, gave a princely land grant, one thousand acres, the Agua Caliente grant, as compensation for music lessons that his sons and daughters might enrich their lives. His library was his pride. He was the patron of many arts. In the pueblo of Sonoma, which he founded, he set apart a public park of eight acres, to be a perpetual public promenade. His courtesy and generosity to pioneer settlers was famous, whatever their race, creed or nationality--a beef for the roping, a homesite for the asking, unsecured loans for the luckless.

THE DIPLOMAT

Far more interested in the constructive benign path of peace than in the pursuit of war, with something of the Spanish love of ease and luxury, his military regime came to be mere camouflage--a cannon on the sleepy hillside, a few guns grown rusty and out-of-date, guitar-playing soldiers slumbering around the plaza. Mexico's hold on California kept slipping.

General Vallejo, in the heart of his Sonoma home on June 14, 1846, was summoned to his door at daybreak by a noisy crowd of "patriots"

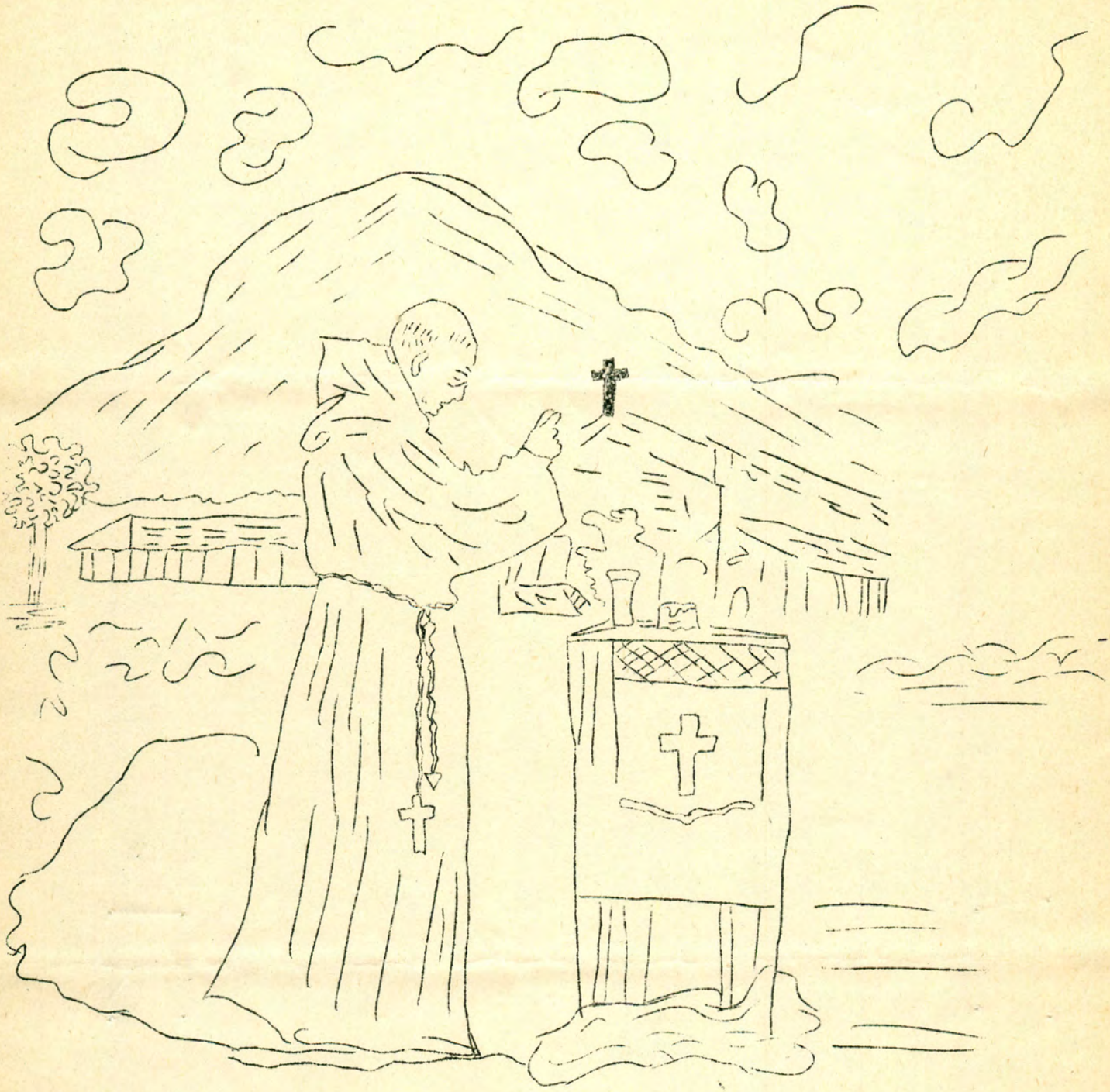
who demanded his surrender. They were a hard looking lot, these pioneers, so history tells us, and came at a most unseemly time, for a little child of the family had died and was even then in the tiny casket over which the grief-sticken parents lamented. Vallejo, unperturbed and courteous under all circumstances, invited the spokesman of the party into the house to stipulate their demands. They lingered to talk it over and partake of the old wine and brandy the General proffered, and finally breakfast, which the hospitable host ordered prepared. The rank and file without clamored for action, and the prisoners were finally brought out and taken to Sutter's Fort for imprisonment. They were the General, his brother, Salvadore, and his brother-in-law, Jacob P. Leese, and Victor Prudon, Vallejo's secretary.

Meanwhile the Bear Flag, crude emblem of the new order of things, was hoisted on Sonoma's plaza. (This emblem is now the state flag of California, the place of its raising marked by a bronze monument.) The Bear Flag Republic was proclaimed by the boisterous and jubilant Americans.

Vallejo endured much hardship for sixty days but was finally released and rejoiced when he heard that the United States had asserted itself and had replaced the flag of the insurgents with the flag of the great nation he respected and esteemed. His durance vile was greatly regretted by American officers and by associates who knew his true sentiment, as expressed in a stirring speech at Monterey shortly before the imprisonment.

In the formation of California's first constitutional congress, General Vallejo proved a valued factor. He was sent to Monterey as a member of that important assembly. He afterwards represented his district as state senator and wrote the history and derivation of names of the various counties of California as set forth in the records today. He wanted to see the state capitol located at Benecia, a city he had named for his wife, and a site he believed ideally located for the purpose. He offered lands and money to carry out one of the most princely offers ever made a state in the making. In the zenith of his glory and munificence his fortune faded. He had to curtail his prodigal philanthropies.

Stripped of land, forced to sue for titles to his broad acres, unable to recover large sums of money loaned to those he trusted, the old Don found himself impoverished. In reduced circumstances he continued to show a fine public spirit and interest in his fellow citizens. Natural living springs on his home place, Lachryma Montis, in Sonoma, were developed as the town water supply, a public utility which in later years further impoverished his family, forced to improve it and give service incommensurate with the unfair competition to which the project was subjected. Mortgages were foreclosed on Vallejo's property, notes he held against men who had become millionaires were repudiated by them. His herds dwindled to the family cow and one old buckskin horse. "I had my day, a proud one," was his only comment to those who came to pay him deference in his declining years. He died in 1890, his home place, "Lachryma Montis"--tear of the mountain"--his sole holding. Seventeen acres of the seventeen thousand, which once comprised his Spanish grants, were purchased by the State of California and history-minded citizens and dedicated as a Monument to his memory.



The Padre Offers the Holy Mass in Thanksgiving—

CHIEF'S PAGE

VACATIONS !

Our records reveal that this is vacation season for the field personnel. I sincerely hope that it will be possible for all of the field personnel to take their vacations previous to the first of the year, in order that the unusually large winter work improvement and maintenance program may be able to go forward at full speed by the first of the year.

All of you have certainly earned your vacations and may you each, individually, enjoy your vacation after such an unusually difficult and turbulent summer season.

EXCERPTS

COMMISSION ACTION The September meeting of the State Park Commission was held in Eureka, jointly with that of the State Highway Commission, and out of this meeting the two Commissions were able to formulate a definite policy regarding the removal of Redwood trees and the widening of such sections of the highways as traverse our Redwood parks. This is a big step forward.

Skiing at Cuyamaca Rancho was given a big boost by the approval by the Commission of additions to the ski runs, as requested by the San Diego Ski Club.

The Commission also went on record as sponsoring every phase of an enlarged development and improvement program for Parks in order to meet the increased postwar use of Parks, which is bound to come.

Application requesting that the Old Custom House be used for dancing classes was denied as not in keeping with the purpose for which the Old Custom House was acquired.

The Commission directed that an appeal be made to the Personnel Board to increase salary pay scales of the field personnel of this Division.

The Commission also directed that steps be taken for the expansion of both the office and field forces to meet the enlarged responsibilities of this Division as a result of the legislation passed in the 1945 Session of the Legislature.

FIRE CONTROL

By this time each member of the field force should have received a copy of the "Memorandum of Understanding Between the State Division of Forestry and the State Division of Beaches and Parks" for forest fire control and suppression in State Parks, as drawn up by General Warren T. Hannum, Director of the Department of Natural Resources. This is the most complete policy that has ever been developed between the two Divisions, setting forth their respective responsibilities with regard to the tragic menace which threatens our Parks each year.

NOTES

After the first of the year all Ranger's Reports are to carry the number of visitors and receipts accumulatively...Each District will soon be supplied with a Goldak pipe locator and a surveying level... D.D.T. was selected as the standard insect eradicator and Weedone has been selected as the standard weed eradicator...The new type badges will soon be issued to all personnel...The office can now furnish the new type "decals" for all automotive equipment...Conserve your tires--they are still scarce and hard to obtain.

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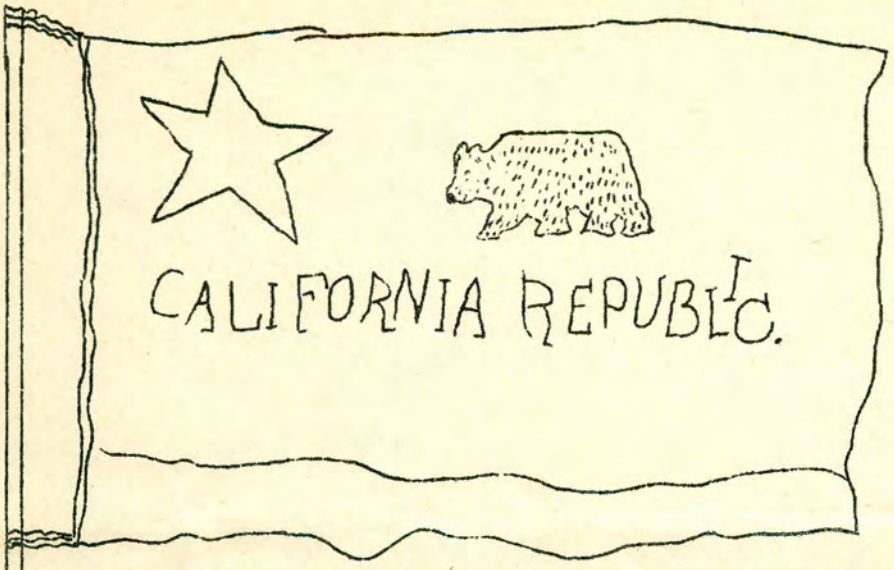

The Bear Flag, as designed and crudely made by William Todd in June of 1846.

The words, "California Republic" were traced in ink and then painted. The letter "I", preceding the letter "C" in the word "Republic" was omitted in the original design. The mistake being noticed afterward, the "I" was sketched in over the top of the last two letters.

CHIEF SOLANO

On the shores of Suisun Bay, where the City of Benicia now stands, was the Suisunne Tribe of Indians. The last Chief was Sem-Yeto, meaning Brave One. The Padres succeeded in Christianizing the new Chief and baptized him, Francisco Solano, meaning West Wind.

In 1837 Solano petitioned General Vallejo for four square leagues of land, stating that he was sufficient owner of cattle and horses to establish a rancho. This grant covered what is now Suisun Valley and running south nearly to Benicia. A few years later he was forced to sell this grant for fifty dollars.

A romance creeps into the life of Solano. It is said he fell in love with the Russian Princess, Helen Rotscheff, and on several occasions tried to steal her. The famed attempt, in 1841, to abduct the Princess Helen, in which Chief Solano figured was when the Princess and her husband, before leaving the country, decided to cross to Sonoma County. They came to Sonoma to pay their respects to Commandante Vallejo, visit the Mission and proceed to Napa and the Mountain Peak named St. Helena, where there is a copper plate, put there by Russian scientists on June 12, 1841. The Russian party stayed overnight in Sonoma and there it was that Solano planned to capture the beautiful and titled Russian woman. A confederate revealed the plot to Vallejo, who circumvented the abduction. Some believe that the big Chief, who was six

feet tall, was vain enough to want a white wife to add to his Indian charmers. Chief Solano died about 1850. He was buried at the foot of Suisun Valley, a short way from Rockville.

BLUE WING INN

Blue Wing Inn is close to the top of the America's unique hostelry, where cowboys from ranges and ranchos rode their pinto ponies and drank their "pizen" while still in their saddles. Could be, it is from this that our "curb service" sprang. California's most famous bandit, Joaquin Murietta, is supposed to have met his "henchmen" here and planned his daring deeds. Among other anxious frontiersmen who lent their clamor to this pioneer Western hostelry were Scout Kit Carson, Capt. John Sutter, General Grant, General Sherman, Fremont, Sheridan and Fightin' Joe Hooker, all of Civil War fame. It is almost a tumbledown ruin. Most of the guests at the Mission come back and inquire about the "Blue Wing Inn".

The Editor can add to Gladys Zumwalt's very fine article on the Donner Party. When the news of the tragedy reached Sonoma, General Vallejo started a subscription list to collect cash. He put in $500.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruner, in Sonoma, said they could make a nice home for a child, so they sent their Indian servant to Sutter's Fort and Capt. Sutter assigned two little girls to them. They were Georgie and Eliza Donner. They went to school in Sonoma's first grammar school and registered on the old desk now in the Sonoma Mission Museum.

The Headquarters Office has received a letter from Cpl. Jess Chaffee, who is in the Hammond General Hospital, Modesto. We sincerely hope, Jess, that your stay will be short and your recovery complete..... Lloyd Lively writes that he is on the U.S.S. Ontario, a steam-powered, sea-going tug, and is stationed at Eniwetok Harbor. He sends his best regards to everyone and remarks that the islands are best seen from travel folders. We'll be glad when you get home, too, Lloyd.....WELCOME HOME to Gordon Kishbaugh...Llewellyn P. Griffith..."Tony" Trigeiro...Carl C. Schnauer...and a rumor has come in that Maurice Morgan is to be discharged 'most any day.

Deputy Jack Dyson reports that two redwood specimens have been obtained, one of them showing a hole made by a woodpecker near the center of the tree, which had grown over it. The other specimen has acorns imbedded near the center of the tree. The tree was about 8 feet in diameter when cut. Specimens are now at Dyerville.

The following news item was furnished by an anonymous reporter: Insult was added to injury when Louis Juch, after having his regular Saturday night hot bath, was called out to assist in a search for a poacher's rifle, stubbed his toe and SPLASHED right in a nice, deep, icy pool, snappy uniform and all! This was just too much. MORAL: No more Saturday night baths. Do you suppose this could be called a "News splash"?

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The November issue of Parks News and Views is to be published by Earl Hanson--up in them thar Redwoods. We are sure that Earl will be entirely grateful for any and all news items submitted by Parks personnel. Send same to Earl at Dyerville Headquarters, Weott.

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DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Earl P. Hanson, Editor — Dyerville Headquarters

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A TRIBUTE!

To the memory of the late Dr. John Campbell Merriam, scientist, author and co-founder of one of the world's great conservation movements, we humbly and respectfully dedicate this issue.

DR. JOHN CAMPBELL MERRIAM

"No movement in which he has been engaged shows better his idealism than the conservation program of the Save-the-Redwoods League. And none by the accumulated results of twenty years more fully proved that, when sustained by courage and clear thinking, idealism brings results--is very far from futile or 'impossible."

In 1917, John C. Merriam, with Madison Grant and Henry Fairfield Osborn, made a memorable and now historic auto trip over wagon roads which later developed into the presently famous Redwood Highway. At that time, not a single redwood tree in what since has come to be looked upon as one of the world's finest forests, was in public ownership, and the cream was rapidly being logged by the owners.

All three men were appalled by the devastation of forests whose ancestry originated millions of years before and whose age, height and bulk were challenged solely by the only other surviving Sequoia--the Big Tree of the Sierra Nevada--already preserved in national parks and national forests.

At once they realized that the Coast Redwoods were equally priceless, therefore as important to protect. Together with other prominent Californians they urged the nation to take steps toward the protection of these forests before it was too late. Thus it was that the Save-the-Redwoods League was started.

BECAME LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Dr. Merriam became president of the Save-the-Redwoods League and continued in that capacity for nearly twenty-five years, only recently having been pressed, by illness, into retirement. He lived to see the program envisaged by him and his companions develop to far exceed their fondest hopes. He stressed the interpretation of the human values of natural phenomena he had studied and helped to preserve.

"Closely related to the redwoods movement, there logically grew out of it a larger program for California involving preservation of many outstanding landscape resources--areas of mountain, forest, beach and desert possessing uniqueness and distinction, not included in California's federal reservations or its outstanding national parks. From this developed a comprehensive statewide system of seventy state parks, with scenic, recreational and historic values; the redwood parks

taking their relative place in that varied pageant of beauty and interest which makes up California. This was one contribution of the League, and the first clear statement of its necessity was made by Dr. Merriam."

Dr. Merriam died in Berkeley on October 30, 1945, at the age of 76 years. He is forever commemorated by the Founders' Grove, with its world's tallest tree, named in honor of the three men whose journey resulted in one of the world's great conservation movements.

(Quotations by Newton B. Drury in 1938.)

THE HUMBOLDT INDIANS
by Jack Dyson

In California, the term "digger" has commonly been applied to all Indian inhabitants of this State. Actually, "digger" was specifically applied to a small band of Paiutes living near St. George, Utah, the only band of Indians that practiced agriculture. "Digger" is said to be an English interpretation of the band name. In time every Indian tribe that was known to use roots extensively for food was dubbed "digger". This included many tribes of the western United States, an area of widely different languages and many distinct linguistic stocks. "Digger Indian" came to be applied as a degrading name by the 49'er who looked upon the root-eaters as a low type of Indian.

In California, and throughout the world, there are certain centers of culture. Here in the Northwest District the principal point of influence of the northwestern culture was the limited area occupied by the Yurok, Karok and Hupa. These tribes were in turn influenced by the culture of the North Pacific Coast with its center in British Columbia.

THE YUROK

The Yurok occupied the territory above the mouth of the Trinity River, down the Klamath River to its mouth, and along the coast confining their villages to the Klamath, beaches or lagoons.

The cause of Yurok predominance in this area is evidently due to physiographic environment--the Klamath is the largest stream entering the Pacific between the Sacramento-San Joaquin on the south and the Columbia on the north. The largest stream held the largest number of inhabitants and allowed them to become more dense and therefore pursue a more active way of life.

In California, natural environment along the Pacific Coast has played an essential part in influencing the area inhabited by a band of people, particularly along the river and stream drainages.

THE SINKYONE

In the area roughly corresponding to the Redwood Highway from the South Fork of Eel River at Dyerville and Garberville and along the coast from Four Mile Creek to Usal, lived a group known as the Sinkyone. In custom they were halfway between the northwestern type and those of central Californian character. They shared some of the cultural traits of the Yurok and Hupa.

Individuals did not own land as it belonged to the tribe and members hunted, fished, dug roots and gathered seeds over it at will. People moved in family groups to the hills for seed gathering and hunting, to the valleys for root-

digging and berry-picking, and to the coast for gathering of crustaceans, mussels, clams and abalones.

DWELLINGS, ETC.

Their dwelling houses were of two types. One was typically central Californian, an excavated circular structure with a center pole, and the wedge-shaped lean-to found in the northwest. The sweat house was of the archaic central Californian pattern--circular, excavated, built around a central pole and having a central smoke-hole entrance. Temporary houses were erected while hunting and gathering. These were unexcavated brush enclosures without center pole or smoke-hole.

Hides were of the utmost importance to the Sinkyone for clothes, blankets, and other skin-made articles. Their dress was entirely of hides with little ornamentation except women's garments which were fringed and beaded for ceremonials. Beads were worn for display to establish the monetary status of the family according to the northwest Californian custom. Their hair was worn long except during mourning. Women wore a basketry hat after puberty.

Basketry was an ancient, highly developed trait. This is determined by the variety of baskets assigned to the many special functions in Sinkyone culture. Household baskets and hats were the finest in both technique and design. They were woven of spruce and redwood root fibers with a pattern overlay of five-fingered fern, brake fern and red alder bark. Sometimes quail crests were woven into the design--probably derived from the Pomo who were among the finest basket makers in the world.

Rope and string was made from iris-leaf fiber for snares and nets, rolled on the thigh with the palm of the hand while wet. All string and rope was made by the men, also all fishing and hunting baskets and nets.

FOODS

The main plant-food supply came from acorns, buckeyes, seeds, greens, soap-root, camas, nuts and berries, which were eaten raw, roasted, stone-boiled, barbecued with meat, or dried and preserved for winter.

The all-important fish supply came from the seasonal salmon run, however small fish were netted and caught at all times of the year with hook and line. Salmon were harpooned from boats and caught in nets. The entire tribe camped along the banks of the streams. Women and children prepared and smoked the fish.

CEREMONIALS

Typical ceremonials included the first-salmon rite, the first-acorn ceremony, including five nights of dancing, and other annual dances such as the "renewal of the world" and the ancestor impersonation dance. Ceremonial directors were called "shamans" and gained their power through periodic isolation. Besides his own soul a shaman had a spirit given to him by the creator which could leave his body at will to search for lost souls or to communicate with the spirit world for counsel and guidance. A shaman was a teacher, devined and prophesied for the tribe, performed dances for the benefit of the tribe, prevented sickness and set the time, place and was master of ceremonies for the annual dances. ---JRD

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DYERVILLE AND WEOTT
by Enoch P. French

The site of Dyerville was acquired, before 1880, from the federal government by a Mr. Dyer who operated a store and hotel there in the 1890's. For years prior to that time, he operated the postoffice designated as Dyerville.

In the early 1900's Mr. Dyer deeded the property to a relative, Mrs. Pat Carland, who in turn sold it to The Pacific Lumber Company of Scotia.

From 1919 to 1931 the State of California held an option on the Bull Creek-Dyerville Flats redwood forest, which included Dyerville, finally completing the purchase in the later year upon the receipt of gifts which included one million dollars from John D. Rockefeller, Junior.

SOUGHT HOMESITES

About 1919, split-timber operators were very active in the Dyerville area and they sought homesites at Dyerville and at South Fork, on the railroad. Since the State had an option the lumber company could not sell and the railroad refused to sell at South Fork station.

At the time redwood timber at the site of Weott was being cut. Mr. Ernest McKee purchased the land and established a mill in 1919, selling a few homesites and business locations to start a community that was known as McKee's Mill, McKee and finally Weott.

A mercantile store, started by J. E. Johnson, still is in operation there. Mr. Walter Schillings built a hotel, in recent years replaced by an auto court and novelty shop. Prior to this, Weott had only a few roughly-built cabins. Soon a number of homes were erected. Thus Weott got its start because woodsmen could not locate their homes either at Dyerville or South Fork.

This information is from facts as I have known them since 1898, when I drove freight teams and delivered groceries to the Dyerville store; and also had an interest in the timber tract adjoining Weott in 1919

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RUMBLINGS FROM RICHARDSON

As was the case in many State Parks this season, there were more campers at Richardson Grove than in 1942 Travel increased with the lifting of gasoline rationing and has continued into the present rainy season Late season travelers stop in the Grove to view the exhibits, look over the firecircle and occasionally enjoy a little fishing.

Only 100 camps were opened this year due mainly to manpower shortages, but it is hoped at least another 50 will be ready for the 1946 season, so that more campers may enjoy the swimming, fishing, dancing, hiking and just plain resting.

Personnel contributing to a successful camping season at the Grove this year included:

Assistant Ranger E. G. Gray
Deputy Ranger Bob Matthews
Deputy Ranger Jack Dyson
Skilled Laborer L. J. Thole
Laborer Jackson Reed

Supt. French and Rangers Earl Hanson and Ralph Banfill helped us over some of the humps.

Mrs. Louise B. Allard was program director this summer. She is the mother of three sons in the armed forces. One was wounded in Germany; his twin brother was a prisoner of the Nazis; the third son still is

in the Indian theater.

DOGS

About 119 dogs, representing about 10% of our campers, sought admission to the grove. Seventy-five were turned away. Forty-four were boarded nearby, but were in camp during daylight hours.

About 40 acres were added to Richardson Grove this year, making about 440 acres, total.

Fire recently burned through about 25 acres of the Toumey Grove, across the river, and although it twice got away, no serious damage resulted.

---by E. G. Gray, Assistant Ranger in charge.

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RICHARDSON GROVE CAMPFIRES

Campfire programs were conducted with a nightly attendance of about 400 persons throughout the summer season. Such large crowds make excellent talent available always. The period of community singing was especially enjoyed by all. Old-time favorites, motion songs, fun songs and popular songs gave plenty of variety to the programs. Fun songs are guaranteed ice-breakers and eliminate stiffness in any program. Just try it!

The fun of taking part became contagious. Many who had not participated in such a program for a long time were encouraged to do so and found it really a pleasure.

Our frequent stunts, in which many took part who were not willing to present an individual number, were well received. Although our piano suffers from the ills of outdoor living, it was hypnotized by the magic fingers of excellent accompanists or solo artists into giving forth tones as from a beautiful instrument.

Having no nature guide this summer, we were unable to present slides or pictures of any kind, which would have added greatly to our effort to keep a pleasing variation in the programs.

The Sunday night song fest of old folk songs, spirituals and familiar hymns with sacred or classical music in solo numbers was especially enjoyed. The circle among the giant trees being the ideal inspiration for a time of reverence and thanksgiving.

The greatest satisfaction that came to me as leader of this nightly campfire program was that departing campers continually came to thank me personally for the programs which they themselves, in fact, had produced.

Nothing makes for better friendships and happier living than singing together around a campfire in the Redwoods!

---by Louise B. Allard
Program Director

WILLIAMS GROVE NOTES

Receipts show that twice as many campers visited Williams Grove during the first week in September, 1945, than in the banner year of 1940. The night before Labor Day five parties paid camping fees just to park and sleep in their cars as no cabins were available anywhere in the area.

Former Warden Glen Thompson and his wife paid a visit to the Grove recently. He has been working as Marinship for the past two and one-half years, but now is in retirement.

In the early days of Williams Grove, according to Glen, his wife had planted many varieties of dahlia bulbs in the yard around the house and that the garden was a showplace in southern Humboldt. A black walnut seedling planting by Mr. Thompson in 1922 is now 18 inches in diameter and over 60 feet tall..... it does not yield edible walnuts, however.

----Ed. Nash.

THE CHILDREN'S FOREST

"To dedicate a Redwood grove as a common memorial to little children" has been the purpose of a group under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter of Santa Barbara. Dedicated in 1941, the Children's Forest is truly one of the beauty spots, lying close to the Redwood Highway. Situated across the South Fork of Eel River, between Myers and Williams Grove, this grove is reached only by trail through the campground and has retained that primeval forest setting found only in those areas "untouched" by man.

It was this primitive setting that inspired the California painter, Chris Ryerson to reproduce it in oils on canvas. The forest floor is covered with a thick carpet of oxalis and when in bloom is nature at its best.

-----Chief Ranger Ed Nash

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'd like to make a suggestion for a permanent column, one showing what the parks wives get out of this sort of life. They could call it AMONG US GALS, or have it in diary form, such as the stuff I'm sending this time.

There are all sorts of things that could be written up. I'd like to know more about the other parks from the women's viewpoint. What do you have up your way besides redwoods--what does your wife do with her time that she couldn't do in town? I've heard of the flowers at Patrick's Point--what kind of flowers? There was one particularly interesting contribution in an old issue, about the coons in one of the parks. Who else has park pets and what are they?

Does everybody in the system know how to catch, clean and cook an abalone? I'll bet they don't. How about getting Mrs. French to explain in detail the fine art of cleaning and cooking a crab?

At Carpinteria there were interesting brea formations and at the library there one could read about the Indians who used to live there and what they did with the tar. Mr. Canham once told us about a rare wild flower--some orchis, I think--he was cherishing in his park. At Tahoe City there was a place not far from the park where the wild larkspur grew six feet tall. Did anyone ever notice the curious small rocks along the drive near the Burney Falls house? They are of volcanic origin, pastel colored, hollow, and look like snips of taffy, or humped caterpillars. They weren't native to the park, but were brought in from somewhere in that area. I'd like to know from where and what the place looks like.

How about the women telling us some of those things that make each park an interesting and entirely individual place in which to live?

Sincerely,
Mary Twight.

STARK LIVES OF PARK WIVES
One Day In October

A gray, looks-like-rain day, the air fresh with salt and seaweed

smell. Bingo--all dinged up in his new Scout shirt-- and I rode bikes up the canyon a way this morning. The vine maples are turning yellow, brilliant against the dark green of firs and alders and ferns. We saw four wood ducks floating on the shining brown surface of the creek. The prettiest sight I've seen up there since the year the children and I watched the salmon fight their way upstream, the water so low and clear we could follow them all the way.

Must get some huckleberries soon. There's certainly a lot of food to be had in this country, some of which we've never tried. For instance, sea urchins--a camper here gathered and cooked them delightedly. When you break them open there are six little kernels inside and you can eat them raw or cooked. Then there's seaweed. An Indian family comes here every year to collect a car load of that long, thick, tubular kelp for a winter supply. They cut it in short lengths and bake it like squash. I'll take zucchini!

The campers and visitors are beginning to thin out. I had to answer the door only four times while I was making jelly. One man was a camper to be written up, one wanted cabins, and a group of people wanted to know what kind of trees grew in the park. Then there was a nice old lady who wanted to pick a few of my dahlias and to know if this was a national park and if my husband didn't work for forestry and did they pay us to live here, and if so, how much!

The deer are coming into the garden in daylight again. We have the best fed, most vitamin-conscious deer in the country. In spring they stand around in herds, criticizing our choice of seeds and later, eat on a share-the-garden plan which leaves them sleek and sassy and leaves us lean and frustrated. Suckers that we are, we feed them apples all winter so they'll keep their health 'til the garden grows.

---by Mary Twight

AND UP OUR WAY

Mr. French and Jack are out on an expedition in the vicinity of Crescent City so Keith and I are left alone to beat off the elk. The herd that was here when we first came have taken to the hills and another herd are occupying the prominent position in the Prairie.

Our stay is not without incidents: The other day a little boy pushed Keith into the icy creek. Fortunately for all concerned, another older boy was there and pulled him out. The water was 'way over his head and, laden down with heavy clothes as he was, it is a wonder he didn't drown.

The weather since Sunday afternoon has been beautiful. Sunday morning it poured. Every morning lately we have been greeted with a very silvery frost and I could wax poetic and say the spider webs look as though they're made of diamonds, which in reality they do.

---by Lorraine Dyson.

AND OF OFFICE WIVES

Recently, one of the Sacramento office girls tried to put through a call to Doheny Park. After about 15 minutes of giving telephone numbers, etc., the operator went clear back to the beginning and started with "Doheny". The caller was trying to explain where it was when the operator interrupted her with "Is that in the United Sta---I mean California?"

---Gladys Zumwalt

(There's still someone in California who hasn't got Doheny Beach's number! EPH)

VAN DAMME VARIETIES
You Otter See Our Otter

One more instance of game refuges bringing back wildlife once thought gone forever: There haven't been otters in Van Damme Beach State Park for twenty years, but one night this spring we discovered an otter pup. He was yelling his head off for his mother in a high piercing chirp. We thought it must be a bird, caught somewhere in the brush above the creek, and spent some time with a flashlight scrambling up and down the bank before we found it. We found also, in our struggles through the thimble-berries and brambles, the slides the otters had made down the bank and the place we believe the den to be. An old timer who was a boy here when the front part of this park was a mill pond tells us there used to be lots of otters, but they were all trapped out long ago.

During the past year we have identified 68 different kinds of birds here. (Note to Mr. Peterson, stationed here some years ago: Chickadees nested for the first time last year in a bird house he put up in the willow trees near the ranger's house.)

CAMPERS LOVE IT

So many of our campers made good use of the natural resources around here last summer that we're thinking of getting a domestic science teacher to come in and lecture instead of a nature guide. They canned blackberries they had gathered nearby, and they made jelly. One outfit brought along a pressure cooker and canned the fish they caught, and another even made himself a little smokehouse and set it over the stove pipe of his camp stove to smoke fish!

This was a camper we'll never forget--he came into camp with a wife, two children, four dogs, two cats and a turtle, and he was an ardent, if inexperienced, trout fisherman.

ABALONE

We told him about all the likely pools in Little River and he fished all day long without success. That evening, when we made the rounds, he told us about it and how disappointed he was. Then he brightened up. "But that's all right--good practice, and of course tomorrow I'll get all I want!
"Yeah?" said we.

"Yep, I hear there's an abalone tide early tomorrow morning and I can hardly wait. Boy, me and my hook and line are gonna be right there at that bend when those abalones start running stream!"

We didn't even wait to ask him what kind of bait he was going to use!

INTRODUCING

D. L. "Jack" Young, newcomer to parks, now working as skilled laborer at Russian Gulch--got broke in the hard way by spending two weeks fighting fire that threatened the park there. Jack is engaged in salvage operations at the Gulch, and loves it.

---by Ben M. Twight.

NOTE TO FISHERMEN

Salmon and steelhead now are running in the northwest country, so get out the old gear and pay us a visit, any time between now and February 28th. But bring your rain clothes! ---E.P.H.

A Brooklyn man who stole a tree
Was charged with petty larceny.
Now in the redwood countree
The charge would be GRAND larceny.
---National Motorist

ON GAMBLING
Tossed.
Lost!
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FORMER STATE FORESTER DIES

Merritt B. Pratt, recently retired State Forester, passed away from a heart ailment in Sacramento on October 29, 1945. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Pratt was State Forester from 1921 until the end of last year and it was under his direction that the State Division of Forestry grew from a staff of four to an organization of more than 2,000 workers.

A number of State Parks, notably in the redwood region, acquired prior to 1927, when the Division of Parks was established, were administered under his direction.

We are grieved to hear of his passing.

PROMOTIONS

Effective October 15, 1945, the following State Park Rangers, Grade I, were given promotions to State Park Ranger, Grade II:

Gordon T. Kishbaugh, Calaveras Big Trees
Franklyn Brown, Portola State Park
Ralph L. Banfill, Dyerville Hdqs.

Heartiest congratulations to our newest Assistant Rangers!

PARDON ME! DIDN'T GET THE NAME!

E. E. Powell:
I am sending in a new withholding tax form as I have an addition to my family, which is a baby daughter. Everyone is getting along fine.
(signed) Mel Whittaker

HURRY HOME!

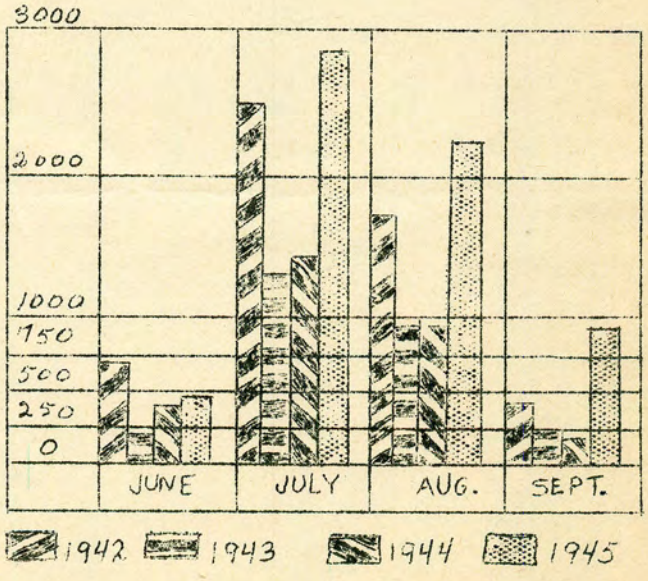
Sergeant Tony Urch writes that, with fair luck, he'll be back in the good old U. S. A. early next year. And he wants to take up where he left off. Do we love it! He also states that he couldn't have made it without regular arrival of PARK NEWS AND VIEWS.

Dyerville's door is wide open, Tony!

STATISTICS FROM RICHARDSON

Year	Camp-Days	Registration	Avg. Stay Days
1942	5,179	974	5.3
1943	2,599	381	7.0
1944	2,954	357	8.5
1945	6,486	1,095	6.0

COMPARISON OF CAMP-DAYS



CHIEF'S PAGE

This issue of News and Views, and the two previous, were edited by the field personnel. May I compliment you for having compiled such excellent numbers. I know these remarks will be carefully read by Clarence Milne, who will edit the January issue, and I prophesy in advance that his issue will rate with the best.

RETIREMENT AT 65!

If your October pay check was a little short, don't fret. You will be able to get it all back when you retire at 65 instead of at 70, as provided in recent legislation.

SALARY INCREASE APPEAL

As mentioned in the October issue of News and Views, an appeal was to be made to the Personnel Board to increase salary pay scales for the field personnel of this Division. The appeal was submitted on October 8th and under date of the 16th the following letter was received:

"TO A. E. Henning, Chief
FROM Personnel Board

As you requested, we shall be glad to study the salary ranges for the classes of District Park Superintendent, State Park Ranger, Grade 3, State Park Ranger, Grade 2, State Park Ranger, Grade 1, State Park Recreation Leader and State Park Nature Guide.

"As you may know, we have many similar requests on file. The Board has indicated that we should, in so far as practicable, consider each request in the order filed. Following this policy, it is therefore rather difficult at this time to say just when we shall be able to complete the study you request, but we shall do so as soon as possible.

/S/ William K. Smith
Executive Officer"

LOS ANGELES OFFICE HAS MOVED

The State Division of Beaches and Parks office, along with all other State offices, has been moved from the Washington Building to the Homer Laughlin Building, located at 315 South Broadway, Los Angeles 13. The new office number is Room 504.

SOMETHING NEW

Three men were bitten by rabied fox this morning about daylight. About 2:00 A. M. Billy Gray, of 419 Vine Avenue, El Centro, was bitten on the nose. Later, just about daylight, Lt. Com. J. P. Conway, USS Hogan (A. G. 105) % FPO, San Francisco, while sleeping, was bitten on the left ear. A few minutes later Harlan R. Case, AOM 1/c Border Field, PO Box 106, Nestor, California, also sleeping on the ground, was bitten on the right ear. Conway and Case were rushed into Navy Hospital and started the rabies shots. Gray did not report to us and according to his people did not know what had bitten him, but later, on hearing about Conway and Case having identified it as a fox, left immediately to go to hospital. All park forces patrolled the Green Valley area Sunday night until midnight, but saw nothing of the fox. He was seen by two different women during the day, but was gone when we arrived.

The above from Asst. Ranger W. H. Moore's Weekly Report.

HARMONIES

Do you know what taste harmonies are? They're what make ham and eggs go so well together. And your

mustard and frankfurters--and coffee and doughnuts. Would parks and dogs be a Park harmony?

THE ANGLER'S PRAYER

O Lord give me grace to catch a
fish
So big that even I,
When talking of it afterwards,
May never need to lie.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Sgt. Jack W. Lemley is at Camp McQuaide, California and gets to visit Seacliff Beach occasionally. His outfit is being de-activated this month, but Jack is short on discharge points, so doesn't know his next assignment. He hopes to be discharged some time after the first of 1946 and trusts he can be on deck for the coming summer parks season. Jack still thinks Richardson Grove is park No. 1 in the State Park System.

Rumor has it that Jess Chaffee is to receive his discharge around the middle of this month. This is indeed good news.

Sgt. Harold Pesch has just had what we hope will be a final bout with that mean old shipping list and narrowly escaped spending another winter at Chanute Field, Ill. We are happy that he is going to continue on at Camp Pinedale so he can be near home.

"Kenny" Stanley writes from Okinawa that all is well with him, but that the typhoon was rough. His outfit went into the most recent storm with 18 boats and the next morning only 5 were afloat. In the storm of September 16th 12 boats were lost from his outfit. Kenny expects to be on his way home very soon.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following personnel who have returned from military leaves and have been reinstated:

George E. Holmboe, Big Basin
Gordon Kishbaugh, Calaveras
Maurice Morgan, Cuyamaca
Philip J. Nealon, Calaveras
Supt. E. E. Powell, Central Distric
Carl C. Schnauer, Seacliff Beach
Llewellyn P. Griffith, Doheny
Leslie Watson (defense leave), Carpenter
Anton Trigiero, Sonoma

The same welcome is also extended to Henry W. Saddler and Murrell Gregory, discharged but not yet reinstated, and Jack Knight, who has recently returned to the States.

And to those who hope for an early discharge, Jess Chaffee, Leo Crawford, Harold Pesch and Kenneth Stanley, the ones from whom we have heard recently - HURRY HOME!

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On October 25 wedding bells rang for Gena Anderson, Accountant in the Sacramento Office. We now give you Mrs. Gena Hedger, and wish her lifelong happiness.

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Visitors to the Sacramento Office during the last month include Malcolm Byce, Supts. Powell and Coon, C. L. Cushing, Big Basin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calvert, La Purisima, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saddler and N. S. Cobb.

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Items about State Parks north or Eureka are not included in this issue. Ted Milne of Prairie Creek is scheduled to edit the January issue and we're saving it all for his nimble pen. Virginia Fillinger, Sacramento Office, says "THANKS" in advance for December news items.

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VIRGINIA FILLINGER, Editor

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Season's Greetings

CHIEF'S PAGE

This issue of News & Views, being the Christmas edition, contains greetings from all the office force to you in the field. Coupled with these greetings go our best wishes and thanks for the splendid cooperation you have given us throughout the past year.

This year has been extremely trying due to shortages in manpower, limitations of priorities for badly needed materials, plus the excess burden suddenly thrust upon you by the lifting of the gasoline rationing. To meet these situations, your cooperation, willingness, and ingenuity have been the main factors to bring about a highly successful summer season.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Under this same heading, Mrs. Mary Twight contributed an article to the November issue of "News & Views" which I thought would bring quite a response from the wives of other field employees. To date, I have been disappointed that none of the wives have seemed to respond to Mary Twight's suggestions. How about it? Let's have your reactions and same will be passed on for later editions.

BEACH CONFERENCE

On November 15, a very successful conference was held in Sacramento at which eight coastal counties were represented by either members of their boards of supervisors or planning engineers. The purpose of the meeting was to bring about a more uniform and expeditious method for the submission of the individual county's master beach plan acquisition program. The results of the meeting are indicative of the fact that the $10,000,000 beach acquisition program is moving steadily forward. Among those present at the conference was our old friend Neil Cunningham, who is now President of the Shoreline Planning Association of California, Inc., which organization has, for a number of years, sponsored additional beach acquisition and development legislation.

Senator Ray Judah was also present, he being Chairman of the Senate Interim Committee which is making a study of a State-wide beach development program upon which future legislation will probably be based.

PARK SURVEY

The State Park Commission has approved the appointment of Mr. Frederick Law Olmstead for the purpose of making a survey of the State's interior areas upon which to base the Commission's acquisition program of interior park and recreational areas consistent with recent legislation.

CONGRATULATIONS

The office position of Senior Clerk has been filled from the recent list of eligibles as created by a competitive examination, and to Virginia Fillinger has gone this promotion and its responsibilities.

VACATION LEAVE

In order to speed up the procedure, all field personnel may, in every individual case, consider their request for vacation leave automatically granted when approved by their District Superintendent.

WORTHY PUBLICITY

Recent articles in popular magazines regarding our redwoods should be read by all of our personnel, viz., "Down Goes a Redwood Tree" by Wessel Smitter, the November 10 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, and "America's Immortals" by Donald Culross Peattie, the December issue of Readers' Digest.

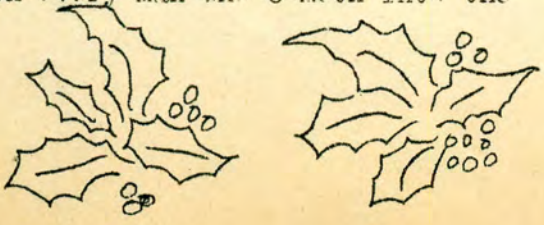
RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

The anniversary of the birth of Christ is the greatest festival of the year. To all Christians the birthday of the Messiah shares with Easter the distinction of being one of the two most solemn events of all history.

One can hardly state definitely that December 25th is the right anniversary of Christ's nativity, for the early Christians thought it insulting to keep the birthday of Christ, "as if He were a king Pharaoh." This was because of the wild orgies held when the rulers of that time became a year older. However, the baccanalian revels diminished as a series of depressions engulfed the pagan world. At the same time, Christianity was spreading in every civilized country. With its triumph, Church authorities began to dip into records to ascertain the great date of the Nativity.

Writing in the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom tells us that Julius, the Pope of Rome from 337 to 352, commissioned St. Cyril to make an investigation to determine the day and the month. Cyril learned that the Western churches were unanimous in celebrating the event on December 25th, but that all the Eastern churches did not agree with the Western units, nor with each other. Many of the Eastern churches kept January 6th as Christ's birthday, as well as the anniversary of His epiphany or manifestation through baptism, miracle, and the Star that led the Magi.

We are told that after considerable deliberation, Pope Julius, in A.D. 350, established December 25th for the festival in Rome, but there is much discrepant testimony. It was nearly a hundred years later (A.D. 440) that it was established in Jerusalem. But both in the East and the West, December 25th had long been a great pagan festival of the winter solstice, when the retreating sun turns again and renews the year, and the days begin to lengthen. It was a joyous feast, and the world needed joy. So it was that the pagan festival of the "unconquerable sun" gave way to the Christian festival of the true Sun which "lighteth every man who cometh into the world."



VINE CURTAINS

Twice a year I have new curtains
But they're draped outside the screen
In the spring, the pattern's tiny
And the lace is all in green.

As the autumn settles softly
In the trees above my head
The pattern will grow larger,
And the leaves will all turn red.

The "decorating firm" is old;
"Sun, Wind and Frost and Dew";
They never duplicate a pair;
So mine are always new!

"My favorite verse."--Daisy Barbour.

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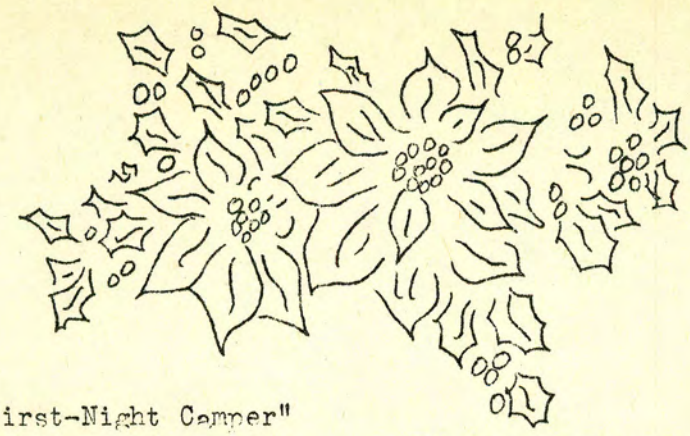
Pearl Sill had an amusing incident which occurred while she was Acting Curator at the Old Custom House while Mrs. Greene was vacationing. She relates that one day a very little boy asked his mother as they stepped in the door, "Where's Custom?" No answer. Then seeing Mrs. Sill sitting at the desk, he pointed at her and shrilled, "Mommie, is that Custom?"

No finer Christmas presents could this Division receive than to have so many of our own servicemen returning to positions formerly occupied by them before entering the armed services of Uncle Sam.

Most recent of those who have been reinstated or are soon to be reinstated are: Chief Ranger Jess Chaffee, Mt. Diablo State Park; Assistant Ranger Harold Pesch, Will Rogers State Park; and Deputy Ranger Kenneth Stanley, San Clemente Beach.



"The Cry of the First-Night Camper"
by Enid Moore

Oh, say can you see
By the flashlight's dim light
What's at the pots and pans
Causing me fright?

Two huge eyes that blaze
As I stare in a daze,
Then I rise from my tent,
On murder I'm bent.

I reach for some rocks
But I trip on my socks
And I fall on my face in the dirt
And my flashlight gets lost in my shirt.

So darkness falls on my campsite trees
And I grope about with trembling knees
At last the light is on once more
And, bravely, the campsite I explore.

But, whatever it was that was there,
'tis gone,
And I do my best to sleep until dawn.
I crawl from my hard and chilly cot
And stuff the stone stove to get it hot.

I reach for the eggs, the bacon to fry,
The fruit, the bread, the butter close by
But like Old Mother Hubbard, --
I have a big empty cupboard.

There are footprints here, and footprints there;
In fact, there are footprints most everywhere;
And with deep and wild and utter despair;--
I know that the coons have really been there.

We have had two resignations within the past month. These were Skilled Laborers Guy Crosby, Carpinteria Beach State Park, and Martin Whittaker, Big Basin State Park, who filled in in a splendid manner in the absence of our regular personnel.

TIPS

Parks servicemen wishing to be reinstated to their former positions will assist us greatly in expediting the procedure involved by having a recorded or photostatic copy made of their discharge papers as soon as conveniently possible after receiving them, so that a copy will be available for submission to the State Personnel Board when request for reinstatement is made.

Another item which would be most helpful to the office is this: when filling out forms which will be submitted to the Personnel Board, such as requests for sick leave, resignations, etc., that the correct title of your position is given, i.e., State Park Ranger, Gr. 1; State Park Ranger, Gr. 2, etc., instead of the informal titles of Chief, Assistant or Deputy Ranger.

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The Christmas Tree.

It is generally believed that the decorated pine or cedar, so popular in America and England today, is of German origin. There is a story of Luther deriving his inspiration for a tree from thousands of glittering stars one Christmas Eve.

The Bureau of Printing Documents Division, 11th & O Streets, Sacramento, has for sale at nominal prices, several publications which are both instructive and interesting to people seeking knowledge of the historical background and outstanding features of the State of California. Following is a list of a few of their publications under the classification of "General".

California's Capitol	$1.54
California State Agencies & What They Do	2.56
Forest and Fire Laws	.26
Mt. Tamalpais State Park . . .	.77
Weeds of California	1.79

The prices quoted are subject to change and exact quotations should be obtained by contacting the Documents Division before sending in orders. They issue also a pamphlet of "California State Publications and Documents" which may be obtained upon request. Only a small percentage of their total list of publications is given.

--And while we are on the subject, two of the finest books obtainable which everyone agrees who has read them, are those written by Aubrey Drury entitled "California: An Intimate Guide", and "California, a Landmark History" written by Joseph R. Knowland. These are men whose interest and feelings for their native State are profoundly intense.

PEARS FROM LA PURISIMA

Many thanks to the Calverts at La Purisima Historical Mission! During the past month we have had on display in the Sacramento office a group of pears from the Mission. As many of you know, these pears are entirely normal in everything but size. They are simply huge! They attracted the attention of all visitors, including those to the Division of Mines.

Chief Ranger Charles Fakler, who has done such a splendid job at Mt. Diablo during the absence of Ranger Chaffee, is returning to Big Basin Redwoods State Park where he will assist Ranger Cushing.

Assistant Ranger Louis Juch recently contributed the following:

"An evil rumor is rampant here in the "Rancho" that a wild mountain Park Ranger has been seen cavorting through the meadowlands and forests mounted on a mouse colored burrow. Reports have it that he is swathed in serape and appropriate Mexican sombrero, twanging a guitar in accompaniment to a resonous tenor voice in the moonlight. Possibly this will explain it.

In the midst of a busy Saturday afternoon at Picacho, we were jolted out of our usual complacency by two reports in rapid succession, with an accompanying escape of air and a cloud of dust. Not knowing at this time of the frightful eccentricities of the atomic bomb, and there being no nimbus clouds in the sky to cause lightening, we rushed to the scene of the conflagration with dispatch and great curiosity. Lo and behold! There was Ass't Ranger Harvey Moore disgustedly sprawled out on the front fender of his State pickup with two flat tires under him. He was saying dire things which are unprintable. Harvey is seen now (they say) making the rounds on a burrow.

The Yule Log.

Was handled down to English-speaking countries by our Scandinavian ancesters.

In England, the bringing in and burning of the yule log on Christmas Eve was a pretty ceremony. The log usually included the root of a ponderous oak, which was drawn into the castle amid great noise and singing. The larger estates engaged minstrels to sing to the log, but if they were not available, it was customary for each member of the family to take a turn in saluting the yule log with an appropriate song. When the last fire died out, the remnant of the log was put away until the next yuletide, to kindle with it a new yule log.

BEWARE!

While working on the warehouse at the CCC camp, shots were heard from the direction of the marsh. On heading that way in the pickup, I could see many ducks in the air and could also see two men a considerable distance from the road. Their car was parked on the Los Osos road and parking mine nearby, I walked out toward them.

Taking their guns and ducks to be used as evidence to the Justice of the Peace, Rod McDonald, the men--Alex Vega of San Luis Obispo and J. Rose of San Francisco were charged with shooting in a State park, to which they plead guilty. They were fined $25 each and both paid their fines.

--"Two-Gun" Noyes Who Got His Men."

PALOMAR OBSERVATIONS

A recent press release states that the world famous Palomar Mountain Observatory will again be open to the public on or about January 1, 1946. The observatory has been closed to visitors since December 7, 1941.

We think the record is held by Ben L. Moore, veteran forest fire lookout stationed on High Point, Palomar District, Cleveland National Forest. Ben, who first went on duty in 1919, has served on the National Forests from the heavily timbered regions of Idaho to the Chaparral covered slopes of southern California for 26 fire seasons and is still going strong.

The above contributions were sent in by Ranger Henry Saddler. Because Hank was so recently reinstated, we are especially appreciative of these news items, having returned to Palomar December 1st.

Chief Ranger Wm. Kenyon has given us the following interesting information:

Many of the snakes of California will be found in our State Parks, though we may not often see them, as snakes usually try to keep hidden.

The only deadly poisonous snakes found in California are rattlesnakes of the genus Crotalus, of which there are about seven species, six of which are foreign to the northern part of the state. The Pacific rattlesnake (Crotalus viridis oreganus) is about the only one found in northern California. The dreaded Western Diamond-back rattlesnake (Crotalus atrox), second most formidable snake of the United States has not been found to occur west of the Colorado Desert, so most of us may relax.

There are three species of rear fanged mildly poisonous snakes found in Southern California. Two are species of the Black-headed snake, and the other Van Denberg's Lyre Snake. These reptiles have rear fangs with poison ducts, and are capable of paralyzing small prey such as lizards. While not deadly to humans, they should be handled (if handled) with caution.

In addition to the above, there are over 30 species of non-poisonous snakes, some ranging throughout the State, while others are restricted to more or less definite areas. One of these, the Coral King Snake, (Lampropeltis aenatus), is often confused with the poisonous coral snake which ranges in Arizona and Mexico, but which does not extend this side of the Colorado River. Many of these harmless snakes are distinctly beneficial, and there does not seem to be any justification for killing any of them, and they do give the campers and park visitors a basis for loud exclamations, and "wild rumors' when seen.

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As a possible sequel to last month's rabied fox happenings, Harvey Moore was bitten by a dog, which later died of rabies. Harvey had to take the shots--all fourteen of them. We hope that Harvey is again feeling fine.

The Sacramento office is helping Edie Rhea rejoice over the wonderful happenings that brought her husband home in time to spend the holidays with their families. Edie has taken her annual vacation and they are Texas-bound. Future plans have not as yet been divulged, but we are hoping, of course, that Edie will soon be back at her desk. Best Wishes, and a happy second honeymoon, you two!

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The Blue Wing, famous old tavern of the days of '49 and one of Sonoma's interesting landmarks, has been sold by Commander Elmer Awl of Honolulu to Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Murphy, who plan to restore the building. It was one time owned by Mrs. Rose Pinelli, mother of City Councilman August Pinelli. They sold it to Elmer Awl before the war took him to the Panama Canal Zone and more recently to Hawaii.

--Sonoma Index Tribune.

ORIGIN OF SANTA CLAUS

Most people don't know that Santa Claus is really a native of New York. The Dutch settlers brought him to New Amsterdam as a pale-faced ascetic, dressed in his antique bishop's robes. After New Amsterdam became New York, Clement Moore transformed the charitable saint--and I rather think St. Nicholas liked the change too--into a rosy-cheeked, plump and jolly old man with reindeer and sleigh to bring presents to all good little boys and girls.

The headquarters office were pleased to have as visitors this past month, Arthur Swift, former member of State Park Commission; Clarice Roll, who recently transferred to the Department of Public Health, San Francisco, from Department of Natural Resources, Administration; Mavis Walker and her charming daughter; and Neil Cunningham, who also brought his two lovely daughters in to visit us.

This past month Daisy Barbour returned from a very nice vacation of which equal time was spent in California and Nevada. She reports fair luck duck hunting at the rice ranch which she visited.

R. G. Bassett also returned from a vacation spent in Santa Barbara, Pasadena and points south, having had a very enjoyable time with golf clubs, fish pole, plus four football games.

Leonard Moore dropped in to see us for a few minutes when he and Mrs. Moore passed through Sacramento after having visited some of the northern State Parks on their vacation. Of course, it would have to rain at that particular time. However, that didn't seem to keep the Moore's from having an enjoyable time.

What did YOU do on your vacation?

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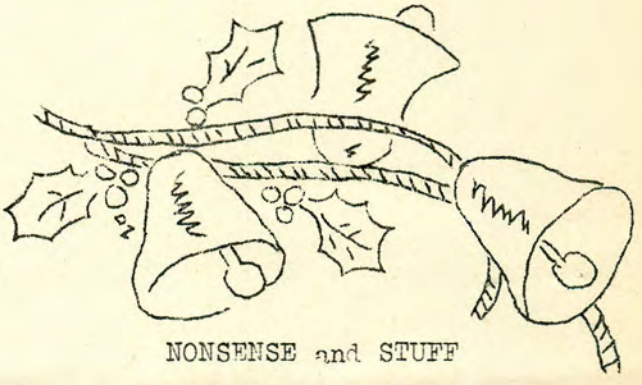
The office personnel shook hands with Gordon Kishbaugh one day last week when he brought his family to Sacramento to do some Christmas shopping.



NONSENSE and STUFF

Ranger E. G. Gray, Richardson Grove, contemplates that if the "Grove" could be moved as close to Los Angeles as Will Rogers' show place, he believes he could give Ranger Velzy a run for his money.

One visitor came up to Mr. Gray the other day and said, "Gee, but this is a very pretty place, and if they could open up heaven, I'll bet it would be no prettier there."

STORK NEWS

Just received word via Pony Express that a brand new daughter was delivered to Deputy Ranger and Mrs. John Fleming. John didn't tell us her name. In fact, letters from new fathers announcing this important event are much too brief. We're all very much interested in the color of hair and eyes, and who of the fond parents the new infant resembles.

Congratulations are extended to the proud parents.

SONOMA MISSION ASKED FOR IT

Mrs. Daisy Barbour, the Curator of the Sonoma Mission museum, subscribed for the Hobbies magazine. She wrote the magazine that she was such an ardent collector of old oddities that her friends called her "pack rat". "Hobbies" promptly gave her a little publicity entitled "Pack Rat Daisy." --Sonoma Index Tribune.

HANGING THE MISTLETOE

Legends say that the Druids regarded the mistletoe with utmost veneration, though this reverence seems to have been restricted to the plant when growing on an oak, the favorite tree of their god Tutanes. But some folklorists point to the Scandinavian rites and myths concerned with the mistletoe as having killed the sun-god, Baldur the Beautiful.

Nowadays, if a pretty girl stens under the mistletoe,--well, it is an invitation to exchange osculatory greetings.

WESTERN SYCAMORE

If your park is situated in the South Coast ranges or Coastal Southern California, you are perhaps familiar with this picturesque shade tree, with its large thick leaves and white and grey blotched trunk. If these trees grow in your park, you may have worried when Spring came and the first leaf crop which started out so full of vigor and vitality died out and left the trees in a sickly, disease-appearing condition.

According to the Department of Agriculture, a fungus growth promptly attacks the first leaf crop each Spring, killing almost every one and forcing a second leaf crop. This second crop usually matures by summer and the trees once again are beautiful and healthy in appearance. So do not worry too much, sez Chief Kenyon.

At California's First Theatre where the melodrama "In the Heart of Mexico" is now playing, among those in attendance recently were Rose Barnton, Metropolitan Opera star, General Jonathan M. Wainwright and his Aid, Colonel O. I. Holman.

WELCOME BACK

A hearty welcome is extended to Henry Saddler who is taking up where he left off, as Deputy Ranger at Palomar Mountain. Henry and Florence delighted the office with a visit prior to Henry's return to civilian status.

It was also nice seeing Harold Pesch in the Sacramento office recently. Hurry back.

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The last word from Allan Barker was that he is back in the good old U.S.A. awaiting discharge from military service.

It is not only an honor to have General H. H. Arnold as a resident of Sonoma Valley but incidentally the presence of such men and their interest in our community adds more interest to Sonoma Valley. The recent loan of valuable and timely war relics to the Sonoma Mission Museum is evidence of General Arnold's determination to cooperate in the unbuilding of the Valley of the Moon's many attractions, including its state parks and museums. An entire room at the Sonoma Mission has been given over to the display of the many U.S.A. airplane models, guns, swords and medals from Germany and Japan. The "brass hat" is real brass and a topper at that. It must be seen to be appreciated.

General Arnold's interest is similar to that of Mrs. Robert Potter Hill whose valuable Indian basket collection is recalled. It should be redisplayed if available now that the Mission Museum and chapel have been rearranged and restored. --Sonoma Index Tribune.

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Other visitors to Sacramento during the pas month were Jack, Stella, and Tommy Prudek, who were vacationing here; also Earl Hanson and young son, Phillip. Earl brought his family down this way for the Thanksgiving holidays.

BON VOYAGE, AL

Excerpts from a letter to Arthur Sill from Al Salzgeber: (Too late for the November issue).

"Just a shorty to let you know I finally decided on accepting O.C.S. at Uncle Sam's request. O.C.S. meaning Over Chopping Seas.

"We arrived at Fort Lawton, Wash., on the shores of Puget Sound, this morning at 2 A.M., cold, dirty, and hungry. What a rough trip we had on an old 1918 trooper. It was such a relic we had gas lamps in our car. And I swear it had square wheels on it the way it rode.

Leaving tomorrow morning (Nov. 2), 4900 of us on the U.S.S. General Mann. Supposed to be a 19 day trip so by that time I ought to know if I'd make a good sailor or not. Our destination is Nagasaki."

Al's address at this writing is

Pvt. A. P. Salzgeber, #39749400
Casual Co. 69, 2nd Plt.,
A.P.O. 21357, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

I'm sure Al will be appreciative of receiving mail from all his parks friends.

PEPPERWOOD

In many of our parks the pepperwood grows extensively; but it is not native to California. There are a number of interesting things connected with this broad-leaf evergreen. The attractive Oregon myrtlewood novelties are made from its wood. The leaves may be dried and used for flavoring meats and soups. When crushed, the leaves have a sharp, fragrant odor, and if breathed deeply, an acute pain will be felt in the back of the neck. The fruit of the pepperwood which somewhat resembles the olive, has a wax-like film which is sometimes removed and used in candles to produce an incense or woodland atmosphere for the home. Its wood makes good fuel, but do your splitting of it while it is green. The trees, when attacked by a forest fire often seem to literally explode because they are consumed so quickly.

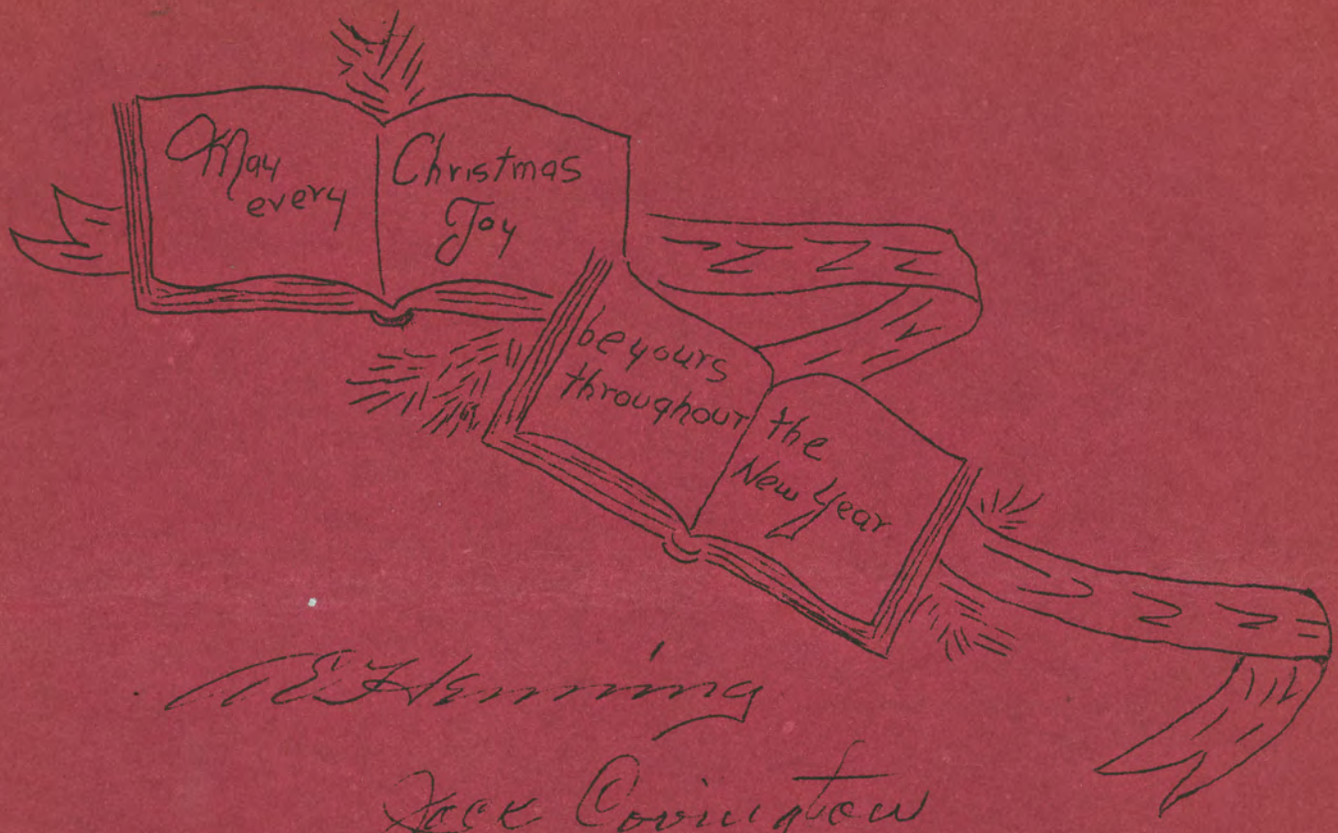
Pepperwoods grow as shrubby bushes or, in other locations, to a size of two or three feet in diameter and sixty or eighty feet high. Humboldt County boasts a giant specimen with a breast height of eleven feet, but this is the largest yet reported. The range of the tree is from Southern Oregon through California.

--Wm. Kenyon

THANK YOU!

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed so generously to this issue of News and Views.

Ranger Clarence Milne is editor for January and I know he will welcome any items of interest which you think will be appropriate.



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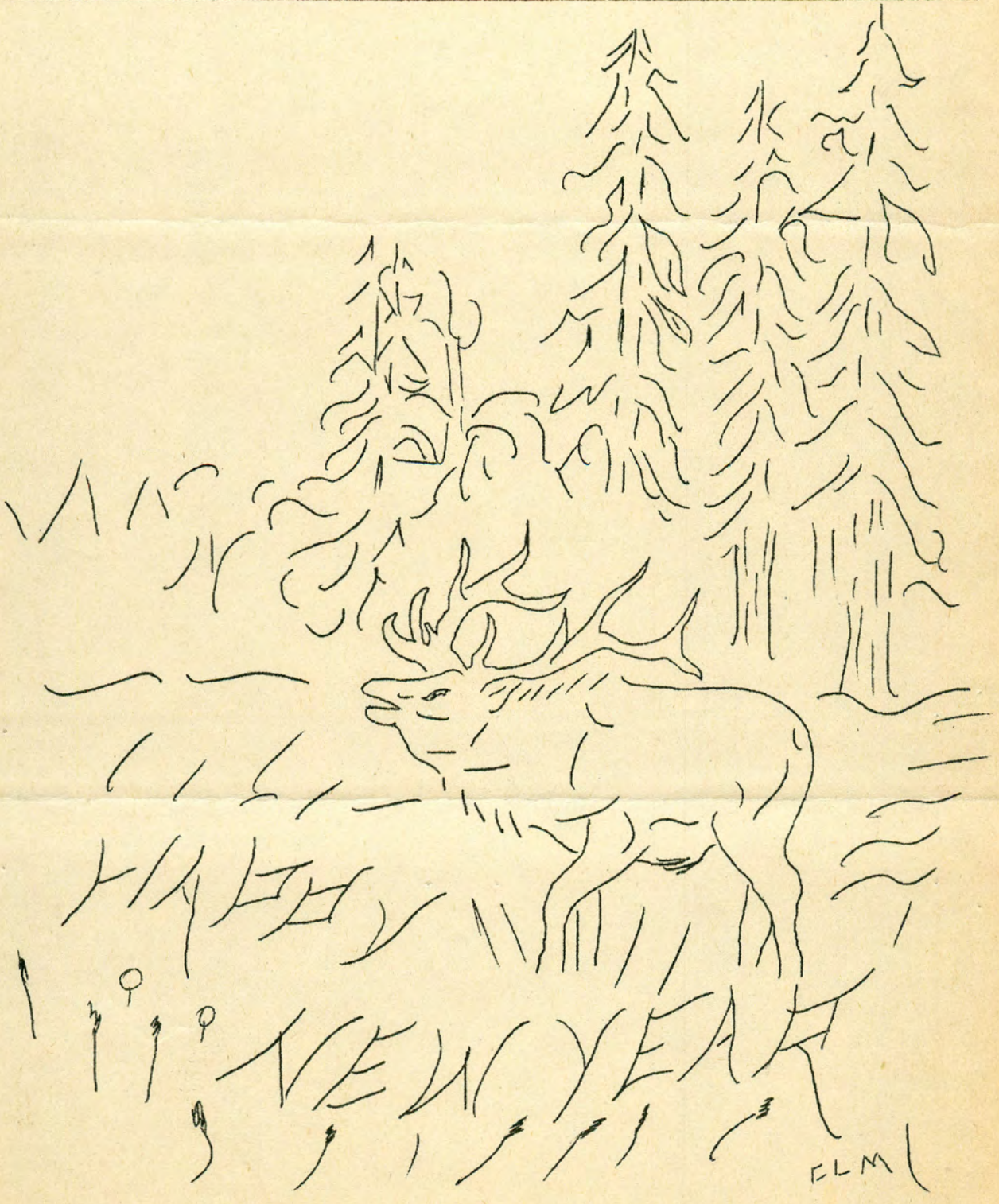

CHIEF'S PAGE

This issue of News & Views starts Volume IV, indicative of how rapidly time passes. It is difficult to realize that almost three years have passed since this little pamphlet was inaugurated. During this coming year, Volume IV will probably carry a greater amount of news concerning acquisition and development than any other previous volume. The closing issue of Volume III was unique and appropriate as the "Red Faced" issue.

EXPANSION

Office personnel expansion has already started. At this time I want to introduce to the field force through this medium, the following:

Charles (Chuck) Mehlert, Assistant Civil Engineer; and John Otter, Assistant Forestry Engineer, who have added to our engineering staff.

John A. Hennessey, Supervising State Park Lands Purchasing Officer, who comes to us after twenty years experience as appraiser for the Department of Water & Power, City of Los Angeles.

Ed Dolder, as Supervisor of Conservation Education, will come to us when personnel details incident thereto have been clarified. May I mention that two of our field force, viz., Earl Hanson and Gene Velzy passed the examination for Supervisor of Conservation Education but waived since they both feel that they wish to remain members of the field staff organization.

NEW ACQUISITION

As this issue is being prepared, the final details incident to the acquisition of the property known as Camp Taylor in Marin County are being completed. This means completion of the first acquisition based upon legislation passed by the 1945 session of the Legislature.

NEW RECORD

A new record of attendance was reported for the Will Rogers State Park as of December 31, 1945, when on that day 894 people paid admission for the privilege of visiting the Will Roger home.

CORRECTION

All responsible publications are willing to make corrections for errors, but it is rather tough to make a correction when the need for same is based upon the fact that the alteration of the subject matter was made in this office. Well, here it is.

When Chief Ranger Will Kenyon submitted his article on "Pepperwoods" for the December issue, we previewed the article and altered it as follows: "In many of our parks, the Pepperwood grows extensively but is not native to California." We, in the office, interpreted that Bill figured California as the "Hold Land" so we thought a change from "Holy Land" to "California" would be a clarifying alteration.

But the statement as quoted above was challenged by State Park Commissioner Charles Kasch and further investigation revealed that our alteration was responsible for all the confusion.

Accept our apologies, coupled with the promise that from now on we will publish submissions as received and not endeavor to

alter or clarify same.

LEGISLATION

The special session of the California Legislature is on and several bills have been introduced which will have a material effect upon the future of this Division. The two principal bills are those at present referred to as Assembly Bills Nos. 41 and 42.

Assembly Bill No. 41 requests an appropriation of $1,674,750 to be appropriated from the State Park Fund for the use of this Division for construction, improvements, repairs, and equipment of State Parks.

Assembly Bill No. 42 requests an appropriation of $574,850 to be appropriated from the State Beach Fund for the use of this Division for construction, improvements, repairs, and equipment of State Beaches.

Both bills carry the urgency clause which means that the money will be available to this Division when the bills have passed the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

These bills were introduced at the request of the State Park Commission and provide funds for the improvement and development of facilities which do not require any further engineering, planning, or designed preparation.

NEW PROCEDURE

The February issue of News & Views will be edited by genial Jack Covington, Executive Secretary to the State Park Commission. This will be the last issue to be edited by office or field personnel. Starting with the March issue, all future issues will be edited by our new Supervisor of Conservation Education.

WELCOME HOME

Veteran Murrell Gregory has returned to the Park Service and has been assigned to Castle Crags State Park under his previous title of Assistant Ranger. Castle Crags State Park was closed throughout the duration and its reopening is indicative of a trend back to normalcy.

CONFERENCE

The mid-winter District Superintendents Conference was held on January 11th and 12th and, as usual, we had a full agenda discussing every phase of the winter maintenance and repair program, as well as the anticipated postwar development and reconstruction problems.

District Superintendents and the office force have decided that it is time to request the scheduling of an entire series of examinations for District Superintendents and the various ranger classifications on a permanent basis, this being permissible under a ruling by the State Personnel Board to the effect that starting February 1st, civil service examinations will all be given on a permanent rather than a duration basis. This is notice to the field employees to start preparing themselves for the various examinations to which they are entitled.

A BOMB

Senator Ralph Swing has introduced a senate resolution requesting the State Park Commission to make a survey of all State Park properties with a view to permit hunting in some of the areas. More later!

A.E.H.

INDIANS AND THE ELK

Among its many interesting features Prairie Creek State Park is the home of the Roosevelt Elk--the largest of its kind in North America. They are a fitting animal companion for the redwoods.

Range. Originally the Roosevelt Elk ranged from southern British Columbia south to San Francisco Bay. They occurred abundantly in the northwestern portion of California and ranged eastward to the vicinity of Mount Shasta.

Name. The Roosevelt Elk has several other names and in the terminology of the Old World were known as Red Deer. Zoologists urge the use of the Indian name, "Wapiti", a Shawnee word for the American Elk meaning "white rump."

Use Of The Elk By The Indians. The Indians of Northwestern California made use of the elk to provide clothing, food, and skin and bone-made articles.

Elk were killed with the bow and arrow, taken in set snares, or driven into bodies of water and clubbed or shot with arrows. Hunters often disguised themselves with the head and antlers of the animal and covered themselves with the skin. Elk were skinned in a stereotype form, the meat was dried and stored. No part of the animal was wasted.

Since the securing of an elk was no easy task, not all men were successful hunters. But if an elk was taken the people were assured of welcome food, a valuable skin, antlers, usable bones, sinew, and hoofs with which to make ornaments.

Hides. Elk hides furnished clothing and bedding. Specially prepared hides were used for armor and coats of double hides were sometimes worn as protection. Headdresses of elk gave some protection in fighting and also served to exaggerate a man's height and thus inspire more fear. Elk hides were prized for moccasin soles.

Elk Horns. Many articles were made from elk horn; the point of the flint-flaker used for chipping arrowheads; mesh spacers and shuttles necessary to net manufacturing; arrow straighteners through which the arrow was drawn to bend, smooth, and straighten it; spoons and purses.

Elaborate, dipper-shaped spoons were carved and the design was rubbed into form with sandstone. The spoon served for eating acorn gruel.

Money Boxes. Dentalium, a tusk-shaped shell, was used in this area for money. It was carried in decorated boxes about six inches long made from elk-horn from which the porous core had been gouged.

Wedges. Trees were felled with fire or with the stone knife and elk-horn wedges. Planks, used in house building, were split with wedges ranging from a few inches to a foot and a half in length. Some were flat, others sharply curved, according to the intended use. The edges were produced by rubbing on stone.

The Elk Today. Early white settlers found great bands of Roosevelt Elk throughout the range. Their usefulness for food and hides, and later for some of the teeth, caused wide-spread slaughter in California to near extinction of the species in this state. In

the early twentieth century but a few animals were known to exist in the vicinity of the mouth of the Klamath River.

More recently, under joint protection of the Fish and Game and Park Commissions of California, the Prairie Creek band has increased to several hundred head.

---Jack R. Dyson

THE NORTH COAST PARKS

Their First Visitors and Campers. The seven state parks along or near the coast north of Eureka lie in the heart of the Last Frontier in California. About two-fifths of all the state-owned redwoods are in Prairie Creek, Del Norte, and Mill Creek parks. In them grow the largest and oldest of the coast redwoods.

Superintendent E. P. French states that he found the heaviest stand of redwoods that he has ever cruised in Mill Creek Park.

In addition, these parks have fine stands of fir, spruce, hemlock, and maple. No less than twenty-five different species of trees grow here. The rhododendron, hazelnut, and huckleberry attain tree-like proportions, often being five or six inches in diameter and twenty-five feet high.

There is so much to write about these great northern parks that, except for a little about Prairie Creek, a detailed description must be left for a later issue. A little of the romantic history of the region will be told in this number.

So recently was this section settled that any description of these parks may well be preceded by a brief outline of the adventures of the first white visitors to this scenic wonderland.

Trinidad Beach. Twenty acres rocky seacoast and sandy beach. (Undeveloped).

On the 10th of June, 1775, Sunday of the Holy Trinity, Bruno Ezerta and Juan de Bodega, sailing north, anchored in an open harbor which they named Trinidad. They were the first visitors to this area. In 1803 and 1806 ships of Russian fur traders hunting sea otters landed at Trinidad, but made no permanent settlement.

As late as 1850 not a single white person was living on the shores of the Pacific in all the 700 miles from Fort Ross to the mouth of the Columbia River. A paved highway to Crescent City was not completed until 1927.

Little River Beach. 111.63 acres, 4,320 feet of beach. Sandy ocean and river beach park 10 miles north of Arcata on U.S. 101. (Undeveloped.)

Here is the story of the "first campers" on Little River Beach as told one night at a Prairie Creek campfire by L. K. Wood, Collector of Customs at the Port of Eureka, a hardy pioneer over 80 years of age. He is the son of L. K. Wood, one of the first campers.

In 1849, forty miners at Rich Bar, a mining camp on the Trinity River were finding little gold and their provisions were low. Indians told them of a large and beautiful bay surrounded by fertile prairie lands not more than eight suns to the west. An expedition of eight men, headed by Josiah Gregg, a physician, was formed to find the bay.

Delayed by torrential rains, the Indian guides they had hired refused to start in such weather. Nevertheless, with provisions for only ten days, the party set out on November 5, 1849. Their journey was marked by constant toil, hardship, privation, and suffering. They were compelled to pass through snow and mud over a continual succession of heavily timbered mountains.

After six days, they reached the south fork of the Trinity River, where Indians cautioned them not to go down the river because of hostile tribes and the roughness of the country, but to leave the river and go westward.

They started over the mountains and two days later were out of provisions and hungry. Soon they were able to kill some deer and struggled on for ten days. When their cured meat was gone they were forced to live on bitter acorns.

Happily, they reached a small prairie, where they killed five grizzly bear and some deer. After curing meat for five days, they plodded on through country so rough they could not make over two miles a day. They had to cut their way through brush and over enormous quantities of fallen timber. Several horses died. At last, provisions gone and ammunition running low, exhausted in body and spirit, they reached the ocean. They came out at the mouth of a small stream now known as Little River in December, 1849.

Patrick's Point. 420.01 acres. Rocky coast, spring wild flowers, agate beach, surf fishing, camping and picnicking.

After resting at Little River, Dr. Gregg's party pushed northward eleven miles to Big Lagoon, passing a rocky coast now known as Patrick's Point. As the Lagoon extended back into the forest and they were loath to enter the redwoods again, they retraced their steps eight miles and camped two days on a rocky head-land which they named "Gregg's Point", but which now is known as Trinidad.

By now the party was tired, sick, and bickering with each other. Having lost his horse, L. K. Wood decided to remain with the Indians. The rest of the party would not leave him and, after quarreling, finally Truesdale, who had two horses, agreed to sell him one for $100 and he continued on with the party.

They forded Little River, and a few miles south came to a large stream swollen by heavy rains. Dr. Gregg wished to ascertain the latitude of the river mouth, but the remainder of the party refused to wait for him. Taking to the elkskin canoes, they pushed off from the bank. Dr. Gregg caught up his instruments and was forced to wade into the river before being taken aboard.

On the opposite shore he denounced them in bitter terms for their unkindness to him. Hot words passed, and some of the party threatened to throw the doctor into the river. Fortunately, wiser council prevailed, and the quarrel was smoothed over; but they called the stream Mad River, the name it still bears.

A few miles south of the river, on December 20, 1849, they discovered a large bay, and named it Trinity Bay. Later it was changed to Humboldt by the first settlers.

Going around the bay, they camped on the site of Arcata, first named Union, and here on Christmas Day,

1849, they feasted on the roasted head of an elk.

The next day, following an Indian trail through the woods back of where the city of Eureka is now situated, they again reached the bay where the town of Bucksport was later located and named in honor of David A. Buck, one of their party.

Worn out mentally and physically, and nearly out of ammunition, they decided to head south toward the settlements on San Francisco Bay. Soon they came to a large river, on the bank of which two old Indians were fishing for eel. They traded trinkets for eels and after feasting for several days, crossed the river, which they named Eel River. A branch of the Eel was named Van Duzen, after a member of the party.

A fierce quarrel now arose as to the best course to take to reach the nearest settlement. Finally, four of the explorers, Seabring, Buck, Wilson, and Wood resolved to continue following the Eel River. The other four, Dr. Gregg, Van Duzen, Southard, and Truesdale, decided to travel along the coast, and so they separated.

The Eel River party endured terrible hardships. After being hemmed in five days by snow, they were able to kill one small deer. When the meat was gone they were forced to live on boiled deer skin and boiled acorns for several days.

At last they sighted eight grizzly bears. Wood and Wilson went after them and each shot a bear. Five of the bears ran into the woods, but the other bear showed fight. Wilson ran off and climbed a tree. Wood tried to reload his rifle, but could not get the ball down on the powder he had placed in his gun.

The bear came rushing at him. Climbing a few feet up a small buckeye tree, he beat off the bear with his gun. Then to his horror the bear he had shot leaped to its feet and came bounding toward the tree. The first spring she made broke down the tree and the two bears jumped for Wood. He ran down the mountain with the bears grabbing at his heels.

Leaping back of a small tree, the bears passed him, giving him time to climb a few feet up the tree before one of the bears seized him by the right ankle and pulled him down. As he fell, the other bear caught him by the right shoulder. Then the two bears pulled against each other, as if to tear him to pieces. They stripped him of his clothes, dislocated his hip, and inflicted many flesh wounds.

They seemed unwilling to take hold of his flesh and suddenly left him. The bear that had not been shot went into the woods. The wounded bear walked slowly up the hill about 100 yards and then seated herself and fastened her glaring eyes on Wood.

After remaining motionless for several minutes, Wood ventured to move. The first move brought the bear on him again, roaring furiously. Wood kept his presence of mind and remained perfectly quiet. After standing over him for a few minutes, the brute again walked away. Wood dragged himself slowly and painfully over to the little tree from which the bear had pulled him to the ground, and with much difficulty, succeeded in climbing about 8 feet.

In the meantime, Wilson left his

tree and tried to come to the aid of Wood, but the infuriated bear chased him back up a tree. After watching both men for several minutes that seemed like hours, the wounded bear left and disappeared in the distance. When the other two men came up, Wood was carried into camp.

Here the party lived 12 days, living on bear meat. At the end of that time Wood's injuries were still so serious that he was unable to continue the journey. With their ammunition nearly gone and the certain prospect of starvation when it was gone, the others were anxious to move on. Wood told them that they ought to save themselves if they could, and asked them to induce the Indians to take care of him; and in case they refused, to put an end to his suffering.

The chief of the neighboring Indians was sought and the proposition submitted to him. He promised to attend Wood and supply him with food until the three could return for him. The chief demanded some presents before taking Wood to his rancheria. They gave him everything they had except such articles as necessity required them to retain. Then the chief and his men rode off, leaving Wood with them.

Unwilling to kill their companion, they agreed to carry him if he could endure the pain caused by travel. If not, Wood asked that they leave him adrift in a canoe on the river.

It was necessary to tie him on and lead the horse. In this manner they travelled for ten days down the Russian River towards the settlement of Sonoma. On the tenth day they came to the farm of Mrs. Mark West, 30 miles from Sonoma. Mrs. West diligently cared for Wood for six weeks, when he was sufficiently recovered to join his friends in San Francisco.

Later, Mr. Wood returned with a party of men from San Francisco and founded the towns of Union (later called Arcata) and Bucksport in April, 1850.

The other four men of the party made slow progress along the mountain chains near the coast. They finally abandoned this route and took another course which would lead them to the Sacramento Valley. Their ammunition gave out. Dr. Gregg starved to death on his horse. The remaining three eventually reached the Sacramento Valley.

Azalea Reserve. 30 acres. Above the Mad River near Arcata.

In March 1850 the craft "LAURA VIRGINIA" set sail from San Francisco on a voyage of discovery with 50 passengers. On April 14, 1850, the second officer, H. H. Buhne, guided the "LAURA VIRGINIA" into Humboldt Bay, being the first ship to enter this large bay. Other ships followed and the town of Eureka was founded. Soon a trail passing by the site of our Azalea Reserve was built over the mountains to the Trinity gold mines.

Dry Lagoon. 926.74 acres. 20,260 feet ocean frontage; 20,200 feet lagoon frontage. (Undeveloped.)

Indian Wars. For several years after the discovery of Humboldt Bay the settlement of the coast between Eureka and Crescent City was rapid and continual. Many shiploads of adventurers were landed at Eureka, Trinidad, Klamath, and Crescent City.

In 1855 the Indian population still

was largely in excess of the whites. Ten thousand Indians lived in the territory drained by the Klamath, Redwood, Mad, and Eel rivers. At first they were friendly toward the whites, but many of the adventurous gold seekers were not as careful of their rights as they were to exact respect for what they considered their own rights.

Mining operations along the streams interfered with salmon fishing. The Indians' bread supply, made from acorns and the seeds of grasses, was being destroyed as the white man cut down the oak trees and brought cattle into the grass-covered prairies. Fire arms were killing the deer and elk or scaring them away.

Clashes between the whites and Indians became more and more frequent. From 1855 and 1860 many settlers were ambushed and murdered. In retaliation, many Indian rancherias were attacked and burned.

A secret league of white settlers was formed to exterminate the Indians. On February 25, 1860, 200 peaceful Indians, more than half of them women and children, had gathered on an island in Humboldt Bay opposite the town of Eureka for their annual ceremonial dance. During the night they were attacked and massacred by members of the league. Less than ten of them escaped the axes and knives of the murderous whites.

On the same night there were several other massacres--in all, about 300 Indians were murdered. These savage deeds by the whites destroyed every hope of peace and put in the Indian a deep thirst for revenge.

The warlike Redwood and Klamath Indians tried to organize all of their people for a war to drive the whites from their land. By this time there were more than 4,000 whites in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. The settlers called for more troops, and also organized companies of volunteers.

By 1863 the Indians had recaptured all of the Mad River and Redwood country between Arcata and the Klamath River, and every white settlement had been destroyed. One tribe, living on the shores of Stone and Dry lagoons, remained friendly with the whites and refused to fight. On April 11, 1863, they were attacked by Redwoods and Hoopas, and the whole tribe of about 40 Indians was massacred.

For the next two years, Trinidad, Little River, Mad River, the Redwood and its north fork, Prairie Creek, were the scenes of many bloody battles between the Indians and the white settlers, now augmented by a large body of troops.

The Indians were never well organized and their arrows were no match for the white man's powder. By 1865 they had been beaten into absolute subjection. Several thousand had been killed, several hundred prisoners had been taken and confined in reservations. In all, about 75 whites had been killed and most of these had been shot with rifles sold to the Indians by renegade whites.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS

6,467.92 acres. 3,390 feet ocean frontage.

General Location. Klamath River is the principal fishing stream and the second largest river in California. From its junction with the Trinity at Weichpec to its mouth at Requa, it flows in a northwesterly direction for 40

miles through the heart of the Yurok Indian country. By going south about 18 miles along the coast to the mouth of Redwood Creek and thence east about 12 miles to the river, a triangular area is enclosed which may be called the Greater Prairie Creek region. It is a primitive area of unsurpassed beauty.

Three or four miles west of the Klamath a 1500-foot ridge forms the west boundary of the Klamath basin. The top of this ridge is practically level and is covered with a grand forest of Douglas fir. From the east side of the ridge, McGarvey, Ah Pah, Surpur, Tectah, and several smaller streams flow into the Klamath. In the basins of these streams are majestic forests of redwood, fir, and cedar. The Ah Pah Creek redwood timber was once proposed as a national forest.

To the west of the Klamath Ridge is the basin of Prairie Creek, which is separated from the coast by a low ridge running about a mile back from the ocean. Beautiful Prairie Creek winds for twelve miles through a narrow valley which is the heart of this wonderland.

The present Prairie Creek Park is about eight miles long and averages one and a quarter miles wide. It is bisected by the Redwood Highway, which follows the course of Prairie Creek. This park is a forest of majestic redwoods combined with heavy stands of Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, and Western hemlock.

Around Elk Prairie and bordering Prairie Creek are found magnificent specimens of California laurel, western and vine maple, tan bark oak, cascara, red alder, and willow.

Birds and animals abound as in all of the north coast parks.

The floor of the forest is a veritable jungle of giant ferns and shrubs. To fully appreciate the beauty of this paradise of nature, one should go on one of the hikes that are conducted daily throughout the camping season.

Until the beginning of World War II the whole Prairie Creek region was largely a virgin wilderness, unspoiled by timbermen. But as the demand for timber increased, two access roads through the park have opened the whole Klamath Ridge country. The peace and quiet of the redwoods has given way to the thunder of falling giants and the roar of logging trucks. The historic trails of the Indians and gold miners are becoming muddy logging roads through a waste of stump land. Every day timber cruisers, like undertakers measuring the living for coffins, stalk through the redwoods as various lumber companies bid for the remaining timber land.

It is hoped that much of this natural wonderland may yet be saved and added to Prairie Creek Park or made into a national park. Through the generosity of James Irvine of San Francisco, part of an historic trail to the ocean and Gold Bluffs has lately been saved and added to the park.

The James Irvine Trail

This four-mile trail to the beach is very popular with the campers. Parties of from 10 to 30 are conducted over to the Bluffs and back about once a week. The trail starts near the park headquarters at the mouth of Godwood Creek, a branch of Prairie Creek. It winds along this stream through majestic burly redwoods and ferns. It pas-

ses the interesting remains of a cabin built of hand-split redwood boards by John Godwood in the early gold mining days. This is one of several historic cabins in the park. All of them should be restored when personnel and funds are available.

Godwood Creek finally disappears under the roots of a giant spruce tree; then the trail crosses a low divide about half way to the ocean and reaches the headwaters of Home Creek, another little stream which it follows to the sea. Unfortunately, this part of the trail is still owned by private interests.

Near the ocean, Home Creek has cut a deep narrow canyon with 70-foot vertical sides. Immense five-finger ferns completely cover the walls of the canyon. Campers say the beauty of this Fern Canyon is ample repayment for the exertion of the long trail.

Gold Bluffs.

Extending along the beach for three miles north of the mouth of Home Creek and about six miles south, a line of gravelly clay cliffs 100-500 feet high forms an escarpment known as Gold Bluffs. A sandy beach from 200-900 feet wide extends along the base of the bluffs. At high tide a thin layer of black gold-bearing sand is deposited along the shore. Every pan will show color, but the gold is so fine that an enormous amount of sand must be worked over to obtain an ounce of gold; so the deposits are not so very valuable. Nevertheless, Gold Bluffs was the scene of a wild gold rush in 1851.

Early in that year reports were circulated in San Francisco that the ocean beach for miles south of the Klamath River were largely composed of gold. Promoters showed numerous samples of the black sand loaded with shining gold. News of the discovery was in all the papers. Excitement ran high.

The Alta California, a leading newspaper of the time, said,

"The gold is mixed with the black sand in proportion of from 10¢ to $10.00 to the pound. At times when the surf is high the gold is not easily discovered, but in the spring of the year, after a succession of calms, the entire beach is covered with bright yellow gold Mr. Collins, the Secretary of the Pacific Mining Company, measured a patch of gold and sand and estimates it will yield each member of the company the snug little sum of $43,000,000."

People invested thousands of dollars in shares in the company. Many others sold or left their property and started for Gold Bluffs. Eight vessels sailed for the Bluffs. The Pacific Mining Company outfitted a vessel, the "CHESAPEAKE," at a cost of $20,000 and made several trips.

Trinidad was crowded with miners who landed there and set out on foot for the Gold Bluffs. Soon about 5,000 miners arrived on the scene. They were quickly disillusioned and, financially ruined, returned to San Francisco.

Gold Bluffs was practically deserted until the end of the Indian War in 1865. Between 1865 and 1890 adventurers explored all the streams of the region. One mining company, located along the Lower Bluffs, has continued to operate intermittently.

THE OLD RANGER SAYS

With peace, many new men will enter the park service. Perhaps you old timers can help them with

a few "tricks of the trade" sent in to Park News and Views.

Courtesy. Always treat a park visitor as you would a guest in your own home. If a rolling junk pile pulling a chicken-coop on wheels starts unloading bottles, cans, and paper on your park road, don't polish your badge and bawl him out--start picking it up. Nine times out of ten he'll help you and next time he will look for a garbage can.

The Right Size. Recently an ex war worker inquired about park work. Upon learning the starting salary he was disappointed, and remarked, "There must be some angle one can work to make more." Then I knew he wasn't the right size. A public servant should not be little enough to steal two-bits, and he should be too big to steal a million.

Cooperation. Cooperate with the game warden who protects the wild life in your park; with the fire warden who protects your trees; with the highway patrolman and with the highway worker. Help him, praise his work, but don't try to usurp his job.

Diplomacy. If you find someone helping himself to a few ferns or flowers, praise him for his appreciation of the beauties of nature before explaining why they are protected in the park.

Service. Give your guests a little extra service even if you don't get paid for it. Their appreciation will repay you. At Prairie Creek we have always had camp fires and nature hikes even though it meant several hours' extra work each day. It is fun and the visitors love it.

Don't Let Your Head Get Too Big For Your Hat. Know and give correct information about the trees, flowers, and history of your park, but don't show off. Let the school teacher or botanist in the party tell the Latin name.

Don't tell the Chief Ranger, District Superintendent, Chief, or Park Commission how to run the parks until you have been in the service for at least a couple of months.

If you have a gripe, don't tell it to the park guests or Chief or Park Commission, don't keep it to yourself--tell it to your boss.

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In a later issue more will be told about the many interesting birds and animals of the north coast parks. However, one animal should be mentioned now because it is so exceedingly rare in this area. Unless something drastic is done very soon to increase its numbers it may become entirely extinct. In this immense 20,000 acre area only two living specimens exist. They belong to the order of primates; family, homo sapiens; genus, park personnel. Of the two remaining species, one is a deputy ranger and the other is a chief ranger. This area is largely undeveloped because park personnel is so rare. Even the improvements made twelve years ago by the CCC boys are fast crumbling away.

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Ernie G. Bauman, Deputy Ranger. Little River Beach, Azalea Reserve, Patrick's Point (Hdqts.) and Dry Lagoon.

Born in Flavil in the Swiss Alps. When quite young he came to New York City and later settled in Los Angeles, where he married his

charming wife, Anna. He was Chief Clerk in the mailing department of the Union Oil Company for 20 years. Became a Deputy Ranger in August, 1944. His son Stanley, age 13 helps the campers find agates on the beach and catch surf fish. He says the largest fish caught last season was a 25½ pound ling cod.

C. L. Milne, Chief Ranger.
Del Norte Coast, Mill Creek, and Prairie Creek Redwoods. (Hdqts.)

Born in mountains of western New York. Education: high school, teachers' college, Carnegie Institute of Technology. Veteran of World War I. Oil well worker, radio mechanic, school teacher, builder, nurseryman. Park employee since June, 1936. Wife, Marian.

Official History of the "Blessed Event" Log.

On Prairie Creek Trail about half a mile north of the park headquarters, is an enormous redwood log, which has an interesting history.

Ed Harris, who homesteaded Elk Prairie about 65 years ago, kept a large herd of cattle. In the winter when feed was scarce on the prairie, they would wander into the woods along Prairie Creek and browse with the elk on salmonberry bushes.

One windy day Ed heard a redwood come thundering down. Fearing for his cattle, he hurried into the woods and found that the giant tree was hollow and had fallen across the stream. Walking through it, he rounded up all the cows and drove them back through the hollow log to the prairie. Here he counted them and found that seven were missing. So he went back to the hollow log and after hunting for several hours in the burned-out limbs and knot holes, found only six of them. He feared the seventh had been buried under the fallen tree.

Passing the log about a month later, he was delighted to see the seventh cow emerge from it with a little calf. So he named the log the "Blessed Event" Log.

In taking a nature hike along Prairie Creek Trail, we always stop at the entrance of the log and count the campers, then count them again as they come out the other end. The spirit of the log is still very much alive. Several young couples have written to us telling of blessed events that have occurred after a trip through the log.

---- C. L. Milne.

Prairie Creek Salmon.

After the sand bar of Redwood Lagoon is broken by the first heavy autumn rains, the salmon come up Prairie Creek to spawn. They fight their way over the rapids and log jams to the very headwaters of the stream. In November a pair of them may be seen in every deep pool. After spawning, most of them die. It used to be thought that all of them died, but lately ichthyologists have found that in rare cases a salmon will return to the sea after spawning. I was instrumental in making this discovery.

Several years ago, before starting on my vacation, the ranger (it may have been Gordon Kishbraugh or Franklyn Brown), who was to look after the park in my absence, asked me if the salmon came up Prairie Creek. I said, "After the first heavy rain

they will be so thick that you can throw them out with a pitchfork." Well, he must have taken me literally, because after I came back one of the neighbors told me that the ranger had caught a lot of salmon. Also, my pitchfork was missing.

The ranger moved on to another park and another autumn came. After the first heavy rains I was standing on the log known as Earthquake Bridge watching for salmon. Suddenly I saw my lost pitchfork come marching up the stream. It was stuck in the back of the biggest salmon I have ever seen, and following it were 14 small salmon, each with a small pitchfork stuck in its back!

C.L.M.

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The Old Ranger Says: First, take care of the God-made part of your park. Second, take care of the man-made part. You can replace a sign or a building, but only God can make an elk or a redwood tree.

My Adventure with a Buffalo

One spring afternoon Ted and I entered a little lane near the north end of the park to see the azaleas which cover the hills with glorious color, and to look for wild blackberries. We saw many deep pink azaleas and found a few berries. We wandered down the old abandoned county road, picking a berry here and there until the bucket was nearly full. We enjoyed the colorful sunset over the distant ocean.

Since we were now close to the highway, I decided to go on to it and walk back to meet Ted, he to go back up the hill, get the car, and meet me at the entrance to the lane. I hurried and arrived first, so entered the lane, dark even in summer from the dense grow of young alders arching over it.

All at once the thought struck me, why, this is where the old buffalo usually hangs out. (This buffalo belongs to a nearby ranger, but often wanders into the park.) Wouldn't it be terrible, I mused, to meet him here and me afoot!

Just then the buffalo came swinging round the bend up the road, his huge head swaying back and forth and his eyes glaring red in the setting sun. This can't be happening to me, I thought with horror, as I scrambled up the slight enbankment looking for a tree to climb. Alas, the young alders had nary a limb--just a forest of young smooth trunks--so I stood by a tree and turned and faced him like a cornered mouse, gesturing for him to go away and in a pleading tone asking him to. To add to my unhappiness and discomfort, I had spilled the bucket of hard-won berries when trying fruitlessly to shinny up a tree.

But he kept coming! Just when I thought, maybe this is the end, Ted's car rounded the bend. Never was I so glad to see him! The poor old buffalo, who is only big in the head, being a runt, went on by, and by the time Ted arrived my knees had stopped shaking enough for me to clamber aboard. Ted had been behind him for some distance, but he wouldn't leave the road. Thus ended what I hope is my last adventure with a buffalo.

----Marian Milne.

What I Like About Prairie Creek:

The simply radiant days of spring. The pink-edged daisies that carpet

the meadows.
The many robins chirping, the colorful hummingbirds whirring and darting, and swallows building their nests.
The many flowers, the showiest being rhododendrons, azaleas, and wild currants.
The large, white trilliums glowing with pristine purity among the ferns on fallen redwood logs. One sees many of them while hiking up the Zig-Zag trails to the west ridge.
The first flowers: the pretty pink salmonberry blossoms, the violets yellow and blue, and don't slight the skunk cabbage, with its great leaves and bright yellow calla-like flower brightening the stream beds.
The wonderful trails, soft with redwood needles. Such grand vistas on the Brown Creek Trail of fern-covered hillsides and never-dying redwoods!
Autumn leaves of maple and alder deep-colored by the frost.

What I Care for Least:

The lack of sunshine during the long winter months when it rains and rains and rains and pours.
It's lucky I like to read.

---- Marian Milne

NEWS ITEMS

"God's Country" is the title of a short motion picture recently taken by the Redwood Theatres, Inc. of the elk and scenes around Prairie Creek State Park.

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In a pretty ceremony in the Congregational Church in Eureka, Ralph Banfill, Jr. was married to Miss Marian Cathey of Miranda on Saturday, December 29, 1945. The bridegroom is the son of Asst. Ranger Ralph Banfill of Burlington.

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The Bruce Lyon Memorial Grove, an 8[illegible]-acre tract of virgin redwoods near the center of Prairie Creek Park, has been established in honor of Lieutenant Bruce Lyon, U. S. Army Air Force, who was lost in a raid over Germany. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Lyon of Oakland. This is the first memorial grove to be established in honor of a veteran of World War II.

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Pauline Hayes, former Curator at the Sonoma Mission, died December, 13, 1945, in a hospital near her home. Her passing will be mourned by many park people who knew her as a charming woman and a kind and faithful friend.

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Chief Ranger Earl Hanson has been elected president of the Garberville chapter of the C.S.E.A. for the year 1946.

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Deputy Ranger Jack Dyson spent Christmas Eve having five stitches taken in one of his toes. Reportedly, Jack tried to unlace one of his shoes with an axe.

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Received a news item from Williams Grove about rain and high water. Didn't run it because rain isn't news at Prairie Creek

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Nation's Tallest Xmas Tree

The Founder's Tree--World's Tallest--had further honors heaped upon its already famous crown when a flood-lighting ceremony, conducted there on the evening of December 21, 1945, included dedication of the tree as the Nation's Tallest Christmas Tree.

Nearly 350 persons braved inclement weather to gather at the noted tree for the ceremony. A half-hour program of music and

brief addresses was broadcast over a national network. A transcription was made for a broadcast to overseas service personnel.

Floodlighting of the tree from 7:00 to 9:30 each evening from December 21 through December 27 was sponsored by private interests, assisted by state park rangers. Nightly attendance averaged 100 persons. A ranger registered visitors and answered their questions.

---- E. P. Hanson

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Ben Twight, of Van Damme Beach, sends good news about Ensign Jack Knight, U.S.N.R. Jack is back in good old U.S.A., having arrived in San Pedro on November 30.

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In a very interesting letter to Lee Blaisdell, Pvt. Al Salzgeber writes from Japan that the newspapers did not exaggerate the damage done by atomic bombs. Al is with the medics. His address is:

Pvt. Al P. Salzgeber-39749400
123d Station Hospital
A.P.O. 929
San Francisco, Calif.

The Sacramento staff received a very interesting letter from Al Salzgeber, who is now located at Kokura, Kyushu, Japan. He is working in Supply and has just received a promotion--to T/5. Nice! He states that they have snow now and then, and that it really gets cold. Among other interesting things was a description of the bombed cities, both of those bombed by the Atomic bomb and by fire bombs. An amusing description of a fire was given. Al says fires are almost a daily occurrence and they use quite a lot of Japanese personnel. The story is as follows: "An eyewitness compares the zany antics of the Kokura Fire Department to Mac Sennet's Keystone Cops of Hollywood. This observer stated that near tragedy was turned into comedy when the Japanese fire fighters assaulted the blaze. On spectator stated that when the first Nip fire truck pulled up, two nozzle men charged forth, braced themselves, ready to spray the flames, signalled for full pressure, but only an impotant stream of water trickled out of the nozzle.

"In another incident, one 'son of heaven' turned on the water before the hose was unreeled, and one of the Fire Chiefs was squirted in the face. Because the Fire Chief lost face, even during the fire-fight, he pounced on the culprit, causing even more confusion

"The Japanese fire fighters, the demobilized comical branch of the Imperial Army, did assist in preventing the fire from spreading to a small adjacent shack, but only after one nozzle team standing very close to the flames was driven to the rear by a sudden surge of steam."

Incidentally, Al would like to hear from some of you. His address is elsewhere in this issue.

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DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

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J. H. Covington, Editor

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AS PROPHESIED

Chief Ranger Milne's issue of News and Views lived up to the heralded advance notices. After the error committed in this office in correcting Chief Ranger Kenyon's article, the Milne issue was as submitted, unexpurgated and uncensored.

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE

This issue will terminate the present procedure whereby each number of News and Views was edited by some member of the Park Personnel. Ed Dolder, Supervisor of Conservation Education will be the editor of all future issues. I use the term "future issues" advisedly, future issues will only continue as long as sufficient material is sent in from the field so that the editor's task is one mainly of compilation rather than one of composition. This bulletin can only be justified as long as it dissemnates worth while information to the field personnel and helps in the building of a better informed, more cooperative, more effective and efficient organization.

May I, at this time, compliment all the editors of previous issues. I feel that to date this has been a worthy and worth while bulletin. I sincerely hope and trust that it will, under the new procedure, continue to be a contributing factor in the up-building of the Division especially during the relatively near future when we will be expanding and developing at a greater pace than ever before.

SUMMARY

This issue will contain, in the main part, a summary of the achievements in three of the five State Park Districts. The other two Districts will be covered by Editor Ed in future issues.

REMINDER

This is a reminder to the Field Personnel that the one recording attendance and park service charge receipts for each unit of the System is to carry the previous total forward on each weekly Ranger Report, starting Jan. 1, 1946. Most of the Field Personnel have followed this previously announced procedure but a few have slipped up, therefore this is a reminder to them.

FIRE LOSS

I presume that all the Field Personnel have, by this time, been informed of the serious fire loss sustained by the Division when it's finest Lodge structure, namely, the main lodge building at Pfieffer Big Sur State Park burned. I feel we have been very fortunate in this System in that we have had comparatively few fire losses. Renewed effort should be made by each District Superintendent in checking up various Park units under his jurisdiction to see that all possible fire hazards are eliminated or reduced to the least

possible minimum, and that every park employee be familiar with the locations of all hydrants that may be used in combating fire.

SOME OLD FILES

ACCIDENT: Nov. 28, 1936 - 11:30 PM

Truck loaded with stakes hit Redwood Tree in PIONEER GROVE. Driver fell asleep.

Driver wanted to blame tree. Never saw a tree yet that would run out and hit a truck. Should be thankful that the tree was there to stop him, otherwise he might have turned over and been killed.

signed, Percy French

OUR PARK COMMISSION

The 1945 session of the Legislature enacted legislation providing for a staggered term of appointment for the members of the State Park Commission. On Jan. 25, Honorable Earl Warren, as Governor of the State, designated the following as members of the State Park Commission and set forth their terms of appointment: Chairman, Joseph R. Knowland, appointed to serve until Jan. 15, 1948; Commission Leo Carillo to serve until Jan. 15, 1949; Commissioner Isidore B. Dockweiler to serve until Jan. 15, 1948; Commissioner Charles Kasch to serve until Jan. 15, 1947. Governor Warren also accepted the resignation of Alfred Harrell and named in his stead a former member of the State Park Commission, Captain George Waldner, who is to serve until Jan. 15, 1947.

Speaking for all the Division's personnel who became acquainted with Captain Waldner when he previously served on the State Commission, we welcome him back as a Commissioner to continue the splendid services which he rendered when formerly serving.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION

At the time of this writing the Special Session continues, however all the legislation of vital interest to this Division has passed both the House and the Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. It is anticipated that this legislation will meet with his approval, and thus become a reality.

Assembly Bill #41 calls for an appropiation for Construction, Improvement, Repair and Equipment for State Parks in the sum of $1,674,750.

Assembly Bill #42 calls for an appropiation for Construction, Improvement, Repair and equipment for the State Beach Parks in the sum of $574,850.

Assembly Bill #148 calls for an appropiation of $50,000. for Construction, Improvement, Repair, and Equipment for the newly acquired unit of the State Park System referred to as Camp Taylor.

Senate Bill #70 designates the Riding and Hiking Trails Project as a part of the State Park System and provides $300,000. from the State Park Fund for initial acquisition, development and improvement as the first step toward ultimately acquiring, developing and improving a new loop riding and hiking trail system to cover three thousand miles.

Senate Bill #102 provides for the appointment of a Monterey Flag Raising Centennial Commission to participate in a celebration commemorating the raising of the American Flag at Monterey on July 7, 1846. This bill provides an

allocation of $7,500. to defray expenses of said celebration.

Senate Bill #103 provides for the appointment of a California Bear Flag Commission, which will have charge of the Celebration of the raising of the "Bear Flag of California" to be held on June 14, 1946 at Sonoma, California. It also provides an allocation of $7,500. to defray the expenses of same.

These above bills referring to celebrations will be of great interest to the Personnel of this Division, since we will, no doubt, be called on to participate in same.

Several concurrent resolutions were also passed memoralizing the Commission to take action on various matters.

CONTINUED EXPANSION

Plus previous announcements of additions to our Personnel, May I present the following:

Claude Helm, Associate Civil Engineer has been added to the Engineering and Planning Staff.

Mrs. Agnes Conrad, who will devote most of her time to assisting Mr. Hennessey the new Acquisition Officer.

Mrs. Rosalind Clary, we will, in the main, assist Ed Dolder in carrying out his program.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

ATTENDANCE: All parks of the district, except one, reported substantial increases in attendance over the 1944 season. With the lifting of gasoline rations, income from park facilities for the month of September was four times greater than that for September of 1944. Attendance by parks:

Prairie Creek	7,939
Patrick's Point	5,043
Williams Grove	9,135
Richardson Grove	94,666
Van Damme Beach	13,978
Tallest Tree (est)	36,500
Total	167,261

A reasonable basis for comparing the increase for the summer over that of 1944 is the report of income of the several parks.

INCREASE OF 1945 SUMMER VISITORS OVER 1944

Name of Park	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Season
Prairie Creek	2½ times	2 times	6 times	8 times	5 times
Patrick's Point	10 "	4½ "	4 "	8 "	5½ "
Williams Grove	3½ "	2 "	3½ "	6 "	3½ "
Richardson Grove	3½ "	2 "	2 "	5 "	3 "
Van Damme Beach	Less than 20% increase for the 1945 season				
Avg. per month	2 3/4 X	1 3/4 X	2 1/4 X	4 X	2½ times

This means that income for the district was 2½ times greater during the summer of 1945 than for a corresponding period of 1944.

FIRES: Fires burned through about 400 acres of park lands, but no superlative park areas were damaged. One residence at Williams Grove was destroyed. Localities of fire were: Williams Grove, 12 acres; Cow Creek (Bull Creek uplands) 300 acres; Mather Grove Uplands, 12 acres; Russian Gulch, 60 acres; Hickey Grove uplands, 20 acres. Fires also threatened Prairie Creek, Patrick's Point and Toumey Grove across the river from Richardson Grove, but were brought under control on park boundaries.

MILL CREEK REDWOODS: That portion of this most northerly of the State Redwood Parks not already dedicated as individual memorial groves is to be known as the National Tribute Grove, a living memorial to men and women of the armed forces who

have given their lives in the service of their country during World War II. About 2,000 acres remain to be acquired in this park, according to the option in agreement.

DEL NORTE COAST REDWOODS: Planned for the near future is an access road connecting the present U. S. 101 with the old highway through the memorial groves of this park. This would permit interesting views of the spectacular coastline from Knapp's Point within the park.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS: Prairie Creek produced 5 times more income in the summer of 1945 than for the same period of 1944. About 240 acres in the Godwood Creek area, to be known as the James Irvine Trails area, were added to the park this year. This was made possible by a gift of money from Mr. Irvine and of land by the Sage Land and Lumber Company, both made through the Save-the-Redwoods League. The Roosevelt Elk herd, an outstanding attraction of this park, was a subject of study and report by Claus J. Murie, biologist of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

PATRICK'S POINT: Renovation of the interior of the employee's residence and muchly needed repairs to other structures were completed during the year. Enlarged picnic facilities, to accommodate 75 parties, are planned for the coming year.

LITTLE RIVER BEACH: A new State highway bridge across Little River will make necessary improvements to the entrance and parking area of this park which is utilized primarily for fishing and clamming.

AZALEA RESERVE: A satisfactory entrance and parking area, in addition to some cleanup and trail development are planned for the reserve in the near future.

VAN DUZEN REDWOODS: Development proposed would include 50 campsites and all facilitating structures in this redwood area "just out of the fog" on Grizzly Creek.

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS: From seventy-five to one hundred picnic parties utilized the memorial groves--other than established picnic areas--from the Avenue of the Giants to Whittemore Grove each Sunday and summer holiday.

DYERVILLE HEADQUARTERS: From 75 to 100 persons per day stop at the contact station seeking information about the redwoods and the well-publicized features of the region.

FOUNDERS' TREE (World's Tallest): After V-J Day the number of visitors increased from about 250 per day to better than 500, there being close to 1200 persons stopping there on the Sunday of Labor-Day weekend. Local interests provided for the floodlighting of the tree for a two-week period following victory over Japan. Flood-lighting was similarly provided for during two weeks of the Yule Season.

BURLINGTON CAMPGROUND: Closed for three seasons, this park should be ready to accommodate at least 25 camping parties per day during 1946.

WILLIAMS GROVE: Camping and picnicking facilities were not overtaxed in 1945, but a sharp rise occurred after gasoline rationing ceased. Replacement of about 50 octagonal-type camp tables and an equal number of old stoves should prepare this grove for capacity crowds in 1946.

STEPHENS GROVE: If the necessary repairs and replacements can be made, this campground should be able to take care of at least 50 camping parties per day during the coming season.

RICHARDSON GROVE: The concessionaire reports capacity crowds throughout July, August and September, with some facilities having to close part time because of labor shortages. Campsites--only 100 of the 150 campsites could be opened--were filled to capacity throughout July and were more than three-fourths occupied during August. Labor-Day visitors overflowed the camping area and late season tourists and campers continued in large numbers throughout September. A program director, but no nature guide, was provided during the summer. There is reasonable assurance that both a guide and director will be available for the 1946 season. Improvements planned would provide accommodations for 150 camping parties per day, and improved, though not increased, facilities for cabin parties. Thirty acres were added to the park during the year.

RUSSIAN GULCH: Salvaging of the lumber from the old C. C. C. camp buildings was started this fall. Salvage will be used for construction purposes in parks of the district. If the reinstallation of campground facilities are undertaken in 1946, this campground can well accommodate 50 camping parties per day.

VAN DAMME BEACH: Only a 20% increase over 1944 income was shown by income reports from this park. All of the canyon bridges across Little River were completely repaired this summer. New sanitary facilities have been provided for the employee's residence area and this park should be in good shape for the coming vacation season if about 25 campsites are added to the present 25.

Enoch P. French, Supt.
Northwest District

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK: Coffee shop moved to a room adjoining the dining room increasing the receipts 35%, additions and improvements to Concessionaire's and employees living quarters, four housekeeping cabins, addition to helps dormitories and two stall garage and warehouse.

Proposed for 1946 are four standard employees cottages, six public rest-rooms, water system improvements, additions and improvements to sanitary facilities, removal of service buildings and numerous other improvements.

Attendance in this park is always high having an estimated attendance of 300,000 for 1945 and with gas rationing on for the greater part of the tourist season.

Attendance increased 35% after V-J Day and an increase of 50% over 1945 is anticipated for 1946.

SEACLIFF BEACH STATE PARK: Due to curtailment of the construction program and scarcity of necessary materials no developments were undertaken at this beach in 1945.

Extensive developments are planned for 1946 mainly camp and picnic areas and seawall and groins.

Attendance here reached an all time high of 130,000 with great lack of facilities and parking areas to care for them.

Fishing and bathing is excellent and an added increase of 35% in visitors is expected in 1946.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT: A minor restoration program was carried through in 1945 in order to protect the buildings until money and materials were available for a complete restoration of all buildings.

Attendance at this monument increased 100% after V-J day necessitating the re-employment of a full time Curator and the second groundsman.

Full restoration of the Zanette home and the construction of a public restroom is planned for the coming year.

FREMONT PEAK STATE PARK: This park has been closed to the public for the past three years.

Our post-war program provides for camp and picnic facilities, employee's cottage and cave exploration.

WATSONVILLE-SUNSET BEACH: Closed to the public but a beach with great possibilities.

An extensive development program was started prior to the war and will be continued this coming year as provided in the post-war program.

This beach will relieve some of the congestion at Seacliff Beach.

NEW BRIGHTON BEACH STATE PARK: Also closed to the public and like Watsonville--Sunset Beach is partially developed.

It is planned to place a district warehouse in this park due to the Centralized location and accessibility.

Camp and picnic facilities are existing and will be made available to the public next season.

Additional public rest rooms, picnic facilities and employee's cottage is planned for 1946.

NATURAL BRIDGES BEACH: No facilities and no plans for any.

PORTOLA STATE PARK: Has been closed to the public and recently acquired by the State.

Large and complete developments are planned for 1946.

Existing facilities are obsolete and are to be disregarded in the development scheme.

Plans call for waste disposal and water systems, camp and picnic facilities, housing facilities and in general, a complete recreational development for from four to six thousand persons.

The future for this park is very bright due to its close proximity to the bay area.

MT. DIABLO STATE PARK: No development has been undertaken in this park through the past year other than a U.S.N.C.B. training project in which extensive road widening was done to the summit.

New and differently located Central Stations are planned for 1946 as well as other employees housing facilities.

Attendance in this park has increased over 100% since V-J Day and expect that it will steadily increase each year.

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK: Few developments in this park and only a combination garage and utility shop was constructed, during the past year.

Hikers and sightseers are exceptionally heavy and added picnic facilities and parking areas are planned for the coming year.

It is also planned to employ another Ranger as the one now employed is insufficient to properly police the park.

E. E. Powell, Supt.
Central District

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK: During the early part of 1945 and up until V-J Day the public attendance at Will Rogers Ranch averaged 120 persons per day. After V-J Day the attendance decidedly increased giving an average gate check for the balance of the 205 persons per day. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the death of Will Rogers. It is most gratifying to note that thousands of Americans and many from other countries have come to his former home to do him honor.

No new major construction was made during 1945. During 1946 if funds and material are forthcoming, the following construction program will be expedited: Building two additional residences for park personnel; extending water lines to provide fire protection for the 186 acre park; improvement of roads and parking; placing all telephone and electric wires underground.

WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH: Under supervision of Los Angeles County. Weekly reports show fair attendance until lifting of gas rationing; then followed a 50% increase in use of the beach during the rest of the summer season. Even during the fall and winter months this State Beach has had more than normal use due to increase in nearby urban population and few days of rain or inclement weather.

No improvements in 1946 contemplated by the State.

CHAS. LUMMIS HOME (EL ALISAL): Under supervision of the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks.

No improvement in 1946 planned by the State.

PIO PICO STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT: The restoration of the adobe house, home of Pio Pico Governor of California 1845-46 under the Mexican regime, has been delayed due to scarcity of qualified labor. However, progress has been made in reenforcement of walls, replacement of termite infested timbers in doors and window openings, and reroofing the south rooms of the dwelling. Study of chain of title of property has revealed that Pio Pico did not acquire any part of Rancho Paso Viejo Bartola, a small portion of which is now the Pio Pico State Historical Monument, until 1850. Therefore, the Casa de Pio Pico, or, as generally called, "Pio Pico Mansion", was not built until that year. Because of the evidence presented, the State Park Commission decided that the restoration of the Casa should show the house as it was about 1870. When the program is carried to completion the visitor will view an interesting, rambling adobe ranch house, typical of homes built

by well to do native Californians after 1850 and which shows the effect of American materials and construction on Spanish-Mexican methods of building.

The general development program for the Monument includes leasing approximately 5 acres of lands adjoining the casa from the City of Whittier and the construction in 1946 of a residence and garage for the curator of this State Monument; general landscaping and other improvements which will create additional public interest in that period linking the old California of Spanish and Mexican days with the new California of today.

MANHATTAN STATE BEACH: Under supervision of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. No improvements considered by the State for 1946.

ALAMITOS STATE BEACH: Under supervision of Long Beach Recreation Commission. Division of Beaches and Parks proposes to carry out some necessary structure repairs, grading, and landscaping and improvement of roads and parking in 1946.

HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH: Fifteen hundred feet undeveloped beach. Extension proposed in currant beach acquisition program. No construction work contemplated for 1946.

DOHENY STATE BEACH: . This has proven the champion area of the Division of Beaches and Parks for picnicking and camping. Revenues for these recreational services exceeded any other park unit in the State. 1945 construction improvements included completion of a combination toilet, shower, laundry building, considerable grading and filling along the beach frontage and the preliminary work for 50 additional picnic and 50 new camp units.

The 1946 work program includes 2 new houses and garages for park personnel; additional combination buildings; concession building; bath house; seawall; sewage treatment plant and disposal system; extension of roads and parking; grading and landscaping.

SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH: This beach park had the most successful year in point of attendance since the area was dedicated for public use in 1933. The increase was possibly 35% over that of any previous year. The park had only one employee during 1945, therefore, only general maintenance of the area and facilities was undertaken. The 1946 work program proposes construction of 40 new camp units; additional sanitary facilities; 3 new houses to provide for needed increase in park personnel; an overpass across the Santa Fe R. R. to make the 6000 foot beach safely accessible to park patrons; grading and landscaping about the new improvements.

CARLSBAD STATE BEACH: A buffer area between state highway and ocean to afford marine view to traveling public. No construction program considered for 1946.

MISSION BAY: A comprehensive program of improvement of the State owned lands along the eastern side of Mission Bay will be undertaken in connection with the City of San Diego's program to develop the Mission Bay area as an outstanding aquatic park.

SILVER STRAND: In 1941 this beach park was taken over by the U.S. Navy for development as a seaplane base. As it has not been officially released to the Division of Beaches and Parks, no improvement program is considered for this area in 1946.

SAN PASQUAL STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT. This one acre monument is a portion of the camp site of General Kearney and his Army of the West on the day and night of December 6, 1846 after his defeat in the Battle of San Pasqual on the morning of December 6th, by the California forces under command of General Andres Pico. A large rock in the center of the area carries a bronze plaque bearing the names of General Kearney and his officers and the men who were killed in the battle, which took place a mile east their camp site. Because of a generally accepted policy to keep the area much as it was when the "Army of the West" took refuge there among the rocks and cactus, no program has been submitted for any construction or development in 1946. It may be, however, that some program may be proposed by the nearby communities of Escondido and Ramona for a centennial celebration of the Battle of San Pasqual.

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK: During the war period this park has very little public use due to its location in a high mountain area off the main traveled highways. Since V-J Day and the end of gasoline rationing there has been some increase in the number of park visitors but not equal to the pre-war travel into this area. It is anticipated that the 1946 recreation season will find travel conditions improved, new cars, new tires and other facilities encouraging exploration into "out of the way" places. In order to meet this expected "discovery" of Palomar Mountain State Park by the camper and picnicker a program is now underway which will provide 30 additional camp sites; 25 new picnic units; enlarged water storage, additional sanitary facilities and improvement of roads and parking areas.

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK: This popular mountain park was well patronized during the entire year of 1945. The organization camps, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and City-County Youth Camp were filled to overflowing the entire 10 weeks of the camping season. The two public camp grounds had normal pre-war use until V-J Day, thereafter, until after Labor Day, these areas were often overcrowded. Major construction improvements for 1945 include rehabilitation of the former CCC camp by the City-County Camp Commission for their youth camp, construction of a water storage reservoir of 100,000 gallon capacity; building a park rangers cottage at Green Valley Falls to replace the cottage destroyed by fire in 1944.

The work program for 1946 suggests park developments including additional water storage, extension to campgrounds and picnic grounds, construction.

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK: This is the largest park in the entire State Park System. Only one small area has been developed where there is supervised camping and picnicking. This area has been over crowded during recent winter recreational seasons. The potential recreational values of this park warrant an extensive study of its opportunities to afford public access to the many interesting scenic and recreational objectives within its boundaries. No construction projects were undertaken in 1945 because of labor and material restrictions. The work program starting 1946 proposes construction of 2 residences and garages to provide quarters for additional park personnel; development of new camp ground and picnic areas; additional sanitary facilities and water storage as initial improvements pending the suggested study of the recreational advantages of Anza Desert State Park.

MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK: The Idyllwild headquarters area of this park and the high mountain region which constitutes its major area, had more visitiors than in any previous year since the park was established. No major construction program was promoted due to labor and material shortage. One project deserves mention, however, this was voluntary trail maintenance and patrol of the upper San Jacinto State Park by Tahquitz Camp, Long Beach Council of Boy Scouts, and Camp Emerson, Riverside Boy Scouts. Two hundred and ten days were given to this project by the Boy Scouts and their leaders. A great experience for the boys and a real contribution toward the improvement of the 25 miles of foot trail within the park and adjacent Forest Service Primitive area.

The work program for 1946 proposes the following greatly needed improvements in the headquarters area and the upper area of the park: a survey of park boundaries, the construction of additional camp units, sanitary facilities, recreational hall, etc.

Guy L. Fleming, Supt.
Southern District

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NORTHERN REDWOOD PARKS ARE SOURCE FOR CASCARA SAGRADA

"Extract of Cascara Sagrada" has been known to the American Medical Profession since 1877. It first was used by the American Indians, later by the Mission Padres of Spanish California. Widely used as a cathartic and tonic, no other native or synthetic drug with the same characteristics has been found.

It is believed that the drug is non-habit forming and that its prescribed use, for some digestive disorders, is beneficial rather than harmful. An increasing demand for it developed during the recent war.

Of Spanish origin, Cascara Sagrada means "sacred bark". The bark of several species of the genus Rhamnus of the buckthorn family, found in both the old and new worlds has so been designated. Some authorities believe the early Spaniards applied the name cascara to the California Coffeeberry, or Rhamnus californica, which grew abundantly near the missions.

The present commercial supply of cascara bark comes from Rhamnus purshiana, treelike shrub that grows natively from southern British Columbia to north central California and inland to Idaho, Montana and the northern Sierra Nevada. The commercial range is limited, however, to the Pacific Coast as far south as Eureka, California. In California cascara is often an understory in redwood forests, particularly in openings, on the edge and on cutover lands, from Orick to the Oregon border.

Gathering of cascara bark is an important industry in rural areas of its commercial range. Pre-war production averaged about 2500 tons annually. Wartime labor shortages and perhaps a diminishing supply, reduced this production greatly.

While peeling of the bark kills the body of the plant, the root-crown sprouts readily in open situations, thus making possible silvicultural management. The future of the industry depends largely on this factor and the development of plantations.

Cascara Sagrada is found growing natively in the State Parks at Prairie Creek, Del Norte Coast, and Mill Creek Redwoods.--E.P.H.

MARIN COUNTY ACQUISITION NAMED SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK

The 1300-acre tract acquired recently in Marin County, formerly known as Camp Taylor, has been officially designated by the State Park Commission as the Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

This action was taken at the commission meeting March 15, in Sonora, Tuolumne County.

The park is named in honor of Samuel Penfield Taylor, who, in November, 1856, opened the first paper mill west of the Mississippi River. The mill was located on Geronimo Creek, now known as Paper Mill Creek.

The park area is thickly covered with redwood, oak, laurel and manzanita.

A program for development of the area is in its formative stage.

RANGER TWIGHT DEFENDS HIS BEACH

New facts and figures on the growing popularity of Van Damme Beach are advanced by B. M. Twight, chief ranger, to correct what he declares to be an unfair picture of the beach as presented in the annual report in the last issue of PN & V.

The report placed Van Damme at the bottom in the NW District in attendance increase from 1944 to '45.

Twight contends that the report failed to show that Van Damme in '44 enjoyed the best season since before 1940, while most other parks had declines in '44 and the two years previous.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

The Dolder Regime

The March issue, as mentioned in the February issue, is being put out by Edward F. Dolder, Supervisor, Conservation Education, who is assuming the job of editor in chief for News and Views. Again may I state that his success in this capacity will be dependent upon the cooperation that he receives from the field forces.

Commission Action

At the recent meeting of the State Park Commission held in Sonora, the following actions were taken on matters which are of special interest to the field organization. The Commission granted approval for the removal of an old cypress tree at the corner of the First Theatre building in Monterey, which is having a tendency to throw the foundation and floors of the old theatre out of plumb.

The commission also granted a new operating agreement to the Dennis-Watrous Management for a period of five years from July 1, 1946. This renewal is based upon the fact that the Dennis-Watrous Management has achieved a great success in the operation of the theatre for the past eight years. The plans call for close collaboration with the California Centennial Celebrations extending over the years from 1946 to 1950, by producing appropriate plays.

Fountain design on which the Hill Memorial Tablet is to be mounted was approved and this will permit the replacement of this fountain for the one which was dismantled in connection with the development program of Big Sur State Park.

Jack Coon, Post #430 of the American Legion was granted permission to use the facilities at the Armstrong Redwood State Park as a temporary meeting place until they can construct their own hall.

Our Five Busiest Men

Our five busiest men are no doubt the district superintendents who ar responsible for the maintenance and repair program incidental to the co ing park season. Plus the task of developing plans setting forth ways and means of spending the money recently appropriated to this division.

This is the first time in the history of the division when we have had more funds than we could readily expend. The approximate two quarter million dollars allocated at the special session must be expended in the next fifteen months and in order to accomplish this feat with the man power and priority situation in an effective and efficient manner will certainly be a test of the efficiency, capacity and ingenuity of our district superintendents.

Special Notice

In reviewing remittance receipts of fees from the various parks in connection with the usual audit of the Department of Finance, it was brought to my attention that several of the employees only make remittances twice a month. I do not know of any location in which it would be justified to delay remittances more than a week at a time. Kindly endeavor to make your remittances promptly once a week.

Park employees should not accept checks from concessionaires. The concessionaires should send their checks direct to this office or to Mr. D. H. Blood, Departmental Accounting Officer for the Department of Natural Resources.

SAD SHORT STORY

"Injury," said the workman.
"Inattention," said the supervisor
"Inflamation," said the doctor.
"Incurable," said the hospital.
"Incredible," said the undertaker.
"In peace," said the tombstone.

RANGER POOL GIVES "BEAR" FACTS ON RECENT HUNTING INCIDENT

A 450-pound bear met up with Ranger Elmer Pool, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, near the Burney Creek Fish Hatchery recently--and lost the decision.

Now the bear has been reduced to a beautiful skin, large enough to cover a double bed, one smoked ham, a large number of sausages, 100 pounds of corned bear meat, numerous T-bone steaks, and a layer of fat some two inches thick.

The hide will grace the Pool living room floor.

And while speaking of bears, a recent letter from Pool informs us that his great, great uncle, Charlie Hopper, was among the leaders at the raising of the first California Bear Flag at old Sonoma on June 14, 1846.

PALOMAR JAY DELOUSES DEER

Recently Florence Saddler was watching several deer at the salt block which Henry Saddler had put near their Palomar Mountain residence.

As she watched, a Stellar Jay perched on the back of a doe and then walked along the back and up to the neck near the doe's head.

The doe stood quietly, only occassionally twitching her ears, as the jay methodically pecked away at the base of the ears, apparently feasting upon ticks and other insects lodged in the hair.

The doe appeared highly satisfied with the cooperative project.

R.N. ROSS VISITS BIG BASIN

Captain R.N. Ross, with Mrs. Ross and their son, visited Big Basin late last month. Ross formerly was located at Big Basin as a park employee.

Captain Ross served with the U.S. Army Engineers and was discharged last month. He plans to visit in Washington for a time before settling down again.

HOW CALIFORNIA WAS NAMED

This being the centennial year of the Bear Flag Republic, we wonder how many Californians know how this State was named.

Dr. John P. Harrington, linguistic expert of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, in a study published in the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences, points out:

"..That about the year 1511, the writer, Montalvo...translating the early Spanish novel "Amadis de Gaula," which had been written in Portuguese, into Spanish...added a fifth book which was called "Las Sergas de Esplandian"...and in this book speaks of an imaginary island called California..which was ruled by the Queen, Calafia.

"The setting of Montalvo's story is the region of Constantinople.. and the Caliphate..The author was undoubtedly thinking of the Caliphate when he wrote California..and at the end of the word, like a handwriting flourish, he added the Greek word, ornis (bird)...He did this because if he called the island Calafia it would have made the names of the island and of its queen identical.. Montalvo claimed he got the entire story from a Greek."

Twenty-seven years later, in 1537, the Spanish explorer, Cortes, gave his colony at La Paz, in Mexico, the name California. That was what is now lower California. And the name spread to Upper California.

SPRING IS SPRUNG

The fragrance from the orchard
Is wafted by the zephyrs
The verdant hills are flecked
With lambs and colts and heifers.
...D.V.B.

If you place your nose on a grindstone rough
And keep it there long enough,
In time you'll think theres no such thing
As flowers that bloom and birds that sing.
Just three things will your life compose--
You..the grindstone..and your nose.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF HISTORIC EVENTS IN CALIFORNIA IN 1846

With the Bear Flag Republic Centennial to be observed in Sonoma this year on June 14, Superintendent Fleming offers this list of historical events in the creation of our State.

We now offer you-California in the year 1846:

Don Pio Pico, governor of California under Mexican regime.

Capt. John Fremont visits Monterey in January.

In February Capt. Fremont in vicinity of Big Basin.

In early March Fremont is ordered to leave California by General Jose Castro. Fremont defies Castro and moves his company of 60 men to summit of Galivan (Fremont) Peak. On March 6, raises United States flag over his fort. Leaves Galivan Peak during night of March 9-10 and proceeds northward into Oregon. He returns to California in early June.

Fremont's operations in California stir up ill feeling between Californians and Americans which leads to --

"Bear Flag" Revolt and capture of Sonoma on June 14 by American settlers of Napa and Sacramento Valleys.

United States declares war against Mexico May 13. Word of war reaches Monterey on or about June 20.

Commodore John D. Sloat, in command of Pacific squadron of U.S. Navy, arrives at Monterey on July 1. Flag raised July 7 by crew, Sloop Cyane. U. S. Flag raised over Custom House, San Francisco, July 9 by members of crew of U.S. Sloop Portsmouth, Captain John B. Montgomery, commander, "Portsmouth Square" is named for the ship and "Montgomery Street" for the commander.

U.S. Flag raised at Sonoma, July 9 by Lieutenant Revere of U.S. Sloop Portsmouth.

U. S. Flag raised over Sutter's Fort Sacramento, July 11, presumably by Lieutenant Kern of U.S. Army.

Capt. Fremont, promoted to Major, sails from Monterey in the sloop Cyane with his battalion on July 26 for San Diego, arriving July 30, "taking possession and raising the flag without opposition or incident."

On August 10, Don Pio Pico resigns as governor of Alta California and General Jose Castro resigns as head of the territorial army. The State Assembly and the military forces are disbanded "in order that the enemy might find none of the departmental authorities acting."

Los Angeles, capital of Alta California, occupied by U.S. Marines under Commodore Stockton and Army battalion under Major Fremont. U.S. Flag raised in Plaza evening of August 13.

Don Pio Pico leaves California for Mexico on September 7. Does not return to California until July, 1848.

Southern Californians revolt against American occupation and in September and October retake Los Angeles Santa Barbara and San Diego. San Diego reoccupied by Americans in lat October and Santa Barbara in November. Final surrender of Los Angeles January 10, 1847.

On Sept. 25, 1846, General Stephen W. Kearney leaves Santa Fe, New Mex. with 300 men of the First Dragoons for California. They are guided westward by Kit Carson. Arrive at Carrizo Creek, in present Anza Desert State Park, Nov. 28. Proceeding over the mountains they reach the San Pascual Valley the morning of Dec. 6. Here they meet the Californians under General Andres Pico. In the ensuing skirmish the Californians prove the better men and bar the progress of Kearney for four days until U. S. reinforcements arrive from San Diego.

During December, the ill-fated Donner party was trapped in the Sierra Nevada.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
1945 ANNUAL REPORT

Old Custom House

There has been a considerable gain in attendance in 1945 over 1944, particularly after VJ day. In fact this year's attendance has far exceeded that of any year since the establishment of the museum here.

We have started a general repair and refurbishing program to prepare the monument for the Centennial celebration in observance of the raising of the flag of the United States over the Custom House, July 7, 1846, which signified the passing of Alta California from Mexico to the United States of America.

A Comparison of Attendance
At The Custom House
1944 - 1945

	1944	1945	Gain
Jan.	1307	1922	615
Feb.	1744	2014	270
Mar.	2128	2424	296
Apr.	2967	2705	-262
May	2357	2815	458
June	2652	3844	1192
July	3775	5332	1557
Aug.	4347	6237	1890
Sept.	4027	7743	3716
Oct.	3285	4470	1185
Nov.	1927	2338	411
Dec.	1404	1726	322
Total:	31920	43670	11650

California's First Theater

The attendance from January 1, 1945 to June 30 was 12,998, and from July 1 to December 31, 1945 was 15,546, a total of 28,544.

During 1945 there have been six different shows produced, still under the able management of Denny-Watrous; each show running from 2½ to 3 months on weekends and holidays. Since the opening on June 3, 1937 there have been 35 plays with a total of 657 performances.

House of Gold

This historical building, indicated as one of the features along Monterey's path of history, is designated as the "Casa Del Oro". Tho' not open to the public its exterior architectural effect attracts the interest of many visitors as it exemplifies the early Monterey type of building.

Recently the headquarters of the South Central District of the Division of Beaches & Parks was fitted into this historical background in a sympathetic manner that does not disturb its atmosphere of antiquity.

Stevenson House Historical Monument

With the exception of five rooms which were reserved as an apartment for State employees, the Stevenson House is leased to Mrs. Frances Elkins, of Monterey, interior decorator and dealer in antiques. Many of the rooms are utilized only for storage purposes. Of course the building is not open to the general public, but occasionally customers of the Elkins Shop are shown thru some of the rooms.

During the past summer a contract was let to C. L. Frost & Co., Monterey, to put a new roof on the flat portion of the building, an area about 30' by 72'. This job was done in September in time for the first rains. We also built a supply cupboard along the wall in one of the hallways to provide storage space.

Point Lobos Reserve

A comparison of increased attendance of 1945 over 1944 is shown by the following table of revenues and visitors:

	1944		
	Revenue	Cars	Visitors
Jan.	69.25	266	831
Feb.	83.50	322	1282
Mar.	127.00	437	1511
April	148.50	554	1931
May	122.50	500	1423
June	146.50	575	2303
July	185.50	731	2546

Aug.	170.50	679	2395
Sept.	170.50	56[illegible]	2144
Oct.	188.00	775	2163
Nov.	94.75	378	1240
Dec.	96.25	347	1124
	$1602.75	6131	20,893

1945

	Revenue	Cars	Visitors
Jan.	127.50	506	1702
Feb.	138.00	446	1116
March	175.50	704	2461
April	222.25	992	3136
May	189.25	752	2426
June	220.75	896	2898
July	357.00	1420	5035
Aug.	409.00	1637	5925
Sept.	500.00	2055	7088
Oct.	367.25	1469	4474
Nov.	314.00	1256	3513
Dec.	118.50	1156	3913
	$3139.00	13289	43,687

Improvements and new projects for 1946 consist of a rangers cottage to accommodate additional help; additional comfort stations to be built near wharf, survey and possible change at entrance checking station.

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Attendance on increase following removal of gas rationing. Comparison with year 1941, largest prewar from standpoint of collections.

Visitors: 1941 to Aug. 13, 45,115
1941 to Oct. 31, 59,265

Visitors: 1945 to Aug. 13, 44,069
1945 to Oct. 31, 73,693

Receipts: 1941 to Aug. 13, $3,599.20
1941 to Oct. 31, 4,810.95

1945 to Aug. 13, $3,578.80
1945 to Oct. 31, 5,874.00

Thus: On Aug. 13th, day before VJ Day, 1945 receipts $20.40 less. On Oct. 31st, the increase in receipts for 1945 over 1941 reached $1,063.05.

Prospects for increased visitors during 1946:

For several reasons it is expected that the 1946 season at Big Sur will far surpass any former year in attendance and in park receipts. The reasons include:

a. Publicity from the 54,000 members of the armed forces who visited the park in official units during the war.

b. Large increase in population of the areas from which this park draws its visitors, viz: Los Angeles to San Francisco area.

c. Natural tendency for everyone to vacation outdoors after having been confined and overworked during the war period.

d. Shorter working hours and the 5 day week, permitting more time.

Development, calendar year 1945: Converted CCC building into Recreation Hall for park visitors use. Converted small CCC building into men and women rest-rooms. Triple unit horseshoe court constructed.

Proposed development for 1946: Two unit employee family residence apartment. Rest-rooms at Riding Stables for public use. Development of trail to Valley View. Conversion of Boy Scout Camp into three organization camp units.

Morro Bay State Park

Attendance during this season has been above anything previously experienced during peace time. Much of it has been by people in, or families of men in, the various war services. It is estimated that 105,000 people have already visited the park since the beginning of the year for all purposes. The golf attendance has been especially heavy since August, since work at Camp San Luis Obispo has practically ceased and the men have plenty of time for sport. The resumption of unrationed gasoline has not made much difference in park attendance but it has increased the camping considerably.

Developments of most value during the last year have been:
1. Giving over golf course, clubhouse and water system to San Luis

Obispo County, on contract, in keeping with local use policy of State Park System.

2. Re-establishment of boating concession, thus giving pleasure to many fishermen and tourists.

3. Conditioning of park roads by State Division of Highways, which are now in splendid condition.

4. Re-covering and repair of reservoir tops for sanitary reasons.

5. Installation of new type oil burning automatic water heater at camp ground.

6. Prospective acquisition of two new buildings from U.S. Navy, a 64 bedroom Officer's Quarters near campground and an Officer's Club near the golf clubhouse.

7. Additional storage and equipment shed in buildings recently returned by Navy.

No construction work is planned for the coming season except a comfort station at the boat landing. Improvements about the park consist of landscape plantings, repair of buildings, installation of permanent fuel tanks, shop reorganization and installation of cabinets, installation of intercommunicating telephone and maintenance and repair of sewage installations, rock walls, trails, signs, etc., and putting in new signs.

La Purisima Historical Monument

There was an increase of 16% this year over 1944. During 1945 we had 6522 visitors against 5605 during 1944. This increase of 917 patrons is due to the removal of the gas rationing and to the two Divisions stationed at Camp Cooke.

It is proposed to do some work on the old historical water system during the next year to protect water rights and depict a primitive water storage and distribution works which is one of the interesting phases of California Spanish Mission life.

Fort Tejon Historical Monument

The State Division of Beaches & Parks has cleared up title to this property and is at the present time surveying boundaries and constructing a fence around the property for the further protection to buildings and ruins of this old historical military outpost.

Carpinteria Beach State Park

Nearly all the camp ground is in lawn. The small shrubs and trees are Carob, Monterey pine, Eucalyptus Camphor, Pepper, Lemonade Berry, Pittosporum, Toyon Berry, Hibiscus, Oleander, to name a few of them. Large rocks mark the driveways and roads. The table in each camp is made of concrete with seats attached the cupboards are wood bottoms with concrete stove containers and wood lids covering the 2 burner gas stoves. There are 22 trailer spaces and 20 spaces for tents, a total of 42 camps that can be used either for tents or trailers - except the 20 camps do not have electricity and only part of them have gas stoves. In the 22 spaces or camps there are water faucets, electric outlet boxes, gas stoves, and a cesspool is dug for each trailer sink drain. There is a combination building complete with laundry room and clothes lines. The picnic grounds have several wood stoves made of rock work, and concrete tables with benches attached. Also on the lawn is a barbecue pit about 4' x 16' with stove top on each end; one slop sink and a work table; 24 3 x 8 portable tables to set a large party; also restrooms in picnic grounds too. The picnic grounds are in the eucalyptus grove.

From the first of this year there has been a change in the park; maybe the lawn has grown nicer, or perhaps the weather is warmer; then too a lot of people have come to camp because their friends or relatives were here once and liked it. Anyway no matter why they came, they were here; in fact about 5 to 20 campers had to be turned away and sent on to some

other place every day for there was just no room for any more people. During last winter 20 more camps were completed, enough to be used and people camped in the picnic grounds. There were at one time (lasting nearly 2 months) 85 campers registered in the park. So far this year the total collections have been $4,196.40. 1944 collections totaled $1,946.30.

It is proposed to build a combination building on the camp grounds to replace crude temporary facilities. This will comprise laundry, double showers for men and women, and ample sanitary facilities. This building should be ready for the 1946 season.

The old Clubhouse sustained so much damage during the war while used for national defense purposes that is is proposed to dismantle it, salvage materials and provide more adequate buildings in keeping with the purpose and funds of this recreational beach area.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT
1945 ANNUAL REPORT

Castle Crags

This park has been closed from 1943-45, inclusive, and there was no development in 1945. The area across the Sacramento River has been open to the public and jointly serviced by a tenant and Ranger Pool.

The entire area will be re-opened in 1946. All structures are badly in need of repairs, painting and servicing.

Fort Ross

There were no developments during 1945. The attendance in 1944 was 4,262. The 1945 attendance rose to 11,680, with 7,082 of this total coming after the end of gas rationing.

Planned developments and improvements for 1946 include repairs to the Commandant's Home, completion of the stockade, restoration of the northwest blockhouse, general landscaping of grounds, water development and fire protection. A curator's residence and garage, and two comfort stations, are badly needed.

Armstrong Redwoods

Development in 1945 included the installation of a 5,000 gallon redwood water storage tank, and connections, and the construction of a 30 foot bridge, 8 feet wide, to service a proposed picnic area.

The 1945 attendance was 103,115, as compared with 66,110 in 1944. 52,285 of the 1945 visitors came after the end of gas rationing.

Proposed 1946 developments and improvements include a new ranger's residence, garage units, a combination building, 30 picnic units, 10 camping units, 25,000 gallon water storage tank, and 1,750 feet of underground electric power lines to camp grounds and service buildings.

All present structures are in good condition, except for the outdoor theatre area.

McArthur-Burney Falls

A rail fence around the top of Burney Falls, and the installation of pit toilets for winter use, were the 1945 developments at this park.

The 1945 attendance was 6,598, with 3,636 coming after the end of gas rationing. 1944's attendance totaled 2,667.

Developments planned for 1946 include a combination office and checking station, a combination shop, storage, and garage, and a register shelter.

An extensive removal program of beetle-infested pine trees was carried on during the year. This was almost a continuous job as the area around the park is heavily infested.

A cleaning of the CCC Camp is underway. All structures will be removed except three, to be used for storage.

Sonoma Coast

There were no 1945 developments, and no ranger is assigned to this park. It is most difficult to estimate the visitors to this 7-mile shore line.

Planned 1946 developments include a ranger's residence, garage, comfort stations at Salmon Creek, Portuguese Beach, Shell Beach, Wrights Beach and Goat Rock, storage and distribution water development, picnic and camping units roads and parking areas, trails, signs and markers.

Donner Monument

No developments in 1945, as the monument was closed from 1943 to 1945, inclusive.

Buildings and grounds in poor condition and all structures should be removed and replaced. An extensive postwar development program has been proposed.

Tahoe Campground

This area has been closed since 1943. All structures in bad condition and should be replaced.

A definite program of maintenance and construction should be established here, an all-year ranger stationed, and a residence built at once.

D.L. Bliss Park

This park was closed from 1943 to 1945, inclusive. All structures were in good condition at the end of the 1945 season. Preparatory to the 1946 opening, the following construction and maintenance repairs will be necessary:

New water storage tank (preferably concrete), overhauling of water distribution system, repair and replacement of damaged toilet units, check sewage disposal, extension of power lines to beach camp grounds, road repairs, removal of dead and dangerous snags from used areas, new signs and markers, and a survey of the pine trees for beetle-infestation.

Marshall Monument

No development in 1945. Attendance for 1945 was 10,000, with 6000 visitors coming after the end of gas rationing. The 1944 attendance was 5,600. There are no planned 1946 developments. All structures are old and almost beyond repair. A study of possible improvements should be made here in conjunction with the Gold Discovery Site.

Gold Discovery Site

1945 developments at this site included construction of a concrete ramp approaching the Sutter Mill Marker, channel clearance of dredger tailings, construction of sacked concrete revetment along side parking area and State Highway 49, as well as concrete pipe drainage at entrance.

No ranger was stationed at the site in 1945.

Planned development includes construction of stoves and rail fence along highway, grading and surfacing of parking area, repairs to Sutter Mill Site marker, construct roads, trails, develop water system and plan for Centennial of 1848, with possible construction of a replica of the Sutter Mill, races, etc.

Vallejo Home

Developments in 1945 included a district warehouse and the painting of the Vallejo Home. Attendance in 1945 was 10,363, as compared to 5,411 in 1944. 5,513 visitors came after the end of gas rationing.

Sonoma Mission

No developments in 1945. However, through the courtesy of General H.

H. Arnold of the Army Air Forces a very interesting exhibit has been added to the museum, consisting of model planes and war relics.

Attendance in 1945 was 20,796, as compared to the 1944 figure of 10,371.

Planned developments in 1946 include a curator's residence, a garage and storage unit, a combination comfort station, water system, landscaping and road repairs.

The Bear Flag Republic Centennial will be held in June in this area and it is hoped the mission will be presentable for the occasion.

Calaveras Big Trees

Developments in 1945 included: construction of power line into park by P. G. & E., replacing our gasoline-powered plant, construction of 100,000 gallon concrete water reservoir with pipe lines, pump house and supply basin, (this development not operating properly at present), 24 foot bridge, 16 feet wide, across creek at lower end of meadow, installed 36 inch culvert, replacing wooden cribbing at the "Mother Tree", channel clearance on the "Big Trees Trail".

Attendance in 1945 was 31,680, as compared to 10,857 in 1944.

Planned developments include 2 new rangers' residences, 2 garage units, toboggan slide, meadow drainage, winter shelters, fire protection to buildings (installation of sprinkling system), extended power lines to camp and picnic areas, complete water development.

Along the "Big Trees Trail" we plan to complete drainage cleanup, replace trail markers, install comfort stations.

In the Big Trees section a new growth of Sequoia has started in an area that needs thinning out and protection to encourage growth.

In maintenance, all buildings are in good condition. A new shingle roof has been laid on the recreation hall, a complete cleanup of all CCC buildings and the occupied area has been made, picnic and camp areas have been cleaned, and certain bug-infested trees in the headquarters area have been removed.

NEW HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL

New personnel joining the division headquarters staff since the February issue of PN & V are:

Edward L. Schmahl, who will be in general engineering and surveys and studies for postwar development, as an assistant forestry engineer.

Clyde C. Cramer, in similar work, as an assistant civil engineer.

Ronald E. Miller, who will assist in office supervision, budget control, and general accounting, as a supervising account clerk, grade 1.

Mrs. Jewel Christiansen, new secretary to Mr. Hennessey, land acquisition officer.

MOUNTAIN LAKES

In the bosoms of the mountains,
Lie the mirrors of the gods,

Teardrops from the heavens
Where the Redwood gently nods.

And the lace-like silver lining of
A nearby hanging cloud

The hilltop in the distance does
So tenderly enshroud.

In the arms of Mother Nature,
Like the nursing of a child,

Lie the crystal pools of Pluvius
In the silence of the wild.

The reflections of your snow peaks
Where naught but eagles pass,

In the clearness of your waters
Is the angel's looking glass.

Leo Carrillo
State Park Commissioner

PERSONNEL ROSTER
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Foss Werner, Skilled Laborer
Franklyn Brown, Assistant Ranger
Leonard Penhale, Skilled Laborer

Prairie Creek, Orick, Calif.

C. L. Milne, Chief Ranger

Richardson Grove, Richardson Grove, Calif.

E. G. Gray, Assistant Ranger
Robert Matthews, Deputy Ranger

San Clemente Beach, San Clemente, Calif.

Rudolph Anderson, Assistant Ranger
Kenneth Stanley, Deputy Ranger

San Juan Bautista Historical Monument, San Juan Bautista, Calif.

Frank Fair, Deputy Ranger
John F. Ottoboni, Skilled Laborer

Seacliff Beach, Aptos, Calif.

Charles Hight, Assistant Ranger
Carl Schnauer, Deputy Ranger
Glenn A. Jackson, Deputy Ranger
T. B. Butler, Laborer

Stevenson House Historical Monument, Monterey, Calif.

Arthur Sill, Assistant Ranger
Pearl Sill, Janitress

Sonoma Mission Historical Monument, Sonoma, Calif.

Daisy V. Barbour, Curator
Robt. Padias, Asst. Groundsman & Gardener
Dulinda Brusky, Janitress

Van Damme Beach, Little River, Calif.

B. M. Twight, Chief Ranger
De Ronz Young, Skilled Laborer

Williams Grove, Weott, Calif.

E. J. Nash, Chief Ranger

Will Rogers' State Park, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Eugene Velzy, Chief Ranger
Jack Prudek, Deputy Ranger
Herbert Hedicke, Skilled Laborer.
Harold Pesch, Assistant Ranger
E. L. Zoller, Curator
Jack W. Lumley, Deputy Ranger

Jalopy Joe -------- VS -------- Handsome Harry

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

A 1946 revised pamphlet on the Rules and Regulations for California State Parks is off the press and is available. Order yours.

Chief Henning directs that each park be provided with the new issue, and that all previous issues be returned to Sacramento.

The revised pamphlet shows the increased rates for use of electricity and gas by park campers.

BIG SUR WILL MARK INDIAN ROCK

A land mark of the Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, heretofore not noted on information pamphlets as a point of interest, is "Indian Rock" on the Big Sur River at the South campground road entrance.

On this rock are three mortar-like depressions where acorns and grains were ground up by Indians who lived in the area prior to the entry of white men.

It is proposed to mark the area as it has visitor-interest possibilities, and is easy to locate and inspect without damage to the park.

"PETEY" WEAVER GIVES WOMAN'S VIEWS ON UNIFORM

Harriett Weaver, former recreation leader at Big Basin who will be with us again (same park, same position) this year, uses both the sketch pen and the written word to give us the women's angle on what the well-dressed park ranger should wear.

In short, she says: ...

"A return to forest green would be fine....but those hats!!! People expect to see certain distinguishing things in a ranger of any kind and are disappointed if it isn't there.

"The National Parks are smart enough to provide the color and appearance tradition has given to a park man.

"The Stetson is one important symbol of that tradition. It would be nice to keep the distinguished appearance of the service.. or are we going back to the custodian stage again?...Only the opinion of a woman, but one who has been in just the position to hear a lot of opinion expressed.".

So there you are, men. Now you know what one woman thinks.

KNOW YOUR HISTORIC LANDMARKS

The registration and marking of historic landmarks of California, begun in 1931, has resulted today in the registration of 386 such sites by the Department of Natural Resources.

Since the inauguration of the program, the Historic Landmark Approval Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce has been passing on all applications for registration to determine the suitability and authenticity of such landmarks from a historic standpoint.

Applications for registration must be made on forms supplied through the State Chamber of Commerce, 350 Bush Street, San Francisco. The forms are returned to the chamber and are passed upon by each member of the approval committee.

After approval, the application with the supporting data and approval signatures is sent to the Department of Natural Resources where it is duly registered.

Upon being officially registered as a historic landmark, the Department of Natural Resources notifies the State Highway Division so that proper directional signs leading to the historic site can be erected. These signs are furnished by the northern or southern automobile clubs, depending, of course, in whose territory they are located.

The erection of such directional markers are contingent upon a plaque being erected at the actual site. Until such a plaque or monument is erected, it is deemed useless to direct travel to such sites.

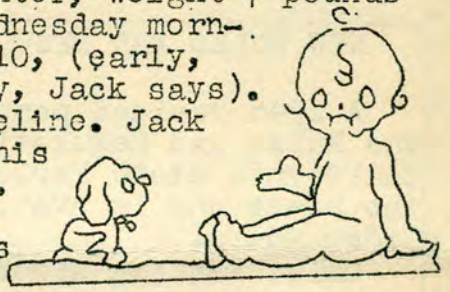
The monument, or plaque to be erected in such registered sites is not a function of any State department. Heretofore all such monuments or plaques have been erected by and at the expense of certain public-spirited groups such as the Native Sons, Native Daughters, Daughters of the American Revolution, etc. In a few instances some monuments have been erected by counties using county funds.

To better acquaint Park personnel with these historic landmarks, PN & V in the next issue begins a series of summaries on the historical landmarks of the State of California.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Under news items of special interest, Ranger Eugene Velzy says:

"Born, to Jack and Stella Prudek a baby daughter, weight 7 pounds 1 ounce, Wednesday morning, April 10, (early, darned early, Jack says). Named Jacqueline. Jack is busting his buttons off. PS--13 newborn kittens in assorted colors for sale cheap."



MRS. ALLARD RETURNS TO GROVE

Mrs. Louise B. Allard of Willows, Glenn County, will return to Richardson Grove State Park on June 1 as the park recreation leader for the summer season.

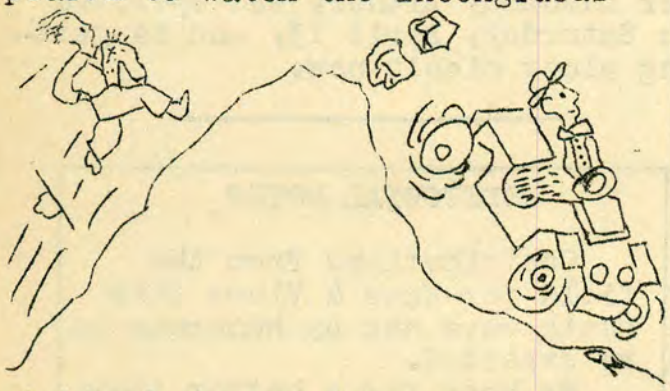
Mrs. Allard will be assisted ably by her twin sons now attending Sacramento College.

JEEPERS! NOW JEEPS!

It was a new pretty little civilian jeep, resting there so proudly while its owner picnicked at Artist's Point in Mt. Diablo State Park.

And those green, rolling hills nearby beckoned--no rough roads, no turns--just grassy green slopes; and so the jeep picked up its driver and away they went for a romp over the hills and meadows.

At this point Ranger Chaffee appeared to watch the incongruous



sight of the war-time roughrider turned sissy on the soft green hill of California.

He groaned,."First motorcycles that refuse to stay on the roads.. now JEEPS!"

When the wayward midget returned Chaffee asked its driver if he had a good time, and firmly recommended it be the last of such good times in State parks.

RANGER FAIR ON WRONG END

Frank Fair, deputy ranger at San Juan Bautista Historical Monument, was on the wrong end of the punch recently when he requested a transient, who was molesting plants at the mission to move on.

The molestor knocked Fair down and severely bruised his hip. Fair had him arrested and in court the man was fined $150.00 or sentenced to serve 75 days in jail.

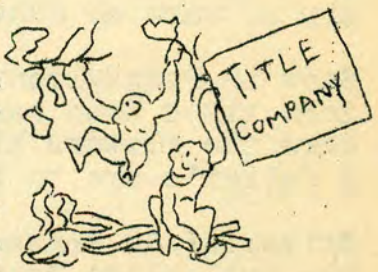
The would-be plant collector is thinking it over in the county bastile.

We are as big as the things that annoy us.

ASSURED TITLE

The Department of the Interior in Washington was looking up titles in Kentucky, with the idea of securing a site for a National Monument. The favored site looked good but the title was guaranteed only as far back as 1803.

That would satisfy most of us but the Government is very particular, so the department demanded that the title be traced back to its source, regardless.



In due course the explanation arrived, signed by the attorney for the owners of the land:

"Please be advised that the Government of the United States acquired the land to which your inquiry applies by the purchase of the Territory of Louisiana from the government of France in the year 1803. That government acquired title by conquest from the government of Spain, which government acquired title by discovery of one Christopher Columbus, traveler and explorer, a resident of Genoa, Italy, who by agreement concerning the acquisition of title to any lands discovered, traveled and explored under the sponsorship and patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain.

"The Queen of Spain had verified her arrangements and received the Sanction of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and ex-officio representative and vice regent of Jesus Christ, son and heir apparent of God. God made Louisiana. I trust this complies with your request."

Kentucky got the monument.

FIRST THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

"Under the Gaslight" closed its run at the First Theatre Historical Monument in Monterey on April 6 to mark the end of the 40th production and the 681st performance since the opening in June, 1937.

CALIFORNY, HERE I AM!

Blizzards back in York State,
Sing their frosty tune
Here the sun a-shinin'
Air as warm as June.

Snow in Pennsylvany
Zero times down east
Here the flowers bloomin
A feller's eye to feast.

Shiverin' in Kansas
The hull blame country froze
Here the birds a-singin'
Girls in Summer clothes

Its everyone his own way
The place he'd like to be
But give me Californy
It's good enough for me.

Daisy V. Barbour

CORRECTION IN PARK ACREAGE

Last month we listed the acreage for the new Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County at 1300 acres.

While the park has not yet been fully surveyed, the acreage is approximately 2500 acres.

WEOTT HONORS WAR DEAD

Earl Hanson reports that the community of Weott, Humboldt County recently raised $103.00 as a contribution to the National Tribute Grove of Redwoods.

The contribution commemorates Pfc. Benjamin E. Dashiell of Weott, only man of that community to die in the recent war.

"Stand back of your lover, false woman," shouted the Scotsman who found his wife in the arms of another man, "I'm going to shoot the both of you."

HILL FOUNTAIN AT BIG BASIN

We recently published the Andrew P. Hill Memorial Fountain as having been in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The fountain was dismantled at Big Basin, and will be erected again in the same park.

ARTHUR SILL IN HOSPITAL

Word from Mrs. Pearl Sill at the Stevenson House Historical Monument in Monterey, informs us that her husband, Arthur, was operated on Saturday, April 13, and is getting along nicely now.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Contributions from the field for News & Views this month were not as numerous as we expected.

We hope for a better showing in May.

Thanks goes to Rosalind Clary for the art work in this issue.

BLACK BART RIDES AGAIN

"Black Bart", a drama of the famous early-day California stage coach bandit, is currently featured at the First Theatre Historical Monument in Monterey.

Melcena Burns Denny of San Diego, author, appeared at the performance Friday night, April 12, and was presented with a large basket of calendulas.

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EASTER GREETINGS

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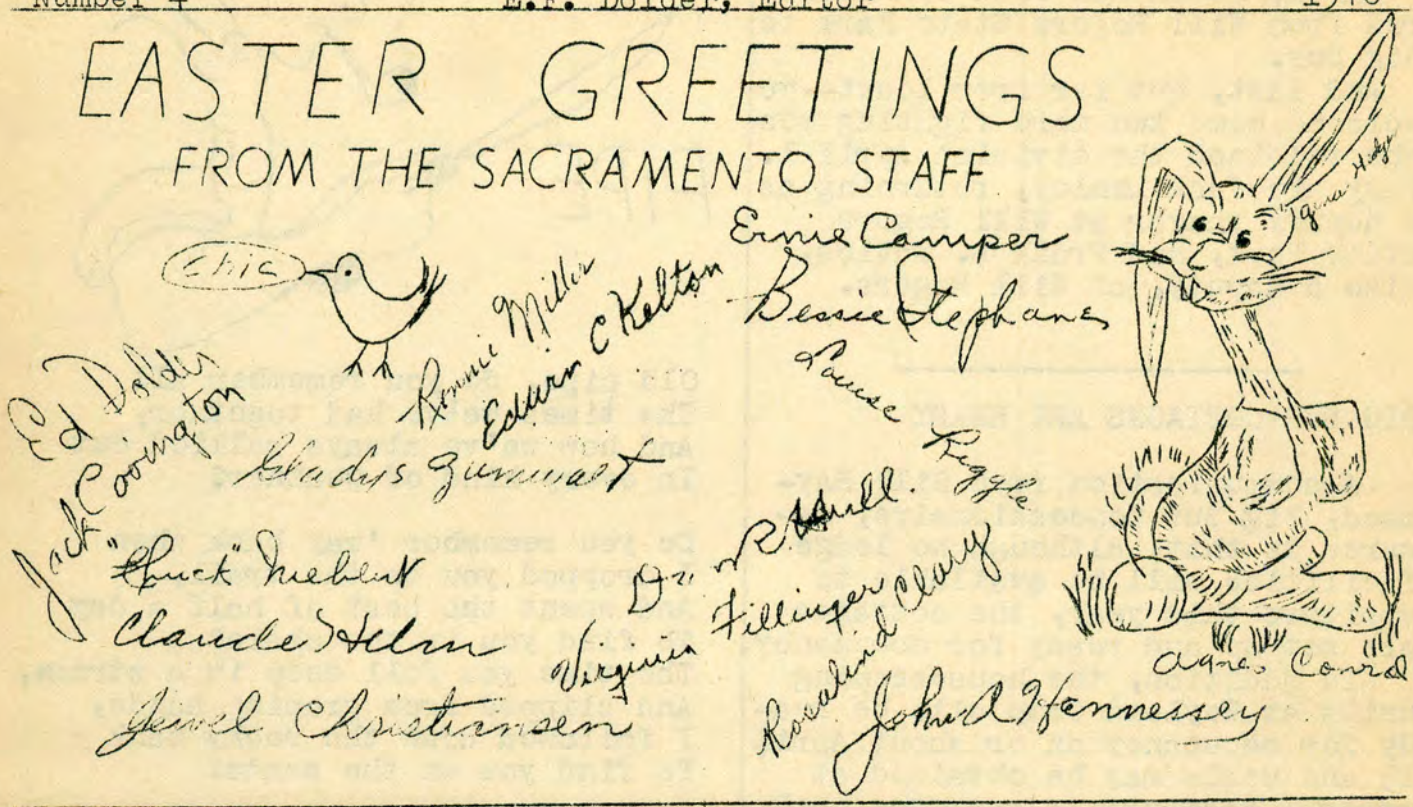

New Personnel Changes And Additions In Parks

It would appear, according to the personnel roster published in the March issue of PN & V, that several employees had suffered un warrented demotions, and some promotions.

We haston to correct this information, as well as add a few bits of new info on personnel additions and changes.

Jack Dyson, at the Dyerville Headquarters, is a deputy ranger, not an assistant; and R.L.Banfill, listed as a deputy ranger at Dyerville, actually is an assistant ranger, and stationed at the Burlington Campground in the Humboldt Redwood State Park.

B.M. Twight of Van Damme Beach, is an assistant ranger, not a chief ranger. Now we have the northern district straightened out.

Down in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park we reported C.O.Grannis as a skilled laborer. Actually he is a carpenter and a very fine draftsman...being responsible for an excellent map of Big Sur which will

MOUNT DIABLO PLANE CRASH

An army airplane, carrying two officers, crashed at 11:20 A.M. April 8, at the foot of Ransome Point in Mt. Diablo State Park.

The point is at an elevation of 3000 feet, and is due north of the summit at about a mile distance by trail.

The plane was located by air at 4 P.M. the same day and the bodies of the two officers were recovered at 4:30 A.M. the next day.

Park employees, headed by Chief Ranger Jess Chaffee, assisted in the search, and utilized the airplane beacon at the summit as a spotlight to direct the party recovering the bodies.

Chaffee reports this crash to be the first recorded on Mt. Diablo.

PERSONNEL CHANGES CONTINUED:

be of great aid to tourists this summer.

Harold Pesch has been transferred from Will Rogers State Park to Big Sur.

And last, but far from least--we welcome home two more fighting men who rejoined the division April 1. They are Jack Lomley, returning as a deputy ranger at Will Rogers State Park, and Frank L. Davies, also a deputy, at Will Rogers.

BIG SUR COTTAGES ARE READY

A communication from Bill Raymond, Big Sur Concessionaire, assures us that, although no lodge facilities will be available to visitors this year, the cottages are set up and ready for occupancy.

In addition, the housekeeping units at Weyland Camp will be ready for occupancy on or about April 15 and meals may be obtained at several restaurants near the park.

HANSON IN THE SPRING

Excerpt from Ranger Earl Hanson's April 6th weekly report from Dyerville:

"I like my vacation in the Spring, because it is then most lovely flowers are in bloom, gentle zephyrs caress, sweet sunbeams are shining down the wanderlust is strongest, not so many persons are foolish or lucky enough, poison oak is most potent, and it's the best cure for Spring fever I know. I start today!"

Old pipe, do you remember all
The times we've had together,
And how we've always sallied out
In every kind of weather?

Do you remember 'way back when
I dropped you on the trail,
And spent the best of half a day
To find you in the shale?
The time you fell deep in a stream,
And slipped from groping hands,
I followed down the rocky bank
To find you on the sands?

Do you remember mornings cool,
Shadows healing hillside scars;
Smell of smoke at evening -
The silence of the stars?
The mountain meadows white with frost,
The spring where robins nest,
The shining stretches of the lake,
And cloud-banks in the west?

Do you remember silent pools
Where lay the wily trout,
And how we talked about the thing
Each time we got one out?
Do you remember nights on guard,
And rests between the drills -
Do you remember heavy packs,
And outposts in the hills?

We've known them all: the April rains,
And leaves in late September;
Smell of sunshine on the grass -
Old pipe, do you remember?

C. J. Cary
Dept. of Agriculture

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

SPRING CONFERENCE

On April 18 and 19, the annual Spring District Superintendent's conference will be held in Sacramento, at which time final arrangements will be discussed for the park activities of the coming season. Summer is in the offing and will no doubt usher in the greatest park activities season that this Division has ever experienced.

In order to provide maximum facilities for the vacation-seeking public, the following parks, which have been closed throughout the duration, either have been or will be reopened for the coming season: Castle Crags, Tahoe Hatchery Camp Ground, and Bliss-Rubicon State Parks.

A BUSY COMMISSION

The members of our State Park Commission devote a very considerable amount of time to the activities of the Division aside from mere attendance at Commission meetings. Chairman Knowland has, during the past months, called a series of meetings in various parts of the State to discuss the coming Centennial celebrations. Mr. Knowland is Chairman of the Centennial Celebrations Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Carrillo has spoken at several locations in Souther California upon the activities of the Division and is championing the preservation of the Redwoods.

Commissioner Dockweiler is very active in the Los Angeles area in advancing preservation of our State historical monuments.

Commissioner Kasch is at present on an extensive inspection tour of the Division's central and southern California areas. He also intends visiting a number of additional properties which are under acquisition consideration by the Division.

Commissioner Waldner has only recently been released from Army service and will no doubt be just as active as the other members of the Commission when he has readjusted his personal affairs.

NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The new Federal regulations restricting the use of construction materials is seriously effecting our postwar development and construction program. However, all the park structures which were started previous to March 26, 1946, will be carried to completion.

Our construction and development program will be revamped and limited to such projects which do not require critical materials as listed by the Federal authorities.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

All field personnel expense accounts must be sent by the employee to the District Superintendent who, in turn, must initial same before it is sent to the central office.

All engineering personnel operating under Colonel Kelton will submit their expense accounts to Colonel Kelton who will initial them for final approval.

NEW PARK FOLDER

The new park folder is receiving many favorable comments and requests for same are being received from Chambers of Commerce and travel organizations throughout the entire United States.

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COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF
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NOTICE TO RETURNED VETERANS

Any of the returned veterans who wish to have the photostatic copy of their discharge, (submission of which was required by the Personnel Board) may have same returned to them on application direct to the State Personnel Board, 1015 L Street, Sacramento 14, California.

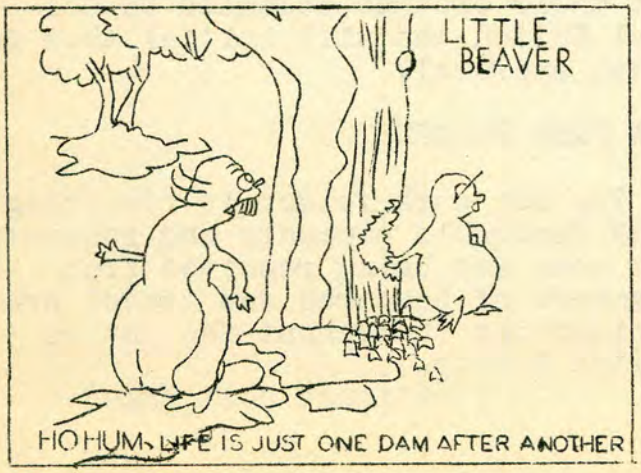
CONCESSIONS

The Lodge and other concession services of Big Basin are already in operation, cabins are available at Big Sur and Richardson Grove facilities will be opened May 1.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I have just contacted the State Personnel Board in order to find out when action may be expected on the requested increase in salaries for the field employees which was submitted to the Personnel Department last October. I was informed that recommendation by the personnel staff will be made to the Personnel Board in June. I then asked whether the increases that I hope will be granted at that time will be retroactive to October and was informed that since the request was in for such a long period of time that it was likely that such a retroactive arrangement would be forthcoming, same having been officially requested.

A. E. Henning



NEW BRIGHTON-SEACLIFF BEACH NOTES

By L.L. Moore

It is especially beautiful here now. The surrounding hills are green, and flowering fruit orchards nearby add a touch of color. Many small planes from the airport across the ravine, dart around over the park like giant dragon flies.

Wildflowers and blackberry vines are starting to bloom. Larks are plentiful--and musical...and cotton tail rabbits frisk about.

There is one group of three girls with very short shorts and very scant bras (they call them bathing suits), who come here every few days to stretch out in the sand by the pier where we rangers are often on duty...and must be alert as to what goes on.

The girls lie flat on their stomachs and then unhook their bras to allow an even tan on their backs. This interests many visitors--and rangers.

One of our group, who shall be nameless, suggests that if a talented pea-shooter could hit one of the rear elevations, the girl might turn over in a hurry.

The odds are against it, and of course, as rangers, we are not eligible--but if anyone knows of a good pea-shooter.....

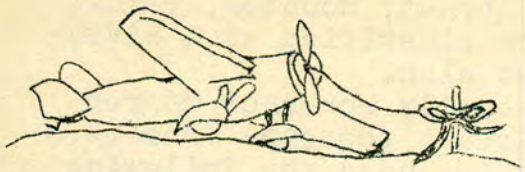
Spring is really present at Seacliff. More and more of the lovely ones in scant bathing attire are seen each day.

Our big, genial Tom Butler had a big thrill recently when one of the slickest creatures in the most form fitting, sleek, black suti, came from the ocean begging for attention.

Tom was startled, and shy, and started for the safety of the pier. His admirer followed, begging with soft eyes and gentle movements for him to stay.

Believe it or not-it was a small seal, and it waddled up to Tom, stood high on its flippers and begged for food.

THE AIR AGE



It can truly be said the air age has come to State parks.

Ranger Jack Fleckenstein of Doheny State Beach reports that a Piper Cub plane made a landing on the beach and he issued Campsite rental No. B18884 to the owner-flyer so that he could park his air flivver at the beach overnight.

OLMSTED OUT OF HOSPITAL

Frederick Law Olmsted, who has been conducting a survey of lands under consideration for acquisition by the State Park Commission, has just been released from the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley where he had been treated for a month following a severe fall in the Butano Forest near Big Basin.

Mr. Olmsted suffered shoulder and rib fractures and arm lacerations. It will be necessary for him to convalesce for several weeks before his health will permit a continuance of the Butano survey.

ROSE OF THE RANCHO WILL BE PRESENTED IN JULY AT FIRST THEATRE MONUMENT

"Rose of the Rancho" will be presented at the First Theatre State Historical Monument in Monterey during the California Centennial celebrations in July.

This presentation will be a royalty play, and marks the first attempt by the Denny-Watrous management at such a large production. Special direction will be necessary especially for the dancing in the fiesta scenes of the play.

REPORTS FROM THE PARKS

PORTOLA STATE PARK--We have 30 temporary camp sites with table and stove setups, and about the same number of picnic sites ready for this summer's use.

The access road is not in good condition, being very narrow, but we expect good crowds.

The fishing season, which begins here on May 27th, has every indication of being very good, due to a late run of steelhead trout. This being the first season it has been generally known that the streams will be open, a great number of fishermen have come in to inquire, and inspect the park.

Many clubs and Boy Scout troops have indicated a desire to come to the park during the Summer.

From all indications, we are due for a very dangerous fire season, as the ground cover and brush areas are very dry already.

RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK--The concession employees dormitory is nearly completed and partially occupied. This new dormitory replaces the one destroyed by fire in 1943, and is being built almost entirely from lumber salvaged from the old CCC camp at Russian Gulch.

Salvage work still going on at the Gulch will produce enough lumber to build a second dormitory for the park. Conversion of the present State employees' dormitory into a two-family duplex will be completed for summer occupancy.

Bill: "What about the dollar you owe me?"

Tom: "It's your birthday on Friday. I'll bring it to you with my congratulations."

Bill: "You just bring the money and I'll congratulate myself."

The plot is laid in the Old Castro Rancho in Monterey County, and the grave of the "Rose" still is tenderly cared for in the cemetary of Mission San Juan.

RECREATION AND NATURE PROGRAMS WILL OPEN IN THREE PARKS IN JUNE

Nest month will see the opening of the 1946 nature guide and recreation program at Big Basin, Pfeiffer Big Sur, and Richardson Grove state parks.

Personnel scheduled for the Big Basin program include Don C. Meadows, of Long Beach, as the nature guide, and Miss Harriett Weaver, of Big Sur, as the recreation leader. Mr. Meadows is a teacher of biology in the Long Beach school system, has written numerous articles and lectured on nature work, and before the war he headed a biological survey of the Channel Islands for the Los Angeles Museum. He has made many field trips of long duration and is regarded as a good outdoorsman.

Miss Weaver needs no introduction to park personnel, because of the good work she has done in the past.

At Big Sur, Deputy Ranger James Blee, transferred from La Purisima State Historical Monument, will serve as the nature guide and direct the general recreational program. The recreation leader will be John Johnston, a teacher from Whittier, California, who has had experience in summer camp recreation programs.

The nature guide for Richardson Grove has not been definitely selected as yet, and the recreation leader will be Mrs. Louise Allard, of Willows, who successfully directed the program at the park last year.

In addition, we now are attempting to employ a traveling nature guide to experiment with a program in four State parks--Cuyamaca Rancho, Armstrong Grove, Calaveras Big Trees and Doheny Beach. This man would spend about ten days each in three of the parks and approximately two months at Cuyamaca Rancho.

Big Basin, Pfeiffer Big Sur, and Richardson Grove each will be supplied with motion picture projectors, slide projectors, portable beaded picture screens, color slides song slides--and six educational motion pictures will arrive each week from the University of California Visual Education Library.

TEXANS WANT ROADSIDE PARKS

The Cox Family, of 315 East 25th Street, Houston, Texas, can be classified as a civic-minded clan.

Recently Governor Warren received a postcard from them which included the following poem:

We have traveled many fine highways
And historical markers we've read;
But the one that we look forward to
Is "Roadside Park Ahead".

Where travelers can rest and relax
Have a picnic, be happy and gay,
And view our wonderful countryside
In the good old American way.

A shady nook and a place to cook
Without much cost can be made,
Will win eternal gratitude
Of the traveling parade.

So in your post-war planning
Please do everything you can
To "Build a park by the side of the road
And be a friend of man."

The card was mimeographed and apparently the Cox family has sent copies of it to all states.

MOVE TO NEW OFFICE

The Sacramento office of the Division of Beaches & Parks will move to a new location on May 28. After that date the address is 1211-16th ST.

building the Pardee Dam for the cities of the East Bar, secured gravel from Lancha Plana, it was found so rich in gold that dredgers were installed and run most profitably. Independent operators are conducting mining activities in the section now; but no permanent building has resulted.

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DRYTOWN, Amador County.
NUMBER - 31

Drytown is the oldest town in the county and the first in which gold was found. As early as the Spring of '48 a motley population of Mexicans, Indians, and Anglo-Saxons were working the rich gulches. The early history is the usual one of $100-a-day panning, rough cabins, scurvy, a disastrous fire, horse-thieving, murders, and hangings at such picturesque named places as Rattlesnake Gulch, Murderer's Gulch, Mile Gulch, Forest Home, Arkansas Creek, Horse Creek, Willow Springs, and Yankee Hill. Mrs. Macklin's home, in which there is still a resident, came around the horn.

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READING'S BAR, Shasta County
NUMBER - 32.

Pierson Barton Reading arrived at Sutter's Fort on November 10, 1843, and in December, 1844 secured the northermost Mexican Land Grant in California, comprising more than 26,000 acres extending along the Sacramento River from Salt Creek to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek.

When Marshall made the gold discovery at Coloma, January 24, 1848, Major Reading was among the first to visit the scene. Noting the soil was the same, he and his Indians washed out the first gold on a bar at the mouth of the canyon to Clear Creek. (Bancroft puts the date of the discovery between March and December, 1848. Major Reading was at Coloma with Sutter in April, 1848, but his daughter, Miss Alice Reading, says that this was her father's second visit to Coloma, and that March, 1848 is the correct date.)

The bar was long known as Reading's Bar, but the name, like the pioneer, has passed away, and is now only remembered by a few of the old settlers. It was originally about 300 feet long and 50 feet wide, but is now all filled in.

Major Reading's son, Robert L. Reading (now deceased) stated that 150 Indians and squaws were employed in digging out the gold and took out as high as 52 ounces a day.

Says a writer in the San Francisco Chronicle, May 13, 1887:

"I have sat by the hour and hear Major Reading relate his early experiences from the time he and Major Bidwell were clerks for John A. Sutter until a few months before his death; how he and his Indians had taken out gold by the bucketful about Horsetown; how he would pour the dust into the scales of the packers to balance in weight the articles he purchased from them."

On a flat adjoining the bar was the camp of Horsetown, which became the center of this mining district, and was originally known as the Clear Creek Diggings. The mining done by Reading and Moon was about all the mining done on Clear Creek previous to the immigration of 1849, which came in on the Lassen Trail from Oregon. The flat upon which Horsetown was situated is high up Clear Creek as wagons could be conveniently taken at that time, and there in the latter part of September, 1849 the first explorers of Clear Creek and the adjoining diggings by common consent, pitched their tents.

At one time during the month of October 1849, there were three or four hundred men at and about the Clear Creek Diggings. The most of them were from Western States and knew nothing about mining. Most of the miners commenced mining a haphazard way, with a shovel, pick, and pan, on bars on Clear Creek between Reading's Bar and Muletown Bar, others mined in the dry gulches with knife and spoon, in the crevices and

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HISTORICAL LANDMARKS (Continued)

dry gulches where the gold was coarse. A portion of the miners did well, making from an ounce to $100 a day, but the most of them were prospecting.

The name "One Horsetown" was given to the camp in 1851, because of a prospector coming into camp with one pack horse. He settled there and built a hotel.

But it was not always a "One Horsetown". It once boasted of about 1000 inhabitants, hotels, several stores, butcher shop, blacksmith shops, bakery, Catholic church, Ten pin Alley, Football alley, Handball alley, about 14 saloons, and a newspaper "The Northern Argus", established in 1857 by Thomas Hart, who published it for three years. (The hotels were the Spencer Hotel and the Union Hotel.)

Duffy's ditch dug by miners brought first water into Horsetown about 1853. On February 25, 1856, the great Clear Creek ditch was completed and water for the first time turned in upon the diggings in Horsetown. The water had been used below Horsetown, but never before in the town and, of course, there was great rejoicing which was short lived as the ditch gave away and caused a delay.

Horsetown was destroyed by fire in 1868.

The Shasta Courier of November 26, 1853 states:

"It may not be uninteresting to those unacquainted with the fact for us to state that Major Reading was the first white inhabitant of this county and washed out the first gold in a creek near Horsetown, ever taken north of El Dorado County."

The site of Horsetown is now all dredged out, and there is nothing there.

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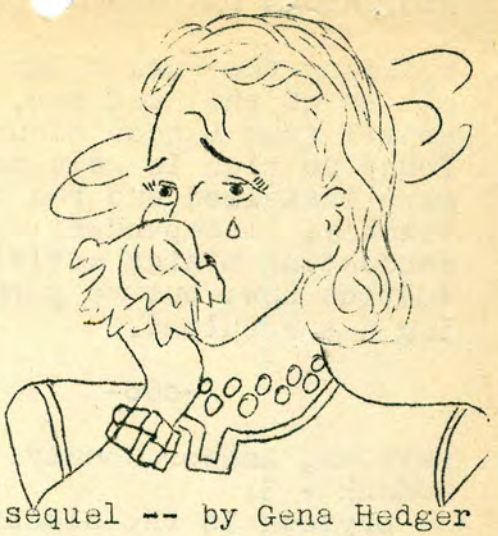
CALIFORNIA NAMES AND MEANINGS

AGUA CALIENTE	-	"Hot Water."
LAS VEGAS	-	"The Plans"
ARROYO SECO	-	"Dry Creek."
TIA JUANA	-	"Aunt Jane."
LOS ANGELES	-	"The Angels."

OLD PIPE



A sequel -- by Gena Hedger

Old pipe, do you remember all
the times we've had together,
And how you've always smoked us out
In every kind of weather?

Do you remember 'way back when
You were dropped on the trail
and we hoped you'd stay there
But were found in the shale?
The time you fell deep in the stream
Again we felt relief
But alas you were on the beam
you appeared against our belief.

Do you remember morning cool,
From us you held the hillside scars
And even in the evening the stars
The mountain meadows white with frost
The spring where robins nest,
The shining stretches of the lake
And Your cloud-banks in the west,
Also North, South, and east you do your best.

Do you remember silent pools
Where lay the wily trout
And how the odor from you outdid it
Each time we got one out?
Do you remember nights on guard,
And rests between the drills-
Do you remember heavy packs,
and outposts in the hills?

We've known them all! the April rains,
And leaves in late September;
Smell of you instead of sunshine on the grass
Old pipe, DO WE REMEMBER YOU.

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RANGERS APPROVE FOREST GREEN UNIFORM

STIFF BRIM HAT IS GIVEN APPROVAL BY 75% OF FIELD FORCE

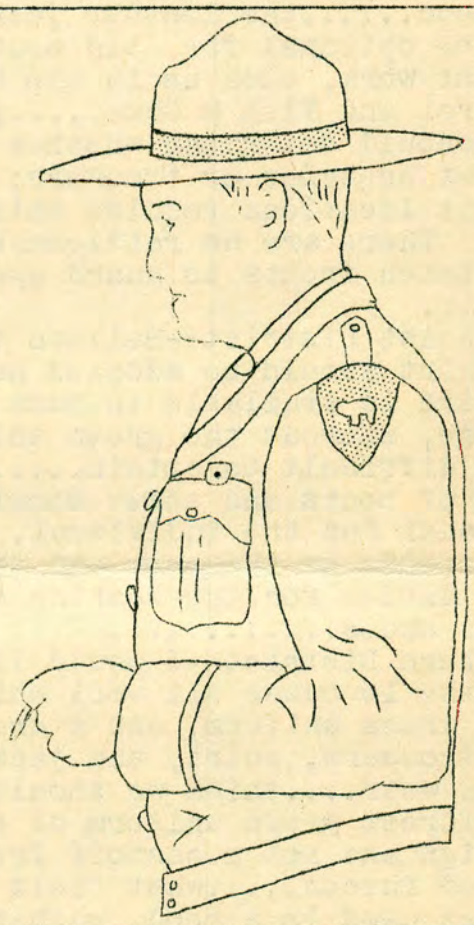
The new uniform of the State Park System apparently will consist of a forest green combination of short combat jacket and trousers, with a green shirt, black tie, black shoes, the stiff-brim Stetson hat--and the new golden bear shoulder patch.

This is the concensus of opinions expressed in 48 of the 66 ballots issued to men in the field who will wear the uniform. Unheard from at publication time was the report of voting in the Southern District.

It must be stressed that this is not an official announcement of the nature of the new uniform, but rather a report on the voting by men in the field.

Voting was as follows: Hat--stiffbrim, 36; soft brim, 11; tie--black, 35; green, 8; tan, 4; shirt--green, 25; khaki, 15; grey, 3; jacket--green combat, 36; leather, 5; pants--trousers, 40; breeches, 7; color trousers--green, 38; grey, 7; blouse in addition to jacket--yes, 19; no, 23; shoulder insignia--new, 34; old, 10; footwear--shoes, 37; boots, 9; color of footwear--black 39; tan, 7.

Under "comments" on the ballot, nine men stated that the use of boots or shoes, and trousers or breeches, should be optional depending upon the type of park and eight asked that the present grey uniform be maintained.



ARTHUR PARVIN of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, in voting for changes in the ranger uniform, commented:

"I would like to know who the ranger was who posed for the sketch.

Our model was none other than General Eisenhower--traced from the pages of Time magazine, with a stiff-brim Stetson added to complete the proposed park uniform.

The official announcement of the adoption of a new uniform will be announced by the Chief as soon as

VOTE ON UNIFORM

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returns are complete--probably in a special issue of News & Views.

Following are some of the comments attached to the ballots: Central District--Present uniform makes the California Park Service distinctive from the general run, forestry, national parks, county parks, etc.....the leather jacket should be optional for cold weather and night work, such as in the high way Patrol and Fish & Game.....personnel should determine whether they want breeches or trousers; different locations require this option. There are no rattlesnakes on the beach fronts to guard against.....

Northeast District--Believe the khaki shirt should be adopted as this shirt is available in most any store, whereas the green shirt will be difficult to obtain..... wearing of boots and shoes should be optional for the individual. A lot depends on the park and the type of duties for the wearing of boots or shoes.....

Northern District--I would like to see the 16 ounce all wool whipcord in dress uniform, and a green cotton trousers, shirt, and jacket for work wear....think we should have a forest green uniform of our own design and not a castoff from the armed forces.....what field employees need is a good, washable, presentable fatigue outfit....some object to the present uniform color because they say it shows dirt more than would a green. However, the uniform should not be worn for rough work, and a park man should not wear a dirty uniform whether the dirt shows or not. The present uniform is more distinctive than any castoff combat army style. Since it is impossible for men in outlying areas to have the present stiff-brim hat properly blocked to fit, I favor a change to a soft-brimmed hat such as the "San Fran" model, which is a distinctive California style.....

South Central District---I suggest a black belt and black hatband.....there is a time and place for both breeches and boots, and trousers and shoes.

Forest Appraisal Completed

FOREST AREAS, TIMBER VOLUMES AND VEGETATION TYPES IN CALIFORNIA, is the title of a recent release of the California Forest and Range Experiment Station at Berkeley, California. Authored by A. E. Weislander and Herbert A. Jensen, this is the most nearly complete estimate of the total volume of timber of all types in this State, being one phase of the National Forestry Appraisal undertaken by the United States Forest Service.

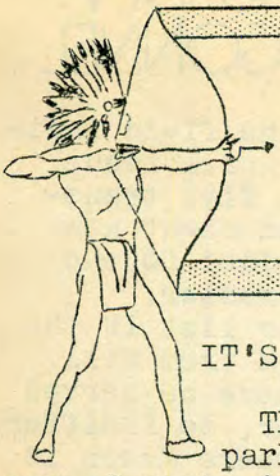
It is hoped some of the information contained in the appraisal report can be summarized for publication in Park News and Views at a later date. For the present we quote only from the "Acknowledgements":

> "From the State Division of Beaches and Parks: E.P. French, who provided redwood cruises and factors for converting all redwood cruises to a common standard; and Earl Hanson, who assisted in the redwood volume and site compilations."

This amounts to national recognition, as an authority on redwood timber volumes, of our own Percy French, by the United States Forest Service, since they converted all other known cruises of the northern redwood area to correspond with those made by French throughout his life.

CALAVERAS BOOSTER

Five-year old Linda Knight, eldest daughter of Assistant Ranger and Mrs. John H. Knight of Calaveras Big Trees State Park, is a one-little girl Chamber of Commerce for the Sierra park. Just before the Knights were about to return to the park after Knight had completed his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, Linda was heard to say in her prayers: "Goodbye God--we don't need you anymore..we're going back to the Big Trees."



COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

IT'S HERE

The greatest state park season in the history of parks is upon us. Calaveras State Park on May 11-12 had the greatest weekend attendance in its history. Big Basin State Park was crowded to the hilt, with similiar reports coming in from all the other parks. With these conditions existing in the early part of May; June, and July and August are going to put us to a most severe test. Let's take it in stride.

CELEBRATIONS OF INTEREST TO US

The Bear Flag Raising Centennial Celebration at Sonoma on June 14, 15 and 16. A centennial celebration of the raising of the American Flag over our Custom House at Monterey from July 4 to 7 inclusive. Later on in the year there will also be the anniversary memorial celebration of the Donner Party tragedy, same to be held at our Donner Monument.

THE BRONZE ANCHOR

On Sunday, April 28th, a celebration under the auspices of the Monterey Historic and Art Association was held at the Old Custom House incident to the unveiling of an old bronze anchor. This anchor was discovered approximately two year ago a mile off of Seaside Beach near Monterey. It was then purchased by the city of Monterey and it was through the efforts of the Monterey Historic and Art Association that arrangements were made placing it on the Custom House grounds where it will repose as a relic of early maritime days. No one, to date, has been able to identify its age or its source.

A poem inspired by the occasion and penned by J. S. Moody tells the story of this anchor and shows that its past is shrouded in mystery.

Men dredged this ancient anchor
from the bay,
A sentence from a history unknown,
Old bronze memento of square-rigger day,
When in this town the flag of
Spain was flown.

The flukes corroded green from
years of brine
Stand taller than a tall man,
tip to tip,
But neither stock nor shank reveals a sign
Of origin or forge or name of
ship.

Links chaining to the past all
disappear,
And which, among the galleons
of Spain
Here foundered nameless in a
shrouded year
This muted bronze is voiceless
to explain.

EXAMINATION DATES

We have just been notified by the Personnel Board that a tentative schedule has been set up for the following examinations. Open examinations for State Park Ranger, Grade 1 August 10, 1946. Promotional examination for State Park Ranger Grade 2 and 3, August 10, 1946. District Park Superintendent, November 23,1946.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF
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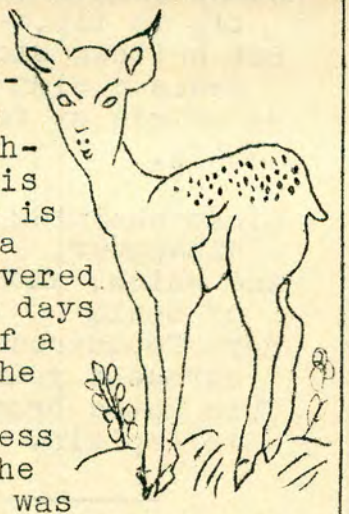
NEW POSITIONS

At a meeting of the State Personnel Board on Friday, May 10th, final approval was given for the creation of a new position entitled "Assistant District Park Superintendent". This position as the name implies, will be a new position between that of Chief Ranger Grade 3 and District Superintendent. It will be filled through promotional examinations and holders of Ranger Grade 3 ratings will be eligibles.

It will carry a corresponding salary range. As yet no funds has been made available for these positions, however same are being requested in the 98th fiscal year budget which, if approved, will make funds available for these positions on July 1, 1946.

A. E. Henning, Chief

DAVIS ADOPTS BABY



Bachelor Gene Davis of Mt. Diablo State Park has a family now--without sacrificing his bachelorhood. He is foster-father to a young fawn, discovered when it was three days old, in the car of a visitor leaving the park.

Chief Ranger Jess Chaffee reports the hitch-hiking fawn was found by Bill Reinhardt, who practically had to take it out of the arms of the grief-stricken, would-be foster mother. Chaffee promises more news soon on how Davis takes to fatherhood.

TRANSFERS AND NEW STATE PARK PERSONNEL

Information from the field indicates that since the April issue of Park News & Views, five transfers have occured, and eight new employees have been added to the division's personnel roster.

Heading the transfer list is the moving of HAROLD PESCH from Will Rogers State Park, where he served as an assistant ranger, to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, where Pesch is now rated as chief ranger in charge of the park. The former chief, W. L. KENYON, has been transferred to Monterey and he will assist Superintendent Blaisdell in the South Central District postwar construction program.

Other transfers include GORDON KISHBAUGH, assistant ranger, from Calaveras Big Trees State Park to D. L. Bliss State Park, effective May 18; GLENN JACKSON, deputy ranger, from Seacliff Beach to Tahoe Campground, effective May 10; and ANTON TRIGEIRO, deputy ranger, from Calaveras Big Trees State Park to Donner State Historical Monument, effective May 12.

The following men received duration appointments as State Park Ranger, grade 1 (deputy ranger): LEONARD B. PENHALE, Portola State Park, effective May 1; HERBERT HEDICKE, Will Rogers State Park, effective May 1; FRIEDRICH OLTMAN, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, effective May 1; and ERWIN M. SINGLE, Richardson Grove State Park, effective May 9.

Other new employees include WILLIAM A. WEATHERBEE, deputy ranger, Big Basin Redwoods State Park; VICTORIA WILLIAMSON, curator, Will Rogers State Park; EMELIE KNEASS, curator, Old Custom House and First Theatre historical monuments at Monterey; and FRED R. PRITCHARD, laborer, Van Damme Beach.

Registration Of HISTORIC LANDMARKS

(EDITOR'S NOTE--This is the second in a series concerning the registered historical landmarks of California. In the last issue of News & Views we published an account of the reasons and methods for the registration. Now we publish the histories of the landmarks.)

MAIDEN'S GRAVE, Amador County
NUMBER - 28.

In 1850, a young girl, Rachel Melton, native of Iowa, traveling with the Covered Wagon Train, accompanied by her parents, became violently ill. Camp was made and every effort made to restore her, as she was the joy of the party. But she passed away, and was buried on this spot.

Though many knew the location, fear was expressed that the spot would be obliterated unless a marker was placed. One night, in 1909 a group of tourists at Kirkwoods resort took up a collection, and Edward Cramer, Mrs. Kirkwood's brother, promised to secure and erect a marker. Thousands of blooms are placed every year by sympathetic tourists.

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VOLCANO AND BUILDINGS, Amador Co.
NUMBER - 29.

In 1848, while one group of Colonel Stevenson's soldiers were mining at Big Bar, another group were in Volcano. They built two huts in Soldier's Gulch. Wiley drove in the first wagon. Green followed shortly with an Illinois Company. Then came Cook. They all staked out claims and the fun began. A typical, roaring camp resulted.

Down to 1856 everyone secured his drinking water from the spring in a rock on which Masonic Hall was built In this hall are tintypes and daguerreotypes of members of the order in early days. Many are men who later became famous in the state. Mining law had its inception here in the controversies over "slickers" in Humbug Gulch, water rights with the ditch companies, and rival tunnels.

The old town is a museum in itself with its stone hewn buildings nestling behind rows of gnarled locuts planted so long ago by men who knew their town would someday be the largest in the state and, of course, the best. Full accounts of lively doings are to be found in Mason's history.

Stanford, Estey, McClean, Ives, Farley, Gordon, R. C. Downs are only a few of the state figures who had their beginning in the early days in Volcano.

LANCHA PLANA (Flat Boat), Amador Co.
NUMBER - 30.

Lancha Plana (Flat Boat) was well settled by '50. One stone store and the walls of another are all that remain of one of the most lively camps of the state. These buildings were the property of George Woolsey and J. P. Palmer, who conducted a merchandise business in them during the boom days of hydraulic mining the extensive gravel beds along the Mokelumne River.

The "Amador Dispatch" still one of the county papers was "born" in Lancha Plana in 1856. Poverty Bar, Camp Opra, Copper Center, Put's Bar were "suburbs" of the larger town.

During 1928-29 when the company

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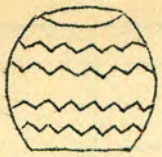

INDIAN BASKETRY

The Indians of California excel the tribes of any other region of America in one development, that of basket making. Basketry probably grew to such high artistic levels at the expense of other arts and industries which is one reason why these people are not more advanced culturally.

The art of basketry was generally in the hands of women and several hours a day must have been spent in this occupation. The making of baskets for use in every phase of life plus the weary, time consuming, daily difficult labor of gathering and preparing food, left little time for the development of other crafts and a more complex way of life.

In California more than a hundred tribes of linguistic units have been recognized. This large number of tribes cuts the area into a great number of local groups. Within these groups sprang up different methods of making baskets so that we have a dozen distinguishable basketry styles.

The two major basketry techniques employed in California are called twining and coiling. Twined baskets are recognized by vertical ribs arranged like the spokes of a wheel while coiled baskets have parallel horizontal ridges. California is divided into three general "basketry" areas: twining- in the northern quarter of the state only; twining and coiling - immediately south of this area; coiled ware only - in the remainder of the state.

POMO INDIANS

In the area where both twining and coiling are done, near the headwaters of the Eel and Russian Rivers, live the Pomo Indians. Pomo women are among the most expert weavers in the western hemisphere. Thirteen different techniques are known to have been used in the basketry woven by these people, and sixty stitches to the inch have been counted.

Brightly colored feathers were often incorporated in the pattern of the basket and used in such a manner as to completely conceal the exterior of the woven structure. Other baskets were decorated with quail top-knots, scarlet feathers from woodpeckers' scalps, handmade clam shell beads, and pendants of iridescent abalone shell.

In more recent times commercial glass beads were utilized as well. Baskets of this nature were frequently made as gifts to be presented during the ratification of treaties and to cement friendships.

Pomo Indian baskets vary in size from large carrying baskets to ones measuring as little as one-eighth inch in diameter. Many miniature sized baskets were made, the fabrication of which called for the utmost skill and patience on the part of the makers. Each small basket is a perfect replica of one of the more usual and larger sort. All are marvels of the basket makers art.

Basketry is still a flourishing art in the tribal cultures of California and the modern pieces equal the finest of the old ware.

By J. R. DYSON
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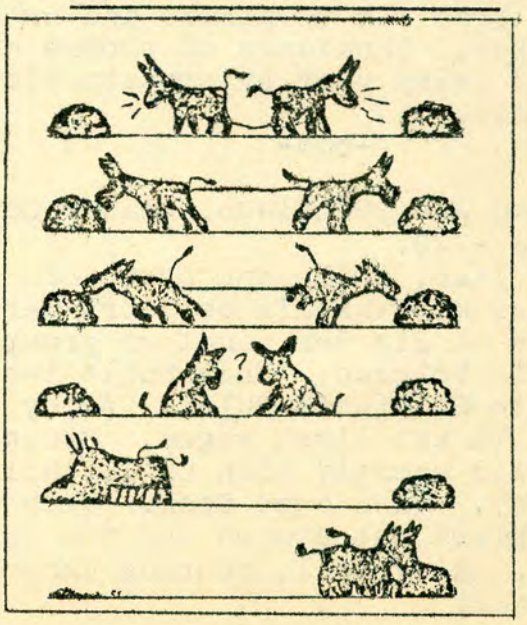

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PARK STAFFS EXPAND

The expansion of State Park personnel continued at a rapid rate during late May and early June as attendance figures at parks and beaches of the system boomed to substantiate early season prophecies that 1946 will establish an all-time record for visitors to the State parks of California.

Summarized below are the new appointments, separations and transfers in the field, and additions to the Sacramento headquarters office.

New appointments include: ALFRED W. OWEN to the San Francisco office as a lands purchasing officer (perm.); HARRIETT E. WEAVER to Big Basin as recreation leader (TAU); ROBERT SHAVER to Will Rogers, skilled laborer (TAU); RALPHA M. WRIGHT to House of Gold, Int. Typist-clerk (TAU); KEITH CARPENTER to Big Sur, ranger, grade 1 (Dur.); GUY CROSBY to Armstrong Redwoods, ranger grade 1 (Dur.); ELMER HERNEISEN to Castle Crags, ranger grade 1 (Dur.); CARL MARTIN to Mt. Tamalpais, skilled laborer (TAU); J.C. MC KENZIE as traveling nature guide (TAU); K. MYRAMONTES to House of Gold, ranger grade 1 (Dur. JOHN MILJUS to La Purisima, ranger grade 1 (Dur.); LOUISE B. ALLARD to Richardson Grove, recreation leader (TAU); DON C. MEADOWS to Big Basin, nature guide (TAU); JOHN JOHNSTON to Big Sur, recreation leader (TAU); DOROTHEA OSTERMAIR to House of Gold, Int. Steno-Clerk (TAU); GEORGE COLDWELL to Big Sur, skilled laborer (TAU); and KENNET I. ALLARD to Founder's Tree, laborer (TAU).

Recent transfers include: JAMES BLEE, ranger grade 1 from La Purisima to Big Sur as acting naturalist; LEONARD PENHALE from Portola to Richardson Grove, ranger grade 1, acting naturalist; BEN TWIGHT from Van Damme Beach to Calaveras Big Trees; AL BECK from Armstrong Redwoods to Van Damme Beach; JOHN FLEMING from Borrego-Anza Desert to Palomar Mountain; ARTHUR SILL from Stevenson House to La Purisima WILLIAM KENYON from Big Sur to Stevenson House, acting assistant district superintendent; and GEORGE HOLMBOE from Big Basin to Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

Changes in classification include FRANK A. BRIDEWELL, from skilled laborer at La Purisima, to curator at Vallejo Home; and HENRY SADDLER from ranger, grade 1, to ranger, grade 2 (TAU) at Palomar Mountain.

Additions to the Sacramento office include JAMES E. WARREN, assistant civil engineer; IRWIN MC CLINTOCK, JR., junior real property agent; FRANCIS ADAMSON, int. typist-clerk; and ROBERT RATH,

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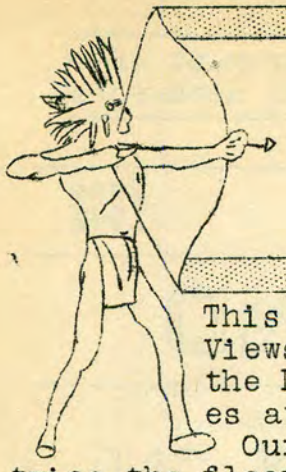
RANGER GRADE ONE EXAMINATION

All duration State Park Rangers, Grade 1, must take the new ranger, grade 1, examination to be held August 10 in order to establish a permanent rating with the State Park System.

Application forms are available at district headquarters and all applications must be filed with the State Personnel Board, Sacramento, by July 20, 1946.



COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

This issue of News & Views will emanate from the Division's new offices at 1211-16th Street. Our new office has twice the floor area of our previous office thus providing the elbow room so badly needed for more efficient and effective office operation.

RECENT ELECTION

The results of the recent election, which assures retention of the Honorable Earl Warren as our Governor for a second term, is, I know, most keenly appreciated by all of the Division's personnel for it means that for another four-year term we will have as our Governor a man who has shown himself to be an able friend and sponsor of park and recreational activities.

POLICE AUTHORITY

At the last meeting of the State Park Commission, which was held in Los Angeles on May 17 and 18, police authority was granted to the following additional personnel in accordance with Section 5008 of the Public Resources Code:

William A. Weatherbee, William Reinhardt, L. A. Watson, Carl Schnauer, Henry W. Saddler, Leo Crawford, Lloyd Lively, James Tate, Murrell M. Gregory, Anton J. Trigeiro, Werner C. Foss, Jr., Gene Davis, H. V. Johnson, Kenneth Stanley, Maurice Morgan, Fred Oltman, James Blee, John H. Knight, Gordon T. Kishbaugh.

PARK FACILITIES

Although, due to the press of office business, I have not been able to make recent visitations to all of our major parks and monuments, I have been able to make a few short field trips and was delighted to find that the park facilities, to their maximum capacity, will be available for our visitors. However, I fully realize that our maximum facilities will be far short of the tremendous demand, that at this time of the season has already reached record proportions.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

The following table shows the present and proposed new pay scales for the field employees of this Division:

Parks	Present	Proposed
Dist. Supt.	250-310	295-355
Asst.DisSup	230-270	265-325
Ranger 3	200-240	240-280
Ranger 2	180-220	200-240
Ranger 1	170-210	170-210
Nature Guide	190-230	190-230
Rec.Leader	170-210	190-230

Although in most cases a fairly sizeable increase has been recommended, the battle is still going on in that the office personnel of this Division is going to request further consideration by the personnel board as follows:

1. That Ranger Grade 1 be increased.
2. That all of the field positions be reconsidered for an additional increase so as to bring them to a parity with similiar positions in other divisions.
3. Endeavor to get whatever final increases are allowed to be retroactive to last November.

The present personnel board recommendations only call for the proposed salary increase to be retroactive to June 1.

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VENTANA PACK TRIP

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To obtain a color slide record of the wilderness area adjacent to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, and a better knowledge of the flora and fauna of the area, your editor and Deputy Ranger James Blee, acting naturalist at Big Sur, guided by "Cal" Calloway, operator of the Big Sur Stables, made a three-day, 60 mile pack trip along the Pine Ridge Trail into the Ventana Wild Area, a primitive preserve set aside by the U.S. Government. First results of the color photography have been returned to the Sacramento office and are very encouraging. The color slides, and material gathered by Ranger Blee, will be used at the nightly fire circle programs in the park. Below is Ranger Blee's account of the trip.)

Although I had been looking forward to my trip back through the Ventana Wild Area with Ed Dolder, little did I know the beauty that awaited us there.

By 9 A.M., Cal, our packer and guide, had pack saddles on Noche and Big Sur, the very interesting and intelligent black mule. Ed and I put our camera equipment and notebooks in my saddle bags and were soon mounted on our horses, Smoky and Kayak. I had been warned about Kayak, who was half thoroughbred, but found him to be a reliable mount until he came to an open road where he wanted to run if given a chance.

As we left Big Sur State Park the first ascent was quite steep but we were soon rewarded with a grand view of the Big Sur Canyon and the Park, just below us. Soon leaving the Redwoods of the moist canyon, we were greeted by the ever-present bush mimulus, godetias, brodeias, and chamise of the Upper Sonoran habitat, a riot of blooms at this time of year.

At Bad Gulch our horses drank deeply and we wondered why the name because it is a beautiful little stream and the water clear and pure.

About four miles out on the trail we came to the Ventana Campground sign but we decided not to make the mile sidetrip to the campground since we were anxious to get as many pictures as possible for use in our nature program. From the junction here it was possible to see the cone of old Ventana Mountain, where Indian legend says a natural window existed at one time. It is from this the Wilderness Area gets its name.

About two miles on from Ventana cut-off we came to Terrace Creek, which is a beautiful little creek cascading down in terraces. Here we saw the trail up which the Posts go to check their cattle on the Forest Service land. William Post was one of the first pioneers of the Big Sur area, having homesteaded here around 1877. His sons and grandchildren still carry on the ranch work and are well known around here.

The farther along we went the more we marveled at the unusual contrasts of the flora. One minute we were along a stream heavily wooded with the tall straight columns of the Sequoia Sempervirens, with lush oxalis and ferns underfoot. The next minute we were in a more open forest of Coulter Pine, Yellow Pine, Oaks,

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VENTANA PACK TRIP, Continued:
and the great peeled orange-colored Madrone.

At Barlow Flats we rested the horses and ate lunch at the camp of Mr. Ross, the Forest Service patrolman of this area. We were disappointed to have missed him but found out that he had gone to fire school. We were also anxious to meet his wife, Lillian Ross, who wrote the novel about the Big Sur called "The Stranger."

Ed and I both agreed that Barlow Flats on the Big Sur is one of the prettiest spots we have ever seen. I hope to be able to bring hiking and horseback parties back here this summer as a part of our nature program.

After a long climb and then a steep descent we dropped onto the Big Sur again at Sykes Camp and decided to make our first camp. There was a beautiful pool by our camp but we had little time for fishing because wood was scarce and it was rather late when supper was over. We found two Forest Service stoves and table and good places to put our sleeping bags out. After the usual swapping of yarns around the campfire we decided to hit the sack early because we had two other busy days ahead and we had already traveled about twelve miles.

Ed tried the fishing the next morning but found them hard to get although there were a few fairly good sized ones here. I would like to see a thorough stocking of the Big Sur drainage next season and the closing of certain streams to allow them to increase with larger fish.

After a delicious breakfast of hotcakes, bacon, eggs, fruit, and coffee we packed our things, saddled up and were off to an early start with Mocho Creek as our destination. At Redwood Creek we found a small campground and a beautiful group of redwoods.

At Cienega Flat Campground we rested our horses and Ed took some pictures along the stream with the result that I got my feet wet posing on some rocks for local color. The trail from here to the North Fork of the Big Sur is poorly marked and we had to make our way slowly aided by an occasional tree blaze. The crossing of the North Fork and the South Fork was very rugged and the horses had to be rested frequently. We did see more fish in the South Fork than we had at most of the other crossings.

We arrived at Mocho Creek tired and hungry and soon had a hot supper prepared. Shortly after supper Ed had caught three fair sized fish but it was getting dark and he came back to tell me that he had found a large Santa Lucia Fir. Upon investigation, however, we found many fine examples of this rather rare species surrounded by dozens of small trees. This was one of the biggest thrills of the trip for me because until now we had only seen about two or three of this uncommon tree.

We hit the sack about 8:30 PM and were soon fast asleep. However about 5 A.M. I was rudely awakened by a peculiar cold feeling on my face and looked up into the lonely eyes of Noche. He had gotten untied and thought he should come and ask for some grain. There wasn't much sleep after that so after another good breakfast and hasty packing we were off on the last leg of our delightful trip.

Climbing out from Mocho Creek was some pull but now we had left the Redwoods and were enjoying a completely different kind of forest--dense stands of Western Yellow Pine, Madrone, and Black Oak with more bird life and grey squirrels. Here the Steller Jay kept up a constant chatter and the black headed grosbeak serenaded us with his beautiful song. Then down to Logwood Creek where we all drank in the delightful stream.

On the way up from Logwood Creek the film stuck in Ed's camera but we were fortunate in having already taken around sixty-five or seventy pictures. As we topped a ridge almost without warning here lay the mighty blue Pacific some two thousand feet below us and framed by sturdy yellow pines, one of the few places on the entire coastline of California where this is possible.

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VENTANA PACK TRIP, Continued:

Then down yellowing rounded hills through the Boronda and Post ranches, where godetias, gilias, nievitas, and other tiny flowers of the open fields waved in the ocean breeze. Along this entire stretch one could see far out at sea and the surf could be seen breaking in a beautiful turquoise green on the rocky coast.

Soon we were on Highway One and back at Big Sur State Park, home with a feeling of having acquired a valuable addition to our store of scenic knowledge of California.

PARK STAFF EXPANDS, Continued:

junior clerk.

Separations were CHARLES A. GATES, janitor, from House of Gold; PEARL SILL, janitress, from Stevenson House; and AGNES CONRAD, int. steno-clerk from Sacramento headquarters.

APOLOGIES TO WEATHERBEE

Last month we listed William A. Weatherbee as a new employee of the Division.

To state the case correctly Mr. Weatherbee joined the State Park System in 1941 and then served for two years in the armed forces from 1943.

In short: Bill Weatherbee is a returned veteran and is rated as a State Park Ranger, Grade 1, stationed at Big Basin. Welcome home, Bill.

SONOMA COAST PATROLLED

In a recent article in the press, it was stated during a story relating to some of the State parks, that the Sonoma Coast State Park was an unattended area.

In reality, although no ranger is officially stationed in the park Chief Ranger Fred C. Canham of Armstrong Redwoods State Park has seen to it that the Sonoma area has been patrolled and cleaned at least once a week, along with his many other duties.

THE HISTORICAL REDWOODS

Endowed with eternal spirit
The work of the Master's hand,
Three thousand years ago young trees
Spread their branches above the land

They grew and were tall Redwoods
When the man of Galilee
Spread peace on earth,
Good will to men
O'er the land and across the sea.

They flourished on thru the ages
While the great empires rose and
fell,
To become mighty monarchs when
Richard fought the Infidel.

Still living these trees are beset;
By the Lumber Jack's greedy quest
Who would top, strip, cut asunder,
The grand old Redwoods of the West.

Let's protect them from the lumberman,
His ringing axe, his snarling saw,
His cry of "timber, there she goes"
and the sawmill's open maw.

Let's save them from the careless one,
The flipped cigar, the tossed firebrand,
The burning campfires "left behind"
By drunken fools that roam the land.

You, who pledge your heart and hand
By your donations will decree
That no man shall take the life
God gave to a Redwood tree.

C.H. OVER

CALIFORNIA NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

CAHUNEGA	-	Indian Village
CLAREMONT	-	New Hampshire town
CORONA	-	"Crown."
CORONADO	-	"4 Crowned Martyrs"
DEL MAR	-	"Of the Sea"
DEL REY	-	"Of the King"
EL CAJON	-	"The Box"
EL CENTRO	-	"The Center"
EL MONTE	-	"The Mountain"
ENCINITAS	-	"Little Oaks"
ENSENADA	-	"Bay"

ORIGINAL MONTEREY FLAG-RAISING SITE FOUND BY SCIENTISTS

Through the combined efforts of archaeologists from the University of California, the Monterey History and Art Association, Dr. Aubrey Neasham of the National Park Service, and our own park commission chairman, Mr. Knowland, the site of the original raising of the United States flag by Admiral Sloat at Monterey on July 7, 1846, has been determined.

After extensive research, the stump of the original flag pole was located in a rock cairn 5½ feet from the northeast corner of the Old Custom House State Historical Monument. The present flagpole, which many persons thought was at the site of the original flag-raising, is attached to the northwest corner of the Old Custom House.

Unearthing of the famous relic led to a period of anxious guarding of the stump by park employees-

JUST 100 YEARS AFTER THE MARINES, THE STATE PARK RANGERS HAVE THE SITUATION AGAIN WELL IN HAND.

until preparations could be made to remove the stump for preservation, which now has been done.

A special guard was hired to stand by the stump from 8 PM to 6 A.M. daily--when District Superintendent H. L. Blaisdell, or W.L. Kenyon, acting assistant superintendent, stood guard from 6 AM to 8 AM, and from 6 PM to 8 PM. The day guard was filled by members of the U.C. archaeological crew.

Analysis of the flag-pole base indicates that the original flagpole was made of Monterey pine. The base is being prepared at the University of California for display in the Old Custom House, and a new flagpole will be erected at the historic site for the official centennial flag-raising celebration on July 7 of this year.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF, Continued:

BEAR FLAG CENTENNIAL

Members of the State Park Commission and our State Historical Monuments, namely Sonoma Mission, General Vallejo Home and Swiss Chalet played a very important part in the Bear Flag Centennial celebration held at Sonoma on June 14.

The general celebration was a four day affair closing on the night of the 16th and during these four days a greater number of visitors visited our historical monuments than in any like period.

Both the mission, Vallejo home, and the chalet were operated with the assistance of additional personnel and as far as known, added very materially to the celebration and the enjoyment of the participants.

CSEA

It has been brought to my attention by some of our personnel that in reading the last issue of CSEA they drew the conclusion that the recently created new positions of assistant state park superintendent had already been filled. This is an error, the positions have been approved, however no money will be available for filling same until after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

CORRECTION: Ranger Grade 2 and 3 examinations now booked for Aug. 10 will most likely be deferred to a later date.

Registration Of HISTORIC LANDMARKS

(EDITOR'S NOTE--This is the third in a series concerning the registered historical landmarks of California.)

SITE OF SOUTHERN'S STAGE STATION, Shasta County.
NUMBER - 33

Simeon Fisher Southern was a native of Kentucky. His first ancestors came to America from Germany in 1732.

He enlisted in Company A, 2nd Kentucky Volunteers, and served during the Mexican War. At its close, he came to Southern California with Government forces surveying roads and establishing military posts. He crossed the plains several times and was with Colonel E. J. Steptoe at Salt Lake City during the Mormon uprising in the winter of 1854-55. In the spring, Steptoe's command left there and marched to California, arriving in Sacramento July 12, 1855, accompanied by a number of Mormon women under their protection.

On hearing glowing accounts of the diggings around the town of Shasta, S.F. Southern severed his connection with the military and came to the latter place, where in the fall of 1855 he and Charles T. Lewis leased the Eagle Hotel which they ran until February, 1856, when Mr. Southern became associated with E. K. Shed and leased the St. Charles Hotel, which they conducted until the Fall of 1856, when Mr. Southern moved to French Gulch and ran the Empire Hotel therefore for two years. In 1858 he went to Dog Creek in the Sacramento Canyon, where he and J.S. Cameron ran the Dog Creek House, and here he was elected Justice of the Peace.

In 1859, he built a log and shake cabin on the spot where the bronze tablet was dedicated by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, May 30, 1931.

Undaunted by hostile Indians, he cleared the land and opened a trading post to supply the miners in the rich diggings of Hazel Creek and the Upper Sacramento River. When the California and Oregon stages replaced the pack mules in 1871, Southern's became a stage station. As its fame as a Fisherman's Paradise spread, additions were built on to the hotel and it developed into a summer resort widely known throughout California for its hospitality, fishing grounds, and broad acres of uncut timber. Here, Mr. Southern was host to many famous people, including President Hayes, General W. T. Sherman, General P.K. Sheridan, Robert Ingersoll, Mrs. Jay Gould, and George J. Gould, Jack Hayes, (first sheriff of San Francisco), "The Big Four", and many others. (The old hotel register is still in possession of the family, but some vandal cut out many of the first pages.)

Mr. Southern passed away in 1892 and in 1902 the property was sold fo saw mill purposes, and the timber was cut and the beauty of the place was gone forever. His wife, Sarah Lafferty Southern of Kentucky, came to California in 1855, via Nicaragua on the steamer "Cortez", which carried a large force of U.S. Troops, bound for Nicaragua, where a revolution was in progress. The steamer was detained there and the cholera broke out on board resulting in a number of deaths. The "Cortez" arrived in San Francisco the last of October, 1855, and S.F. Southern and

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HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, continued:

Sarah Emma Lafferty were married in Shasta in February, 1856.

The hotel is gone and a service station and auto camp occupy the ground. Some of the venerable apple trees planted in the sixties are still in bearing.

OLD PIONEER HALL, Amador County
NUMBER - 34

The Native Daughters met in this old building in 1886. This Californian sisterhood was founded in the town of Jackson on Saturday, September 11, 1886, at a meeting called by Miss Lilly O. Reichling, native of Jackson, by invitation addressed to native-born California women only. From this humble beginning in the foothills of Amador County has grown the great sisterhood of native California women, now numbering over fourteen thousand earnest workers. This building is now occupied by Spinetti Brothers, as a general store.

To Miss Lilly O. Reichling, now Mrs. Francis H. Dyer, the order has accorded the highest honor - permanent membership in the Grand body, with the title of the Founder of the Order.

OLETA "OLD FIDDLETOWN", Amador Co.
NUMBER - 35

This place was settled in '49 by a party from Missouri. The early records are lost, but tradition says that they were always fiddling, especially while they waited for the rainy season. "Call it Fiddletown", said an exasperated man. Brick and stone stores, and fine homes were erected, but still the name clung. Judge Purinton and his wife, grown wealthy, resorted to the Palace Hotel, in San Francisco, at times. Here, he often was embarrassed by the lofty airs of hotel clerks when he added his place of residence and by the attitude of merchants who took him for an easy mark. He started agitation for a change of name and in 1878 the Legislature gave him his wish - Oleta, an Indian name meaning "Old Home Spring". The home of Purinton is still standing in good condition.

MIDDLE BAR, Amador County.
NUMBER - 36

Middle Bar was discovered by the first men who found gold in the southern mines. Here are the famous Nevill's or Mammoth Tunnel, St. Julian, (Canninelli), Marlette, (Sargent), and Hardenburg, (W.J. McGee). One mile farther is the famous Gwin Mine owned and operated by Senator Gwin, and still believed to hold its millions.

CLINTON, Amador County.
NUMBER 37

Clinton was the center of a placer mining community during the '50! and of quartz mining as late as the '80's. Two stores, one owned by Spagnoli, the other by Baree, a hote and a wagon shop owned by Robinson, a large dance hall, and two gambling halls were the business concerns of the town. Among the more interesting persons living there was J.A. Garbarini, a builder of arrastras, wine casks, and finally in 1877, a church. The church (Roman Catholic) is the outstanding landmark still in Clinton.

This Clinton once decided Amador County elections, and its votes were always counted last. The Democrats there had formed a little Tammany that always assured the election of a Clinton native son. If candidates failed to hold a bonfire, speech-making rally in the town, they fared badly at the polls.

IRISHTOWN, Amador County.
NUMBER - 38

Irishtown was the stopping place for immigrants coming to the Southern Mines. They found a "City of Wigwams" for it was the stamping ground of the Digger Indians as hundreds of mortars in the rocks still testify. One by one the old places have fallen to decay.

BUTTE STORE, Amador County.
NUMBER - 39

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HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, Continued:

Butte City was a famous camp. In this only relic, Xavier Benoist was conducting a store and bakery in '54. It is now owned by the Pioneer Einocchio family whose uncle had a merchandise business there after Benoist. On a hill near this structure is a graveyard of forgotten miners, their wives, and children. Four historic ranches are still occupied by descendants of forty-niners, Murphys, Mellows, Ferraris, and Stewarts.

Tunnel Hill, Murphy's Ridge, and the Indian Village still occupied by descendants of Yellow Jacket are the environs of Butte City.

KIRKWOOD'S, Amador County.
NUMBER - 40

The main log house was built by Zack Kirkwood, pioneer landowner and cattleman sixty-eight years ago. It became a famous resort and stage office, the postoffice known as Roundtop, from the nearby mountain. When Alpine County was formed from Amador, it left the barn and milk house in Alpine; across the creek is Amador while the Alpine, El Dorado line goes directly through the big barroom in the log house.

The Kirkwood Ranch, where the cattle wintered is two miles south of Jackson. Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkwood, the widow, is still living.

BIG BAR, Amador and Calaveras Co.
NUMBER -41

The Mokelumne River was mined at this point in '48 by a party of eight men led by James Martin. He was joined that year by Colonel Stevenson. In '49, the Whale Boat Ferry was established here and maintained until the first bridge was built, (date disputed, probably about '52) by either Tracy or Goodwin.

In '62 it was swept away in the "big flood". Another was constructed, a tall bridge, owned by Tracy, then by Parish, by McCarety, by Soher and Parish, by the Counties of Amador and Calaveras, by Tripp and Littlefield, by Savgrenetti, by Mrs. Eardella, by the counties again, and finally by the state as a link in the Mother Lode Highway.

This Bar is rich in lore as it was in gold. At the present time, it is coveted by the East Bay Utility District as a part of their additional reservoir space on the historic old river.

THE SAN BERNARDINO ASISTENCIA,
San Bernardino County
NUMBER - 42

Noteworthy as being the scene of the last mission construced in California. It is the oldest building in the San Bernardino Valley.

Work on this building, intended for a mission of the inner chain, was begun about 1830. It had fourteen rooms, one of which was serving as a chapel. Work on it continued until 1834, when the secularization decree and raids by hostile Indians caused a cessation, and led finally to the abandonment of all missionary activities in the San Bernardino Valley.

When in 1842, the land in the entire valley was granted to three sons and a nephew of Antonio Maria Lugo, one of the sons, Jose del Carmen Lugo made his home in the uncompleted structure.

In 1851, the Mormon colony from Salt Lake purchased rancho San Bernardino from the Lugos, and Bishop Tenney then moved into the building. In it Mrs. Tenney conducted a school for white children.

In 1857, Dr. Benjamin Barton purchased lands surrounding the structure, and his family lived in it for ten years or until the brick mansion adjoining it was built.

The assistencia has therefore seen life in four different periods of history, that of the Spanish missions the Mexican ranchos, the Mormon colon and the modern American period.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have placed a bronze tablet on the building.

Dr. Abbott, call surgery
Dr. Abbott, call surgery
We just found your umbrella.

NEWS & VIEWS BULLETIN

Hot off the wire!

Excerpt from a letter received from Personnel Board:

"Dear Mr. Henning:

"In response to your recent request for reconsideration of the salary ranges for field positions in the Division of Beaches and Parks, the staff of the Personnel Board will recommend the following ranges:

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District Park Superintendent	$325	(15)	385	$30
Assistant District Park Superintendent	280	(15)	340	15
State Park Ranger, Grade 3	250	(15)	310	10
State Park Ranger, Grade 2	220	(10)	260	20
State Park Ranger, Grade 1	190	(10)	230	20
State Park Nature Guide	220	(10)	260	30
State Park Recreation Leader	190	(10)	230	None
Curator of Historical Monument	190	(10)	230	None
Administrative Aid	280	(15)	340	15

"Attention is invited to the fact that the recommendations being made at the present time represent only the first phase of a program which includes continuing attention to wage and salary problems.

Very truly yours

WILLIAM K. SMITH
Executive Officer"

* Amounts in fourth column indicate amount of recommended pay raise above proposed scale published in last month's issue of News & Views.

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RANGERS CRAM FOR EXAM

The civil service examination for State Park Ranger, Grade 1, will be held in various cities throughout the State on August 10. Many duration and temporary rangers, grade 1, employed now by the Division, must take this examination to establish a permanent rating with the State Park System.

As an aid to these men, News & Views reprints a revised version of the 1944 annual report of the State Park Commission, which contains much information on the purposes, organization, and function of the Division of Beaches and Parks

Enclosed with this issue of News and Views also will be found a summary of the units of the State Park System, as of May 1, 1946, a list of acquisitions pending as of that date, and a copy of the general Stat Park folder which contains the features and facilities of parks within the system.

This is an editorial proclamation--so here ye, all!

The Chief, several months ago, asked for a good contribution from the field employees of stories for News & Views. This has not come to pass. Rather than discontinue News and Views, it was suggested by a well-known ranger of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, that about three pages be devoted each issue to one park--and that that park be informed, in the previous month's issue, that it was on the spot.

This suggestion met with full editorial approval, and as a reward for the suggestion, the August issue of this publication will feature Cuyamaca. Copy from Cuyamaca is to be in the Sacramento office by August 16.

Three pages, or about 1500 words, is the minimum to be expected from each park. Write all you can above that, and send in interesting and amusing drawings fitting the situations you write of. Remember, the drawings must be to the exact size you wish reproduced in the publication. We can trace, but cannot enlarge or reduce

All editing will be done in Sacramento. Other parks willbe called upon during the Winter season.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 1944

To His Excellency Earl Warren
Governor of California
Sacramento, California

Honorable Sir:

The California State Park Commission presents its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The California State Park System has now completed the first seventeen years of its existence. This report covers progress made in acquiring lands and in the development of state park areas to date.

The beginning of the California State Park System dates from the legislative appropriation and purchase in 1902 of 2500 acres of redwood timber in Santa Cruz County, with the purpose of preserving in a

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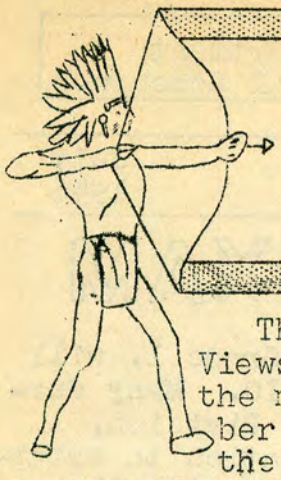

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

This issue of News & Views may be considered the mid-park season number for it finds us in the greatest park season that the Division has ever experienced. Each week's attendance records are being broken in virtually every unit of the entire system.

THANKS TO MONTEREY

Thanks and appreciation from the Commission and the staff of this Division goes to all of the employees for assisting in making the Commission and this Division's part of the Monterey Centennial Celebration such a huge success. The Custom House and grounds never looked better or were they ever in better condition. Work incident to the re-location of the flag pole involved many problems and considerable detail as well as a large amount of actual labor. In my judgment, the exercises incident to the installation of the plaque at the new location of the flag pole by the Native Sons and Daughters organization, in cooperation with the Commission, was one of the real highlights of the four-day affair. Our Curators of both the Custom House and the First Theatre entered into the spirit of the occasion by the wearing of appropriate costumes and the assumption of the grace, courtesy, and hospitality relating so appropriately to the Spanish era. Chairman Knowland and Commissioner Carrillo and Dockweiler were present.

Lee and his many aids deserve the highest commendation for the manner in which they carried through this difficult assignment.

IN MEMORIAL:

On July 14 an appropriate dedicatory ceremony was held in Big Basin State Park, the occasion being the dedication of the new fountain restored in memory of Arthur P. Hill for the public service he rendered in saving the redwoods which eventually became Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

The movement started by Mr. Hill, which terminated in the acquisition of Big Basin for State Park purposes may well be looked upon as the initial move in creating the present State Park System.

Honorable Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman of the State Park Commission was present and participated in the dedication.

The fountain was designed, constructed, and erected by Park personnel. Hats off to Everett and his crew.

ADDITIONAL TREASURES

A priceless California Historical relic is now on display at the Custom House Museum. It is a piece of the original flagpole on which the Stars and Stripes were first raised over California in July, 1846, signifying the annexation of the 600,000 square mile western empire to the United States of America.

A portion of the remains of the flag pole, a piece of Monterey Pine wood about one foot long and four inches in diameter, and a larger piece of the same historic pole, three feet long by nine inches in diameter, will be exhibited at the Museum as soon as the University of California has completed treating same for preservation purposes.

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COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF, Continued

NO CURRENCY!

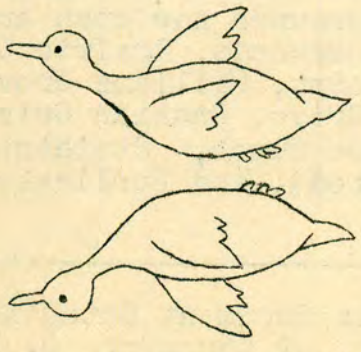
Letters have been sent out to District Superintendents advising them as to the method that remittances must be made of money collected in State Parks. This rule is the same as it has been for a long number of years, but it seems necessary to again warn the field personnel that direct remittances of currency by mail is in violation of our regulations. Check with your District Superintendent for further details.

COOPERATION

At the insistent request of this Division, the Personnel Board has re-arranged its promotional examinations so that the examinations of Ranger Grade 2 and 3, originally scheduled for August 10; have been postponed to October 24, 1946. If this change has not been made, August 9, 10, and 11 would have found our Parks virtually de-nuded of personnel.

CARRY ON!

The Fourth of July is over and the next major strain upon the field forces will occur over the Labor Day weekend. All reports show that, with the limited staff, the field force took care of the huge Fourth of July weekend crowds in a most creditable and efficient manner. Thanks to all of you.



"ONE OF US IS WRONG?"

NATURE NOTES FROM WILLIAMS GROVE

Even though the commonly accepted "wild flower season" is past, each succeeding day seems to bring along some new bloom or plant oddity to capture the interest of the campers in the grove. The showy Firecracker Plant (Brodiaea ida-maia) is still attracting considerable attention, although its flowers are beginning to assume the erect attitude which precedes its final fading. One of the boys around camp called our attention the other day to a Western Burning Bush (Euonymous occidentalis blooming just outside Park Headquarters. The abundant Thimble berry (Rubus parviflorus) is ripening everywhere about the grove, and a day or so ago, a visitor brought in a sample of Salmon berry (Rubus spectabilis) for our identification. Each day brings several inquiries about the beautiful bunches of red berries to be seen growing all along the highway to the north of us. We answer that the berries belong to th Red Elderberry (Sambucus racemosa va callicarpa).

That friendly rowdy, the Long-tailed Chat, harangues us daily (and nightly, too) with his seemingl endless variety of calls that never seem to grow tiresome. As we get more and more campers each day, the noisy Stellar Jay is coming into his own as the most familiar bird in the campground. More observing individuals will see the shy Black Phoebe making his rounds along the river bank, or hear his plaintive call in the early morning.

Our agile friend of the tree-tops the Gray Squirrel, occasionally seen a few weeks ago, now keeps well to himself since the human populatio of the grove has grown to proportions above his liking. An infrequent shaking branch high up in a tre in the early morning, or the shredded bark from a maple where he has enjoyed a meal are about the only evidences one sees of him now.

James P. Tryner

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Summarized below are the new appointments, separations and transfers in the field, and additions to the Sacramento headquarters office.

New appointments include: JACK FLECKENSTEIN, JR to Doheny Beach, laborer; THOMAS A MURPHY to Stephens Grove, ranger, grade 1; HERMAN E. LIEBHART to Richardson Grove, laborer; WESLEY T. LONG to House of Gold, laborer; MARION SINGLE to Richardson Grove, laborer; ROBERT E. STEWART to Richardson Grove, ranger, grade 1; JACK M. GOSWICK to Williams Grove, ranger, grade 1; VIRGIL E. PRIEST to Armstrong Redwoods, ranger, grade 1; LEONARD R. FISHER to Mt. Diablo ranger, grade 1; OTIS G. LYONS, to Mt. Diablo, ranger, grade 1; EARL M. LIVELY to Carpinteria Beach, skilled laborer.

Recent transfers include: LEONARD PENHALE, ranger, grade 1 from Portola to Richardson Grove and JACK DYSON, ranger, grade 1 from Dyerville Headquarters to San Juan Bautista.

Changes in classification include: DARRELL A. KNOEFLER from deputy ranger to assistant ranger at Big Basin; JOHN H. KNIGHT from assistant ranger to chief ranger at Calaveras; LLOYD LIVELY from assistant ranger to chief ranger at Morro Bay; GEORGE HOLMBOE from deputy ranger to assistant ranger at Samuel P. Taylor.

Additions to the Sacramento office include: ROBERT V. COZIER from Senior Engineering Aid to Junior Forestry Engineer and AUBREY R. JOHNSTON as Junior Real Property Agent.

Separations were: KNOWLTON MYRAMONTES, deputy ranger at House of Gold; CLYDE THAYER, laborer at Gold Discovery Site; THOMAS THOMSON, deputy ranger at La Purisima; CHARLES O. GRANNIS, carpenter at Pfeiffer Big Sur; ALEXANDER SEIDEL, carpenter at Pfeiffer Big Sur; BERTRAND E. MC GRATH, carpenter at Pfeiffer Big Sur; and JACK PRUDEK, deputy ranger at Will Rogers Ranch.

SOMETHING NEW

That long legged bird was a busy one during the month of June. He paid a visit to two of our park employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Miller, Supervising Account Clerk in the Sacramento Office became the proud parents of a baby girl, Lynn Jennifer. She was born on June 3rd and weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Another recipient from the stork was Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Dyson deputy ranger, now at San Juan Bautista. It was a new daughter, Judy, born on June 15.

Congratulations folks from the park gang.

NORTHWEST PARKS OPEN

The State Park System is having a very successful season this year after having many of its parks closed during the war years. More and more people are swarming into the parks for much needed vacations after "digging" in to help win the war.

Earl P. Hanson, chief ranger at Dyerville Headquarters, reports that quite a few of the campgrounds in his district are now open and ready for the summer vacationers.

The campgrounds now open are at Mill Creek Redwoods, Prairie Creek, Patrick's Point, Williams Grove; Richardson Grove, Russian Gulch, and Van Damme Beach, Stephens Grove (limited), and Burlington Campground.

A historic document dated August 24, 1846, of Commodore B. F. Stockton, calling for the first California election is on exhibit at the Sonoma State Historical Monument.

THE BURIED GIANT

About 1200 years ago, in the area now known as Bull Creek Flat in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park, a young redwood tree some four feet in diameter came crashing down into the stream bed. Its root system undermined by the waters of the creek. Too large for the stream to float away, the great tree lay where it fell, until, centuries later, hundreds of winter floods had deposited some twelve feet of sediment over its massive bulk. Unmindful of the buried giant below, a young redwood seedling took root atop this twelve foot mass of earth, and, finding the location well suited to its needs, has continued to grow, until today, it measures eight feet in diameter. Now the stream, shifting about in its bed is again mining away this same bank, and has exposed the still solid trunk of the tree buried over a thousand years ago, enmeshed in the living root system of the eight foot giant above it. What manner of wood is this that can stand ten centuries in the damp muds of the stream bottom, and still retain its original characteristics and texture? Note: The figure 1200 years was arrived at by comparing the diameter of the present eight foot tree growing atop the bank with ages of other trees whose ages are accurately determined, and adding this figure to the estimated time it took the stream to deposit the twelve feet of sediment. Facts and figures have been supplied by Mr. E.J. Nash, Chief Ranger, Williams Grove State Park.

J.P. Tryner

CALIFORNIA NAMES & THEIR MEANINGS

ESCONDIDO....."Hidden"
HERMOSA....."Beautiful"
INDIO....."Indian"
LA BREA....."The Asphalt"
LA CANADA....."The Valley"
LAGUNA....."Lake or Lagoon"
LA JOLLA....."The Jewel"
LOMA LINDA....."Boundary Hill"

OFFICE MEMO

From: L.W. Lively, Ass't Ranger
Park: Morro Bay State Park
To: Mr. H. L. Blaisdell, Dist. Sup.

Looks to me that the Army's occupation of the CCC Camp and the BOQ is a case to be thrashed out by the Sacramento Office and the Big Brass of the Army.

I get the same story everyone I contact, which is, "We got our orders to move in from the Commanding General Sixth Army, and until those orders are changed we have to obey them."

Col. Simpson was very plesant and promised to do all in his power to straighten out the matter, but he has his orders from higher up also.

In the meantime they go merrily along as they please with their moving operations.

I don't feel that Wakefield and myself are properly equipped to repel the invasion, in view of the Army's record along that line in Normandy and other spots in the recent war.

MC KENZIE TO CUYAMACA

John C. McKenzie, naturalist, has transferred from Calaveras Big Trees to Cuyamaca Rancho, to carry on an experimental nature program with the campers in the southern park.

"It's a very young California redwood!"

RANGERS CRAM FOR EXAM

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state of nature a representative area of the oldest living things in the world.

The California Historic Landmark League cooperating with the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, the San Francisco Examiner and many other organizations and individuals secured and gave to the State numerous Historical Monuments.

In 1927 the State Legislature passed three bills providing for a State Park Commission and a Division of Parks, a state-wide survey of park possibilities, and a $6,000,000 bond issue. The bond issue was overwhelmingly approved by the electorate in 1928. The proceeds of this issue were matched dollar for dollar in money or land value from sources other than the State in the purchase of lands suitable in character and price to the State Park Commission for park purposes.

The succeeding sixteen years have been devoted to study, purchase and development of state parks properties until at present the State Park System contains more than seventy-five areas of varying interest and beauty built up under the careful policy of the State Park Commission. Together with the parks owned before the bond issue and parks, monuments and beaches later acquired through gift and legislative action, the State Park System how comprises properties representing an investment of over $16,000,000 and over 500,000 acres. About one-half of the purchase price has been provided by the State and one-half by private gifts from individuals and communities. (See summary attached showing location, area, valuation and properties of the State Park System.)

Many recreational parks, formerly considered remote, are now readily accessible from metropolitan areas of the state, mainly because of the splendid highway system developed in California. Subsequently, there has been a growing demand for increased recreational facilities in those State Parks and Beaches that were until recently considered adequately equipped. Many State Parks and Beaches are in the vicinity of war time factories and areas where servicemen of all branches of the armed forces expect to find educational and recreational enjoyment. It would seem, then, that in order to meet the need of such increased use of our recreational parks future plans be more than ever directed toward adequate development and maintenance of the California State Park System.

For many years, private enterprises offered almost the sole inducements and conveniences for overnight stays. Due to increasing demand from park visitors during the past several years for hotel, or inn, cabin, trailer-camping, or other camping accommodations by members of organized groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and similar organizations, wherever feasible we have made all effort to accommodate such requests. In some cases the hotel, cabin and inn accommodations have been let to concessionaires; however, before letting such concessions the Park Commission determines the fitness of such concessionaires as to experience, financial ability to operate and the method of proposed operation, with the definite understanding that such concessions are to be operated as a park benefit of public interest, and not as a commercial enterprise. It is not the intention of this Commission to engage in business or let to concessionaires any area that will interfere with private business in any manner, but only to provide the necessary facilities for the general public when accommodations for a given park area are not otherwise available.

The State Division of Beaches & Parks is a Division of a department of the Government of the State of California known as the Department of Natural Resources and created by an Act approved April 13, 1927.

The Department is placed under the control of an Executive Officer to

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be known as the Director of Natural Resources, appointed by, and to hold office at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Act further provides that the Division of Beaches and Parks shall be administered through a Chief of Division, to be appointed by the Director of Natural Resources upon nomination by the State Park Commission (created by the Act). General policies for the administration of the State Park System are to be determined by the Commission.

The State Park Commission consists of five members, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Terms are four years. Two are appointed in the first year of a four year cycle, two in the second, and one in the third. This provides for a staggered-term commission. Members serve without compensation, but receive actual necessary expenses incurred by duties.

Under the Provisions of an Act of May 25, 1927, it is further provided that the Department of Natural Resources, through the State Park Commission, shall have control of the State Park System. Additional provision of this Act, with amendments, follows:

All parks, public campgrounds, monument sites, landmark sites, and sites of historical interest heretofore or hereafter created or acquired by the State, or which are under its control, shall constitute the State Park System, except the site and grounds known as Sutter's Fort property, and that known as the State Fair Grounds, in the City of Sacramento, and the park known as Balboa Park in the City of San Diego. (As amended June 4, 1931.)

The State Park Commission shall administer, protect, and develop the State Park System for the use and enjoyment of the public and it shall have power to establish rules and regulations for the government and administration of the State Park System not inconsistent with law; to enter into contract with cities, counties, and other subdivisions of the State for the care and maintenance of park areas and to expend all monies of the Commission from whatever source derived for the care, protection, supervision, extension and improvement or development of the State Park System.

It shall be the duty of the State Park Commission to gather, digest and summarize in its annual reports to the Governor of the State information concerning the State Park System and the relation thereto of other available means for conserving, developing and utilizing the scenic and recreational resources of the State.

The State Park Commission shall have the authority, within its discretion, to accept any gift, devise, grant, or other conveyance of real property or any interest therein, including water rights, roads, trails, and rights of way, to be added to or used in connection with the State Park System; to accept by gift, donation, contribution, or bequest money to be used in acquiring real property or any interest therein; or improving the same, as a part of or in connection with the State Park System; or for any of the purposes for whic the Commission is created; also to receive and accept personal property in the same manner for purposes connected with the park system.

The State Park Commission, with the consent of the Governor and the Department of Finance may acquire by purchase or by condemnation proceedings such real property and personal property or any interest therein as it shall deem necessary or proper to the extension, improvement or development of the State Park System.

Contracts may be entered into between the Commission and cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the State for the care maintenance and control for the purpose of the State Park System, by either party to such a contract, of lands under the jurisdiction of the other party to such a contract, and the expenses of such care,

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maintenance, and control may be paid from the general funds of such city, county, or other political subdivision of the State or from the funds of the Commission, as the case may be.

It shall be the duty of the State Park Commission to protect the State Parks from damage and to preserve the peace therein.

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the County jail for not exceeding ninety days, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The State Park Commission shall have the power to confer on the Chief of the Division and such other employees as they may designate, the full authority and powers of peace officers for said parks.

The above Act also provides that whenever jurisdiction over any Highway within a state park has been relinquished to the authority charged with the management and control of such park, the State Highway Department may construct, improve, or maintain such highway, such construction, etc., to be subject to the approval of the park authority.

The Act further provides that the construction, improvements and maintenance of highways in State Parks are to be paid from the State Highway Fund.

The Director of Natural Resources is authorized upon application by proper authorities and on such terms and conditions as the State Park Commission may prescribe, to grant easements for public highways over and across State Park lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources and the State Park Commission. (Act of May 8, 1933.)

The State Park Commission, whenever in its judgment it is practicable to do so, shall collect fees, rentals, and other return for the use of all State Park areas. The amount of such fees shall be determined by the Commission and shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Park Maintenance Fund. Said Fund shall be available for construction, improvement, equipment, and maintenance of State Parks in such amounts as may be appropriated by the Legislature. (New section added June 12, 1933.)

The Director of Natural Resources with the consent of the Governor may also declare closed to camping areas in any State Park or forestry area when, in the judgment of the Director, such declaration is necessary in the interest of public peace or safety.

In 1941 the official name of the Division was changed to "Division of Beaches and Parks."

In 1943 the State Legislature placed upon the State Park Commission the duty of controlling beach erosion, divising ways and means for the development, protection, and improvement of public beach and shoreline areas. Operations of these functions have not yet actively begun. When qualified persons to conduct this work have been selected this work will proceed in a systematic manner for not only erosion control but development for commercial and recreational use of all of California's shoreline.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed)
J. H. COVINGTON
Executive Secretary
State Park Commission

STATE PARK COMMISSION
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Leo Carrillo
Charles Kasch
Alfred Harrell

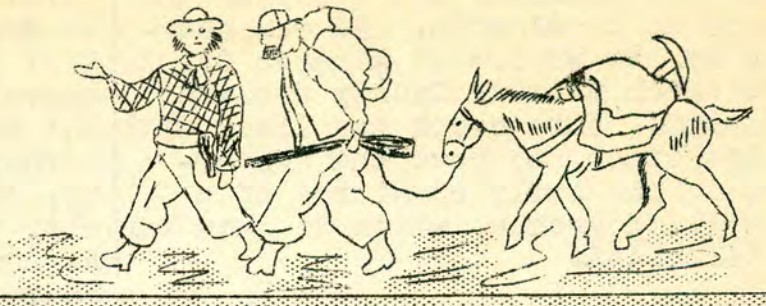
A. E. Henning, Chief of Division

REPORT FROM DIABLO

The Division of Highways began patching holes in the South entrance road of Mt. Diablo in mid-July. All roads in the park are sadly in need of repair.

The flashing air beacon at the summit, darkened since Dec. 7, 1941--resumed operation July 15.

Registration Of HISTORIC LANDMARKS



(EDITOR'S NOTE--This is the fourth in a series concerning the registered historical landmarks of California.)

"THE ZANJA", San Bernardino County
NUMBER - 43

The Zanja was the first irrigation ditch in the San Bernardino Valley. It was built in 1819-20, by the Indians under the direction of the padres, to convey water from the mountains to the San Bernardino Rancho of Mission San Gabriel. Portions of it are still in use.

According to tradition, the Indians working on the Zanja used the shoulder blades of beef cattle in lieu of shovels. When Americans first came to the Valley, cottonwood and alder trees had grown to immense size along the line of the Zanja, and many, therefore, believed the ditch to be a natural stream. This idea was rejected by the courts though bitterly contested lawsuits were fought over this stream for many years.

MORMON STOCKADE, San Bernardino Co.
NUMBER - 44

When, in 1851, a Mormon colony, from Salt Lake, purchased the San Bernardino Rancho, they built a stockade in order to protect themselves from a serious threatened Indian attack, and lived there between one and two years, until danger had passed. The stockade covered most of the ground occupied by the present San Bernardino county courthouse, and extended west across the present Arrowhead Avenue, and beyond, for some distance.

The stockade was the center of activities of the Mormons until 1857 when they were called back to Salt Lake. Elder Amasa Lyman, one of the Mormon leaders, built his adobe house there, and portions of it continued in use until its walls were raxed to make way for the present courthouse. In it were the remains of an older structure erected in 1839 by Jose Del Carmen Lugo, then endeavoring to establish a colony in the San Bernardino Valley.

At the southwest corner of the courthouse grounds was the Mormon Council House, which served as the first courthouse of San Bernardino County.

SITE OF COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
Alameda County
NUMBER - 45

The Financial Center Building, one of the newest buildings in the City of Oakland, occupies the northwest corner of what was formerly the tract of the old College of California, which has now become the famous University of California located in Berkeley. The old campus formerly occupied the area now bounded by Franklin and Harrison Streets and Fourteenth and Twelfth Streets.

Historical records show that the first buildings to be erected on this plot of ground were begun September 23, 1869, and the last class to be graduated from the College of California in Oakland was that of 1873. After that the college moved to a new campus in Berkeley and later became the University of California.

NILES FLOUR MILL, Alameda County
NUMBER - 46

With the exception of the crude mill built at the Mission San Jose this old mill at Niles was the first water driven flour mill to be constructed in Alameda County.

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It was erected in 1853 by Jose de Jesus Vallejo, son of General Marino Guadalupe Vallejo, who occupied the Rancho de la Alameda, and was operated by the waters of Alameda Creek, from which Alameda County derived its name. This creek was lined with willow trees and gave the appearance to the early Spaniards of a tree lined avenue, which to them was an "Alameda".

ANZA EXPEDITION CAMP NUMBER 96 AT SAN MATEO, San Mateo County
NUMBER - 47

On the return from the tip of the Peninsula, March 29, 1776, Padre Font says they skirted the bayshore until they had crossed what is today the San Bruno Mountain, (from which the Palo Alto Tree was again seen), then crossing their previous line of march they entered the Canada de San Andreas down which they proceeded until the San Mateo Creek had been crossed, then turned left through the hills and then left again, or to the north, to camp on San Mateo Creek where they had crossed it on their trip up the Peninsula. Padre Font's diary and map show the camp site to have been where El Camino Real crosses the San Mateo Creek near Third Avenue in the City of San Mateo.

ANZA EXPEDITION CAMP NUMBER 94 AT BURLINGAME, San Mateo County.
NUMBER - 48

The Anza Expedition of 1776 while on its way up the Peninsula to locate sites for the Presidio and Mission in San Francisco camped here on March 26 at this dry watercourse a short league beyond Arroyo de San Mateo. The Map of Padre Font shows the line of march to have followed the present El Camino very closely and the site is definite.

ADOBE CHAPEL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, San Diego County.
NUMBER - 49

One author calls this the "most interesting building in Old Town, with all of its adobe beauty and quaintness lost behind boards."

There is considerable confusion about the date of this building. Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt says:"--The Rev. John C. Holbein laid the cornerstone for the old adobe church on September 29, 1851". It is true that a cornerstone was laid for a church on that date, but not on the lot where this chapel stands. That cornerstone was laid on Lot 1, Block 88, which has been deeded by the city to "Rev. J. Chris. Holbein, Don A. Aguirre, Don Juan Bandini and Don Pedro J. De Padrorena in trust for church purposes". However, no church was ever finished on that lot, the deed for which is dated August 24, 1850.

John Brown, on the same date, August 24, 1850, bought from the city Lot 1, in block 26, the lot on which the present adobe chapel stands. His daughter, Lucy Brown Wentworth, says that her father built an adobe house, that the family lived in it; that one of her younger brothers was born there; that her father sold the place to Don Jose Antonio Aguirre who furnished funds for its re-building or re-modeling for church purposes. This chapel was dedicated November 21, 1858, and was in constant use as late as the first or second decade of the 20th century. In it were housed "vestments, images, and other articles which were used at a very early day in the mission". Outside it hung two of the oldest mission bells in California. One of these was recast; the other now hangs at the restored Mission San Diego de Alcala.

The tomb of Don Jose Antonio Aguirre may be seen in the small right wing of this chapel, the marbel slab lying on the earth floor.

Here Father Antonio D. Ubach, the "Father Gaspara" of Helen Hunt Jackson's famous novel "Ramona" officiated after 1866. In a newspaper interview Father Ubach is quoted as saying about "Ramona's Marriage Place":

"Mrs. Jackson's story in this particular is very accurate...although it (the marriage of Ramona and Alessandro) took place forty years ago, I remember it very well--how the couple came to me and asked me to marry them and how I was impressed with them. But it was not'

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in the long adobe building which everybody points out as the place---that is the Estudillo place--but it took place in the little church which stands not far away, near the old cemetery where the old mission bells are . . Mrs. Jackson herself says that the wedding took place in the chapel, and I can't imagine why the other building is the one that is usually pointed out."

SITE OF SAN DIEGO WHALING STATION
San Diego County
NUMBER - 50

The remains of try-pot foundations, the sand about them still impregnated with black oil, are still to be seen here; where the Packard Brothers and the Johnson Brothers of New England during the middle years of the 19th century maintained whaling companies here. To this spot they towed their catch (taken in the kep beds off Point Loma usually), here cut up the whales, dried out the blubber, coppered the oil and shipped it.

Old records state that San Diego bay was sometimes so filled with whales that those living at old La Playa could not cross the narrow harbor entrance to bring fresh water from North Island, the "Peninsula of San Diego", as it was formerly called.

OLD SPANISH LIGHTHOUSE, San Diego County
NUMBER - 51

Built by the United States Government in 1855, the beacon being officially lighted by its first keeper, Captain James Keating, at sunset November 15, 1855; this lighthouse has long been erroneously referred to as "Old Spanish Light". The reason for this error seems to lie in the fact that into the construction of the lighthouse entered adobe bricks and tiles which originally formed the Spanish castillo (Fort Guijarros) built under the direction of Commandante Manuel Rodriguez about 1800; and as the wives of the American keepers were all Spanish-speaking women their children reared in Spanish atmosphere and tradition, here is further explanation of the popular name.

The light is designated as No. 355 of the 12th Lighthouse District of the United States; the building familiar to mariners as the White Tower at San Diego. The last keeper was Robert D. Israel who served from 1871 to 1891, when the new light near sea level at the tip of Point Loma was put into commission.

MISSION DAM AND FLUME, San Diego Co.
NUMBER - 52

The dam and flume, earliest irrigation works in Southern California, were probably begun late in the 18th century and finished early in the 19th. The records are not exact. It is believed that the work was designed by Alberto de Cordoba, Spanish Engineer, who was here in 1795-1797 and who designed Fort Guijarros at the same time.

"CASA DE ESTUDILLO"-Ramona's Marriage Place, San Diego County
NUMBER - 53

Former home of Prefect Don Jose Antonio de Estudillo and wife, Dona Maria Victoria Dominguez de Estudillo, who were married in 1825 and who reared a large family of distinguished sons and daughters here. Spanish aristocrats, they gathered "a frank and brilliant company of friends" about them, people who lived along El Camino Real from San Diego to Monterey. Dona Victoria, Lady Bountiful to all the San Diego district, was buried beneath the altar of the church of the Immaculate Conception.

During American occupation of San Diego in 1846 this house became sanctuary for all the women and children in the neighborhood, while guns roared from Fort Stockton and while American and Mexican soldiers filed through the streets.

At one time the roof was topped with a cupola and small gallery, from which the family and guests could observe at close range the diversions offered in the Plaza. The house was used as a school for the neighborhood; and also for Catholic services during the period from the early thirties when the presidio chapel was abandoned, and when about 1858, the adobe chapel of

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the Immaculate Conception (old building) was dedicated.

For the last twenty years, T. P. Getz has here collected many important Spanish, Indian and early American antiquities; conducting one of the most popular show places of the southwest.

FORT STOCKTON, San Diego County
NUMBER - 54

This fortification dates from about 1838 when San Diegans threw up earthworks here in preparation for an offensive from Los Angeles. In November, 1846, Commodore Robert F. Stockton took possession, Captain Santiago E. Arguello having driven out the California rangers, and improved these earthworks. For a short time previously in the year 1846 the place was known as Fort Dupont, honoring the captain of the sloop-of-war "Cyane", which on July 29, 1846, landed Colonel John C. Fremont, Kit Carson, Alexis Godey, a number of Delaware Indians and about 80 others of the Fremont "California Battalion". The Stockton improvements consisted for a broad ditch, still to be seen, behind which were placed barrels filled with earth and spaced several feet apart. In those spaces twelve guns were stationed.

From Fort Stockton early in December, 1846, Captain Archie Gillespie proceeded to Kearny's Camp with 26 men from the battalion under Captain Gilson, 10 carbineers, and a brass 4-pounder field piece from the ship "Congress", under Acting-Lieutenant Edward Beale and Midshipman Duncan.

Here is now mounted the old Spanish gun, "El Jupiter" cast in Manila in 1783; a piece of artillery with a long and interesting history; having been used at Fort Guijarros on Ballast Point in the fight with the American brig, "Lolia Byrd", March 22, 1803, and later when in danger of being cast into the sea with others of those Spanish guns it was buried in the courtyard or under the house of Don Miguel de Pedrorena.

Here in January, 1847, arrived the Mormon Battalion, completing the longest march of infantry in the history of the world; and near here early in that same year was born Diego Hunter, son of Captain and Mrs. Jesse Hunter, mormons, first child of American parents born in San Diego.

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GOD'S REDWOODS

I stand among the Redwoods
and reverently bare my head,
For I feel God stand near me
beneath their mighty spread.

He created, and Nature mothered,
that all mankind might see;
The strength and beauty of his wor
in the monarchs of all trees.

Majestic in their great height,
girth and stately sweep of span
Here grew the mighty Redwoods
long before memory of man.

They tower to the heavens
like sentinels o'er the land,
To live down thru the ages
a monument, to the Master's han

I stand beneath the Redwoods
as the shades of night draw nig
To see the sunlight descending
like a Holy light, from on high

It gleams among the branches
and in blessing, reaches down;
To mingle with deep shadows on
the Redwood's hallowed ground.

I stand beside a fallen monarch
and with sorrow bow my head;
For God created and man destroyed
a living thing, now dead.

Let's cherish the mighty Redwoods
and preserve so all may see
The oldest living things on earth;
God's grand old Redwood trees.

C. H. Over

WRONG PLACE

"Do you think the senator put enough fire in his speech?"

"Well, in my opinion he didn't put enough of his speech in the fir

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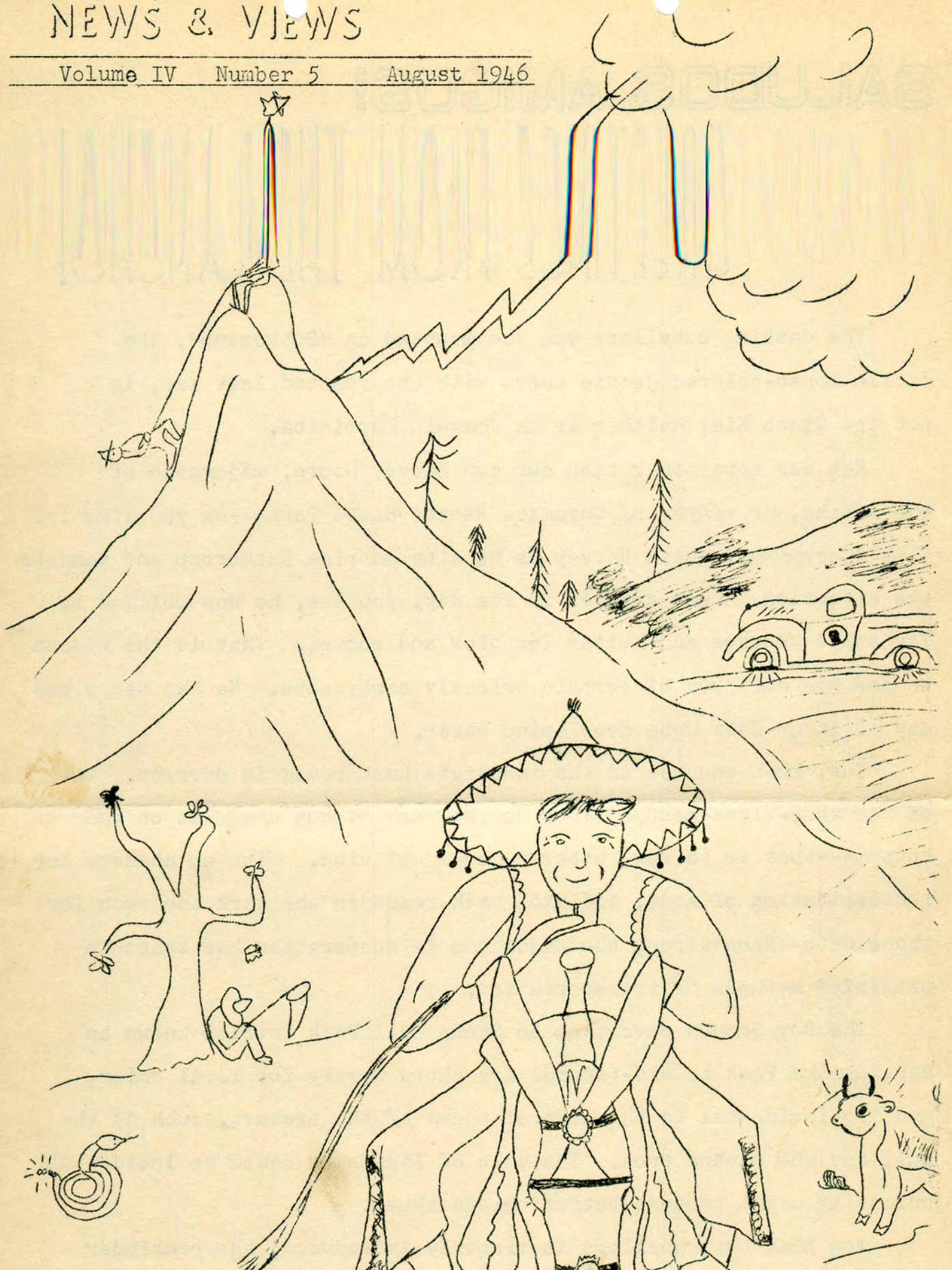


CUYAMACA EDITION

STATE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

L.D. Joch

SALUDOS, AMIGOS!
GREETINGS FROM THE RANCHO!

The dashing caballero you see mounted on "Buttercup", the docile mouse-colored jennie burro with the spotted left ear, is not the Cisco Kid; neither is he Joaquin Murrietta.

Eet ees none other than our own Harvey Moore, majordomo of the rancho, or ranger of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park---as you like it.

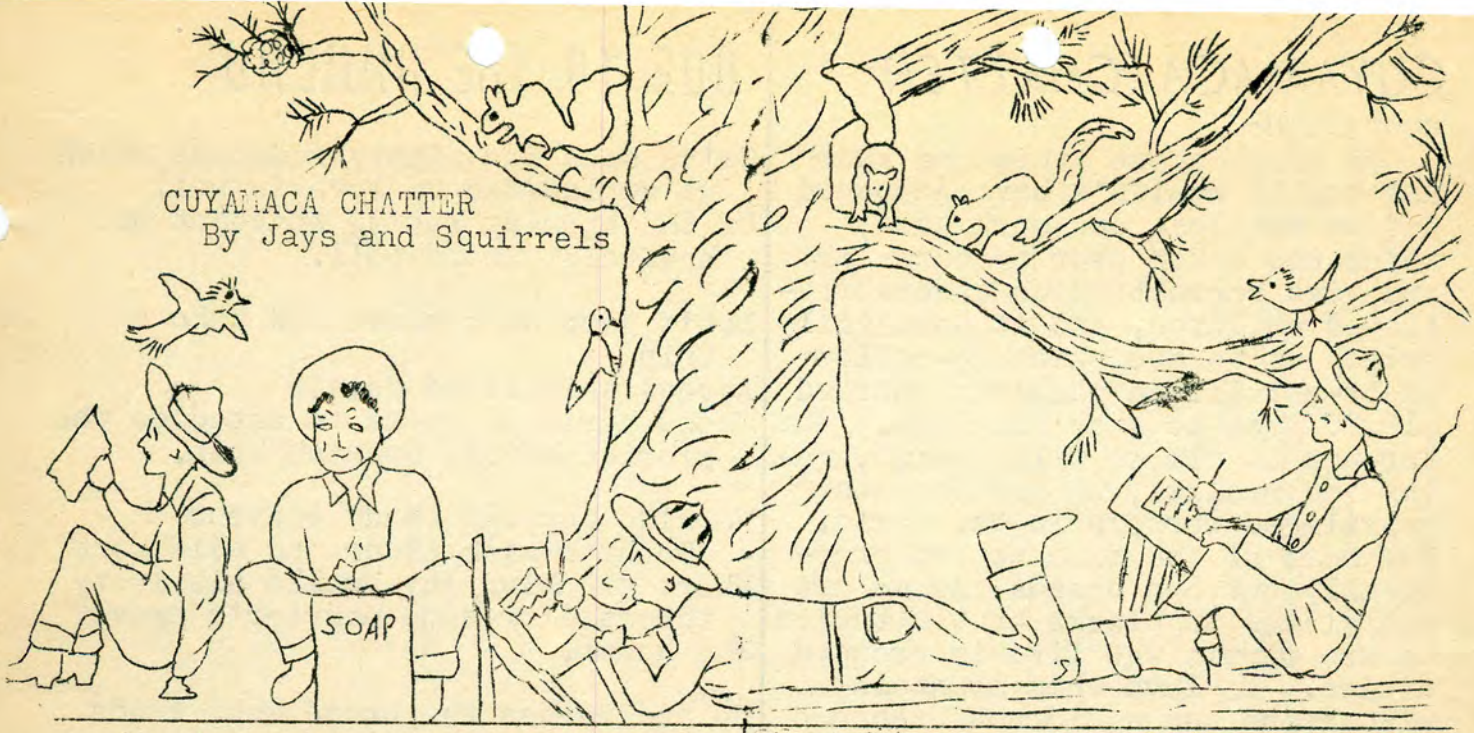
"Carramba!" quoth Harvey as he sits astride Buttercup and ponders the situation. Much earlier in the day, you see, he was obliged to lay aside serrape and guitar for pick and shovel. That is the reason we see him stripped of certain princely arrayments. He has had a bad day of it on East Mesa developing water.

Yes, what you see in the immediate background is correct. Two of the many-times-mended tires on the park pickup are flat on the bottom---that is to say, utterly devoid of wind. With no chances for rehabilitation of same, and with back roads in the park too much for these moth-eaten tires, the majordomo in desperation has taken to primitive methods of transportation.

The Boy Scouts cavorting on Stone Wall Peak (better known as Rattlesnake Peak to old-timers) are there merely for local color, and are incidental to the central theme of the picture, such as the bull and the manāna tree. The bolt of lightning could be incidental unless it might portend better things ahead.

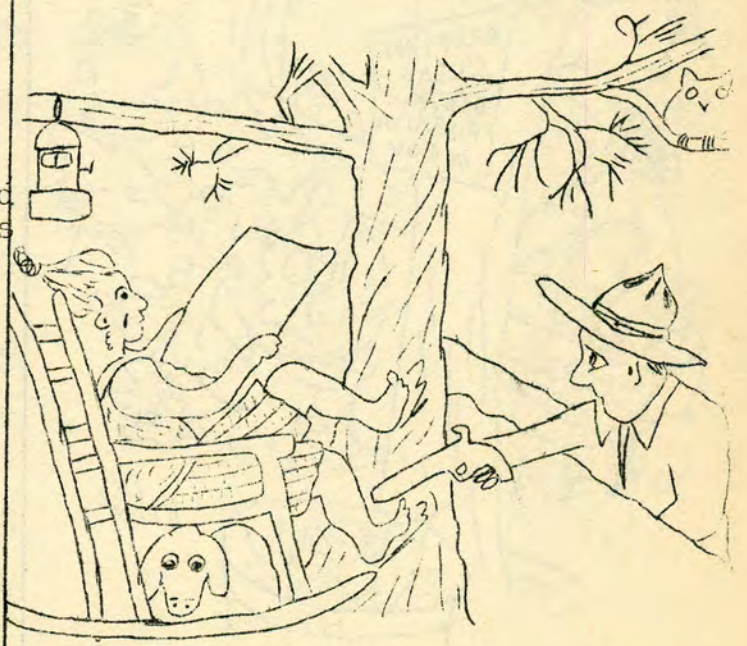
Now that the caballero is properly introduced, the remainder of our edition is at your pleasure.-----L.D.J.

CUYAMACA CHATTER
By Jays and Squirrels



In the midst of the summer rush we pause to contribute to "News & Views". We are almost bereft of ideas thinking so long in terms of millions of garbage cans overladen with melon rinds, and also endless loads of down wood hauled for campers use. We might write editorials on the subject of wood, but we wouldn't want to tire you. One thing we are sure of, the pioneer railroads missed a bet when they failed to hire women to fire their engines.

If we were inclined to "gripe" we would say, we never want to see another summer like this, but we know in another few weeks the crowds will be gone, and we will be free again and can relax and forget, yes forget. Forget plugged floor drains built under partitions so cramped only a magic wand could open, forget the long hours with aching back digging frantically almost in vain to get fresh drinking water for a multitude of campers, after "Hum Ah Tie" spring had gone dry. Also we want to forget another event, a long night cleaning a reservoir. Its roof of home made shakes had become so weathered it was a trap for small wildlife. Also impossible to forget because we have constant reminders, the nights of broken rest, "hunting the smuggled dog". It used to be night deer poachers, but now its the "DOG gone DOG"



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CUYAMACA CHATTER

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We gripe about "this and that" and say it wouldn't have happened had we not lost our work camp, which was taken over to care for and give recreation to under-privileged children, and it especially gripes us to see these so-called under-priviliged children charged $12.00 each to stay six days. But through it all we will emerge, relax and realize, we are the most privileged workers in the world. For most of the time we are practically our own bosses and we are not slaves to clocks or timetables as are people who live in crowded cities. We love this mountain wilderness and would not exchange with anyone our privilege to enjoy it. We are not envious of you fine people who labor in the Sacramento office and we would like you to know that we appreciate the many favors and the helpful advice and information that has been given us through all these years. All of which has tended to create a spirit of harmony and contentment here at old "Rancho Cuyamaca".

Harvey W. Moore

"You're certainly making a spectacle of yourself, Elmer...observing all the rules & regulations."

ODE TO THE RANCHO

We've seen our mighty redwoods which
we've learned to love so well
Of the booming rugged seacoast we
have also heard tell.

Let's jump on a horse and take a
trip
Across this broad domain
Whose heritage seems to antedate the
glories of the Spanish Main.

We ride through shady canyons
Scented with alder and wild rose
Where the blue jay swells his lusty
throat o'er some warrior's grave?
Who knows.

Up and across the broad mesa lands
Where the eagle swoops on its prey
Where the scream of the puma is heard
at night, 'twould scare you stiff
I'd say.

The antlered monarch of the waste
with his proud and haughty mien
Trots back and forth to protect his
herd, some three score or more was
seen.

The lightening smites a mighty oak
for there's nimbus in them thar
skies
The deluge descends upon us only
fleeting and soon we'll dry.

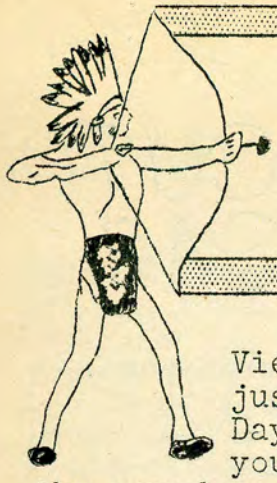
The fragrant freshness of the air
'twould make a corpse revive'
Just take a sniff at the ozone, gad,
I'm glad I'm alive.

The rainbow now is nearly spent we
rein around for home
The kaleidoscope of colors in the west
would thrill a man from Nome.

The forested slopes of old south peak
are mystic in its plush haze
The light upon its summit, is where
eagled-eyed rangers gaze.

So this is Rancho Cuyamaca, ancient
home of once proud Dons
Where happy laughter of youth is
heard and chivalry lingers on.

L. D. Juch



COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

This issue of News & Views will reach you just before the big Labor Day week-end rush and if you people can handle the crowds over that period in as splendid a manner as you handled the Fourth of July week-end rush, you certainly will merit everyones thanks and appreciation. This is the first season of my connection with the Division of Beaches and Parks that the Fourth of July crowds were handled without the office receiving notice of any incident or criticism from any visiting individual.

A STEP FORWARD

The new field personnel pay scale should enable this Division to secure the additional employees so vitally needed and, in a measure, compensate the older employees who have given so generously of their time and ability in the past.

BUDGET

Budget time is here again and we are endeavoring to plan the next biennial budget to anticipate our rapidly growing needs by forecasting them thirty months in advance. This is some job and in order to expedite same, the District Superintendents have been called into the office for individual two-day conferences.

PROGRESS

In spite of unfavorable action by the Civilian Production Administration on certain projects, shortage of materials and personnel, considerable progress has been made on the program. Thirty-eight projects, the estimate cost of which totals over $90,000.00 have been submitted to and received the approval of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance for execution by the Division of Beaches and Parks. Directives for the majority of this work have been issued to the District Superintendents. Requests for the preparation of detailed estimates, plans and construction by the Department of Public Works have been submitted. The rough estimate of the cost of these projects is $1,500,000.00. Estimate covering $450,000.00 have been received. To cover the cost of these projects, $210,000.00 have already been transferred to the Department of Public Works to execute the work. Road work at Doheny Beach and Sunset Beach, at a cost of $39,000.00 has been completed. Bids will be open on August 22, 1946, for channel improvement at Doheny State Beach, the estimated cost of which will be in the neighborhood of $90,000.00. Requests for the construction of some forty-six residences with rough location sketches have been furnished to the Division of Architecture. The latest word is that they expect to advertise these residences in the near future.

FIRE SEASON ALERT

From all indications, this Fall will be an unusually severe fire hazard season. Hence this warning.

Be positively certain that all hydrant outlets, water hose and fire fighting equipment is in the best workable condition.

Commit to memory the telephone numbers of the two closest Forestry Division fire fighting units.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Colonel E. C. Kelton will write a memorandum for this issue of News and Views on the present status of the Riding and Hiking

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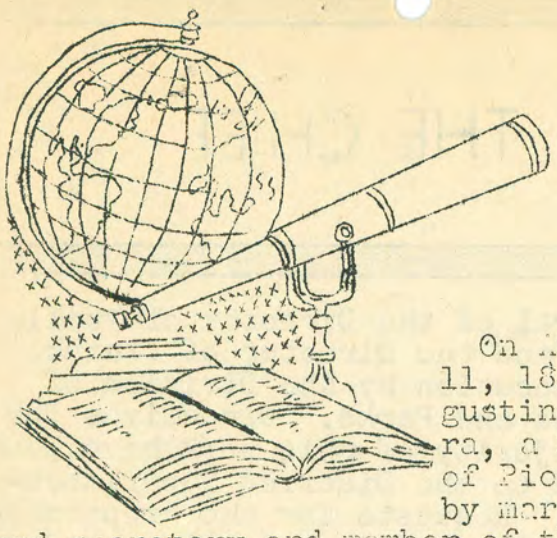

HISTORICAL NOTES ABOUT CUYAMACA

On August 11, 1845 Augustin Olvera, a nephew of Pio Pico' by marriage, and secretary and member of the assembly under Governor Pio Pico, was given a land grant of eleven leagues comprising "the place called Cuyamaca". Following are excerpts from the text of the original grant:

"Pio Pico, Senior Member of the Honorable Assembly of the Department of the Californios and Governor ad interim of the said Department:

Whereas the citizen, Augustin Olvera has claimed for his personal benefit, and that of his family, the tract of land known by the name Cuyamaca, in the jurisdiction of San Diego,-------; in the exercise of the power conferred upon me, in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have come, by decree of this day, to concede to him the aforementioned tract, declaring the ownership thereof to be in him,----, under reservation of the approbation of the most excellent Departmental Assembly, and the following conditions:

1st. He may fence it without prejudice to the roads and rights of way, he shall enjoy it freely and exclusively, devoting it to such use and culture as best may suit him.

2nd. He shall petition the Judge who has jurisdiction to give him possession in virtue of this grant. The said Judge shall mark out the respective boundaries on the lines whereof the party in interest shall place the necessary landmarks.

3rd. The Judge who may give the possession, shall cause it to be measured according to ordinance, taking care that at the time of possession, the sketch of the same be drawn out and forwarded in the original to the Government,-------.

Wherefore, I order that the present title, being held as firm and valid, be entered of record in the appropriate book, and delivered to the party in interest for his protection and other ends.

Given at the City of Los Angeles on the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, on this common paper for want of the stamped".

signed: Pio Pico
Jose Ma. Covarrubias,
Secretary.

AUGUST 10th, 1846, PIO PICO ABDICATES AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

On August 10, 1846, the Assembly of the Department of the Californios met for the last time.

In a speech to the Assembly of the Department of the Californios, Governor Pio Pico admitted the impossibility of a successful defense against the "invasion of the United States forces by sea and land". He stated that he saw no other way to preserve the honor of the government than to depart with General Castro (Military Commandant) and report to the national authorities in Mexico City. He proposed that the Assembly should dissolve, in order that the enemy might find none of the departmental authorities acting. Each member of the Assembly voted to approve Pio Pico's resolve and to adjourn sine die.

Then Pio Pico issued his "Proclama de Despedida" farewell address, which closed as follows:

"My friends, farewell! I take leave of you. I abandon the country of my birth, my family, property

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NATURE GUIDE PROGRAM AT CUYAMACA RANCHO

We reached Cuyamaca Rancho on July 20. Shortly after our tent was up, rain began to fall, with thunder and lightning. For a few minutes we had to move to keep our things dry. Rain returned daily for the next week. A few days were spent surveying the natural features of the park and making the acquaintance of Harvey Moore and the other official families of the Park. I visited the several organizational camps and made plans to assist in their program of instruction.

The first group I met were the Girl Scouts. There are usually as many as one hundred and fifty of them. We set up a nature trail, a mile long, near their camp and with the assistance of one of their leaders we located and numbered 34 plants and trees. I now visit these girls once and sometimes twice a week. The trail has also been used for bird and insect study. I understand that they use it in the evening on their Star Hikes but I have yet to be called on these occasions. These girls have collected quite a few specimens for their display.

My program with the Boy Scouts has been less formal but quite as satisfactory for them. I have gone on several hikes with them and have taken part in their evening campfire programs. They were particularily interested in such material as would fit into their merit badge and test program. Before one hike I advised them to carry snake sticks. Some did but with little enthusiasm. We hiked to the summit of Cuyamaca Peak and nearly back to camp without even hearing a snake. By that time only one stick was still being carried. A half mile from their camp, we discovered and killed a forty-nine inch rattler. I have since been told that several of the boys in our party have slept with their snake sticks handy after that.

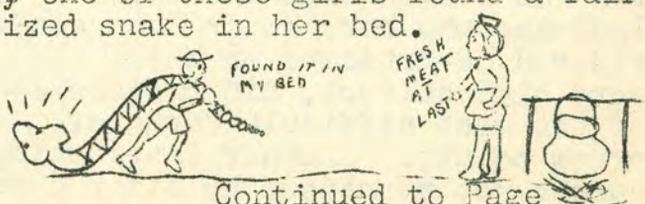
Most of the rattlers found here have not coiled but remained quietly outstretched until discovered and have made no attempt to strike. Where a number of hikers have been involved as many as ten have passed close to a snake before they saw it. In other instances large snakes have been discovered by individuals in the party who did not keep with their leader and were off the trail. Few have been found in rocks as they seem to prefer tall grass or brush.

I had a short program of nature hikes with the Brownies. They left very soon after I arrived. Incidently it seemed to me that they were less disturbed by the thunder, lightning and heavy rain than any other of the older groups.

The Camp Fire Girls have a camp near the Park and make regular overnight visits in the park. I have talked at their campfires here and also visited their camp. We set up a good nature trail for them which seems to be used daily. Their nature hut is well supplied and their interest is great. They have a fine program and I have been very pleased to help them.

Should the goddess, Diana of the Hunt, chance to visit this park she would most certainly be at home with the Senior Girl Scouts. These young ladies are really roughing it. They do their own cooking over rough stov or open fires. They sleep in the open and actually run their camp and their program with a minimum of outside direction. When it rains they have no lodge in which to take refuge. They cover their beds and belongings with tarps and other improvised shelters and cover themselves with a Poncho and laugh at the weather. I know, I saw it happen twice.

Other groups brag about killing rattlesnakes on the trail. Recently one of these girls found a fair sized snake in her bed.



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CUYAMACA BEFORE 1846

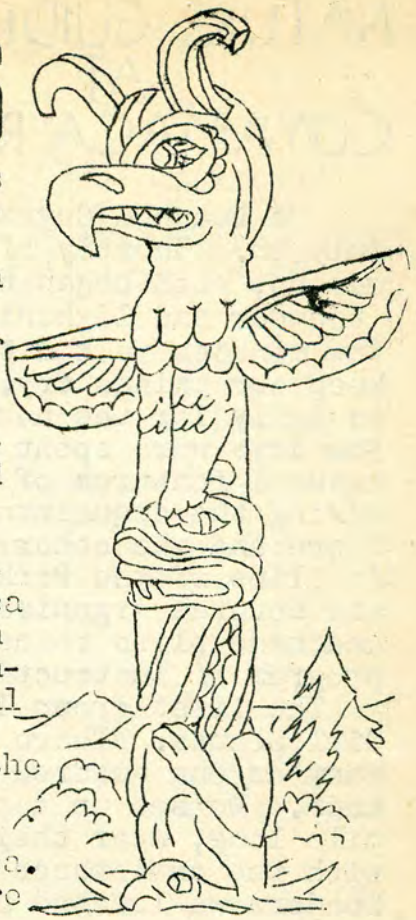
Records of the San Diego Mission give the name Cuyamaca (which literally means, "It rains beyond") a prominent place in the history of California. It was a chief of the Cuyamaca Indians, whom the Spanish called Francisco Alto (Tall Francis) who led the Indian revolt against the Spaniards and the San Diego Mission on the night of November 4th, 1775.

Because of the hostility of the mountain Indians toward the white invaders, they were held in fear by the settlers and their mountain region was an almost unknown land. The natives were very troublesome from 1825 to 1840. In 1837 the mountain Indians, again led by a Cuyamaca Indian, raided the ranch settlement near San Diego. At Rancho Jamul; owned by Pio and Andreas Pico, they abducted several Mexican women. Soldiers pursued the raiders and, after some weeks of playing "hide and seek" with the enemy, engaged in a battle with the Indians among the rocks of Cuyamaca village, not far from the present day location of the Girl Scout camp.

For some time after 1837 the mountain Indians continued to be a serious problem of the settlers. However; by the time the Yankees arrived, in 1846, the so called "pagans" had accepted the fact that the white man was here to stay.

One hundred years ago there were at least ten large Indian villages in the Cuyamaca mountains with a total population of possibly 1,000 persons.

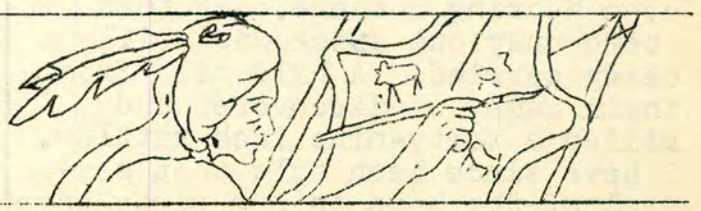
Only preliminary exploration has been carried on at any of these village sites, but such exploration has proven that the local Indians, who have never been considered as artisans or having a very high culture, did produce some of the most difficult forms of arrow points. Another interesting custom not practiced by other coastal Indians was that these people cremated their dead at a village cremation area after which the remains and the mortuary offerings were moved to a community cemetary.



In the cemetary at Cuyamaca village the San Diego Museum uncovered a burial urn which contained two of the finest arrow points ever found in America. These points are 3½ inches in length and as slender as a lead pencil, they are very delicately fashioned and serrated along the edges. Malcolm Rogers, former Curator of the San Diego Museum, wrote this reporter, "Judging from their scarcity and the care taken to preserve them, they were not employed for utilitarian purposes but were used as ceremonial or hunting fetishes".

The rare arrow points are now in the San Diego Museum, held there until the time when Cuyamaca Rancho State Park may have a museum where these points and other exhibits depicting Cuyamaca's outstanding historical and archeological material may be correctly and safely displayed.

G. L. Fleming
District Superintendent



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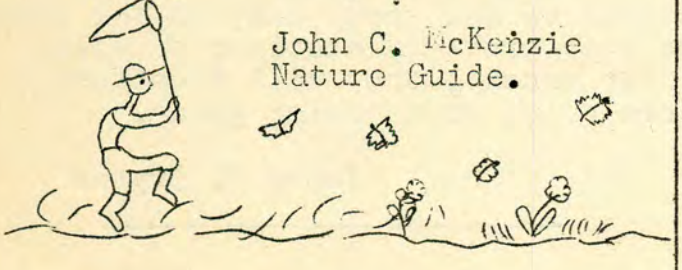
She brought it in alive in a large glass jar. She killed it with ether, mounted the head in alcohol, and is now tanning the skin. These girls chop their own wood. They carry and use efficient hunting knives and have snake sticks handy. Their study trail is really interesting and includes the body of a deer recently killed by coyotes. There is a tree in which racoons are seen, a bee tree, an Indian camp and burial ground, besides the other features common to our park.

San Diego City and County Schools sponsor a camp at Camp Cuyamaca for underpriveleged children. They use an old C.C.C. camp for it. I have visited this camp on invitation in an advisory capacity rather than as a group leader. Their program is quite complete and I feel I have been a supplement to their nature program.

Whenever it is possible, we have evening campfires in the public camps. These are most interesting and enjoyable and I have taken hiking groups from these camps too. But in general these people have come to Cuyamaca for a rest and strenuous effort of this type is not generally in demand.

This entire program can be expanded in each of its details, with great profit for all. The possibilities of this park have only begun to be explored and made available. The Indian lore is still practically a closed book with endless possibilities for the future. I have found this park very interesting and well worth the effort needed to introduce it more fully to the public.

John C. McKenzie
Nature Guide.



CUYAMACA CHARM

The old Indians left in this neighborhood say Cuyamaca bears a charm against fires...that it will never be destroyed by fire. The charm seems to be working this year as so far there have been four lightning fires on the middle and south peaks and the largest did not exceed two acres. We of Cuyamaca hope this charm continues to do its good work, that with the sharp eye of the lookout and the prompt work of the State Forestry men, all of our fires will be small.

-oOo-

Nature Guide, John McKenzie, proved his point with a 49 inch example recently. Not two hours after telling a group of Boy Scouts from the camp here about walking in single file while moving through deep grass, John and the group he was taking out, came across a large rattlesnake sunning itself on the meadow grass. The snake was quickly disposed of and I'm sure few words of advice are so quickly proven true as were John's. "When going through tall grass where the view to the ground is hidden, walk in single file have the leading person carry a stout stick and keep a sharp lookout for the snake that may be present.

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Paso Picacho, our summit camp, can hardly be mentioned without Lake Cuyamaca; because Paso Picacho, to a large extent, is a fisherman's camp and the fish they seek are in Lake Cuyamaca. The lake borders the park for about two miles and is approximately four miles long and one and one half miles wide. Boats are for hire at the lake and tackle may also be purchased there. Black Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Perch and Catfish are present to try the fisherman's skill----or luck.

Paso Picacho also has several good trails for those who wish to hike. The "must" on this list is the trail to "Old Stonewall" Peak, a good trail of two miles that leaves

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and whatever else is most grateful to man, all to save the national honor. But I go with the sweet satisfaction that you will not second the deceitful views of the astute enemy; that your loyalty and firmness will prove an inexpugnable barrier to the machinations of the invader. 'In any event, guard your honor, and observe that the eyes of the entire universe are fixed upon you."

Pio Pico left Los Angeles the night of August 10, but did not leave California until September 7, 1846.

He spent nearly two years in Mexico returning to his native State on July 6, 1846. Soon after that date he surrendered to the American authorities and took the oath of allegiance to the United States.

Submitted by C.L. Fleming

REWARD

"To anyone having information leading to fifty new campsites for Green Valley Falls campgrounds."

This increased popularity makes this necessary as we are turning away campers and picnickers each week. This increase could be caused by the fact that San Diego has tripled its population during the war.

Our main attraction, having one of the few streams available for swimming in this area, appeals to kids from six to sixty. Each spring these two legged beavers may be seen carrying everything from twigs to sandbags to make the many pools dotted through the campground. The well beaten trails leading to this and that pool, and the upper and lower falls, are all one has to notice to realize the number of people taking advantage of this wonderful, natural playground.

NATURE NOTES FROM WILLIAMS GROVE

Although Williams Grove is generally considered by the camping public to be just another campground, it does boast several interesting and ou of the ordinary natural features. Just a few yards from park headquarte there is an old stump some six feet diameter, and eight or ten feet high, left when loggers took the best of th trees years ago. Growing out of the top of this stump is a Tan Oak tree about eight inches in diameter, and twenty-five to thirty feet tall. It should be interesting to observe the progress of this association, and to see just how long the oak can derive support from the tissues of the dead redwood.

Away off in the south end of the campground, a small six inch redwood suffered an injury some years ago which snapped the top off some twenty five feet above the ground, and left it dangling straight down along the trunk. Thinking this broken top to be dead, we started to remove it this spring, only to find that it was stil alive. Thus we have a tree with an overall height of fifty feet, but with its top a mere five feet from its roots.

Often two redwood trees, when growing quite close together, will more or less fuse, or join together at the base, forming a community trunk, while each tree still retains its individual top. Here in Williams Grove we have three such trees growing together. They are all in the neighborhood of three feet in diameter, and two of them have already joined trunks for some ten feet above the ground, while the third is joined to the group only at the base. As they grow and continue to unite their trunks, they will doubtless form quite an imposing group.

James P. Tryner

CUYAMACA CHARM--Continued:

one on a granite peak of some 5900 feet elevation, with a view of Salton Sea, Imperial Valley and the observatory on Palomar Mt. before you. A hike of three miles will take one to Cuyamaca Peak and the lookout tower, here the man in charge will usually invite you and your party up to see him and your visit with him will leave you far wiser as to how forest fires are located quickly and accurately. Two longer trails may also be used, one from Middle Peak to South Peak and the other from South Peak down across West Mesa. Along these trails one will see the wild life of Cuyamaca and nearly all of the trees and growth we have here at the Rancho.

Since the arrival of Naturalist John McKenzie we also have a Saturday night "firecircle". Every night finds the circle ringed with park guests, where free information and fun for all can be had.

Leo Crawford
Cuyamaca Rancho

CHIEF'S PAGE-CONTINUED

Trails project and John A. Hennessey will do likewise regarding the present status of our acquisition program so that the personnel may be kept informed on the latest developments of these activities within the Division.

IS THAT YOU, DEAR?

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS

Considerable progress has been made in connection with the Riding and Hiking Trail project which was assigned to the Division of Beaches and Parks by the Legislature. In 1945 an appropriation of $20,000.00 for surveys of the trails project was appropriated. An Advisory Committee was appointed by the Governor and educational work among the county officials and Riding and Hiking groups in the thirty-six counties through which the State Master Trail will pass was initiated. The 1946 Legislature appropriated $300,000.00 to be expended in the establishment of the California Riding and Hiking Trail project. Tentative preliminary layout plans have been received from eight counties. More thorough investigation and detailed location has been submitted by Los Angeles, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties. These plans were approved as to general scope and location by the State Park Commission on August 23, 1946. Work of detailed surveys for acquisition and construction will be started as soon as civil service employees can be obtained.

By
Col. E. C. Kelton

ACQUISITION SECTION

The acquisition section reports that it is slowly but surely getting a complete organization together to handle the large amount of buying contemplated under both the County Master Plans and the Riding and Hiking Trails.

We now have two men in the San Francisco office, one in the Los Angeles office, with two more to come in the near future.

The appraisals are underway in the counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo and Marin. Appraisals are now just about completed so that we may be able to purchase certain selected spots in the town of Columbia.

Our Section is also quite proud of the fact that the two Junior Real

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ACQUISITION SECTION Continued:
Property Agents on our staff were number one and two in the state wide examination for this position.

By
John A. Hennessey

RICHARDSON GROVE CAMPFIRE SONG

Mrs. Louise Allard, Recreation Leader at Richardson Grove State Park, wrote the following song to be sung around the evening campfire programs:

TO THE TUNE OF "MOTHER MACREE"

There's a spot in this state
That I love best of all
It's the place where the trees
Grow so stately and tall.
There's a place in my memory
No other can have
No other place like it ---
It's Richardson Grove.

Sure I love the tall redwoods
That stand there so fine
And the fish in Eel River
Upon which we dine,
The ferns and the flowers
That grow in each cove
Oh, there's no place just like it
Richardson Grove.

Every night round the campfire
We sing with delight
All the campers are friendly
And things are just right.
It's the place we return to
The camp that we love
No place is quite like it
Richardson Grove.

STORK NEWS

It's a girl for the JOHN OTTER family. She arrived on August the twelth and weighed eight pounds and five ounces. The proud parents have named her Marjorie Sue.

PERSONNEL

The expansion of State Park personnel continues at a rapid rate as attendance figures at parks and beaches of the system show a need for more park personnel. This season, thus far, has proven to be a very successful one with the attendance records far surpassing any records of the past.

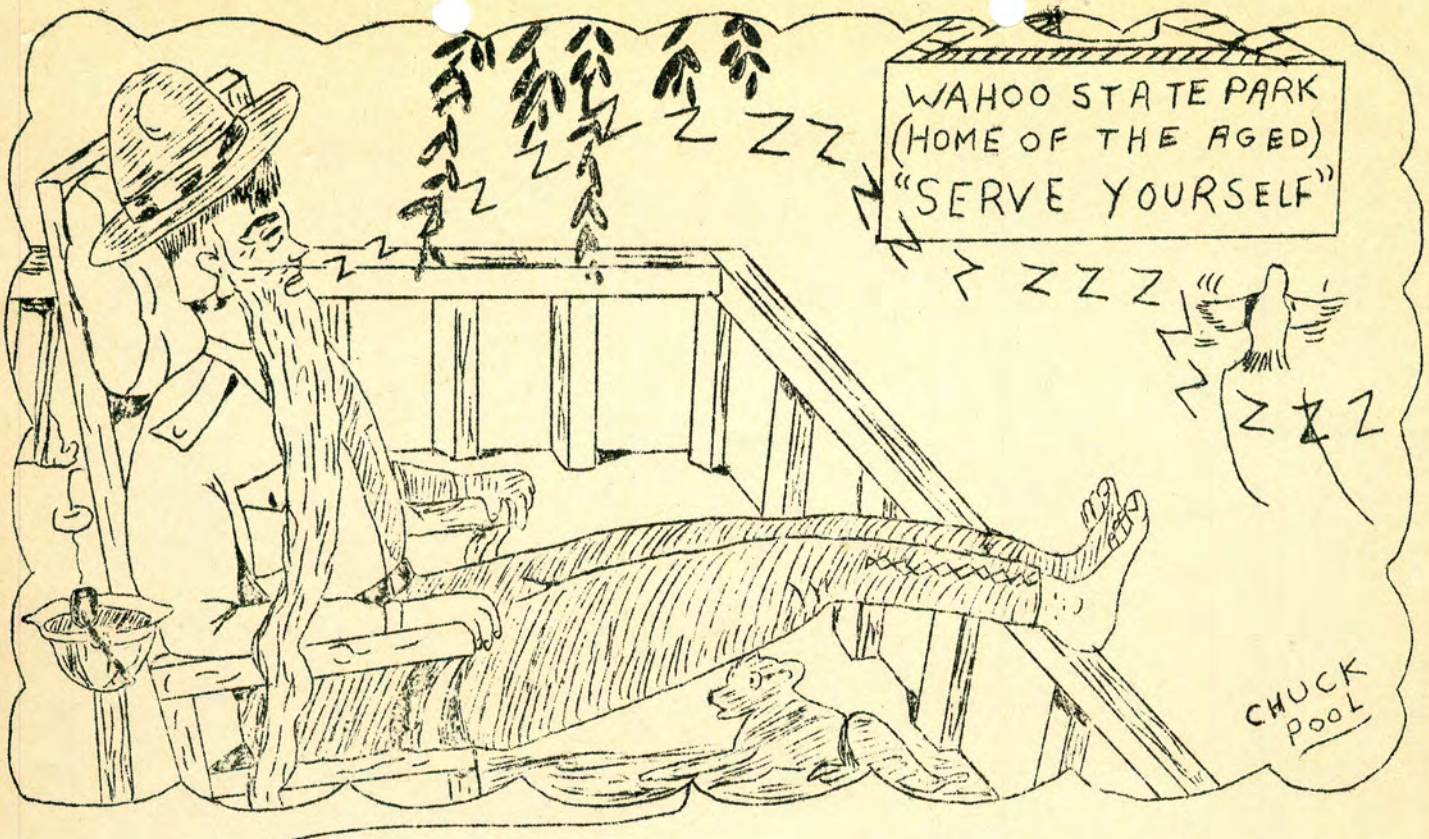
Summarized below are the new appointments, separations, and transfers in the field and in the Sacramento office.

New appointments include: MRS. LOLA JAMES, Intermediate Steno-clerk and WILLIAM BRIGANCE, Senior Engineering Aid to the Sacramento office. RICHARD WINTER, deputy ranger, to D.L. Bliss; MARSHALL A. RUGE, deputy ranger, to Portola; KENNETT ALLARD, laborer, to Dyerville Headquarters; JOHN ALLARD, laborer, to Richardson Grove; Russell Haskins, state park land purchasing officer, San Francisco office; CHARLES C. DARLING, deputy ranger, to La Purisima; WILLIAM J. HAUSSLER, deputy ranger, to Samuel P. Taylor; FRANK H. CHAUSSEE, deputy ranger, to Prairie Creek; MICHAEL A. POWELL, deputy ranger; to Seacliff Beach; WILLIAM SHEEHY, deputy ranger, to Russian Gulch; LAWRENCE J. THOLE, skilled laborer; to Mill Creek; JAMES KANE, laborer, to House of Gold; GORDON K. KELLS, deputy ranger, to Big Sur; HOUSTON C. JAMES, deputy ranger to Big Sur; GEORGE R. HAGENS, deputy ranger, to Big Basin; and JESSE I. JONES, Lands Purchasing Officer, to Los Angeles office.

Separations included: WESLEY T. LONG, laborer at House of Gold; WILLIAM SHEEHY, deputy ranger at Russian Gulch and ALBERT H. FOWLER, skilled laborer at Mt. Tamalpais.

Classification changes included: FLOYD SADDLEMYER, Big Basin, from skilled laborer to deputy ranger; JACK LEMLEY, Will Rogers, from deputy ranger to assistant ranger and HENRY SADDLER, Palomar, from deputy ranger to assistant ranger.

Transfers included: RAYMOND L. NELSON from Richardson Grove to Dyerville Headquarters.



PARK VISITOR'S HALLUCINATION.....

and this is just the picture one visitor to Van Damme Beach had concerning life as a State Park Ranger.

Al Beck, assistant ranger in charge of the park, relates that the visitor, after staying several days in the park, came to him when leaving and complimented him on the clean park and marvelous comfort stations.

"Then," continues Mr. Beck, "the lady concluded with: 'I certainly hope that when my husband becomes old enough to retire that he can become a State Park Ranger.'" (Cartoon by Charles E. Pool, 14, son of Assistant Ranger Elmer Pool, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The caballeros from the rancho have set a fine example for other parks in the material they presented for this Cuyamaca Edition. Congratulations, Amigos.

The September issue will be the Will Rogers Edition, inasmuch as the ranch hands of Pacific Palisades have agreed to provide material.

The editor will appreciate hearing offers to sponsor the November issue. Any park crew wishing to volunteer for November, please do so as soon as possible. It will give the Editor real cause for thanksgiving.

POLICE POWERS GRANTED

Police power has been granted to the following employees by recent action of the State Park Commission: Richard T. Winter, William A. Killion and Virgil E. Priest.

FLEMING IS HONORED

Guy L. Fleming, superintendent of the Southern District, recently was elected president of the Fellows of the San Diego Society of Natural History. This organization is the oldest natural history society west of the Rockies, the California Academy of Sciences being the oldest.

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THIS EDITION

WE DEDICATE TO YOUR MEMORY

1879 1935

WILL ROGERS

YOU WHO MADE THE WHOLE WORLD LAUGH AND MADE THE WHOLE WORLD LOVE YOU

PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES RAISES FOR FIELD FORCE

The State Personnel Board last month approved salary adjustments for field personnel of the Division which will result in considerable financial gain for the field men.

The positions, their old range, the new range, which is retroactive to June 1, 1946, and the total increase, are as follows:

District Superintendent, from $250-310 to $325-385, up $75.

Assistant District Superintendent, from $230-270 to $280-340, up $70.

State Park Ranger, Grade 3, from $200-240 to $250-310, up $70.

State Park Ranger; Grade 2, from $180-220 to $220-260, up $40.

State Park Ranger, Grade 1, from $170-210 to $190-230, up $20.

Curator of Hist. Mon., from $180-220 to $190-230, up $10.

State Park Nature Guide, from $190-230 to $220-260, up $30.

Recreation Leader, from $170-210 to $190-230, up $20.

Mr. Dan Blood, deputy director-comptroller of the Department of Natural Resources, advised Mr. Henning that it will require considerable work and time before the adjustment pay will be received in the field, but it is on its way.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Changes in State Park personnel during the last month are as follows:

New Appointments--CURTISDEAN E. GRAMMER, int. clerk, Sacramento; ROY MOORE, ranger grade 1, San Clemente Beach; E. G. KELLER, ranger grade 1, Point Lobos; JESSE I. JONES, lands purchasing officer, Los Angeles; NORMAN H. WATKINS, senior engineering aide, Sacramento; WILLIAM A. KILLIAN, ranger grade 1; Donner Monument; RICHARD T. WINTER, ranger grade 1, Calaveras Big

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The ranch-hands of Will Rogers Park did well on short notice in supplying material for this edition---and now the honors go to the Big Basin crew for the October issue. Chief Ranger Cushing informs us he already has held several staff meetings to discuss the edition, so we are looking forward to their contribution.

The November issue already is spoken for by Earl Hanson and the men of Dyerville Headquarters in Humboldt County--so now we are asking for a Santa Claus to supply material for the December number. Speak up, little man, with a tummy that shakes like a bowl full of jelly.

PARK ATTENDANCE BOOMS

Actual attendance in State Parks this season has come up to the high total estimated for the season at the beginning of the year. The following attendance figures, gleaned at random from rangers' weekly reports for the week ending September 14, give some indication of the very heavy use of State parks this year:

Doheny Beach--168,765; Dyerville Headquarters (contact station)---- 10,701; Cuyamaca Rancho--79,968; Palomar Mountain--5,686; Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park--81,860; Fort Ross--16,159; Old Custom House-- 54,472; Donner Monument--54,890; Armstrong Redwoods--169,625 (total last year this date, 88,125); Will Rogers Park--77,625; Seacliff Beach-213,029; Vallejo Home--15,574 (total last year this time, 6,963); Sonoma Mission--34,540 (total last year this time, 14,539).

McArthur-Burney Falls--12,701;

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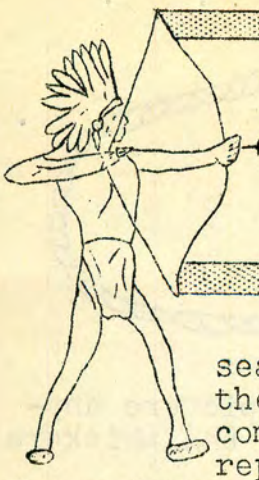

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

The busiest park season in the history of the Division is rapidly coming to a close since reports from all parks show a decreased attendance from September 9th on.

The heavy Labor Day weekend was seemingly handled without incident as no reports from any park have come in to the contrary. Therefore sincere congratulations to all field personnel.

I noticed a great number of requests for vacations on the part of field employees, and these are, no doubt, well deserved. I merely want to caution the District Superintendents and the individuals in charge of various parks to keep sufficient personnel available until after the hazardous fall fire season is over. So far, no fires of any consequence have occurred in the State parks during the 1946 season.

CUYAMACA NUMBER

The last issue of NEWS & VIEWS, referred to as the CUYAMACA ISSUE, was both very informative and artistically depicted some of the many problems which Rangers are called upon to solve.

BUDGET

The 1947-49 Biennial Budget has been compiled with the assistance of the District Superintendents and to the relief of the entire office staff since this was a very sizeable job and one requiring many weeks of strenuous work. The Budget is by far the largest one ever to be presented to the Department of Finance since it contemplates securing funds for the needs of the Division for the proper rehabilitation of all of our park facilities which were neglected during the War period and also requests funds for the proper enlargement and development, not only of our partly developed parks but also for all the areas which heretofore have remained undeveloped.

ORAL TESTS

Oral examinations have been scheduled for those who were successful in passing the written test recently given for Ranger Grade I classification. It is hoped that a sufficient number will qualify so that we may be able, upon receipt of the final approved list of eligibles, to fill all of our presently allotted but unfilled positions.

LA PURISIMA HAS FEED PROBLEMS

Backyard farmers and poultrymen are not the only ones who hope for quick return of baby chick feed to the market.

Jack W. Calvert, chief ranger of La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument, wants some to feed his bumper crop of baby quail.

Nearly a thousand quail now are making the beautiful gardens of the mission their home. As there is a shortage of natural feed in the park Calvert has been feeding them grain and chicken feed when he can get it.

The presence of quail at the park has proved a hit with more than 10,000 persons who have visited the mission this year.

CANHAM'S FATHER DIES

Condolences go to Fred C. Canham of Armstrong Redwood State Park because of the death of his father in Santa Cruz on August 29th.

PERSONAL GRUNTS by RANGER VELZY

It was with great personal sorrow, that I noted in last month's News & Views, that Harvey Moore, of Cuyamaca, had sunk so low that he had adopted an Arizona Canary as a mode of transportation.

Looking back thirty years ago, I remember Harvey as a rootin', tootin', shootin' cowboy in the great Imperial Desert, working for Jeff Waters' outfit.

In those days Harvey rode any kind of horse meat that had four good legs under him and a stock saddle on the hurricane deck. His, and the rest of the cowpokes', favorite pastime was to meet the evening train as it pulled into the little station a mile from town. Coming down the dusty road at a full gallop, with guns blazing and cowboy whoops, they used to give the passengers quite a thrill.

So you can see that Harvey has degenerated from a profession that required skill, a tough seat, bowed legs and an appetite for his beef raw, to the status of a lowly desert rat. But to give the devil his dues I'll plunk my dough on Harvey to fork the orniest jackass that ever plodded the dusty dry gulches of Death Valley. Let's keep the Service clean and for Pete sake, Harvey, get back in your element again!

Congratulations to Chuck Pool on his sketch of Al Beck. I would recognize you by that picture anyplace, Al, so take off the whiskers, we know you.

Fellow Rangers, we just gotta uphold the dignity of our stations, an' I print herewith a list of the things I have been called by our public, who wouldn't recognize the difference between a rattlesnake and a hippopotamus.

I tell you our pride, dignity and exalted ego is being kicked around so much that it is actually getting painful. Just yesterday a lady, (or was she) called out, "Hey, Guardian, come here a minute, I want to talk to you." I have been called a policeman, sheriff, officer, constable, custodian, warden, cop, trooper, gardener, janitor, mountie, patrolman, caretaker. They call: hey mister, youse guys, fellow, kid, hey you and just plain hey.

It is downright scandalous what we have to put up with and I think that a very small pamphlet should be printed and passed out to our visitors, along with a Park folder, telling about the State Parks, their operation, who and what the personnel are, operation of the system, its cause for existence and other things pertinent to the State Parks. At least 50% of the visitors to Will Rogers State Park are visitors from all over and the best advertising we can ever get is from just that little pamphlet. Newspaper advertising and articles are read and forgotten immediately, where a small pamphlet passed out to them and read in most cases within an hour or less of their visit to the Park will make an impression that they will not soon forget. Continued to Page 9.

WILL ROGERS LIBRARY

by

VICTORIA WILLIAMSON, Curator

The library at Rogers Ranch House consists of approximately sixteen hundred, (1600) volumes. Almost everyone who ever wrote a book sent a copy to Will Rogers for his seal of approval. Men and women of international reputation-Helen Keller, David Belasco; Colonel House, Houdini, Durant, autographed in the most affectionate terms the copies they sent to America's famous humorist.

Great artists like Charlie Russell and Edward Borein, inscribed their volumes with exciting drawings of cowboy life. Not all of the authors are best sellers. Some just managed to "ring the bell"; and with them are authors whose one tiny star flashed across the sky into oblivion.

The riches of this library are revealed only when one does some research.

There are poems of love, (a tiny booklet, privately printed and the lady beloved is Anna Held.) Quote:

> "Better my Caravan of Dreams seeking an Oasis of Memory in the Sahara of your lost love, than a Paradise of Beautiful Woman - without You."

A small book of rare beauty is "The Last Will and Testament of Charles Lounsbury." Its author, a millionaire by self-appraisal and a lawyer in early life, died in an almshouse in Cook County, Illinois. In the pocket of his well-worn coat was found a remarkable will. Because of its beauty of thought and language, this will was probated by the Chicago Bar Association and spread on the records of Cook County. Quote: "I devise to boys, jointly, all the idle fields and commons where ball may be played--- to lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorne----To the loved ones with snowy crowns, I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep."

Will Rogers himself, authored several books. "Ether and Me," the story of his operation for gall stones; "There Isn't a Bathing Suit In All Russia," quote: "I didn't get to see all of Russia, but I did see all of a great many Russians"; and the "Illiterate Digest". Another book by Will Rogers, "What I Know About the Gold Standard", packs a sly laugh. All the pages are blank!

Will Rogers most casual statement invariably concealed a startling truth. The man who only knew what he read in the papers, searched unceasingly for knowledge on an amazing diversity of topics; biography, law, aviation, polo, pioneer history, philosophy and travel. These, and countless other topics are all to be found among the books which Will Rogers bought for his personal use; volumes thumbed and pencilled for future reference. The visit to Russia was prefaced by hours of research, if one may judge by the use made of several books dealing with the language, the history and the monetary system of that country.

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JUST A RANGER'S REFLECTIONS

Oh Lord, just let us once again
Be the carefree, joyous, happy men,
With shining eyes and glowing faces
Who grabbed our jobs and started places.

We eyed with awe our wonderland
And went to work to beat the band.
The toughest jobs we hoped to lick
And see our honors pile up quick.

With might and main we sweat and toil
And under our nails we collect the soil.
Our necks get burned in the summer sun
And the winter rains soak everyone.

When the storms are o'er and the days get warm,
The people, like bees, begin to swarm
Into our Parks with shouts of glee,
Looking for service, that's you and me.

Where can I camp with my dog and cat?
Now that's a toughie, you answer that.
I want some wood and I want it quick---
And you get it fast, if she's a chick.

The faster they come the harder you work
To yourself you say, I'm just a jerk.
Put on the brakes, now that's not me
My accomplishments are there for all to see.

So you think it over, survey the scene,
It can't be the truth but just a dream.
For the satisfaction of work well done
Is reward enough for anyone.

The season is over and the crowds go away,

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QUALIFICATIONS OF A STATE PARK RANGER

The stamina of an army mule,
The patience of a setting hen,
The cockiness of a rooster,
The humility of a worm.

The tirelessness of a locomotive,
The strength of Paul Bunyan,
The smile of an angel,
The intestinal fortitude of a Top Sergeant.

The lungs of a race horse,
The shape of an Adonis,
The dress of a bon vivant,
The snap of a whip.

The judgement of a Jehovah,
The sweetness of a bride,
The suavity of a head waiter,
The knowhow of a Superintendent.

The politeness of a floorwalker,
The ability of an F.B.I.
The accuracy of an auditor,
The nonchalance of a G.I. Joe.

If you are that good, you are Napoleon and I am George Washington, so move over and let me in too.

BIG BASIN CORN AT ITS WORST
(As seen from Will Rogers)

I'd Weather Bee beat to death wit a Cushing, then I'd Knoe ffler sure which side my bread was Butler ed on.

Read on, it gets worse.

French had a pet Coon, who's tail caught fire. It was aBlais dell dawn, and with fire Fleming from its rear, ran into a tree, POW!ell broke loose.

I don't know and I aint yet heard,
But with a red bandana my loins I'll gird
A shirt I'll ban, no pants will I wear
This uniform business gets in my hair

We gotta get clothes to cover our chest,
And pants and stuff to cover the rest.
So please, Chief, call a session, so we will know
The things to buy for a Ranger's torso

THOUGHTS BEHIND WORDS

FRIENDS

We're here so short a time before
We go to unknown ends.
We may not meet in other worlds--
Let's hurry and be friends.

FAUCETS

The faucet leaks a single drop
And like a tiny wakeful bird
It chirps and tinkles through the night
The smallest song I ever heard.

EXCUSES

I can always make excuses
When I'm disinclined to work
But when I am hiring some one
How I hate to see him shirk!

WHISTLES

The noonday whistles' piercing shrieks
To me are music wild and sweet--
With gladsome cries that reach the skies
They tell the world it's time to eat.

WEATHER

I love grey days of wind and rain
When all the big trees shout and play,
And misty days all filled with dreams--
I just love weather anyway.

TREE

I think I'd like to be a tree,
And stand and sway without a care;
And have the fragrant rain-washed wind
Run long, strong fingers through my hair.

TEAMWORK

Be proud when you do a thing well
No matter how humble your place,
For it's pretty good teamwork at that,
To help on the whole human race.

CAMPER WILL MARRY

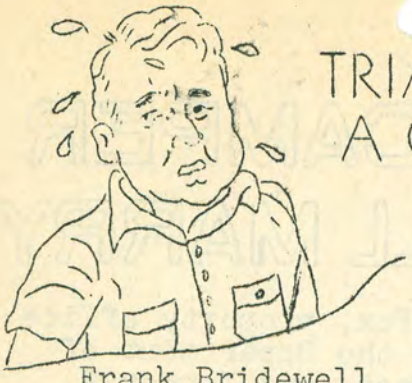
Lillian G. Fox, property office supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources, and Ernest B. Camper, administrative aide for the Division of Beaches and Parks, will be married at the First Methodist Church in Reno, Nevada, on October 7th.

The bride-to-be will be given away by her brother, Royal M. Hatfield of Long Beach. She is a graduate of Denver, Colorado, schools.

Camper's best man will be Bruce Bidwell of Greenville, a great nephew of the "Prince of Pioneers", General John Bidwell. Camper, an army air corps veteran of the first World War, is a graduate of the University of California, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Skull and Keys, and the Big C Society. He is a member of the Hermitage Club in Sacramento.

The honeymoon trip will take the couple to Denver, and then through the southwestern states of Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada, where they will visit national parks Camper will return to his desk on November 4th.

The best wishes of the division go with you and your missus-to-be, Ernie.



TRIALS OF A CURATOR

Frank Bridewell, curator at the Vallejo Home, gets his share of questions with little thought behind them.

One group of adults asked him how many of General Vallejo's sons grew to maturity. He answered that four had reached maturity, whereupon a young woman pointed to a large picture of one son, heavily-bearded, and seriously inquired, "did that one reach maturity?".

In a conversation with another group the following dialogue took place between Bridewell and another young woman:

SHE: "Are any of the general's ancestors living?".

HE: "No, he died 56 years ago at the age of 82."

SHE: "I was just looking at those pictures---are all of them dead?".

HE: "All of his children are dead but nine of them married so there are a good many descendants-grandchildren and great grandchildren."

SHE: "Isn't that marvelous!"

HE: (Dumbfounded silence....)

A middleaged woman of good appearance asked Bridewell if he was an ancestor of the General. Bridewell answered that he assumed that she meant "descendant", that after all he still was in his first 100 years, and that he was NOT an ancestor or a descendant of the esteemed gentleman in question.

THE TALLEST TREE

Here on Nature's hallowed ground,
Down thru many centuries blest,
Stands the tallest tree Eternal,
God's heritage to the West.

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THE TALLEST TREE, Continued:

Endowed with the Creator's spirit
To withstand the elements of clime,
This stately Redwood stands today,
A living masterpiece of time.

It reaches high unto the heavens
Like a spire on cathedral grand,
To overlook its mighty brethren
Gathered here on the blessed land.

From this, His handiwork, you know Him,
For with God-given eyes you see
A living symbol of His work --
The Redwood, tallest living tree.

By C.H. OVER

THE PRAIRIE CREEK TRAIL

Dedicated to C.L. Milne-Chief Ranger

My friend who would adventure seek
Come walk the Trail of Prairie Creek
You who may know the city's thrill,
Come walk these paths of the wood-land still.
A few hundred yards, a mile or more,
Will open to you nature's door
Of beauty and wonder in living things
Of trees and flowers and birds on wings.
A carpet of leaves beneath your feet
More soft and cushioned than bridal-suite,
With ferns that are tiny or giant size
And a jungle of beauty before your eyes.
There are stately trees with moss and vine;
The spruce, the hemlock, the myrtle and pine.
Living together in the mighty wood
To teach us lessons of brotherhood.
The King and Monarch of them all
The Sempervirens graceful and tall.
"Everliving" as their name implies
Their noble crests that would reach the skies.
You my friend of Market Street
The river of traffic with a million feet,
Come feed your soul; we say "All Hail"
To the living things of the Prairie Creek Trail.

By Rev. Fred H. Ross
San Pedro, California

WILLIAMS GROVE NATURE NOTES

Williams Grove, as well as all of the northern redwood parks, is composed of a nearly pure stand of coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) On the other hand, interested visitors will find many other notable tree species associated with them.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of these associated species is the Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga taxifolia). This is the species which makes Oregon and Washington two of the great lumber producing states of the Union. The name Douglas Fir is misleading, for the tree is not a fir, but belongs to an entirely separate genus. The tree was first noted by Menzies on Vancouver Island about 150 years ago, and was subsequently classified by various botanists as spruce, fir, hemlock, and even pine, until in about 1825, David Douglas showed that the tree deserved separate classification.

In Oregon and Washington, Douglas Fir grows in magnificent pure stands and attains great size, up to some 12 feet in diameter, and 325 feet in height. One tree near Mineral, Washington, was measured at 15 feet in diameter and 385 feet in height (Harlow and Harrar, Textbook of Dendrology, p. 148), but is no longer standing. Here among the redwoods, it does not attain these magnificent proportions, it being unusual to find a tree exceeding four feet, in diameter.

The tree may be recognized by the short yellow-green or blue-green needles arranged all around the twigs, with a slight tendency to be two-ranked, by a dark reddish-brown, deeply fissured bark, or by the small conical shiny brown buds in winter and spring. Its cones are small, 3 or 4 inches long, pendant on the tree, nearly cylindrical in form, with obvious three-toothed reflexed bracts protruding from between the scales.

by J.P. Tryner

EAGER BEAVER BUCK HUNTER AMBUSHES DEER IN PARK AREA

A wild fusillade of rifle shots broke out within the quiet confines of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park the evening of August 26th just before sundown and when the smoke cleared away startled rangers beheld an automobile parked in the middle of Highway No. 1, and a rather breathless young man dragging a tagged buck away from the guest cabin area of the park towards the car.

The hunter, T.C. Marshburn of Stockton, had fired four shots at the grazing deer from the highway, the shots spraying through the cabin area. The shooting occured only 300 yards from the checking station.

Assistant Ranger Wayne Cox witnessed the violation and held the hunter until Fish and Game Warden Berry from Monterey arrived and issued a citation. Marshburn was prosecuted under the Public Resources Code, Section 5008, and fined $100 by Judge Baugh of Monterey.

Two men cited for hunting doves in Morro Bay State Park this month, each were fined $25.00, Ranger Lloyd Lively reports.

PERSONAL GRUNTS: Continued

I may be all wrong about this, but I'll lay my money on the line that only five out of every one hundred visitors have even the remotest idea what the State Parks are, how they are operated, or by whom, and always confuse them with our National Parks. Let's hear some more ideas on the subjects from the RANGERS in other parks.

WILL ROGERS LIBRARY

Continued:

The first editions, no doubt, are of the greatest value in this library, but running them a close second are the volumes - about one hundred in number - of authentic pioneer narratives. These books form a complete saga of the old West, with rare information on the Cherokees and other Indian tribes who, in the dim past, pioneered to this continent from points unknown. When the white man came he brought the law and some degree of order, crude though it was. "Hell on the Border", a ragged volume of 700 pages, gives a graphic and truthful picture of this era. Judge Isaac C. Parker--the terror of lawbreakers, who hanged eighty eight (88) men, is the author of this--his acknowledged masterpiece.

The personality of Will Rogers is deeply impressed on his surroundings. Even the most casual visitors remark upon this fact. One almost expects him at any moment to come galloping down the trail with a cheery, "Howdy folks. Welcome to Rogers Ranch." In "The Life of Will Rogers" written by his wife, the last paragraph envisions Will Rogers still riding and roping; "And it's not Comanche he's on--its old Soapsuds. But he still has a rope on his saddle and he still wants to go somewhere."

JUST A RANGER'S REFLECTIONS.
Continued:

Your reflections go back to another day
When in happy mood and joyous heart
On your newest job you made a start.

Your life is there in that bed you've made
Don't shirk that job for which you prayed.
But stand up straight, stick out your chin.
Get that promotion with your will to win.

By Gene Velzy

PERSONNEL CHANGES, Continued:

Trees (temp. at D.L. Bliss); E. J. MAXWELL, laborer, Mt. San Jacinto; CHARLES H. MILLER, laborer, Carpinteria; WILLIAM C. JORGENSEN, laborer, Carpinteria.

Reinstatement of veteran--ALFRED P. SALZGEBER, ranger grade 1, Dohony Beach.

Separations--KENNETT I. ALLARD, laborer, Dyerville; LOUISE B. ALLARD, recreation leader, Richardson Grove; ROBERT G. SHAVER, skilled laborer, Will Rogers Park; GORDON K. KELLS, ranger grade 1, Pfeiffer Big Sur; FELIX MARCEL, laborer, La Purisima Mission; GEORGE BELLINGER, skilled laborer, McArthur-Burney Falls; HARVEY H. HOUK, laborer, Pfeiffer Big Sur; HERBERT J. HOUK, carpenter, Pfeiffer Big Sur; and FORREST D. WILCOX, carpenter, Richardson Grove.

Transfers--LENA MARASOVICH, int. steno-clerk, Sacramento.

CALIFORNIA NAMES & THEIR MEANINGS

LOMPOC----------"Little Lake"
LOS ANGELES----------"The Angels"
MIRAMAR----------"Behold the Sea"
MOJAVE----------"Three Hill People"
MONTE VISTA----------"Mountain View"
MONTECITO----------"Little Hill"

PARK ATTENDANCE BOOM, Continued:

Van Damme Beach--11,501; Tahoe Campground--30,470; Castle Crags--8,999; Mt. Tamalpais--44,225; San Juan Bautista--16,110; Morro Bay--98,650; Mt. Diablo--76,155.

Big Basin--414,440 (last year this time, 250,670); D. L. Bliss--18,613; La Purisima Mission--11,111 (last year this time, 3,886); Mt. San Jacinto--7,421; Russian Gulch--11,479; Patrick's Point--13,545; San Clemente Beach--52,845; Richardson Grove--178,920; and Williams Grove--26,252.

PORTOLA NOTES

Attendants from the Brookdale Fish Hatchery planted 14,250 young steelhead trout in Pescadero Creek in late August, and planned to plant a large number of Rainbow trout in September.

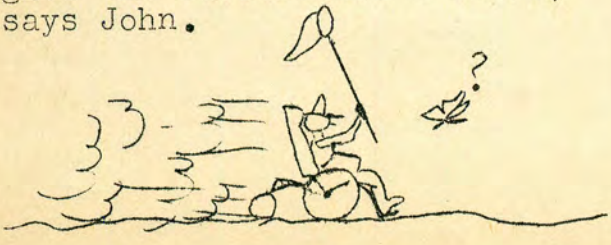
Two piers were excavated on the Pescadero Creek Bridge in the park and the forms made. Pouring of cement was scheduled to begin in September.

FRIENDLY CASTLE CRAGS BEARS

Murrell M. Gregory, ranger in charge at Castle Crags State Park, reports the bears are becoming very friendly---or hungry---in his park. They now visit with the campers during day time, and beg for handouts.

WHEELCHAIR NATURE GUIDE

John McKenzie, nature guide at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, injured his leg recently while out on the trail and, at the doctor's orders, was forced to keep off his feet for a time--"which really gave the butterflies a break," says John.



FLEMING'S LOOKOUT

Guy L. Fleming, Southern District Superintendent, has the distinction of being one "boss" who can see from his office window practically all of the areas within his jurisdiction.

As Mr. Fleming looks from his eagle aerie in his home atop the Torrey Pines Mesa at San Diego, along the coast to the northwest he can see the locations of San Clemente and Doheny State Beaches. To the northeast may be seen the slopes of Palomar Mountain State Park at a point upon which is located the park rangers cottage. Beyond Palomar, some eighty miles airline from Torrey Pines, he can see the main part of Mt. San Jacinto State Park.

To the east and to the north are mountains that lie in the western part of Anza Desert State Park and to the east and south are the Cuyamaca mountains in which are visible the middle and south peaks of the twenty-one thousand acre Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

"I'm a rip-roarin' ranchhand from Will Rogers, folks--celebratin' because this writin' business is finished!"

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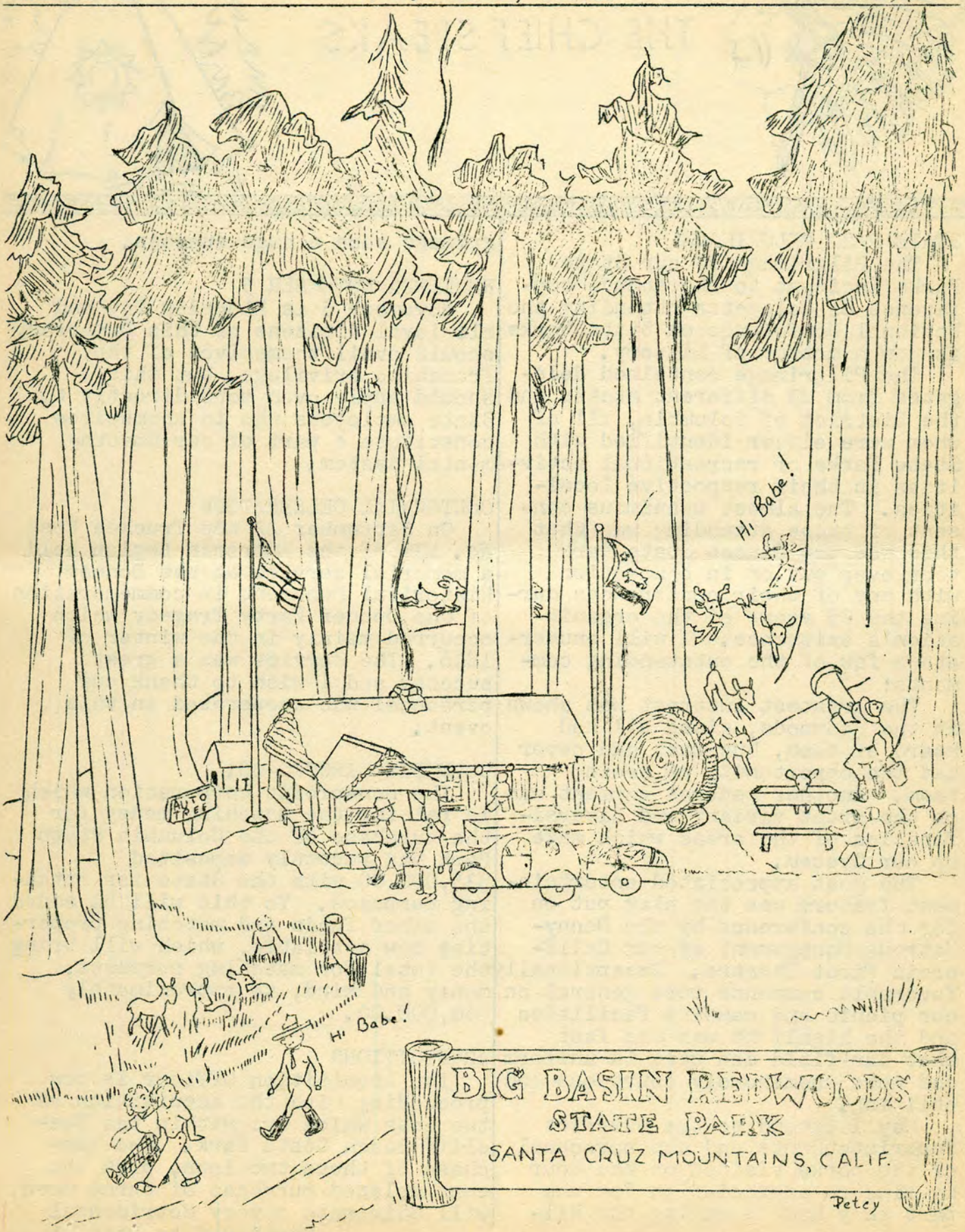

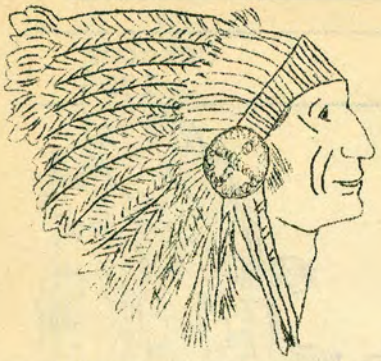

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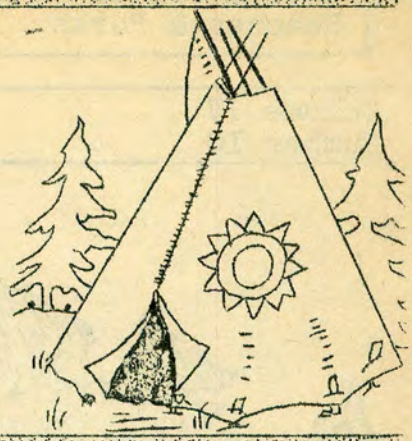

STATE PARK PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage of our State Parks incident to the annual conference of delegates attending the National Conference on State Parks is now a matter of history.

The Pilgrimage contained delegates from 23 different states and the District of Columbia, all of whom were either identified with State Parks or recreational activities in their respective localities. The almost unanimous consent of those attending was that this was the finest State Park tour ever put on in connection with any of their conferences during the 25 years of the organization's existence. I will enumerate a few of the outstanding comments:

The greatest interest was shown in the Redwoods, since all had heard of them, but many had never had the opportunity of seeing them. Another general comment was on the great variety and diversification of the areas which make up our System.

The most appreciated entertainment feature was the play put on for the conference by the Denny-Watrous Management at our California First Theatre. Exceptionally favorable comments were general on our picnic and camping facilities and the highlight was the fact that our field men were in uniform and were unaminously courteous and obliging.

May I extend to the District Superintendents and the personnel of the parks visited on the tour my sincere appreciation for the part they had in making the Pilgrimage such a huge success.

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 5

November 5 is Election Day and all loyal citizens of this Democracy should avail themselves of the franchise privilege, but this should apply even more directly to State employees who in themselves constitute a part of our Governmental System.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On September 22 the Truckee Post No. 439 of the American Legion held a memorial service at the Donner Historical Monument in commemoration of the Donner Party Tragedy which occurred mainly in the winter of 1846. The service was a great success and I wish to thank our personnel who cooperated in this event.

COLUMBIA MARCHES ON!

The non-profit corporation which is raising the matching money for the purchase of the Columbia State Park has recently deposited $35,000.00 with the State for matching purposes. To this will be added the other funds and matching properties now available, which will bring the total for matching purposes, money and kind, to approximately $50,000.00.

ACQUISITIONS

The Acquisition Officer is now proceeding with the acquisition of two lots which are within the Seacliff Beach State Park. The purchase of these two lots, plus the contemplated purchase of three more, will eliminate a very detrimental

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EARLY LIFE IN THE BIG BASIN

BY MRS. CLARK L. BRADLEY
SAN JOSE

A priceless heritage of antiquity exists in the California Redwood Park at Big Basin. Full admiration and gratitude are due those converging interests, led by Andrew P. Hill and the Sempervirens Club, who at the turn of the century sounded the cry of "Save the Redwoods!" and by relentless effort prevented it from becoming a desolate, mill-devoured ghost forest of past glory.

Preceding this period, however, is a forty-year span of Big Basin activity that has almost faded into oblivion, save for the prodding reminders of trail and creek names, cabin sites, camps, and other historical locations. Rarely known is the fact, for instance, that "back to the Indians" is a significant descriptive phrase for this area because of its original purchase from the government in the middle 60's with Sioux scrip. This scrip was issued to the Indians for the purchasing of land outside the Dakotas, but instead of using it for settlement purposes they sold it to land speculators, and that is how the choicest part of the Big Basin area was purchased by lumbering interests at $1.25 per acre.

A vivid picture may be visualized by an incongruous scene that took place in 1877 at Barlow's Camp, now called Governor's Camp because of the later visit of two California Governors, George C. Pardee, and Henry T. Gage. Pervading the majestic serenity of this beautiful, verdant glade of grass and lilies, known then as Poor Man's Potrero, clattered the hooves of ninety head of hungry, bawling cows and calves; but the desperate effort of the Rodgers brothers to save them from a searing California summer and starvation was thwarted in part by many of them being killed by bears before their removal in the fall.

Then there was the day when Mr. Waddell, owner of a lumber mill at the junction of the forks of the Waddell, went deer hunting, and his dog wandered ahead for a moment only to come flying back with a bear on his heels. As it lumbered past Waddell, its interest absorbed by the dog, it roughly knocked him down and seriously injured him. Although not directly attacked, the result was tragic enough inasmuch as he was never as well after the encounter and died within a year or so.

Much could be said of other personalities such as Tom Maddock of the well-known Maddock's Cabin, who lived on a government claim that was strangely over-looked by the Sioux scrip purchasers; of Andy Baldwin, who thought no town could get along without a saloon, and who joined a number of settlers in an attempt to break the title of the Sioux scrip "grab"; of William Pratt and his friend, Mr. Timm, who went hunting one day and never returned; of the women and children who endured the vicissitudes of primitive living; and of the men who toiled with the lumber companies, or earned their living making shakes and gathering tanbark.

Romantic and fascinating as is this early history, so was it overshadowed by the devastating activity of the sawmill which seemed increasingly determined to push its cancerous processes into the very heart of the giant redwoods. It was out of the growing alarm that there sprung a fruitful relationship between two enthusiastic advocates of forest preservation, a mill owner named Henry L. Middleton, and Timothy Hopkins, heir to the Mark Hopkins fortune; and their combined efforts were invaluable to the cause.

In order to stimulate interest in the Park project, it was necessary to over-come the tremendous

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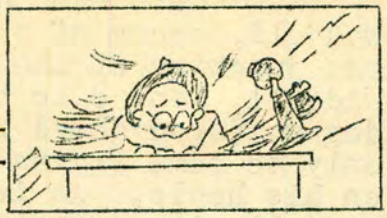
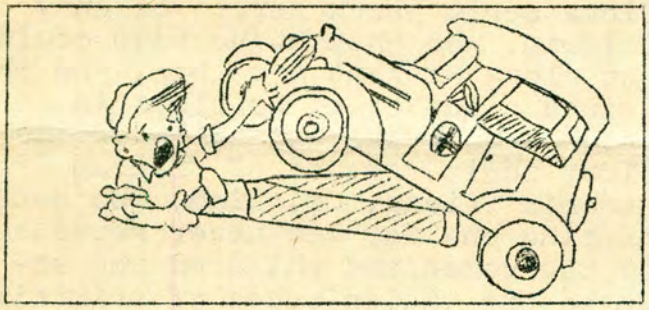
BIG BASIN
"PERSONNELITIES"



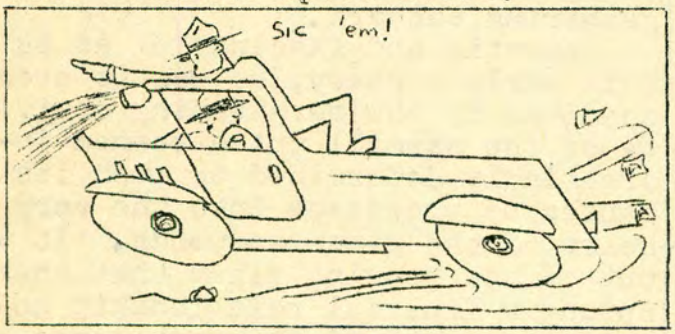
ROY CUSHING-tearing out his hair and gnawing up pencils while figuring out the building inventory.

CHARLES FAKLER-trying to put the bee on picnickers for any spare ham sandwiches that may be lying about.

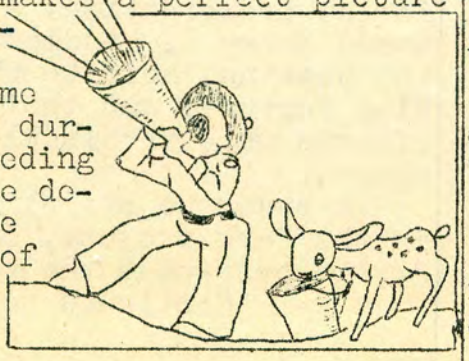
MEL WHITTAKER-and his "Who'n------- has run off with my tools again!"



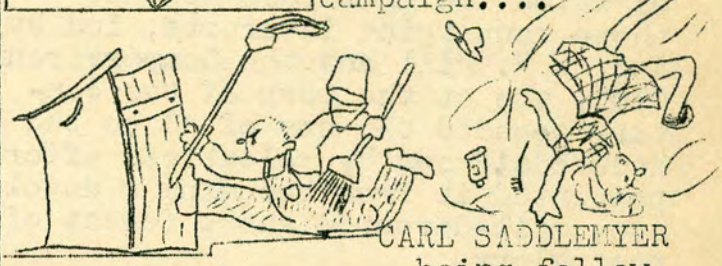
BILL WEATHERBEE and LOU DONALDSON-high-tailing it down the drag after some would-be speed demon.



ART PARVIN makes a perfect picture when he bellows at the deer to "Come and get it" during deer-feeding time--to the delight of the multitudes of visitors at Big Basin.

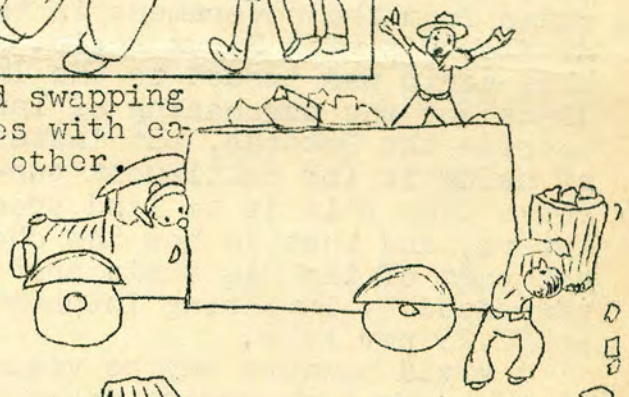


DARRELL KNOFFLER-turning down a bottle of cold beer on a hot day-----and BILL BUTLER, waiting his turn to get into a restroom for the daily clean-up campaign....



CARL SADDLEMYER being followed by a group of Girl Scouts --"My hero!"

HAROLD JOHNSON, ELMER CRAWFORD & GEORGE HAGENS battling the garbage cans and swapping lies with each other.



ALEX YAROSLAV in his paper hat--garblooning....and WALLACE MOODY, carpentering--he never says much.

We saw a couple of well-fed ladies--about two axe handles and a squirrel jump across--admiring the

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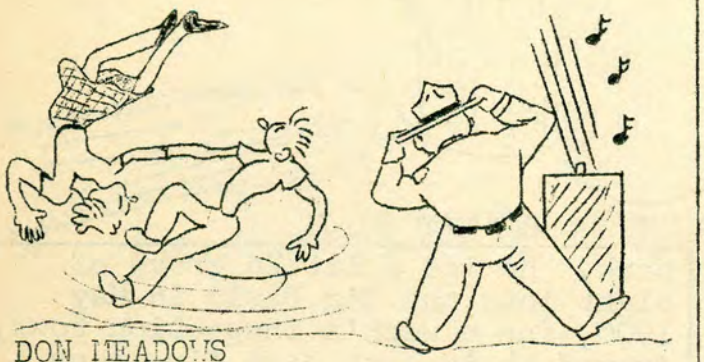
BIG BASIN PERSONNELITIES (Cont.)

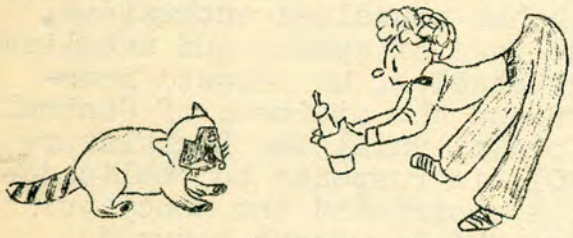
big trees, and one of 'em says:

"My, don't things grow big around here!"

A. E. SHOLES trying to keep the jitterbuggers in line....



DON MEADOWS leading his group along one of the trails, and explaining about birds and bees and stuff,. and last, but far from least-- HARRIETT WEAVER-- riding herd on a baby coon;



Yes, yes indeed--if any one wants to see some odd sights and hear quaint sayings, all he has to do is spend one day at Big Basin and watch the people--never mind the scenery. The visitors to the park are not so slow, either, when you look for odd things.

One sweet young thing (trite), asked a ranger if the deer were alive. The only answer to that one was:

"No--we hafta wind 'em up every morning!"

"THAT NATURE GUY"

It is hard to say who had the most fun in the Big Basin Redwoods State Park this summer, the Park Naturalist or the customers. More than 2300 people followed "that nature guy" around the trails and heard about the birds and the bees. The weather was grand, and only one hot day burnt out the hikers so that the Naturalist could sit under a redwood and enjoy the beauties of nature.

Yellowjackets added pep to some of the trail hikes. They also produced a nice museum specimen when they built a balloon-like nest in a tan oak tree. Twelve other colonies were exterminated with slight damage to the Rangers concerned.

Some sort of a record was hung up on a surprise coffee hike to the east woods when 26 people consumed five gallons of coffee. Mel Whitaker, who brewed the beverage, can claim to be the coffee maestro of California.

Fireside conversation at the Bowl programs was greatly assisted by Arlen Sholes and his public address system. Mike fright was soon overcome. A big red signal showing that the mike was hooked to the air-waves would have saved the Naturalist one embarassing moment. Programs are best evaluated in private.

The deer, raccoons, chipmunks, jays and woodpeckers knew nothing of the high cost of living and called no strikes during the summer.

One thing the Park Naturalist learned was not to walk backwards when leading a group of hikers. It lowers dignity and flattens out the plant life along the trail.

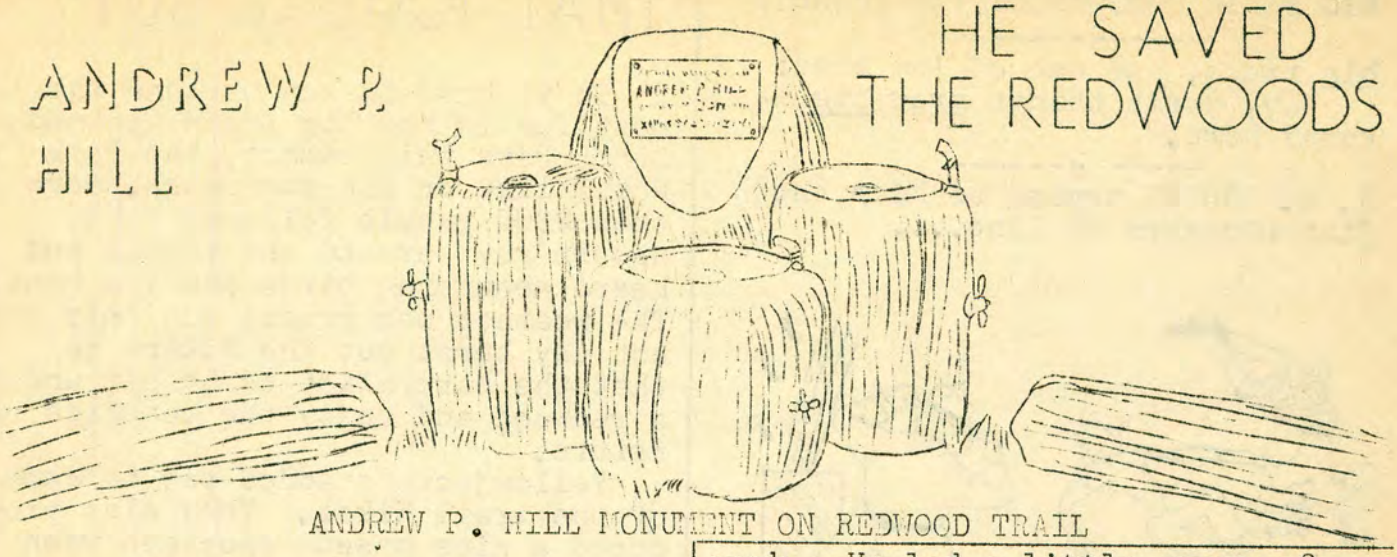
By DON MEADOWS

RATH BAGS DEER

Bob Rath, junior clerk in the Sacramento office, recently bagged a 110 lb. forked horn deer while hunting near Esparto, Yolo County---average per trip, 1/5 of a deer.

ANDREW P. HILL

HE SAVED THE REDWOODS



ANDREW P. HILL MONUMENT ON REDWOOD TRAIL

By Herbert C. Jones, Pres.
Sempervirens Club

Just as we say of Lincoln "He saved the Union", even though statesmen, officials, generals and soldiers all aided, so in the case of Big Basin, we say of Andrew P. Hill "He saved the redwoods", even though a multitude of public-spirited persons joined in the cause. Others had tramped through the Big Basin earlier. Others had written about the grandeur of the redwoods before. Others had previously suggested that they should be preserved for the public. But it remained for Andrew P. Hill to galvanize the movement into action.

The story of the Big Basin is another instance of how far-reaching consequences in the lives of individuals or communities or of States, sometimes flow from the most trivial incident. It was because Mr. Hill, an artist and photographer of San Jose, was charged 25¢ to take a picture of the redwood trees in the Felton Grove, that he was stirred into action and organized the movement for preserving the Big Basin redwoods as a free public park, to be enjoyed by all future generations.

Once he saw the beauties of the Big Basin forest and realized that they were about to be invaded by sawmills, he became, like the Crusaders of old, inflamed with one consuming passion - the preservation of this forest as a public park. He led a little group of eight into the Big Basin in May 1900, for a week's inspection tour. Around their last camp fire they organized the Sempervirens Club, of which Mr. Hill was the motive power for nearly a quarter of a century until he died in 1922. He neglected his business; he forgot to eat; he talked to everyone who would listen; he wrote articles; he lectured; he enthused those with whom he came in contact. The preservation of the redwoods became the great purpose of his life. He was one of the kindliest of men, incapable of harboring resentment. No set back could discourage him or quench his boundless enthusiasm. In the face of apathy and unbelievable obstacles, he aroused newspapers and the citizens of Central California, until the Legislature of 1901, in response to public demand, appropriated the money to acquire the Big Basin redwoods.

The fact that this area today is enjoyed by countless thousands in all the beauty and magnificence of its natural state, instead of being charred stumps, barren hillsides, and washed out gullies, is due preeminently to the efforts of Andrew P. Hill. Because of this devoted service for the preservation of the redwoods, the Sempervirens Club on May 30, 1924, dedicated to the memory of Mr. Hill a stone drinking fountain, surmounted by a bronze tablet, near the present photograph studio. This first fountain had to be removed in the 1930's when the

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BIG BASIN ATTENDANCE RECORDS

On going back over the attendance records of 1941, '42, '43, '44, '45, and '46 we find that they are something like this for the vacation months of June, July, August, and September:

MONTH	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
JUNE	13,995	13,060	9,135	8,135	10,780	41,275
JULY	30,995	16,975	19,650	16,800	12,800	30,600
AUGUST	38,496	12,250	18,850	40,650	89,700	145,500
SEPTEMBER	18,673	11,700	15,800	21,150	51,900	64,825

The figures for 1941 are an actual check, for we had the gates then. But the figures for the following years were estimates.

To get a more accurate picture of the number of people visiting the park a man would be stationed at each gate to get a count of the visitors, who averaged over 3.75 persons per car. Then by estimating the number of cars per day plus the number camping, plus the number at the Lodge, plus the Girls' Camps and so on (gets kind of involved, doesn't it?) we think that it is a fairly close guess. If any one doubts our word he has our permission to come up here and take the actual tally! After one week-end I betcha he'd throw up his hands and agree to take our figures for it.

THANK YOU!

I would like at this time to thank all my Big Basin Gang for the splendid cooperation given during the past very busy Season.

As the records will show, this was one of, if not the biggest, Summer Season Big Basin ever has had. As you know, in any Park there are good and bad days, but the Gang took them all in stride and came through with flying colors. Thanks again, Gang.

C.L. (Roy) Cushing, Chief Ranger

"DON'T TELL ME I'M IN BIG BASHIN, COLONEL,--I JUSHT LEFT THERE."

SPEAKING CASUALLY.....

And then there was the time that Don Meadows, the Nature Guide, brought in a yellow jacket nest with the inhabitants all gassed with carbon tet. He had the whole she-bang in a bucket which was covered with a canvas. A few days later some one took the cover off the bucket and, Mister, you shoulda seen the place! There were hot-squatters all over--the eggs had hatched out!

When Parvin took on the task of killing a nest of yellow jackets one night there were some still loose. He had arms on him like Pop-Eye after the event.

Over the Labor Day week-end we had so many people in here that we didn't know where to put 'em all. We just kept stuffing them in some where or another--just like packin' a trunk--seems that a fellow can always shove another little bit down in some corner--a shoe horn helps a little.

On September 16th, late in the evening, the Big Basin crew and their wives went on a horseback jaunt--jolt, to some of 'em. Instead of rising in rhythm with the horse a few riders were syncopating. Every one seemed to have a swell time even though Roy Cushing confided to one of the party while eating hot-dogs that he had two rides that day. He claimed that it was his first and last ride No foolin', we had a swell time.

After returning from the ride of two hours duration we filled up on hot-dogs and listened to each others' tales of what happened to one another. Merrill Vergeson, the owner of the stable, furnished the whole works--all we had to do was go along. Thank you, Mr. Vergeson. Lou Donaldson with his knees up under his chin----!

We all stuck our necks out by having a post-season dinner on the night of Friday the Thirteenth. A few who tried to eat enough to last 'em over the week-end were the only casualties. Our table was graced by the presence of Irene Vyeniclo and E. E. Powell. There was quite a crowd. My gosh, but there are lotsa people connected with Big Basin.

Felt kinda sorry for Mr. Powell. No matter where he went, or what he did, there was some one after him on some business or other. Poor guy, didn't have a chance to enjoy anything---we all took turns cornering him.

Which reminds me---what's all this talk about Irene and mill files?

PADLOCKS! Did any one ever realize how many padlocks it took to keep inquisitive fingers out of things in a park this size? How many do you have? Surprising,

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PARDON ME, MADAM, BUT IT'S THE DOG THAT'S TO BE ON THE LEASH.

BARDS' CORNER

OUR DANCE

When the entertainment's finished,
And campfire embers fall,
We hasten over Opal Creek,
To answer Rhythm's call.

If the crowd is slow in starting,
Not inclined to prance,
They really get things moving,
With a lively Whistle Dance.

A waltz is sure to follow soon
At quite a different pace,
That brings a few old timers out,
To demonstrate their grace.

The Swedish Schottishe gets the
light,
You run a ways and hop,
You try like mad to keep in step,
You're lost if you dare stop.

Jitterbugs get in the groove,
Feet fly at every angle,
A few brave souls give it a try,
To end up in a tangle.

The Conga Line forms with a rush,
Old and young in place,
You're lucky if you're on your
feet,
Not flat upon your face.

Just when things have simmered
down,
You've stiffled all your groans,
Someone up and does you wrong,
By calling a Paul Jones.

It's all in fun and you'll admit,
It's always worth the chance,
For what could ever take the
place,
Of the nightly Basin Dance.

By Beatrice Baird, park visitor.

BIG BASIN DANCE

We have a dance at the Basin, you
know.
Six nights a week right after the
show.
Mr. Sholes is there to keep things
in hand,
And the Waltzers are there to swing
with the band.

The music is good and so is the
crowd,
The Conga line is long and the
music is loud,
When the Jitter-Bugs take off,
clear the deck,
Because if you don't you'll sure
be a wreck.

All in all it's plain to see,
A trip to the Basin is well worth
the fee,
And if you can sing, dance or even
crow,
Petey will get you at the Camp Fire
show.

A.W.P.

SAY, DIDJA EVER...?

....sneak up on a coon that was having dinner in a garbage can--and jam the lid down? The results will startle you.
....make a list of the excuses and alibis you get when you catch some° one doing something he shouldn't?
....wonder what makes some visitors ask such peculiar questions?
....wonder why people go to the campfire programs--and then talk all during the entertainment?
....have a man ask if it was all right to smoke--and the bird right next to him has a roaring fire going in a hollow tree?
....gas out a nest of yellowjackets at night, killing all except about a half dozen that get kinda wound up?
....try to think up something to put in Park News & Views--and have your mind go blank on you--again?
....check campers and picnickers right around noon and be so hungry you are weak, but no one offers you a bite of anything....then after you have eaten your own lunch, have everyone try to force some food into you?

CALIFORNIA NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

PALOS VERDES------"Green Trees"
OJAI--------------"The Nest"
MURRIETA----------For Famous Bandit

MOUNT DIABLO WILD LIFE

By JESS CHAFFEE, Chief Ranger

The following two items deal with some of the more common reptiles, animals and fowl found on this venerable mountain. For the reptile story we submit this little tale of a near catastrophe at our South Gate Checking Station:

The South Gate is very ably manned by Deputy Ranger Otis Lyons who holds forth there with Mrs. Lyons and little Junior Lyons. Like all small fry, little Junior is apt to roam out into the road any time the fancy strikes him. In order to prevent any mishaps, Papa Lyons has constructed a neat little enclosure of wire fencing on one side of his casa. This, as you probably have guessed, is the younger Lyons' play pen.

Several weeks ago, on a warm Saturday, Otis felt his son should be out enjoying the air and started to swing him over the fence and into the pen. He swung him out again real fast like however, when he spotted a good-sized rattlesnake stretched out in the center of the enclosure! Grabbing his trusty side arm, a round point shovel, he relieved the repulsive reptile of his head and ears. The snake had nine rattles and a button, which seems to be standard equipment on all Diablo rattlers.

Otis says that every time he recalls the indident he shudders to think of the consequences, had he not spotted the snake. The title of the above tale is, "The Viper in the Lyons Den, or, The Feud Between the Families, Lyons and Crotalidae".

Our second little item deals with a dog, a skunk, chickens and a jackass. The scene is the yard at Rock City near Deputy Ranger Bill Gotts' home. It was fairly early in the morning and the writer was disturbed by the excited barking of Bill's little dog and the worried cackling of his chickens. Feeling that something was amiss, I ran around to the chicken pen where I was amazed to find a huge skunk raising havoc in the pen. Bill came tearing out of his house and chased the striper down the canyon while I went into the chicken yard to find two of his fat Rhode Island Reds dead. One was half eaten and the other had had his head neatly clipped off by the skunk's sharp teeth.

Well, there is a meat shortage, you know, and after a little dickering, yours truly felt very pleased when he talked Bill out of burying the second hen. Bill contended he would never eat one of his chickens that he hadn't killed himself. Very pleased with myself I picked the hen and cleaned it. It looked very good all cleaned and I stalked into the kitchen with my prize, holding it up in front of my wife's eyes.

Women are naturally suspicious, I think. Betty narrowed her eyes and said, "Where'd you get it?"

"Oh," I replied casually, "Bill gave it to me".

"Well, it's a fine looking chicken to be given away," she said doubtfully, "but it would make a nice broiler, let me cut it up."

Betty has a pair of fowl shears which she uses every time she gets a chance and I wandered out of the

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buildings, roads, and trails around Park headquarters were rearranged. On July 14, 1946, a second beautiful fountain, erected near the "Father Tree" and this time of hewn redwood logs, furnished by the State Park Commission, was unveiled and the bronze plaque rededicated.

The slogan of the Sempervirens Club has always been "Save the Redwoods". Hence, as a tribute to Mr. Hill, the inscription on the bronze tablet surmounting the memorial fountain---

"He Saved the Redwoods".

MT. DIABLO WILD LIFE Continued from Page 10.

room as she got the shears out of the drawer. Several minutes passed I could hear her working away in the kitchen. Suddenly she let out a cry, "Jess, there's a skunk around here somewhere!"

"No, there can't be," I replied as unconcerned as possible and wandered into the kitchen. I made the mistake of picking up a piece of the dismembered chicken and sniffing it. It was then I had to tell her how I got it.

Well, the chicken went to the garbage can and I crawled into the dog house. Huh! It probably would have been tough anyhow. Thus ends the tale. Where does the jackass come in, you ask? Silly Boy!

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isn't it? The Basin uses a half gross.

Talking about padlocks--that brings to mind TOOLS and where are they? Also "loans" to other parks-there has been some talk of nailing down the Santa Clara Tree---

Understand that Roy Cushing is going to inherit the Hudson that is so well known to the Central District---Oh Brother! Wait 'till you see Roy beating that car over

Young man, I demand to know where you've put that tree you drive through. It was right here 10 years ago.

the trails---lean back and watch, it's gonna be good.

Had a visit from Frank Wells of Carpenteria. Surely nice to see him and his family again--come up often, Frank.

Rather imagine that you all recognized Harriett Weaver's hand in the cartooning. Clever gal, isn't she? Thanks a million, Petey. You're on the beam with those gizmo

F'Heavens sake, that winter's work is here again and--Say, now if any of you fellows don't know what to do with your vacation time I kno just the spot to spend some active time--and I do mean active. There are axe handles, shovel handles, and so on that will just fit your manly hands.

Just saw the copy of News & Views put out by the Will Rogers bunch! Now who in thunder was responsible for letting that "CORN" get into print? A little bit of corn is all right. Even a bin full of it isn't too bad, but, Mister, when they abuse the privilege, that's when I complain. Did you spot that

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business about "Weather-Bee beaten by a Cushing--then you'd Knoe-Fler sure--" Oh Brother, that slays me! That kinda comes under the heading of Puns---Puns and Coffee! "Vel-Zey" what they've started now!

Glad to see that Al Salzgaber is back with us. If I'm not mistaken, he was once appointed to the Basin. Seems to me that one time Al was out with a shovel building water bars at night with "Hank" holding a lantern for him and the rain coming down in torrents.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS
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feature which has made administration of the area rather difficult.

OVER THE TOP!

A compilation is now being made of the attendance of State Parks for the year 1946, and indications are that these figures will run close to a total attendance of 22,000,000 visitors. The highest previous pre-war record for attendance in State Parks was 13,000,000.

TAHOE PARK PEOPLE ATTEND DINNER

Employees of the State Park System in the Lake Tahoe region gathered at the Kishbaugh home at D.L. Bliss State Park on September 14 for a final dinner and get-together before the fall closings.

Attending were Mr. & Mrs. Anton Trigero of Donner Historical Monument (now stationed at Sonoma Mission), Mr. & Mrs. William Killian and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Jackson of Tahoe Campground (the Jacksons will remain there throughout the Winter); and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Winter and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kishbaugh of D.L.Bliss. The Winters have been reassigned to Calaveras Big Trees and the Kishbaughs to Armstrong Redwoods.

Mrs. Jackson writes that the dinner was the finale to a most pleasant association through the ideal summer days of the Tahoe high Sierra.

CAMPER SHOWERED

Ernie Camper, now honeymooning through the western states with his bride, was made the victim of a joke kitchen shower by Sacramento employees of the division on October 2.

More than 25 items were laboriously wrapped, each in a complicated combination of paper and ribbons, and piled beneath an umbrella, nicely decorated in pink and blue ribbons--and Ernie was forced to untie just as laboriously each gift without knotting the ribbons or tearing the paper.

After a due amount of fun had been extracted at Ernie's expense, the office force presented him with a set of dinner plates in the formal pattern selected by the bride, the former Lillian Geneva Fox.

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problem of transporting active and influential people to the Basin, and to provide them comfortable shelter and food. The roads were steep and often rutted and gullied; lumber for the Governor's Camp and other housing had to be brought in on pack animals; four horse stages, saddle horses, and pack animals were necessary for visiting individuals and parties; and the narrow, rugged, two-mile trail leading from Flea Potrero (now Sky Meadow) at the end of the hazardous road, over to Barlow's Camp (now Governor's Camp) demanded constant attendance upon the visitors. All of this took time, energy, organization, and money. The first three requisites were provided by the willing and energetic Mr. Middleton, and the latter was provided in a silent and unostentatious way by Mr. Hopkins.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

New appointments to the State Park personnel roster during the last 30 days include:

EDWARD W. FARNSWORTH, lands purchasing officer, Los Angeles; GLADYS M. WATSON, int. steno-clerk, Dyerville Headquarters; LOLA W. IAMES, int. steno-clerk, Sacramento Office; LOLA HUSING, int. steno-clerk, Sacramento Office; CHARLES A. JOHNS, laborer, Fort Ross; LEMUEL R. BERRYHILL, carpenter, La Purisima; DALE J. IOTT, carpenter, La Purisima; FRED A. LANTIS, laborer, House of Gold; JOHN W. LOHR, senior delineator, Sacramento Office; RICHARD T. RODRIQUEZ, Laborer, La Purisima; and PAUL J. KEARNEY, laborer, La Purisima.

Transfers were: GORDON KISHBAUGH, D. L. Bliss to Armstrong Grove; ANTON TRIGEIRO, Donner Monument to Sonoma Mission; RICHARD WINTER, D. L. Bliss to Calaveras Big Trees; LEONARD PENHALE, Richardson Grove to Portola; JACK CALVERT, La Purisima to Anza Desert; HAROLD PESCH, Pfeiffer Big Sur to Will Rogers Ranch; and J. C. WITHERELL, associate civil engineer from Dept. of Finance to Sacramento Office.

Separations were: MARSHALL A. RUGE from Portola (to school); JACK FLECKENSTEIN, JR. from Doheny Beach (to school); WM. C. JORGENSEN from Carpinteria (to school); JEWEL CHRISTIANSEN from Sacramento Office (resigned); HERMAN E. LIEBHART from Richardson Grove (end of Summer work); FRED R. PRITCHARD from Van Damme Beach (end of temporary authorization); WM. H. TURK from Fort Ross (retired); H. A. BERRY from Morro Bay (end of temporary authorization); PAUL W. HAINES from Palomar (end of temporary authorization); THOMAS A. MURPHY from Prairie Creek (to private employment); F. H. CHAUSSEE from Prairie Creek (to private employment); A. E. SHOLES from Big Basin (end of season); THOMAS B. BUTLER from Seacliff Beach (end of duration); and ALEX YAROSLAV from Big Basin (end of duration)

Each month we are listing personnel changes as we receive them.

HUMBOLDT PERSONNEL HAVE BUSY DAY

Field men (and their wives) of the Humboldt Redwood State Park had their hands full on Saturday, September 29, preparing for two luncheons at the same time and in nearby groves, for two large delegations of park visitors.

Sixty-four persons attended the very excellent lunch provided by the Save-the-Redwoods League and served by park personnel in Williams Grove to members of the National Conference on State Parks, and 150 persons attended the luncheon of the California Federation of Women's Clubs in the grove named for that organization.

Following the latter luncheon a fountain within the grove was dedicated, and 80 members of the group remained until Sunday to attend the dedication of the Miracle Memorial Grove in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, an 80 acre redwood grove given by Mr. Wallace Miracle of Alameda in memory of his wife, the late Anna Dickie Miracle, a prominent leader in furthering assistance to the blind of California.

THE SPIRIT OF THE REDWOODS

Beneath the earth in twisted burls
The spirit of the Redwood dwells;
Ready to spring to life again
When its trunk the woodsman fells.

Cut asunder by hand of man
Yet again, from Natures breast;
Life eternal surrounds the stump
Though the bole be laid to rest.

From the burls come little saplings
Where, as centuries slip by they
grow;
To form a new trunk high above;
Where man left a dead stump below.

The Creator of all Creation
Wrought with Almighty Hand
The Spirit of the great Redwoods;
Beyond man's ken to understand.

Man's might may level the mountains;
Conquer air and rule the sea,
But only the Hight of God can grow,
The Immortal Redwood tree.

C.H. Over

EARLY LIFE IN THE BIG BASIN
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Thus were two more blended interests linked to the chain of activities that paralleled the untiring efforts and dauntless enthusiasm of Andrew P. Hill, the Sempervirens Club, and many other individuals and groups of united determination, whose goal was to save the redwoods at all costs and to preserve for all posterity this mighty forest in all its original grandeur.

BIG BASIN IS SLIPPING

Big Basin Redwoods has two areas covering several acres each, that for several years have been slipping downward from what we call Middle Ridge. This Ridge is the divide, separating the East and West branches of Waddell Creek.

In the course of the slip on the west side, many trees, principally young Redwoods, have been pushed over in various angles, causing what is known in the Basin as the Crazy Forest. There is a foot trail through this area that has allowed many of the park visitors to see and marvel at this rather odd place.

There is one Redwood Tree in particular that causes comment. This tree has fallen on the ground and the roots are still embedded on one side. This gives the tree life and several of the limbs have continued to grow upward from the top side of the tree and are straight trees, several inches in diameter and upward to 50 feet high.

The slip on the east side is still moving, very slightly. We know, because in the past several years, the road through this area has moved past the bridge over the gulch on the East side of the slip, so that a small section of the road had to be widened to give clearance off the west end of the bridge. This slipping area is between two water gulches and no doubt is on a layer of rock that has water on it which allows the ground to slide downward.

The east waterway curves slightly near the lower side of the slide. At this point the waterway is nearly closed by the slippage, causing the water during a storm to rise and run on the road.

IT'S ALL OVER, FOLKS

After reading the last issue of the News and Views put out by the Will Rogers Park cowhands we aren't so sure that our edition is gonna be so hot. We were right proud of it until the September issue came out.

That southern outfit gave us something to shoot at. If it hadn't been for the contributions of the "hired hands" around here and the excellent cartooning by Harriett Weaver we believe that we would have quit cold.

The boys got on the ball and unrolled some yarns that kept us laughing our heads off--and we hope that Gene Velzy blows his 'way off. 'Stoo bad that we can't print all the stories of the happenings around here for some of them were very good. But we have some here that we consider funny--and please note that they aren't puns!

D.A.K.

EDITOR'S NOTE--and the Big Basin effort draws a verbal orchid and sets another target for other parks to level their sights upon.

Now the November issue material is being prepared by the staff around Dyerville in the Northwest District--but we still haven't heard about the December issue. Our faith in Santa Claus is beginning to slip. Who is it going to be?

Remember--you write it, we'll edit. Contributions to the November and subsequent issues, from parks not directly interested in that particular issue, are to be sent directly to the Sacramento Office. FLASH! SANTA CLAUS IS HERE! MT. SAN JACINTO WILL SPONSOR THE XMAS ISSUE!

BOBCATS AT POINT LOBOS

A number of bobcats have been seen in the Pt. Lobos Reserve State Park recently, reports R.A.Wilson, chief ranger, and several deer have been seen in the wooded area west of the lodge buildings.

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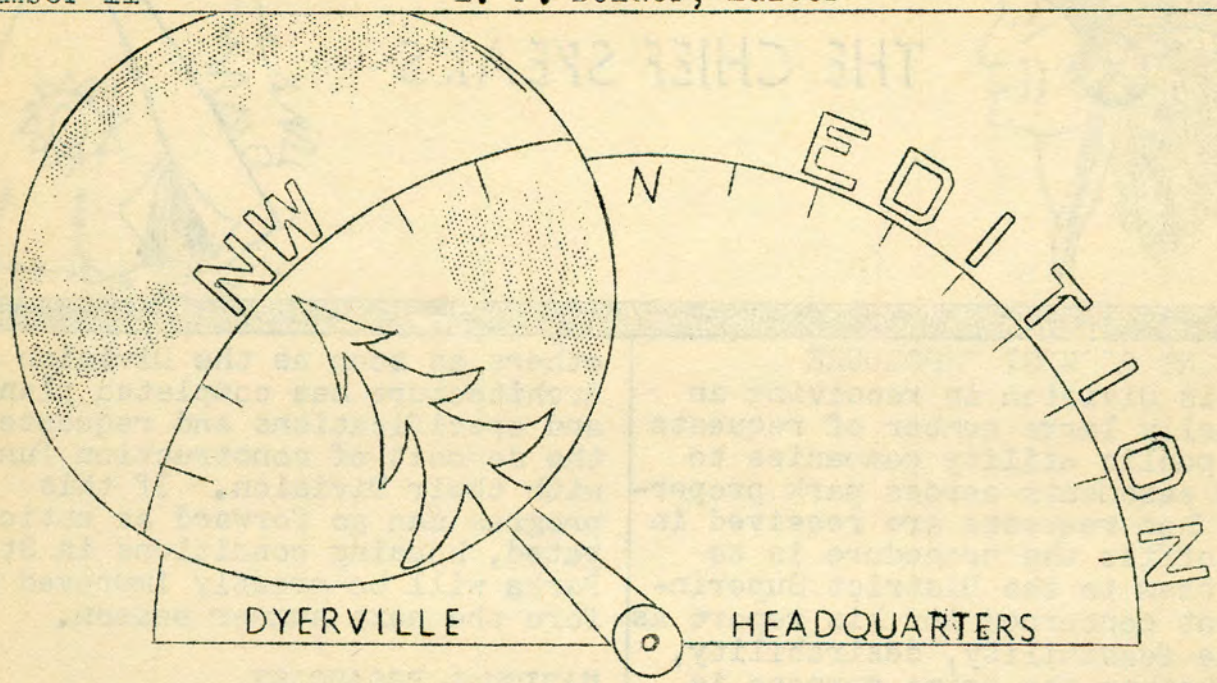

AND THANKSGIVING NUMBER

I AM SINCERELY THANKFUL FOR:

Finishing the Bull Creek channel clearing before the rains came.---Supt. Percy French.

The Dyerville forestry crew arriving at Burlington within ten minutes of the fire call--Ch. Ran. Earl Hanson.

The commercially sponsored power and no more struggles with an ailing power plant--Ch. R. Ted Milne.

The smoothest, though busiest camping season Williams Grove has been privileged to enjoy--Ch. R. Ed Nash.

An adequate crew for the handling of the great host of visitors to Richardson Grove this summer.---Asst. Ranger E. Gray.

Russian Gulch.---Jack Young.

Plenty of cook stove wood even though I don't need it any more.---Asst. Ran. Ralph Banfill.

A most "unusually" beautiful summer on the Mendocino coast--Asst. Ran. Al Beck.

Patrick's Point.--Dep. Ranger E. Bauman.

Mill Creek Campground being open this summer, and my good fortune in having this assignment.--Larry Thole.

Having a house to live in this summer, even without electricity.----Tom Murphy.

A successful National Conference on State Parks pilgrimage in the Redwoods.--Dep. Ranger Bob Matthews.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

EASEMENT REQUEST PROCEDURE

This Division is receiving an unusually large number of requests from public utility companies to grant easements across park property. When requests are received in this office the procedure is to send them to the District Superintendent concerned for his report as to the feasibility, desirability, and whether the prime purpose is for park operational needs or for private convenience and use.

The District Superintendent's report along with the staff's recommendation is then presented to the State Park Commission. If rejected, that terminates the matter; if approved, the easement request does not become effective. Approval by the State Park Commission is always predicated upon its legality and whether or not the utility company will concur in the conditions and requirements imposed by the Attorney General. In other words, the utility companies have no right or jurisdiction to start their work on State Park holdings until they have an easement permit properly executed. Violations of the above should be reported to the Sacramento Office immediately.

HOUSING

The Federal P.H.A. has approved the construction of 46 houses scattered throughout the Park System. Requests have been submitted to them for the approval of six additional houses. To date the Department of Finance has approved the construction of two houses and have stated that they will approve the others as soon as the Division of Architecture has completed plans and specifications and requested the deposit of construction funds with their Division. If this program can go forward as anticipated, housing conditions in State Parks will be greatly improved before the next summer season.

NATIONAL BROADCAST

At the Monterey meeting of the State Park Commission, Paramount Pictures Corporation was granted permission to use the California First Theatre Historical Monument on Tuesday, January 28, 1947 for a program honoring the 100th anniversary of California. It will be a daytime radio show including "Vox Pop". In the evening there will be shown a preview of Paramount's picture "CALIFORNIA". Try and have your radios tuned in.

NEW "NEWS & VIEWS" POLICY

Starting with January next, NEWS & VIEWS will be issued toward the end of each month instead of the middle of the month since the State Park Commission meets the third Friday and Saturday of each month and the new policy will involve a more comprehensive report to the field on the matters coming before the Commission. This additional feature will be headed "DIGEST OF COMMISSION ACTION". In connection with the new policy the deadline for submission of articles is the 22nd of the respective month.

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RICHARDSON GROVE

This summer proved to be the longest camping season in the history of Richardson Grove. This was in part due to the pleasant dryness of the summer season, although we did have an "unusual" July rain shower. The first campers arrived on May 6th and the final exodus was on October 24th.

There was rarely a night during July that the "S. R. O." sign wasn't hung out. Not since 1941, have all the campsites been filled to capacity. Dogs were not the only reason for turning down late-in-the day requests for campsites this season.

The concessionaire also enjoyed a busy season although it appeared, early in the year, that housing for the employees would not be available. The old C.C.C. Buildings at Russian Gulch provided salvage materials, through the efforts of Ben Twight and Jack Young, to permit construction of two 20 feet by 60 feet dormitories, each with 8 rooms and 2 baths.

"Frosty" Wilcox, carpenter, and Rangers Nash, Banfill, Tryner and Goswick of the "northern" Humboldt Redwoods, were responsible for carrying the work to completion.

Our sewage system developed faulty drainage during August and it was only with the able supervision of Supt. French that we were able to keep it operating for the balance of the season.

The firecircle was filled to over flowing nightly throughout the summer. The advent of the Public Address system made it possible for even the shiest voice to be heard. Thanks to Ed Dolder.

It was necessary to make one arrest this summer and that for reckless driving in the campground. Otherwise the season is to be noted for the orderliness of park visitors.

OUR SUMMER STAFF

We are right proud of the performance of our splendid staff this summer. In addition to Deputy Ranger Bob Matthews, who was with us throughout the year, we introduce the following:

Mrs. Louise B. Allard, Recreation Leader, for the second consecutive season, who was mighty grateful for the public address system installed in mid-summer.

Mr. Leonard Penhale, Nature Guide, who graciously made the move from Portola to provide a most interesting summer for park visitors.

Mr. Erwin M. Single, Deputy Ranger and ex-GI, from Sacramento, and his dad, Marion Single, Skilled Laborer who also did a turn as nightman.

Mr. Bob Stewart, Deputy Ranger from San Jose.

Mr. Herman Liebhardt, formerly of Coquille, Oregon, laborer.

Mr. John Allard of Willows and son of Mrs. Allard.

And of course, yours truly, Assistant Ranger E. Garland Gray. (E. G. G. to you).

FERRY BUSINESS

Here is one way to discourage sun-bathing mermaids from utilizing your carefully planted park fern beds.

Bob Stewart spied a lovely so engaged in the beautiful patio fern gardens at Richardson one bright day this summer.

"Lady", politely spoke Bob, "Don't you know these woods are full of poison oak!"

Exit, one pretty school teacher, who had learned a lesson!

THROWING THE BULL

One would not normally accuse Superintendent Percy French of "throwing the bull" any more than one would walk down the center of the Redwood Highway in the middle of traffic!

But, when "throwing the bull" involves the saving of grand, old redwood trees, even Percy had to admit indulging in that practice.

The bull in this case is Bull Creek Channel in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Each winter, said bull has been known to have gone on a rampage when he finds his normal pathway cluttered with obstructions. Whereupon, he takes to the tall timbers and starts to "mow" them down. Some that he tosses to the earth further impedes his progress, so he darts to the other side of the woods sending more tall timbers crashing down.

Now Toreador French is generally a patient man but he wearied of watching the frustrated bull crashing down the majestic 2000 years old giant redwoods of Bull Creek Flats, so he gathered unto him a band of bull fighters to "throw the bull"--or be tossed in the effort.

Percy is a modern toreador, however, and no old fashioned, classical accouterments of the bull ring would he countenance. "To fight this bull, it takes a bulldozer, some stumping powder and a lot of 'push 'em up, Tony'", he reasoned.

Armed with the bulldozer, he charged straight at the bull's mouth, ran him clear up the middle to the other end and then returned half way to tie the bull's tail around his middle! There he set a charge of powder and "Poof". For Percy French the fanfare sounds, the senoritas toss roses and Pinza sings "Tor-e-e-ah-dor, the bull won't fight no more!"

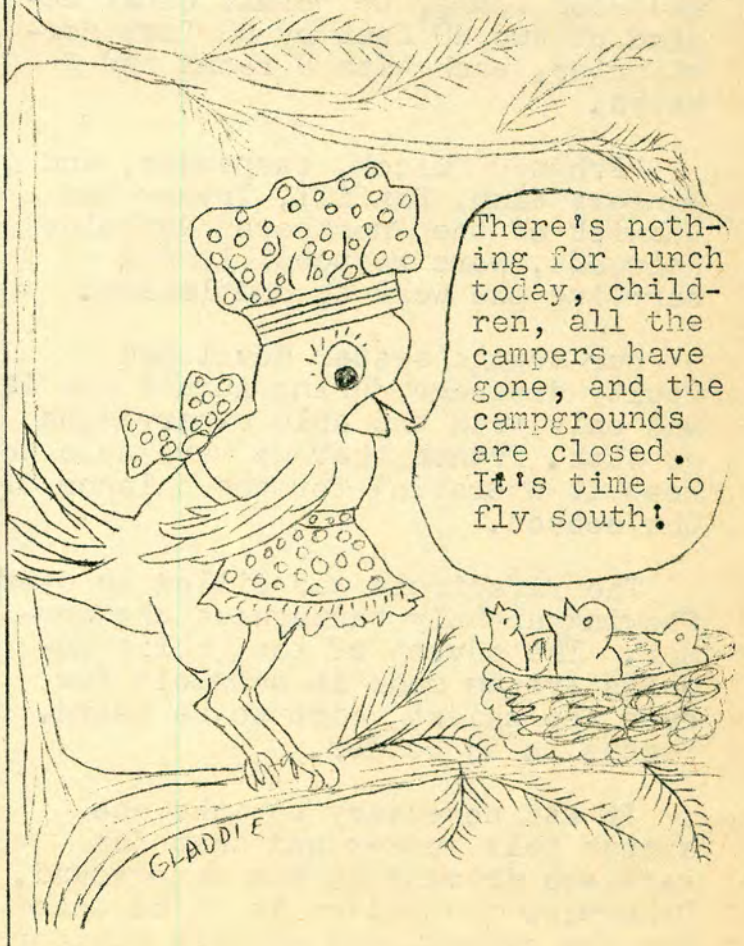
If you are wondering what this is all about, simply, it is this:

Through the years, Bull Creek Channel has become cluttered with fallen trees, log jams and stream-diverting gravel bars. Some of the prime redwood flats that have been hundreds of years in developing were undermined by the resulting stream action, causing the loss of several giant redwoods and threatening entire flats. With the approval of the State Park Commission and with engineering funds made available by Chief Henning, men and equipment were hired to blast out "key" logs and stumps and with a bulldozer to remove the jams and diverting bars, thus restoring the channel to a more nearly central position. During the process, a large amount of redwood timber was salvaged for use in this and other districts.

Thus, there came to be saved from undermining, through diversion by bars and jams of the Bull Creek Channel, many fine, old redwoods that dominate the 1000 acre Bull Creek Flats, one of the world's magnificent forests.

E. P. H.

THE HUMBOLDT BIRDIES ARE HAVING FOOD PROBLEMS, TOO!



PATRICK'S POINT
AS SEEN BY A TOURIST

One day in June, my husband and I drove into Patrick's Point Campground with our trailer just about one hour before sundown.

Driving slowly through the Campground looking for space for our trailer, we were astounded by the profusion of flowers and green undergrowth. This mass of flowers, vines, ferns and shrubs growing twelve to fifteen feet high under the tall spruce and beautiful white barked alders, makes complete privacy for the individual camps and is indeed appreciated by the campers.

We soon found a nice camp site and as my husband was uncoupling the trailer from the car, the Ranger came by and stopped to chat. I asked what the berries were that could be seen growing throughout the landscape. He told me there were several kinds of berries good to eat but the twinberries and salal were not edible. I immediately ran for a pan and in just a few minutes I had picked enough berries for dinner.

When I returned with the berries, my husband suggested a little walk down to the beach to stretch our legs before I prepared dinner.

We were delighted with the trail down the hill to the beach. Each turn held new wonders for us. In many places the undergrowth was so high and thick a tunnel had been cut through making a long, beautiful, green archway with graceful, low hanging vines and leaves. This cool, damp shade was indeed welcome after the extreme dry heat we encountered coming from the south.

As we turned the corner we glimpsed the ocean and stood for a moment breathing the fresh, salty air and watching the waves as they lashed the steep shore line.

Continuing down the trail, we were truly surprised to find a beach entirely of little smooth pebbles instead of sand.

"This must be Agate Beach" my husband said, "so there must be agates among these pebbles".

Soon the sun had slipped behind a fog bank and we realized we must hurry back or hunt the trail in the dark. It was then we decided to stay one more night so we could come back to this lovely clean beach to hunt agates.

The next morning we were awakened by the drip, drip, drip, from the trees. We decided not to get up since it was raining so went back to sleep. When we awoke the sun was shining. My husband asked the Ranger how he liked the rain. He informed us it was not rain. Then he told us that it is the heavy fogs which make it possible to have the beautiful ferns and flowers at Patrick's Point.

The Ranger suggested that we take a walk to Rocky Point and fish a while. We walked through the Campground getting acquainted with other campers and picking berries as we walked. When we came to the first clearing, fields of fox-glove higher than our heads, wild aster, azaleas and many other wild flowers amazed us.

Walking on, I noticed a sweet, fresh fragrance in the air. We were walking through a field of wild strawberries. How good they were!

Later, I was thrilled by the beauty of the thick, green growth of shade plants along a stream and I could see where the deer had made a path down to the stream to drink.

Rounding the next turn in the road we could see the Indians' ceremonial rock. Farther on, we came to Red Bluff where picnic parties may enjoy sunshine and baseball.

We stood in rapture as we came out on a little hill and gazed out over the rocky coast, and were filled with emotion at the great beauty. Soon my husband had his fish pole ready and the fight was on. He learned to use rocks for weights after losing his lead weights. While he fished I gathered star fish, sea urchins and shells.

It was not long until his reel spun out. Excitedly, he wound in a

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HISTORY OF VAN DAMME STATE PARK

LITTLE RIVER, CALIFORNIA

120 Nautical Miles from San Francisco; 170 Road Miles from San Francisco.

Silas Coombs emigrated from Newport, Maine, in 1847, to California. For some time he worked around San Francisco and later tried his hand at mining. Soon realizing that mining was not the easy way for him to make a fortune, he headed for Richardson's lumber camps on the Albion River. Being familiar with logging, he soon held contracts for securing logs for the Albion mill and for some years worked for Richardson and his successors.

Cutting timber brought Coombs into the Littleriver country-a cove with a tiny mountain stream making its way out of the forests and into the ocean. He immediately took a liking to this section and staked out property for himself and his friends. Letters written by Coombs to his friends in Maine brought out such families as the Reeves, the Stickneys, the Perkins and the Moores. They settled around the little forest stream and adopted the name Littleriver for the settlement. Originally, the cove had been known as Bell Harbor and later as Kent's Landing, being named for two original settlers.

In 1863, Coombs, Ruel Stickney and Tapping Reeves formed a partnership and built a mill on Littleriver. By this time, schooners were operating between Humboldt Bay and San Francisco and arrangements were made for them to call at Littleriver for cargo.

The first year of operations saw a fleet of three dozen schooners loading at this port. In 1874, a disastrous fire destroyed the mill at Littleriver, but within a year a new mill was erected and in operation. This time a small wharf was constructed to augment the two chutes used for loading operations. When they saw the regular coastwise sailing ships passing up their port Coombs and his friends from Maine, who knew sailing ships well, set about building schooners of their own. They soon turned out a host of two and three masted schooners which became well known by the following names: Barbara, Hannah Madison, Phil Sheridan, Littleriver, Napa City, Alice Kimball, Silas Coombs, Electra, Brescot, Emma and Louisa, Johanna Brock, Gallatea and Mary D. Pomeroy.

Littleriver is somewhat in the same situation as the other abandoned mill towns. There is no trace of the mill. The wharf and chutes are gone and most of the population that made up the town has moved away. The cove that once harbored lumber schooners now caters to abalone fishermen. A few old homes remain. The Silas Coombs mansion, turned into an inn by his grand-daughter, has been the haven of many celebrities on their fishing trips, including the Governor of California. Trails that at one time felt the hooves of oxen hauling logs to the mill now feel the pad of fishermen's feet as they beat their way to pools of Littleriver, which is now a part of Van Damme Beach Park. Having been purchased by Charles F. Van Damme, a lumberman and San Francisco ferryboat operator, who was born there, it was, at his death, bequeathed to the State as a park.

Littleriver cove is still used as a harbor for some of the fishing fleet and is a beautiful sight at night with cabins alight and riding lights on. Quite a few people are attracted and stop to admire this sight.

The park has very imposing North and South entrances made of cut stone which were built as a memorial to Charles F. Van Damme.

The canyon up the Littleriver is a great attraction owing to the numerous ferns and beautiful scenery and one may drive up the canyon for a distance of three miles and further penetrate it by trail.

BY A. A. BECK

WILLIAMS GROVE

"Williams Grove" along with the other Parks, had its share of people who "went places and did things" during the past summer.

A total of 28,360 people camped, picnicked or visited this Park and left a revenue of 14.76¢ per capita for the 1946 season. This amount compared with other years, shows the following: more than three times the number of visitors in 1945, an increase of 11,587 visitors our heaviest pre-war year of 1940.

Nearly every Sunday during the Summer we had to turn away picnic parties owing to the heavy demand of campers. On the fourth of July we directed 86 picnic cars and 18 campers to other Parks in this vicinity who wanted to use this one.

Fire wood was very much in demand this year and kept Jim Tryner and Jack Goswick on the "jump". Campers and picnickers burned up approximately 22 cords, or 1858 bundles of redwood 18 inches long, which was no small job in cutting, splitting, piling and bundling. This year, we tied our bundles of wood with binder twine to facilitate handling and it worked very well with the exception of time lost in tying.

We noted this year that the crowd was really "the cream of the crop". No unpleasant incidents with fellow campers marred anyone's vacation, and no one had to be told to "Pipe down, you." Hope we can always have that kind of visitors.

Many thanks are due Jim and Jack the two Deputy Rangers, who kept the Park and its facilities clean and up to a high standard. Many campers remarked on the thoroughness of their work and the pleasant manner in which they did it.

"A Redwood tree, is far mightier than we,
But our thoughts can mighty be,
If we lift up our eyes and see,
The Power that made both you and me."
(contributed)
Ed Nash

INCOGNITO

Among the myriad understory species inhabiting the redwood region, perhaps the one which attracts the attention of the traveling motorist most frequently throughout the year is a certain species which climbs and twines high into the branches of the redwoods themselves, often to heights of 100 feet or more, lending a dash of brilliant green to the otherwise sombre red of the tree trunks.

It is during the fall that this interesting plant reaches the height of its beauty, when its leaves assume brilliant shades of color varying from pale yellow to crimson or magenta.

To see the towering trunks of the trees glowing in their colorful shrouds is one of the most pleasant experiences of the fall season. The scene is best viewed from a distance however, for the species involved is ---------Poison Oak.

RANGER BATTLES BEAST

During the just passed summer season, Deputy Ranger Jack Goswick lived in the Williams Grove Campground while awaiting a house for his family. Late one dark night, his slumbers were disturbed by the sounds of a furry prowler rummaging in his food cupboard. Rising to meet the occasion, he bounced out of bed and rushed out to expel the intruder. After a brief but heated engagement, the exact details of which are not known, the beast was vanquished, and disappeared into the gloom; not, however, without leaving it's mark for the next day.

Jack was heard to inquire anxiously how one might remove the odor of skunk from the environs of one's camp.

CALIFORNIA NAMES & THEIR MEANINGS
PASADENA....."Crown of the Valley"
POINT LOMA...."Hill Point"
POMONA....."After Roman Goddess

WHY AM I WORKING FOR THE PARKS?

(EDITOR'S NOTE--This article is written by a temporary deputy ranger who since has placed high on the examination list for permanent deputy ranger.)

Park men, especially those in the field, find that answering questions is one of their main duties. But they also ask them. And whether it's admitted or not, "Why am I working for the Parks?" is one that is asked, verbally and mentally, very often. By those of us who have been employed a relatively short while, it is asked very, very often.

After our day off, we come to work feeling chipper. (Well, sometimes we do.) Life really isn't too tough. The air up in this neck of the woods is clean. It smells good. The dependable trees are all about us. The early sun feels warm, full of life. A song is playing in our hearts. Then we open the door of the rest room. Wham! Someone in this orchestra of life has struck a discordant note. Why do people have to be so inconsiderate? In other jobs, cleaning up other people's messes is something with which we would not have to contend.

Things slacken up a bit. (When things slacken up a bit, the condition changes from having much too much to do to just a little too much to do.) "Good chance to clean up along the roadside", decides the one who decides such things. So you start out. There's always paper, etc., along a highway traversed by man, and always will be, but you never realize how much there is until you begin to pick it up. People don't deposit their waste paper in big pieces. No, they tear it up and scatter it about. Or ball it up and throw it, right where it's easily seen but picked up with difficulty. In half an hour you decide that Market Street after New Year's Eve couldn't be worse.

Along comes the time when the order of the day calls for the hauling of shingle bolts---those blasted blocks of redwood about 4 feet long and a couple of feet thick. They weigh a mere 200 pounds if they're light. After tossing a few loads of them up and down you discover that your 145 pounds of skin and bone are being tossed around by the shingle bolts.

"This doesn't make sense," you mutter. Your back aches, your head pounds, your fingers get jammed, your arms and legs are bruised where the meanest of them hit too hard when they tossed you about. Things are far from rosy.

You read letters from friends, or they tell you where they went or what they did on their weekends--they had two whole days to do it in. "You ought to be in the city," they say. "Here you work only 7-8 hours a day, 5 days a week, and you make twice the money you do up there in the woods." And then you find yourself thinking about all the things you once honed to do, the trips you had planned. But you realize you will never do them. With one day off a week you'll never have the time.

Cases, incidents and examples could be enumerated by the hundredfold, which cause one to ask: "Why am I working for the Parks?" And how is it answered? Well, some answer it by growling: "I'm damned if I know!" Then they are gone. But that kind are relatively few, and somehow you never seem to miss them. For those who stay, perhaps there is no answer that words can describe. Sure, the trees, the sky, the sun and wind and rain all have a great deal to do with it. But there's more to it than that, something related to the statement: "Never question some things." Perhaps the one who said that meant that to question raises doubt, doubt causes suspicion; suspicion results in dissatisfaction, despair and finally destruction. Well, destruction has never appealed to me, so I think that I, too, will be satisfied with the "Damned if I know." But I'm not growling it. I'm saying it wonderingly.

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DYERVILLE NEOPHYTE

Nearly every issue of Park News and Views has bits of doggerel dispersed among its pages, so I might as well submit mine.

QUESTIONS----
as asked at the Dyerville Information Desk:

"While we're here, there is some thing we would like to see--
JUST HOW FAR IS IT TO THE TALLEST TREE?"

"Also, there is something we would like to do---
WHERE IS THIS TREE THAT ONE MAY DRIVE THRU?"

"Then, there is something else we would like to know---
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THESE TREES TO GROW?"

"And, we'd like to ask while we are here---
COULD WE SAW OFF A LIMB FOR A SOUVENIR?"

Now, as my head is beginning to whirl,
Comes that ever-asked question, "JUST WHAT IS A BURL?"

While stalling for time, my answer is delayed,
But answer I DO, or I wouldn't be paid.

So, as my eyes glaze over and my head starts to bob,
I grope for right answers, for this is my job.
(and I like it, so--------
ANY QUESTIONS??????????)

ODDITIES

Upon returning from his recent vacation, Chief Ranger Ed Nash related many interesting experiences, among them one involving the flowering dogwood (Cornus Nuttallii), which is quite common about the Northwest District. It seems that

GLADDIE'S GLEANINGS

Something about burls.....
Tourists stopping at the Registration Desk at Dyerville Headquarters upon seeing our exhibit of a growing redwood burl--relate these interesting and rather unusual facts about burls which they had grown in bowls:

One visitor, living in the vicinity of Fresno, set out in the open ground a burl which had put out roots in the bottom of the bowl in which it had been growing. The burl is now a tree eight years of age and has attained a height of fifteen feet.

Another "from burl to tree" growth is reported to be now standing in the yard of Mr. E. J. Walthall of 1921½ Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles. This redwood tree has been growing for a period of sixteen years and has a height of approximately thirty-five feet and an approximate diameter of eleven inches, these being figures quoted by Mr. Walthall.

Interesting bit of information.....
Visitors thru the Humboldt Redwoods, a Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stinehauser of Honolulu, Hawaii, as written on our register, reported that a group of young redwood seedlings which had been planted in a sheltered ravine on one of the islands in the Hawaiian group, is thriving and give promise of some day being as renowned as our California Redwoods.

Something to wonder about----------
A gentleman passing thru the parks reported that a certain lumber company had a piece of redwood bark reputed to be 32 inches thick, which quite over-shadows the piece of redwood bark on display here. Our piece is 11 inches thick, which we think something in the way of bark.

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near his mother's British Columbia home, this spring-blooming species was seen blooming again for the second time this season.

POIGNANT PLATITUDES

Heard on the Williams Night Shift:

Camper: "These huge trees should be cut immediately to provide housing for veterans".

Ditto: "Why are not ALL remaining stands of virgin redwood protected?"

Lady Visitor: "Why do you allow so many small trees and shrubs to grow among the redwoods?".

Hundreds of Campers: "What!! we must pay for firewood with so much timber standing all about us?".

Old timer: "I remember the days when wood AND camping were free".

Innumerable passers-by: "Where is the tree we can drive our car thru?"

Southern gentleman: "I know of a tree in Louisiana which stands 416 feet tall". (There's always a "taller" one).

Many seasoned travelers: "California's State Parks need bow to no others when it comes to service, cleanliness, and beauty".

Nearly all dog owners: "But my dog is just a little fellow--never barks--never leaves the car at night". A glance into the rear seat of the car usually revealed an animal approaching the proportions of a St. Bernard and giving promise of a voice like a lion.

Jolly inebriate: "Hi-ya, Flat-top! How do I get to the nearest town?".

Excited camper: "Oh Ranger! There's a tree near my camp that's about to fall!!". The tree always turned out to be one which, according to Chief Ranger Nash, has been creaking and cracking through all of the several years he has been here.

Timid lady: "Ranger, are there any bears about camp?".

Written on fire-circle seat: "Kilroy was here".

James Tryner

THANKS A MILLION

Your sincere good wishes and the many beautiful wedding gifts did much to gladden our hearts and complete our home.

The welcome mat is out at all times for our many park friends at our home, 5482-11 Avenue, Sacramento.

(signature)
ERNIE and LILLIAN CAMPER

KENYON IS RECUPERATING

William Kenyon, assistant district superintendent for the South Central District, has been confined to his home in Monterey for a long period with an attack of San Joaquin Valley Fever.

Bill is recuperating now and hopes to be back to work in about a month.

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

For the information of the field, Supt. Powell informs us the telephone of the San Francisco office of the Division has been changed to Exbrook 3496.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Changes and additions to the personnel of the Division during the last month are as follows:

New appointments--ELEANOR J. TRIGEIRO, inter. steno-clerk, Sonoma Mission; ROLAND G. GEYER, senior engineering aid, Sacramento; IRVIN W. MC CLINTOCK, junior real property agent, Sacramento; W. M. HARP, stone mason, Gold Discovery Site; F. W. LYON, inter. stock clerk, Big Basin; CHARLES A. GATES, janitor, House of Gold; JEAN M. ERNST, inter. steno-clerk, San Francisco; JACK R. DYSON, curator, San Juan Bautista; JACK HAYDEN, lands purchasing officer, Los Angeles.

Transfers---JOHN R. FLEMING, ranger grade 1, from Palomar to San Clemente; JAMES P. TRYNER,

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THE RAINS CAME

In the last ten days, all sections of the State of California have been given a thorough drenching. This should, therefore, remove major fire hazards and will thus permit us to close this year's park activities with one of the lowest fire losses that the Division has ever suffered.

COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITY

By action of the State Park Commission, all Section Heads of the Division, namely: Col. Edwin C. Kelton, John A. Hennessey, and Edward F. Dolder, will attend all meetings of the State Park Commission.

This action on the part of the Commission shows a keen interest and desire to have all possible information available to them previous to taking action on matters submitted. Whenever matters of direct importance to any of the District Superintendents is to come before the Commission they will also be invited to attend.

The activities of this Division have been expanded so greatly within the past year and a half that the members of the Commission are being forced to devote more and more of their gratuitous service.

FLAG POLE OFFER

Due to the replacement of the flag pole at the Custom House in Monterey, Supt. Blaisdell, foreign to his usual policy, is offering a 52-foot flag pole with all accessories to any District Superintendent who has need for such a large flag pole.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

At the meeting in Monterey the following action was taken by the Commission: "That this Commission finds that it is contrary to the best interests of the Division of Beaches & Parks for any person connected with the Division of Beaches & Parks to acquire any land contiguous to any Beach or Park without first having the matter submitted directly to the Chief of the Division. The staff was instructed to prepare a proper ruling and submit it to the Commission at its next regular meeting".

COMMISSION ACTIONS

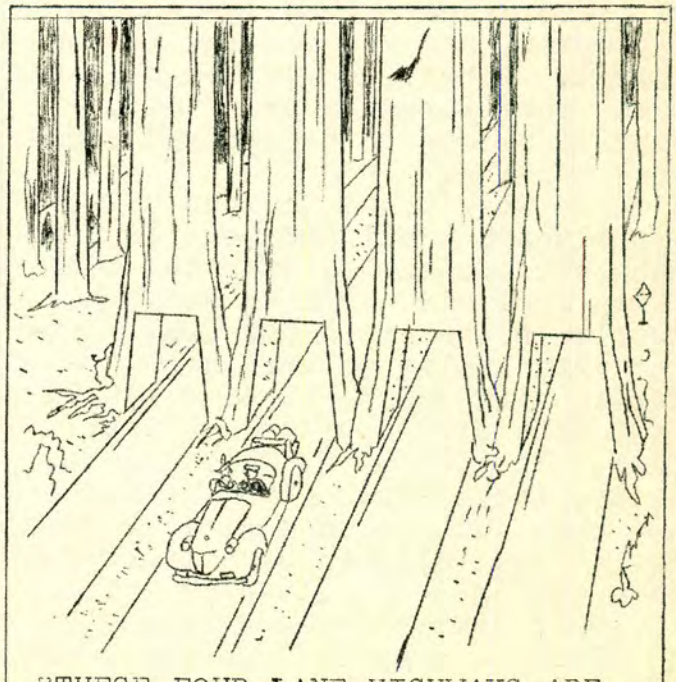
Standard Oil Company's request for establishment of a radio repeater station on Mt. Diablo was denied.

Road use permit over State Park property at Alexander Grove, previously granted to Fred N. Hiller has, at his request, been re-granted to R. G. Robbins Lumber Company.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company request for power line easement over park property at Bodega Bay was rejected.

The Commission ordered the filing of condemnation suit of the area commonly referred to as the Montgomery Redwoods, Mendocino county.

The Commission was presented with the flag used at the Centennial Celebration at Monterey on July 7th, 1946, same being an exact replica of the original flag used by Commodore Sloat. By Commission action this replica is to be flown from the flag staff of the Custom House on each July 7 hereafter and duplicates of the flag are to be flown on holidays and special occasions. This flag contains 36 stars--symbolic of the number of states then comprising the Union.



"THESE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS ARE RUINING OUR SCENIC WONDERS!"

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skilled laborer, from Dyerville Headquarters to Williams Grove; JACK M. GOSWICK, ranger grade 1, from Williams Grove to Dyerville Headquarters; ROBERT M. MATTHEWS, ranger grade 1, from Richardson Grove to Burlington Campground; LEONARD BRU PENHALE, ranger grade 1, from Portola to Big Basin; WILLIAM A. KILLIAN, ranger grade 1, from Donner Monument to Armstrong Redwoods; J. W. CALVERT, ranger grade 3, from La Purisima to Borrego Anza Desert.

PATRICK'S POINT AS SEEN BY A TOURIST-Continued from Page 5

fish and just as he lifted it out of the water, it gave one big lurch and was gone. Did he stop fishing? Oh, no! He kept right on and finally threw a large Ling Cod up on the rocks. Sitting there grinning, he asked "Isn't that a dandy, Mother?"

We were tired after our fishing excursion so decided to say just one more night. The next morning, we again awakened to the drip, drip, drip of the fog. This time, we got up immediately so we could start before the sun came out. As we walked, on our way to Agate Beach, we noticed the garbage cans were all upset, and the garbage strewn around. Later, we learned that the coons come foraging every night leaving a mess to be cleaned early each morning.

Soon we reached the top of the Agate Beach trail and were looking out over the ocean, enjoying the fresh cool air, when we heard a rustle in the brush near us. Keeping very still, we were soon rewarded with the sight of a little fawn that came running out into view. It stopped quickly, looked at us, looked back into the bushes and then back at us again. Presently, a doe, followed by another fawn came out into the clearing. I couldn't keep quiet any longer.

"Twins", I cried, and they were off into the brush again.

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PATRICK'S POINT AS SEEN BY A TOURIST

We went back to camp again that night with our pockets full of 'agates' and pretty stones, well satisfied with our day.

The next morning, we reluctantly packed up to leave, determined to return next year for more agates, more fish and more beauty.

E. G. B.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Now that the woodsmen of the great northwest have told their interesting stories in this issue, we turn to thoughts of December and January issues.

Bob Hatch of Mt. San Jacinto is busy working on the Christmas number but the bids are open again for a sponsor of the January edition. Speak up--and loudly enough to be heard.

Superintendent Powell submitted the following to us this month:

"I herewith suggest, recommend and insist that one or more pages be set aside in the monthly News & Views for the purpose of questions and answers."

"These questions are to be in line with the general park work only or problems pertaining to State Parks."

All comments on this idea are to be sent to the editor--and if sufficient questions come in, along with favorable comments, we will contemplate such a page.

And while on the subject of suggestions, Jack Dyson, curator at San Juan Bautista, suggests a curator's page for the discussing of museum techniques, etc. What say, curators??

WHY AM I WORKING FOR THE PARKS? Continued from page 8

(In a short time the Personnel Board and the Park authorities are going to answer that question concerning me to their own satisfaction. When they say: "Damned if we know", I hope they won't be growling it...)

R. L. N.

MISS RIOLO IS ENGAGED

Sarah Ann Riolo, intermediate stenographer-clerk in the Sacramento office, on November 6th announced her engagement to Arthur Zimmerman of Sacramento. They plan to marry early next spring.

We wish you all happiness, Sarah.

INTRODUCING

Gladys M. Watson, Intermediate Steno-clerk of Dyerville Headquarters, who contributed generously to these pages.

Raymond L. Nelson, Deputy Ranger of Dyerville Headquarters, also a good draftsman.

Jack M. Goswick, Deputy Ranger at Williams Grove, recently transferred to Dyerville.

James P. Tryner, Skilled laborer at Williams Grove, and faithful contributor to P. N. & V.

John and Albert Nela, without whom Prairie Creek would not have been able to carry on completely.

Bassett A. Farber at Patrick's Point.

Campgrounds, closed during the war, that were reopened and operated to capacity during the summer were:

Mill Creek, with Larry Thole; Burlington cared for by Asst. Ranger Ralph Banfill; Stephens Grove, piloted by Tom Murphy; and Russian Gulch chaperoned by Jack Young.

While all of the district parks enjoyed the largest attendance in their history, the most northerly areas, such as Mill Creek and Prairie Creek showed the greatest percentage increase. Formerly considered "remote", they were advantageously situated with respect to the tremendous flow of "through" traffic on the Redwood Highway this year.

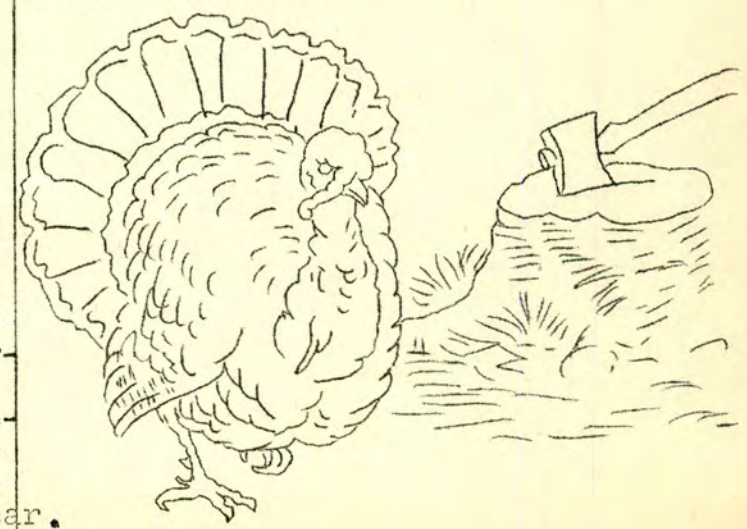
HARBINGER OF WINTER

As the camping season swiftly fades out of our lives for another year, it has fallen our lot to spend an increasing proportion of our time in the Park woodyard, laboriously hewing out next year's supply of firewood. Altho the shortening days and clear, cool nights have left little doubt of the approach of winter, the fact has been further impressed upon us by the presence of a little winter wren busily cleaning up the insects about the woodpile. The little rascal has become quite friendly with us, hopping about within a few inches of our feet, frequently so close that we must exercise care to avoid hitting him with the products of our labors.

This little fellow is the smallest of the American wrens, and is undoubtedly the liveliest and most friendly of the group. He is a familiar sight in the redwoods in the fall and winter, spending his summers north of the Canadian boundary, and moves south into the United States and on into Mexico during the winter season.

JAMES P. TRYNER

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS ISSUE FOLKS-----AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ABOUT THROUGH TO



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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

GREETINGS!

NEWS & VIEWS must now be the medium through which the Season's Greetings are extended to the employees of the Division since the growth of this Division makes individual greeting cards to all the employees a rather sizable task. I therefore extend to each of you and your families a most cheerful Yuletide Season coupled with wishes for a healthy, happy, and prosperous 1947.

SUMMARY

1946 has indeed been a great year for this Division since our general activities have been expanded to a far greater degree than in any other year. In order to bring these facts more directly to your attention, I have asked various Section Heads to compile a summary of their activities and these will be set forth in this issue. Personally, I would like to call your attention to a few general conditions which have made this year so outstanding:

First of all, all of the park areas which were closed during the War period were re-opened to the public, and our attendance record of better than 22,000,000 exceeded the most optimistic estimates for the first full post-war year.

The personnel of the Division has been greatly increased and separate sections set up for Acquisition, and Recreational and Educational activities.

The field force has had a very sizable salary increase, so well deserved and commensurate for the duties performed.

The positions of Assistant District Superintendent have been created and clerical assistance has been provided for the District Superintendents' offices.

With large unexpended sums both for additional acquisition and improvement of present holdings, and with the 1947 Legislature about to go into session, no one can predict the magnitude or importance that this Division will assume in 1947 and ensuing years; but we all know that we are associated with a State activity that is faced with ever-increasing public demands for enlarged activities in the spheres of preservation, conservation, and recreation.

Educational Section Report

The position of Supervisor of Conservation Education, created during World War II, became active on February 1, 1946, when I was fortunate enough to be placed in it after a competitive civil service examination in which I placed behind Chief Rangers Earl Hanson and Eugene Velzy. Their decisions to remain in the field resulted in my selection.

The position had little precedent in the Division, other than work done by Earl Hanson as the Division's Nature Guide some years ago, and the first few months were spent

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GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Mt. San Jacinto is located in a commanding spot between the southern coastal plain and the Colorado desert and, geologically, it is among the newest mountains in the United States. The great mass of granite of Mt. San Jacinto was blockfaulted into its present position during middle Tertiary times or between one and twenty-five million years ago. The agricultural development which has grown in Southern California owes its existence to the San Jacinto mountains which act as a barrier between the coastal plains and the desert.

The north and east escarpment of Mt. San Jacinto is the sheerest drop of any mountain in the United States, falling 10,305 feet in six miles. From this peak on a clear day may be seen the Arizona mountains outlining the Colorado river and Palo Verde valley; to the north, Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the United States. To the west is the Pacific ocean with its Channel islands, and to the south, the city of San Diego and part of Mexico. Around the immediate base of this mountain the cities of Hemet, San Jacinto, Banning, Beaumont and Palm Springs may be seen. Unique in the panorama is the Coachella valley with its cities of Indio, Coachella, Mecca and Thermal outlined against the background of many thousands of acres of farms, date gardens and citrus groves and the Salton Sea.

It is an extremely interesting area from the park visitor point of view because of the diversified nature of the country encountered along the trails from the administration area to the peak. The country contains many beautiful valleys, separated by rugged barriers which are almost impassable. The majority of the country would be inaccessible if it were not for the trails. An illustration of the terrain is the fact that it took ten days to reach an airplane which crashed within the park three years ago. On a recent trip to post the west boundary of the park it was necessary to snake over fifteen foot brush and climb from tree to tree to stay on the boundary line.

PERMANENT PERSONNEL AT MT. SAN JACINTO MAY BE DOUBLED

Things are looking up around here! Not long ago we were visited by Dan Hull and Raymond Shea of the Sacramento office and Supt. Guy Fleming, and a new residence building site was approved. It is expected that there will be two permanent employees here next summer, with the added possibility of a temporary man. We certainly can use them - with thirty miles of trail to maintain and a water system to be revamped, to say nothing of general park work.

RISING PEAK

What we want to know is, how high is Mt. San Jacinto? All the park publications, early surveys and geodetic topo maps say 10,805. Now the army comes along, breaks up the quadrangle system and raises the elevation to 10,850. This is a fine mess for no matter which elevation we use the visitor always has the other map. Has Mt. San Jacinto grown up?

ANIMAL LIFE

Of Mt. San Jacinto's annimal life, the most outstanding, which is rarely seen but is increasing in numbers, is the Desert Big Horn sheep. The park is adjacent to the Big Horn refuge and the bands have been using the rugged slopes of the park for summer range in increasing numbers. Occasionally seen in the administration area is the San Bernardino flying squirrel. This is the southernmost recording of flying squirrels on the west coast.

The most common animals in the park are deer, chipmunks of several varieties, gray squirrels, ground squirrels, mountain lions, bob cats and foxes. In all, 63 species of fauna have been recorded on the mountain, most of which are small rodents. The native bear population was extinct sometime before 1913. The country was then populated with the Grizzly, at least. It was in this area that the famous marauding Grizzly, "Club foot", was finally killed. He ranged from San Jacinto into southern San Joaquin valley.

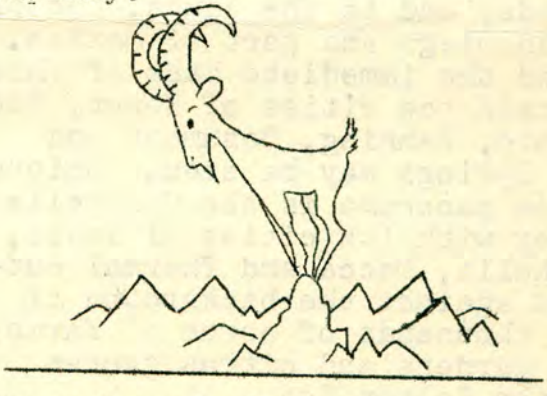
The Division of Fish and Game has stocked golden beaver and black bear in outlying areas. They have also attempted to start golden pheasant and chukkar partridge, but it is too early as yet to measure their success. However, we did see two pheasants above 9000 feet this past summer.

One hundred and sixty-nine species of birds have been recorded on the mountain. San Jacinto is near enough to migratory runs to pick up many birds seasonally and, occasionally, strays that will be miles from their natural range.

The streams of the area carry Lochleven and Rainbow trout.

The reptiles found in the park conform with the reptile population of similar areas: King coral, king gopher, yellow racer, Pacific Coast diamond back rattler, timber rattler, rock lizards, grass lizards, blue tailed skinks and other common forms. The one exception to the common variety of reptiles is a species of toad found in the Hidden Lake area at 9010 feet which appears to be a dwarf species. The early stages of metamorphosis appears normal in size and habit as compared with other toads, but in the adult stage the mature toad is only about one and one-half to one and three-quarters inches long. Supt. Fleming took some specimens last summer to submit to the San Diego museum but so far no report has been received as to their conclusions.

Much research must be done in the park before a complete guide of wildlife in the area can be compiled. The roughness of terrain on the desert slope constitutes a definite handicap to work there, and it is in this area that the life zones change so rapidly.



In spite of the northwest district's coming up with the idea of a question and answer box which we were going to broach this month, we still want an answer to this phenomenon:

Between the altitudes of 9000 feet and 9500 feet in the Mt. San Jacinto park the lodgepole pines have large irregular patches of bark off of them. Most of the damage seems to be in the upper halves of the trees. The trees are generally in dense stands and the damage is more prevalent on the northwest slopes. People who have come from

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FLORA

In the botanical sense Mt. San Jacinto is of extrême interest because of the scope of the life zones encountered on its slopes. In a distance of six miles airline every life zone from Lower Sonoran to Boreal is found and this is the southern most Boreal zone in California. This rapid transition of zones leads to many strange combinations of plantlife and to some extent, altered and dwarf forms of standard vegetation.

The forest is primarily coniferous, consisting of western yellow, Jeffry, Coulter, sugar, whitebark, limber and tamrack pines; white fir, incense cedar and juniper. The principal broadleaf trees found here are the canyon live oak, scrub oak, black oak, alders and several species of willow. California maple has also been found. Ground shrubs are dominated by Ceanothus, chinquapin, azalea, manzanita, currant, gooseberry and occasionally blueberry.

LONG, LONG AGO

Mt. San Jacinto first came into prominence in historical records in 1774 when it was mentioned as the landmark of Juan Bautista de Anza on his overland trip from Mexico, and for many years it was associated as the welcome landmark ending the arduous overland journey for others. Beyond San Jacinto lay the land of mild climate, abundant watter and the missions.

During the early American days in California, Mt. San Jacinto was only rarely visited as there were no extensive trapping grounds and the mineral deposits were scattered and poor in comparison to adjoining areas.

The earliest use of the mountain was for stock ranching and lumbering. Lumbering was carried on in almost all accessible spots throughout the mountain but only two mills were close enough to what is now the park to have made cutting possible within the present park boundaries. The park was used by ranchers for summer range and there are several old log cabins which were used as line rider bases still in existence within the park.

The wildness and inaccessibility of the park land made it a natural hideout for rustlers and hold-up men, and because of the geographical location, it was particularly well suited to the use of bandits. One group would go south to harass the Butterfield stages while another would go north or east into the small towns and ranches along the side routes of the stage lines. Upon return to the almost impassable mountain country, they would lay low for a while and then reverse their directions. According to rumor there was one enterprising horse-thief who used to put reversed shoes on his horses and drive them into the upper country. Any interested parties cutting his

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COULDN'T WE SHOOT IN SELF-DEFENSE?????

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As early as 1920 there were movements underway to have the high country behind Idyllwild turned into a National park or monument. In 1928 the San Jacinto Mountain Park Association was formed to promote this idea which culminated with a sale by the Southern Pacific Railroad and the United States Forest Service of land to the State in 1930. A master plan for the development of the park was made and under the C.C.C. program, all existing trails and buildings were built. Finally, on July 19, 1937 the park was officially dedicated and opened to public use but was closed at the end of the summer and was not reopened until the summer of 1940.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following appointments were made to the Division during the last month:

HOWARD X. STIVER, senior engineering aid, Los Angeles; CALVIN MEHLERT, junior engineering aid, Sacramento; B. J. CHRYSLER, junior engineering aid, Sacramento; LA VERNE T. CALHOUN, intermediate stenographer-clerk, Sacramento; JOHN C. CALHOUN, laborer, Carpinteria; and FRANK RASH, laborer, Armstrong.

It is expected that the complete new list of permanent rangers, grade 1, will have been certified by January 1st, and the names will be published in the January issue of News and Views.

PALOMAR'S MEANING

The name "PALOMAR" means "Dovecote", or "pigeon roost", because in the days of Spanish occupation this State park area was the refuge of thousands of band-tailed pigeons.

The area also was known as a "bad land", being the hideout of cattle rustlers, claim jumpers, and stage robbers.

Park Attendance

Mt. San Jacinto State Park is in a unique position regarding accurate checks on attendance. Since the administration area campground of thirteen acres is the only portion of the park where fees are charged, the majority of the park of 12,708 acres, accessible only by trail, is without a totally accurate check.

The only accounts on the use of the eight camping areas in the upper park comes from fire permits issued, stock rented by local stablemen, and registers placed at interest points. Eighty per cent of the campfire permits issued by the United State Forest Service this year were for some point within the park. This check shows that more than 15,000 people visited the upper park this year. To date the campground at Idyllwild has had 8119 registered visitors.

Unfortunately, the files of past years are not complete in the park office.

The following table gives the comparative revenue figures and from them an idea may be had as to what is happening to the visitor list:

1940 -------	$126.25
1941 -------	$155.00
1942 -------	$204.00
1943 -------	$181.50
1944 -------	$210.30
1945 -------	$509.00
1946 to date	$878.30

EDITOR'S NOTE

The January issue still requires a sponsor. Who is it going to be? Copy must be in the Sacramento office by January 22nd.

This excellent issue, the work of a two-man park, deserves the commendation of the entire system. Congratulations, Bob Hatch and Ernie Maxwell (and wives).

To beat the Christmas rush it was necessary to print this issue early---therefore the digest of commission actions will not appear until the next issue.

Idyllwild residents are amazed at the speed with which the San Jacinto personnel covers emergencies. Last summer we were fighting a fire before the news of it had been radio-relayed to the U.S.F.S. district office. What they don't know is that we were there getting a load of sand when lightning struck.

ROCKY WRITINGS

Most of the upper area of the Mt. San Jacinto park was above the usual haunts of Indians other than those on hunting parties, when it became the common hunting grounds of the desert Coahuila Indians to the east and the plains Soboba Indians to the west.

The land around the present administration area was, however, heavily populated during the summer months, which is indicated by the large amount of Indian relics which have been uncovered. In one corner of the present campground there is an excellent matate rock with about fifteen grinding holes. In leveling ground for new campsites this past summer, two pestles a great deal of fragmentary pottery and other artifacs were found. If possible, this area will be dug out before next summer as there is promise of recovering enough material for an outstanding display.

There are two notable picture rocks in this area, the best of which the owners wish to deed to the State, with the provision that it will be protected and maintained by Mt. San Jacinto State Park rangers. This rock is of sufficient interest to have caused several parties from the Southwest Museum to come here to study it. It is a two color hieroglyph, apparently depicting a journey. It doesn't correspond to other picture rocks in this part of the country and it is therefore presumed that it describes the journey of some migrating tribe which was passing through the area.

CONTRASTS

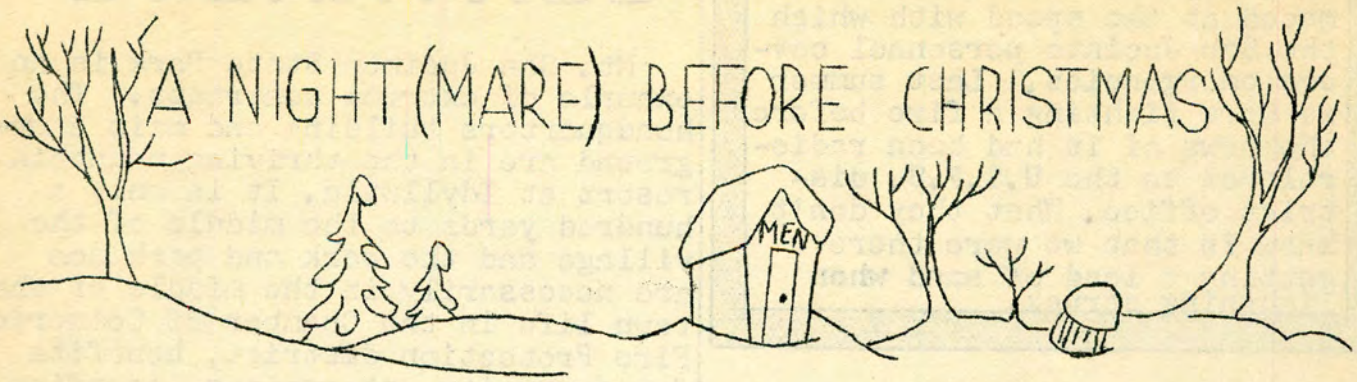
Mt. San Jacinto State Park is an example of extreme contrasts. The headquarters building and main campground are in the thriving mountain resort at Idyllwild. It is only a hundred yards to the middle of the village and the park and park men are necessarily in the middle of the town life in the Chamber of Commerce Fire Protection district, benefits for community enterprizes, campfire programs, churches and a great many more activities. On a day off this month we were required to pour cement for the foundation of the Idyllwild community building or pay a $10.00 fine. There are all the inconveniences of city life except sidewalks and stop signals, but the village could certainly do with some of each. These are the conditions found surrounding the thirteen acre campground and administration area which is a mile high.

On the other hand there is the primitive area of 12,708 acres with a 3500 foot elevation on the desert side to the 10,805 elevation of San Jacinto peak. It is necessary to walk or ride twelve miles or more to get to work in the upper area. It may take a day to cut through an 18" tree or three or four days to do a piece of trail work that should take a day. It is unusual to have to walk fourteen miles in order to check the guest register.

During the early 90's, "Strawberry" as Idyllwild was then known, was built up as a health resort. There was an elaborate three-story rest home constructed which was one of the show-places of Riverside county. About 1900 it burned and another less pretentious inn was built and operated under several owners until it, too, burned in 1945. During this period, "Strawberry" had turned from a small settlement into the Idyllwild resort with a population of 1200 and another Idyllwild Inn.

CALIFORNIA NAMES & THEIR MEANINGS
REDONDO----------"Round"
SIERRA MADRE----------"Mother range"

A NIGHT(MARE) BEFORE CHRISTMAS



'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the park
Not a creature is camping out there in the dark,
And the pipes are all drained with most infinite care,
There's snow on the ground and the oak trees are bare.
The Ranger is thrashing around in his bed
While memories stamp through his head;
When thousands of people had come in their cars,
And were spending a balmy night under the stars.

When out on the lawn there arose such a roaring,
He lept out of bed even though he was snoring,
Away to the office he crashed like a bull,
Tore open the front door and said, "What the hull?"
In the icy black midnight there wasn't a sound
And nary the signt of a tourist around,
When out of the dark a cry fell on his head
Of "Ranger, oh Ranger, I'm dying!" she said.

It seems that a scorpion had certainly bit her,
Life wasn't in peril, but it did hurt her sitter,
They got out the soda, kind words and some water,
And quick as a flash she could rest on her squatter.
So the frazzled-out Ranger crawled back in his bunk
But he knew in a moment he surely was sunk,
For again on the lawn there arose such a bawling
Again! To his feet! To see who had come calling!

More rapid than rabbits the campers they came
And they whistled and shouted and called him by name:
"Hey, Copper!" "Hey Keeper!" "Hey, Captain!" "Say, Stupid!"
"Oh, Warden!" "Oh, Ranger!" "Say, Sheriff!" and "You, Bud!"
"My camp chair is smashed!" "The darn toilets won't flush!"
"Please find my dear husband - he's lost in the brush!"
"My tent has collapsed!" "There's no wood to be found!"
"The garbage has piled up all over the ground!"

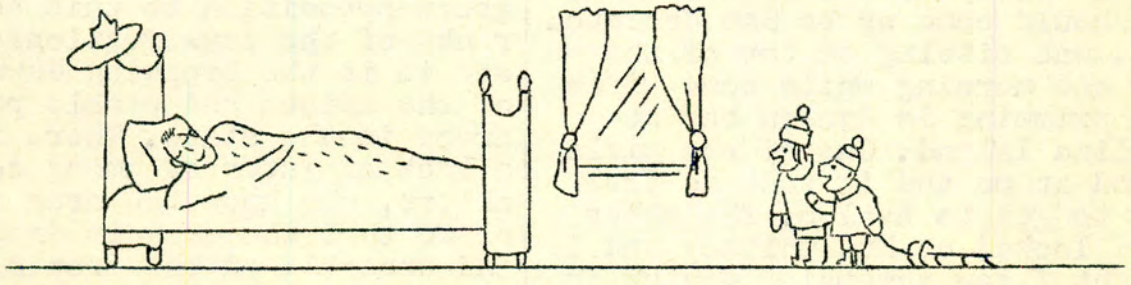
So up to the campground the Ranger he flew
With his compass, his tool kit, his pot full of glue,
When a ranting and raving recalled his intentions
To hark to a citizen riled at conventions:
"The Blue Jays are noisy, they cause me great grief,
"And what are you doing to give me relief?
"'No Hunting!' 'No Shooting!' you post through the land,
"I'll call up the Park Chief and you will be canned!"
Then placing her thumb at the end of her nose
And waving that hand, up the chimney she rose.

The last episode dreamed by the Ranger so bold
Turns him green in the face and he's shivering cold,
So when in great panic he climbs back in bed
He's screaming and screaming, "I wish I were dead!"
And grabbing his blankets and holding them tight
He stifles himself for the rest of the night.

When all of a sudden the fanciful sound
Of sleigh bells and laughter and children around
Awakens our hero who shouts in great glee,
"Why it all was a dream, it can't happen to me,
"But when the next camper comes up here to stay
"I'll scalp the poor joker - that's all I can say."

--------Marj Hatch

(With profound apologies to Clement Clarke Moore,
1779-1863, author of "A Visit from St. Nicholas")



THE RANGER-HE SEZ!

There have been many fine suggestions from field personnel in regard to improvements in the parks' business to which I add my two-bits worth.

How about uniforms? I am in much the same state as Gene Velzy when it comes to blanketing my manly torso. The chief difference is that it is much colder up here and, anyway, bears are scarce and squirrels are protected. I would hate to be required to buy a full uniform at the moment, but as I wander through the snow with my shirt tail peeping through the seat of my pants and the north wind howling through my elbows, I sometimes speculate that it would be nice to know what I should buy in case I could afford it or could find it. Everything is high these days so that any clothes we buy are high. So why not, since we have to have clothes anyway, know what the uniform will be so that today's purchases will fit into the uniform?

Pertinent question: What ever became of the notification cards the office used to send out to tell the field men the fate of their requisitions?

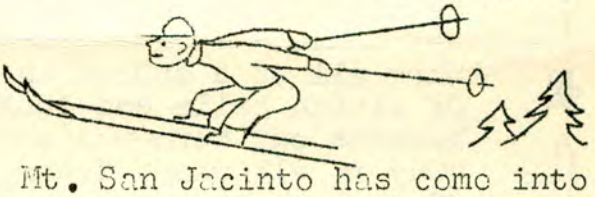
There has been a good deal published about the view in various parks, so I would like to challenge any other park personnel to a "looking match" in any park, particularly Mt. Diablo, and I bet I'll win. If you really want a look around, you should come up to San Jacinto. Why I was sitting on top of the peak one morning while some girls were swimming in Avalon bay at Catalina Island. One of the girls winked at me and it took me four days to get to Avalon. The other day I looked at Mt. Whitney and I thought I saw something moving on top so I got out my glass and sure enough, there was a troop of Boy Scouts toiling up the mountain. Then I glanced eastward and saw a man catch a fish in Parker Dam, so I looked toward Mexico and saw nobody. This is the truth - I swear to it on a telephone book.

NEWS FLASH! Mt. San Jacinto has just come off the isolated list and received a telephone today (December 4th.) The number is Idyllwild 1037. Call us up sometime.

You may not think it possible, but the caricatures of personnel in this issue are really good likenesses, so if any of the people you see here cross your path, say "Hello"! Compatriot Maxwell, who did the drawings is a gifted artist and supplements his park income by peddling cartoons to "Esquire," "Holiday," and other national magazines at about sixty bucks apiece. Nice work if you can get it.

One of the real peaks of my career was to be awakened early on a day off to hear my young daughter (then three years old) conversationally stating to one of those 6 AM campers, "But the Ranger and my mommy are still in bed."

----Bob Hatch



Mt. San Jacinto has come into notice recently through the creation of the San Jacinto Winter Park authority. This act was promoted to gain winter resort attractions for Palm Springs only fifteen minutes from the desert. The bill was introduced twice in the 1941 session of the Legislature and vetoed both times by the Governor. It was worked over and presented again in the 1945 session and okayed. There is still great opposition to this act in the ranks of the conservationists who see in it the breaking down of one of the unique and usable primitive areas in the state. There is also a lack of interest among competent skiers, who know the area and declare that the snow is dangerous and unusable on the proposed runs most of the time, due to weather conditions which prevail in the winter months and to the exposure of the slopes.

GREENHORN REPORTING

They started me at raking leaves and pine needles. Then I picked up cigarette butts and bottle caps. Later, I graduated to cleaning restrooms, peeling logs and heaving stones. I couldn't complain because it was nice outdoor work among the pines.

However, it wasn't the glamorous life I'd anticipated. No badge, no hat, no running up the trails looking for lost schoolteachers. I was assistant to Bob Hatch all right but then, there were only the two of us. There was nothing about my early work with the State Parks that I could thrillingly relate to my friends. That is, not until September, when Bob took me into the back country!

Deer season was only a week away. The time had come for us to post the west boundary of the park. It was on this side that our deep, rich canyons served as feeding grounds for the wildlife of the game refuge. For their protection, Bob decided to post signs for energetic hunters who might invade the refuge. The four days we spent in that area not only gave me lots to tell my friends, but also lifted me from the greenhorn stage. I wore out a pair of army shoes and was well along on a new pair of boots. I ate K rations, sweltered in the sun, floundered waist-deep in buckthorn and chinquapin without ever touching the ground with my feet, and got lost twice. In those four days, I discovered what is meant by a "primitive area." Always, there was one more ridge to cross, one more stack of gigantic boulders to surmount. Survey lines run over and through the doggonest terrain.

Beaten and bruised, I was happy and thankful. Happy that at last I'd advanced beyond the restrooms, and thankful that our back country was part of the State Park System. All of this beautiful forest belonged to the people. Those who wish to push back from the highways can wander beneath the pines the firs and cedars. Down in the shady canyons, they can walk in the lush growth of azaleas, shoulder high ferns and streamside plants. It is gratifying that some foresighted persons set aside for all of us this wonderland of Nature's gifts.

----E. Maxwell

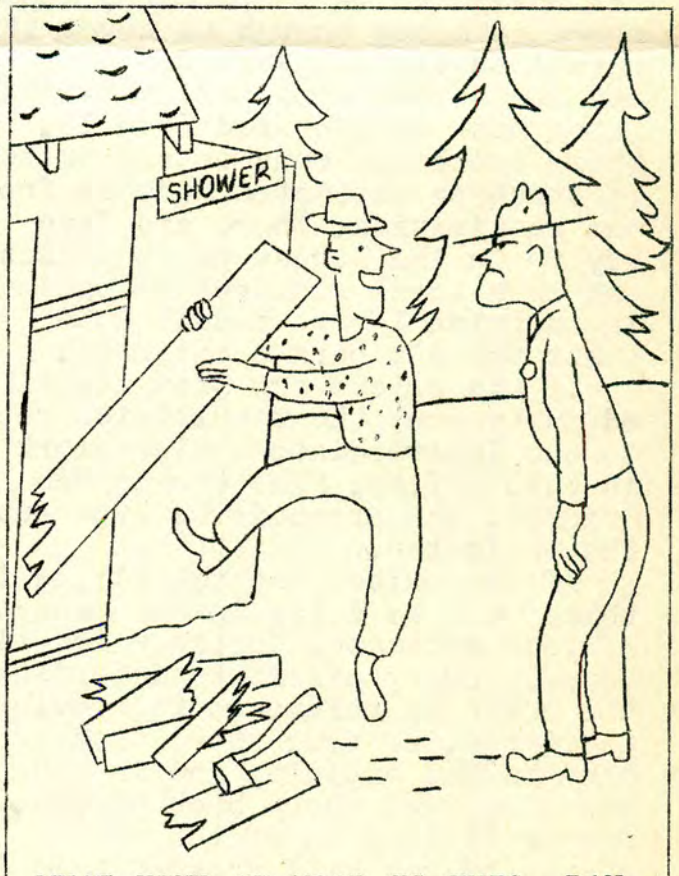
OLD NEWS AND VIEWS NEEDED

In a recent effort to bring our files of News & Views up to date, we find the following issues missing:

September, 1943; March, 1944; and November, 1944.

Any kind hearted person possessing these copies will earn the undying gratitude of the editor if he will forward same to us.

----Editor



WHAT KIND OF WOOD IS THIS, RANGER? IT CERTAINLY BURNS WELL.

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porcupine country say that porcupines are the answer, but we ain't got porcupines. Who dood it?????

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A REQUISITION

Many field men often wonder just what happens to the requisitions they send in to the Sacramento office for supplies. For your information, the following may be of assistance to you:

How the requisition originates you all know, you give good examples everyday. When your requisition reaches this office, the day of its arrival is stamped upon it and it find its way to Ronald Miller's desk for an OK. He looks it over and determines against what item it should be charged. He notes the same upon it and the requisition then proceeds to my desk.

I look up the fund from which the money for it is to come, hoping there is money enough to cover it, then I survey the various items and decide how many separate estimates must be prepared from it. There can be as many as six or seven purchase estimates made up from one requisition. There are five buyers in the Bureau of Purchases and each buyer requires an estimate In addition I have budget item costs for a separate estimate.

If the prices are properly filled in by you, the requisition goes to the Intermediate typist-clerk in this office, Miss Curtisdean Grammer, who proceeds to type out the estimates.

If the prices are not filled in, there will be delay in the progress of your estimate, during which time we make every effort to determine the price by reference to previous estimates, to some store that handles the article, and in some cases we must query back to you. Proper filling in of the price column by you will prevent this delay.

Upon completion of the typing of the estimate it is returned to me. I again check against the requisition, then stamp the requisition with the date. The estimate is then sent to the accounting office.

We try to have all requisitions off our desk the day after we receive them. After having been duly stamped, the requisition is filed under the respective park for future reference.

Next month, for your information, we will describe the path taken by the purchase estimate.

---Gena Hedger

HOW THE BLUE LIZARD CAME TO SAN JACINTO

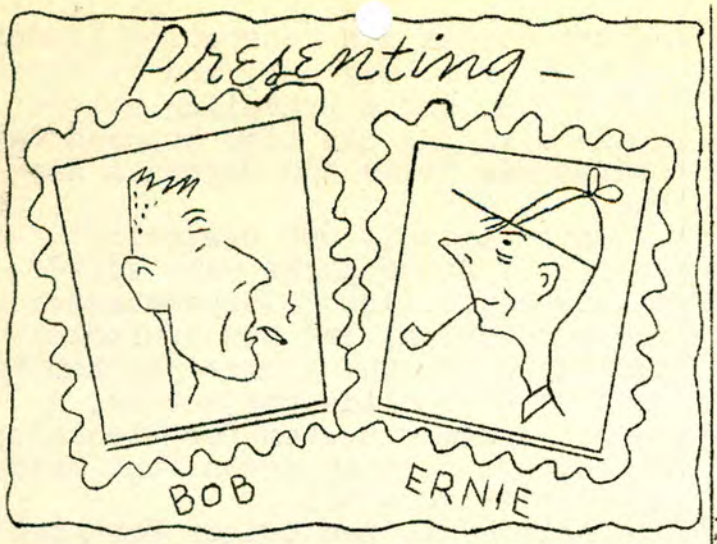
AN INDIAN LEGEND

There was great sorrow among all the tribes of the Sobobas for all the children were sick and none of the charms of the medicine men seemed of any avail. The tribes prayed to the Great Spirit and received an answer, but in all the tents of Heaven there was no messenger to send to the Sobobas. At length the Great Spirit tore a strip of blue sky from the heavens and rolled it into a lizard and gave it magic to take to the Sobobas.

The lizard traveled on a sunbeam to the earth and the children of the tribes were healed. But the sunbeams were always traveling to the earth, not away from it, so there was no way for the blue lizard to get back to his home in Heaven.

So the homesick lizard climbed upwards on San Jacinto mountain as high as he could get to his home and there he has remained to this day, sacred to the Sobobas. He is never found below two to three thousand feet and more often seen above five thousand, still waiting for an opportunity to return to his home.

EL TEJON (pronounced AYL TAY-HOHN) is the Spanish name for the common badger.



Bob Hatch, head boy at San Jacinto except, of course, for his wife, Marjorie, daughter Laurie and son Stephen, couldn't stand a city for long so he migrated to a cattle ranch in Arizona at five months. Here he learned such things as how to tell the difference between a cow and a steer and how to swear convincingly. In the quest of an education he returned to Southern California and, in due time, was graduated from the University of Redlands, with a major in geology.

Most of his spare time was devoted to prospecting and chasing butterflies, but finally he had to go to work. Being narrow between the eyes and broad across the shoulders he chose construction, and then drifted into a building supply house. One thing led to another, so with an increasing dislike for cities, he joined the parks in 1942. He has worked in Cuyamaca, Will Rogers Beach, Palomar and San Jacinto. He'll stay here----- if that's okay.

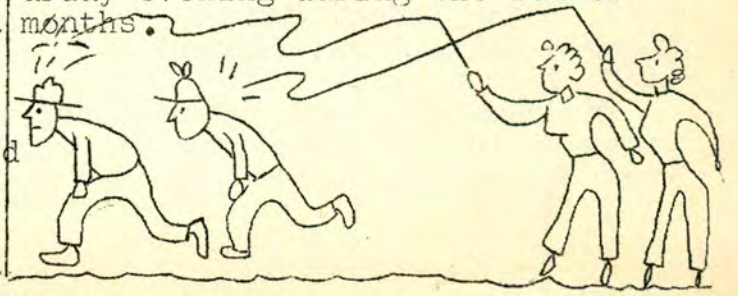
Ernest "Emax" Maxwell is Bob's assistant at Mt. San Jacinto. This is his first chance with the park service, although he and his wife, Betty, have camped in virtually all of California's forests. Idyllwild has become their first postwar home. To best learn about the area, Emax has discovered that working with the parks is the only thorough way.

Previously, Maxwell led a varied and checkered life starting at the time he was born in Kaula Lumpur, Federated Malay States, Asia. (He is white, though.) A graduate of the University of California, he has toyed with newspaper work, cartooning and illustration; mixed cement and herded goats.....he had two goats. During the war he was a buck sergeant in the AAF. He once lived in Hollywood but now-a-days you can't get him back in the city. "The only thing the city has that the country hasn't is traffic, smog, and no homes," claims Emax.

THE PEOPLE WHO HELP US OUT:

Marj Hatch, also a Redlands University graduate, punches picnic tickets, writes for the "Hemet News" and is the keeper of one dog, (censored) one cat, (censored) and the mother of two small children. She is a Red Cross swimming and life saving instructor and a Red Cross first aid instructor. She maintains a first aid station at the park and cleans house semi-occasionally, when she isn't carrying on her duties as secretary of the Mt. San Jacinto Winter Club or taking a skiing lesson.

Betty Maxwell, a former actress on the legitimate stage, was graduated from the Bennett School in the east and has lived the greater part of her young life in New York City. She has appeared on the stage in Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington and many other major cities. "But I like Idyllwild better," she says, "because I can wear blue jeans." She was a Red Cross Hostess during the war and has carried on her charitable tendencies here in the mountains by taking on the chairmanship of the Idyllwild community campfires which are held every Saturday evening during the summer months.



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in getting oriented to a civilian occupation and planning a program.

A partial description of the position by the State Personnel Board includes:

"Under general direction of the Chief of the Division, to plan, organize, and develop a state-wide educational program--supervising the preparation of slides, films, posters and exhibits to be used in educational programs; conferring with officers of the Division regarding the scope and content of conservation educational programs; cooperating with other conservation organizations and agencies in working out a unified educational program; preparing educational programs in connection with special conservation projects; such as "Conservation Week"; preparing educational pamphlets, folders, and monographs; furnishing information regarding the educational material and facilities of the Division, assisting in the preparation of bills to be presented to the legislature, writing reports of work done, and doing other work as required."

Of prime importance at the beginning was the preparation of information folders for the larger parks to eliminate much of the "information" work required of the rangers. To this end we have printed the following information folders:

A general folder on the State Park System and individual folders for Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Calaveras Big Trees, Mt. Diablo, Will Rogers, and Donner Monument; also reprinted Pt. Lobos Reserve and Rules & Regulations. Additional folder planned for the 1947 season is one for the Humboldt Redwood State Park, featuring Richardson Grove.

The summer nature and recreation programs in the parks were enlarged from the wartime period, with nature guides and recreation leaders at Big Basin, Big Sur, and Richardson Grove, and a traveling nature guide dividing his time between Calaveras Big Trees and Cuyamaca Rancho.

Approximately 600 new color scenes of State parks were added to our collection of transparencies for projection, and new equipment purchased for the summer program included three slide projectors, a public address system for Richardson Grove, and five by seven foot beaded projection screens.

Included in the budget for next season's campfire programs are funds for the purchase of three 16 millimeter sound motion picture projectors. Silent equipment was rented for the 1946 season, but the types of silent motion pictures available were found to be poor, and of ancient vintage.

To coordinate the nature and recreation programs, to take the colored photographs, and approximately 300 new black and white photographs for our publicity files, and to become better acquainted with the personnel and facilities of our system, it was necessary to travel more than 9,500 miles this summer on field trips which took me to practically every park in the system.

A plan evolved, during the summer period, to create five district ranger-naturalists to assist in the educational program, but this plan has since boiled down to the setting up in the 99th fiscal year budget one position of ranger-naturalist to serve as a full-time assistant working out of the Sacramento office. Also included in the next budget are three additional summer nature guides, and two recreation leaders. Two of the new nature guides will be assigned to Cuyamaca Rancho and Prairie Creek. Disposition of the third nature guide is not definite as yet. The new recreation leaders will go to Cuyamaca Rancho and Williams Grove.

At the preliminary budget hearing before the Department of Finance, all these items were passed

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upon, but final approval or disapproval will not come until the second session of the legislature, probably in March of next year.

Since February 1st, a total of 1,310 requests for information and pictures on the park system have been answered, and material and pictures have been supplied to more than 30 publications presenting feature articles on California's State Parks and Beaches.

The editorship of News & Views was placed in this section, and with the good cooperation of field personnel, we have edited ten editions to date.

Warren T. Hannum, director of Natural Resources, was named chairman of the 1947 Conservation Week program, sponsored by the California Conservation Council, and this office, with a similar office in the Division of Forestry, has been delegated to assist the Director with his new tasks.

Of prime importance in the winter work is the preparation of the long promised Ranger's Manual. 150 8½" x 11" black fabrihide stiff covered spring-back binders have been ordered (and received), and now are going to the State Printer where they will be labeled in gold ink, and subject matter for the manual has been assembled and classified. It will be necessary, as the manual progresses, for this office to consult with men in the field on the contents so that the rich experiences of the field force can best be utilized in its preparation.

(signed)
Edward F. Dolder

Engineering Planning Section Report

The Engineering and Planning Section at the beginning of 1946 consisted of one Beach Erosion Engineer and one Stenographer. Noble assistance was rendered by Dan Hull. From this modest beginning, the Section has grown, including field parties to a present strength of twenty-six. The work load has increased even more than that, due to the 1945 and 1946 Legislation appropriating the following funds:

Dev. of S.P. Taylor	$ 50,000
Dev. of Beaches	574,850
Dev. of Parks	1,674,750
Acq. of Beaches	10,000,000
Spec. Acq. of Beaches	607,225
Post War Planning	200,000
R. & H. Trail Survey	20,000
R. & H. Dev. & Const.	300,000

The work of the Section included Beach Erosion studies; coordination and review of county master plans of beach acquisition; preparation and publication of a Preliminary State Master Plan of Beach Acquisition and Development; budgeting and planning construction programs to the amounts of $1,674,000 for development of parks and $574,000 for beaches; the coordination and layout of a 3000-mile Riding and Hiking Trail through 36 counties; and making a start on the surveys of our parks and beaches.

Under beach erosion and master plans, actions have included review and recommendations on two applications received from the State Lands Commission for construction of groins in Santa Monica Bay, final inspection of Jenner Jetty work commenced the previous year, review and approval of plans for construction of Redondo Seawall and two inspections thereof, engineering advice and assistance to the City of Long Beach on design of four groins, and a report to the Legislature on the effect of the Santa Monica Breakwater on the shoreline of Santa Monica Bay. Master plans of Shoreline Acquisitions of ten counties have been reviewed. Seven have been submitted to and approved by the State Park Commission. The State participation as set up in these plans amounts to over six million dollars. The work of obtaining appraisals, descriptions of properties and

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acquisition, is now under way under the supervision of the Acquisition Officer. Preliminary arrangements have been consummated with the Division of Water Resources and the City of San Diego for the purchase of fill material at Mission Bay State Park.

The construction program threw a tremendous load on the Section. Prior to the passage of the Legislation in the Special Session of Legislature in February of 1946, only a general program of requirements in the Park System had been prepared. Detailed investigations, surveys and engineering design data were totally lacking. Personnel in both this Division and the Divisions of Architecture, Water Resources and Highways, was inadequate. New personnel was at a premium and for the most part unavailable. In spite of handicaps, the program has moved forward. This has been made possible by the hearty cooperation of the Park Superintendents, of the Division of Water Resources, the Division of Highways and of the Electrical and Mechanical Section of the Division of Architecture. The structural work has been unduly delayed by shortage of personnel. The status of this program is given below:

25 Construction Directives have been issued by this Division since May, 1946. These Directives covered 33 projects amounting to $89,131. So far 3 projects have been completed amounting to $21,500. Work performed under direction of Department of Public Works are as follows:

Water Resources

2 Projects Requested	$ 155,200
1 Project under const.	105,200

Highways

43 Projects Requested	516,092
24 Projects under Const. or completed	208,982

Architecture

97 Projects Requested	$1,221,562
7 Projects Under Const. or Completed	62,822

The construction program has also been complicated by the restrictions placed upon us by Civilian Production Administration. The one work "Denied" forever rings in our ears. This has resulted in the necessity for major revisions in the program, each requiring discussion and action by the Department of Finance.

The Riding and Hiking Trails activities have required constant attention; innumerable conferences and meetings throughout the State. The good services of county committees and the hearty cooperation of the planning commissions, County surveyors and State and Federal Forestry personnel in many counties have greatly advanced the work. The detailed locations in Los Angeles, Contra Costa and San Mateo counties have been approved by the State Park Commission. The location in Shasta County has been approved by the Advisory Committee. General layouts have been submitted in many of the other counties.

In view of the shortage of personnel and the newness of the project, excellent progress on this long-term project has been made.

The surveying and marking of the boundaries of State Parks has long been a crying need of the Division. Encroachments are becoming more and more frequent. During ten months, one small survey party has been kept more than busy keeping ahead of the most serious encroachments. In December, two extra parties were mobilized and are now in the field. In addition to the older parks, surveys are contemplated of all of the new acquisitions together with the preparation of standard plots of all properties showing metes and bounds, areas, when purchased, prior owners and easements.

The Section looks forward to a busy year made happy by a record of achievement.

(signed) Edwin C. Kelton

Mr. J.A. Hennessey is out of town. His report will appear next month.

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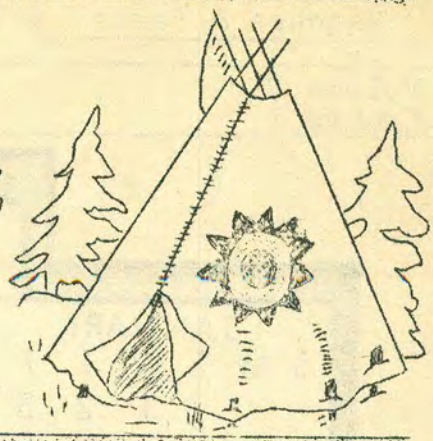

TIME MARCHES ON!

You will note that this issue of News & Views is labeled as Volume Five, Number One, which means that this little house organ is starting on its fifth year. I am sure that when this is called to the attention of the older park personnel, in point of service, they will realize how rapidly time is marching on.

As stated in the previous issue, News & Views will be published toward the end of the month so that it may contain the latest information regarding Commission matters which are of interest to the field personnel.

Since we are now near the end of the month of January, I presume that most of your individual New Year's resolutions have evaporated in thin air. However, each year we should individually endeavor to make substantial progress along life's pathway and with that thought in mind, I am just quoting a few one-line thoughts that have come down to us through the ages that may help us achieve such progress:

By merit, not favoritism, shall we attain our ends. PLOUT

A prudent question is one half of wisdom. BACON

It is great to be great, but it is greater to be human.
WILL ROGERS

If you must kick -- kick towards the goal. SATINETTES

If you listen to the neverdo's, it is never done. LLOYD GEORGE

Everything can be improved.
C. W. BARRON

I criticize by creation, not by finding fault. CICERO

He's no failure. He's not dead yet. W. L. GEORGE

Tis looking downward makes you dizzy. BROWNING

Do more than talk. Say something. J. H. RHOADES

Drop the hammer and pick up the shovel. J. A. DEAVER

Think of the ills from which you are exempt. JOUBERT

Great minds have purposes. Others have wishes. WASHINGTON IRVING

Don't judge a man by his opinion of himself. SCHNADIG

Not on one string are all life's jewels strung. WILLIAM MORRIS

No man is free who cannot command himself. PYTHAGORAS

Be a self starter. Don't make a crank of the boss. HARRY GUILBERT

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COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting of
December 20-21, 1946
Oakland

Meeting held in Oakland with Chairman J. R. Knowland presiding. Other Commissioners in attendance included Charles Kasch, Isadore B. Dockweiler and George Waldner.

RIDING AND HIKING--Resignation of Paul Seirsen from California Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee accepted and Sierra Club requested to recommend hiking enthusiast from Southern California for appointment.

ANZA DESERT--John Hennessey reported on State Lands erroneously listed as tax delinquent at this park. San Diego County Board of Supervisors requested to clear this matter.

BIG BUTANO--San Mateo County delegation requested action on purchase of Big Butano Forest. They were informed Pacific Lumber Company had made asking price of $2,000,000 for 4500 acre tract, and that this was considered too high. Commission requested Sempervirens Club of San Jose to select small choice area within Big Butano for priority acquisition, and to report the amount of matching money available.

BALDWIN ARBORETUM--Commission instructed staff to purchase this Los Angeles County park at the lowest appraisal figure.

MERCED COUNTY ACQUISITION--Staff instructed to proceed with negotiations for acquisition of recreational area on Merced River.

SHASTA RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS-The plan for the Shasta County unit of the California Riding and Hiking Trail system was approved subject to certain border revisions when plans of Siskiyou and Tehama Counties are received.

ZACA LAKE--Commission expressed interest in creation of a State Park at Zaca Lake, Santa Barbara County, if county will operate park and construct and operate adequate road into park.

BIDWELL BAR--Staff instructed to proceed with negotiations for acquisition of Bidwell Bar State Park, Butte County.

CLEAR LAKE ACQUISITION--Expressed desire to acquire 525 acre beach park on Clear Lake, Lake County, and accepted offers by Mrs. Nellie Dorn of 250 acres, and Lake County of 60 acres as matching land for the acquisition of 215 additional acres by the State. Instructed staff to conduct appraisals of additional land.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY--Following ruling adopted relative to employees: "Any person employed by the California Division of Beaches and Parks who intends to acquire land contiguous to any beach, park, or historical monument, or land contiguous to areas pending or submitted for acquisition consideration, shall first indicate such intention in writing to the Chief of the Division. Any violation of this rule shall be considered as contrary to the interest of the service."

OAKLAND ARBORETUM (Durant Park)-After public hearing and a survey of the area, the commission resolved that the construction of a highway through the main gateway of the park, as presently planned, would seriously damage the area contemplated for acquisition as a State Park, but that either proposed alternative route would be acceptable if an overpass is provided for the protection of life.

AVENUE OF THE GIANTS AND PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--By resolution the Commission approved the ultimate boundaries for acquisition in both these areas.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR--Commission approved construction of new lodge on foundation of original lodge, burned last year, of a similar

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FUN-DAYS AT ROGERS RANCH

By Victoria Williamson, Curator

About one mile from Sunset Boulevard along a narrow road winding uphill through spindling eucalyptus trees, stands the ranch house where Will Rogers lived until his death in 1935. The house, built on a ledge cut from the hillside, is a low rambling structure fronted by a wide stone porch overlooking the polo field. These details return to mind hours later, or even the next day; for at first sight it is color that compels one's attention--scarlet bougainvillia, blue thunbergia, or a flaming trumpet vine clambering along the roof.

A flight of stone steps give access to the porch, a cool shady retreat with low comfortable chairs drawn up beside the house. From this vantage point, the tired visitor may feast his eyes upon a vista of green lawns, fringed by flowers Will Rogers planted in the long ago-hybiscus, begonias, roses, star jasmine, geraniums, and fuschias in gorgeous ballet skirts, dancing in the breeze.

Farther along, beside the guest register there grows a begonia that is taller than a man. Its pointed orange leaves and luscious tutti-fruiti blossoms, draw excited comments from two young farmers, their wives and children on vacation from the middle West. Asks one of the men, "Marge, will yer look at them flowers!"

"I'm looking at them leaves," she rejoins. "Joe, it's an angel's wing begonia, sure's you're born."

"Can't be an angel's wing," Joe answers, "That's what we give Mom for her parlor window last Christmas Remember? It died before Noo Years!"

Just outside, on the grass, stands the other couple. Bess, the younger woman has the children in tow, but now and then she casts an anxious eye towards the ever-lengthening line of visitors, waiting to record their individual 'John Hancocks'.

She calls to the man at the desk, "Joe, there's a lotta people back of you. You'd better sign for all of us. It'll save time." Joe fumbles with his fountain pen and, with slow deliberation, begins to write, first the names, then the address, Vermillion, Ohio.

Oblivious of time, he leisurely turns back a few pages.

"Gee! Bess-Hank-whadda ya know! Mansfield, Ahigha!! Herb Simpkins and Holly was here on July 4th."

To the relief of the other visitors, the group from Vermillion moves along but only as far as the patio. Here a small crowd has gathered around one of the curators who is talking. Bess and Hank, Marge and Joe stand in the shadow of the pergola, listening:

"This staircase is rather unusual, as no doubt you've noticed. It's built of railroad ties, and leads to the bedroom formerly used by Jimmy Rogers."

A woman points to the balcony, almost hidden by festoons of orange-red flowers, "Ma'am, what kind of a vine is that?"

"It's a trumpet vine. It was planted soon after the new wing was built in 1928."

Then a man asks, "What's them white flowers in the hanging baskets, are they orchids?"

"No, indeed. Those are begonias. In the other baskets there are two varieties of fuchsia, the cardinal and nonpareil."

Marge whispers to her husband, "Seems like there's more begonias than days in the week."

Bess looks around for the children; who, long since have discovered the lawn where, one after another, they are turning somersaults.

"Hank, d'you suppose we should leave 'em play on the grass?". "Shore, it's okey. He wasn't that kind of a guy. Let's listen. She's telling some more about the house."

"This patio was really an outdoor dining room. Notice the portable grill, and the farmhouse table.

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Above our heads you'll see an awning, used for shade on hot days. Under the pergola are Chinese roller screens that could be lowered to temper the wind."

An incredulous visitor asks, "Did they eat out here all the time?"

"Three meals a day, practically all year round."

"Except when a fog blows in from New Joisey", a sailor adds, in a loud whisper. He nudges his girl friend, "Come on. Let's beat it. I wanna see the horse."

Hand in hand, they stroll along. Past the hybiscus bushes, the pepper tree and the old hitching rack, up a dirt path leading to the stables and "the barn that jokes built." Here is tethered "Soapsuds" the roping horse that was Will Rogers' pride and joy.

The sailor takes a camera out of his pocket.

"Arline, go stand over by the horse. I wanna take a pitcher."

Arline hesitates, "I'm afraid of horses, Dave. He might bite me!"

"Bite, my eye! Soapsuds ain't nuthin' ter be afraid of. He's an old horse. Anyone can see that."

The girl grins, "You try it first. Lemme get one of you."

Dave hands her the camera and she juggles with it trying to get the focus. In the end, it is a passerby who photographs the trio, old Soapsuds and sailor Dave with an arm around his girl. He gives her a squeeze. "Gee, honey, you sure look swell to me. Jest think-this time last year I was in the Phillipines!"

Having interviewed Soapsuds and walked around the barn, most visitors call it a day. Thus, they miss Inspiration Point, a small plateau set in the hills above the barn. This is the heart of the ranch, a beauty spot beloved by Will Rogers, where, in its deep quietude, he did some of his most inspired writing.

To reach Inspiration Point, one must traverse a bridle path either on foot or horseback; but the fortunate visitor who adventures thus far, may sometimes happen upon a delectable panorama. The exact hour is unpredictable, but given certain conditions of wind and weather, there it is--Baldy, Santa Catalina Island, and Mount San Jacinto, a mystic peak floating in a sea of clouds.

In this grateful solitude, it is easy to relax; for time is measured only by shadows, blue shadows that deepen in the hollows as the sun draws slowly westward. The sounds one hears are old as time itself, a partridge calling, the swift leaping of deer and the steady rhythm of horses hooves as somewhere close by the girl scouts go riding.

From a distant belfrey, the faint chiming of bells reminds one that closing time draws near and the ranch house itself has yet to be explored. Either the short or long trail will bring one back to the house, a building that had its casual beginnings in the early nineteen twenties as a weekend cottage. Added to from time to time, the house now consists of two wings in which there are eighteen rooms and eleven baths.

Although Will Rogers followed the modern trend, he nevertheless held in warm regard the old fashioned Saturday night bath. In his writings, he declared it to be a sacred American institution and the only reliable calendar a child ever had.

"Nowadays", he wrote, "a child grows up in complete ignorance. From the cradle to the altar, he don't know what day of the week it is."

Particularly in the fall of the year, the interior of the southwest wing (to which visitors are admitted) is warmly inviting. The rich barbaric colors of the Indian rugs melt into a vista of sunlight-mellowed distance seen through the famous Ziegfield window.

Among the animal exhibits on display, Chief Ranger Velzy's cat, Tiger, enjoys a high rating. The others are dead. Tiger is very much alive, but his nocturnal prowlings daily demand a long siesta

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PRAISE FOR THE RANGER

A word of kindness and praise, always so welcome, and too often so rare, comes to the State and Federal park systems in California in a column written by Rev. U. C. Noble in the "Downey Champion". In particular he wrote of the field personnel as follows:

"A word should be said in praise of the rangers both Federal and State. Our experience has been that on the whole they are as fine a group of men as we have met. This goes not only for the men who deal with the public in the camp grounds but also for the back country men who watch the trails and guard against fire. I was once stuck with my car on a back mountain road and had to hike out to the ranger station to get help. When I got to the station the ranger was out--he was already on his way to my car with a tow-line. He had seen the car on his rounds and had gone back for the long wire needed to pull me out. Afterwards he invited me to supper and I had a fascinating evening.

Most rangers make a life-time professional career of their work and it shows in the unfailing efforts they make to serve the people who visit their camps and parks. They are more than courteous they are anxious to help and by their manner are developing a tradition that is worth our all living up to. Of course you meet the exception occasionally, the ranger who is crabby, surly and unobliging. My personal wonder is that you don't meet more. If I was on the job twenty-four hours a day and had to answer all the fool questions, fulfill all the outlandish requests, deal with all the vagaries of human nature that people display when they let go on a vacation I am sure I would have a tough time being always courteous and cheerful and would be sorely tempted to go sour

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SOLILOQUY OF THE REDWOOD... CALL TO WONDER

In the dim distance of another age
When the God of history wrote his early page,
When the giant dinosaur walked our earth,
Before your race of men had their birth,
My ancestors were here,
But where were yours?

When Moses to the holy mount did climb
He met Jehovah in a place sublime;
The Tables of the law to guide our feet,
God gave this man so strong and yet so meek.
I was here then,
But where were you?

When Socrates with intellect and thought
For all the world his mental wonders wrought,
And little Greece came to her mighty hour
To rule the world with super-mental power,
I was here then,
But where were you?

When Christ was born in Bethlehem
With spiritual ministries for men,
He taught, he lived, that all might see
The God-man; then died upon a tree.
I was here then,
But where were you?

When a thousand years have passed away,
And the world has known a better day
Of Justice, Truth, and righted wrong,
And groans and tears have turned to song--
I shall still be here, a tree,
And you an immortal soul shall be

By
Reverend Fred H. Ross
San Pedro, California

PLAZA HOTEL

1856 ---- 1934

In one of the rooms of the old Plaza Hotel at San Juan Bautista State Historical Monument stands a Victorian - period book case containing most of the registers, ledgers, and cash and day books recording the every day transactions of this once famous hostelry. Some of the interesting items taken from the books dating from 1859 to 1871 are:

Keeping 4 yoke of oxen one night	$4.00
2 suits of underclothes	3.30
Jesus - 1 Mexican, 1 drink	.12½
Barney "The Waiter", cash	5.50
Joseph "The Gardner", cash	5.50
Dutch man, cash	5.50
3 gallons whiskey	9.00
Horse keep and funeral team	10.00
Lunch and buggy hire	1.75
Eggs, dozen	.35
Butter, pound	.37
Beer	4.00
Bath	.75
Claret wine	1.00
2 cigars	.25
Bale hay	2.50
Tom Sutton, driver asked 3 to drink and took them (the drinks or the 3?)	.37

(In those days the smallest commercial unit was a "bit", .12½¢)

Also found was this recpie (original spelling) for strains:

2 oz. Spirits of Amonia
2 oz. Spirits of Onganum (?)
1 oz. Oil of Spirit (?)
1 oz. Camphor Gum
1 oz. Tinct. Iron
6 oz. Alchol

At one time San Juan Bautista was the second city of importance in California and in the sixties was the center of seven stage lines. The Plaza Hotel did a thriving business and the bar room was crowded every night. Gatherings of historic celebrities was a common occurance and the hotel registers contain the signatures of many famous people.

Advertisement on blotter page of Hotel Register.

FOR YOUR KIDNEY'S SAKE DRINK OLD JOE'S STEAM BEER. IT'S PURE, THAT'S SURE-----Eagle Brewery, San Jose, California

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on human nature in general.

All of which indicates that I am all for the Rangers and our State and Federal Park systems and propose to boost them and support them at every opportunity. And here too is a boost for those people who have made land or money available that has added to the public camp and recreational areas. It is a public service of first rank.

I arrived -- Nov. 26-1946
I've been named - Margaret Ann
I weigh -- 7 -- lbs. ----- 0 -- oz.
Presented by
Mr. and Mrs. -- Phil Nealon

INTRODUCING OUR LAWYER

Walter S. Rountree, recently assigned by the Attorney General to handle the legal matters for the Division of Beaches and Parks, returned to private life last year after four years in the United States Army.

He entered the service in June, 1942, as a major in charge of legal and contract work for army ordinance in the 9 western states, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Rountree was born December 1, 1900, in Oakland, California, and received his AB degree from the University of California in 1923. In 1926 he was awarded his Bachlor of Laws degree from the same University and from that time until 1940 he practiced with the San Francisco firm of Gavin McNab, Schmulowitz, Wyman and Aitkin.

He joined the office of the Attorney General in 1940 and worked in San Francisco until entering the army.

Rountree is a member of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco and in 1944 he was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court. In college he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Our new legal advisor lives in Sacramento with his wife, Jeannette son, John, 16, and daughter, Barbara, 14. In addition to this division, he also handles legal matters for the Division of Forestry.

RICHARDSON BLESSED EVENT

An increase in personnel at Richardson Grove State Park was reported this week by E.G. Grey, ranger in charge.

The new man weighed in at six pounds and was obtained on January 9 at 7 P.M. in the Garberville General Hospital by Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Robert E. Stewart.

Our congratulations to the new parents.

PROGRESS OF PURCHASE ESTIMATE

When a requisition has been sent to us we make up a purchase estimate. On this estimate we type the information given to us on the requisition. We make this estimate up in four copies, add sales tax, total it, decide to which fund the expenditure should be charged, and to which buyer the estimate should go.

After the estimate is signed by the powers that be, we keep in this office one copy, and three copies are sent to the accounting section. There the estimate is given a number, entered on the books against the fund from which we desire to take the money, one copy is numbered and sent back to us and one copy kept in the accounting section.

The copy sent back to us is compared with the copy we kept and the number entered on the latter copy. This copy is filed in the individual park file and the copy which came back from the accounting section is filed in a numerical file; therefore, we can look it up in two places in this office.

The last copy of the estimate is sent from the accounting section to the Bureau of Purchases, which issues bids from the information thereon; eventually a purchase order is issued to cover same, or, the bureau writes a letter of cancellation because it was unable to buy the articles requested.

We try to type up the estimate the day that the requisition is received in this office, so that it will go out the next day. After it leaves us, we have no control, but if everything is in order and all the information on the estimate, there are not too many delays before the bids go to the vendors.

Next month we will discuss purchase orders.

In the last News and Views we noticed a question asking what had happened to the little cards that were at one time sent to the field

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SAN PASQUAL BATTLE IS COMMEMORATED

Approximately 400 persons journeyed to the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Monument on December 8 to hold a ceremony commemorating the centennial of this bloody early California encounter between Americans and native Californians (Mexicans) from Dec. 6 to 10, 1846.

The program was sponsored by the San Diego Historical Society, Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, and the Escondido Chamber of Commerce.

Following is a historical sketch of the battle, sent in by Guy L. Fleming, southern district superintendent:

Gen. Stephan W. Kearney, Commander of the Army of the West, left Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sept. 26, 1846, with about 100 men of the U. S. 1st Dragoons for the conquest of California. The men were poorly mounted and inadequately equipped for the long journey over desert trails from New Mexico to San Diego.

"On the morning of November 25, 1846, the expedition crossed the Colorado River at Yuma and entered California. On the 28th day of November the expedition camped at Carrizo Springs, alkaline springs in Carrizo Wash in the eastern part of the present day Anza Desert State Park.

Winding their way slowly from the desert into the mountains they arrived at Warner's Hot Springs on December 2nd. Here they rested two days. Gen. Kearney sent word in to San Diego advising Commodore Stockton, U. S. N., that he and his expedition were enroute to San Diego. Leaving Warner's the morning of December 4th they proceeded in a day long rain to Santa Ysabel. On the 5th, still encountering down pours of cold rain, they marched on to the lower end of the Santa Maria Valley, to an encampment west of the present town of Ramona. Enroute on the 5th they were met by a party of 38 sailors under the command of Capt. Archibald Gillespie, who had been sent out from San Diego by Commodore Stockton to warn General Kearney that the Californians were resisting the American occupation of Southern California.

Ranchero Andres Pico, brother of the recently abdicated Mexican governor of California, had organized about 100 of his friends and neighbors into a company of mounted lancers and it was rumored that they were in the San Pascual Valley guarding the main road, or trail, into San Diego. Capt. Gillespie and his party had left San Diego by night and following a more southern trail had evaded Pico.

At this point in the narrative of the events leading to the encounter at San Pascual it may be of greater interest to quote from the diaries of Dr. John Griffin, medical officer with the Kearney expedition, and Capt. W. H. Emory, topographical engineer and historian of the Army of the West. Dr. Griffin gives a very "off-hand" account of the first skirmish:

"December 6, 1846 - We were all afoot about 2 a.m. and expected to surprise the party of Mexicans reported to be in our vicinity. Though we had been in the rain all night our arms were not reloaded, but boots and saddles was the word, and off we went in the search of adventure...Major Swords was left back with the baggage and thirty men. Another party of 15 men were left back with Gillespie's four pounder. This reduced our fighting men to about 85 all told . . . with these and two howitzers we marched forward. The morning was excessivel cold (38° according to Capt. Emory's report), and we felt it more as the most of us were wet to the skin. After traveling about 10 miles, as near as I can judge, we came in sight of the enemy's fire. We marched down the mountain. As soon as we arrived on the plain the shout

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WILLIAMS GROVE NATURE NOTES

Sitka spruce (Picea sitchensis), while not found in Williams Grove, is found in association with the redwood along the coast of California as far south as the vicinity of Caspar, Mendocino County. This tree, like Douglas fir, is one of the important timber trees of Oregon and Washington, it's wood being light and strong, and widely used in construction where these qualities are essential. The paper pulp industry uses a large quantity of this wood each year.

It is a large tree on favored sites, the usual mature specimen measuring from 3 to 4 feet in diameter, and up to 200 feet in height. One tree cut on Graham Island, off the coast of British Columbia, is reported to have been 17 feet in diameter on the stump, and 340 feet tall. Mature trees vary from 400 to 800 years in age.

In its California range, it occurs on moist sandy soils at the mouths of streams or on stream bottoms near the coast, frequently in association with redwood. Occasionally, on open sand dunes near the coast, where it is exposed to the full force of the wind, this usually stately giant will assume grotesque or even postrate forms.

The tree may be identified by the short, flattened, sharp-pointed needles, light green above, dark green with a white streak below, arranged at right angles all about the twigs, and by the short stipule-ends left on the twigs when the needles fall. Cones are small, about 3 inches long, with short stiff scales, wavy at the ends. The bark is gray shading to brown, and very thin, even on old trees, making the species quite susceptible to fire damage.

Considerable controversy revolved about this species during the war, when private interests attempted to open Olympic Reserve (now Olympic National Park) to spruce logging.

JAMES P. TRYNER

COUSINS OF LOCAL REDWOOD

Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, scientist of the University of California, Berkeley, has directed attention to the existance of Redwood-like trees on the continent of Asia. The disclosure was made by Dr. Chaney at a recent Save-The-Redwoods League meeting.

"A scientific example of conservation has recently come to light," said Dr. Chaney, "with the announcement by H. H. Hu of the discovery of three living sequoia-like trees near a temple in Central China. Certain marked differences distinguish them from American redwoods, but their close relationship is at once apparent. Of historical interest is the fact that fossil remains of the new tree, meta-sequoia, have long been known in North America, Europe and Asia.

Dr. Chaney, profess of paleontology in the University of California, and a director of the Save-the-Redwoods League, has conducted scientific explorations in Asia and other parts of the world. He is author of the publication "Redwoods of the Past", issued by the League.

"THIS ONE SHOULDN'T BE SO HARD TO CUT DOWN, BESSIE. SOMEBODY'S ALREADY CUT THE CORE OUT FER US"

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

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Better do a little well than a great deal badly. SOCRATES

Life is much too brief to harbor a grief. MEREDITH JONES

To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. CAMPBELL

AND SO MOTE IT BE!
A. E. Henning

1946 LAND SECTION SUMMARY

The year 1946 has brought about the organization of a Land Section within the Division of Beaches and Parks, primarily to handle the negotiations for the hundreds of parcels of land sought to be acquired under the various County Master Plans for Beaches and Parks as authorized by the $15,000,000.00 appropriation by the 1945 Legislature.

We have been unable to complete any purchases under the County Master Plans, as the shortage of trained employees in the engineering staffs of the Counties and Cities has made it difficult for them to furnish us maps outlining the parcels they wish us to acquire or the parcels they are to use as matching value, as a result we have been unable to hire appraisers and establish values, but the above enumerated handicaps should be eliminated in the early part of 1947.

The State Park Commission has approved the Master Plans of seven Counties (Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Mateo, Marin, Ventura and San Luis Obispo) we have authorized appraisals in four; but only one, the County of Ventura, has been completed, the major portion of the acquisitions in Ventura County are in the City of San Buenaventura and they are to hold a special election in March to enable them to deed their matching property to the State.

Besides the large appropriation for Beaches and Parks, there were appropriated other amounts for specified locations and purposes--the largest being for Riding and Hiking Trails.

The status of Riding and Hiking Trails is that although we have authority from the State Park Commission to start acquisition in the Counties of Los Angeles, San Mateo, Contra Costa, we have been delayed for the same reason as outlined above--lack of maps and necessary data, but we do however anticipate much slower progress on this acquisition due to our not having the right of Eminent Domain, which will subject us to the whims and caprices of the property owners whose land we may wish to cross.

During the year we completed five purchases, and have in escrow fourteen properties and under negotiation twenty-seven, exclusive of the more than 100 parcels in the Town of Columbia.

Those parcels now closed or in escrow have been acquired at a savings, to the State, of $127,510. below the lowest appraisal figure.

There has been gift deeded to the State during the past year five parcels of land at a total appraised value of $146,250.

Out of the $5,000,000 Park Fund, Commission has authorized the purchase of parcels of land in the following Counties:

Butte County - Bidwell Bar
Tuolumne - South Calaveras Grove
Riverside County - Palo Verde
San Bernardino County - Lake Havasu
Lake County - Clear Lake
San Mateo County - Big Butano
Santa Barbara County - Zaca Lake
Los Angeles County - Baldwin Arboretum

also areas in Humboldt, Mendocino and Del Norte Counties.

Through the cooperation of the Department of Finance and other divisions, a procedure has been set up that will greatly expedite the many purchases we expect to make during the year 1947.

John A. Hennessey
Supv. State Park Land Offr.

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design except for a partial second story to house the concessionaire and help. In addition it directed that the Whelan Cottages be destroyed and that new cabins, preferably housekeeping cabins, be constructed to afford facilities not in excess of the present facilities. The Commission concluded that the present utilization of this park is equal to its capacity and that additional facilities shall be provided in such parks and beaches as Portola and the contemplated acquisitions in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

NEXT MEETING--The January meeting of the commission was set for January 31 and February 1 in Los Angeles.

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concerning disposition of requisitions. We will say that we still use the cards but only when the order on the requisition is not to be written; otherwise, the requisition is sent on in the hope that we can purchase same.

Requisition should have the following information:

(1) name of park, (2) date, (3) correct shipping instructions, (4) quantity, (5) units of measure, (6) full description, (7) correct cost of article, (8) Vendor's name and address contacted for information, (9) superintendent's name.

Gena Hedger

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taken in a forbidden chair beside a sunny window. Parents wandering through the museum, find their offspring wary of the steer heads and the stuffed calf, whose voice lingers in a hide-covered drum, given to Will Rogers by Zack Miller. Just when the kids have decided that all the animals are "fakes", some bright child spies Tiger, who for the moment, is motionless.

"Lookit, Mom. There's Will Rogers cat!!" The voice disturbs Tiger, who decides the joke has gone far enough. He rises majestically in a complete camel-hump stretch and while the children shriek with delight, rolls over for another snooze with his back to the onlookers.

Almost any day in throngs of visitors one may suddenly come face to face with a famous Hollywood star--Red Skelton, for example, who arrived one afternoon minus his dark glasses. Instantly he was surrounded. Children armed with note books suddenly appeared from nowhere. Red signed and signed, then rushed frantically for the barn where he made a quick getaway.

On Sundays and holidays the ranch takes on the festive air of Annual Home-coming Week in the Old Town. Visitors who sign the guest register come from all over the world, and from every state in the Union.

Grandparents are there, a host of them, with their sons and daughters and grandchildren. There are boys in uniform, wounded veterans, from Europe and the Pacific, cowboys from Oklahoma and aged vaudeville stars, who "knew Will Rogers when!" They meander to the barn, wander through the museum, listen to the lecture and its grand finale, an outburst of melody from the hurdy-gurdy, the only musical instrument on which Will Rogers was a skilled performer.

Its repertoire of ten tunes includes all the old favorites of childhood days, the dolorous sextette from "Lucia", "My Wild Irish Rose" and the "Sidewalks of New York". The afternoon wanes and shadows lengthen across the polo field. Children, tired but happy, are retrieved by their parents who walk them, hand in hand, towards the lines of parked cars. One by one the cars pass out of sight. Shadows have now completely enveloped the polo field. The last vivid rays of sunlight creep along the lawns, climbing to the tips of the waving eucalyptus trees. Then these, too, are in shadow.

Inspiration Point alone is bathed in rich golden sunlight and some-

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and charge was commenced from the advance. After running our jaded and broken down mules and horses about 3/4 of a mile the enemy fired on us. The balls whistled about most infernally for a while but the light was not sufficient for me to distinguish anything like a line of the enemy. On my left however, from the flashing of guns I could see there was a considerable row, and in a few minutes the enemy broke and we found that they had made a stand in front of a Ranchereo. This was called St. Pasqual (San Pasqual Indian Village Monument). . . by this time we were much disorganized . . . Capt. Moor (Moore) however ordered the charge to be continued and it was in the most hurly-burly manner--not more than ten or fifteen men being in line and not more than forty all together, on they went however--the enemy continued to retreat for about ½ mile further when they rallied and came at us like devils with their lances (and lassos), being mounted on swift horses, most of our guns having been discharged or missed fire from the rain of the night previous, our advance was perfectly at their mercy."

In this skirmish, which lasted less than a half hour, Captains Moore, Hammond and Johnston were killed. Capt. Johnson received a bullet wound in the forehead, the only person to be killed by gunshot. Fifteen other men were killed. General Kearney and other officers were wounded. Total casualties for the Americans, 31 killed and wounded. For the Mexicans, 2 captured, none killed, and a few wounded.

Continuing Dr. Griffin's account of the battle: ". . . we lost one of our Howitzers in this action, the mules with it ran wild and ran off with the piece. (This howitzer was captured by the Californians and used against the Americans on Jan. 8, 1847 in the battle of Paso de Bartola, near Pio Pico State Historical Mon.). There were but three men with it and one was killed and the other two desperately wounded. (One of the wounded men was Prvt. Yancey of the 1st Dragoons, the maternal grandfather of none other than Louis Juch, Asst. Ranger, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park). After the General was wounded and the men were rallied he was anxious for another charge but was pursuaded not to risk it. We drove the enemy from the field and encamped."
(The encampment mentioned is the site of the San Pasqual State Historical Monument.)

We will now take up the story from Capt. Emory's journal: "When night closed in the bodies of the dead were buried under a willow tree east of our camp, with no other accompaniment than the howling of myriads of wolves, attracted by the smell. Thus were put to rest together and forever, a band of brave and heroic men. The long march of 2,000 miles had brought our little command, both officers and men, to know each other well. Community of hardships, dangers and privations had produced relations of mutual regard which caused their loss to sink deeply into our memories.....

"Our provisions were exhausted, our horses dead, our mules on their last legs and our men, now reduced to one third of their number, were ragged, worn down by fatigue and emaciated.....

"Our position was defensible, but the ground covered with rocks and cacti, made it difficult to get a smooth place to rest, even for the wounded. The night was cold and damp, and notwithstanding the excessive fatigues of the day and night previous, sleep was impossible."

"December 7 - Day dawned on the most tattered, and ill fed detachment of men that ever the United States mustered under her colors".

On the 7th General Kearney ordered an advance toward San Diego and the U. S. forces proceeded seven miles to the Rancho Ernardo where they were forced by Andres Pico to take refuge on a low hill. Pico's forces had now been increased by another 80 or 100 men under command of a Capt. Cota. On the night of Dec. 8, Lt. Beal, one of the Navy

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Wayne Cox, ranger in charge at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park writes that his group of hardy outdoorsmen are ready to "take it on the chin" i.e. sponsor an edition of News & Views--so you can count on the February issue as smattering heavily of that romantic and colorful Central California coast atmosphere.

Rumors flying in on the wings of an easterly mountain wind have it that Calaveras Big Trees is contemplating a stab at the March issue--but most rumors are just that.

Time will tell.

FUN-DAYS AT ROGERS PARK
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where up there, Will Rogers, the invisible smiling host stands waving farewell to his friends. "Be sure and come back again, folks. Any time you got a holiday. You'll be welcome."

OBITUARY

Since the foregoing was written, Tiger has passed to his happy hunting grounds. He lost out in an argument (probably political!) with a pole cat on the ranch.

PROMOTIONS, NEW APPOINTMENTS

The complete story of the permanent promotions and new appointments in the field force of the Division of Beaches and Parks will be published in the February issue of News & Views.

COLORFUL CALIFORNIA NAMES

ALBION (Mendocino County)------ Al-bee-on...New Albion(New England) was the name given to Calif. by Sir Francis Drake.

San Pasqual Battle is Commemorated
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officers with Capt. Gillespie, Kit Carson, who was Gen. Kearney's chief scout, and a Delaware Indian scout, worked their way through the enemy lines and on the 9th arrived in San Diego. Reinforcements of Marines and Sailors, 200 strong, were dispatched. These arrived at Mule Hill where the U. S. forces were trapped after midnight Dec. 10th. Before daylight of Dec. 11th, Andres Pico and Cota had withdrawn from the scene and the way was clear into San Diego.

The night of Dec. 11th the weary U. S. troops camped at the Rancho Penasquitos owned by Francisco Alvarado, a brother-in-law of the Picos and great uncle of Dona Dolores Alvarado Connors, our Historical Curator at Pio Pico State Historical Monument. According to Dr. Griffin: "This ranch (Las Penasquitos) belonged to a man who was notorious as an ememy, we made free quarters, and took everything we wished to eat, and a barrel of wine for our sick and wounded. We had a plentiful supper and laid down and took a good nights rest.

"December 12th we all arose freshened with the idea of reaching San Diego today and thus finishing this long weary march. We left and marched on to San Diego about 4 PM where we received the warmest welcome and kindest attention from our naval friends."

POST-CHRISTMAS EVENT

Six pound, thirteen ounce Laura Jean Mehlert just missed being a Christmas baby by five minutes.

The new young daughter of Charles "Chuck" Mehlert, assistant forestry engineer in the Sacramento office, and his wife, Jean, arrived at the Sutter Maternity Hospital in Sacramento at 12:05 A.M. December 26, 1946.

The father returned to normal by mid-January. Congratulations, Mom and Pop.

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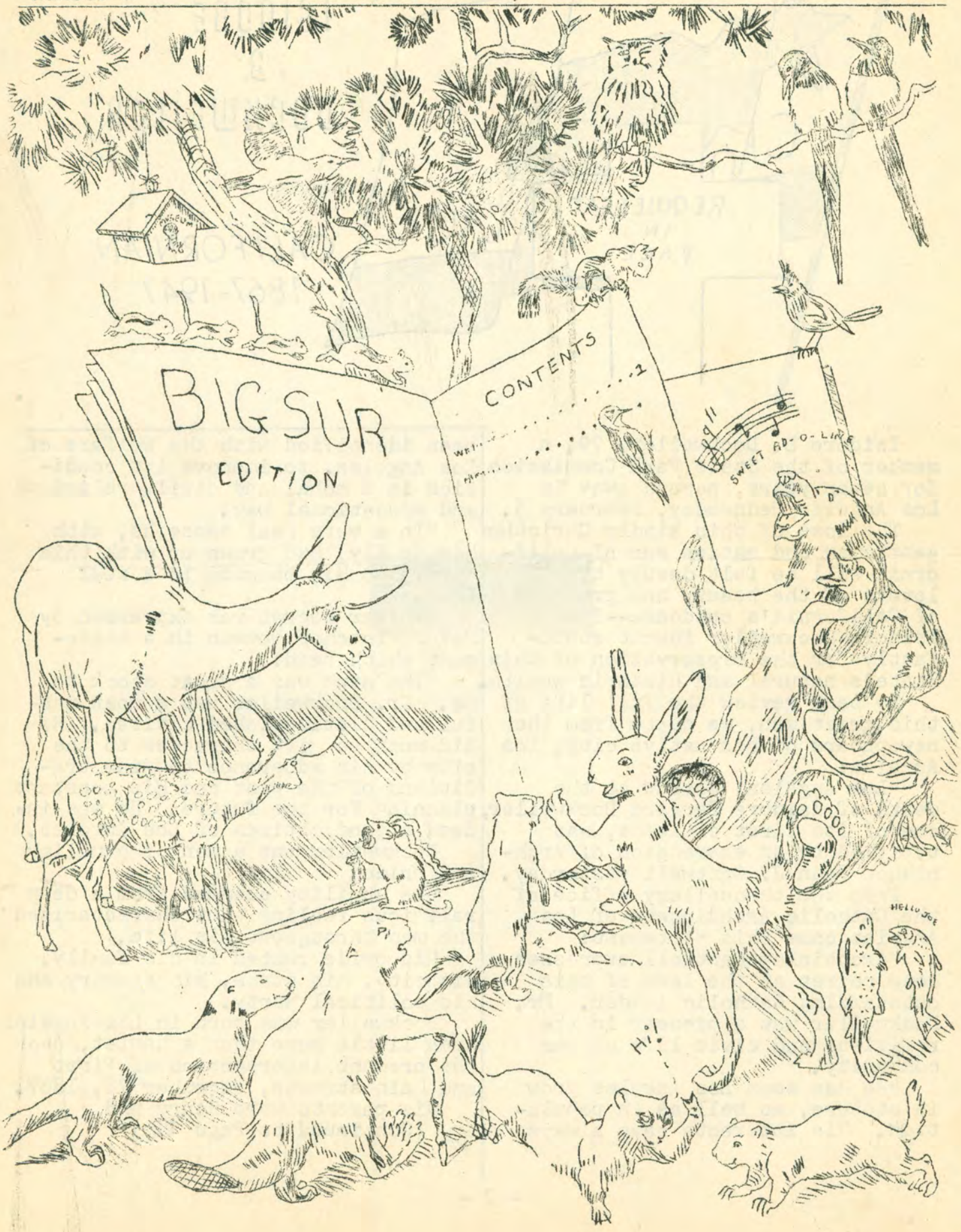

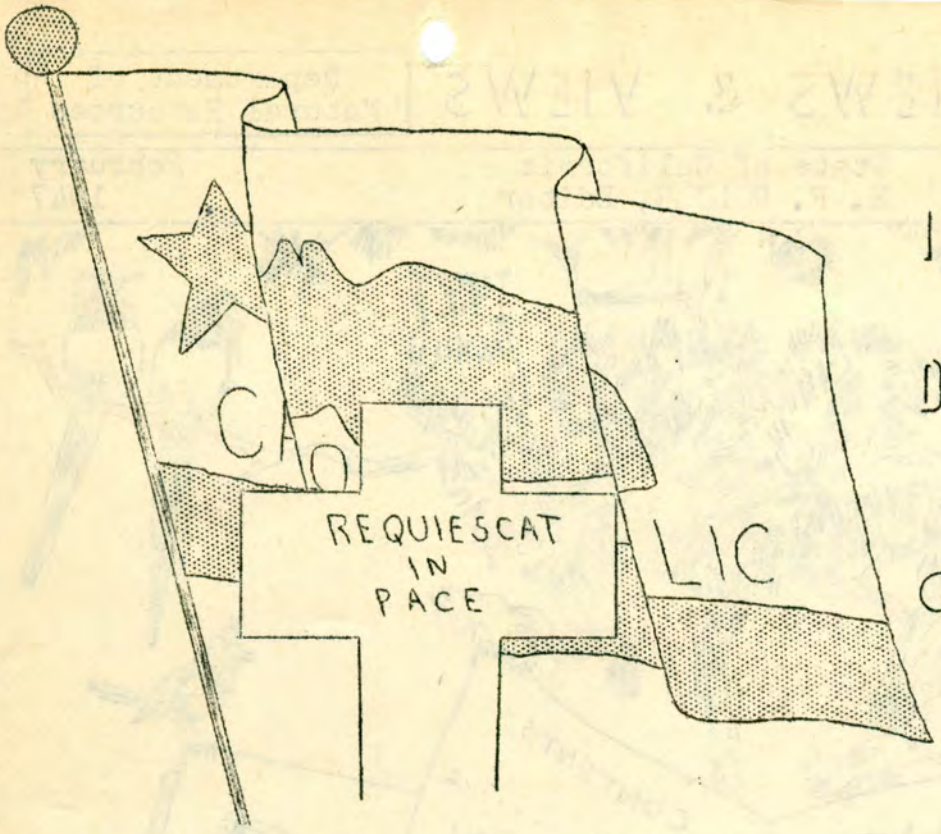

ISIDORE B. DOCKWEILER

CALIFORNIAN 1867-1947

Isidore B. Dockweiler, 79, a member of the State Park Commission for seven years, passed away in Los Angeles, Wednesday, February 5.

The loss of this kindly Christian gentleman and native son of California will be felt deeply by all lovers of the beauty and grandeur of California's outdoors--for Isidore Dockweiler fought steadfastly for the preservation of this State's natural and historic wealth.

To best review the full life of this great man, we quote from the newspapers of his native city, Los Angeles:

"Los Angeles' sorrow at the death of Isidore Bernard Dockweiler, one of its first citizens, was typified by an expression of Archbishop John J. Cantwell yesterday.

From the chancellory office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles came this statement:

"Archbishop Cantwell expresses deep regret at the loss of this outstanding Catholic leader. Mr. Dockweiler was a pioneer in the religious and civic life of our community.

"He has seen Los Angeles grow in stature, as well as in population. His interests have always been identified with the welfare of Los Angeles, to improve its condition in a moral and civil, religious and educational way.

"In a very real sense he, with his family, had grown up with this city, and his passing is a real loss."

Similar regret was expressed by Mayor Fletcher Bowron in a statement which read:

"The news was a great shock to me. Mr. Dockweiler was a most useful and distinguished citizen. He did much to give character to the city by his adherence to fine traditions of the past and his constant planning for the future. He was indeed a good citizen of Los Angeles."

Dockweiler was a man of humility and pride.

His humility stemmed from a deep religious feeling that characterized the man throughout his life.

His pride rested in his family, his city, his state, his country and his political party.

Dockweiler was born in Los Angeles then little more than a hamlet, near the present intersection of First and Main streets, December 28, 1867.

His parents were Henry and

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COMMISSION DIGEST

Meetings of:
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1947
(Los Angeles)
Feb. 21-22, 1947
(Sacramento)

JANUARY MEETING--Los Angeles

Present:

Presiding--Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Commissioners Isidore B. Dockweiler, Leo Carrillo and Charles Kasch.

Park personnel--Warren T. Hannum director of natural resources; Walter S. Rountree, deputy attorney general; A. E. Henning, chief of division; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; Edwin C. Kolton, beach erosion control engineer; John Hennessey, land officer; Edward F. Dolder, educational supervisor; James Warren, assistant civil engineer; Guy Fleming, district superintendent; Eugene Velzy, chief ranger; and Gladys Zumwalt, stenographer.

Following is brief of commission actions:

Accepted deeds of Hickey and Standish properties at Prairie Creek Redwood State Park.

Ordered Frederick Law Olmsted to investigate Placerita Canyon, Los Angeles County, scene of discovery of gold in 1842, to determine value as a possible State Park.

Appointed Arthur B. Johnson of Long Beach, recommended by Sierra Club, to vacancy on Riding and Hiking Trail Advisory Committee.

Approved master beach plan of San Diego County and established priority acquisition for Moonlight Beach area in that county.

Authorized purchase of 160 acre tract in Montgomery Redwoods in Mendocino County from Prudential Development Company for $10,100 when matching funds are provided.

Accepted gift deed of old Fallon Theatre and Fallon Hotel in historic Columbia, Tuolumne County, from College of the Pacific. Land officer reported he had received ten scenic easements, covering sixteen parcels in Columbia, and had received ten deeds on Columbia properties.

Authorized purchase of 160 acre tract in Montgomery Redwoods for $20,000 from Cornwall & Sinclair, when matching funds available.

Agreed to establish two 40 acre redwood groves in Montgomery Redwoods as memorials to William H. Kelley and Alexander MacCallum upon donation of $10,000 to Save-the-Redwoods League by Mrs. A. MacCallum.

Agreed to acquire Peter Lassen Gravesite in Lassen County as historic monument if county will maintain.

Richardson Grove lodge and cottage concession let to W. H. Raymond and Arthur O'Donnell.

Changed title of Supervising State Lands Purchasing Officer to State Park Lands Officer; changed Acquisition Section to Land Section, and placed responsibility in this section for handling of all permits, rights of way, or other grants of any type of privilege affecting real property, and for records and files pertaining to same.

Approved master plan on beach acquisition on Ventura County and ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of certain priority units at City of Ventura.

Approved maintaining Weyland Cabins at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park until new cabins have been constructed.

Approved letting of saddle horse concession at Big Sur as a separate concession. Will call for bids.

Announced Mrs. William Cavalier will finance services of an expert to study and make plans for the repair and restoration of old historic buildings in Columbia. Ordered transfer of a ranger to Columbia with police authority.

Denied grazing permit to Tony Medeiros at Morro Bay State Park.

Requested Director of Natural Resources to have a study made by Division of Beaches & Parks and Division of Forestry to determine

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the advisability of exchanging properties in the Northwest Park District so that the park district headquarters would be at Fortuna and the Forestry station at Dyerville.

Moved to terminate all negotiations relative to acquisition of Ridgecrest Boulevard on Mt. Tamalpais until such time as the County of Marin can make satisfactory arrangements for the acquisition.

Directed staff to work out agreement with San Diego County, based upon offer of that county to provide labor for removal of poison oak and excavation for facilities at Palomar Mountain State Park.

Toured entire ocean frontage of Los Angeles County to inspect areas up for acquisition under master beach plan.

Informed Los Angeles County that commission is ready to proceed with acquisition of certain beach areas in that county when the county is ready to provide matching lands.

Authorized purchase of City Hotel property in Columbia for $10,500.

Adjourned 5 p.m., Saturday, February 1, 1947.

FEBRUARY MEETING-Sacramento

Present:

Commission chairman--Joseph R. Knowland; Commissioners Charles Kasch and George Waldner.

Park personnel--Warren T. Hannum director of natural resources, D.H. Blood, deputy director-comptroller; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; Walter S. Rountree, deputy attorney general; A. E. Henning, chief of division; Edwin C. Kelton, erosion control engineer; John A. Hennessey, State Park Lands Officer Edward F. Dolder, Educational Supervisor; Irwin McClintock and Aubrey Johnston, lands section; R. S. Coon, district superintendent; Gladys Zumwalt, stenographer.

Following is brief of commission actions:

Approved master beach plan for acquisition in Mendocino County and directed staff to proceed with acquisition of priority 1-A, Pudding Creek to Seaside, and Priority 1-B, Navarro Beach, with particular attention to Mackerricher Estate property. Mackerricher heirs will provide $15,000 in lands and cash as part of matching funds and have asked memorial beach be dedicated to Duncan and Jessie Mackerricher, who settled the area in 1868.

Agreed to name 40 acres of the Prairie Creek Redwood State Park as the Soroptimist Grove, honoring the Soroptimist Club, in recognition of a gift of $5,000 by the club to the Save-the-Redwoods League.

Received correspondence from Marin Municipal Water District and Senator Keating asking that negotiations for acquisition of Ridgecrest Boulevard on Mt. Tamalpais be continued.

Ordered staff to cooperate with county officials of Sacramento and Yolo counties on a survey of possible parkways and parks along the banks of the Sacramento and American rivers near Sacramento.

Reaffirmed permission of Southern California Telephone Company to place a telephone pole line over certain portions of the Anza Desert State Park providing that the company supplies telephone service to the park headquarters.

Informed County of Kings that commission is not sympathetic to acquisition of Burris Park in Kings County unless county agrees to the operation of this area for a 25 year period.

Extending riding horse concession at Will Rogers State Park for 30 days to investigate individuals bidding for concession.

Granted lease of land at San Simeon Beach State Park to Division of Forestry for construction of a fire control station, subject to working out of location agreement.

Approved revision of plans for second story of proposed Big Sur Lodge to provide one bathroom for each two rooms, and stipulated that area was to be used only by concessionaire and help.

Moved that staff make no attempts to reinstate items entirely deleted

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

A GREAT LOSS

The State Park Commission members and the staff of this division were shocked to learn of the sudden and unexpected demise of Commissioner Isidore B. Dockweiler. His passing met with general sorrow throughout the State for he has long been one of California's outstanding pioneer citizens, who through his courtesy and ability, and love of his fellow man had endeared himself to all who knew him. As a member of the State Park Commission, his ability, judgment, interest, and sincerity were appreciated and respected by both the Commission and the staff. A more detailed account of this great Californian's passing will be found on other pages.

LEGISLATION

Until near the close of the first session of the Legislature it looked as if less than the usual number of bills would be introduced affecting this Division. The final compilation, however, shows that this Division will be affected by the usual number of legislative bills, some even having been introduced which would seriously jeopardize our continued receiving of any sizable amount of the oil revenue now accruing to the State. However, it is hoped that all of our friends will rally to the cause and that adverse legislation may fail to pass.

Legislation has also been introduced by the State Department of Finance which would transfer Sutter's Fort and the Indian Museum in Sacramento to the jurisdiction of the State Park Commission. This is the only State owned historical monument which is not under the jurisdiction of the State Park Commission at the present time.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

The Governor's Budget is out, and although that does not mean that we will receive all the funds set forth therein, since the budget must still be approved by the Legislature, it can be stated at this time that although the Governor's Budget did not include all the items as requested by this Division it, however, does provide ample funds, personnel and equipment to meet our rapid growth and expansion and was approved, as submitted by the Governor, by the State Park Commission recently in Sacramento.

It will be of interest to the field that the Governor's proposed budget calls for six new positions of Ranger Grade 3; five Rangers Grade 2; and 51 Rangers Grade 1. Forty-one of these to become effective July 1, eight effective October 1 and two effective January 1; two additional curators of historical monuments, two automobile mechanics, three carpenter foremen, and two janitors or janitresses.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Through the interest and benevolence of our Chairman, the Honorable Joseph R. Knowland, exploration and excavations have been carried out at our Gold Discovery Site which have

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SAGA OF THE INNOCENTIS

By

MRS. LOIS CARPENTER

Manuel Innocenti reined in his horse and rested his eyes on the green valley lying just before him. His Indian soul responded to the lure of the primitive land surrounding him. The Big Sur River wound its way through Redwood, Sycamore and Alder, furnishing a background of music for his thoughts.

A column of smoke rose lazily from a split redwood cabin in a small clearing. On the flat by the river's bank, a vegetable garden and trees heavy with fruit, bore witness to the earth's fertility. Here, in this uninhabited wilderness, vast and silent, was the perfect place for an Indian family to found a home.

While on business for Captain John Cooper, he had passed here many times in the past. As one of the head vaqueros on that 1200 acre Spanish Land Grant, he had followed the cattle and deer trails that led up the Big Sur River. Each trip added impetus to his longing to belong to this land, and claim a piece of it for his own. Just recently he had heard that Mr. Davis, owner of the cabin, would sell his settler's rights for fifty dollars. Where to get fifty dollars, a fortune for a poor vaquero with already many mouths to feed! His desire to own this land did not abate, despite his mental review of the obstacles barring its purchase.

Ventura Indians, raised and educated by the padres of the Santa Barbara Mission, Manuel and Francisca had learned much of the white man's ways of living. Along with learning to farm and care for stock, they embraced the idea of a permanent home, a piece of land of their own. They were honest and trustworthy, to the extent that the Mission Padres allowed them to often leave the Mission and go back into the mountains to live for a time with uncivilized tribes, always returning again to the Mission.

There was no Government support for Indians, and Manuel found that a wandering life was one of great hardship and privation at times. Used to the plenty and

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security of the Mission, they suffered often from lack of food. Still their dream of an independent life grew and flourished. Coming down from the Santa Cruz mountains, where for five days they had lived on wild honey, they found work for the father with Captain Cooper. Living at Castroville, the two oldest boys found work with Mr. William B. Post at Moss Landing. They worked in the grain warehouses, loading grain onto the old steamer Salinas.

When Manuel returned to Castroville, he described again the beauties of the Big Sur, also telling the family of Mr. Davis' decision to sell his rights. Ideas were quickly pooled to find the answer to the finance problem. Mr. Post agreed to go security for the note to the amount of the purchase price of the cabin. He knew the family was honest. Their promise to pay would be fulfilled. The dream was realized. Manuel and Francisca Innocenti, with their several children, moved along the lonely trail from the Highlands down to the little cabin on the river bank. "El Rancho Grande del Sur", they named their first and final home.

There followed years of peace and plenty. One by one, new families came to the region - the Pfeiffers, Posts and Castros. Manuel was away from home much of this time, working for Mr. Cooper. The boys found part time work with the neighbors, cutting posts, redwood shakes, road work and clearing land. In her last years, Francisca was wont to say, "While my boys lived, I lacked for nothing".

The Government finally sent in surveyors and the land was opened for filing of claims. Along with the other settlers, the Innocentis went to Salinas and filed a claim for this land. Mr. Post helped them to get the papers filled out correctly and was one of the witnesses for them.

Francisca kept busy with her garden and orchard. Prize watermelons were raised, which she loved to serve to passing friends and neighbors. More fruit trees were planted, growing them from seed, the best fruit in the region. The apples were so fragrant they scented the air for a great distance. One pear tree produced such sweet fruit, the juice boiled out as sweet as honey. Her Mission grapes were the envy of the countryside. Her flowers added a wealth of color to the pastoral scene. In the evenings, she and her children carried water in buckets to water all the garden. A neat and orderly woman, her yard reflected her pride of ownership in this community.

She was an excellent midwife, officiating at the birth of several of the local children. Several of her white friends eagerly sought her help at such times. Once a year she paid an all-day call on her "white sister", Mrs. Michel Pfeiffer, in Sycamore Canyon. Walking barefoot and carrying her shoes until she came within sight of the house, she followed the ridge, because she felt safer from the wild animals. Each visit she brought gifts in the form of shoots from her choicest flowers or roses, some fruit or vegetables. She always stayed for lunch, returning home before sundown.

Manuel and his sons were tall and stalwart, staying always lean and sinewy. Francisca, like many Indian women, was short and squat. She was very shy, with a winning and friendly smile. The daughter, Rosita, was very pretty, also shy like Francisca.

Six children were born to this couple. An infant was born and died within a few hours after birth, not living long enough to be named. The other children, Juan, Manuelito, Jose, Rosa, Cornelio, and Julio, were children to be proud of. Sober, industrious, honest and ambitious, they all contributed to the welfare of the grop and the home in some manner.

As a family, they were unusually devoted. There was no wrangling or quarrelling. They lived in peace

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ADVENTURES OF SUMMER SUE

By

LES RANSOM
Ranger, Grade 1

"Summer Sue" is a cart used by the Big Sur park janitor during the summer season. Just like most pieces of equipment, such as our private cars that date back to '32, we of Big Sur have a lot of respect for our "Summer Sue".

"Sue" has broken in more rangers to park work than any other item used in this park, including picks and shovels.

"Sue" is a small cart, but large enough, however, to command a place in the traffic on our overburdened roads, and small enough to navigate all the paths leading to the rest-rooms and comfort stations. She hauls all the supplies and implements used for cleaning toilets, wash basins, camps, picnic areas and gathering cigarette butts, Kleenex, gum wrappers and bottle caps, etc., etc., that through some mystery seem to be in abundance at all times along our paths and roads.

Last summer "Sue" had to go to the shop during July for minor repairs. One of the bearings in her new bicycle wheels gave way and she drew A-1 priority on the repair list of all mechanical equipment.

I had the pleasure (?) of escorting "Sue" for six months last year and "Sue" and I became quite close, as may be imagined. It is generally agreed among the fellows who have worked with Sue, that next to the Diesel motors that operate our electric generators, Sue is the most valuable piece of equipment in the park (based on work done for dollar invested).

If "Sue" could talk I know there are lots of questions she would ask, some that could be mentioned in polite company and some that---- well, we will just jot down some of the main ones that everyone can discuss anywhere:

"Why do women throw Kleenex down wherever they happen to use it?"

"Why do people tear gum wrappers in two?"

"Why do people roll up their candy and cigarette packages, necessitating the use of a strong arm plus a keen eye and sharp pick-up-stick?"

"Do all bottle caps "light" cork-side-down, or do people place them thus?"

Why do folks young and old spend more effort hiding coke bottles back in the bushes than they would if they carried them to the garbage cans?"

"Just who is this guy 'Kilroy'? Some one of that name visited seven of our "men's" on June 16, 1946."

"Why don't the State Parks furnish a blackboard plus chalk for those who are "practicing" their "autographs"?"

"Who is the wise guy who is continually stuffing camp stoves with corn cobs and chicken bones?"

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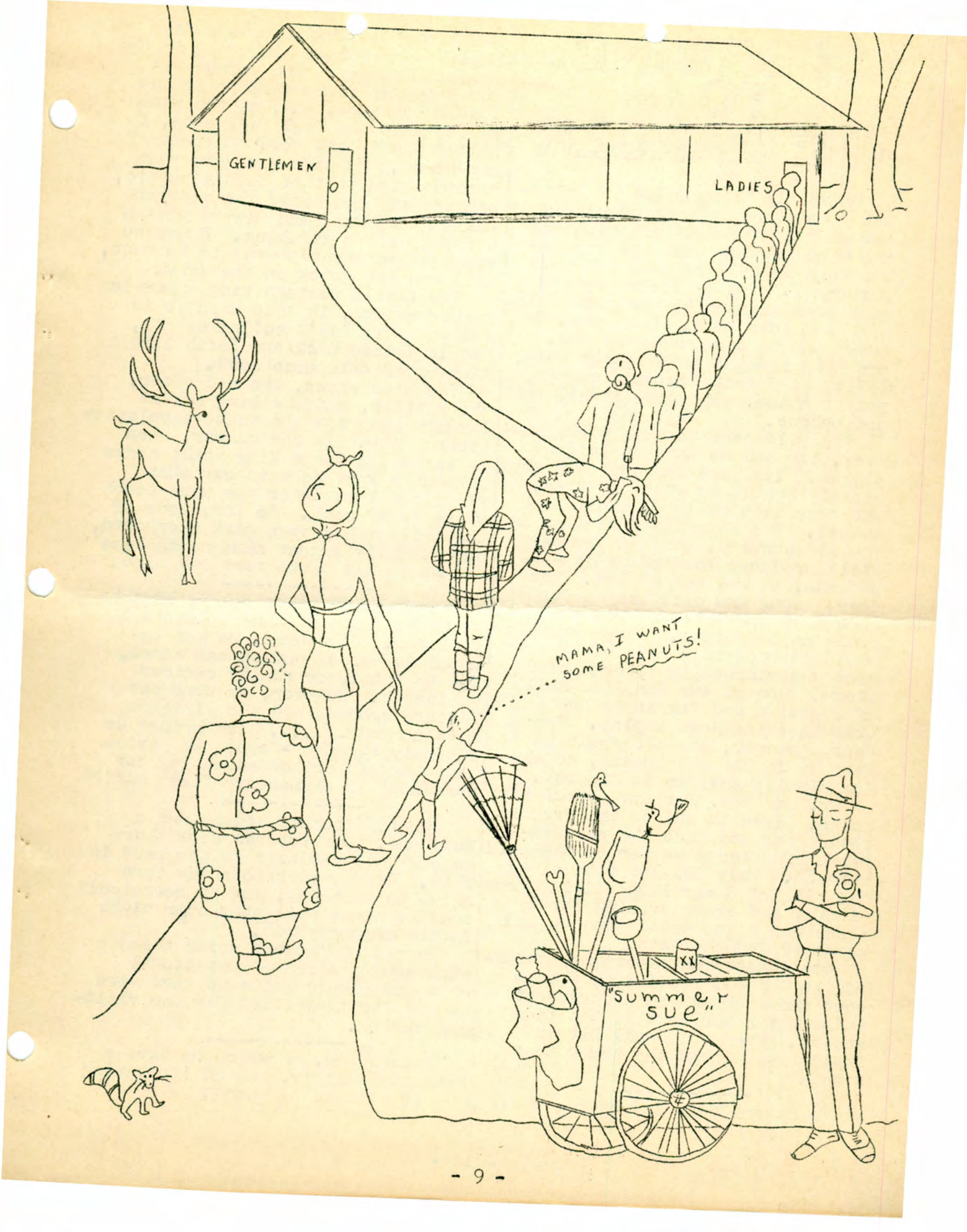
The chap who furnishes the mobile power for "Sue" has to be a walking information bureau. His average is about ten questions per rest room; they range from "How is fishing?" "Why can't we gather fallen limbs and sticks for fire wood?" "What does God eat?" "How far can a cat spit?" and "Why don't women wear suspenders?" and "Are there any harmful bugs or dangerous animals in the park?", etc., etc.

Well, a fellow has to do something while waiting in line for his "turn" to get into the ladies' showers.

The answer to the dangerous animal question is always in the same patient tone of voice ----"No, lady; the most dangerous thing at Big Sur is POISON OAK. Yes, it is the vine-like shrub with those beautiful red leaves".....
.....ad Infinitum.....

'9 O'CLOCK RUSH


GENTLEMEN
LADIES
MAMA, I WANT SOME PEANUTS!
"summer sue"
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ACCORDING TO THE RANGER

As we all know, a lot of interest in wild animals is developed in our parks. The deer are probably the most popular with the Big Sur visitors as well as with the park personnel. Two or three orphans have been adopted by the park folks and made into pets. Most seem to have come to some untimely end, probably brought on by their inability to digest too many sweets, potato chips, cigarette stubs, and cellophane.

The wild deer in this park, however, are not so tame as in some places. Visitors can approach them closely enough to snap pictures, but they keep their distance from people. The favorite deer area is the Old Orchard, which in summer still produces lots of fruit ---- peaches, pears, and apples. The deer, young and old, hang around under the apple trees when there is fruit on the trees. They probably would appreciate a dose of bicarbonate occasionally after a wind storm. One of our families tell of seeing a red fox in an apple tree knocking down apples. The deer, however, ate the fruit as fast as it hit the ground, so the fox finally gave up in disgust.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley, former park folks, lived in one of the orchard residences and made the acquaintance of a large number of the wild animals. They put out feed along the sill of their large living room window, and every evening three coons and a fox would come up and scramble for the eats.

One disastrous experience occurred at the CCC residence, when a coon and a skunk had an argument under the house next to the food cooler. Fred and Paula Oltman really ventilated the house that night.

There are very few snakes in the main area; however, quite a few have been reported higher up in the rougher country. One person reports seeing five rattlers in the Stables pasture, and, at the time we lived in the Pool residence, I killed one in the road in front of our house. My wife was very much disappointed that he didn't rattle, because she had heard the rattler was a gentleman, and always gave a warning before striking. Guess he was too gentlemanly even to do that, or I was too quick on the draw.

The little western ring snake is rather unique, in that when it is coiled up it isn't coiled at all, but is folded back and forth like a kink-proof telephone cord.

The blue racer, the red racer, the rattler, and the king snakes largely comprise the snake population around here. In the summer, when it is hot, a large king snake comes through a knot hole in our shop floor and lies under the work bench where it is cool. So far, none of the fellows has seen pink elephants, but we fully expect someone to have snakes in his boots most any time.

Last summer was a record breaker from the point of non-accidents to visitors. Of course, we had the usual number of poison oak cases, but no fatal, or really serious accidents. However, we keep our fingers crossed and the liniment bottle handy.....Which brings up a timely thought - could we devise some way of further educating our personnel in elementary first aid???

Our last summer season was a busy one. Our records show there were 91,663 visitors to the park in 1946. Even yet quite a few cars drive in each day, and an occasional trailer house will stop over night in the camp grounds.

We are at present going ahead with construction of additional camp and picnic units to give more and better facilities for the visiting public.

Poison oak, of which we have a bountiful supply, may be irritating

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

The historic development of California has been due in great part to the abundance of water, minerals, forests, natural gas, oil, hydro-electric power, fertile land and other resources with which it has been blessed. Similarly, California's future progress depends upon the continued abundance of these important resources.

Appreciating the need for guarding against the dissipation of our natural wealth, State and local governments have long worked to encourage the prevention of fire and disease in our forests, the preservation of supplies of natural gas, the reclamation of agricultural land and the development of new sources of water and power.

Action on the part of government alone, however, is not enough. During World War II heavy demands were made on many California resources, a number of which are subject to exhaustion. Also in the period since 1940, the State has added more than two million persons to its population, all of whom place new and greater demands upon the resources of the State.

This combination of circumstances makes it important for every citizen to take a personal part in the State's conservation program, and to incorporate sound conservation practices into the habits of his daily life.

To bring more forcefully to the attention of all the citizens of the State the need for personal participation in conservation activity I, Earl Warren, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim the period of March 7 to 14 to be CONSERVATION WEEK in California. I urge that all programs initiated during this week be continued throughout the year, to the end that 1947 shall become known as Conservation Year in California and recognized as a year of new accomplishments by our people in the prevention of waste and the conservation of our natural resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this sixth day of February, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven.

(signed) EARL WARREN
Governor of California

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ATTEST:

(signed) FRANK M. JORDAN
Secretary of State

RESOLUTION

Whereas, annually the Governor has by proclamation set aside a period of one week in March as Conservation Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to issuance of such a proclamation in 1947, the employees of the Division of Beaches and Parks are urged to participate, wherever possible, in the preparation of material and programs for the week, with citizens and organizations of the State seeking aid.

STATE PARK COMMISSION

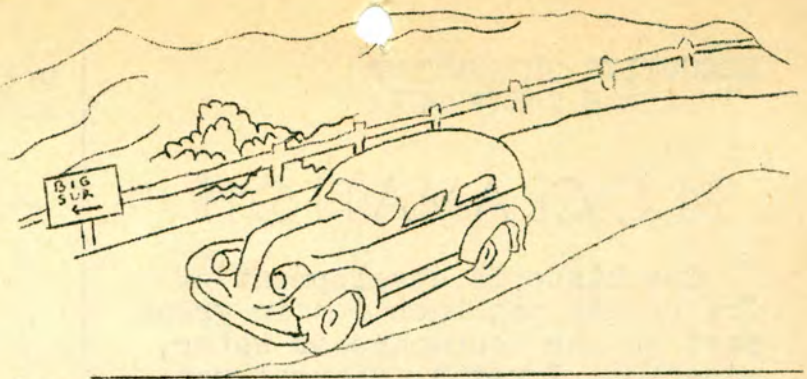
(Adopted February 1, 1947)

PRAIRIE CREEK FIRE

More than two-thirds of the roof of the residence of Chief Ranger Ted Milne at Prairie Creek Redwood State Park was destroyed by fire this month. Cause is believed to have been a spark from the chimney.

District Superintendent E.P. French discovered the fire as he was passing through the park and directed the fighting. Lack of water pressure necessitated the organization of a bucket brigade.

BIG SUR IMPRESSIONS



By Mrs. Earl Lively

(Introducing two very new members of the Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park family--Ranger, grade 1, and Mrs. Earl Lively.)

On New Year's Day we arrived in the Park from 'down south', driving up Highway One from Morro Bay.

We had thought no other spot in California could be so beautiful as our home in the Ojai Valley, Ventura County, but we had not yet seen Big Sur!

Rather tired, a wee bit homesick, with most of our possessions somewhere in a moving van, we were met with kindness and warm-hearted hospitality at the very gate of the park. The hot coffee offered us by Mrs. Wayne Cox was refreshing and most welcome, and somehow the homesick feeling vanished with the coffee.

Under escort of two handsome Rangers, we were taken to our nice apartment in the "Three C" building, where our few belongings were soon stowed away, and we were free to look around - to start exploring.

BIG SUR, of which we had heard so much! Redwoods, unbelievable! Shrubs and ferns, along the winding road to the park entrance; shy but friendly, a welcoming committee of deer; squirrels, not so friendly, scolding us; and our little favorites, the quail.

Our first drive up the breath-taking coast line to Monterey was a joy not soon to be forgotten, for--out there on "the Rock" were high-roofed "castles" lifted bodily from some old fairy story, but without our field-glasses we could not see the fairy princess nor the wicked giant; the "Rainbow Bridge"; lovely Carmel Valley, and finally Monterey, and a glimpse of the Peninsula.

Each day's events in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park are written in our diary, and each day's "impressions" have been happy ones.

First of all is the gracious friendliness of the park families, not to mention our dining on steelhead trout from the Big Sur River (for the very first time) with the Griffiths.

Almost daily someone runs in for coffee and a chat, or perhaps it is two or three someones. There is something very potently friendly about park coffee!

Three times weekly are red letter days, when most of the feminine population gathers at the Park "post office". Unless one meets our Mr. Smith and his covered wagon, one has not truly lived! Of course, the mail is of chief importance, but oh! there also are bread, fresh milk, pork chops that turn out to be lamb chops, a big box from a mail-order house, one's coat from the cleaner's and once, even, an oil-heater back from the hospital. We'd rather miss eating, than MAIL DAY!!

Another highlight - a most enjoyable neighborhood card party, with Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Carpenter presiding. We played pinochle, "500", hearts, bridge, and at the close of the evening delicious sandwiches and more of that park coffee. We think our hostesses could teach Dale Carnegie about hospitality.

The days slip by, and as we faithfully write in our diary, we have decided that our chief impression is --- we should pay, instead of being paid, for the privilege of living and working in the Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

MY DAY AT BIG SUR

It is fun to be a ranger's wife. The day is ushered in with the raucous ring of an aged alarm clock. The outside world still slumbers under a blanket of silvery frost.

A dour Scottish terrier fixes a bellicose eye on me from his basket and that spurs me into action. A pug-faced oil stove is lighted, and, as welcome heat spreads through the little domicile, I concentrate on a hearty breakfast. Astounding thing, a park man's appetite! Over a cup of coffee, we settle weighty world problems; those disposed of, we take a stab at plans for the day.

But time is drawing short; there is the not small matter of preparing several Dagwood sandwiches, a thermos of hot soup, etc. Then comes that bitter moment when a green State pickup roars up (at 15 m.p.h.) and whisks the master away.

"What great adventure shall be his?" I muse. "Perhaps the remodelling of a caved-in cesspool, or attending the Park's garbage run, or spick-and-spanning the forty-odd comfort stations."

The great outdoors is beckoning to us, too. There are a few mundane chores, such as housework, to be done. Dundee, the Scot, helps me, nipping industriously at my heels. Anyway, who said that a fringe on one's best jeans did not improve one's general appearance?

At last, the dishes are washed and parked, beds made, floors swept, and we sally forth.

Suddenly we pause in apprehension -- did we detect a frown on our readers' (if any) brow ? Please let me introduce to you Dundee McRansom. He is a year old. He has me always on a leash. He is philosophic and of great dignity. He loves birds, bees, and all wild life. In fact, he is a veritable canine St. Francis of Assissi -- a few sound spankings helped toward that end. And so, we sally forth.

Seven hundred odd acres is quite a playground for anyone. Then, if you throw in for good measure two miles of winding, brisk crystal clear river, imposing mountain ranges, gorge, towering redwoods, you really have a hunk of sheer beauty.

The Park powers-that-be are rather stuffy about one's keeping on the beaten trails. Rebellious souls that we are, we try to comply with RULES AND REGULATIONS, risking a set of assorted complexes, no doubt.

In a sudden green meadow, we encounter a herd of peacefully grazing deer; they point their ears curiously toward us, then go on with feeding. We gravely watch them, then tiptoe away. The footpaths are covered with bronze sycamore leaves. With the morning dew still upon them, they sparkle iridescently. Soon we enter a dense grove of redwoods. The air is hushed; the sun filters in shafts through the branches; the effect is cathedral-like....suddenly, with a piercing chatter, a big, belligerent gray squirrel tumbles down, branch by branch, beats his chest, and loosens a mighty flood of squirrel profanity upon us. We are abashed, depleted, and depart with apprehensive backward glances.

That sort of thing frustrates one. One grows introspective, retrospective, and hungry. We amble on, and soon come out by the river; sparkling and singing its merry way over boulders large and small. We find a patch of crisp water cress, and, seeing no fearsome ranger near, munch on it contentedly.

Now in this great silence it is difficult to visualize the multitude of milling humanity that was here all summer long, when sights pleasing and bizarre met one's eyes at every step. I miss children's laughter that pervaded the Park then.

We love the winter here, with its nostalgic beauty. It is warm in the sun. The air is clear and sharp. We see a blue heron in the distance....a sense of well-being envelops us, that inspires us to

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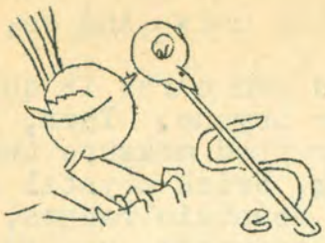

BIOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

By James Blee, Ranger, Grade 1

Biologically Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park is rather a unique area, lying as it does near the sea coast and at the foot of the Santa Lucia Mountains. It is the last station going south along the coast where the Coast Redwood (Sequoia sempervirens), is found to any great extent. It has both the flora and the fauna of the Coast and that of the low mountains or foothills of California.

It is in this area that the lovely rare Santa Lucia fir grows in rather isolated spots in the Santa Lucia Mountains, directly back of Big Sur State Park. Why this beautiful tree has not spread to other areas no one knows for sure.

This is also the last area going south where the steelhead trout makes its run, with the possible exception of the Santa Inez River, which has them to a smaller degree.

Here are found surprising extremes of botanical development along the trail into the Ventana Wilderness Area. Climbing along a dry hillside dotted with Indian paint brush, lupin, wild cucumber, ceanothus, clematis, and many others one turns a bend in the trail, only to plunge into the cool, deep shade of a beautiful grove of redwoods, perhaps accompanied on the edge by tan oak and madrone.

The tan oak and the coast redwood have played quite an important role in California history and, indeed, in opening up the Big Sur area itself. Stories are told of bring the bark of the tan oaks out to the coast in kayaks on mules and horses. Then the bark was often lowered to some old sailing vessel which was able to come close to shore in some sheltered cove away from the waiting rocks which are so common along this part of California's shoreline.

The redwood also played its part in opening up the Big Sur Area. Early settlers like the Pfeiffers would go back into the foothills and cut redwood shakes and stakes from old fallen trees or from trees which they cut. Then they would bring them out on horseback. One of the early redwood picket fences built by John Pfeiffer still stands near the Point Sur lighthouse as evidence of these early activities. Several old buildings in this area such as the old Post house also show us the importance of the redwood in the early story of our State.

One type of plant which always attracts comments from most visitors is the ferns. There are about a dozen kinds in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The chain fern, or Woodwardia, is the largest and showiest of all our ferns, and is always beautiful because it is green all year round. There is one of nature's most beautiful gardens of the rather rare five-fingered fern if one knows where to find it. The lacey maiden hair ferns can be seen, too, if one will but take the time to get out on some of the damper parts of our trails. Of course the children prefer the lovely little gold back fern which they can use to make "tattoo" patterns on their hands and arms.

Although I have already mentioned the historical interest of the redwood and the tan oak (lithocarpus densiflora), one is very conscious of other fine trees along the trails near the Big Sur River. At this time of the year the leaves of the sycamore and maple are knee-deep in places and the beautiful golden heart-shaped leaves of the black cottonwood make artistic patterns near the river. Forming a beautiful border along almost the entire length of the river are to be found

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many white alders. They have a rather queer appearance at this time of year with their branches naked, except for the staminate catkins which are beginning to come out now. During the summer they are one of our most beautiful shade trees.

One of the first trees that our new visitors ask about is the California Laurel (Umbellularia Californica), or Bay Tree. One is very much aware of this tree if he crushes one of the delicious smelling leaves in his hands or walks through them along a trail. The leaves of this tree are excellent for seasoning meat, but should be used sparingly. The wood has little value commercially, but does take a good polish and has been used some for furniture. All during the fall and winter the ambitious gray squirrels have been harvesting the olive-like fruit.

Among the most interesting larger shrubs found in Big Sur State Park is the California buckeye. Botanists think that this shrub is of northern origin but has adapted itself to a more southern habitat by changing its mode of life. It blooms earlier than most other shrubs and becomes brown and dead looking in the early fall before most other shrubs. In the spring it is covered with sweet-scented clusters of flowers and by September the leafless branches are covered with large fruit pods, resembling the chestnut.

Along the Ridge Trail many other shrubs can be studied. Here one sees a few golden chinquapin bushes, which do not range much farther south. Two or three kinds of ceanothus or wild lilac and the yerba santa or "holy herb" of the Spaniards grow along, and just below the trail. The yerba santa was a very important medicinal herb among the Indians and Spaniards as well as our early pioneers.

In our Park the manzanita, or "little apple" of the Spaniards grows along the higher ridges. This shrub is not only important as a conservator of soil and water, but as a source of food for many birds and some animals. The coyote is very fond of the rather tart berries and seems to need them in his diet.

In an area with such a variety of vegetation and a cool mountain stream we would naturally expect to find many birds, and this is true of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. I haven't made a check list of the birds but am sure that one would bring out the many kinds found here.

Along the river there are two or three kinds which especially interest me. Among the foremost of these is the water ouzel or dipper. This bird spends most of its time in or near the river, is a good architect, sings like a lark, and is equally at home perching on a branch or diving and working for larvae underneath the water. This is one of the few birds who sing to us even in the winter time.

The Canyon Wren which has nested along the gorge of the Big Sur River fills the canyon with the music of its delightful whistling song going down the musical scale.

Few people seem to see the interesting kingfisher, but many hear his rattling call as he flies fast through the trees along the stream.

Personally I enjoy the ever-present noisy stellar jay about as much as any bird we have. He is a very intelligent fellow and is the watchman of the forest.

Of course in a short article like this it is impossible to discuss our many small birds such as the juncos, chickadees, nuthatches, flycatchers, warblers, and creepers.

If you wish to know more about them, a few days spent in one of the pleasant campsites along the river will reward you well.

ZUMWALT-JOSLIN

Gladys Zumwalt, intermediate stenographer, surprised co-workers recently when she announced her coming marriage to Ernest C. Joslin of Fair Oaks.

They will be married on Saturday, March 1 at a double ring informal ceremony at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento.

After a ten day honeymoon to the southern part of the state, the newlyweds will be at home to their friends at Route 5 Box 8195, Sacramento.

Mr. Joslin recently was discharged from the Army Infantry as a S/Sergeant and served in the African and Italian Campaigns. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

MARASOVICH-SKEEN

Miss Lena K. Marasovich, intermediate stenographer in the Sacramento office, recently announced her engagement to M/Sgt. Fred Skeen of the Army Air Forces.

M/Sgt. Skeen is stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois.

Miss Marasovich will travel by plane to St. Louis, Missouri, her fiance's home town, where they will be married at an informal church wedding on March 15.

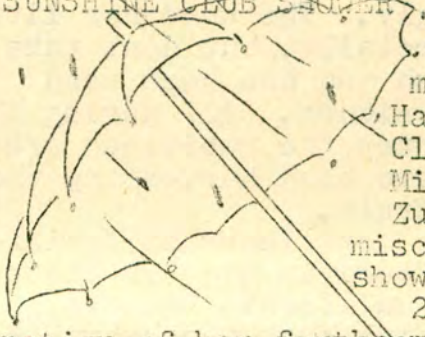
M/Sgt. Skeen is tentatively scheduled to be sent on duty to Tokyo, Japan, so it looks as if Lena will see the world with her army lad. Best wishes for the future, Lena, and Bon Voyage.

CHATELAIN-EDWARDS

Miss Beverley R. Chatelain, intermediate stenographer in the Sacramento office, recently announced her plans to marry Mr. R. R. Edwards, of the U. S. Engineers, on Friday, February 28, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, at 10:00 a.m.

Miss Chatelain was the honored guest at a luncheon shower on February 26 by her co-workers, during which time she was presented with a gift from the office girls.

SUNSHINE CLUB SHOWER



The committee members of the Happy Sunshine Club honored Miss Gladys Zumwalt at a miscellaneous shower on February 25, in anticipation of her forthcoming marriage.

After the gifts were opened, cake and coca cola was served. Miss Sarah Riolo and Miss Lena Marasovich arranged the shower.

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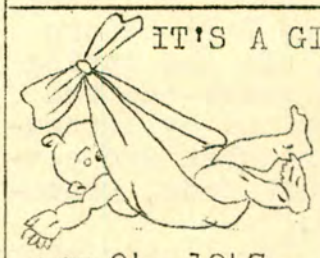

Mr. and Mrs. James Warren, announce the birth of a daughter, MELISSA PADGETT, on January 24, 1947. She weighed 8½ pounds and was born at the Sutter Maternity Hospital, Sacramento.

Mr. Warren is an assistant civil engineer in the Sacramento Office assigned to the Riding and Hiking Trail Project.

IT'S A GIRL-IT'S A GIRL-IT'S A GIRL

CALIFORNIA NAMES & THEIR MEANINGS

PINOLE---Pronounced(PEE-NOH-LAY) .....Parched corn ground into meal; also a beverage.

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by Department of Finance from the proposed budget; but directed Chief Henning to assemble data for an analysis of the operating expenses at Sutter's Fort so that an appropriation may be sought.

Received information that a full-time employee with police authority had been stationed at Columbia.

Received report on logging trespass in remote area of Big Basin Redwood State Park. Instructed full investigation before taking action.

Directed all district superintendents report to commission on logging operations carried on in the vicinity of all State parks, with such recommendations for protection of the park areas as are deemed advisable. Requested Director and park staff to secure funds for the purpose of making an accurate survey to determine park boundaries.

Approved Sonoma County Master Plan on the Riding and Hiking Trails project.

Submitted proposed rules and regulations for administration of State Riding and Hiking Trail to Divisions of Forestry and Fish and Game for their recommendations before taking action.

Instructed staff that all park facilities at Pfeiffer Big Sur must be constructed easterly of State Highway No. 1 as a safety measure.

Received report of Colonel Kelton on plans for new houses for park employees, approved plans, and directed staff to carry on construction in accordance with standard plans and the approval of the Department of Finance.

Directed staff to prepare a statement of revenue from oil royalties, and to be prepared with statistics on oil royalties to this Division and to appear before all proper legislative and executive bodies in opposition to any bills having to do with any funds from the Division of Beaches and Parks or any different allocation of funds.

Set next meeting of commission for March 21-22 at Santa Barbara.

Adjourned 1 p.m., Saturday, February 22, 1947.

PERSONNEL SITUATION

The present quota of Ranger Grade 1 positions in the State Park System is 45.

Of these positions, only 12 men had permanent status--the remaining positions being filled by employees who were appointed during the war on a duration basis. They ultimately were reappointed under temporary authorization, pending outcome of the permanent civil service examinations, and finally have attained permanent status as a result of the August examinations.

All but three of the permanent employees eligible for promotion to Ranger Grade 2 now have been promoted. Only nine of the Rangers Grade 1 are new to the State Park System, all others having worked either as duration rangers, or in some other capacity.

The nine new men, and their stations, are: Gordon J. Cooley, La Purisima; Charles P. Lyden, Doheny Beach; Alan D. Philbrook, San Clemente Beach; John C. Mason, Pfeiffer Big Sur; Harley D. Smith, Burlington Campground; William P. Dougherty, Morro Bay; Alvin F. Whittington, Pfeiffer Big Sur; Frank Kemp, Prairie Creek; and Lewis Rogers, Jr., Carpinteria Beach.

Out of 37 positions for Ranger Grade 2, only five positions were held by permanent employees before the examinations. These five have since been promoted to Ranger Grade 3.

There was an insufficient number of Grade 1 rangers eligible for promotion to Grade 2, although every person who took the examination passed and now are permanent Rangers Grade 2. Eight Grade 2 positions remain unfilled until another examination can be scheduled.

No one is eligible for this examination until he has served six months probationary in a lower class

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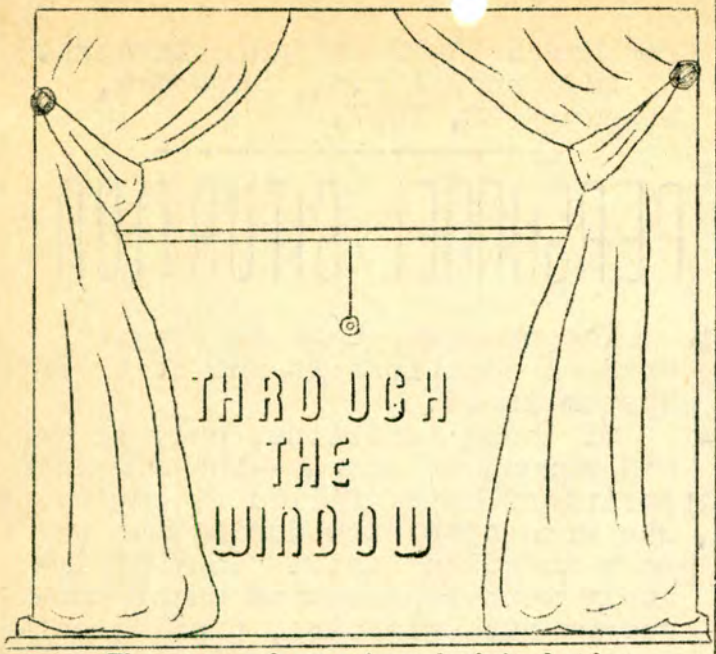

The sun dropping behind the redwood-studded mountain, takes with it warmth and light, but leaves a pleasant interval before dark which we await eagerly. It's become a habit to spend this time hopefully scanning the terraced vistas of the old orchard at Big Sur, peering through the huge windows with which our small cottage is blessed, to see what we can see. For it is now the animals of the day give way to those who inhabit the night. And if we are not rewarded by at least a glimpse of furs or feathers whisking to cover, we can, at any rate, always enjoy the ever-changing beauty of the forest around us. Would that all Park houses gave such opportunity for appreciation of the scenery!

Tonight, a half dozen buzzards attract us as they circle one last time high over the Valley of Big Sur, before settling down on the old gate atop the ridge essentially known as "Buzzards' Roost". Enviously we watch them soar, balance in the wind, and glide away.

Croaks of "Hawk! Hawk! Hawk!" assail our ears. Some crows have discovered a Red-tail perched on the spindly spire of a Sequoia. They fling themselves at their victim, who, shielding himself with an uplifted wing, majestically ignores the flapping enemy. Impatient at last, they continue on their interrupted journey, leaving the hawk to resume his thoughts on the stately beheaded tree.

A covey of quail hurry by toward the creek murmuring contentedly to each other, "A drink, and then to bed!" The crippled one is as quick as any.

A perky crested jay demands admiration as he and energetic cousins give a final survey to the gathering shadows, before they too ascend to rest. We are amused at the vigorous pecks punctuated with the whole body, as they snatch some small earthling from the ground. But the peace is destroyed. A loud shriek sounds a warning, and they all fly to lookouts. "That unspeakable monster, the bob-cat, is here again!"

A quick flurry comes within our walls too! A reach for binoculars proves unnecessary for the cat is heading our way. Tensely we watch as he absorbedly stalks an unseen prey in the vicinity of a city of gophers. Mother Nature has fitted him with a coat of beige, with black and tan leggins, admirable for camouflage, but with exquisite drollery has topped him with tufted ear muffs of conspicuous black. An agile pounce is unrewarded, for kitty - he's quite small - strolls away with airy leisure, as if aware of inspection.

But a rare moment in visual education was reached recently, after lamps were lighted. We were keeping a wary eye out for the coons, who are nightly callers, in fact, the porch light is a signal for them, when we saw a fox melting away down the slope. Another glance showed he had been practically on our porch, for the dish of scraps meant for the masked ones, was empty. Quickly we placed more food in the dish, and hoped "Reddy" would return. He did venture back, but at that moment the coons chose to appear, and with a proprietary air consumed the offering as their right. They seemed very accustomed

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to foxes, for he got hardly a glance, though they spent the usual amount of time inquisitively looking at us, standing bear-like on their hind legs, hands dangling. Reddy lurked in the bushes, and when the coons marched off to our neighbors, came out very cautiously, nervously sniffed the dish where only smells remained, decided he'd been outfoxed, and was gone. Gaping though we were, we made mental notes on his lovely color scheme, luscious rusty orange perfectly complemented with grey.

But, the coons are really our favorites, perhaps, because of all our nocturnal visitors we know them best. We never fail to be highly pleased when Mildred or Rastus extends a trusting black hand to grasp a tidbit from our hands, even though we know the stomach is a mighty ambassador of good will.

When we first came to the hill, the coons were a problem. We never saw them, but after we had retired, out they came, then began a parade up and down our porch, as if they were determined we should not sleep. And if you've never head a coon swear, just let them brawl beneath your window! Admittedly, we irately considered the prospect of an electrical device that would shock them into sensibility of their misdemeanors, but that is all over now. We are friends. They call at a decent hour. We have a repast waiting. When a mishap occurs we mourn, as in the case of the father coon who limped within the circle of our light several weeks ago with his paw newly severed. What that must mean to a coon! No, people who mention the gustatory delights of roasted coon need not talk to us.

Our porch is covered each morning with the imprints of many little hands and feet - often greasy - but we take it as part of our nightly treat, for we should have regretted very much had we never become acquainted with the most interesting of all our callers, the coons, little cousins of the bear.

By
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LIONS OF THE BIG SUR

A controversy of several years standing between state park rangers and mountain lion authorities regarding whether or not mountain lions range below 1,500 feet, may be cleared up by the following quotation, taken from page 538, of Volume Two of "Fur-Bearing Mammals of California", by Grinnell, Dixon and Linsdale, published by University of California Press:

"Most members of the species (Felis concolor californica) live between altitudes of 2,000 and 5,000 feet; yet some descend to sea level along the coast from San Luis Obispo County northward,-----."

Rangers at Pfeiffer Big Sur have reported seeing mountain lions each year for several years, at least since 1939, and they have been seen both at night and during the daytime. Of these reports, one was turned in by former ranger Morley, who jumped one from a clump of bushes near the Orchard trail on his way home from work. Another was reported by Chief Ranger Kenyon two years ago, seen on the Gorge Trail near the Old Homestead Cabin on a Sunday afternoon. Lloyd Lively, now at Morro Bay, reported seeing a young lion in Sycamore Canyon several years ago. Others have been reported, and several times deer killed by lions have been cleaned up by park rangers along the edge of the Orchard above Pfeiffer Redwood creek, and along the Oak Grove Trail.

By...L. P. GRIFFITH,
Ranger, Grade 1

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and harmony among themselves and their neighbors. The community grew to take a great and personal pride in this unusual Indian family, who remained completely independent and self-sustaining. Never were they a charge or a care to the community. By the living standards of that day, they had a bountiful living. Fish and game were abundant. They raised a few pigs and Captain Cooper gave them half a beef at every round-up. Their garden and orchard yielded the balance of their needs.

Then tragedy struck. Just as Manuelito approached maturity, he developed a wracking cough. Native herbs and remedies, learned at the Mission, proved useless. On a flat overlooking the valley floor the boy was laid to rest. This spot was destined to become the final resting place of the entire family except the father. One by one the other children followed Manuelito. Little Rosa lived to be about fifteen. Only old Manuel, Francisca, and the youngest son, Julio were left.

Julio was broad of shoulder, tall and strong. He seemed to stay in good health and Francisca began to hope that this one she would be allowed to raise. While trying to ride a wicked horse belonging to Captain Cooper, his chest was badly crushed when the horse fell over on him. He seemed to recover; but the cough never left him, gradually growing worse.

Then another blow fell on this stricken family. Manuel, now about eighty, began to act queerly. Francisca noticed he often jumped and whirled nervously as he watered the garden. Sometimes he gave a wild yell. He disappeared for all of one night, and returned soaking wet, where he had been walking in the river. He started up the trail to Post's. Francisca and Julio followed him at a distance, keeping out of his sight. At Post's he hid himself from imagined pursuers. His strange behavior and irrational mutterings and yells convinced Mr. Post that Manuel's mind was completely unbalanced, due to old age. Frank Post was sent to Salinas with old Manuel to see to the necessary arrangements for placing him in an institution at Napa. He died shortly after his commitment.

Francisca and Julio lived on alone in their little home. Julio's cough grew steadily worse, and he too was forced to bed in his last days. Francisca was very old now, but still active. She cared for her garden and home and nursed Julio through the days. Frank Post came each night so sit with Julio, so that she could gain some rest. When Julio passed away, Frank Post arranged for the casket to be made, and Julio, too, was laid beside his brothers and sister in the family burial ground. A true and faithful convert to the Catholic faith, Francisca regularly burned candles and laid fresh flowers on each cross-marked mound, while she sat for long hours alone among her dead. What thoughts must have been hers - this woman who had lived almost a century and seen her whole family pass on before her ???

Her advanced age and living all alone was a great cause for concern to her dear friend, Mrs. William Post. So Mr. Post built a comfortable cabin across the road from the Post ranch-house and Francisca was taken there to live out the remainder of her days. Clear of mind and active to the end, she busied herself with a small garden, cooked her simple meals, cared for her cabin and spent days calling on nearby friends. She seemed to sense when the end drew near. She gave a few of her dish towels to intimate friends and then sat in front of her fireplace and burned all her family mementoes and keepsakes. She came down with a cold and in a week she was gone. Her request to be buried in the dress she was wearing was granted.

Mr. John Pfeiffer arranged for the casket, and for her to be laid beside her children on what was then his land. All the community

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to the public, but from a park man's point of view it rates second only to a barbed wire fence. It is one type of vegetation that will keep the worst short-cutter on the trail where he belongs.

Most every area has a few freak or unusual trees or natural phenomena of some sort. The Colonial tree one of the larger redwoods of our park, claims the distinction of having the longest limbs recorded for that species. Through some unnatural growth the limbs hang down parallel to the trunk, touching the ground from an estimated distance of eighty feet.

Along our service road there is a live sycamore about two feet in diameter with a six inch redwood growing out of the center of the large tree. Closer examination shows the sycamore as hollow and the redwood is rooted to the ground, completely surrounded by sycamore. Looks like the sycamore either will have to grow pretty fast, or the redwood slow down, if both are to survive.

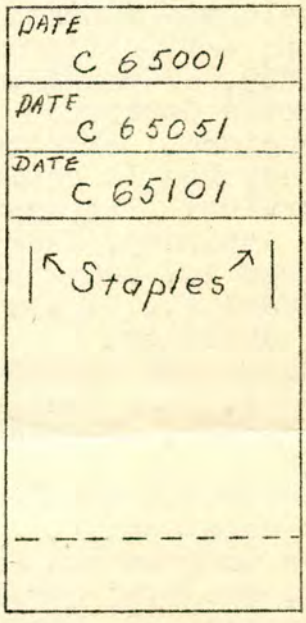
Speaking of accidents, an unusual one occurred one frosty morning this winter. A pickup truck driven by one of the local residents hit an icy strip of road just south of our camp ground entrance. The car jumped a large metal guard rail, rolled over two or three times down a fifty foot embankment and landed right side up in one of our camps. The car was not seriously damaged, and the driver was unhurt. Surely must have had his pockets full of rabbit's feet!!!

A short time ago Mr. Dan Hull and Mr. Shea of the Sacramento staff and District Superintendent Blaisdell were here checking over sites for new houses to provide additional employee housing. Three new houses were approved and are to be constructed soon. Construction will be handled by the State Division of Architecture in conjunction with our Division of Beaches and Parks.

As you all know, we are supposed to have the Division emblem on our vehicles. The fellows feel we have overlooked the decals on one of our more important pieces of equipment, namely - our two-wheel janitor cart, "Summer Sue", dearly beloved (?) by all who have had the doubtful pleasure of pushing said vehicle around the park.....

By WAYNE COX
Ranger, Grade 2

AN IDEA FOR NEXT SUMMER



It is no trick to find a Picnic Stub number, in a hurry, if books are stapled together in sequence. About ten in one row is easy to handle and easy to stack. Three books can be put together at once. If some one has a better idea, let's hear it.

(Submitted by Art Parvin, Ranger, Grade 2, Big Basin)

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and has attained a performance rating of at least 85 per cent.

Twenty positions are set up for Rangers Grade 3 and all but three of these positions have been filled. These three will remain vacant until a new examination can be given.

Results of the examinations for District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, and Curator of Historical Monument, are not as yet available.

The division has lost three faithful employees who reached the age of retirement recently and are now on pension. They are: Charles Hight, Ranger Grade 2; Harry S. Van Gelder, skilled laborer; and William H. Turk, curator.

ISIDORE B. DOCKWEILER

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Margaretha Sugg Dockweiler, who came here as pioneers in 1852. As a boy, he hunted rabbits and squirrels on what is now Bunker Hill.

He received an A. B. degree in 1887 as one of the first graduates of St. Vincent's College (now Loyola University) and an A. M. from the same institution two years later. Dockweiler helped his education by working as a bookkeeper and a surveyor.

He studied law with the firm of Anderson, Fitzgerald and Anderson, and was admitted to the California Bar October 14, 1889, 57 years ago.

In 1891 he married Gertrude Reeves of San Francisco. She died June 12, 1937. They had 11 children, 8 of whom survive. The sons are Thomas A. J., attorney, Henry I., attorney, George A., superior judge, Captain Edward A., U.S.N., and Frederick C., attorney.

Dockweiler's daughters include Mrs. Ruth Brady, Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Rosario Crahan. He had 10 grandchildren.

Three sons died within the last five years. They were John F. Dockweiler, former Congressman and District Attorney, who died January 31, 1943; Attorney Louis B. Dockweiler, who passed away March 17, 1944, and Dr. Robert Dockweiler, who died in February, 1941.

The impeccable cutaway coat, striped trousers and carnation buttonnaire, which Dockweiler always wore, were a California political trademark.

His political career began in 1884, when Dockweiler organized the "Cleveland Cadets" to march in a torchlight procession on behalf of the presidential candidacy of Grover Cleveland.

In 1902 he was a Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and in 1908 was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention which nominated William Jennings Bryan.

From 1916 until 1932 he served as a member of the Democratic National Committee. He aided in the elections of two Democratic Presidents, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Although an ardent Democratic partisan, Dockweiler never held party advantage on the same level with the welfare of state and nation.

The one occasion on which he broke party lines was in 1934, when he backed Governor Frank Merriam against the Democratic candidate, the radical Upton Sinclair.

Dockweiler's long devotion to the Catholic religion was rewarded in 1924, when Pope Pius XI named him a Knight of St. Gregory.

His investiture here by Archbishop Cantwell was an impressive ecclesiastical event of that year.

Dockweiler was a director of a score of corporations, including the Hauser Packing Company, Union Terminal Company, National Title Insurance Company, Pacific Electric Railway and the Secutiry-First National Bank.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

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definitely determined the marker in the American River to be located above a portion of Sutter's Mill.

The old timbers of the tailrace were discovered to be in place and the exact spot in the tailrace where gold was first picked up is now definitely authenticated and agrees with the map made at the time of the gold discovery.

THE POPULAR YANKEE

Found written on a scrap of paper, apparently in the hand of one of General Vallejo's children, in one of the books in the General's library at the Vallejo Home Historical Monument:

"The Jews have all the money
"The Irish have all the votes
"The Chinamen do all the work
"The Yankees must go".

OUR DAY IN BIG SUR
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great, heroic deeds - perhaps creating a juicy apple pie for dinner. Yes, for it is that time again. Twilight descends all too quickly in our enchanted canyon.... then a warm fire, perhaps a concert on the air, books, and lo and behold, the day has been lived well.

By MRS. SONIA RANSOM

SAGA OF THE INNOCENTIS
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came to pay last tribute to this noble woman - the crowd of friends and neighbors a true measure of the respect and love of the region for this truly remarkable woman. Mr. William Wright, of Pacific Grove, read the services.

So ends the saga of this Indian family, sleeping peacefully n the tiny rock-walled cemetery, 'neath friendly oaks, with Mount Manuel a faithful guardian in the background.

On the stage

"Buck Allen's Revenge", opened this month as the feature attraction at the First Theatre Historic Monument in Monterey. The Gold Coast Troupers, under the direction of Denny and Watrous, are presenting the play.

This is the 40th production and the opening night marked the 780th performance given at the theatre since the opening on June 3, 1937.

RANGER TO COLUMBIA

The gradually-forming state park at the historic old mining town of Columbia, in Tuolumne County, progressed another step towards maturity this month with the assignment of a full-time ranger to the area for patrol and maintenance.

The ranger is Darrell A. Knoeffler, assistant ranger, who was assigned to the historic area on February 24. He was stationed at Big Basin Redwood State Park previously.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Wayne Cox, ranger in charge at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, has this to say for the work of his staff on this issue:

"My thanks to our Park men and wives for their help and interesting contributions. A special 'thank you' to Mrs. Ransom for the illustrations depicting the entrance to the park and the '9 o'clock rush', and to Mrs. Earl Lively, our typist. A good job, well done."

The editor adds--"ditto".

Apparently Ranger Cox didn't realize the prolific nature of his writers, for he called upon the staff from La Purisima Mission Historic Monument to contribute as well--and consequently, this 24 page issue would have swelled even farther had we used the excellent La Purisima material.

To you mission-dwellers down Lompoc way, let me say, the material you presented almost is sufficient for an edition of it's own. What say we hold it up until the April issue, when the beautiful gardens of La Purisima really are at their best, and put out a La Purisima edition. Let me know how you feel about this, and if you see eye to eye with us, we will send your material back and you can build up additional stories and illustrations.

The March issue no longer is an orphan--Chief Ranger Jack Knight and his mountain men will supply the stories and March will be known as the month the Big Tree men of Calaveras went literary.

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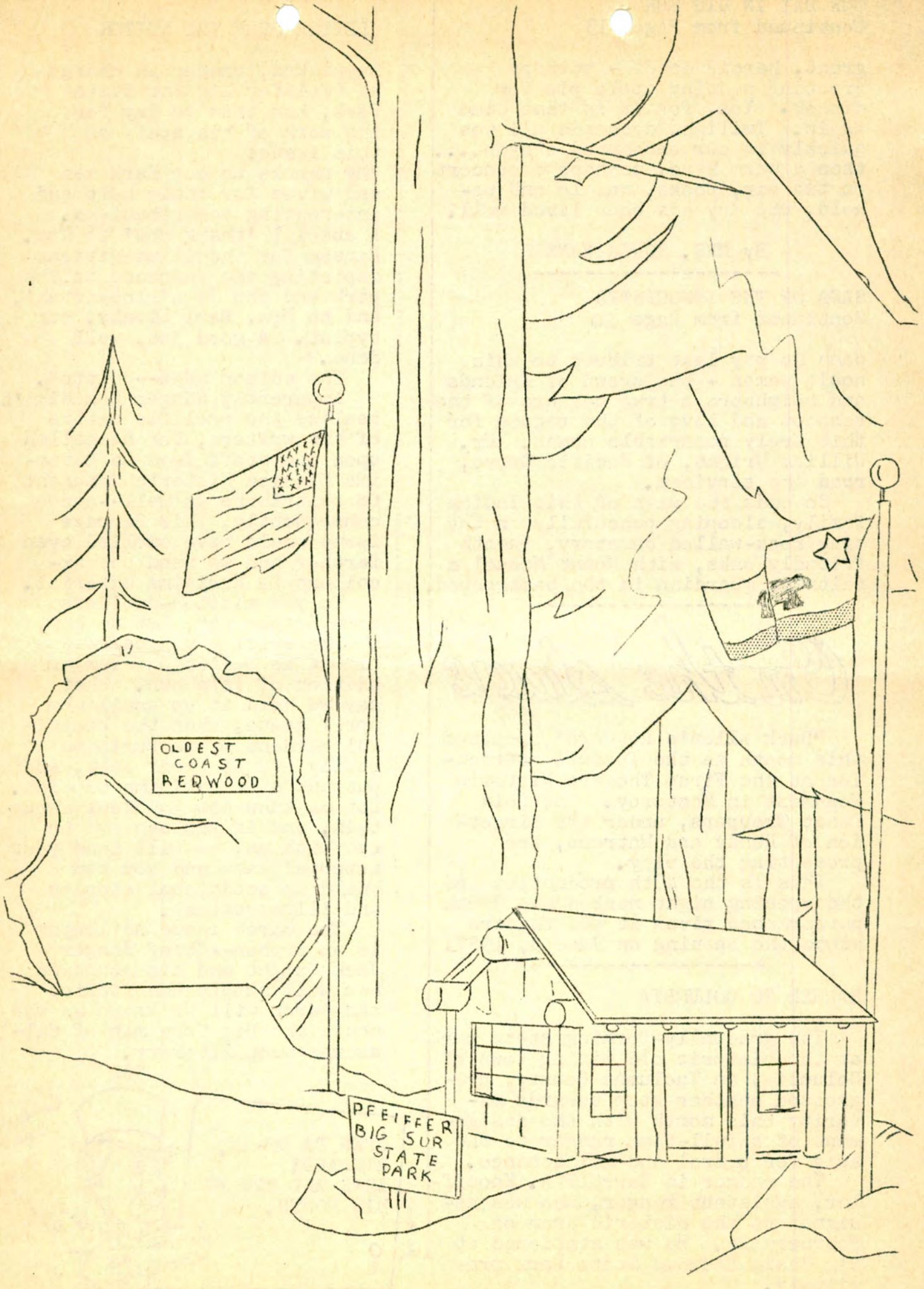
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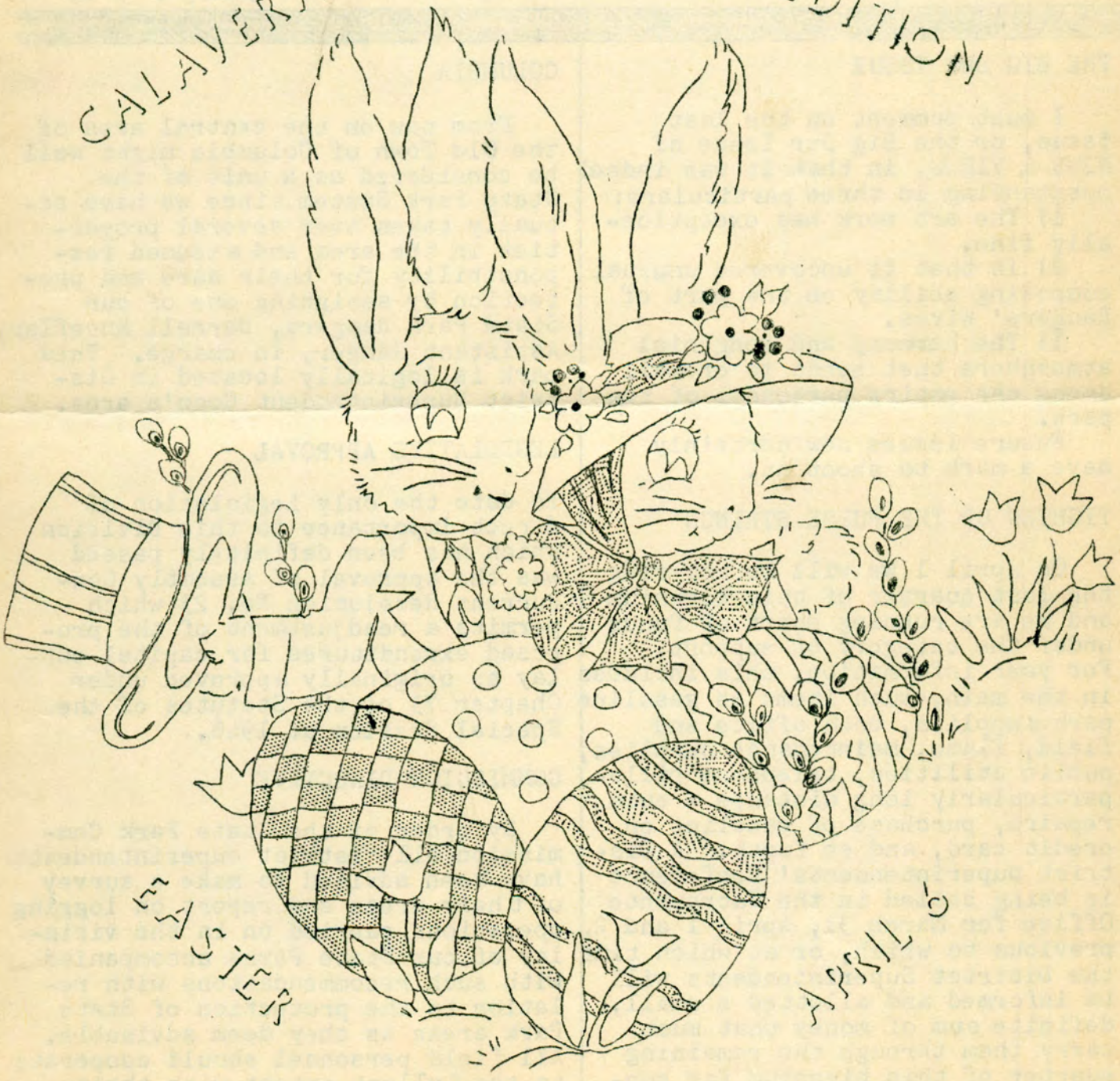

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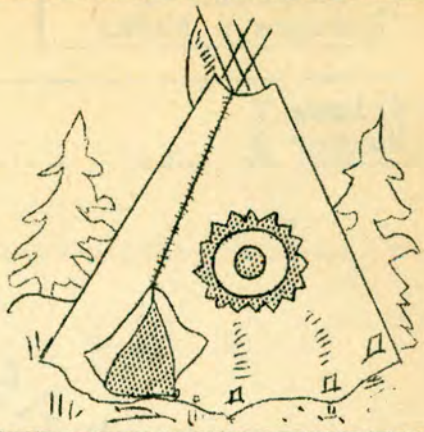

THE BIG SUR ISSUE

I must comment on the last issue, or the Big Sur Issue of NEWS & VIEWS, in that it was indeed outstanding in three particulars:

1) The art work was exceptionally fine.

2) In that it uncovered unusual composing ability on the part of Rangers' wives.

3) The harmony and congenial atmosphere that seems to prevail among the entire personnel of the park.

Future issues now certainly have a mark to shoot at.

TIGHTEN UP THE PURSE STRINGS

On April 1 we will be entering the last quarter of this biennium and we are running short of funds under the category of support. For your information, this includes in the main, such items as gasoline park supplies, both office and field, flamo, maintenance supplies, public utilities, telephone bills-particularly long distance - auto repairs, purchase of gasoline on credit card, and so forth. A District Superintendents' Conference is being called in the Sacramento Office for March 31, April 1 and 2, previous to which, or at which time the District Superintendents will be informed and allotted a small, definite sum of money that must carry them through the remaining quarter of this biennium for support items.

COLUMBIA

From now on the central area of the Old Town of Columbia might well be considered as a unit of the State Park System since we have actually taken over several properties in the area and assumed responsibility for their care and protection by assigning one of our State Park Rangers, Darrell Knoefler, Assistant Ranger, in charge. This park is logically located in District Superintendent Coon's area.

LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL

To date the only Legislation of direct importance to this Division which has been definitely passed was the approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23 which permits a readjustment of the proposed expenditures for capital outlay as originally approved under Chapter 73 of the Statutes of the Special Session of 1946.

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

By order of the State Park Commission all District Superintendents have been advised to make a survey of their areas and report on logging operations carried on in the vicinity of our State Parks accompanied with such recommendations with relation to the protection of State Park areas as they deem advisable. All field personnel should cooperate to the fullest extent with their

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WHAT EVERY RANGER SHOULD KNOW

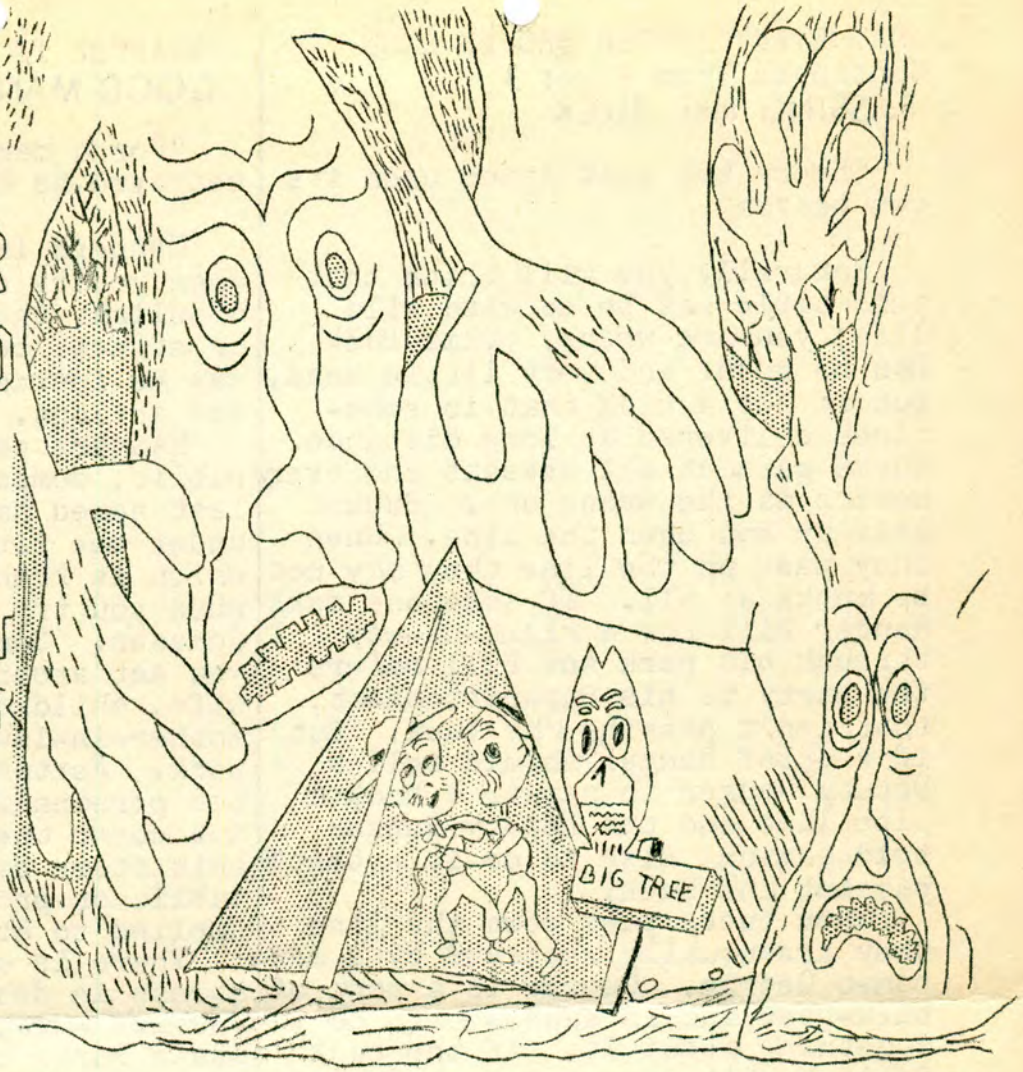
OR

HOW TO GET RID OF YOUR PROBLEMS

By

John H. Knight

Ranger, Grade 3



FOREWORD--To old and new Rangers of the Division of Beaches and Parks:

The Division of Beaches and Parks depends for its prosperity and usefulness upon what the public thinks of it. What the public thinks depends upon the character of service rendered by State Park Rangers and their ability to make that character of service known.

As a State Park Ranger you are an employee of the public. Your authority to protect the State Parks is derived from laws passed by representatives of the people, that is, the State Park Commission, and the people pay your salary. Your first duty is to perform efficiently, accurately, and honestly the duties assigned to you. Your next duty is to treat courteously and fairly those with whom you come in contact.

You are, to a large extent, your own boss. This places on you the responsibility for your conduct. If you make good, the Division of Beaches and Parks has made good, for you are---in the eyes of the public---The Division of Beaches and Parks.

To do your part successfully you must not only know your job, but have a general knowledge of the Division of Beaches and Parks, and its' organization and activities.

There are, however, other intimate and personal features in the life of a State Park Ranger that are not usually covered in official instructions and manuals. Some of these are set forth in the following chapters, which we commend to your thoughtful consideration

CHAPTER I

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WHAT EVERY RANGER SHOULD KNOW
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PASSING THE BUCK

"Every tub must stand upon its own bottom"

Naturally you will think that this title has to do with wild life; you are wrong. This buck has no horns and very little head, but it has a kick that is sometimes delivered at long distance. Bucks pass at all seasons and every season is the wrong one. Bucks pass up and down the line. When they pass up the line they may not be bucks at all. If some one asks Ranger Bill for a right-of-way through his park and Bill refers the party to his Superintendent, that isn't passing the buck. But if a Chief Ranger should tell a Deputy Ranger to repair a broken pipe line and the Deputy Ranger told someone else to do it - that's passing the buck.

When bucks pass down the line they are usually received by a man named George. George is a sort of buck-goat and is supposed to do something about it. If the buck fails to hit George just square it gets crippled and has to be supported by a crutch. This crutch is called an alibi. An alibi is made, most of the time from a bum excuse. Sometimes the buck can stand with it and sometimes it can't; it all depends.

When you pass the buck you lose an opportunity to do something for yourself. You might make a mistake, but if you are not all solid above the ears, the mistake will teach you something and you will be that much ahead. Every time you make a decision, take any action on your own responsibility, give any order, or use your bean, you are preparing yourself for greater opportunities. Every time you pass the buck you are getting a little lazier and a little more worthless. Know what your authority is, where it begins and where it ends, and know your responsibilities. Stand on your own feet, attend to your job, and you won't ever pass a buck or need an alibi.

CHAPTER II

GOOD MANNERS

"For a man by nothing is so well betrayed as by his manners"

Manners imply contact with others. When you're all by yourself in the moonlight they are of little value or effect, because manners are the way we impress others by our words and actions.

Manners can be classified as public, domestic, and society. The last named has been commercialized under the title of "Etiquette", which is French for how to behave when you try to keep up with the Joneses. Domestic manners are how you act around the house to your wife, children, cat, (dog), and mother-in-law after a hard day's work. Fortunately or unfortunately, the personnel inspection field does not cover these items as yet. So this story can be whittled down to public or professional manners as applied to State Park Rangers.

There is one statement we always stress in describing State Park Service work, and that is: The State Parks belong to the people. The people pay for their administration and these items include our salaries. The citizen taxpayers contribute for services and "service is our first and last name. The service that we are called on to give, aside from the transaction of regular business of campsite rentals wood sales, etc., is mostly the giving of information, and the education, directing, and advising of the public.

The crux of good manners is your attitude. If you regard Mr. and Mrs. Tourist and all the little Tourists as an affliction to be endured and then gotten rid of as quickly as possible, if you cuss under your breath every time a wandering State Park visitor comes in and interrupts your thoughts with a silly question, if you look at the public as a nuisance, you have the wrong slant on your job and are heading for trouble sooner or later. On the other hand, if you look on all this as just part of a day's work and figure that you are just

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returning this service for the salary which these people pay you, it will be easier. If you can do it with a smile it will be better than good manners; it will be courtesy.

CHAPTER III

NEATNESS

"O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oursel's as ithers see us!"

Ranger Bill once said: "Your friends look at your face, but the crowd sees only the back of your neck." There's a lot of truth in that, but it is not all the story. The crowd also notices your clothes, your collar, tie, and shoes. If you are a State Park Ranger they will notice these things that much quicker, for you represent the Division of Beaches and Parks and wear a uniform.

However, this is not a discussion of the uniform. Our concern is with the neatness of the garb and not the garb itself. We might have headed this chapter "Personal Appearance", for after all, your appearance is largely judged on the basis of neatness. What we have to say applies to the normal every day life of a State Park Ranger. Crisis, emergencies, and out of the ordinary events where neatness is temporarily set aside for more serious things, are excluded.

Our crowning glory, the expensive Stetson, is usually the worst offender as to spots. We all know how the sweat of one's brow rises through the hatband and takes on a fine smear of dust, especially on a hot August afternoon. This is the sweat of honest toil, which must not be discouraged, so all that one can ask is that you keep your "lid" decently respectable. Of course, some plutocrats have two hats, one for dress and one for work, but such affluence is liable to leave one in doubt as to which one to wear on ordinary occasions.

Among our other troubles is the fact that work shirts and trousers cease to look alike after the first few weeks of a strenuous summer season. In the bloom of spring the breeches and trousers are a rich silver grey? (forest green?) and the shirts the regulation grey? (forest green? sun tan?). But late in the summer the breeches and trousers become a bilious hue and all but the most expensive shirts a faded replica of their original color. But do not worry. This Chameleon-like phenomenon is looked upon with keen approval because it shows that the wearer of the garments has washed them occasionally.

Very little need be said about the coat or blouse. It is usually the accessory to formal occasions, such as a trip to town, supper at polite places, attendance at meetings, travelling, or when you take your wife or best girl to a dance. But the minute you put on a uniform coat you are a marked man, so it is just as well to have it clean and well pressed instead of looking as if you had slept in it.

A necktie, which by the way, is part of the standard uniform, marks the serious dresser among State Park Rangers and adds a touch of class to the ensemble. On some jobs a necktie is out of place, so we leave this to the individual. As to shoes and boots, we have nothing to say, but if you want to know how they look or should look, even your best friend won't hesitate to tell you.

In conclusion, we might add that we don't think that the Division of Beaches and Parks expects its' Rangers to be decked out like sartorial sunbursts. Neatness can cease to be a virtue if you are like the Deputy Ranger who couldn't decide which necktie to wear to haul garbage from the campgrounds. Never get so dolled up that your scenery will make you hesitate to tackle any job that comes up in the line of duty.

CHAPTER IV

WHISKERS

"And his chin new reap'd, Show'd like a stubble-land at harvest time"

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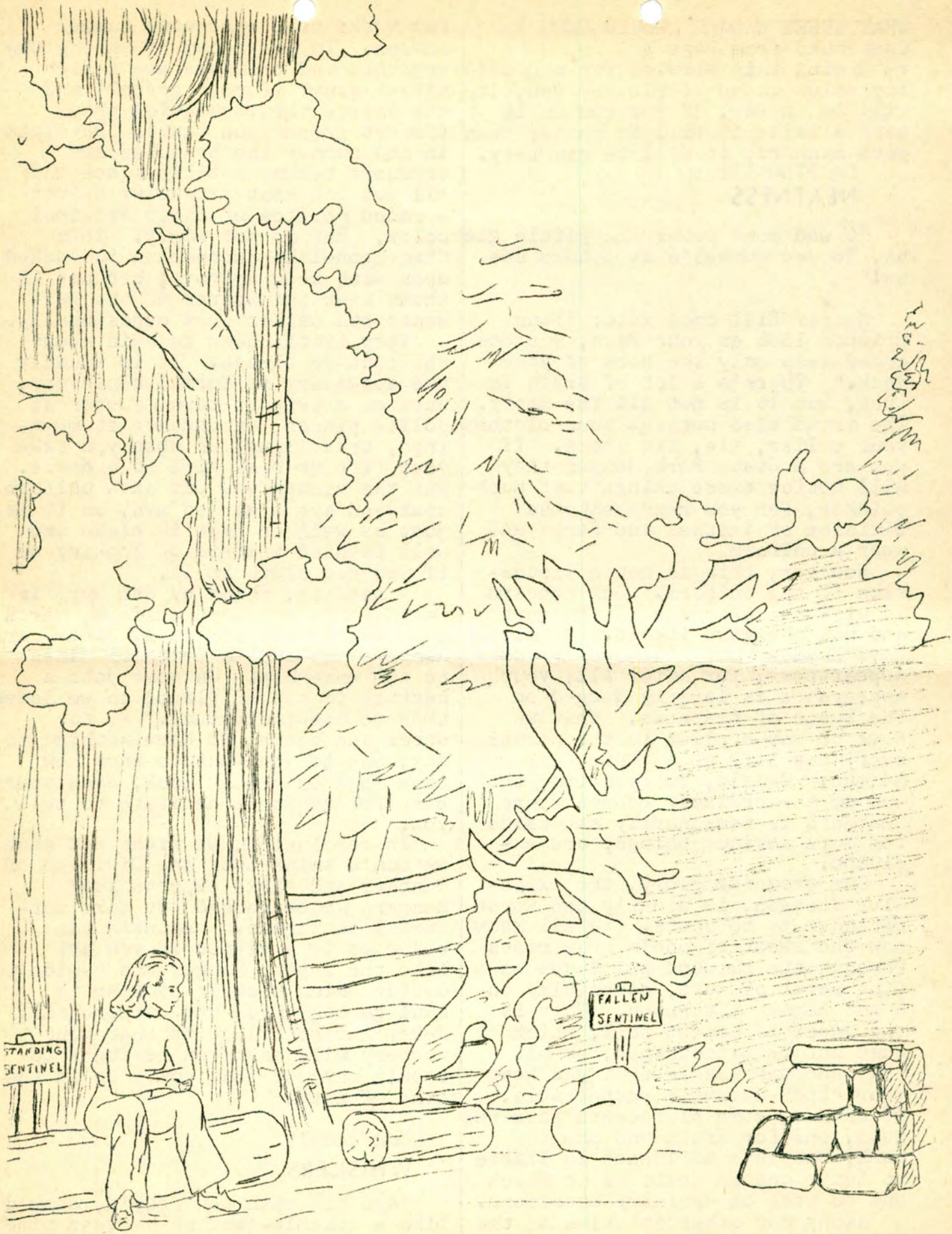
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CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

A RANGER'S REVIEW-------

BY

PHILIP J. NEALON
Ranger, Grade 2

Calaveras Big Trees State Park is located 24 miles east of Angels Camp on the Ebbetts Pass Highway which crosses the Sierra Nevada.

Attempting to compare the Calaveras Big Trees State Park with other California State Parks is impossible at the present time because it contains the only grove of Big Trees (Sequoia gigantea) located in any of Californis's State Parks.

Except for six trees in Placer County, the Calaveras Grove is the northern extreme of the Big Trees range.

It also is reputed to be the first grove of this tree discovered by white man. A clerk with the Joseph R. Walker exploration party in 1833 wrote of seeing many "Trees of the Redwood species, incredibly large." This was later published in 1839, in Joseph R. Walker's Journal, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. His term "redwood" came from his familiarity with the coast redwood which was identified in 1803 by Lambert, an English botanist.

However, of the numerous "discoverers" of the grove, A. T.Dowd of Murphys, California, is the man popularly credited with the discovery. The year was 1852 and the proximity of hoards of gold seekers soon led to a series of newspaper articles that eventually were circulated throughout the world.

In 1853 specimens from the Calaveras Grove reached London, and after a long dispute, the tree was identified and named Sequoia gigantea in 1854. Since those turbulent days in California the Calaveras Grove of mammoth trees always has aroused public acclaim and has proved an outstanding popular attraction. In 1946 there were 86,535 visitors. In 1909 Congress attempted to acquire the grove, but after elaborate plans were made, the whole thing fell through, and the grove remained in private ownership. The California State Park Commission acquired the grove and surrounding lands totaling 1951 acres in 1931.

The Big Tree is the forest monarch of the whole world; the oldest, largest, and most majestic of all earth's living things. This great tree, while a Sequoia like its cousin, the coast redwood, is different in many respects. The Big Tree is found growing naturally only in the Sierra Nevada at altitudes varying from 4500 to 8000 feet. The bulk and cubic content of this species of Sequoia usually surpasses the coast redwood; however, the latter tree holds the world's record for height.

The bark of the veteran tree is cinnamon-red and from one to two feet thick. The largest standing tree in the Calaveras Grove is called the "Empire State", and it is estimated that it could produce 350,000 board feet of lumber. In this grove is the famous "Big Stump" or "Dance Platform Stump" which measures 24.1 feet in diameter, 8 feet above ground level, and can be mounted by a stairway. Standing on this great stump, the average visitor gets his biggest thrill; even the most apathetic visitor has a feeling that here is

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CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK
A Ranger's Review

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something beyond the ordinary.

Poets and others have raved over the Big Trees since their discovery. Associated with these giants are superb specimens of the sugar pine, yellow pine, incense cedar and white fir. The associated trees and shrubs do much to enhance the beauty of the setting of the Sequoias themselves.

The average elevation of the park approximates 4700 feet, an altitude which places the park within the snow line each winter. The Dardanelle Cone, 9502 feet, is visible from the park, presenting an inspiring view of snowy crest above the ever ascending forested ridges of the Stanislaus National Forest which lie between the high country and the park. The snow-born and turbulent North Fork of the Stanislaus River flows through a portion of the park accessible by trail. The journey to the river will repay the horseman or hiker. The banks of the river are bordered with untouched thickets of azaleas. Plunging into deep and inviting pools, the river rushes on its way down from the snowy crests from which it rises. It is here the angler loves to while away the hours, listening to the ceaseless murmur of the rapids.

The outer regions of the park are quite wild and it is possible to see bear, mountain lion, deer, wild cat, fox, racoon and other furred and feathered creatures of the forest. This is indeed a portion of California's original domain preserved in a state of nature. Beyond the river, fascinating trails beckon the more energetic to the South Grove country in Tuolumne County, with its matchless sugar pine and Big Trees.

The park is not lacking in creature comforts, however. Every effort has been made to blend in with the scenery those facilities that are required. In the headquarters area there are forty well-equipped and rustic camp sites with modern rest rooms, water, laundry conveniences and showers close at hand. A large recreation hall and famous picnicking area and fire circle are among the facilities provided.

In winter a free up-ski is operated on the snow hill and roaring fires help cheer the snow-sports enthusiasts at the recreation hall and snow shelter.

It is in the depths of winter that the might and majesty of the Big Trees are most evident. One cannot but wonder how many centuries these ancient trees have towered aloft in the swirling snow, buffeted by countless gales and howling storms.

Whatever the season, the visitor to Calaveras Big Trees State Park leaves refreshed in health and up-lifted in spirit by his contact with this wonderland of nature and his earnest wish is that he can soon return.

THE LOW COST OF LIVING

From an old 1874 grocery list ledger in the museum at Mission Sonoma Historic Monument:

"8 lbs. bacon, $1.25: credit 3 3/4 lbs. butter @ 25¢; 1 pair sheets, $2.00; 10 yds. calico, $1.00; 1 ham, 8½ lbs., $1.53; 1 corset returned, credit, $2.00."

Life WAS wonderful.

(submitted: Daisy Barbour, Curator.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting of
March 21-22, 1947
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Meeting convened at 10 A. M. Friday, March 21, 1947, in the County Courthouse, Santa Barbara. Commission chairman Joseph R. Knowland presiding; Commissioners present: Charles Kasch, George Waldner and Leo Carrillo.

Others present: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources; J. H. Covington, Executive Secretary; A. E. Henning, Chief, Division of Beaches and Parks; Walter S. Rountree, Deputy Attorney General; John Hennessey, Lands Officer; Col. Edwin C. Kelton, Engineering Officer; Edward F. Dolder, Educational Supervisor; H. L. Blaisdell, Superintendent, South Central District; and Gladys (Zumwalt) Joslin, Stenographer.

ANNUAL REPORT PRINTING--Staff ordered to submit report on cost of printing standard booklet containing annual report of State Park Commission, in place of present mimeographed report.

ANGEL ISLAND--Commission directed Frederick Law Olmsted to accompany Director of Natural Resources on inspection trip to Angel Island, San Francisco Bay, April 5, to determine value of area as a State park.

COLUMBIA OLMSTED REPORT--Accepted and filed final report by Mr. Olmsted on acquisition of Columbia, Tuolumne County, for restoration as old mining town.

ACQUISITION MISSION SAN ANTONIO AND DUTTON HOTEL--Received request of Monterey County Planning Commission to acquire Dutton Hotel, near Jolon, as historic monument. Replied that commission primarily is interested in acquiring ruins of Mission San Antonio, nearby, for restoration, and that hotel would be acquired in conjunction with mission.

WILL ROGERS RIDING CONCESSION--Extended concession of Mr. A. T. Best for two months and will advertise for bids on new riding stable concession.

LA PURISIMA MISSION--Instructed Santa Barbara County Supervisor McClellan to submit a report by the La Purisima Advisory Committee on its plans for creating a "living mission" at the La Purisima Mission Historic Monument, Lompoc.

LOS ANGELES BEACHES--Order staff to proceed with acquisition of Los Angeles County beach area from Hermosa Beach north and including property in the Topanga Canyon area several miles north of Santa Monica.

MOONLIGHT BEACH--Directed staff to proceed with acquisition of Moonlight Beach, San Diego County.

SANTA BARBARA BEACH ACQUISITION Directed staff to proceed with acquisition of four parcels of land to enlarge Carpinteria Beach State Park. Moved that we will acquire Pt. Sal area of Santa Barbara County as a beach park upon conclusion of agreement that county will operate for period of years, and provided that the Board of Supervisors take steps to remedy a reported pollution in the area.

COLUMBIA CONDEMNATIONS--Mr. Hennessey reported inability to reach agreement on purchase prices of certain parcels of land at Columbia, and the commission authorized condemnation proceedings against properties of Peter J. and Barbara B. Nadotti, Nellie and John F. Cody, and Julius C. and Pauline Nagle.

COLUMBIA ACQUISITIONS--Approved purchase of properties in Columbia belonging to Louis W. and Lutie V. Osborn, and Belle McKenzie.

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GLASS HOUSE ACQUISITION--Mr. Hennessey reported receiving gift deed to Glass House, historic landmark, and 121.11 acres of land near Watsonville, Monterey County. Commission decided to ascertain what provision is being made by Monterey County for management and care of area in the event the State obtains title and pending adoption of legislation supplying funds for the restoration.

MORRO BAY--Renew boating concession of C. L. Galt, at $100 per year.

POLICE POWERS--Granted police powers in State Parks to certain employees of the Division. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE--Chief Henning reported cruise completed on proposed acquisition of this Big Tree grove, but no price indicated by owners. However, owners do not anticipate any cutting in area for at least one year, and they will set a price before that time.

STATE LANDS COMMISSION--Informed State Lands Commission that commission did not desire to include mouth of Malibu Creek,and Portuguese Bend, in Los Angeles County beach acquisition plan.

INYO HOT SPRINGS--Commission decided to report to Legislature that the acquisition of this area in Inyo County was not desirable for State Park purposes.

Meeting recessed for day at 5:30 P. M.

Recessed meeting called into executive session at 9:15 A. M. March 22.

RIDGECREST BOULEVARD ACQUISITION, MT. TAMALPAIS--Commission approved acquisition of toll road if State can acquire summit tavern and about 20 acres adjacent, and if Marin County Water District grants perpetual easement over the East Peak for hiking trails around the mountain and to the summit. Certain Additional provisions also included.

ZACA LAKE ACQUISITION--Commission expressed interest in creation of State Park in the Zaca Lake area of Santa Barbara County, and asked the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to investigate and submit to the commission proposed terms of acquisition, subject to matching.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL--Instructed staff that no further expense be incurred for new commitments in connection with this project until a report by James Warren and George Heller of the Engineering section, and Irwin Mcclintock of the lands section, is considered by the Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee and a report thereon made back to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. March 22, 1947. Next meeting will be May 2 and 3, 1947, in Placerville. Following the meeting members of the commission and staff visited La Purisima Mission Historic Monument.

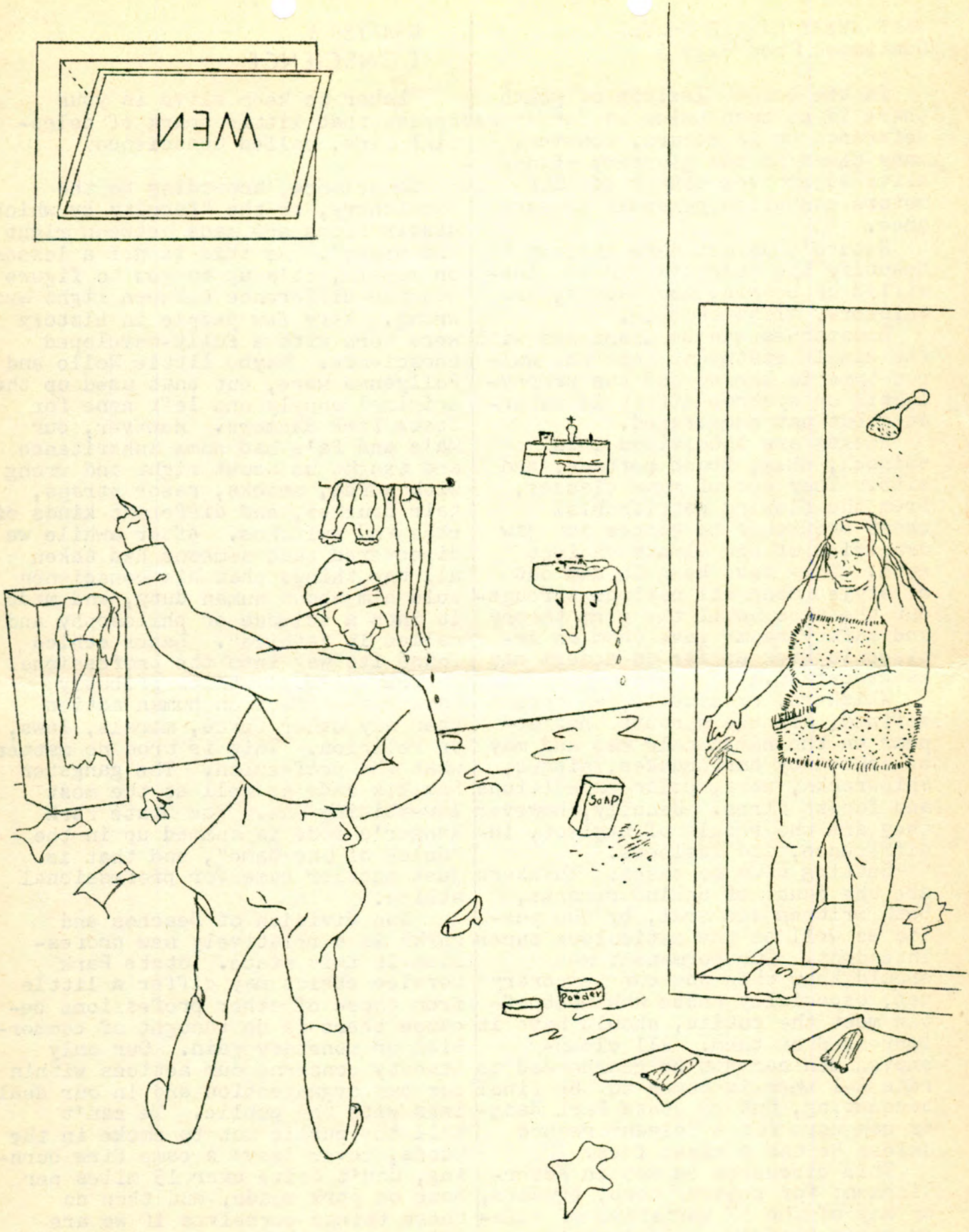
BOTANICALLY SPEAKING

The Calaveras Big Trees State Park boasts of an "arboreal island". To the best of our knowledge, this is the only State Park that can claim this distinction.

The Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, being well-defined geographically and sharply set off from the surrounding flora, definitely posseses the characteristics to place it among the arboreal islands of the State of California. The reason for this undoubtly is due to the local climatic conditions which have made the persistence of the Big Trees possible in the area which today is the Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

SIERRA (County)--See-air-rah...saw. saw-toothed mountains.

SIERRA NEVADA (Mountains)--See-air-rah Nay-vah-dah...Snowy sierra. It is incorrect to say "Sierra Nevadas", or "Sierras." Say "Sierra."



"BUT RANGER---IT'S ALWAYS SO NICE AND CLEAN OVER HERE--"

WHAT EVERY RANGER SHOULD KNOW
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In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such thing as "whiskers". Reference to it occurs, however, many times in the glossary of derogative adjectives connected with mature masculine personal appearance.

Nature's unfortunate attempt to beautify the male sex can be classified as beards, moustaches, and whiskers, alias stubble.

Moustaches can be dismissed with the simple statement that the walrus type is barred and the prophylactic or eyebrow effect is tolerated but not encouraged.

Beards are subdivided into spinach, shag, brush herbage, and zits. They are of many classes, from the flowing patriarchial chest protector to goatee and jaw draperies of the almost extinct rube. They have been in and out of style among all nations throughout the ages until the germ theory and safety razor gave them an antiseptic kick as far as modern man is concerned.

Whiskers, or stubble, as here defined, are the sprouts that appear on the human male map and may be caused by earthquakes, sieges, shipwrecks, wars, polar expeditions, and forest fires. Usually, however, they are the result of neglect, indifference, and laziness.

Getting down to cases: Whiskers are the cause of unkind remarks, both written and oral, by the public as well as the meticulous superintendent. Our permanent men should know this and our temporary men, especially those who most often meet the public, should have it impressed on them. All clean-shaven men can not be guaranteed to rate A-1 when it comes to the final accounting, but no State Park Ranger can hope for a "clean" record unless he has a clean face.

This discourse is not an advertisement for shaving soap, brushes, or any of the 57 varieties of safety razor blades. Like Aesop's Fables, it has a moral - which everyone can discover by looking in his mirror.

CHAPTER V

CONSCIENCE

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called Conscience"

Conscience, according to the dictionary, is the "faculty by which distinctions are made between right and wrong". As this is not a lesson on morals, it's up to you to figure out the difference between right and wrong. Very few people in history were born with a fully-developed conscience. Maybe little Rollo and Pollyanna were, but that used up the original supply and left none for State Park Rangers. However, our Ma's and Pa's had some inheritance and taught us about right and wrong with words, smacks, razor straps, hair brushes, and different kinds of rods and switches. After awhile we discovered that someone had taken all the things that his conscience told him about human duty, and made it into a science or philosophy and called it "ethics". Later ethics found its way into the professions.

Professional ethics probably have more effect on human action than any other force, morals, laws, or religion. This is true no matter what the profession. The gangster has his code as well as the most law-abiding man. The State Park Ranger's code is summed up in the "Rules of the Game", and that is just another name for professional ethics.

The Division of Beaches and Parks is a relatively new profession in this state. State Park Service ethics may differ a little from those of other professions because there is no thought of commercial or monetary gain. Our only honesty concerns our actions within our own organization and in our dealings with the public. We can't tell the public not to smoke in the woods, never leave a camp fire burning, don't drive over 15 miles per hour on park roads, and then do these things ourselves if we are going to play the game square. It isn't according to our professional ethics.

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CHAPTER VI

OBEYING ORDERS

"Through obedience learn to command"

The queer thing about orders is that sometimes they can be obeyed too well. The old ranger told the new deputy to do a good job of backfiring on both sides of a fire trail. The old ranger was joshing, but the new deputy didn't know that and so he proceeded to spoil a lot of hard work. This shows that you have to mix a knowledge of onions with your obedience and also that people have to pick their times and persons when they want to get off a few wisecracks. However, in the long run, it is safer to carry out every order to the letter.

Of course, emergencies arise and conditions change that cannot be foreseen to spoil any chance of obeying orders. That's different and gives you a chance to display your headwork and enterprise, but the knowledge that you can be counted on to carry out orders and instructions is comforting to the men who are running the show and does you no harm. When you obey orders and follow instructions you are dependable and when you are dependable you are good.

The State Park Service never has been, and it is hoped, never will be, the same as factory production methods. In spite of district superintendents we are on our own most of the time and this is one of the great reasons why the State Park Service is worth while. It calls for individual responsibility under changing conditions and that is why it is interesting. The future of the Service depends now, as in the past, on the ability and willingness of the individual members to carry out plans and execute orders to the letter.

CHAPTER VII

HEADS UP!

"To look up and not down,
To look forward and not back,
To look out and not in - and
To lend a hand".

The main trouble with all books of Rules and Instructions is that they never make allowance for your feelings. Take the "Navy Regulations" for example - it doesn't tell you what to do when you get scared stiff. Our own Manual, with its many pages, is full of Do's and Don'ts, but you wouldn't call it a human document. You couldn't find an ounce of comfort in a truck load of them, and if you needed an inspiration, you would probably have to take an aspirin after looking for it.

What we mean is, that there is liable to come a time along about the middle of the summer season when we get that "What's the Use" feeling. That's the time on a hot August day when you have to lick your lips and swallow twice to spit once; when you have just completed a tough day's work and you find you have to do it all over again.

This "sunk" complex comes from taking the count of nine too many times and working too long on your nerve. When your muscles are dead tired and your head begins to swim, then the old nerves get frazzled and let the gloom in. The highbrow name for all this is "morale". When we think back a little, and look around and see what fine work the "pioneers" in our Service have completed, we wonder how they managed it; knowing what we do about the conditions and circumstances they had to work under. But did they quit? They did not! Their "goats" may have strayed a bit, but they herded them back and went to it again with their chests filled up with a second wind.

When you're fagged out and down in the dumps, that's the time you need a little old fashioned word of comfort like our Grandmas and

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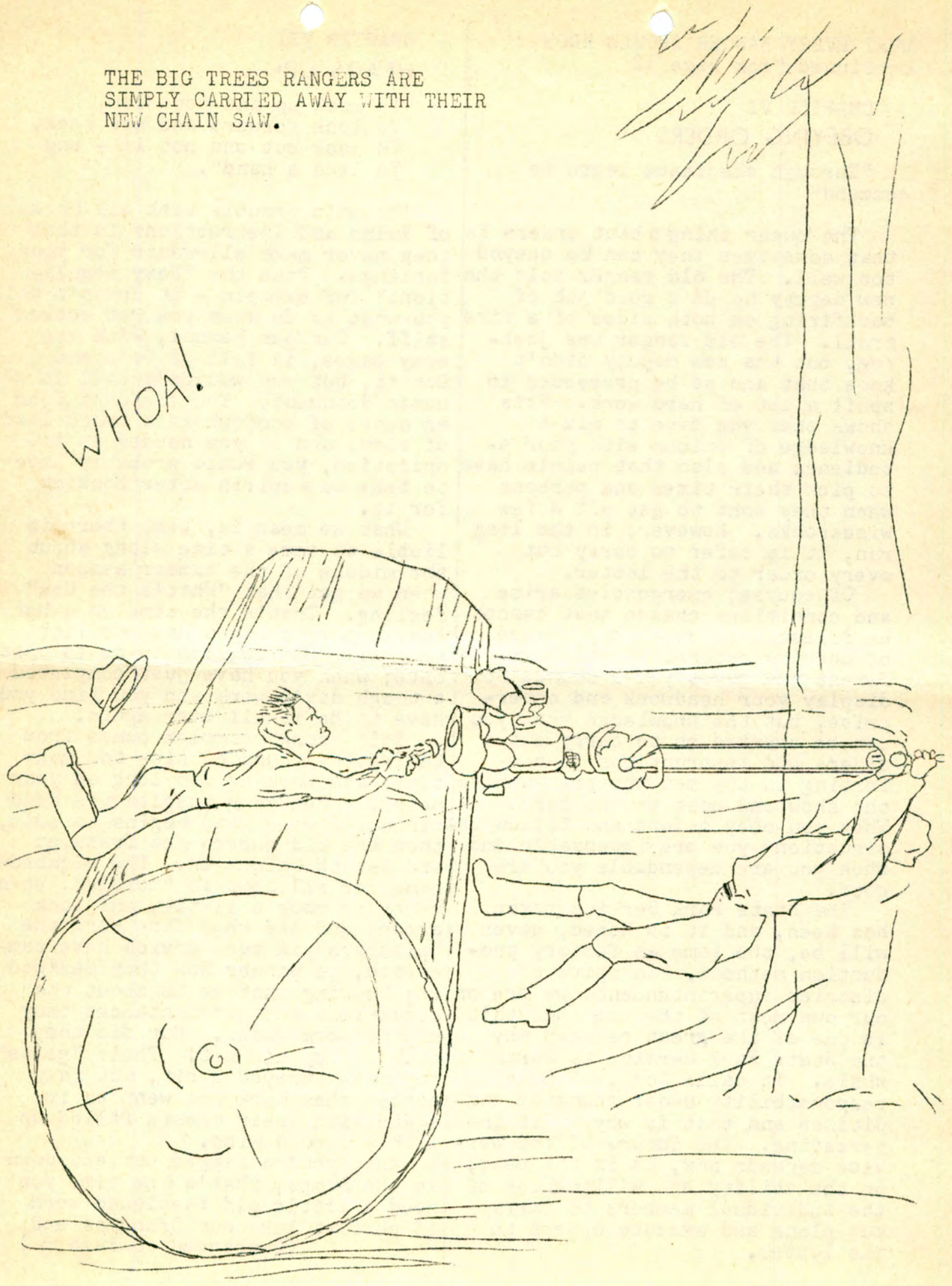
THE BIG TREES RANGERS ARE SIMPLY CARRIED AWAY WITH THEIR NEW CHAIN SAW.



CALAVERAS BIG TREES
HEATH FAMILY

BY JOHN C. MC KENZIE
STATE PARK NATURE GUIDE

The Calaveras Big Trees State Park is justly proud of the magnificent Big Trees (Sequoia gigantea, Decene) which are found in its grove. It can be just as proud of the many lesser plants which can be found along its trails. So, in fancy, let us take to the trails and for a time search the forest floor for the members of the Heath family of plants (The Ericaceae.).

Leaving the site of the old hotel we take the Grove trail and make our first stop by the side of a fallen and decaying white fir log on the left of the trail just a few steps past the Three Graces group of Sequoias.

In the deep shade we see our first Snow Plant (Sarcodes sanguinea Torr). It is a solitary, bright red, or crimson, herb with a single thick, fleshy, scaly stem arising from a thick ball of brittle roots and ending in a raceme of fleshy crimson flowers.

In a receme the flowers are clustered along the stem as in the common lupines or in the larkspurs. The flowers are one half to three quarters of an inch long, pendulous, bell shaped, waxy, and deep scarlet, subtended by a scarlet bract, a leaf-like structure. The scarlet leaves are reduced to scales and thickly clothe the thick stem.

When in deep shade or in the bright sun, these plants are most striking to see. Their color is so rich, that at times, when seen in deep shade, they appear to be nearly black.

On occasion we notice clusters of small fleshy white plants with white scale-like leaves just breaking through the leaf mold an inch or so. These are immature snow plants.

Snow plants are common along the Grove trail between the Three Graces Group and the Mother Tree. They are also found in the deep woods south of the meadow and west of the picnic area, to mention just the easiest places.

While on the Grove Trail we see the White-Veined Shinleaf (Pirola picta, Smith). These plants are everywhere along the trail. Their broad, leathery, dark green, white-veined or mottled leaves, one to three inches long, form beautiful rosettes on the ground.

About the middle of July a single dark green, slender stem grows up six to nine inches from each rosette. Fat waxy buds at the tip of the leafless stem swell and droop on their slender stems and take their places to form a raceme of flowers.

These flowers are waxy, greenish-white or flesh-colored with five distinct petals, incurved, ten clustered, yellow stamens are closely packed about a slender pistle which protrudes from each flower.

The broad fleshy leaves of this family were used by peasants in England in plasters applied to bruises and sores, thus the name "Shinleaf".

Now we leave the regular trail and find the damp streambed which winds through the forest, Big Tree Creek. Here we can find a plant with a stem and flowers nearly identical to those of the White-veined Shinleaf in color, shape and growth. There are no leaves and the plant grows in clusters and small patches in boggy places. This is the Leafless Wintergreen, another of the Pirolas, (Pirola aphyla, Smith) a plant parasite.

The sepals are red and the petals are greenish-white or flesh colored and three eights of an inch long and just as wide. More of these plants can be found along the trail from Squaw Hollow to the Calaveras River.

Our next trip is a hike to the Calaveras River, taking the trail at Squaw Hollow. Shortly after crossing a small creek we see a

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

NEW RANGER GRADE I EXAM

A new civil service examination for Ranger Grade 1 has been scheduled by the State Personnel Board for June 7, 1947, to establish another list to meet additional requirements in the field for beginning rangers after July 1, 1947.

The Chief urges the field to assist in recruiting prospects for future co-workers.

REFUTING A RUMOR

Staff members traveling in the field have discovered employees in some areas of the State who are of the belief that the present salary scales for rangers include a partial emergency adjustment which may be taken away from them.

This is WRONG! The present salary scale for all classes is a permanent scale.

ADDITIONS, CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

New appointments--Marshall A. Ruge, ranger grade 1, Mt. Diablo; A. E. Whittington, Jr., ranger grade 1, Big Sur; Lewis Rogers, Jr., ranger grade 1, Carpinteria; Gene W. Davis, ranger grade 1, Mt. Diablo; Paul Haines, ranger grade 1, Palomar; Charles P. Lyden, ranger grade 1, Doheny Beach; Alan Philbrock, ranger grade 1, San Clemente Beach; William P. Dougherty, ranger grade 1, Morro Bay; Deronz L. Young, ranger grade 1, Russian Gulch; and Donald I. Rich, ranger grade 1, Seacliff Beach.

Transfers--Darrell Knoefler, ranger grade 2, from Big Basin to Columbia; James Blee, ranger grade 1, from Big Sur to Pt. Lobos; James F. Trynor, ranger grade 1, from Williams Grove to Patricks Point.

Separations--Ernest G. Bauman, skilled laborer, from Patricks Point, resigned; Newton S. Grout, ranger grade 1, from Gold Discovery Site, resigned; Robert E. Padias, assistant groundsman and gardener, Sonoma Mission, resigned.

CORRECTIONS IN ADDRESSES

Mail addressed to Jack R. Dyson, curator, San Juan Bautista Historic Monument, should be sent to P. O. Box 11, San Juan Bautista Historic Monument, San Juan Bautista, Calif.

Official park mail to Assistant Superintendent William Kenyon of South Central District should be addressed to 210 Olivier Street, Monterey, instead of 530 Houston Street, Monterey.

QUOTING THE FIELD

* "Man talks so much, says so little; nature utters never a tiring useless word, yet says so much."--- Raymond Nelson, Ranger grade 1, Dyerville headquarters.
* "It is very dry. I hope the water lasts through the season. The patrons surely enjoy the swimming pool. There will be no display of wildflowers this year because of the rain shortage."--J. W. Calvert, Ranger grade 3, Anza Desert.
* "Work on the museum is progressing well. Mr. Penhale is doing a wonderful job."--Charles Fakler, Ranger grade 3, Big Basin.
* Out of town people are asking about buying homes and businesses in Columbia: dry goods, ladies' wear, beauty shops--a regular gold rush of mistaken ideas."--Darrell A. Knoefler Ranger grade 2, Columbia.
* "Part of the CCC Camp occupied by the U.S. Army nearest our campground was released March 21, thereby clearing the way for the proposed building program. I hope this ends the military occupation of this park."--Lloyd W. Lively, Ranger grade 3, Morro Bay.
* "We have an unusual amount of wild pigeons this year. They are becoming somewhat of a nuisance, denuding trees of buds and berries in some areas."--Jess Chaffee, Ranger Grade 3, Mt. Diablo.

SEQUOIA (Humboldt County)--See-kwoy-ah...Named for the Cherokee chief, Sequoyah, who invented an alphabet for his tribe. The coastal form of California's great trees is called the "redwood" (Sequoia sempervirens); the Sierra form, the "big tree" (Sequoia gigantea).

POLICE POWER IS GRANTED

Police powers within State Parks of California were granted to the following field personnel at the March meeting of the State Park Commission in Santa Barbara.

Michael Powell, Roland Geyer, Stanley Jones, William D. Markle, Donald I. Rich, Lewis G. Rogers, Jr., Leonard Penhale, Alvin F. Whittington, Jr., George Hagens, William P. Dougherty, Wallace S. Moody, Bassett A. Farber, Marshall Ruge, Hugo Eric Hoy, George Holmboe, Raymond L. Nelson, Wm. J. Haussler, Erwin M. Single, Gordon J. Cooley, Robert E. Stewart, Lester M. Ransom, James P. Tryner, John C. Mason, Deronz L. Young, Jack W. Lemley, Clifford Overton, Frank L. Davies, Kenneth Stanley, Francis H. Wiget, Alan Philbrook, Llewellyn P. Griffith, Henry W. Saddler, Alfred Salzgeber, Paul Haines, Charles P. Lyden, Leo Crawford and Maurice Morgan.

FIRE THREATENS ROGERS HOME

Fire damaged office fixtures, floor, walls and some records in the second-story office at Will Rogers State Park, Chief Ranger Eugene Velzy reported this month.

The fire, caused by a short in a lamp wire, occured at 9:15 A.M. Saturday, March 15, and was discovered by Herbert Hedicke, ranger grade 1.

Rangers extinguished the fire before the city fire department arrived. Velzy said:

"I especially commend all the rangers in this park for their exceedingly quick action in bringing flames under control, their perfect team work, and the lack of wasted movements in the fire-fighting."

THE 'FISH' STORY TO END ALL FISH STORIES

Chief Ranger R. A. Wilson tells this story of an occurance at Pt. Lobos Reserve State Park this month:

"Jess Williams, fishing in company with H. E. Robertson, Roy Stone and V. L. Poss, all of Salinas, was swept by a gigantic comber off the rocks of Mound Meadows Bay into treacherous, icy waters which have claimed the lives of many fishermen, several each year.

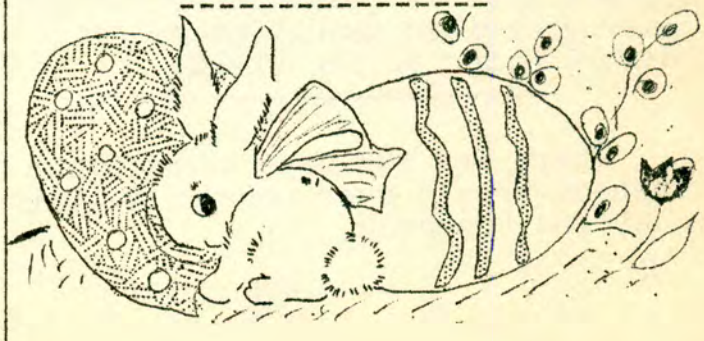
"As he was being carried swiftly out of the little bay to sea, his cries attracted the attention of Robertson, about 100 yards away.

"Rushing to a point of vantage on the water's edge, Robertson made a beautiful 250-foot cast with his surf tackle, putting the light line directly across Williams, but the rig snagged in bottom rocks.

"For a few breathless moments Williams' life hung in balance as he struggled to free the line. Finally he managed to break the leader, and as he clung desperately to the freed line, Robertson played him like a big fish, skillfully working the victim's weight against the strong currents.

"Slowly, Robertson eased his "big fish" into shore and Williams was landed after about 10 minutes in the icy waters. He was unhurt except for superficial cuts.

"Many men have been swept into the Pt. Lobos surf, but Williams is the first in my knowledge to come out alive. The rescue was made possibly only by Robertson's extreme skill, and the coolness of both men during the entire incident."



FIELD MANUAL NEARLY READY

The long-anticipated Field Manual, designed to replace the present ring-binder collection of information for the field, has reached the 50 percent-of-completion stage, and, it is expected, will be available for distribution to the field within a month.

Each permanent ranger and curator in the field will receive a personal copy, to be registered by number to him, as is the official badge.

The new manual is bound in a 11" X 8½" stiff, black fabrihide binder, and the cover is printed in gold ink, containing the title, "Field Manual", the seal of the State of California, and the division and department name at the bottom.

The cover is actually a spring-back binder, and when the loose-leaf contents are placed within the spring-bind and the cover snaps shut, the effect is the same as though the material had been glued and stitched together like a standard book.

Present outline of contents include 10 sections, as follows: A) Introduction; B) History and Organization of the State Park System; C) Features and Facilities of the State Park System; D) General Field Instructions; E) Laws, Rules and Regulations; F) Personnel; G) Accounting; H) Property and Equipment; I) Purchases; J) Forms and Reports.

After the manual is issued, all subsequent changes in policy, regulations, and procedure, will be made by additions and changes within the manual and the Sacramento office will be responsible for preparing revised manual pages for distribution to the field.

There are two days about which nobody should ever worry: yesterday and tomorrow.

-----BURDETTE

STATE PARKS AND CONSERVATION

Because Conservation Week, as proclaimed by Earl Warren, Governor of California, occurred during this month, we feel that it would be appropriate to include some ideas of how we think the Division of Beaches and Parks furthers Conservation in the State of California, in line with the Governor's plea for year-around conservation.

The Parks, Beaches, and Historical Monuments are doing much toward preserving for all time something of the natural wild beauty and grandeur as well as points of historical interest of the State. Beyond the boundaries of these preserves the State is being changed or modified by the rapid growth of modern civilization.

The Parks of California, while of greatest practical utility to the general public, are also of special interest to botanists and historians of today as well as of future generations, because within their boundaries the native flora and historical points will be preserved in a natural state.

Conservation as pertaining to Natural Resources has different interpretations. On occasions we have been called upon to differentiate between the preservation of trees and the preservation of forests. Preservation of trees in a State Park is a first consideration because of the relations which these bear to beauty in landscape effects or to their historic or scientific interest.

Comparing this policy of conservation as practiced in State Parks with that of a National Forest we readily see the difference. Trees in National Forests, especially mature and over mature timber are destined to be cut or are now being cut and sold for conversion to forest products for use

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small bog in which there is a patch of tall, slender, reddish brown plants, suggestive of the Snow Plant. It is Pine Drops (Pterospora andromida, Nutt), a saprophytic which grows in damp shaded spots, a scavenger plant.

An uncanny, reddish brown stem raises a raceme of small, yellowish waxen bells one to three or four feet. The leaves are small, slender, reddish brown and occur singly, widely spaced on the stem, becoming more abundant at the base of the stem. The roots are a thick ball of matted fibers. The flowers seem too small for such a long bare stem. The entire plant is extremely gummy. This prohibits the enthusiastic gathering of this interesting plant while it is growing.

It is not uncommon to find the dried seed vessels and stems of these plants preserved from the preceding season, standing with the growing plants. These are most attractive, ornamental, and not gummy. They could be used to good advantage in flower arrangements.

As we come near the Calaveras River we smell the sweet scent of the Western Azalea (Rhododendron occidentale, Gray). This, too, is a member of the Heath Family. At first glance the relationship of this willow-like, shiny-leafed shrub is hard to see, but the botanist finds the family resemblance in the structure of the flowers.

Azalea bushes crowd the banks of the Calaveras as far as we can see. Thousands of large, white and pinkish flowers clustered at the tips of unnumbered long slender branches make an unforgetable sight.

The single flowers of the Azalea are larger than most of the Heath family flowers, and not so distinctly bell-shaped. They are tubular or widely trumpet shaped, with spreading petals. They may be as much as one and a half to nearly two inches long. The five petals are slightly irregular, the upper lobe having a large yellow splotch on its inner side. When handled, the flowers have a gummy feel and readily break off, leaving the sepals and seed case on the stem.

The name Rhododendron means the rose tree. This family has a bad reputation among stockmen. The leaves are very poisonous to sheep and cattle. They cause a fatal spasm and paralysis when eaten in quantity by these animals.

It is time to return to camp and review our notes on this trip and our other travels. Now, we find that we have seen other members of this plant family. We may easily recognize the waxy, bell-shaped flowers. Among them are the Read Heather of the Sierrs, (7,000-12,000 ft.) Phyllococe breweri (Gray), the red-barked Madrono tree, (Arbutus Menziesii, Pursh) and the great variety of manzanitas (Arctostaphylos) with their beautiful red bark and twisted branches. The berry of the manzanita, when ripe, is used by many to make wonderful jelly. Manzanita means little apple.

These heaths may not be the only members of this family to be found in Calaveras Big Trees State Park, but they are the types most often seen along the trails.

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by the public and to make room for new growth.

Logging is carried on so as to be assured of a new stand or, if already established, it is protected and the forest yield eventually is increased over the yield in a stand of nature. This is conservation of forests by wise use.

The furtherance of conservation as practiced by the Division of Beaches and Parks has and will have an ever increasing value to the welfare of the people of the State of California.

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District Superintendents in this matter.

QUITE UNIQUE

The State Park Commission has approved the request of Boy Scout Troop No. 78 of Long Beach, California in their desire to supply a bronze plaque to be placed on the Gold Discovery Site in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold by James W. Marshall on January 24, 1848 in the tailrace of Sutter's Mill.

Announcing...

Rosalind Clary, intermediate stenographer-clerk, and assistant to the editor of this publication, will become the bride of Raymond D. Falconer, at a double-ring ceremony in the chapel of the First Methodist Church Friday night, April 11.

Approximately 100 guests have been invited to the ceremony and a reception to follow.

Miss Sarah Riolo, of the Sacramento office, will be the maid of honor.

The groom is a veteran of World War II, having served as a flight officer in the Army Air Corps.

The couple will honeymoon in the Carmel area.

Sincere wishes that the best in life will come your way, Rosalind, are extended by the "headquarters" gang.

HATCHES VISIT SACRAMENTO

Assistant Ranger and Mrs. Robert Hatch of Mt. San Jacinto State Park visited the Sacramento office on March 25 while on vacation, only to be called back to their mountain home by word that his mother had suffered a slight stroke.

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Grandpas used to get out of the family Bible. Now these same messages are still in the Good Book for you to read if you feel like it, but maybe your Park is a long way off and what you want is cheer and inspiration right on the spot.

Then step off by yourself, climb a hill and take a look over the Park that the people of your state have placed in your trust. Stop a moment, rest and think --- and just as sure as you wear the badge of the State of California, you'll go back to your job with a new hope in your chest and your HEAD UP.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

If you would convince a man that he does wrong, do right. Men will believe what they see. Let them see-----

Thoreau

"EVERYBODY ALL SET?"

NEWS & VIEWS

Published during the last week of each month for personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks.

---Park Commission---

Joseph R. Knowland (Oakland), chairman, Leo Carrillo, (Santa Monica), Charles Kasch, (Ukiah) and George Waldner, (Ferndale). One vacancy.

A. E. HENNING
Chief of Division

Editor.....Edward F. Dolder
Assistant.....Rosalind Clary

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

My thanks to the Big Tree men for their work in this issue, and a special mention to Mary Twight for her drawings--perhaps the "rest room" cartoon might be reprinted and used as a poster in all comfort stations set aside for the gentle sex.

The next issue of News & Views will be sponsored by La Purisima Mission Historic Monument, and Ranger Art Sill and his "neophytes" are hard at work now pounding out the words that will better acquaint you with the finest restoration of an early day California mission--a restoration which, by the way, is regarded by the United States government as the second finest restoration in the United States, Williamsburg, Virginia, being the best.--EFD

If a man be gracious to strangers, it shows that he is a citizen of the world, and his heart is no island, cut off from other islands, but a continent that joins them.

------BACON

EVENTS SCHEDULED AT
MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

The Community Church of Mill Valley, Marin County, sponsored by the Rotary Club, will hold Easter Sunrise services in the Mountain Theatre at Mt. Tamalpais State Park on Sunday, April 6.

The annual Mountain Theatre Play will be held in the park this year on May 18 at 2 P.M. The play will be "Alice in Wonderland", staged by the Mountain Theatre Association of San Francisco.

Last year the mountain play attracted an audience of 6,000 persons.

Members of the Sierra Club in the San Francisco Bay area recently held a Trail Day in the park, with about fifty members working for five hours on the park trails. Several other hiking clubs hold trail days on the mountain, all sponsored by the Tamalpais Conservation Club.

OFFICE MEMO

State of California
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
Department of Natural Resources

To: The old friends and employees of the Division of Beaches and Parks

From: Glad and Ernie Joslin

Subject: Overflowing hearts

It is difficult to find the proper words--and enough of them!----to tell our many friends of our gratitude and happiness in the receipt of so many enthusiastic messages of good wishes and the lovely wedding gifts that have been received. Believe us, they will serve as happy reminders of the members of our beloved "Parks family" for many years to come.

Again ---- THANKS!

NEWS NOTE
The next meeting of the Park Commission will be May 2-3 in Placerville.

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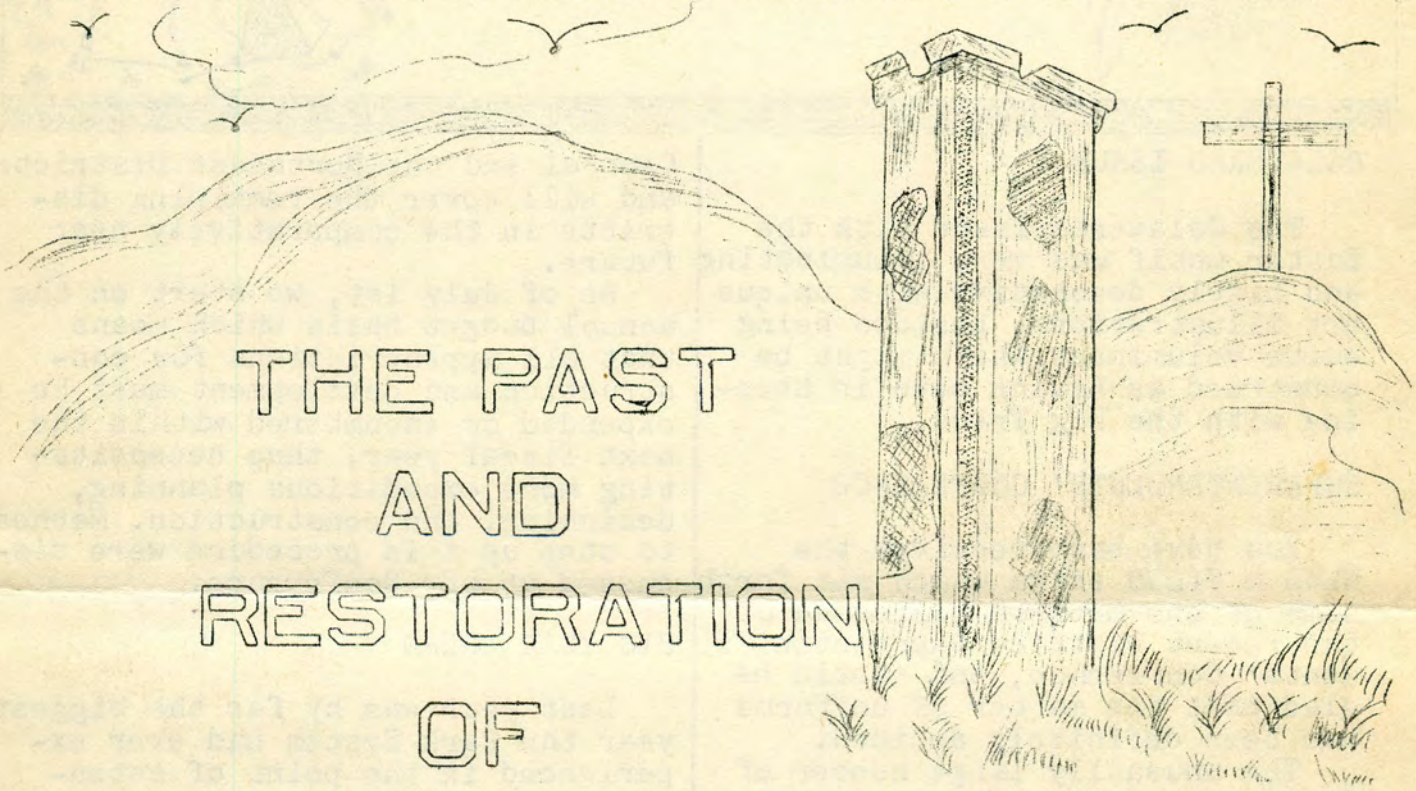

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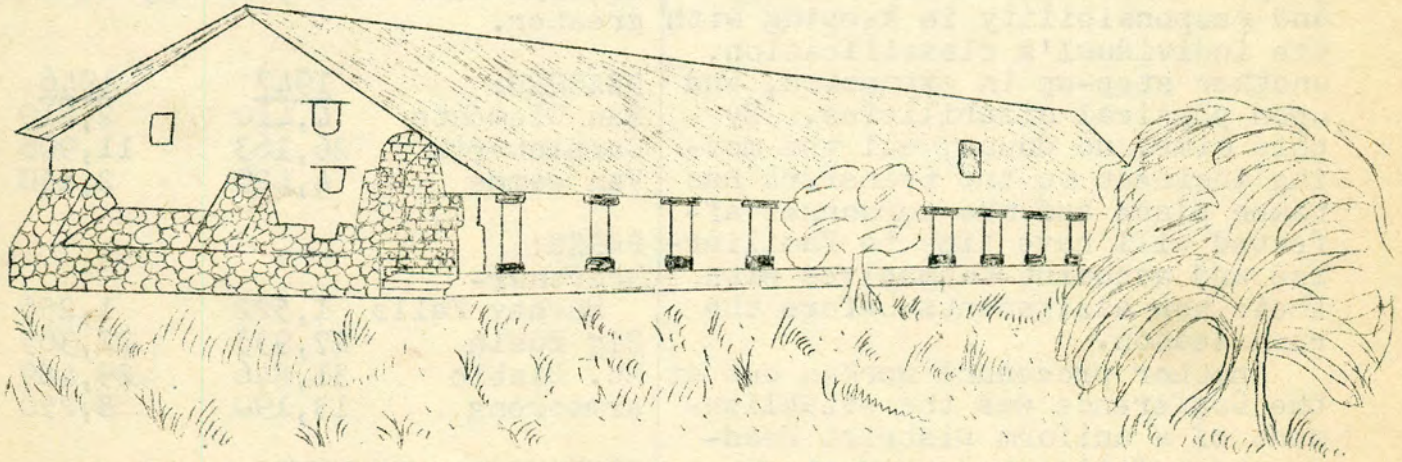
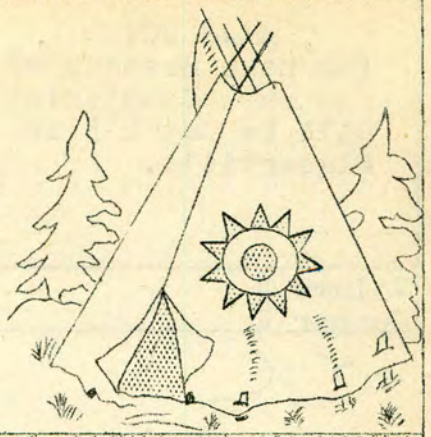


MISSION LA PURISIMA

A STATE HISTORIC MONUMENT

THE CHIEF SPEAKS



CALAVERAS ISSUE

The Calaveras Issue with the Easter motif was very illuminating and highly decorative with unique art illustrations, besides being quite voluminous which might be construed as having been in keeping with the Big Trees.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

You have each received the NEWS & VIEWS extra which set forth some of the matters discussed at the recent District Superintendents' Conference, and should be glad that the matter of uniforms has been definitely decided.

The unusually large number of field transfers and assignments to new areas was brought about mainly by duration appointments, proper distribution of location and responsibility in keeping with the individual's classification, another step-up in expansion, and upon physical disabilities. By this time, no doubt, all the moving incident to the transfers has taken place and the personnel affected will have time to familiarize and acquaint themselves with their new assignments before the rush season.

Another procedure worked out at the Conference was the establishment of a uniform District Headquarters filing and operations procedure identical with the one now in effect at the Sacramento Office. Ronald Miller has already established the new system in the Central and the Northeast Districts and will cover the remaining districts in the comparatively near future.

As of July 1st, we start on the annual budget basis which means that all appropriations for construction and development must be expended or encumbered within the next fiscal year, thus necessitating more expeditious planning, designing, and construction. Methods to step up this procedure were discussed at the Conference.

BIG YEAR AHEAD

Last year was by far the biggest year the Park System had ever experienced in the point of attendance, the following figures for the first three and one-half months of each year will bear out the prediction that this year may be even greater.

	1947	1946
BEACHES:		
San Clemente	4,410	2,810
Carpinteria	26,163	11,906
Van Damme	4,420	2,150
PARKS:		
McArthur-Burney Falls	1,522	1,256
Big Basin	27,935	22,365
Mt. Diablo	31,846	29,489
Armstrong	13,190	8,250
HISTORICAL MONUMENTS:		
First Theatre	9,948	8,709
San Juan Bautista	4,016	3,812

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A VISIT TO LA PURISIMA MISSION

By A. W. SILL
Ranger, Grade 2

You have turned off Highway 150 about a half mile down the road and swung into the parking lot past the carved figure of a Padre standing beside the gate at the Mission entrance. Then you proceed along a garden path to see the Mission. The curator, "Dick" Rodriguez, or any of the rangers who may be working around the premises, will be glad to answer your questions and will give you a personally conducted tour at your request.

You step into the corridor of the Residence building and look down the long colonnade. Eighteen massive columns (nine of them originals) support the roof and lend grace and beauty to an otherwise ordinary porch with tile roof and floor. Your eyes fall upon the great, spreading pepper tree which touches the porch roof and you are told that it is 100 years old.

Next you enter the first room at the north east corner of the building. This particular room might be called an office and is furnished with a rustic table, leather-back chair, and a few benches around the walls-all reproductions of pieces from this or other missions.

This building has twenty-two rooms and was originally occupied by the two resident Padres, their servants and guests. In the sala or reception room you may register if you like and pick up a few leaflets containing pictures and giving a brief history of the Mission. If it is a cool day you may be greeted and warmed by a fire in the corner fireplace.

Pausing here a few minutes you learn that this Mission was originally founded in 1787, on a site within the city limits of Lompoc, four miles distant; that the disasterous earthquake of 1812 compelled the Padres to abandon that site; that the following year they began to build on the present site; that at one time approximately 1500 Indians were living at the Mission; that the abandonment by Spain of her Alta California Missions and their secularization resulted in such extensive plundering and looting of the Mission properties that the deterioration of this once proud and prosperous settlement was swift and sure.

You may learn that through the cooperation of the County of Santa Barbara, the National Park Service, and the State Division of Parks, the vast job of restoration was begun, using CCC enrollees for labor. Beginning in 1934 an intensive field study of the archeological remains of the Mission was systematically carried on for several months before actual restoration work began.

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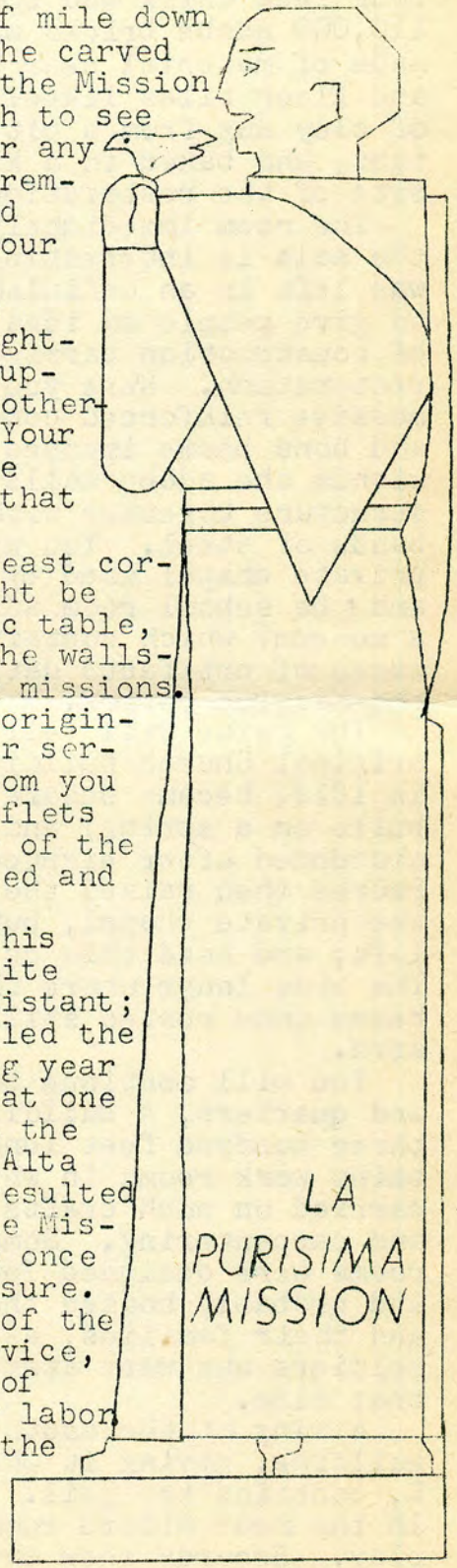

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By the summer of 1935, however, the massive walls of the Residence Building were taking shape. It might be said in passing that the walls of this building are over four feet thick and contain 110,000 adobe bricks which were made of material near by. The roof and floor tiles likewise, were made of clay dug from a pit not far distant, and baked in a kiln at the site of the restoration.

The room immediately south of the sala is interesting in that it was left in an unfinished condition to give people an idea of the type of construction carried out in the restoration. Here you will see the massive reinforced concrete columns and bond beams imposed upon and within the adobe walls, tying the structure together with unseen bands of steel. You will see the private chapel used by the Padres, and the school room adjoining (now a museum) which contains several cases of artifacts dating back to the Mission period.

The guide will tell you that the original Church building, erected in 1818, became unsafe (it was built on a spring) and had to be abandoned after eighteen years. The Padres then raised the ceiling in the private chapel, put in a choir loft, and used this as their Church. The wide ledge where the ceiling beams once rested still may be seen.

You will continue to the shops and quarters, a building well over three hundred feet long. It contains work rooms in which were carried on such crafts as weaving and carpentering. Some of the rooms were designed for apartments, and probably housed the majordomos and their families, as well as the soldiers who were stationed here at that time.

A wing at the south end of this building, giving it the shape of an L, contains the jail. Large patios in the rear afford room for work or play. Records show this building to have been erected in 1816.

As you emerge from the south end of the shops and quarters, the majestic walls of the Church and bell tower loom before you. Here, in one final, magnificient effort, stands the Padres' pride and joy. This building was erected in 1818, the bell tower and cemetery wall in 1821. As mentioned before, moisture crept into the walls of the original building, and it was abandoned about 1836.

You will step up to the rail of the sanctuary and read the inscription on the plaque over the grave of Fr. Mariano Payeras: "Born - Isle of Mayorca 1769. Died - La Purisima Mission 1823". He was Presidente of the California Missions from 1815 to 1819, and resident Padre at La Purisima from 1804 until his death. Upon his shoulders fell the gigantic task of salvaging from the ruins of the original structures, following the disasterous earthquake shocks of 1812, what remained of their equipment and supplies, placating a thousand or more scared, shivering, hungry Indians, moving to a new site, and beginning all over again. "Rest in Peace", it says on the plaque.

Climb the stairs of the tower and ring the bells--most everyone does. The upper bell is merely a wooden replica, but the two lower ones are the "real" thing. They were cast in Lima, Peru, in 1817-18 and probably were installed soon after the completion of the tower in 1821.

Passing through the cemetery wall to the rear of the church, you will see the unrestored remains of the old tallow vats, mellowed by the years but still very much intact. To the right a short distance is the foundation of an old lime kiln. Tallow and lime were two important commodities in the life of a mission. Doubtless this area teemed with activity during the mission's prosperous years.

If you are an average visitor, you will point across the valley and say, "What are those buildings over there?", meaning the two

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS-Continued from Page 2.

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS:	1947	1946
Will Rogers Ranch	32,155	25,900

You will note that the beaches show a proportionately greater increase than either the parks or the historical monuments. This is probably due to the hot weather experienced during the early part of April. This is further supported by reports from Los Angeles County which show the attendance at Will Rogers State Beach for the week of April 6 to 12, inclusive, to be: Bathers - 50,000; Spectators - 157,700; Parked Cars - 50,300; Rescues - 2; First Aid Cases - 10; False Alarm Calls - 2. While during the same week, the attendance at our Santa Monica State Beach was: Bathers - 34,500; Spectators - 94,000; Parked Cars - 41,000; Rescues - 2; First Aid Cases - 2. Note: In order that we may keep a running comparison on visitation totals, be sure and fill out the requested information on your Ranger's Weekly Report.

LEGISLATION AND BUDGET

Sponsored Park legislation is moving forward according to schedule. The same report can be given on the budget in that up-to-date, appearances have been made before the Department of Finance, the Senate's Sub-committee on the budget, and the Assembly's Sub-committee on the budget. Although these hearings have brought about some budget adjustments, in the main, the budget as originally approved for this Division by the Governor is still intact.

CONSERVE WATER

There has been a shortage of rainfall throughout the entire State and since the storage capacity is limited in all parks, may I issue a word of caution in regard to the use of the water so as to conserve all possible water for the use of the park visitors and fire protection purposes.

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Indian infirmaries which are in process of restoration. These lie east of the church about 250 yards, and eventually will take their place in the community of restored mission structures. They are much smaller than the three buildings you have just been through, but are of similar construction.

Your visit to La Purisima would not be complete without a stroll through the garden, which is especially beautiful during the Spring and Summer. The 25 or 30 different varieties of ceanothus alone are a sight to behold. Here you will find growing informally many shrubs and plants native to California and the West, though some of them are far removed from their familiar environment, such as the desert.

You will see the beautiful fountains and pools in the garden which will doubtless give rise to the question, "Where does the water come from?" The answer is, "We have a well with an electric pump, reservoirs, etc. But not so the old Padres who depended upon an elaborate system of earthen dams, masonry aqueducts, tile pipes and reservoirs These collected water for irrigation and other purposes from a series of springs bordering the north side of Mission Valley.

These springs still flow undiminished, and it is the sincere hope of all who have viewed what is left of this old water system, that we eventually shall be able to restore it in its entirety and once again divert these waters which now disappear down the flood channel, into the garden pools and fountains.

By this time you will have reached your car in the parking lot and will want to be on your way. But come back again sometime. There is more we might have said, and more you might have seen---including the quail at evening time.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR UNIFORMS CONTINUE

We had hoped to have a definite price list for the new field uniforms, and a uniform house with which to do business by this time, but, in the interests of getting the lowest price possible on the uniforms, negotiations continue with several uniform manufacturers. As soon as definite information is available we will publish another extra edition of News & Views.

Meanwhile, we have a suggestion for the financing of these new uniforms, which in many cases may be of aid to the field.

California State Employees Credit Unions have been established throughout the State to aid State employees to borrow money when needed.

When a State employee borrows money through these unions he must first become a member by the purchase of at least one share of stock at $5 a share. This stock pays good dividends annually and is an investment.

Besides buying the share, the borrower must be a member of the California State Employees Association, the dues of which are $6 a year, or $3 for a half year. Additional information on this organization may be obtained by writing Mrs. Gena Hedger in the Sacramento park office.

The borrower must apply for a loan through the nearest credit union and interest is at 1 percent of the unpaid balance each month. Maximum term of a contract is 15 months.

Following is a list of credit union addresses: California State Employees Credit Union No. 1, 592 Business and Professional Building, Sacramento; No. 2, Room 1B, State Bldg., San Francisco; No. 3, 210 Wilson Bldg., Los Angeles; No. 4, P.O. Box 1827, Fresno; No. 5, 1002 American Bldg., Oakland; No. 6, P.O. Box 1160, Stockton; No. 7, Napa State Hospital, Imola; No. 8, Mendocino State Hospital, Talmage; No. 10, P. O. Box 911, Marysville; No. 11, 272-2nd St., San Bernardino; No. 13, P. O. Box 311, Redding; No. 14, Sonoma State Home, Eldridge; No. 16, 1029 Carolyn Avenue, San Jose; and No. 17, 1365 Harbor Drive, San Diego.

SUPT. COON MAKES RECORD USE OF AUTO

Recently District Superintendent Robert Coon turned in his old Pontiac, E 52037, with a mileage of 187,947, for a new 2 door Pontiac 8 sedan.

It was thought at first the old car would be a full turn-in. Then it was discovered that the car is capable of many more miles of driving, and the Division received the following letter from the Department of Finance:

"I have been informed that it is not your desire to replace #E 52037 at this time, as it has been given excellent care and is still capable of additional mileage. In this connection may I compliment the individual who has taken such excellent care of this car, with a mileage that is probably higher than any other car in the State Service.

"It would indeed be a very fine thing if many of our other State employees took care of their vehicles in the same manner."

GENE DAVIS TAKES A WIFE

Deputy Ranger Gene Davis of Mt. Diablo State Park on April 16th married Miss Frances Martin of Dixon, Illinois, at a ceremony in that city.

Congratulations to the groom and a hearty welcome to the newest of the park service wives.

TAHOE(Placer Co.)..Tah-hoh...an Indian name, said to mean "Big Water"...large lake in SierraNevada.

FIESTA AT MISSION

On December 8th La Purisima Mission State Historic Monument was the setting for a picturesque fiesta, commemorating the founding of the Mission on that day in 1787.

The affair was sponsored by the La Purisima Mission Association of Lompoc. It was estimated that over a thousand people attended, and many of them wore Spanish, Mexican and Indian costumes. A lunch of tortillas con frijoles and coffee (cafe) was provided by various organizations in the city and served free to all.

The tortillas were made by hand on an open oven in the courtyard (patio) behind the Shops and Quarters building. The Spanish women who made the tortillas were dressed in old-time Spanish dress and were a charming picture as they briskly rolled, patted and turned the tortillas.

After lunch there was a program of Mexican and Spanish music, dancing and singing, and a children's costume parade. The Park family representatives in this parade won much acclaim; Danny Rodriguez, as a very serious little friar in his hooded robe, looked after his little sister, Nina, a little Indian convert for the day; and little Johnnie Cooley was a dashing vaquero. While this fiesta was not elaborate, many thought it was more enjoyable because it had more of the old time atmosphere, with everyone taking part rather than just watching a spectacle.

By MRS. HILDA COOLEY

OF HUMAN NEEDS.....

I thought I needed curtains
And the boys needed socks
So I looked for basement bargains
And I walked six weary blocks.

I didn't buy the curtains
I didn't buy the socks,
For I passed a little window
Of antique glass and clocks.

I didn't need the curtains
And the socks will have to wait
But Oh! The joy of owning
The flow blue china plate.

Submitted by Daisy (Pack Rat) Barbour

(Author unknown and unhung)

MISSION GARDEN IS CAREFULLY PLANNED

By
ED ROWE

When Mission La Purisima was being restored the question arose regarding the treatment of the area in front of the main monastary building.

In the mission period it is very unlikely that there was any development in the form of a garden as we think of gardens today. Primarily the cultivation of plants was economic and food production the first essential.

At La Purisima the area now in garden was most probably an open plaza with the monastary building, shops and church on the west side, and the Indian quarters, infirmary, etc., to the east. The location of the lavanderias, fountain and tank and the traffic across the area would not have allowed any garden development.

Historically the present treatment of the area is most probably incorrect, but an open weedy area, dusty in summer and wet and muddy in the winter months would not have been attractive to the visiting public.

The thought back of the present development is, that if the mission period had continued, a padre who was plant minded might have layed out a garden and put in various plants available at that time. Early visitors to California in the beginning of the 19th Century have left brief and sketchy accounts of some of the flowers they saw around the missions, pueblos and Spanish ranches. With these few records as a guide, a list was made of fruit trees, herbs, and flowering plants in cultivation during the mission and subsequent Mexican periods.

The plan of the garden is extremely formal and in keeping with garden design of the period. The thought back of the planting was to give the appearance of age with perhaps some neglect and lack of knowledge of the ultimate growth of individual plants.

No introdutions from Europe or elsewhere were used unless there was fairly definite authority that they were here prior to the American occupation.

Some of these introduced plants still could be found at the other missions or elsewhere and many of those in the garden at La Purisima are cuttings or grafts from these originals.

The grapes on the north and south sides of the garden are cuttings from a few original plants still growing in the Jalama Canyon some twenty miles to the west, where La Purisima had its vinyard.

In the same locality are three original pear trees and there is one remaining tree near the mission. The row of trees on the south side are grafted from these four trees. The pears on the north side represent two missions, San Antonio de Padua and Carmel. At San Antonio are two trees and five or six at Carmel. The trees on the easterly half of the row represent the former and those to the west the latter. One tree near the parking area represents a lone tree growing near Mission San Juan Capistrano and those on the north end of the building are grafts from the remains of a large orchard at San Juan Bautista.

At San Antonio are one or two original pomegranates. Those in the garden are cuttings from these. At San Antonio in 1935 were two plants of the Castilian rose. All the Castilian roses in the garden came from there.

At Santa Clara Mission, in the garden, is a very old fig tree. Those at La Purisima are cuttings from this tree. In the same garden rue has been persistant for many years and those in the herb plantings are seedlings from there.

The bird-cherry trees in the

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MISSION LIFE

(AS THE LADIES SEE IT)

The idea of Mission La Purisima's restoration as a historic monument was to stop time in its flight (who said that?) ---and that job was done, beautifully, on the buildings and the garden.

The ideal is to complete the picture---(the ideal, of course, is something even Plato never acheived but then he didn't have the support of the State Park Service)--to have a whole mission settlement, where people can get away from it all, and get the picture, and the feel, more vivid than the printed word.

Visitors arrive every day: the ones with California licenses who learn about their own state history, those from the east who have never seen missions, and for variety, a priest away from his mission in China after thirty-five years, the students of the Santa Barbara School of Photography studying the shadows under the bell-tower, the first and second grades from Santa Ynez school on tour, with the teacher trying not to lose one precious little soul while the kids did disappearing acts through the twenty-four doors of the buildings. And a landscape artist who comes every Sunday. By the time he sets up his easel we wonder why he can't come on Monday instead. What is there about Men at Work that fascinates the public?

Note on rising prices and how to cope with them: From what we hear, twelve coyotes dine off one cottontail.

With work in progress to build up the museum at La Purisima the longevity of the old California-Spanish is found to be an admirable and helpful trait. Josefa Malo, whose father owned part of La Purisima around 1865, and who herself played under the old pepper tree, is now ninety-two, and seems much younger. Tomas Romero and Jose Jiminez, gardeners around Santa Barbara County, nearing ninety or way past it, Frank Shepard, the necessary Scotch-Irish quality, who as a young boy witnessed the lynching of Lopez the Bandit--and many more, all of whom remember La Purisima in its earlier days and are obligingly going on to the century mark, are helping out with old letters, documents, heirlooms, and good memories.

The old sand-stone mill wheel, original, is being moved from the padres' quarters, where it didn't belong, into the schoolroom, which is to house the museum temporarily. A complete mill in working order eventually may be set up on the grounds.

One of our visitors was interested in early mission life enough to wonder what they did about soap and to send us back some recipes from an old book. There are a number, but this is the one the padres used, and we apologize for not getting it to the Park Service wives during the recent soap shortage: It starts out: "Bore holes in the bottom of an old barrel and pack in ashes a bushel at a time. Set it up two feet and fix a drein (sic) into a kettle underneath." (Want to hear more? All right.) "Pour in boiling hot rain water. If the ashes are packed very tightly it may take two days for the lye to run. Put a kettle full of all kinds of grease----"

We'll stop now. There's lots more, and if you want to hear it we at La Purisima know how. Or have you tried Duz???

By Mrs. Marjorie Rodriguez

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MISSION LIFE-As the Ladies See It
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We are wondering if the youngest park family member to move to a new location is Sandra Markle, who at the age of three weeks, moved with her parents, Bill and Elvira, sister, Patsy and brother, Bill, to La Purisima from San Clemente Beach State Park.

One Friday just as the good park wives were ready to wash the lunch dishes the water shut off. It was warm, so of course we immediately were all very thirsty. No use trying to do the dishes, so we dashed down the hill to the mission and found--water! (There is a larger reservoir farther down on the hill which supplies the mission.) We had rather hoped for dinner in town, with candles, etc, but the EFFICIENT men got the water to flowing and we had boiled beans.

One morning we heard a great commotion over in the Sill's yard and rushed over to see what the excitement was. There we saw Pearl and Art chasing a bunny around their walled-in front yard, trying to get him to go out the open gate. Bunny had been trapped in the yard for several days and was apparently leading a happy existence by nibbling on their carnation plants - which didn't improve the appearance of the lovely yard. We shouted encouragement and advice, but their valiant efforts were useless. Again and again bunny just scooted past the open gate and into the shrubbery beyond. We retired to consider some other method of attack. Then bunny hopped out into the middle of the lawn, spied the open gate and lit out for open country. The Sills were chagrined, but relieved that now the carnations have a chance to grow.

By Mrs. Hilda Cooley

MISSION GARDEN IS CAREFULLY PLANNED
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garden are seedlings from trees at the old Ortega Ranch at Arroyo Honda on the Santa Barbara Coast. These trees are very old, a variety (Prunus kapolin) from the mountains of northern and central Mexico.

There are a number of peaches in the garden. These are seedlings of those still grown by the Indians in New Mexico and Arizona. The seed came from Canon de Chelley and Orabi. A representative of the Department of Agriculture obtained the seed and at the time wrote to say that it was definite that the Indians had had them for one hundred years and there was every reason to believe that they had been growing them since the time of Fr. Garcias who brought them there in the middle of the 16th Century.

The olive trees in the garden were over 50 years old when moved. The original cuttings of these trees were taken from old mission trees. The Jasmine (Jasminun officinale) growing on the palm tree is a cutting from a very old plant at the Dana house in Nipomo.

Artichokes in the garden are from Mission Santa Ynez; probably escapes from plantings there. Artichokes are spoken of by Fr. Crespi as being grown at Carmel very early in the Mission Period.

The balance of the introduced plants, mulberry, apricot, apple, etc., were not obtainable from originals.

Since there was a large area to plant and the number of introductions limited, the balance of the planting consists of native Californian trees and shrubs. These represent a wide range of the State.

PAJARO(Santa Cruz County)..Pah-hah-roh....meaning bird. Named for an eagle which had been killed and stuffed by the Indians of the Monterey Bay coastal area.

EARLY HISTORY OF LA PURISIMA

By
RICHARD T. RODRIGUEZ
Curator

La Purisima Mission is the eleventh in the chain of twenty-one Franciscan missions, a segment of the dream of Junipero Serra, and the seat of mission government in Alta California from 1815 to 1823.

Originally founded in the town of Lompoc in 1787 on the anniversary of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, it acquired the name--Mission La Concepcion Purisima De Maria Santisima. Fr. Fermin de Lasuen was the founder. The mission was destroyed by earthquake and rains in 1812. Fifteen hundred Indian Neophytes made up the largest Indian population during the first twenty-five year period.

In 1813, after feeble attempts to repair the original mission, the present site--Canada de los Berros or Canyon of the Watercress, was selected for new buildings. More adequate water supply, closer proximity to El Camino Real and rumored Indian superstitions were factors back of the move.

La Purisima flourished at the new location from about 1820 to 1834. On its three hundred thousand acres, thousands of cattle and sheep formed a good source of income. Thousands of bushels of corn, wheat and other grains were raised annually. In hemp production La Purisima was second to San Jose Mission for about ten years. The tallow, hide and wine industries also contributed to the necessary self-support of the mission.

The doom of La Purisima began as early as 1821 to 1824 with the Mexican revolt from Spain. The heavy blow was struck when the mission settlement was secularized by the Mexican government in 1834. The end came eleven years later when La Purisima was sold to John Temple, a layman, under the Pio Pico administration, the last Mexican appointed governor of California.

During the next 70 years the mission passed through other private hands and was used as a residence, a general store and even a sheepfold. Helen Hunt Jackson in 1882 called La Purisima Mission "the most desolate ruin of them all".

IN MEMORIUM

The passing of Thomas "Scotty" Thomson on March 27, took from La Purisima a man who had been more or less associated with the mission since the days of the restoration. Employed first at the CCC camp and later by the County of Santa Barbara, he had stayed on at the mission to act as its caretaker and groundsman.

Scotty loved the mission and always seemed happy when working around the garden or about the buildings. He was friendly toward the public and the visitors frequently inquired about "the Scotchman who showed them around" on a previous visit.

Having done a full days work at the mission, Scotty had eaten his supper as usual and retired for the night. When he failed to appear for breakfast, the friends with whom he had been staying for several months, investigated and found he had passed away in his sleep.

Scotty will be missed by quite a few friends in the Park Service. For their benefit I would like to say that a wreath composed of flowers from the garden he tended and loved was placed on the casket. No relatives were present, but a few friends, including representatives from the Canadian Legion, stood silently in the rain as the final rites were pronounced.

A. W. GILL, Ranger, Grade 2.

PART OF MISSION WATER SYSTEM AGAIN FUNCTIONS AFTER CENTURY

By GORDON COOLEY
Ranger, Grade 1

Water was as important to the old missions as it is to the farmer of today. The terrible earthquake of 1812, which demolished the first La Purisima Mission at Lompoc, was accompanied by torrential rains which broke down the exposed and weakened adobe walls and added to the misery of the 1,000 shelterless Indians.

Father Payeras, faced with the virtually complete destruction of 25 years of work, and confronted with the problem of calming a thousand terrified Indians, was able to write:

"When the first shocks had ceased we observed with wonder that, ifGod like a Father, chastizes and afflicts with one hand, with the other He helps and supports;in plain terms that, if this Mission, as is known, was the one which suffered most, the said chastisement may be really called the most fortunate on account of sixty gentiles recently baptized, the remarkable and abundant amount of grain planted, and the copious waters which have filled the rivers and springs prodigiously."

Small wonder then that the springs of Los Berros canyon near the new mission were carefully worked into an elaborate system of dams, aqueducts and reservoirs. Probably a hundred years have elapsed sincethis system fell into disuse, but work has commenced to bring to light and restore at least a part of it.

The main reservoir first was cleared and found to be not only in good condition but an excellent exhibit of Mission stonework as well. The reservoir measures 34 feet in diameter and 7 feet in depth, with walls 7 feet thick, The inner face of the reservoir, exposed to the prevailing southerly winds, has lost its pink plaster surfacing, exposing the rock construction. The inside face is made up of three even,smoothly matched courses of large rocks capped with several courses of tile. It is a beautiful piece of work.

The aqueduct feeding the reservoir next was cleared. This carries the water for over a third of a mile from the earthen dam which collects spring water at the head of Los Berros Canyon.

Then came the day District Superintendent Lee Blaisdell opened the aqueduct, and for perhaps the first time in a hundred neglected years water again poured into the old reservoir. Lee's face reflected the satisfaction a Park man feels when he helps bring the past back to life.

A PARK MAN'S HUMOR

This little incident occured last September at the time the caravan of visiting park officials from other States visited La Purisima.

We had hired a crew of workmen to carry out the reconstruction of the two Indian buildings which lie near the road leading in to the Mission. They had been working hard and long and it was beginning to get quite embarrassing to return from the P.O. day after day with the same old report, "no checks".

On the day the caravan arrived the men, who had not been told of the expected visitors, were at work on the roof of one of the buildings.As the line of cars appeared down the road, led by a Highway Patrol car, one of the workman said:

"Look, fellows ! That must be it coming now--THE PAYROLL !"

This sense of humor served well in carrying the men through the days and weeks that were to pass before the real payroll finally arrived--

ART BILL, Ranger, Grade 2.

MARICOPA(Mah-ree-cohpah)..An Arizona tribal name, meaning"bean People".

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QUOTING THE FIELD

**** "A visitor to Dyerville Headquarters, an employee of an eastern airlines, told me he had flown 2,000 miles on a short leave just to see the Redwoods."--EARL P. HANSON, Assistant district superintendent, Dyerville Headquarters.

**** "Mrs. Conklin, Walnut Creek Girl Scout executive, and two committeewoman, inspected the group camp area recently. They have reserved the area for the Girl Scouts from July 9, the date the Boy Scouts vacate, to August 15, 1947." ----WAYNE COX, Assistant Ranger in charge, Pfeiffer Big Sur.

**** "The Standord Area Boy Scout Council representatives came in during the week and made arrangements for the Camporee to be held here this year May 16-18 inclusive." ---CLYDE L. NEWLIN, Assistant District Superintendent, Portola State Park.

**** "Our seasonal rainfall now totals approximately 40 inches, sufficient to carry the thirsty Redwoods through another Summer."---RAYMOND L. NELSON, Deputy Ranger, Humboldt Redwoods.

We had many more quotes but limited space necessitated cutting them out.

CASE OF THE ELUSIVE ODOR

Art Sill has been spending his spare time lately converting an old CCC shack into bachelor quarters.

One day Art remarked, "It seems to me that it doesn't smell just right in here".

The next day the smell was worse. "Something is dead", said Art. He looked in all the corners and tried to trace the smell down, but with no success.

The next day he crawled under the building but the source of the smell, worse than ever, still eluded our hero.

Then came the climax. The next day the smell was really ripe. Art, however, was resigned to sticking it out until things cleared up. After all, smells like this couldn't go on forever.

He absently pulled a large bandana from the hip pocket of his overalls to wipe his puzzled brow.

From the bandana fell a dead-an extremely dead-mouse.

Art is now wondering whether he sat on the mouse or whether the bandana was too much for it.

P.S. We think that Mrs. Sill would be relieved if we told you that the mouse didn't come from her house, as Art keeps the overalls hanging in the bachelor quarters.

GORDON J. COOLEY
Ranger, Grade 1.

RANGER HATCH RESCUES LOST HIKER

Assistant Ranger Robert Hatch of Mt. San Jacinto State Park is credited with locating a lost hiker on the mountain on Sunday, April 13.

The hiker was reported lost late Saturday afternoon and Hatch searched for him alone that evening, returning to the park headquarters at 9 p.m. without finding the man.

Next morning he organized a searc party of 12 and located the hiker about 10 a.m., none the worsefor wear but happy to find company.

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SMITHS OF OAKLAND IS NAMED OFFICIAL HOUSE FOR NEW PARK UNIFORMS

After numerous contacts with uniform houses in California, the men's clothing firm of Smiths, 12th and Washington Streets, Oakland, has been designated as the official house to provide field employees with the new State Park dress uniform.

Smiths have been provided with the names and addresses of all field employees of the Division and they will communicate with the field.

In order to facilitate quickest possible delivery, all employees who now are ready to purchase uniforms, or who will be purchasing uniforms within the next six months, are urged to inform Smiths on this matter so that they may determine the degree of production necessary.

Full details of specifications, prices and services to be provided by Smiths appear below:

DRESS UNIFORMS

Field Jacket: 16 oz. Forest Green Whipcord. To be lapel style, with peaked lapels. Concealed zipper front. To have coat construction throughout with bi-swing back (no half-belt). To have two breast patch pockets with box pleat and to have 3-point flaps with concealed button (flat bone). To be 5½" wide by 6½" deep. To have cloth badge holder with two metal eyelets, over left breast pocket. Sleeves to be cut in regular coat style, and to have ½" black stripe on top side of sleeve 3½" from end of sleeve. Length to be to hip bone of wearer. To have two adjustment straps on waist band. To be full rayon lined with two inside breast pockets.

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Hats: To be Stetson Hat Company's "Nutria", with stiff brim 3" wide and crown 4" high. Regulation black leather hat band will be worn with hat.

Shirt: Military cut, khaki type.

Tie: Black four-in-hand.

Shoes: Brown oxford or high top.

FATIGUE UNIFORM

Material to be United States Government standard khaki twill. Uniform to consist of khaki shirt and trousers, with brown oxford, brown high-top or heavy brown work shoes; and hat similar in style to dress uniform but of lower quality if desired.

PRICES

$45.00--Dress uniform consisting of field jacket and one pair of trousers.

$17.50--Extra pair of trousers.

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$ 3.00 to $4.50--Shirts, price depending upon quality selected.

$ .85--Ties--either all-wool wrinkle resistant or rayon barathea.

$ 6.95--Style W350 "Thorogood" brand--smooth brown elk Blucher type high shoe with raw cord soles. Also W0350 same description in oxford.

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Credit: There is no additional charge of any type for credit. No down payment is required. A regular charge account provides for payment in full on the 10th of the second month following the month of purchase. A Budget Account provides payment in three equal amounts, the first third to be paid on the 10th of the month following the month of purchase. For credit purposes, anything after the 25th of the month is considered part of the next month.

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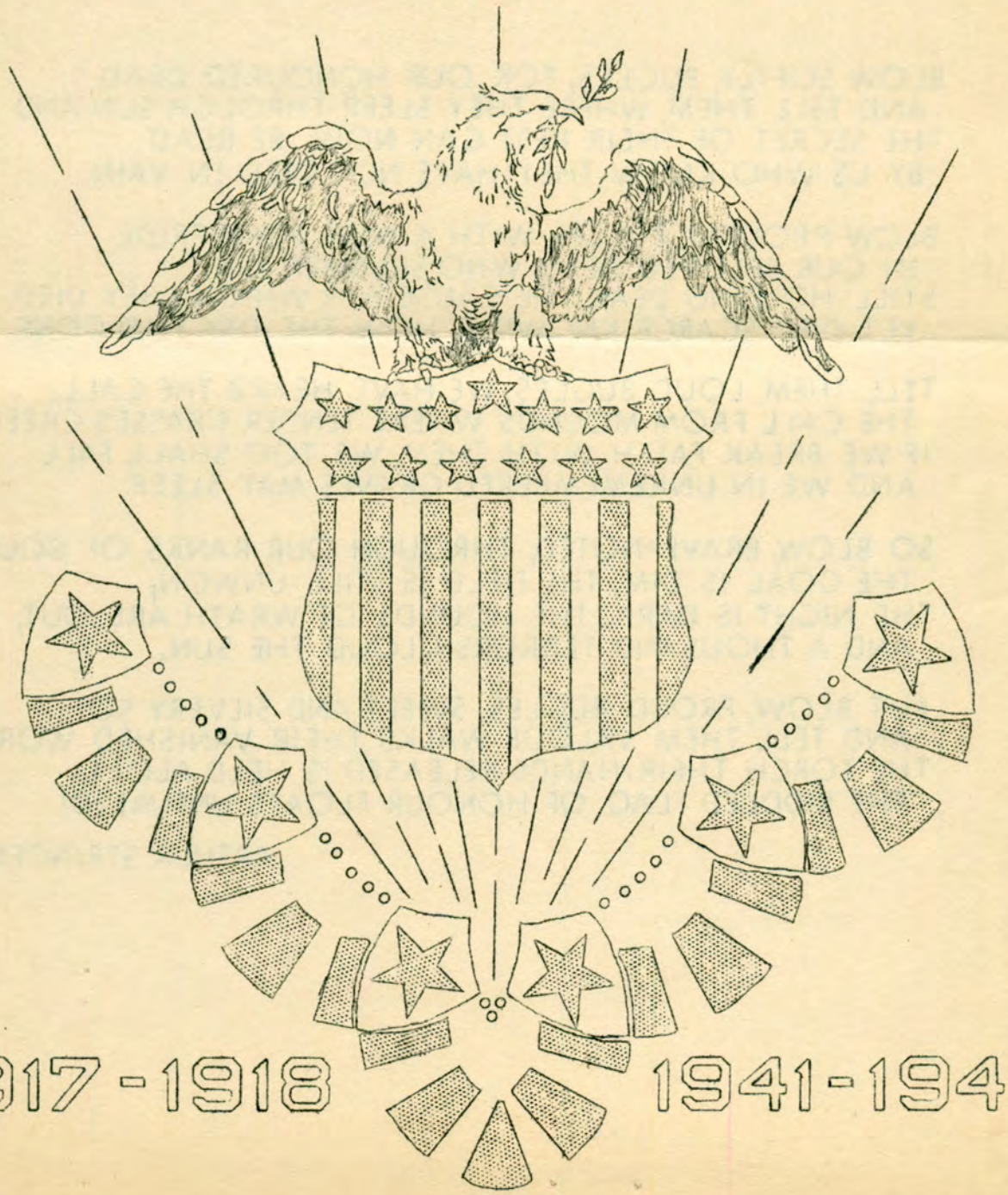

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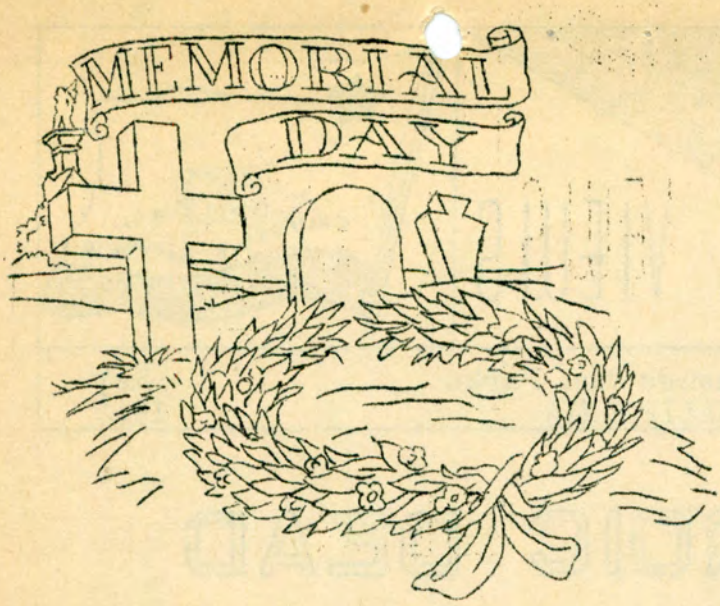


TAPS AT TWILIGHT

BLOW SOFTLY, BUGLES, FOR OUR HONOURED DEAD,
AND TELL THEM, WHERE THEY SLEEP THROUGH SUN AND RAIN,
THE SECRET OF THEIR REST CAN NOW BE READ
BY US WHO KNOW THEY HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN.

BLOW PROUDLY, BUGLES, WITH A NEW-BORN PRIDE
IN OUR BELOVED DEAD, WHO SLUMBER ON,
STILL HOLDING DEAR THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY DIED,
YET DIED SCARCE KNOWING HOW THE DAY HAD GONE.

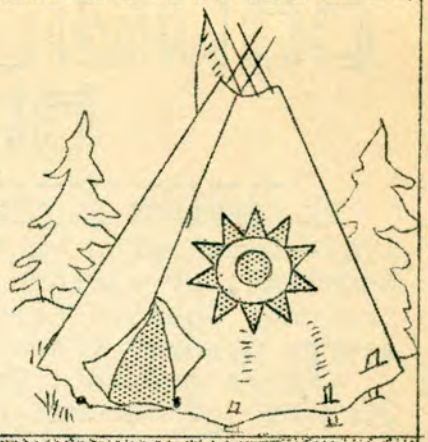
TELL THEM, LOUD BUGLES, WE HAVE HEARD THE CALL,
THE CALL FROM MOUNDS WHERE TENDER GRASSES CREEP.
IF WE BREAK FAITH WITH THEM, WE TOO SHALL FALL
AND WE IN UNREMEMBERED GRAVES MAY SLEEP.

SO BLOW, BRAVE-NOTED, THROUGH OUR RANKS OF DOUBT;
THE GOAL IS DIM, THE FIELD IS STILL UNWON;
THE NIGHT IS DARK, THE HOUNDS OF WRATH ARE OUT,
AND A THOUSAND TERRORS CLOUD THE SUN.

BUT BLOW, PROUD BUGLES, SWEET AND SILVERY SOFT,
AND TELL THEM VALOUR WALKS THEIR VANISHED WORLD,
THE TORCH THEIR HANDS RELEASED IS HELD ALOFT,
THE RIDDLED FLAG OF HONOUR FLOATS UNFURLED!

ARTHUR STRINGER

THE CHIEF SPEAKS



The last issue of NEWS & VIEWS can be looked upon as an historical issue since it sets forth in minute detail the history of La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument, in a very readable manner.

Since the active park season has arrived, it might be well to list some of the new developments in the various State Parks, Beaches, and Historical Monuments which will be new to the visiting public.

Big Basin will have a greatly revised natural history museum.

Richardson Grove will have an entirely new modernized concession establishment which includes new furnishings in all of the cabins.

At the Vallejo Home, the first District Superintendent's residence has been completed and a Ranger's Residence is nearing completion. These two buildings are the first two in a series of approximately 56 which will be constructed throughout the State Park System. Many now are under contract.

The Gold Discovery Site has been entirely renovated, an ornamental fence has been erected along the roadside, and a large black-top surfaced parking area provided. Paths throughout the monument are also being black-topped.

Sunset Beach is being provided with a new reservoir and pumping plant, now nearing completion.

The grounds of the San Juan Bautista Historical Monument have been cleaned up and considerably improved. An interesting historical exhibit also is being developed.

At Pfeiffer Big Sur the remodeling of one of the old CCC buildings has provided two splendid five room housing units for employees. Another CCC building which was reconstructed for a recreational building is having additional features added.

La Purisima Mission has never looked better, and in the past year several of the partially finished Indian structures have been completed. Work is now being carried on toward the restoration of the original water system.

The old clubhouse at Carpinteria is partially dismantled and plans for its utilization as a concession building and two apartments have been approved and bids for its construction will soon be requested.

Pio Pico Mansion restoration is nearing completion and additional grounds surrounding same leased from the City of Whittier are now under park jurisdiction and will be improved and developed as part of the overall plan.

Will Rogers State Park exit road should be completed within the next thirty days and will add greatly to the convenience of the visiting public.

At Doheny Beach seawalls have been constructed on both sides of San Juan Creek, many hundreds of feet of curbing were installed and this unit, when a concession building is provided, will be complete, and developed to its full capacity.

Contract has been entered into

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COMMISSION DIGEST

Meetings of:
May 2-3, Placerville
May 16, San Francisco

PLACERVILLE MEETING, May 2-3, 1947--Commission Chairman J. R. Knowland, presiding; Commissioners present: Charles Kasch (Ukiah), George Waldner (Ferndale).

Others present: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources, A.E. Henning, Chief of Division; J.H. Covington, executive secretary; Walter S. Rountree, deputy attorney general; John Hennessey, Lands officer; Edwin C. Kelton, engineering; Edward F. Dolder, Conservation Education; R.S. Coon, Northeast District superintendent; and Gladys Joslin, stenographer.

Details of action:

LOS ANGELES BEACH ACQUISITION--After hearing delegation of Los Angeles city officials, ordered beach acquisition program in Los Angeles County be referred to staff with instructions to confer with proper authorities with the view of recommending a policy as to acquisition and priorities of acquisition. Staff further ordered to make appraisals on beach improvements in county pending an agreement between the City and County of Los Angeles.

CUYAMACA RANCHO--Ordered secretary to advise San Diego County board of supervisors that the commission now is preparing a master plan for the ultimate development of Cuyamaca Rancho, that such a plan will require the use of the area now occupied by the San Diego City-County school camp, and for that reason the commission will not be disposed to extend the present lease beyond the term now in operation, and that the City and County of San Diego may now open negotiations for a permanent site as outlined in the preliminary report of Frederick Law Olmsted.

MERCED COUNTY ACQUISITIONS--Staff directed to proceed in usual manner with acquisition of three sites in Merced County, known as Ballico, Fremond Ford, and the San Joaquin River Strip, the latter to be leased under pending legislation.

SANTA BARBARA ACQUISITIONS--Advised Santa Barbara County board of supervisors that the commission will lease back to the county for a period of 25 years all county-owned beaches transferred to the State for matching purposes, and Point Sal.

MOONLIGHT BEACH--Proposed acquisition of Moonlight Beach in San Diego county held up because of present undesirable sewage condition.

WILL ROGERS SADDLE CONCESSION--Granted saddle horse concession to A. T. Best, present concessionaire at the Will Rogers State Park. Mr. Best was high bidder.

VAN DAMME BEACH--Granted permit to P.G. & E. for power line extension at Van Damme Beach which will bring 220 volt service to park in place of 110.

CASTLE CRAGS--Denied request of Castle Creek Lumber Company for permit to construct logging road through portion of Castle Crags State Park.

RICHARDSON GROVE--Approved rate schedule for lodging and meals to be charged by new concessionaires at Richardson Grove Lodge, Messers Raymond and O'Donnell.

PRINCE-NELSON TRACTS ACQUISITION-Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of Prince tract of Redwoods on Canoe Creek, and the Nelson (or Warren) tract, also on Canoe Creek, as additions to Prairie Creek Redwood State Park. Matching funds to be provided by the Save-the-Redwoods League and the Garden Club of America.

PREDATOR CONTROL--After hearing of action of legislature in placing $10,000 in the budget for the eradication of predators in State Parks, commission agreed that they will cooperate with other agencies

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of the State in the matter of predator control.

PELICAN BEACH STATE PARK--Agreed, upon recommendation of the Board of Supervisors of Del Norte County, to name new beach acquisition in that county Pelican Beach State Park.

MARIN COUNTY RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL--Approved master plan for riding and hike trail in Marin county.

PROPOSED BUTANO ACQUISITION--Commission informed that San Mateo county board of supervisors is favorable to transfer of Memorial Grove, a county park, for matching purposes in the acquisition of the Butano Redwoods.

SAN MATEO BEACH PLAN--Upon request of San Mateo County board of supervisors, removed Granada Beach and Princeton Lagoon units from that county's master beach plan for acquisition, and established following priority of acquisition: 1) Dunes Beach extensions; 2) Tunitas Beach; 3) San Gregorio Beach; and 4) Miramontes Beach.

ANZA DESERT--Approved application of Southern California Telephone Company to extend telephone line across Anza Desert to Hobergs and the Borrego Springs Company area, inasmuch as such service will benefit the State Park System.

AGUA CALIENTE HOT SPRINGS--Informed Federal government that the commission has no objection to the leasing of Agua Caliente Hot Springs to San Diego County for mineral springs purposes.

SONOMA COAST PARK DROWNINGS--Instructed Chief and District Superintendent Coon to meet with Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Santa Rosa to discuss the problems involved in drownings at Sonoma Coast State Park.

ANNUAL REPORT--Ordered that annual report for 1946 will be withheld until the end of the current fiscal year, and that it be presented to cover the period from January 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947. Annual reports hereafter will be on a fiscal year in place of a calendar year.

Adjourned at 11:12 P.M. Friday, May 2.

Saturday, May 3, inspecting Gold Discovery Site at Coloma, Eldorado County.

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING, May 16, 1947--Commission Chairman J.R. Knowland (Oakland) presiding; Commissioners Charles Kasch (Ukiah) and George Waldner (Ferndale) present. Others present: A. E. Henning, Chief of Division; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; John Hennessey, Lands officer; Edwin C. Kelton, engineering officer; Edward F. Dolder, Education officer; Everett Labrie, Lands section; Central District Superintendent John H. Knight, and Gladys Joslin, stenographer.

Business transacted:

WILLIAM B. IDE ADOBE--Directed staff to investigate matter of establishing a recreational area on the Sacramento River at the William B. Ide Adobe in Tehama County, and report on proposed boundaries and methods of matching.

AH PAH CREEK ACCESS ROAD--Heard offer of U.S. Forest Service to accept easement of Ah Pah Creek road through Prairie Creek Redwood State Park and to assume responsibility for maintenance. Ordered staff to consult and work out agreement.

SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK--Granted grazing permit to Farley Brothers for payment of $1800.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA--Denied request of San Juan Bautista Fiesta Committee to sell beer in barroom of old Palace Hotel during Fiesta, June 29, 1947.

OLMSTEAD REPORT ON SACRAMENTO, AMERICAN AND FEATHER RIVERS--Directed that copies of report on recreational possibilities of this area, by Frederick Law Olmsted, be forwarded to Senator Desmond and proper Sacramento County officials.

MARIN COUNTY MASTER BEACH PLAN--Instructed staff to begin acquisition of Tomales Bay section of Marin County master beach plan, to include an area from Shell Beach almost to Duck Cove, approximately two and a half miles long.

With reference to the Stinson

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A COMMENDATION

The following letter was received by the Chief from Mr. August Hellings of Belleville, New Jersey:

"As a visitor from New Jersey I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of the wonderful park facilities provided by your department. Having stayed at San Clemente and now at Carpinteria, I do not hesitate to state that the sanitary standards at your parks equal those of the best private accomodations, and are cleaner than the run of the mill motels I have encountered in 8,400 miles of travel in the United States."

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

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with the City of San Clemente which will provide a complete sewer system for our San Clemente Park. The District Service Yard in the park is also being rapidly developed.

Aside from the above definitely mentioned improvements, many of our park areas have been provided with additional picnic and camping units, and at no time have the parks been so fortunate in having so many of their roads and park ways placed in first class condition by the cooperative effort of the Division of Highways.

Superintendents or Rangers who feel that some of the other individual park developments should have been given special notice will be given space in the next issue of NEWS & VIEWS for rebuttal.

1947-48 BUDGET OPERATION

At the last District Superintendents' Conference, you were advised of the necessity of speeding up plans and details incident to the construction program which will have to be carried forward under the operation of an annual budget basis as compared with the previous biennial budget basis. In that connection, may I quote from a saying by Herbert Smith, President of the U. S. Rubber Company:

"If you have facts you have a problem, and you can always solve a problem. Too many people make a mistake by trying to solve situations that are not problems".

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Beach section of the plan, the commission referred the matter back to the staff, with the recommendation that the State acquire land south of the county beach at Stinson rather than the north spit as recommended in the master plan.

MONTGOMERY REDWOODS--Accepted deed for 80 acres of redwood land in Montgomery Redwoods from Save-the-Redwoods League.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS--Adopted official rules and regulations for operation of Calif. Riding and Hiking Trails.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--Approved relocation of the Vance Memorial Grove to the Brown Creek area. Amended acquisition resolution of February 2, 1946, for this park, to include the Wilson Logging Unit adjacent to the park, comprising approximately 1,016 acres.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS--Met with members of Riding and Hiking Trails Committee. After hearing an outline of the work of the committee and certain recommendations, the commission moved:

That the staff proceed to request new classifications from the Personnel Board of Senior Trails Officer, Trails Officer, Assistant Trails Officer and Junior Trails Officer, and to set earliest possible dates for examination; that these men be instructed upon appointment to proceed with acquisition of right-of-way for the trails in the counties of San Mateo, Los Angeles, Contra Costa and San Diego. The commission ordered the printing of 1,000 copies of the Rules and Regulations for California Riding and Hiking Trails, to be made available in the acquisition work.

Adjourned, 4:45 PM. Next meeting June 20-21 at Benbow, Humboldt Co.

ANNOUNCING

Miss Frances Adamson, intermediate steno-clerk in the Lands Section of the Sacramento office, recently surprised co-workers by announcing her secret marriage on May 16th to Mr. Merle London of Sacramento.

They were married at an informal ceremony at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the First Methodist Church with Dr. Raymond A. Grant officiating.

They spent their honeymoon visiting Yosemite National Park.

Lots of luck, Frances, from the gang, and we all hope you and your new "hubby" will be very happy.

MC CLINTOCK-HARRINGTON

Irwin (Ty) McClintock, junior real property agent in the Lands Section of the Sacramento office, will marry Miss Phyllis Harrington of Sacramento, at a formal double-ring ceremony in the All Saints Memorial Episcopal Church, Saturday noon on June 7th.

The groom is a veteran of World War II, having served as a Captain in the Tank Batallion of the U. S. Army. He served two years in Europe.

The couple will honeymoon in Santa Barbara.

Congratulations are extended by the "headquarters" gang and we all hope the best in life will come your way.

MALE VERSUS FEMALE

William Gergen, a former chief petty officer in the navy now retired, is really showing the girls in the Sacramento office how to take and transcribe dictation and do all the things a navy-trained secretary should do. Gergen now holds the rating of intermediate typist clerk. He is Colonel Kelton's secretary in the Engineering Section.

ON THE SHELF

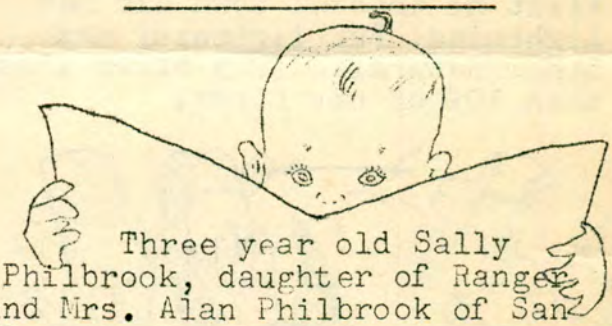
Charles "Chuck" Mehlert, assistant forestry engineer in the Sacramento office, recently underwent an appendectomy operation in the East Oakland Hospital in Oakland, California.

The park gang wishes Chuck a speedy recovery and return to the office.

David Dolder, son of Edward F. Dolder, Educational Supervisor in the Sacramento office, is in the Sutter Hospital recovering from a double lower basal fracture of his skull sustained in a fall on his way to school on May 13th.

The Doctor reports that David is making an excellent recovery.

The Park gang gives their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Dolder and hopes David will be able to return home soon.



Three year old Sally Philbrook, daughter of Ranger and Mrs. Alan Philbrook of San Clemente Beach, wishes to announce that she has a baby brother who arrived on April 30, 1947.

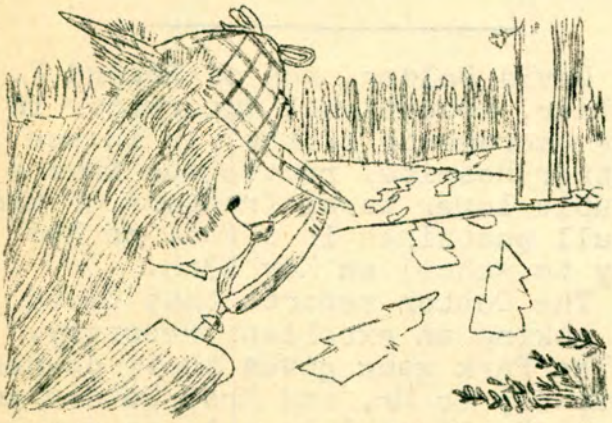
His name is Robert James Philbrook and he weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz.

District Superintendent John H. Knight and Chief Ranger C.L. Cushing recently met with the Seacliff Park Improvement Association to hear their protests to the installation of new camping units at Seacliff Beach State Park.

They objected to prospect of unsightly clotheslines. Mr. Knight said the area can not be seen from their homes.

SMOKEY, THE FIRE-PREVENTIN' BEAR, TURNS DETECTIVE IN:

"THE CASE OF THE MISSING FOREST WRECKER"



Smokey decided to find out who starts the most forest fires. First he tracked down old man Lightning. But lightning and other natural causes start less than 10% of the fires.

Next he turned to criminals, or crazy firebugs. But although these people start some of the worst forest fires, Smokey didn't get the final answer here. So . . . . .

. . . Smokey investigated other things--explosions, auto accidents where cars catch on fire, and sparks from trains. But all of these lumped together don't start one fire in a hundred.

That eliminated all suspects except . . . except . . . could that be right? Yes, good American citizens like you start 9 out of 10 forest fires! And do the big damage to our forests!

THIS YEAR---with more cars, more leisure time, and more vacation travel--America's forests may suffer the greatest catastrophe in history! IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WITH FIRE. America's forests are in your hands.

MEMO TO RANGERS IN CHARGE OF STATE PARKS

SUBJECT:

FIRE PREVENTION

In the near future copies of the 1947 Fire Prevention Poster, prepared by the Federal and State Forest services, will be mailed to certain State Parks of the system.

Chief Henning has agreed to cooperate with the forest services in the Fire Prevention campaign for this season--a season that promises to be perhaps one of the most serious in history because of the extremely dry conditions, and rangers are requested to display this poster prominently in the parks.

Summer nature guides and recreation leaders in parks where this service will be provided this season--Big Basin, Big Sur, Richardson Grove, Cuyamaca Rancho, Calaveras Big Trees, Williams Grove and Prairie Creek Redwoods--will lay considerable stress on the serious fire situation in their contacts with the public.

At a later date the State Division of Forestry will provide small pamphlets on fire prevention which the Chief has agreed to distribute through our checking stations and other contacts with the public.

390 PROSPECTIVE RANGERS FILE EXAM APPLICATIONS

Approximately 390 applications to qualify for the June 7th examination for State Park Ranger, Grade 1, have been received up to May 21, E. B. Camper, administrative aid, has reported.

Of this total, 265 applicants have been qualified and 125 were rejected.

Camper states this is the greatest interest to be shown in park field examinations in recent years. The advantages of park work and the announcement of the examination were included in a press story mailed to all newspapers of the State.

UNIFORMS

By now all field personnel should have received the extra issue of News and Views, published several weeks ago, which gave the full details on the purchase of the new State Park uniform, along with specifications and order blanks with Smiths, 12th and Washington Streets, Oakland.

Again we urge all rangers who plan to purchase uniforms within the next six months to get in touch with Smiths now and inform them about when you expect to order, so that they can determine the amount of cloth that will be necessary this year.

After the official selection of the new uniform at the district superintendents conference in Sacramento, Charles Mehlert, assistant forestry engineer, and Edward F. Dolder, educational supervisor, acted as a uniform committee to select the official uniform house.

At any time, in the ordering and purchasing of uniforms from Smiths, if details are found to be unsatisfactory, communicate either with Mr. Mehlert or Mr. Dolder at the Sacramento office.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA WILL BE PORTRAYED IN PICTURE

Curator Jack Dyson of San Juan Bautista Historic Monument reports his area "hit the jackpot" this month in publicity, with a photographer from Coronet Magazine visiting the monument to make a motion picture showing the influence of Spanish architecture on American culture.

Dyson is working against time to prepare a full exhibit on the history of the area ready for the Fiesta Day scheduled by the town of San Juan Bautista on June 29th.

WAR BOND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS WILL STOP

The State Board of Control has amended its rules by repealing Article 11, Section 788 of the Administrative Code so that payroll deductions for the purchase of War Savings Bonds will not be made after April 30, 1947.

The Retirement Office has been receiving the deductions and has been issuing the War Savings Bonds. The bonds purchased by deductions from the April payroll will be processed and issued in the month of May, or very early in the month of June, 1947.

The accounts of some employees will show balances insufficient to purchase a bond. These balances will be refunded to the employees in the month of June.

SANTA CRUZ BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

Chief Ranger C.L. Cushing reports this month that the concession buildings at Seacliff Beach are being improved. One building has been sealed and all food and soft drink handling removed to that building. The other building is for storage, fishing tackle and bait.

He expects soon to pour the sides, end, and partition walls of the new reservoir at Sunset Beach and adds that materials are arriving now for the combination buildings and comfort stations at New Brighton and Seacliff.

6,000 ATTEND ANNUAL TAMALPAIS MOUNTAIN PLAY

A warm spring afternoon, an excellant mountain play (Alice in Wonderland), and the beauties of Mt. Tamalpais State Park combined on Sunday, May 18, to bring out an overflow audience of 6,000 persons to the Mountain Theatre in the park.

This presentation, the thirtieth annual production by the Mountain Play Association of San Francisco,, attracted a large child attendance, with 800 children alone coming in a group from Contra Costa County.

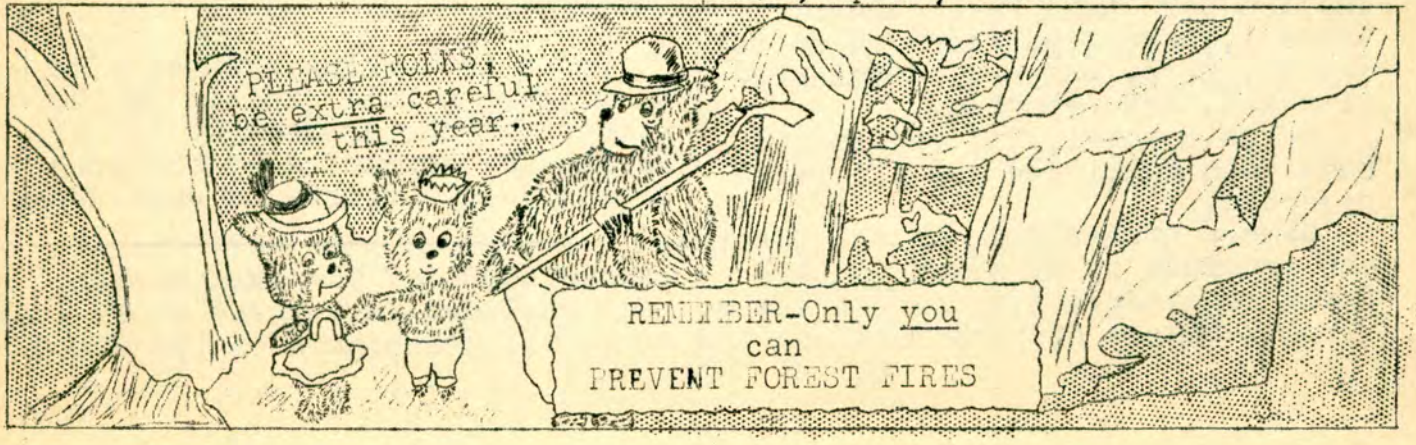
The Mountain Theater, largest in the State Park System, seats 5000 persons. It is the only amphitheatre of its kind in the world.

The stage is 2000 feet above sea level, and the players have as their background a vista which includes the Bay of San Francisco and is bounded by the mountain ranges of the Pacific Coast 100 miles away.

The site of the theater was presented by William Kent to the Mountain Play Association for the purpose of the yearly festival, and the association later deeded the site to the State Park System. Natural stone seating, convenience stations and buildings were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Chief Ranger C.L. Cushing of Seacliff Beach asks that all correspondence regarding Swanton Natural Bridges Beach, New Brighton Beach, Watsonville-Sunset Beach and Seacliff, be addressed to him at Box 298, Aptos, California.



NEWS & VIEWS

Published during the last week of each month for personnel of the Divison of Beaches and Parks.

--Park Commission--

Joseph R. Knowland (Oakland), chairman; Leo Carrillo (Santa Monica); Charles Kasch (Ukiah) and George Waldner (Ferndale). One vacancy.

A. E. HENNING
Chief of Division

Editor.....Edward F. Dolder
Assistant....Rosalind Falconer

FIRST THEATRE OFFERS FAMOUS BARROOM PLAY

"Ten Nights in a Barroom" opened this month as the featured attraction at the First Theatre State Historic Monument in Monterey under the Denny-Watrous management.

The play is being presented by the Troupers of the Gold Coast, and is directed by Wilma Bott.

Tickets are on sale at the First Theatre in Monterey and at the Staniford Drug Store in Carmel. Performances are scheduled for each Saturday and Sunday nights. An Olio completes the show.

RATE SIGNS SCARE AWAY THRIFTY OUTDOORSMEN

Reports James P. Tryner, deputy ranger in charge of Patrick's Point State Park:

"On May 1st, when I unveiled the rate sign for camping and picnicking for the season, Mrs. Tryner counted 15 cars in which the drivers read the sign, then turned around and left. The register showed only two signatures for the day.

"On suggestion of Mr. French I am working out a sign to advise people they may drive through without charge."

Perhaps something like this, Jim: NO CHARGE IF THE BEAUTY OF THIS PARK FAILS TO HOLD YOU OVERNIGHT, OR AT LEAST FOR A PICNIC.

QUOTIN THE FIELD

* "Educational requirements on the new Ranger, Grade 1, examination have been "stepped up" since the previous exam. Coming events cast their shadows before..." RAYMOND L. NELSON, deputy ranger, Dyerville Headquarters.

* "Visitors are falling off from last year because of the water shortage and construction. The public is curtailed to use of the 50 camp unit at Paso Picacho."---- H. W. MOORE, Chief Ranger, Cuyamaca Rancho.

* "The Army at last is beginning to move out of their camp near the Mountain Theater."--FRANKLYN BROWN, Assistant Ranger, Mt. Tamalpais.

* "Mining operations on the South Fork of the Smith River has muddied the stream and spoiled the river at the park for swimming and fishing. Silt has been deposited all along the banks that once were sparkling clean and clear."---CARL C. SCHNAUER, Deputy Ranger, Mill Creek Redwoods.

* "Took a busman's holiday by going for a ride over highways and by-ways of our good old State. Got good specimens of Giant Sequoia branch and cones (green) from Sequoia National Park for Dyerville office display. Visited Tuolumne, Mariposa, and General Grant groves of the Big Trees, and the Giant Forest."---EARL P. HANSON, Assistant District Superintendent, Northwest District.

* "Rattlesnake killed and eaten by Troop 5 of the Alameda Boy Scouts Council. Tasted like chicken, they said."---R. G. BASSETT, Chief Ranger, Mt. Diablo State Park.

ARTHUR PARVIN, ASST. RGR.
~~SEACLIFF STATE BEACH~~
~~BOX 193~~
~~APTOS, CALIF.~~

Big Basin, Calif.

FULL PERSONNEL ROSTER, ADDRESSES IN THIS ISSUE

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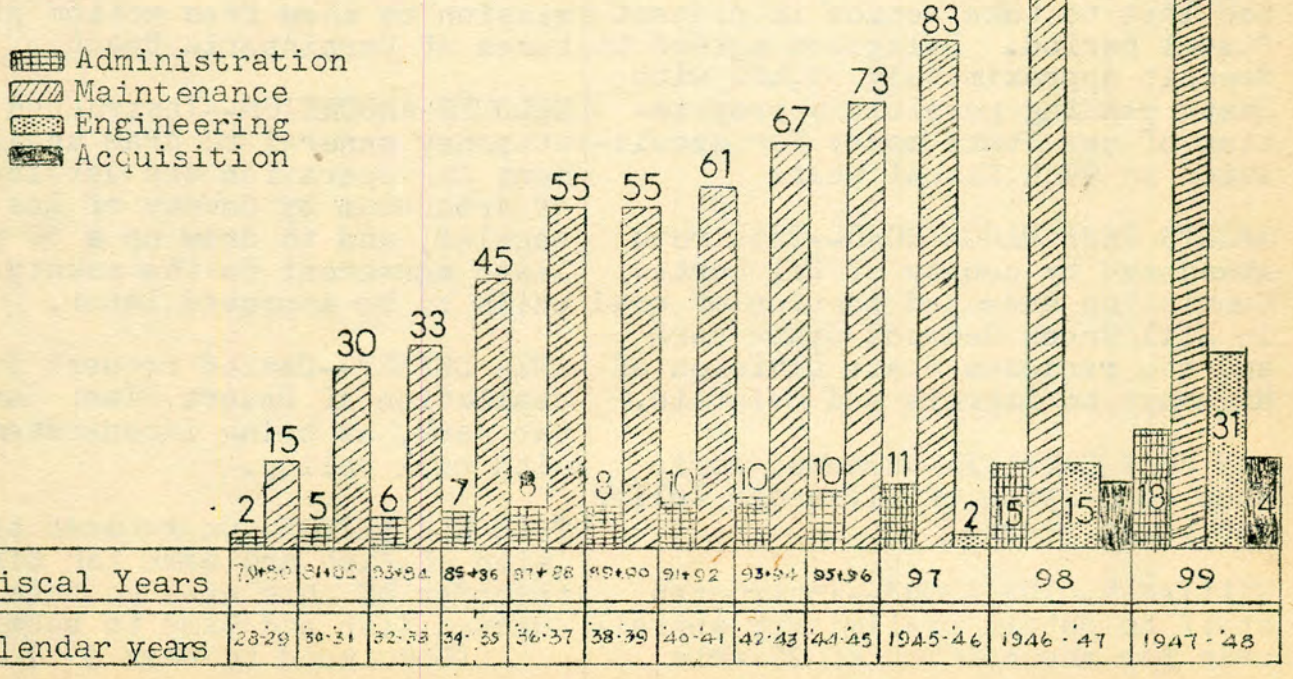
PERSONNEL GRAPH
1928 TO 1948

	1928	1948
Permanent Personnel	17	296
Seasonal Personnel	0	32
Total	17	328
Annual Budget	$63,214.96	$4,434,528.00

1948 BREAKDOWN

Support----------$1,379,305.00
Construction---Parks----------2,245,500.00
Beaches---------- 566,000.00
Other current expenses---------- 243,723.00

State funds available for new acquisitions---$15,700,000.00



COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting of
June 20, 1947
Benbow, Calif.

Commission members present: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland, George Waldner of Ferndale, and Charles Kasch of Ukiah. Others present: A. E. Henning, chief of division; Warren T. Hannum, director of natural resources; J. H. Covington, commission secretary; E. C. Kelton, engineering officer; Edward F. Dolder, education officer; Irwin McClintock, lands section; Walter Rountree, deputy attorney general; E. P. French, district superintendent; Earl Hanson, assistant district superintendent; and W. A. Gergen, stenographer.

Commission actions:

POINT LOBOS--In response to request of Point Lobos League suggesting prohibition of fishing and picnicking at Pt. Lobos Reserve State Park, informed league that present rules, being the recommendation of the original Pt. Lobos Advisory Committee, will stand.

STEVENSON MEMORIAL PARK--Delegation appeared to seek immediate action to save money appropriated by State for Stevenson project from reverting to Park Fund. Informed it was too late to take action in present fiscal period. Delegates agreed to deposit approximately $5,400 with State pending possible appropriation of new State money for acquisition in 99th fiscal year.

GRANTS PASS WAGON ROAD--This road abandoned by county of Del Norte. Commission accepted portion of road in Mill Creek Redwood State Park and now requests State Division of Highways to improve and maintain.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA--Renewed curio shop concession of Alexander Zeller for three years.

WILLIAM B. IDE ADOBE--Instructed staff to obtain preliminary appraisals for acquisition of 25 acre recreation park on Sacramento River near Red Bluff to include old adobe home of first "president" of California; also to work out agreement with County of Tehama and City of Red Bluff for operation and maintenance.

HUNTINGTON BEACH--In response to local request for construction of parking area easterly of state beach, answered that due to safety factor, commission not inclined to construct parking area now. This matter will be considered when a master plan of development for the beach is approved by the commission.

LILLEY GROVE--Informed that will of the late Minnie Lilley of Mendocino County leaves a 40 acre Redwood Grove to the State. Instructed staff to obtain title report and District Superintendent French to investigate value of area as a State Park. Grove is on Redwood Highway between Hickey Grove and Richardson Grove.

CARPINTERIA BEACH--Denied request of motion picture operator for permission to show free motion pictures at Carpinteria Beach.

BALDWIN ARBORETUM--Instructed deputy attorney general to draw up agreement for operation and development of arboretum by County of Los Angeles, and to draw up a 50 year lease agreement to the county. Details to be approved later.

ANZA DESERT--Denied request for installation of Desert Plant Garden in the park, as being inconsistent with park policy.

TULE ELK REFUGE--On request of Division of Fish and Game for title transfer of this area to them, requested Fish and Game to submit

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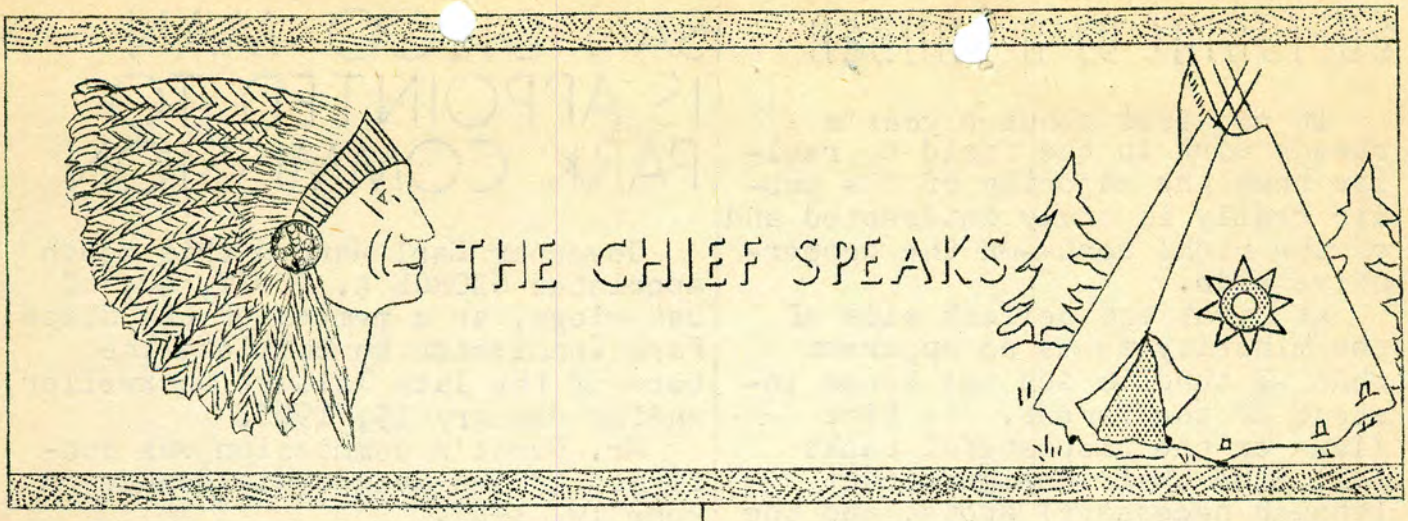

MEMORIAL DAY CROWDS

All Park and Beach units reported record-breaking crowds over the Memorial Day weekend in spite of the fact that rainy weather predominated over a large section of the State.

The Fourth of July will again provide a three-day holiday outing so be prepared for an overflow attendance.

Some of the facts, as recorded on the Rangers' Weekly Reports, covering Memorial Day attendance are as follows: Seacliff Beach - 3,004; Pfeiffer Big Sur - 1,583; Morro Bay - 2,010; Richardson Grove - 2,000; Mt. San Jacinto - 325; Calaveras - 1,500; Big Basin -8,500; Samuel P. Taylor - 1,500; Town of Columbia - 2,700; Van Damme - 600; Mt. Tamalpais - 250; Mt. Diablo - 1,240; Doheny - 3,000; D. L. Bliss - 250; Armstrong - 2,300; Carpinteria - 910; Will Rogers Beach - 101,300.

FIELD MANUAL

The new revised Field Manual has been distributed to all field employees and should result in a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the individual in his relation to the general organization and the visiting public.

The Manual was compiled by Ed Dolder with the assistance of the office staff and its value will depend upon the individual use of same in the making of a more efficient and effective working organization. Ed has done his part and we hereby give him the Orchid; and it is up to you to do your part to see that this Orchid does not wilt or die because of lack of cooperation.

STATUS OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM

The State Park employee housing program has advanced to the present stage: At Vallejo Home one District Superintendent's house has been completed. One standard type employee house is about completed.

Contracts have been let for the following. These houses include garages in all instances: Big Basin - 4; Portola - 2; New Brighton - 2; Sunset Beach - 1; San Juan Bautista - 1; Pfeiffer Big Sur - 2.

Bids will soon be called for on the following: Richardson Grove - 3; Prairie Creek - 2; Williams Grove - 1; Van Duzen - 1; Patrick's Point - 1.

The next group upon which bids will be called for about July 15, 1947 include: Armstrong Grove - 1; Calaveras - 2; D. L. Bliss - 2; McArthur-Burney Falls - 1; Tahoe Campground - 1; Sonoma Coast - 1; Mt. Diablo - 3; Mt. Tamalpais - 1; Morro Bay - 2; La Purisima - 1.

The remainder of the housing program construction will be carried on as rapidly as the Division of Architecture can consummate plans and bidding arrangements until the entire fifty-four house program has been completed.

A. E. HENNING, Chief

EDITORIAL BY A RANGER

It requires about a year's steady work in the field to realize that the majority of the public really is truly interested and of the right sort--on the cooperative side.

At first the selfish side of the minority seems so apparent that we tend to see the trees instead of the forest. As time flows on the distasteful tasks fall into their insignificant (though necessary) spots, and the more important issues become uppermost in mind.

To the pessimist, who thinks himself a realist, this idea is regarded merely as wishful thinking...but right or wrong, it's a lot more fun to think so.----Raymond L. Nelson, Deputy Ranger, Dyerville Headquarters

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VAN DUZEN ROAD PROJECT

Chief Ranger E. J. Nash of Humboldt Redwoods State Park reports that the roughing out of new park roads at Van Duzen Redwood State Park now is complete in the campground area, and that he is waiting for a grader. It is hoped to develop Van Duzen as an offset camping area to relieve the heavy use of park camps along the Redwood Highway.

NEW EXAMINATIONS

The following examinations have been scheduled in classifications in which the Division of Beaches and Parks is seeking personnel:

Intermediate stenographer-clerk, filing date, July 19; examination, August 9. Intermediate stock clerk final filing date July 3; examination, July 24. Jr. civil engineer, final filing July 5; examination, July 26. Junior engineering aid, final filing July 12; examination, Aug. 2. Sr. Engineering aid, final filing July 12; examination, August 2.

If an examination has been held since your application last was filed, a new application must be filed before the present filing date expires.

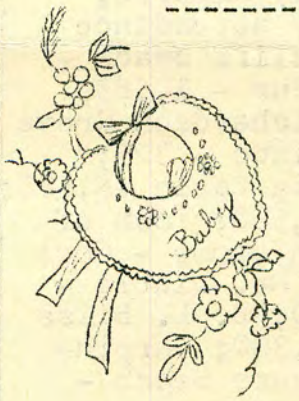
SAN DIEGO MAN IS APPOINTED TO PARK COMMISSION

Governor Earl Warren this month appointed GEORGE A. SCOTT, 40, of San Diego, as a member of the State Park Commission to complete the term of the late Isidore Dockweiler, ending January 15, 1948.

Mr. Scott's commission was confirmed by the California Senate on June 19, 1947.

The new commissioner in private life is the vice president-general manager of Walker's Department Store in San Diego. He is a former president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and during the war headed up the San Diego area USO operations. He has been very active in community welfare work.

Mr. Scott's home is at 4361 Altamirame Way, San Diego. He will sit in at his first commission meeting in Los Angeles July 18th and 19th.



JUST ARRIVED

A sweet little
stranger has come
to our house,
And brought us the
greatest of cheer!
And we are so happy
we simply can't
wait
To tell you our baby
is here!!!

NAME Janet Yvonne

ARRIVED June 16, 1947

WEIGHT 7¼ lbs.

COLOR OF EYES dark HAIR Dk. Brown

PARENTS Geneva and Francis Wiget

1303 W. 130th St. Los Angeles

Deputy Ranger, Will Rogers Park

EDUCATION-RECREATION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

An enlarged education-recreation program for the State Park System is underway this season, beginning in selected parks on June 15th under the direction of the educational supervisor of the division.

Budgetary provisions for the 99th fiscal year set up Summer nature guide positions for Richardson Grove, Prairie Creek Redwoods, Calaveras Big Trees, Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur and Cuyamaca Rancho.

Personnel now has reported for all these positions, with the exception of Prairie Creek, where housing could not be provided and we were unable to find a candidate who would camp out. The Park Nature Guides, who will work until approximately September 3, 1947, are:

Carl Nichols (Richardson Grove), Clifton Schonberger (Calaveras Big Trees), Don C. Meadows (Big Basin), Glenn Waldner (Pfeiffer Big Sur), and John C. McKenzie (Cuyamaca Rancho).

The budget increased the allowance for recreation leaders from three to five, with positions at Richardson Grove, Williams Grove, Big Basin, Big Sur and Cuyamaca; and all positions except at Williams Grove have been filled. Again at Williams, a candidate with camping equipment could not be found.

Recreation leaders for the other parks are Harold von Muller (Richardson Grove), Harriett Weaver (Big Basin), John Johnston (Big Sur) and Hazel Carter (Cuyamaca Rancho).

Sixteen millemeter sound motion picture projectors have been purchased for the campfire programs this season for Richardson Grove, Big Basin and Big Sur.

WAGGISH GUEST

Father's Day was properly observed at Big Basin Redwood State Park. A waggish visitor tacked a big red bow and a Father's Day card to the venerable old Redwood known as the Father Tree.

COLUMBIA YARN

You who have been to the old historic town of Columbia, now a State Park, probably have seen the Old Timer sitting on a bench in front of the Stage Drivers' Retreat.

This old boy has an observant eye and a keen sense of humor. Once in a while I stop and listen to some of his remarks and yarns which are pretty good.

Here's a sample:

"It seems that there were three miners up in the hills who had run out of food, so one of them said that he was going out and scare up something to eat even if it was a bear. Well.....it so happened that he did find a bear, which took offense at him and headed his way goin', a mile a minute. The miner started pickin' 'em up and layin' 'em down and managed to stay just ahead of the irritated bear. He headed for the cabin with the bear right after him.

"The miner was pretty well all in when he reached the cabin, so he just fell through the door and the bear ran right over the top of him. The miner jumped up, slammed the door shut, and yelled: 'Here's one! Skin this 'un whilst I fetch another!'"---From Darrell Knoeffler, Assistant Ranger, Columbia State Park.

TAMALPAIS SERPENT

Assistant Ranger Franklyn Brown of Mt. Tamalpais State Park awoke at 4:45 o'clock one morning this month to the wild knocking of many knuckles upon his door.

The knuckles belonged to members of the Keladi group of Camp Fire Girls from San Francisco--and the reason.....

A rattlesnake had turned up in the midst of their camp. Brown killed the serpent and found it to be 25 inches long with three rattles and a button.

AN ORCHID TO YOU

Quotes from satisfied customers:

"Recently I spent some time at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and liked it very much. In addition to being located in a beautiful area, the rangers merit a sincere compliment, and the facilities were excellent."---JACK PARKER, Berkeley California.

"Recently for the first time I was a guest of yours at Mount Diablo State Park and so enjoyed a two day camping trip that I should like to know the location of your other parks that permit camping. I want to emphasize my words 'guest of yours at Mt. Diablo'. The place was so beautiful, clean, and had so many facilities to make camping pleasant that we felt like a guest...Mr. William Reinhardt came to collect the overnight fee and was an extraordinary pleasant man."---W. M. HARRIS, Alameda, California.

"I spent a grand week-end camping with my family at the Van Damme Beach State Park on the Mendocino Coast. We were so pleased with the accomodations and the excellent manner in which the camp was maintained that we wondered if there were not other camps with like accomodations in northern California."---MRS. T. L. DE BISSCHOP, San Francisco, California.

DISABLED VETERANS PICNIC IN BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK

The Oakland Elks Lodge entertained 30 disabled war veterans from the Livermore Hospital this month at a picnic at Big Basin Redwood State Park. Park rangers made an improvised barbecue pit at the picnic area so that steaks could be grilled.

BRUSH FIRE DAMAGES MT. DIABLO AREA

Approximately 300 acres of grass and chapparal on the southern slopes of Mt. Diablo State Park were burned on June 12 when a fire developed on the nearby Force Ranch and swept over 3200 acres of land.

For a time it appeared that the big oak trees at Artists' Point in the park would be destroyed but backfiring by the park rangers saved them.

The fire was fought by the Danville Fire Department, 100 soldiers from Camp Stoneman, the State Division of Forestry, and the local park crew.

The area burned in the park was from Rock City south to about 1/8 mile south of Black Hawk Point, then 1½ miles down towards the South Gate.

Assistant Ranger W. A. Weatherbee Assistant Ranger Frank Fair, Deputy Ranger William Reinhardt, and Deputy Ranger Leonard Fisher were commended by Chief Ranger R.G. Bassett for their efficient handling of the fire threat. Ranger Fair was enjoying a day off in Lafayette when he saw the fire and hurried back to the park to work long into the night.

UNIFORM INFORMATION**********

Smith's of Oakland reports delivery of uniforms will take from 40 to 45 days after the order is taken. Uniforms are being made in Philadelphia and delivered here air express.

Leather hatbands and the new shoulder insignias are now available. Hatbands are $1.00, and the insignias are 30 cents for the shirt type and 40 cents for the jacket.

Castle hats are in stock at $6.50, and Stetsons will not be available for 90 days. A small supply of Stetsons, at about $13.50 without bands are available at Eagleson's, 8th & K, Sacramento.

LOCAL YOUTHS ROUNDING UP COLUMBIA BURROS TO TAKE VISITORS SIGHTSEEING

Natives of old Columbia in Tuolumne County are making good use of the attention being directed at the town since a portion of it became a State Park.

Assistant Ranger Darrell Knoeffler reports local boys are rounding up all the burros in the area to rent out to tourists in place of sight-seeing busses.

Recently a group of ten children visited the park under the guidance of Miss Helen McGregor, secretary to Governor Earl Warren.

SONOMA CENTENNIAL

Residents of Sonoma this month observed the centennial of the arrival in June, 1847, of a company of United States soldiers to garrison Sonoma. They were part of the 1st Regiment of New York Volunteers. The celebration consisted of a parade, rodeo, and other events.

WHATSIT??

Deputy Ranger Louis Wakefield of Morro Bay State Park reports seeing a small furry animal around the rocks of the bayshore near the clubhouse that looked like a muskrat but it was in salt water.

The animal had a small body, about eight inches long, with fur about one inch long, and a flat tail like a beaver, only smaller. He said the animal was quite at home in the water.

RECORD TROUT IS LANDED AT PORTOLA STATE PARK

Landing of a 27 inch rainbow trout in Pescadero Creek at Portola State Park was reported this month by Chief Ranger Charles Fakler.

The angler was Robert Howland of Menlo Park, California.

600 ATTEND HORSE SHOW AT WILL ROGERS STATE PARK

Chief Ranger Harold Pesch of Will Rogers State Park reports 600 persons attended a horse show for child riders held in the riding ring at the park on Saturday, June 7.

Nine events were run off, and prizes and ribbons were provided by merchants of Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. The show was judged by Captain F. W. Egan, a professional show judge.

This is the second show held in four months and has encouraged W. T. Best, the concessionaire, to schedule regular shows for children.

WILL ROGERS EXIT ROAD IS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The new exit road from Will Rogers State Park has been completed and now is open to the public.

Chief Ranger Harold Pesch reports the new road is a great improvement to the park.

BIG HORN SHEEP SIGHTED AT ANZA

Chief Ranger J. W. Calvert of Anza Desert State Park reported recently that men from the Department of Agriculture came upon Big Horn Sheep in Palm Canyon.

They saw two ewes, two rams, and a young lamb. The animals are rather tame, they report, and they were able to fondle the lamb.

COLUMBIA PUBLICITY

Mr. D. Palma of the National Geographic Society photographed Columbia State Park recently. He informed Assistant Ranger Darrell Knoeffler that the pictures will appear in the November issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

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COMMISSION DIGEST-Continued from Page 2.

their plans first to the County of Kern for reaction.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES--Denied request for use of park road by logging company.

POLICE POWER--Granted police authority to following new employees: Nolan E. Albright, deputy ranger, Calaveras Big Trees; Howard C. Morefield, deputy ranger, McArthur-Burney Falls, and Charles K. Boyle deputy ranger, D. L. Bliss.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS--Agreed to grant right of way to Division of Highways for construction and realignment of State Highway No. 1 through coast portions of the park.

SAN DIEGO RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL-Heard report that all but one landowner along the proposed trail route in San Diego County has agreed to negotiate on right-of-way for trail.

The next meeting of the commission will be in Los Angeles on July 18 and 19, 1947.

STATE'S FIRST THEATRE OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday, June 3, a century after Jack Swan built his saloon on Pacific and Scott Streets in Monterey, California's First Theatre State Monument observed the tenth anniversary of its reopening as a playhouse, June 3, 1937, by the Denny-Watrous management.

A special performance of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" was given by the Gold Coast Troupers.

California's First Theatre now is the only "legitimate" playhouse between San Francisco and Santa Barbara.

In the spring of 1847, Jack Swan built himself a saloon for sailors and whalers. A long addition was added to afford lodging--and in the spring of 1848 men of Stevenson's Regiment, quartered in the nearby Presidio, entered into an agreement with Swan for the use of his saloon and lodging house for a theatrical performance.

The performance was "Putnam, the Iron Son of '76", and seats were sold for $5.00, making the Jack Swan adobe technically the "First Theatre in California".

The Eagle Theatre, built in Sacramento in 1849, was the first structure to be built expressly for dramatic purposes in California.

FIRE DAMAGES CONCESSION BUILDING AT SEACLIFF BEACH STATE PARK

Early this month a fire broke out in the pier concession building at Seacliff Beach State Park about midnight.

Most of one building was saved, and some damage was done to the pier deck. Chief Ranger C. L. Cushing reports the Aptos Volunteer Fire Department fought the fire. Damage is estimated at $1,000.

PERSONNEL ROSTER
(6/24/47)

DIVISION OF BEACHES & PARKS
Department of Natural Resources

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Leo Crawford, Asst. Ranger
Maurice Morgan, Asst. Ranger
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DOHENY BEACH, Doheny Park, California

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DONNER HISTORIC MONUMENT, Truckee, California

William Killian, Deputy Ranger

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Edward A. Cox, Deputy Ranger
John Budnick, Deputy Ranger

FIRST THEATRE HISTORIC MONUMENT, Monterey, California

Isabel Hartigan, Curator

FORT ROSS HISTORIC MONUMENT, Cazadero, California

Melvin S. Cobb, Carpenter
Frank Rash, Laborer
Byron Sherry, Laborer

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE HISTORIC MONUMENT, Coloma, California

Robert W. Goeglein, Laborer

HOUSE OF GOLD HISTORIC MONUMENT, 210 Olivier Street, Monterey, Cal.

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LA PURISIMA MISSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, Rt. 98, Lompoc, California

Arthur Sill, Asst. Ranger
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William Markle, Deputy Ranger
Richard Rodriguez, Curator
John Harris, Gardener-Groundsman
Herbert Tainer, Groundsman-Gdnr.
Nelson S. Gerhart, Laborer

MARSHALL'S MONUMENT, Coloma, California

C. M. Traylor, Deputy Ranger

MC ARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS, Burney, California

E. J. Pool, Chief Ranger
Claud Morefield, Deputy Ranger

MILL CREEK REDWOODS, Crescent City, California

Carl Schnauer, Deputy Ranger

MORRO BAY, Morro Bay, California

F. C. Canham, Chief Ranger
Wm. P. Dougherty, Deputy Ranger
Louis Wakefield, Deputy Ranger

MT. DIABLO, Diablo, California

Ray G. Bassett, Chief Ranger
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Frank Fair, Assistant Ranger
Wm. E. Gott, Deputy Ranger
William Reinhardt, Deputy Ranger
Robert Hanson, Skilled Laborer
Leonard Fisher, Deputy Ranger

MT. SAN JACINTO, Idyllwild, California

Robert Hatch, Asst. Ranger
Edward A. Griggs, Laborer

MT. TAMALPAIS, Rt. 1, Box 281, Mill Valley, California

Franklyn Brown, Asst. Ranger
Royal Jimerson, Jr., Sk.Laborer
Frederick Eissler, Sk. Laborer
Carl W. Martin, Skilled Laborer

NEW BRIGHTON BEACH, Capitola--Send mail to Seacliff Beach

Leonard Moore, Assistant Ranger

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE HISTORIC MONUMENT, Monterey, California

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Amelie Kneass, Curator
Edna Mae Washington, Janitress

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, Palomar Mountain, California

Henry W. Saddler, Asst. Ranger
Paul Haines, Deputy Ranger

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James P. Trynor, Deputy Ranger

PFEIFFER BIG SUR, Big Sur, California

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Keith Carpenter, Deputy Ranger
Lewis Griffith, Deputy Ranger
John C. Mason, Deputy Ranger
Friedrich Oltman, Deputy Ranger
Lester Ransom, Deputy Ranger
Alvin Whittington, Jr., Dep.Rgr.
Earl M. Lively, Skilled Laborer
James Baker, Jr., Sk. Laborer
Wayne Headings, Skilled Laborer
Theodore McMillen, Deputy Ranger
John Johnston, Recreation Leader
Glenn Waldner, Nature Guide
Silas N. Parks, Janitor (seas)
William Dailey, Laborer

PIO PICO MANSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, Pico, Calif. P.O. Box 46

Dolores Connors, Curator
Frank Guiterrez, Curator
Chas. S. Mosteller, Deputy Ranger

POINT LOBOS RESERVE STATE PARK, Carmel, California

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John V. McKone, Deputy Ranger
Lewis Rogers, Jr., Deputy Ranger

PORTOLA, La Honda, California

Charles Fakler, Chief Ranger
Werner Foss, Jr., Deputy Ranger

PRAIRIE CREEK, Orick, California

C. L. Milne, Chief Ranger
Bassett Farber, Deputy Ranger

RICHARDSON GROVE, Richardson Grove, California

E. G. Gray, Chief Ranger
Robert Stewart, Deputy Ranger
Harold von Muller, Rec. Leader
Wesley King, Deputy Ranger
Erwin Single, Deputy Ranger
Marion Single, Sk. Laborer
Carl Nichols, Nature Guide
George Brereton, Deputy Ranger
Jerry Perich, Deputy Ranger

RUSSIAN GULCH, Little River, California

DeRonz L. Young, Deputy Ranger

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH, San Clemente, California

Rudolph Anderson, Asst. Ranger
Alan Philbrook, Deputy Ranger
John Fleming, Assistant Ranger
Roy Moore, Carpenter
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SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HISTORIC MONUMENT, P.O. Box 11, San Juan Bautista

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Stanley Jones, Deputy Ranger
Michael Powell, Deputy Ranger
Howard Davis, Sk. Laborer
Albert Logsdon, Sk. Laborer
Herbert Gunderson, Sk. Laborer
Henry Broadhead, Sk. Laborer
Harry McClellan, Carpenter
Russell Hodges, Sk. Laborer
Charles Housover, Carpenter
Peter Novak, Sk. Laborer

SONOMA MISSION HISTORIC MONUMENT, Sonoma, California

Daisy V. Barbour, Curator

TAHOE CAMPGROUNDS, Tahoe City, California

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SAMUEL P. TAYLOR, P.O. Box 342, Marin City, California

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VALLEJO HOME HISTORIC MONUMENT, Sonoma, California

F. A. Bridewell, Curator
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VAN DAMME BEACH, Little River, California

Alfred A. Beck, Asst. Ranger

WILLIAMS GROVE, Weott, California

Jack M. Goswick, Deputy Ranger
Ralph L. Banfill, Asst. Ranger

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK, Pacific Palisades, California

Harold Pesch, Chief Ranger
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Herbert Hedicke, Deputy Ranger
Eugene Velzy, Asst.Dist. Supt.
Jack Lemley, Asst. Ranger
Francis Wiget, Deputy Ranger
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BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIF.

UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

May 1, 1947

DRESS UNIFORM

Field Jacket: 16 oz. Forest Green Whipcord. To be lapel style, with peaked lapels. Concealled zipper front. To have coat construction throughout with bi-swing back (no half-belt). To have two breast patch pockets with box pleat and to have 3-point flaps with concealed button (flat bone). To be 5½" wide by 6½" deep. To have cloth badge holder with two metal eyelets, over breast pocket. Sleeves to be cut in regular coat style, and to have ½" stripe on top side of sleeve 3½" from end of sleeve. Length to be to hip bone of wearer. To have two adjustment straps on waist band. To be full rayon lined with two inside breast pockets.

Emblem: To be 3/8" gold silk embroidered on navy blue cloth bearing insignia of California bear with word "California" centered around top of emblem and words "Beaches and Parks" centered along bottom of emblem. To have gold silk border. To be worn on left shoulder, at sleeve head.

Trousers: To be same material as field jacket. Cut easy to allow full freedom of movement with two side pockets, two hip pockets and one watch pocket. Hip pockets to have button and button hole, and to 8" deep. Waist band to be 1 3/4" wide and to have large tun el loops to accomodate regulation garrison belt. There shall be a 3/8" welt seam on trouser outseam. All trousers to have plain bottoms, zipper fly and leather heel stays.

Hats: To be Stetson Hat Company's "Nutria", with stiff brim 3" wide and crown 4" high. Regulation black leather hat band will be worn with hat.

Shirt: Military cut, khaki type.

Tie: Black four-in-hand.

Shoes: Brown oxford or high top.

FATIGUE UNIFORM

Material to be United States Government standard khaki twill. Uniform to consist of khkai shirt and trousers, with brown oxford, brown high-top or heavy brown work shoes; and hat similar in style to dress uniform but of lower quality if desired.

UNIFORM FOR THE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Prices and Services from SMITHS, 12th and Washington, Oakland, California

Effective: May 1, 1947

PRICES:

$45.00 Dress uniform consisting of field jacket and one pair of trousers.

$17.50 Extra pair of trousers.

$15.50 Stetson "Nutria" hat with leather hat band.

$3.00 to $4.50 Shirts, price depending upon quality selected.

$ .85 Ties--either all-wool wrinkle resistant or rayon barathea.

$6.95 Style W0350 "Thorogood" Brand--smooth brown elk oxford with raw cord soles.

$6.95 Style W350 "Thorogood" brand--smooth brown elk Blucher type high shoe with raw cord soles.

$9.50 Style W326A "Winthrop" brand smooth brown calfskin Blucher type high shoe with full double soles, double stitched. Sizes 5 to 14, widths A to EE.

$10.95 Style W0344A "Winthrop" brand "Action Soles", smooth brown calfskin, plain toe, with double soles, cushion arch, Blucher type oxfords. Sizes 5 to 14, widths AA to E.

SERVICES:

Credit: There is no additional charge of any type for credit. No down payment is required. A regular charge account provides for payment in full on the 10th of the second month following the month of purchase. A Budget Account provides payment in three equal amounts, the first third to paid on the 10th of the month following the month of purchase. For credit purposes, anything after the 25th of the month is considered part of the next month.

Delivery: Free anyplace in California.

Alterations: Free in all cases.

Mail and telephone orders: will be handled as promptly as personal visits.

Measurements: for persons not able to come in to the store we will provide a measurement blank and instructions. On return of the measurements the order will be filled. Please allow 40 days from receipt by SMITHS of the measurements. Each uniform is made to measure.

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PAY INCREASE!!

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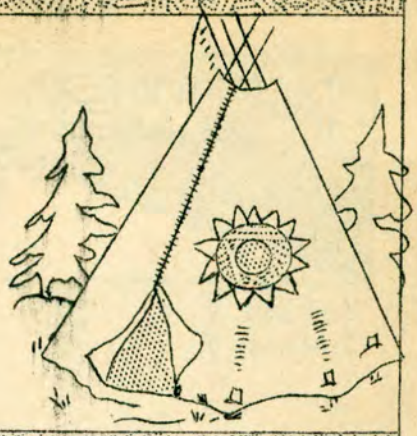
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
Department of Natural Resources

THE CHIEF SPEAKS



JULY 4TH CROWDS

Congratulations to all of the Field Personnel in the various parks for the splendid manner in which the unprecedented Fourth of July weekend crowds were handled. Most of the weekly Ranger Reports carried an item to the effect that Fourth of July weekend crowds were the largest ever to assemble in the State Park System; and I have not heard of any fire, any accident, or any other serious situation or condition arising in connection with the handling of this record-breaking crowd.

HOUSING

Latest information from the State Division of Architecture is that all plans and specifications will be ready to be submitted to bid by September 20, 1947, which means that all contracts for the 54 house building program should be let before Christmas.

CONSERVATION

Ranger Reports reveal that the water situation in many of our parks is such that the greatest conservation of water must be put into practice in order that we may have sufficient water to complete the normal heavy seasonal use of the areas. Extra caution should, therefore, also be exercised in the elimination of every possible fire hazard.

SUTTER'S FORT

Honorable Earl Warren, Governor of California, has just recently signed Legislation which places Sutter's Fort and the Indian Museum, located in Sacramento, under the jurisdiction of this Division.

This historical Monument is one of the most important in the State of California and also has, in connection therewith, probably the best museum display of early California historical relics. This Division now has under its jurisdiction every State-owned Historical Monumen

RESTRICTIONS

Under the new Federal Housing and Rent Act of 1947, all restrictions upon construction have been removed except those for recreational and amusement purposes. This restriction may hamper this Division in an endeavor to carry forward the construction program as set up in our Budget for 1947-48. However, you can rest assured that the staff of this Division will do everything within its power to secure approval from the Federal Office of Housing Expeditor.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

The new District Headquarters for the Southern District have been established at 9216 South Broadway, City of Los Angeles. This Headquarters Office is still within the metropolitan telephone area of

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STATE PARK SALARIES ARE INCREASED

BOOST RETROACTIVE TO FIRST OF APRIL

Pay increases through the establishment of new salary ranges for State employees were announced this month by the State Personnel Board. The increases were made possible by a recent legislative appropriation, and the new scale is permanent.

Officials of the departmental accounting office inform us that the increase will be included in checks issued in September for the month of August, and separate checks for back pay at the new scale, retroactive to April 1, 1947, will be issued sometime in September.

All employees will be advanced to the step in the new scale corresponding to their present step.

In the following list of State park positions, entries appearing opposite the letter (a) represent the old monthly salary range with each step indicated. Entries appearing opposite the letter (b) represent the steps in the new monthly salary range to which each step in the old monthly salary range is changed:

Assistant groundsman and flower gardener, janitor-janitress, and laborer--(a) 150-160-170-180-190
(b) 170-180-190-200-210

Int. account clerk, groundsman and flower gardener, under engineering aid, inter. stock clerk, inter. clerk, inter. typist clerk--
(a) 160-170-180-190-200
(b) 180-190-200-210-220

Junior clerk--
(a) 140-150-160-170
(b) 160-170-180-190

Inter. steno-clerk, skilled laborer(monthly)--
(a) 170-180-190-200-210
(b) 190-200-210-220-231

Junior engineering aid--
(a) 180-190-200-210-220
(b) 200-210-220-231-243

Ranger grade 1, curator, recreation leader, senior clerk--
(a) 190-200-210-220-230
(b) 210-220-231-243-255

Senior account clerk, senior stenographer--
(a) 200-210-220-230-240
(b) 220-231-243-255-268

Senior engineering aid, Ranger grade 2, nature guide--
(a) 220-230-240-250-260
(b) 243-255-268-281-295

Auto mechanic, carpenter--
(a) 230-240-250-260-270
(b) 255-268-281-295-310

Junior real property agent, super. account clerk, ranger grade 3, delineator, and junior civil engineer-(a) 250-265-280-295-310
(b) 268-281-295-310-325

Carpenter foreman--
(a) 265-280-295-310-325
(b) 281-295-310-325-341

Assistant district superintendent-- (a) 280-295-310-325-340
(b) 295-310-325-341-358

Assistant civil engineer, senior delineator, assistant forestry engineer-(a) 310-325-340-355-370
(b) 325-341-358-376-395

District superintendent--
(a) 325-340-355-370-385
(b) 341-358-376-395-415

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting in
Los Angeles
July 18, 1947

Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland (Oakland), chairman; Charles Kasch (Ukiah), George Waldner (Ferndale), Leo Carrillo (Santa Monica), and George Scott (San Diego).

Others present: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources; A. E. Henning, Chief of Division; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; Edwin C. Kelton, erosion control engineer; John Hennessey, state parks land officer; Edward F. Dolder, supervisor of conservation education; Guy Fleming district superintendent; and Ida Rath, stenographer.

LOS ANGELES BEACH LEASES--Cancelled present lease to county on Will Rogers State Beach and granted new 25 year lease so that county may plan extensive improvements and operation.

BALDWIN ARBORETUM--Approved agreement with Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on proposed development. All costs will be born by county.

RICHARDSON GROVE--Staff ordered to open negotiations with Division of Highways for realighment of U.S. 101 through Richardson Grove as outlined by the Gibbs plan of 1937, to eliminate present traffic hazard.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BEACHES--Ordered acquisition proceed immediately on portion of Pt. Sal area beaches running southerly from Point to Camp Cook, and agreement to be worked out whereby county will maintain and operate.

RUSSIAN GULCH--Ordered negotiations to acquire Hargraves property to round out this park.

STEPHENS GROVE--Opened negotiations for acquisition of land adjacent to this grove in order to control water supply for park use.

MONTGOMERY REDWOODS--Staff ordered to negotiate for addition of Thomas Land to Montgomery Redwoods.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY--Accepted as matching for state-purchased lands under the Los Angeles County Master Beach Plan, the following county-owned beaches: Castle Rock, El Porto Redondo, Santa Monica; and certain beaches owned by cities of Los Angeles and Manhattan.

COLUMBIA--Requested staff to work out details for letting of a concession of the City Hotel on a minimum rental and percentage of gross receipts basis.

BIDWELL BAR--Moved to accept Bidwell Bar as a State Park so that staff may proceed with acquisition. Informed Bidwell Bar Park Association that commission is sympathetic to plan to enlarge park area if matching is provided and approved official name as Curry Bidwell Bar State Park.

RICHARDSON GROVE--Ordered general repairs on all buildings at this grove at the end of the season.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR--Ordered staff to proceed to rebuild Big Sur Lodge on site of the burned building, and construct six new double cabins in the orchard area to replace the twelve old cabins in the Weyland camp. The Weyland cabins are to be torn down and this area used for campsites.

SHORELINE PLANNING--Staff ordered to investigate and report to commission on desirable areas to be acquired between the highway and ocean where the highway comes with-

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COMMISSION DIGEST-Continued from Page 4.

in 300 feet of the shore, all along the California coast.

PETRIFIED FOREST--Received report from Save-the-Redwoods League urging acquisition of Petrified Forest near Calistoga as a State Park.

CAMP PENDLETON--Director Hannum reported on possibility of acquiring Camp Pendleton and suggested staff investigate.

The next regular meeting was set for August 15 and 16 in San Francisco.

NEW ATTENDANCE HIGHS

Swelling attendance figures at State parks indicate that the 1947 season will set a new all-time total of park visitors to succeed the previous high record set last year.

Attendance figures from the following recordbreaking parks give some idea of the growing interest on the part of the public in the State Park System:

(First figures are attendance from Jan. 1st to mid-July of this year. The second figures are attendance for the corresponding 1946 period.)

Russian Gulch, 11,907-1,799; Castle Crags, 9,661--3,210; Van Damme Beach, 26,167--9,745; Patrick's Point, 14,250--8,857; San Juan Bautista, 19,079--10,089; and D. L. Bliss, 13,770--7,170.

Further indication of this high attendance comes in a report from Harriet Weaver, recreation leader at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, who said the July 4th crowd at the evening campfire program was 2,500 persons, largest on record, with people coming for seats an hour and a half before the start of the program, and bringing their dinners.

SARAH RIOLO TO MARRY

Miss Sarah Ann Riolo, senior stenc clerk in the Sacramento Office has set August 10th as the date for her formal wedding to Arthur Zimmerman of Sacramento.

The double ring ceremony will be held at 5 P.M. at the Westminster Preby. Church with Dr. Clarence A. Kircher officiating.

Her sister, Mary Riolo will be her Maid of Honor and Elmer Moore will be best man. Her father, Sam Riolo, will give her away.

After a honeymoon to the Southern area, the couple will be at home to friends at 3084-33rd St. Apartment A, Sacramento.

DIOGENES--HERE'S YOUR MAN

Chief Ranger R.G. Bassett of Mt. Diablo State Park says his faith in the honesty of man was substantiated recently when Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Stanley of Los Angeles entered the park after the gate was vacated at night, and left early in the morning before the gate man arrived.

In an envelope left at the gate house by the Stanleys, was a note with their name and address, car number and make of car, and 75 cents to pay for camping and firewood.

ARMSTRONG CONCERTS

Weekly electric organ concerts in the Forest Theater at Armstrong Redwoods State Park are proving very popular.

KEEP CALIFORNIA GREEN AND GOLDEN

"KEEP CALIFORNIA GREEN AND GOLDEN" was selected as the winning fire prevention slogan this month in a state-wide contest sponsored by the California Fire Prevention Committee in which more than 25,000 school children in grades 7 to 14 participated. The slogan will be used to identify fire prevention educational efforts of the committee, a group of forty-five civic, industrial, and governmental agencies who organized in March of this year for the purpose of intensifying efforts in reducing the large number of man-caused forest, range, and watershed fires that occur in California each year.

In its public education program the committee plans to include the slogan in short radio announcements, in the newspapers, and on prevention posters, leaflets, and roadside signs to remind Californians to be cautious with fire.

13 year old William Ford Purdy, III, a 7th grade student at Central School in Menlo Park, San Mateo County, submitted the winning slogan. His prize will be a five-day expense paid trip to Yosemite National Park as guest of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. A $25.00 purchase order for either sports wear, camping equipment, or fish and game gear will be presented to five other state-wide winners.

Runner up in the fire prevention slogan contest was Bill West, a 13 year old, 8th grade student at Lindberg Junior High School in Los Angeles whose entry was "Keep California Fire Free". "Fire Burns What California Earns" was the slogan judged number three and entered by Patrick F. McCarthy a twelth grade student at Pasadena Junior College.

School children in thirty-five California counties participated in the contest and more than 5000 entries were received and judged. The committee named a winner for every county and each winner will be provided an expense paid forestry field trip by a local county, state, or federal forest officer.

CUYAMACA CHARM

Three times in July the "charm of Cuyamaca" held true, and threatening forest and brush fires, devouring good cover in alarmingly close proximity to the park, were held away from the area by protecting winds and hard-fighting fire crews.

Most damaging of the fires was the 25,000 acre Laguna fire, which started in a dump on a private ranch just east of Cuyamaca Rancho, and, but for a favorable west wind which drove it out into the desert highlands, the old rancho park would have been burned out.

The Laguna fire burned into a small portion of the brush land on the westerly side of Anza Desert State Park, and fire fighters estimate approximately 200 deer carcasses were found in the burned area.

HIGH TIDES AT DOHENY

Chief Ranger Jack Fleckenstein of Doheny Beach reports that high tides in July washed away part of the revetment, and pushed two feet of ocean water into the trailer court. Another high tide is expected on August 14th.

SEND IN MANUAL CUSTODY SLIPS

A number of rangers who were issued field manuals have failed to sign and turn in the custody slips enclosed in the binder. Please do so. Our records are incomplete until you do.

THE RANGER'S FRIEND

This story is told on Chief Ranger Wayne Cox of Pfeiffer Big Sur by his wife, Velda Cox:

A young fellow showed up in the park late one night without blankets or camping equipment, looking for his parents he said were in the park. They could not be found and Cox discovered the young man trying to take a shortcut in his car through the swimming pool (almost).

Cox gave him blankets and a place to sleep for the night.

Several days later, after he had found his parents and had been bounding in and out of the park in his car, sans camping receipt, one of the rangers checking at the gate informed him he owed the park $3.50 for camping.

"Oh," he replied, "I'm a friend of the chief ranger; I've been staying with him."

Cox quickly denied all claims to friendship or of boarding the "friend", the money was collected, and the friendly fellow departed.

INFORMATION ON FISH AND GAME

To assist rangers in answering the many questions fired at them on fish and game information and regulations within their particular area, we have arranged to place the name of the chief ranger, or ranger in charge, of all camping parks, upon the mailing list for the weekly information bulletin issued by the Division of Fish and Game.

This information is being supplied because of the many requests for information on this subject.

DOGS!

The subject of dogs always will cause a state park ranger to prick up his ears.....and the following excerpts from a section of the Los Angeles Times known as "Letters to 'The Times'" surely will tickle the park man's funnybone:

"NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to thank the national and State park commissions for keeping dogs out of the parks.

To the many who have risen above living with animals, these naturally beautiful havens are deeply appreciated.

F. P. GALLINGER,
Pasadena.

SUGGESTED READING

Might one suggest that F. P. Gallinger, who has so nobly arisen above the companionship of animals (and what luck for them) read "The Ancient Mariner"?

LILLI MACLACHLAN,
Alhambra.

In reply to F. P. Gallinger's letter I want to say that dogs are kept out of State parks not for the benefit of those who "have risen above living with animals" but for the protection of the many beautiful animals who make our parks havens in which two-footed animals may draw inspiration and pleasure from seeing life lived simply, beautifully and without fear. Dogs naturally like to chase other animals and the beautiful deer and other four-footed friends might be injured in their efforts to escape the dogs. It is a pity that we cannot train the bowwows to just chase the F. P. Gallingers. Then our State and national parks would be perfect.

LILLIAN B. RIVERS,
La Canada.

ORCHIDS

TO PT. LOBOS RESERVE---

"Please accept my congratulations on the very fine condition in which the park is always kept. It certainly is one of the best-managed parks in California."--Robert M. Clark, Montalve Foundation, Saratoga.

TO PFEIFFER BIG SUR---

"We have just returned from a vacation trip throughout the State, visiting several National parks and one State park, Pfeiffer Big Sur.

"It is with sincere appreciation that I write commending your department on having such a spot available for vacationists, and especially for the excellent manner in which it is maintained.

"May I also commend the personnel at Big Sur. They were most courteous, capable, efficient and ever ready to go out of their way to make our stay most pleasant."--Carl W. Olson, Los Angeles.

BLISS DOG PROBLEM

Deputy Rangers Charles Boyle and David Kimsey of D. L. Bliss ran into a real dog problem recently--a stray 150 pound St. Bernard dog playfully knocking down campers on the beach.

After carting the monster around cooped up in the stake-side truck, begging campers to tell them who the brute belonged to, they finally located the owner at an estate north of the park.

The rangers visualized an acute meat shortage in their respective family larders, and were very relieved to get rid of the St. Bernard before feeding time.

CALIFORNIA NAMES AND THEIR MEANING

PANOCHE (San Benito County)--Pah-noh-chee.....word applied to crude sugar or syrup.

RANGERS ARE URGED TO CUT PAMPHLET HANDOUTS

An increasing demand for printed material on State Parks, which cannot be met due to limitations in the budget for items of that nature, necessitates warning rangers to use discretion in the distribution of material.

In parks where specific folders pertaining to the area have been prepared, rangers are reminded that the maximum print allowed per year is 10,000 copies. This amount also holds true in the printing of the Rules & Regulations.

Rules & Regulations cannot be distributed with each picnic and camping receipt, and must be handed out where it is felt they most are needed. The brief rules & regulations cards posted at prominent points should be sufficient to inform a major portion of the public.

In the distribution of other information folders, determine that there is a real interest in the area on the part of the visitor before a folder is given out.

STATE PARKS WILL HAVE OUTDOOR SHOW AT 1947 STATE FAIR

Construction of the new outdoor exhibit of the Department of Natural Resources at the 1947 State Fair is progressing in good order, with a 20 by 60 foot log cabin with shake roof almost completed.

All five divisions of the department will exhibit on the 170 by 200 foot plot.

The State Park exhibit will be a typical park campsite with stove, table, food locker and tent set in a young forest of pine trees. Adjacent to the camp will be a rock falls and pool.

Three park rangers equipped with the new forest green uniform will be assigned to the exhibit to meet the public.

The fair will be from August 28 to September 7, inclusive.

NEWS & VIEWS

Published during the last week of each month for the personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State of California.

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the City of Los Angeles so as to make it convenient to all State and mercantile contacts; and is also centrally located insofar as the present and immediate future anticipated acquisition of areas in the District are concerned.

FREMONT PEAK NOW IS OPEN FOR PICNICKING

Picnic tables have been installed at Fremont Peak State Park in San Benito County, and an adequate supply of fresh water is available.

Howard T. Davis, ranger grade 1 (temp), has been assigned to the park.

SAN JACINTO REPORTS
HEAVIEST ATTENDANCE

Assistant Ranger Robert Hatch of Mt. San Jacinto State Park reports 68 camping parties (210 persons) in his 23 unit campground, and 165 picnickers using a nine table picnic area on July 5th.

MORRO BAY STATE PARK HAS RECORD JULY 4TH

Chief Ranger Fred Canham of Morro Bay State Park reports the busiest week in the history of the park, culminated by the July 4th weekend when the camp was full to over-flowing by the evening of July 3rd, with only a few admitted on the 4th and 5th.

To cap the climax, a group of 58 students from the Prairie State Teachers College, came into the park on July 5th in search of a resting place. Through the cooperation of Captain Grace of the Morro Bay Army Base, the students were given permission to pitch their tents in the army area.

Later it developed the truck hauling the tents was delayed and the captain permitted them to use the bachelor officers quarters.

AID OF PARK MEN SOUGHT
IN ENFORCING NEW STATE
FOREST PRACTICE RULES

At the request of Director of Natural Resources Warren T. Hannum, copies of the California Forest Practice Rules, adopted by the lumber industry this year, are being mailed to chief rangers of parks within the four forestry districts of California controlled by the State Division of Forestry.

Director Hannum asks if any violations of these rules are noted, that the chief rangers report the matter through their district superintendents and Chief of Division to the State Forester.

"The wind takes all the papers down the valley and then a west wind brings them all back with more added. You'd think they would wear out."--J.W. Calvert, Chief Ranger, Anza Desert

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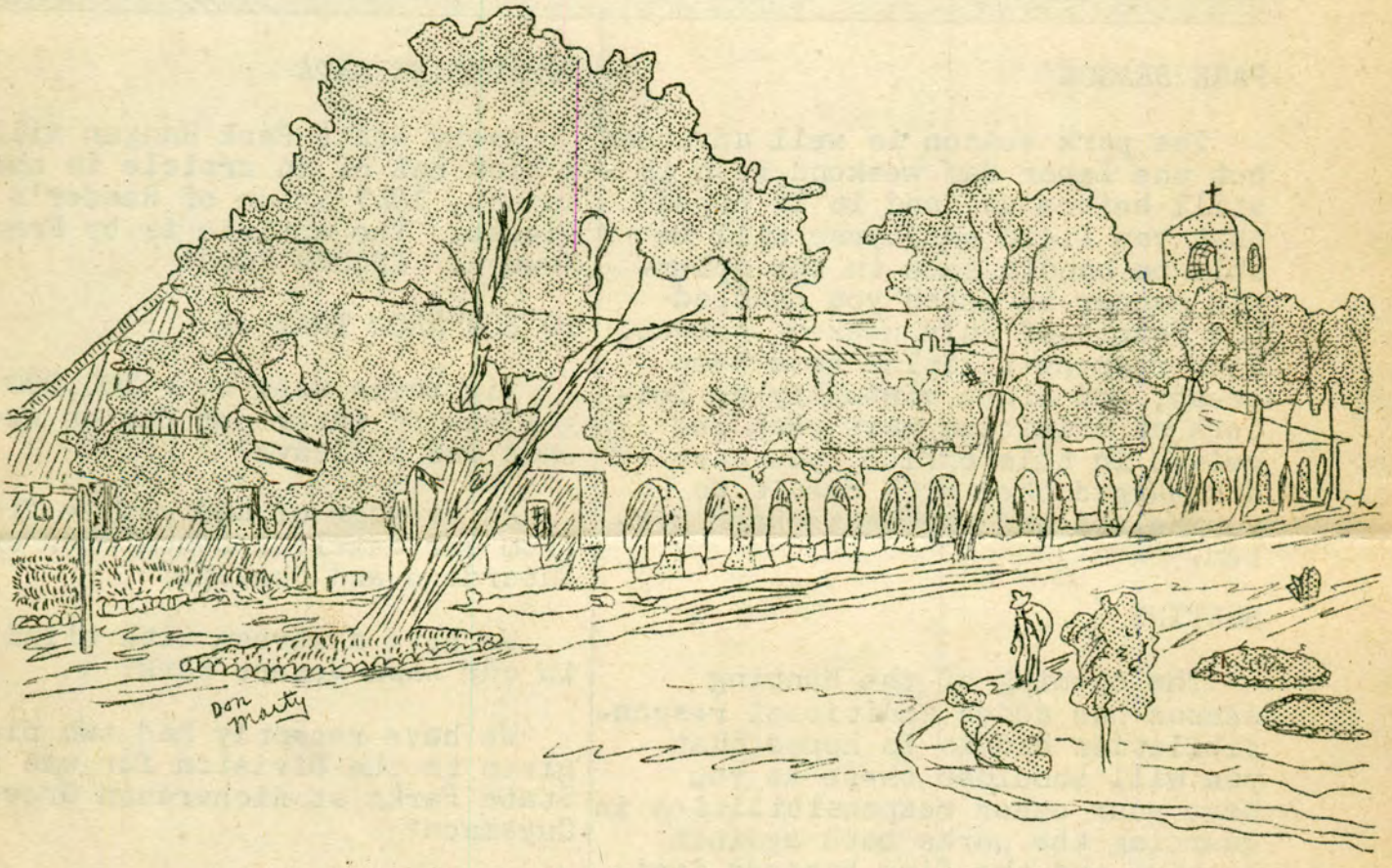

MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

SPECIAL EDITION OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORIC MONUMENT

State of California
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
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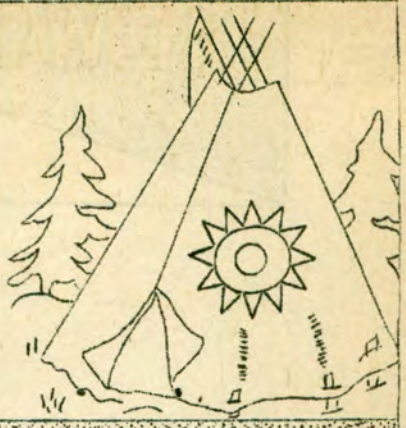

PARK SEASON

The park season is well advanced but the Labor Day weekend rush is still before us, and it is hoped that you field employees will be able to handle same in the splendid manner in which you handled the Fourth of July weekend crowds. Your responsibilities have been great, and since virtually no letters of criticism have been received in this office, you have discharged them with credit to yourselves and the State Park System.

HUNTING

The opening of the hunting season has added additional responsibilities and it is hoped that you will shoulder these as you have your other responsibilities in guarding the parks both against hunting and the fire hazards incident thereto. To date, in spite of the unusually dry season and the frequency of forest fires, our parks, through your vigilance, have remained free from fires.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Our long distance telephone bills are increasing rapidly. I realize emergency calls should be continued you must not grab the telephone just because it is easier to do than to write a letter, if the incident delay is of no serious consequence.

SUPPORTING DATA

Every State Park Ranger will get a kick out of an article in the August, 1947 issue of Reader's Digest. The article is by Francis Newton. ENOUGH SAID!

DO YOU KNOW THAT --

Big Basin uses over 100,000 gallons of water per day on weekends and holidays?

An average of 400 people fish from our Seacliff Beach Pier on Saturdays and Sundays?

We have a stream with blind fish in our Anza Desert Park?

We have recently had two pianos given to the Division for use in State Parks at Richardson Grove and Cuyamaca?

At Mt. Diablo we have a spring (ceremonial spring) running water the year around at over 3,000 ft. elevation? Geologists say it must be fed from the Sierra Mountains.

I have started this; now let us have an item from your park.

YOUR DEPUTY CHIEF

District Superintendent Everett Powell will be placed on a TAU appointment to the position of Deputy Chief as soon as personnel

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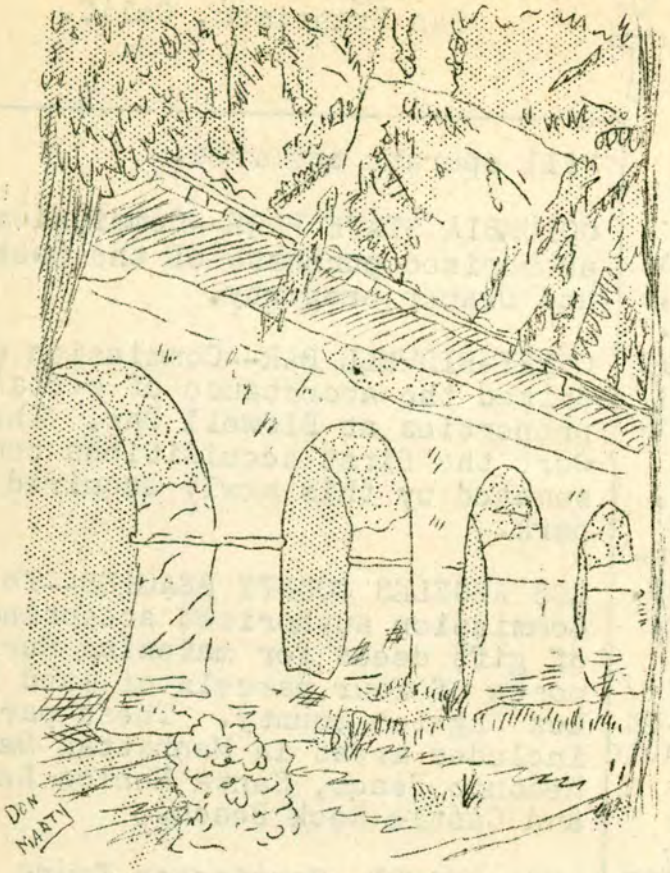
MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA



ARCADE ON THE PLAZA

The mission was established primarily to fill a gap in the then (1795) chain of thirteen missions founded at strategic points in Alta California. In some instances they were too far apart to serve as overnight stations for travelers.

A small expedition set out from Monterey on November 15, 1795, under orders from Governor Berica, to find a suitable spot in the lengthy stretch between Mission San Carlos and Santa Clara to establish a mission.

One site was marked near what is now Gilroy and another where two wells were discovered, San Juan Bautista - Saint John the Baptist was the name chosen by the viceroy for the new mission and on June 24, 1797 the site by the two wells was formally founded by Father Lasuen.

The first church was a temporary brush house but work was started immediately by Indians from San Carlos Mission who were brought to the site to commence work on the buildings.

The monestary was completed in 1803. It is nearly two hundred feet long and was the home of the priests and workshops for the various mission industries.

The present church is the fourth one at San Juan. As the Mission grew bigger, larger buildings were required. This church was commence in June 1803, dedicated in 1812. It has never been abandoned. In 1835 when the Mission ceased to function, the Mission church became the church of the pueblo and it has continued to be the same until the present day.

The original plan of the Mission followed the typical plan, with monastery wings enclosing a court, and a church at one corner. Of this there remains today a portion of the two wings in the form of an L.

The main features of the exterior are the arcades extending along both sides of the monastery wing. The arches were constructed by laying the tiles one on the other and as they ascended the arch from each impost at successively greater inclinations until the top was reached where a V shaped void was left which was filled with adobe.

Burned tile flagging covers the floor of the colonnade. The roof is of Spanish tile of a variety of sizes which have aged to a soft red brick color.

The church itself is architectually different, to a certain degree, from any other. It was the only church built with three aisles which was a radical departure from the usual one of two aisles.

"The destruction of ancient houses and their associations is a serious matter in any country, even after thoughtful consideration with what to replace them. It is unpardonable that our architectural heritage - so closely interwoven with the life and history of the country-is rapidly being swept away to make room for what, in most cases can only be regarded as doubtful improvement.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting of
August 15, 1947
San Francisco, Calif.

Commission members present: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland; George A. Scott of San Diego; and Charles Kasch of Ukiah. Others present: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources; J. H. Covington, Executive Secretary; A. E. Henning, Chief of Division; E. E. Powell, Deputy Chief, of Division; Edwin C. Kelton, Erosion Control Engineer; John Hennessey, State Park Lands Officer; Edward F. Dolder, Supervisor of Conservation Education; John Knight, Dist. Supt; and Ida Rath, Stenographer.

Commission actions:

LILLEY PROPERTY-Mendocino county-Resolution was submitted rejecting the Lilley property as not suitable for park purposes.

SAN ONOFRE AND SAN MATEO CREEK--Report was made on negotiation for acquisition of property. To date Navy Department will not release property as it is still being used for amphibious training. Motion made that when War Assets Administration declares this property to be surplus, that State of California may be in line for same.

POINT LOBOS--Mr. Francis Whitaker, President of the Point Lobos League appeared and requested new rules be established to correct conditions existing at Point Lobos regarding picnicking & fishing. Commission suggested that Mr. Whitaker try to obtain area between Carmel River and Point Lobos as fishing and picnicking area and suggested that this be placed in Priority #1 on Monterey County Beach Master Plan.

ZACA LAKE--Commission moved that staff negotiate with Santa Barbara county for the acquisition of the Zaca Lake area with matching funds in the development of this road and that the State Park Commission will operate the area.

COLUMBIA STATE PARK--Commission authorized purchase of the Naegele and Draper property.

CURRY-BIDWELL BAR--Commission authorized the acceptance of certain properties at Bidwell Bar. These were the first acquisitions consumated by this newly acquired park.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES--The Commission authorized acceptance of gift deeds for matching purposes of four parcels of land from Los Angeles county. These parcels included areas in Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica Beach and Castle Rock Beach.

ANZA DESERT--Commission found it necessary and desirable to acquire certain lands owned or controlled by A. A. Burnand, Jr. in exchange for certain other lands located within the original limits of the Anza Desert State Park and accepted the recommendation of Mr. Hennessey for the exchange.

ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS--Upon the recommendation of Chief Henning the commission authorized negotiations for the acquisition under the items in the budget for these portions of the acquisition of certain areas to round out the State Beaches and Parks. The areas approved included areas adjacent to the following parks: Russian Gulch, Doheny Beach, Sunset Beach, Little River, Stephens Grove, Montgomery Redwoods, Castle Crags, Armstrong Redwoods, Portola, Mount Diablo, Donner Monument, Fort Ross, Hickey Grove, Tahoe Campground, Mount Tamalpais, Pfeiffer Big Sur, D. L. Bliss, Palomar Mountain, Cuyamaca Rancho, Calaveras Big Trees,

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McArthur-Burney Falls, Anza Desert, and Mt. San Jacinto.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS--Colonel Kelton reported on Riding and Hiking Trails progress throughout the State of California. The Commission approved the recommendation of the Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee approving the Butte, Plumas and El Dorado county plans. The Commission approved the draft of the wording for a plaque to be erected by the Martinez Horsemen's Association at a ground-breaking ceremony at Martinez on September 14, 1947.

The Commission also authorized the staff to proceed in the preparation of descriptions of the right-of-way of the Riding and Hiking Trails throughout Contra Costa, Los Angeles and San Diego counties and obtaining gift easements over lands through those counties and also to expend a reasonable sum for title reports for the same purpose and in the event purchase of right-of way becomes necessary that the staff report to the Park Commission as to the appraisals.

COLUMBIA--Chief Henning reported on conference held with the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County regarding development as to streets, water and public utilities and the administrative problems connected with the operation of Columbia.

LOMPOC SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT--The Commission denied a request of the Lompoc Soil Conservation District for certain easements at La Purisima State Historic Monument.

BIG BASIN--The Commission extended for thirty days the request for an easement and use of the park road for logging purposes and directed the staff to enter into further negotiaions with the applicant.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM--The Commission adopted a resolution urging the Public Works Board to give favorable consideration to the construction of the Park Rangers' residences as well as the lodge, cabins and utilities to replace facilities destroyed by fire at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

CALAVERAS NORTH GROVE--The Commission approved a resolution urging the Director and staff to include in the budget for the next fiscal year, adequate funds to replace in the Calaveras North Grove, the facilities formerly provided by the lodge destroyed by fire.

STATE PARK ROADS--Chief Henning recommended that certain measures be taken to establish a policy as to permits for logging roads in State Parks. The staff was directed to proceed with further studies outlining a definite policy generally in agreement with the outlined proposed by Chief Henning.

RULES AND REGULATIONS--Upon recommendation of Chief Henning, the Commission approved an addition to the present rules and regulations for tree cutting in State Park areas as follows: "Cutting and removal of trees necessary for new construction. In the event that any park improvement or development necessitates the removal of a live tree, the same may be removed upon written authority from the Chief of the Division, if joint recommendation for such removal has first been received from both the District Superintendent and the Erosion Control Engineer."

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT--The Commission approved an application by the Imperial Irrigation District for a permit to construct a power line in Anza Desert State Park in consideration of $40 plus 2 cents per lineal foot involved in the right of way.

BULL CREEK--The Commission approved an application from Benjamin J. Pack for a grazing concession at

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SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORIC MONUMEN

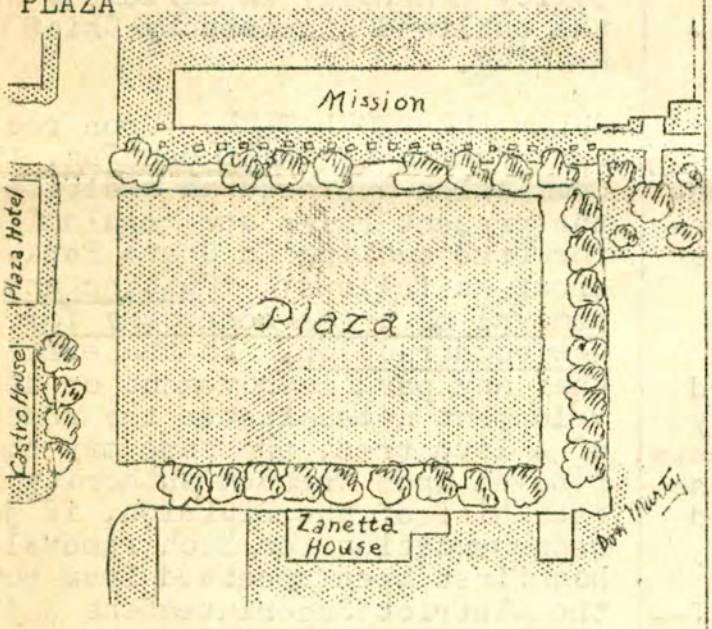
By JACK R. DYSON, Curator

This monument consists of the Plaza Hotel, Castro House, Plaza Stable, Zanetta House, Zanetta Cottage, the central Plaza and a family orchard covering a little over 300 acres.

The Mission does not belong to the state but it is an integral part of the Plaza on which it fronts.

The buildings represent a cross section of Californian architecture from the Mission Period on up to the 1900's, and when reconstructed and landscaped to their periods of most importance, future generations may come and visualize the pageant of the past.

PLAZA



Like so many early Spanish town San Juan Bautista originally evolved around a plaza. This area was always bare of trees and shrubbery as it was the parade grounds for the soldiers and an area for slaughtering cattle, bull and bear fights and a space for stage coaches, buggies and wagons to park.

The Plaza witnessed many scenes now famous in the history of California. When Jose Castro supported Alvarado against Gutierrez in the many political struggles during the revolutionary years, they started from this Plaza. The affair ended in the forced exile of the Governor and Castro became Governor ad interim until Alvarado was elected by the deputatio

Again, when Castro and Alvarado joined forces against Governor Micheltorena, San Juan Bautista was the headquarters for the revolutionists. In anticipation of a war with the United States, Governor Micheltorena in July 1844, established his headquarters at San Juan Bautista and assembled his munition stores. Here he determined to make his last stand. He ordered the enrollment of all citizens between the ages of fifteen and sixty, to be formed into nine companies of militia and drilled every Sunday.

However, General Castro had other ideas about California's future; together with General Vallejo and Juan Alvarado he declared the independence of California. In November of 1844 he gained control of San Juan and the munition stores of Micheltorena and drove the Governor from power.

Castro used San Juan as his headquarters and rallying point for his troops when he ordered Fremont to leave the province. It is said that from the Plaza the warlike motions Fremont was making in fortifying the top of Gabilan Mountain, now Fremont Peak State Park, could be seen.

Fremont visited the region a second time when he raised the Stars and Stripes and assembled his California Batallion for the march south in the final stages of the conquest of California.

San Juan boomed during the gold rush and became one of the largest towns in Monterey county. The railroad was built in 1869-1870 and because San Juan was not on the right of way the people drifted away leaving the Plaza to quiet days again.

About 1914 a cement mine was

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THE PLAZA HOTEL

During the year 1813, the habitations of the soldier guards and the guardhouse in one of the Mission wings evidently became unserviceable, for the annual reports of the Mission padres relates that "a new foundation was laid this year" and in 1814, "the new guardhouse and the dwellings of the soldiers and their families were completed." This building, which is now the lower floor of the Plaza Hotel served as a barracks headquarters for the five Spanish soldiers and a corporal stationed here to protect the Franciscan padres in their work with the Indians.

San Juan tradition says that the Plaza Hotel was erected in 1792, but this is impossible as the Spanish did not explore this area until 1795.

After the Mexican period, the building eventually became the home of the Anzar family. From the guardian of P.E.G. Anzar, Angelo Zanetta purchased the property. At this time the building was occupied by James McMahon and a man named Griffin who were operating a merchandise firm.

Zanetta proceeded to remodel the building. He tore off the sloping tile roof and added a second story and verandas of frame over the old adobe walls. The front veranda was always occupied by interested spectators of the bull and bear fights and other games held in the plaza.

San Juan tradition and some historians say that the Plaza Hotel was opened on June 24, 1856. Present research has brought to light an advertisement by Angelo Zanetta in the San Jose papers running from January 5, 1859 to December 17, 1860:

San Jose Telegraph
January 5, 1859

PLAZA HOTEL
San Juan, Monterey County
Angelo Zanetta, Proprietor

'The undersigned, heretofore known as the Proprietor of the Sebastopol Hotel, takes pleasure in the announcement that he will be prepared to receive and entertain the traveling public at his new Hotel, situated upon the Plaza in San Juan, from and after the 20th, December, inst.

C. McLaughlin and Co's Line of U.S. Mail Stages to and from San Jose, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville, arrive at and depart from this Hotel every day in the week.

Parties in pursuit of Pleasure of Health will be fully supplied with every comfort the country may afford; unexceptionable room accomodations by the week or month furnished to families, and meals at al hours to individuals or private parties.

Excellent Stable accomodations also connected with this Hotel.

Thankful for the patronage heretofore received, a continuance ther of is respectfully solicited.'

ANGELO ZANETTA

Angelo Zanetta was an Italian chef from the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans. The excellent food he served and the typical Spanish hospitality soon became known throughout the state and the Plaza Hotel was a great success. The Hotel became the headquarters for traders in sheep, horses, cattle and hogs and the hotel registers contain the signatures of many celebrities who have helped to make California history. The buyers would often hire a buggy to drive to Santa Cruz or Salinas and return the same night t enjoy the comforts of the Plaza Hotel, the best in the vicinity. It was a mecca for hungry and thirst passengers. Eighteen rooms were prepared to accommodate guests. Two or three stage drivers stayed here in readiness to take out an extra stage when traffic on the lines made the demand. The New Idria quicksilver mines, the largest in the United States, in southern San

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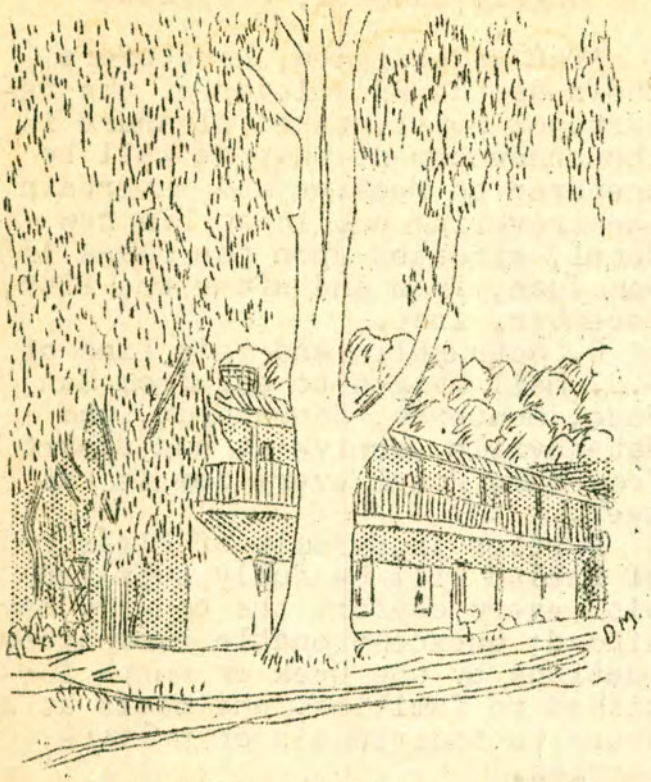
THE CASTRO HOUSE



After 1834 and the secularization of the missions the Indians drifted back to the "tulares" and a few white people settled near the church. By 1839 there were about fifty people of the gente de razon, or whites, left in the once populous settlement. From this start, the town of San Juan Bautista had its growth. The most influential family in the settlement was that of the Castros.

In 1839-1840, General Jose Castro built a large two storied adobe house at right angles to the southwest of the mission to serve as the residence of the secretary of the Prefecture and as official headquarters of the district. At this time, (Mexican regeme), California was "divided into two Districts and San Juan became the "Cabecera" or head town of the First District and was known as San Juan de Castro. Since Castro was frequently at odds with the padres he would not use the mission facilities for housing his aides. The building was known as Castro's "castle" and refered to as "headquarters."

After the American occupation of California, General Castro sold the house to the Patrick Breens who were survivors of the Donner Party of 1846. The Breen family traveled from Sutter's Fort to Mission San Jose and in February of 1848 moved to San Juan Bautista. They were the first American family to settle at San Juan de Castro. There were only native Californians here at that time. The Californians treated them kindly even though the United States and Mexico were still at war. General Castro allowed the Breens use of his residence free of charge although he was greatly opposed to the American occupation.

John Breen, in writing his recollections for Bancroft in 1877 states "General Castro is now dead. He was a fine man in appearance as well as in disposition, he was over six feet in height and well built. His complexion was that of a pure Spaniard. His wife, Dona Modesta, was very fair skinned as were his son and daughter. They looked like Americans and they were as amiable as they were fair. I will ever kindly remember good General Castro."

"At the time the General lived in this place, Colonel Mason and Lieutenant Sherman, now General Sherman, called to see him. Sherman after the interview said that Castro was an accomplished man....."

In March, 1848, a man passed through San Juan on his way to Monterey with about two ounces of gold. He was going to show the "stuff" to Colonel Mason and get his opinion as to whether or not it was gold. The man said he was sent by Captain Sutter. On his return from Monterey the man again stopped with the Breens and said the Government officers at Monterey had pronounced it gold.

John Breen went to the mines in June 1848. During the winter of 1848-1849, he built a house and mined where Placerville now stands. He witnessed the lynching of the men which caused the town to be called Hangtown. John Breen returned

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HISTORY OF PLAZA STABLE

Being located on the El Camino Real, San Juan Bautista caught the host of travelers going north or south to San Francisco or Los Angeles, and travelers leaving their ships at Monterey traveled through San Juan and over the Pacheco Pass to the Southern Gold Mines. After the gold rush would-be settlers traveled through San Juan looking for places to settle. This made San Juan one of the most important stopping places on El Camino Real.

Sometime in the 1860's Angelo Zanetta and his partner John Comfort built or acquired the Plaza Stable which faces the Mission. Zanetta had his original stable in the rear of the Plaza Hotel.

Beginning in 1869 to 1872, the Flint, Bixby Company organized the Coast Line Stage Company which carried passengers and Wells Fargo Mail between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego and to Monterey. They used the stable to house their teams and coaches. The line first operated from San Jose which was the southern terminal of the railroad. Later the railroad reached Gilroy and the stages ran from there south. The opening of this stagecoach line was a boost to San Juan as it was the first stopping place. The coaches stopped twice daily in front of the Plaza Hotel and while passengers dined and their baggage was changed to another six-horse coach. All the stages owned by the company were driven out of San Juan with matched teams. The line owned their own horseshoer who had his headquarters at the Stable.

In the sixties San Juan was the center of seven stage lines and the Plaza Stable was a busy place. It was necessary to keep many horses here for the change of relays. The stable was an important part of the era whose transportation depended upon the stagecoach.

From 1860 to 1880 was its most interesting period. With the increasing use of the automobile the stable eventually became a garage.

THE ZANETTA HOUSE

After the padres had completed building the new church (1803-1818) and had erected the new barracks for the soldiers, (1813-1814), year went by and they turned their attention to building the "nunnery" opposite the plaza facing the church. This work took up much of the time towards the end of the Mission era.

The building served as a "nunnery" in the sense of the word that unmarried Indian girls were locked up every night by the Majordomo of the Mission for safekeeping during the night.

At one time the Anzar family owned the Plaza Hotel property and the Zanetta House property. Don Juan Miguel Anzar purchased the building from Teofilo and Jesus Echeverra in 1852. Anzar delivered one hundred and fifty head of beef cattle to Echeverra for a consideration of $3,000.

For a time the building was used to keep hay in as was the custom in early days.

About 1870, Zanetta and his partner John Comfort, rebuilt the Zanetta House out of the old nunnery and hay barn. There is a tradition that the Zanetta House was built with an eye to its becoming the court house when San Juan was running for the county seat at the tim Salinas got the county seat away from Monterey, and then again later when San Benito was separated from Monterey county in 1874.

Zanetta and his family lived in the lower floor of the house and people still talk of the wonderful dance floor and the good times they had in the Plaza Hall. Together with the Plaza Hotel, this building was the center of life and gaiety around the Plaza during the American period.

The building represents a home of the 1870's. The building is a wide, two-storied structure, with stately, shuttered French windows opening onto a veranda and balcony.

ORCHIDS TO

VAN DAMME BEACH

"On August 7th, my wife and I visited the Van Damme State Park south of Fort Bragg. While there we contacted the ranger in charge of the park, and we are of the opinion that he is the most courteous park attendant we have ever met on many, many visits to National and State owned parks.

Men of his type make the visiting of these places a very real pleasure."

A. F. Hanna
Ferndale, California

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D. L. BLISS

"My husband and I recently spent some time camping at Camp Bliss at Lake Tahoe. We want to say a word of appreciation for the way the camp is maintained--it is so clean, convenient in arrangement, and the rangers take such good care of the campers. Camping is really a pleasure in a camp like that."

Mrs. B. C. Look
Palo Alto, Calif.

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MORRO BAY

"After spending two weeks camping at the Grand Canyon recently, my wife and I decided to return home to San Francisco via the ocean road. We had heard about the Morro Bay State Park and decided to stop there on coming to the coast. We were indeed pleasantly surprised on our arrival there to find a delightful camping area with toilets and showers immaculate. A hot shower after a tiresome 469 mile drive was very welcome. If we had known how nice it was we would have arranged to spend more than one night at this park.

We have visited most State Parks and National Parks in the West, and while many have more natural attractions and appeals to the vacationist we can, without equivocation, say that your Morro State Park is the cleanest camp we have ever visited. It is also a very pretty park with an abundance of shade trees separating one camp site from another.

The condition of your park is, no doubt, the result of the personal efforts and toil of the ranger in charge and we feel that such outstanding pains should be encouraged by expressions of appreciation such as this letter is, by those that have visited your park.

We do not know the ranger's name, but we hope that through you, the contents of this letter may be made known to his superior..

Conrad Wahle
San Francisco, Calif.

PLAQUE UNVEILED FOR DOCKWEILER

In the baptistry of the old Plaza Church, where he was baptized January 28, 1868, a plaque in memory of the late Isidore B. Dockweiler, attorney and civic leader, was unveiled recently.

The plaque is inscribed: "To the memory of Isidore Bernard Dockweiler, lawyer, civic leader and Knight of St. Gregory." It also lists the date of his birth, January 28, 1867, his baptism and his death, last February 6, in addition to the date of the marriag of his father and mother, which took place in the church October 13, 1861.

Rev. Fidel Zapatero, rector of the church, pointed out that the baptismal font in which Mr. Dockweiler was baptized, a gift of the King of Spain to the church 170 years ago, is still kept in the baptistry.

How much happier we would have been this summer if Noah had stepped on the male mosquito before he left the ark.

Peggy C. Fears.

STORK EXPRESS NEWS

Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Paul W. Haines are the proud parents of a son born on July 26 at about 10:00 PM.

Congratulations from the Park gang.

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Dyerville's population suddenly zoomed 12½% at 9:15 P.M., June 25, 1947, when Ranger Glen N. Jones and wife, Mary, became the proud parents of a boy. The ex-ghost town now boasts of a population of 8.....

Looks as if we're having a bumper crop of future Park Rangers.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS
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approves the specifications for this position.

Everett has been with the Division since 1923, starting in as an employee of the present Big Basin State Park when that park was under the jurisdiction of a special California State Redwood Park Commission, that being five years before the present State Division of Beaches and Parks under the State Park Commission was created.

I am sure that you will all welcome this appointment and realize that it has been based upon rewarded merit and efficiency, coupled with a sincere love for the work and the system as a whole.

PARK ACQUISITIONS

I wish to thank the District Superintendents for their splendid cooperation in supplying information incident to the acquisition program for the rounding out of the present State Park units in order to bring about more efficient operation, maintenance, and development. Your submissions were studied by the staff and recommendations for the acquisitions of parcels on a priority basis were recommended to the State Park Commission who, in turn, at their meeting in San Francisco on August 15, 1947 readjusted some of the priorities and approved the following as a priority basis of acquisition.

From the Beach Fund:

1. Russian Gulch
2. Doheny Beach
3. Sunset Beach
4. Little River

From the Park Fund:

1. Stephens Grove
2. Montgomery Redwoods
3. Castle Crags
4. Armstrong Redwoods
5. Portola
6. Mt. Diablo
7. Donner Monument
8. Fort Ross
9. Hickey Grove
10. Tahoe Campgrounds
11. Mount Tamalpais
12. Pfeiffer Big Sur--Acq."B"
13. D. L. Bliss
14. Palomar Mountain
15. Cuyamaca
16. Calaveras
17. McArthur-Burney Falls
18. Anza Desert
19. Mt. San Jacinto
20. Pfeiffer Big Sur-Acq."A"

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Bull Creek, for a period of two years or if not acceptable for two periods, then for a period of one year on terms and conditions as set by Superintendent French.

The next regular meeting was set for September 19 and 20 in Ventura, California.

MEMO--ADDRESS CHANGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

The address of our Southern District Office is 9216 South Broadway, Los Angeles 3, Cal.
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GUY L. FLEMING, Supt.
WM. L. KENYON, Asst.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORIC MONUMENT-Continued from Page 6.

discovered in the Gabilan range and a cement plant was erected in San Juan Canyon. The Plaza came to life again. A spur track was built from Sargent's Station to the cement plant. But the boom was short lived as the plant closed only to open later under new management. Then the depression closed the plant for a second time. The demand for speed caused a new highway to be built three miles north of San Juan leaving the town off the beaten path.

THE CASTRO HOUSE
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to San Juan Bautista with his wealth and purchased the Castro House and some of the best land in San Juan valley.

The Castro House is one of the State's finest examples of Spanish architecture. The building remained in the possession of the Breen family until purchased by the California State Park Commission. The house has a sloping tile roof that extends over a graceful second-story balcony. A balcony also extends across the upper and lower floors at the rear of the building which faces the family orchard.

THE PLAZA HOTEL
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Benito County, (Monterey county until 1874) were opened and then more traffic flowed into this famous hotel.

Architectually the building is of Spanish-California type made familiar by better-known examples in Monterey. The lower walls are of adobe averaging three feet in thickness with three doorways facing the Plaza. A long veranda runs the length of the building and at one time extended around the corner and along one side of the wall. The front veranda supports part of the roof with no supports from below, but the side veranda was supported by several tall posts The balcony served as the only entrance to the second story rooms. Entrance was gained through shuttered doors.

Although the building was owned by many people it was always used as a hotel and by the last owner as rooms and apartments. Each owner changed the building to suit his taste until today few rooms remain as they were originally.

FASHION NOTES OF 1872
By Aunt Nell

An afternoon toilette of garnet taffeta is fashioned in the latest mode, with a corsage resembling a calvalryman's tunic, the skirts of the jacket projecting over the bustle.

The draped appearance of the back of the skirt is universal, and skirts, in addition are graced with innumerable flounces.

Walking dresses must touch the ground, and many of the more elegant ones boast a train.

It is in the highest mode at the moment to cut a dress of two different materials, one patterned and one plain; the portion of the dress of plain material trimmed with the patterned and the patterned materia trimmed with the plain.

When crossing the pavement, a lady should raise her dress with th right hand, a little above the ankle. To raise the dress with botl hands is vulgar, and can be excused only when the mud is very deep.

Shades of things to come?

ETIQUETTE NOTES ALSO OF THE 70'S.

Ladies being introduced should never bow hastily, but with slow and measured dignity.

A gentleman should not bow from a window to a lady upon the street, though he may bow slightly from the street upon being recognized by a lady in a window. Such recognition should, however, generally be avoide

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NEWS & VIEWS

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FASHION NOTES OF 1872 BY AUNT NELL
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as gossip is likely to attach undue importance to it when seen by others.

Etiquette of the picnic--It is the duty of the gentlemen to be ever attentive to the ladies. The gentlemen will carry the luncheon, erect the swings, construct the tables, bring the water and provide all fuel for boiling the tea. On the fishing excursion they will furnish the tackle, bait the hooks, row the boat, carry the fish and furnish comfortable seats for the ladies. In gathering nuts they will climb the trees, do the shaking, carry the nuts and assist the ladies across the streams and over the fences.

OH RANGER!!!

A hint to those attending a ball No gentleman should use his bare hand to press the waist of a lady in the dance. If he is so unfortunate as to have come without gloves, he should use a handkerchief.
"Evening Free Lance"Hollister,Calif.

QUOTING THE FIELD

* "Most of the park families enjoyed a steak dinner as guests of the Sky Meadow Girl Scouts, recently. They had a good time, but did you ever try to eat steak with only a spoon?" Jess Chaffee, Chief Ranger, Big Basin Redwoods.

* "The Smith River has remained clear for the last two weeks and Park visitors are enjoying some good fishing and swimming. Salmon are starting to enter the mouth of the river and several have been caught in the past few days.
Carl Schnauer, Deputy Ranger, Mill Creek Redwoods.

* "Two more rattlesnakes have been killed in this area this week. This brings total number killed this season to five. The apparatus we reported hanging from a limb, was found recently on the Meteor Trail about a mile above the North Escape road. The 12th Naval District was informed and they sent men down to shoot it down. It turned out to be a radio-operated high altitude weather recorder valued at $28.00."
Jess Chaffee, Chief Ranger, Big Basin Redwoods.

* "A child chewed up one of the exhibit labels while mother was talking to the Curator."
M. L. Greene, Curator, Old Custom House.

* "Overheard this conversation from two feminine visitors: "Isn't this a clean, neat rest-room? Yes, It is too bad that the State of California doesn't do this more often." A nice compliment for our janitoress Mrs. Brusky." Madie Brown, Curator, Vallejo Home.

* "From Mr. Wiseley of Aromas received gift of Victorian period bed and dresser (not matching) old period rocking chair, picture frames, umbrellas, horse gear, square skirted saddle;(loan) and hat rack. This material is of the period best suited to the Zanetta House and Plaza Hotel." Jack Dyson, Curator, San Juan Bautista Historic Monument.

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIFORNIA

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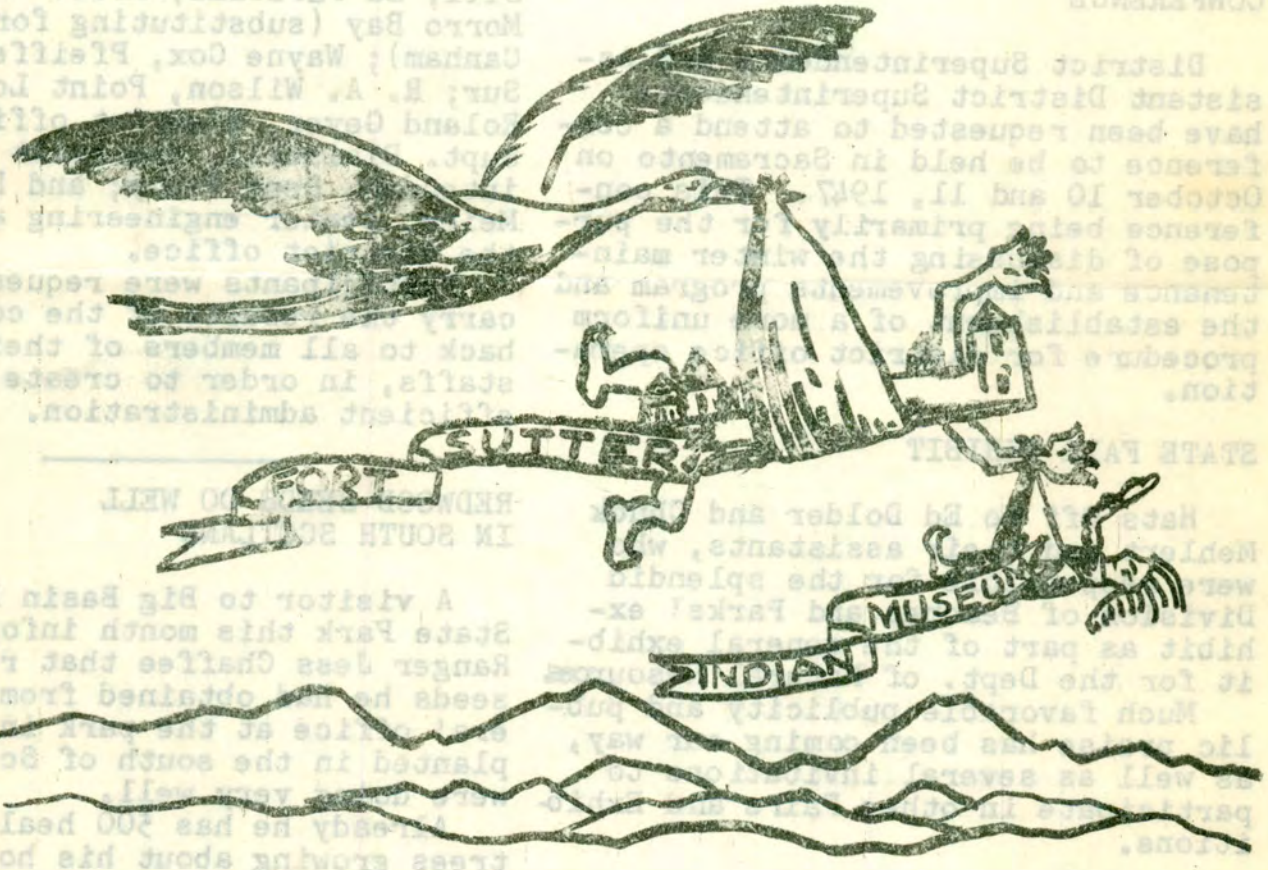

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

IT'S ALMOST OVER

The active park season for 1947 is rapidly drawing to a close and new attendance records have been established. The attendance records are compiled on a calendar-year basis, so that the actual comparison of the 1947 attendance to that of 1946 will not be available until after Jan.1, 1948.

CONFERENCE

District Superintendents and Assistant District Superintendents have been requested to attend a conference to be held in Sacramento on October 10 and 11, 1947. This conference being primarily for the purpose of discussing the winter maintenance and improvements program and the establishment of a more uniform procedure for district office operation.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

Hats Off to Ed Dolder and Chuck Mehlert and their assistants, who were responsible for the splendid Division of Beaches and Parks' exhibit as part of the general exhibit for the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Much favorable publicity and public praise has been coming our way, as well as several invitations to participate in other Fairs and Exhibitions.

BIG BASIN PARTY FEATURES CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

Chief Ranger Jess Chaffee reports the annual End-of-Season party of the Big Basin Redwood State Park staff, held on Sept.16, was attended by a goodly number of persons, with all tables filled.

The principal dish was corned beef and cabbage, with piping hot rolls and garlic butter.

After the dinner impromptu speeches were made by all who felt like talking (most of the participants), and dancing was enjoyed until 12:30 A.M.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIST. PARK CHIEFS CONFER AT MORRO BAY STATE PARK

Rangers in charge of parks in the South Central District met with district officials for a conference on September 4th at Morro Bay State Park.

Purpose of the meeting, announced Superintendent H. L. Blaisdell, was to familiarize the field staff with new procedures connected with C.I.R.E. budgeting, planning, and construction. The general budget for the 99th fiscal year was considered, with discussions on accounting, personnel, procurement and proper coordination of the field and district offices with the Division headquarters.

Rangers attending includes Frank Wells, Carpinteria Beach; Arthur Sill, La Purisima; Louis Wakefield, Morro Bay (substituting for Fred Canham); Wayne Cox, Pfeiffer Big Sur; R. A. Wilson, Point Lobos; Roland Geyer, district office; and Supt. Blaisdell, Assistant Superintendent Gene Velzy; and Paul Meier, senior engineering aid from the district office.

Participants were requested to carry the results of the conference back to all members of their park staffs, in order to create a more efficient administration.

REDWOOD SEEDS DO WELL IN SOUTH SCOTLAND

A visitor to Big Basin Redwoods State Park this month informed Chief Ranger Jess Chaffee that redwood seeds he had obtained from the rangers' office at the park in 1945 and planted in the south of Scotland were doing very well.

Already he has 500 healthy young trees growing about his home.

SUTTERS FORT, INDIAN MUSEUM,

ARE NEW UNITS OF PARK SYSTEM

This month we welcome into the Division of Beaches & Parks two new units to the system, Sutter's Fort Historical Museum, and the Indian Museum. These units formerly were administered by the Department of Finance. Legislative action recently effected the transfer to this Division.

E. B. Camper, administrative aid, has been directed by Chief Henning to handle the administrative problems of the new units. (Already office associates accuse Ernie of developing a bad case of "superintendantitis" as they listen to his glowing claims that Sutter's Fort and the Indian Museum are the most wonderful spots in the park system).

Following are stories on the new units, and introductions to the staff members, now new employees of this Division:

SUTTER'S FORT

By Carroll D. Hall, Curator

Sutter's Fort Historical Museum, newest addition to the Division of Beaches and Parks, is Sacramento's premier 'showplace' and one of the best known of California's historical spots.

Founded in 1839 by John A. Sutter, adventurous Swiss, to protect his land grant of 76 square miles, obtained from Mexico, the fort saw the beginning of an American empire as covered-wagons made their way to it from beyond the Rockies; saw the coming of Fremont in 1844 and the subsequent Bear Flag excitement and conquest of California; and saw the great gold rush begin as James Marshall brought his first shining specimens to show Sutter in 1848.

With the founding of the new town of Sacramento on the river front, and the retirement of Sutter to Hock Farm on the Yuba, the fort was neglected and fell into ruins. Finally nothing remained except the Central Building. In 1890 the sum of $20,000 was raised by the Native Sons of the Golden West to purchase the property. It was then deeded to the State and the Legislature voted funds to reconstruct the fort and maintain it.

In the early days of the reconstructed fort, no definite museum policy was followed until, in 1926, the first Curator, the late Harry C. Peterson, was authorized to establish one. In brief, the policy is to show things used by California pioneers in the period from 1839 to 1869, and to show them in a manner calculated to preserve the flavor of the gold rush and stagecoach days.

There are now more than 6000 catalogued objects in reserve or on display in some 22 rooms or sections. New material, when desirable, is acquired from time to time. Files of historical photographs and data on pioneers, etc., have been set up in the curator's offices, and are available to all persons having a legitimate reason for making use of them. The curator is frequently called upon to give talks in Sacramento and elsewhere on topics connected with the museum. The yearly attendance now runs from 75,000 to 100,000 persons.

Sutter's Fort Historical Museum and the State Indian Museum, in a separate building, are on beautifully landscaped grounds bounded by 26th and 28th streets and K and L Streets, in what is now the center of Sacramento.

The fort and the museum are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Besides the curator, the fort staff includes Assistant Curator Virginia Storti, A. W. Depner, flower gardener; flower gardener and groundsmen J. E. Albera and F. J. Leach; and J. A. Throne, janitor.

INTRODUCING MR. HALL

Carroll D. Hall became Curator of Sutter's Fort Historical Museum in

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October 1941.

Prior to that he was engaged in historical research and writing in San Francisco and from 1921 to 1934 was in newspaper work. He was editor of the daily Redwood City Tribune for nine years. On Palo Alto Times staff prior to that.

He is co-author (with Oscar Lewis) of Bonanza Inn, published by Alfred Knopf, New York, in 1939, and dealing with the old Palace Hotel and San Francisco from 1875 to 1906.

Author of The Terry-Broderick Duel, published by The Colt Press, San Francisco, 1939; and Bierce and the Poe Hoax, published by The Book Club of California, San Francisco 1934. Has edited or written introductions for other books, including The First Californiac, 1942, and Journal of a Voyage From Boston to San Francisco in 1849, published in 1933. Has also written numerous feature articles on California historical subjects.

As one means of promoting Sutter's Fort Historical Museum, arranged for publication of original source material in the museum's collections. Thus, in 1945, he secured publication by the Book Club of California of Heraldry of New Helvetia. This reproduced 32 cattle brands, with written descriptions in the hands of John A. Sutter and John Sinclair, 1845 to 1848. He wrote the foreword and biographical sketches for this book, which had the honor of being chosen by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, New York, as one of the 50 best printed books in the United States in 1946.

Similarly, arranged for publication of a selection of documents from the recently acquired Donner Party collection at the Fort. This book has just been issued (Sept. 1947) by The Book Club of Calif., under the title, Donner Miscellany, 41 Diaries and Documents Edited by Carroll D. Hall.

Wrote the script and did the narration for a 7-weeks' radio program over KFBK in 1946, entitled 'Report From Sutter's Fort'. Wrote the script and spoke over a national broadcast from the Fort in connection with the Our Town Speaks program August 23, 1947.

Was speaker at the Donner Party Centennial at the monument at Donner Lake in 1946.

Was chairman of the Museums and Art Galleries Committee of the State Centennials program under the State Chamber of Commerce.

Member of The American Association of Museums.

Member Redwood City Parlor No. 66, Native Sons of the Golden West.

Native of Penryn, Placer County.

INTRODUCING ...

MRS. VIRGINIA ROLLINS STORTI

Mrs. Storti received her education in California high schools, business college, and Columbia University, and has held secretarial positions in Sacramento, and for several years, in New York.

During World War I she was secretary to Sir Henry Japp, in the office of E. W. Moir, head of the Production Department in the United States for British war contracts. At this time she handled much confidential work for Lord Northcliffe during his stay in New York. Also, at the request of Sir John Simon, head of the British Secret Service in the United States, she did confidential work for Sir Horace Plunkett, one of the aides to Lord Balfour when he visited the United States.

When the British War Mission was formed after the entry of the United States into the war, Mrs. Storti served as private secretary to Sir James W. Woods of Canada, who was named Director of Purchases. At the end of the war the British cited Mrs. Storti for "valuable services and assistance to the British Government and troops in the field".

She later came to Sacramento and assisted Harry C. Peterson, first curator of Sutter's Fort Historical Museum, in the cataloging of the material at the Marshall Museum in Kelsey. This developed into a permanent position as museum aide until the death of Mr. Peterson in January, 1941. Then she was named

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acting curator until September, 1941, when the Director of Finance appointed her as assistant curator of Sutter's Fort.

THE INDIAN MUSEUM

By Benjamin W. Hathaway, Curator

The Indian Museum, now located on the grounds of Sutter's Fort, was founded in 1929 during the administration of Governor C. C. Young, based around my collection of Indian lore and handicraft.

The collection first was housed on the fourth floor of the Capitol Building, and later was moved to the California National Bank building when the space was required by the Legislature.

In 1940 the Indian Museum building was constructed on the grounds at the fort at a cost of approximately $35,000, to architecturally blend with the buildings of Sutter's Fort.

The museum collection today is outstanding in that the material therein is of the California Indians and Indians of the western slope from the Mother Lode to the Aleutian Islands. At one time there were 52 tribes, each speaking a different language.

In addition to my collection, the museum contains a group of baskets made by Indians of the Aleutian Islands and placed in the museum by the wife of Commodore Dunwoody, who commanded the cutter, USS Bear, when it was brought from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean in 1872 to control the seal industry in Alaskan waters.

To those of us interested in "Californiana", a visit to the Indian Museum is a most pleasing and educational experience--and, in fact, might make one wonder if it might not be better to "give this country back to the Indians"- if they would take it!

INTRODUCING BENJAMIN W. HATHAWAY

Benjamin W. Hathaway, curator of the Indian Museum, turned a lifelong hobby into a vocation by establishing his collection of Indian relics and handicraft in the State Indian Museum and becoming the curator, after 15 years with the Southern Pacific Company.

His study of Indian lore has particularly followed along the lines of linking the prehistoric tribal development with that of the modern tribes, especially those of California and the Western slop of the North American continent.

His studies have covered all phases of Indian lore and handicraft and he is considered a high authority on Indians of the west coast.

In 1929 he received the honor of being admitted as chieftain of the Miwok tribe of California Indians.

THE HUMAN THING TO DO

A great psychiatrist was conducting a series of experiments with a beady-eyed chimpanzee as his subject. "With sufficient patience, I am convinced that I can teach the chimp to do anything," the psychiatrist told his colleagues. "This afternoon I am going to try to make him play tennis."

He took the chimp to a squash court, sat it in a corner while he strode onto the court armed with a tennis racket and ball. For twenty minutes he banged the ball against the walls of the court, running madly to retrieve it, tripping a couple of times, and once bashing his forehead with the racket.

The chimp watched without moving. Finally the exhausted psychiatrist put the racket and ball within easy reach of the animal, left the court, and closed the door behind him. Then he knelt and peered through the keyhole to watch developments.

Glued to the other side of the keyhole was a beady little brown eye.

FIRST THEATRE STAGES "AFTER DARK"

"After Dark", by Dion Bouciacault, currently is being performed at the First Theatre State Historic Monument.

40 HOUR WEEK

Numerous field employees have been curious as to when the 40 hour week will become effective for this Division.

The only information available at present is that the date for the establishment of a 40 hour week has not yet been set by the Personnel Board, nor have the group classifications for our employees been decided upon.

All that can be said at this time is that all employees will be informed when the change takes place, and full instructions will be issued at that time.

There will be no change in the present employment status until further notice.

MRS. FALCONER RESIGNS

Members of the Sacramento office recently honored Mrs. Rosalind Falconer with a stork shower during the noon hour at the office, on the last day of her employment with this division.

Mrs. Falconer resigned her position this month in the office of the supervisor of conservation education.

Our best wishes go with you, Rosalind, and we all are sorry to see you leave.

RANGERS REQUESTED TO REPLACE OLD RULES CARDS

It has been determined that many parks in the system still have posted in restrooms and other public places the old "rules and regulations" cards giving the address of the main office as San Francisco.

New regulations cards are available with the proper address of the Division.

Please replace these old cards. Send in your requisitions now for the required number of new cards.

DAN HULL RETIRES

Dan Hull, associate civil engineer and landscape architect for the Division of Beaches & Parks, this month announced his pending retirement from the division, effective December 1, 1947.

Dan joined the division in 1935.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1913 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and in 1914 he received the degree, Master of Landscape Architecture, from Harvard University.

Upon completion of his education he was awarded the Olmsted Travel Fund and spent several months studying in Europe.

From 1920 to 1927 he was Chief Landscape Architect and Engineer of the United States National Park Service. In 1927 he went to Los Angeles and practiced as a private landscape architect until 1933. After a year in 1934 with the Emergency Conservation Work of the National Park Service he came to this division in 1935.

In announcing his retirement, Dan said he was looking forward to a full and active life. He will drive to Illinois with Mrs. Hull for a vacation trip, after which he will be at home to friends at 2136 California Street, Apartment 6, San Francisco.

Incidentally, this address is the location of Dan's 18-unit apartment house, where recently he held a very happy mortgage-burning ceremony.

We will miss Dan's quiet and genial presence. Goodbye, mister--good health and long life.

DIRECTOR HANNUM'S FATHER DIES AT AGE OF 97

L. K. Hannum, 97 year old father of Director of Natural Resources Warren T. Hannum, died recently at his home in Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

The director flew east on Sept. 24 to attend the funeral.

The heartfelt sympathies of all employees of the Division of Beaches and Parks are extended to Director Hannum in his loss.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at VENTURA Sept. 19-20, 1947

The State Park Commission met in Ventura, Calif., on September 19 and 20, 1947 for the regular September meeting. Present were:

Commissioners J. R. Knowland, (chairman), Charles Kasch, George Waldner and Leo Carrillo; Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; A. E. Henning, division chief; Walter S. Rountree, deputy attorney general; E. E. Powell, deputy chief of division; E. W. McClintock and Robert L. Green of the Lands Section; District Superintendent H. L. Blaisdell, and Gladys Joslin, stenographer.

Actions were:

PRAIRIE CREEK-- Authorized completion of acquisition of Wilson Logging Unit.

FORT TEJON-- Requested Kern County Board of Supervisors, County Historical Society, and Planning Commission, to make complete survey and recommendations for restoration of Fort Tejon State Historic Monument, to report back to commission. Further resolved to urge the Public Works Board to approve request for restoration funds as an emergency measure, with funds to be provided in the 99th Fiscal Year budget so that work may begin immediately.

DONNER LAKE-- Instructed staff to negotiate with Donner Lake Development Company on their plan for acquisition of additional historical sites near present monument, and lake frontage for recreation, on a matching basis.

WILL ROGERS RIDING CONCESSION-- Accepted relinquishment of riding horse concession by A. T. Best, and instructed Chief to advertise for new bids, under new operation and maintenance conditions.

MILL CREEK REDWOODS ROAD--Staff instructed to make reconnaissance and report to commission on plan to construct access road from U. S. Highway 101 into park on south bank of Smith River.

NEW CONTACT STATION--Instructed staff to work with Division of Highways to ascertain possibility of acquiring land at junction of US 101 and 199 highways for new Northwest District contact station, information bureau, and maintenance station.

BOY SCOUTS, REDWOOD AREA--Instructed District Superintendent French to make report on proposed site for a Boy Scout organizational camp in one of the northern redwood parks.

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SURVEY-- Agreed to purchase from Dr. Aubrey Neasham, when completed, a historical survey of Columbia.

ROAD PERMIT PROCEDURE--Established definite procedure to be followed in the issuance of permits for road use through and across park properties.

VAN DAMME BEACH-- Authorized acquisition of outstanding life estate in Van Damme Beach State Park.

VENTURA BEACHES--Accepted deed from City of Ventura for beach property to be used as matching value for beach acquisition program in Ventura County.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION--Authorized position of State Naturalist (one position) under Supervisor of Conservation Education, and directed that funds for position were to be included in the 100th Fiscal Year budget request.

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BIG BASIN CONCESSIONS--Directed staff to advertise for bids for the operation of the Big Basin Lodge and the Novelty Shop at the earliest possible date, with separate concession agreements to be accepted on the lodge and shop, on a flat cash rental basis per year. Present agreements expire January 1, 1948.

LOS ANGELES CONDEMNATION--Authorized commencement of condemnation proceedings against Neil S. McCarthy of city of Manhattan Beach, an owner of land included in the Los Angeles beach acquisition program.

SAN MATEO COUNTY MASTER BEACH PLAN--Authorized staff to acquire extensive beach holdings in this county, and to accept deeds where county-owned, the latter to be used as matching value.

POINT LOBOS WILL BE FEATURED IN PICTURE

The scenic beauty of Pt. Lobos Reserve State Park at last will be truly perpetuated in film.

The Affiliated Film Producers, Inc., of New York City, under the direction of Willard Van Dyke, and sponsored by the U.S. State Department Informational Film Program, at present is filming an educational picture in the park, tentatively named "The Photographer".

The film selects Mr. Edward Weston, nationally-known photographer of Carmel Highlands, as the lead, and because Pt. Lobos for many years has produced his best photographic studies, Mr. Van Dyke stated:

"It is only natural that Point Lobos, with its marvelous rock formations, wierd twisted trunks of Monterey Cypress, and swirling shoreline eddies containing myriads of marine life, be made a feature of the picture."

The new film will be of standard 35 mm size, and will be translated into 25 different languages.

NATURAL RESOURCES FAIR EXHIBIT RANKS HIGH

The outdoor exhibit of the State Department of Natural Resources at the State Fair this year was praised by fair officials as one of the most outstanding displays of the big show.

All five divisions of the department were represented.

Five hundred evergreen trees, ranging in height from 30 feet, down to six feet, were cut out of thinning projects in Calaveras and El Dorado counties, and staked up to create an acre of forest at the exhibit.

A 20 by 60 foot log cabin of 12 inch logs, with a shake roof, housed exhibits of the divisions of Oil and Gas, and Mines, and served as a projection room for the showing of motion pictures and colored slides on the work of the entire department.

As visitors entered the exhibit through a massive arch of fir logs, they first came upon a burned forest, with animal and fish skeletons in a dry stream bed in the area. Signs told them that this was the result of carelessness.

Next, in contrast, they viewed a live green forest, with waterfalls and a stream in which spiney-ray fish were exhibited. Within this forest was located the exhibit of this Division, a typical park campsite, with a large information panel containing pictures of recreation in State Parks, a map of the State, and the story of the park system. In the evening a wood fire burned in the cook stove to add color to the exhibit. Chief Ranger Harold Pesch, and Deputy Rangers L. P. Griffith and Leonard Penhale were assigned to meet the public at the exhibit, under the direction of Edward F. Dolder, educational supervisor. All were garbed in the new dress uniform.

Signs in the live forest area informed the public that good outdoor manners made possible such

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NATURAL RESOURCES FAIR EXHIBIT RANKS HIGH- Continued from page 8

areas.

Crossing the stream on a rustic bridge near the camp site, visitors next came to a large beaver pond in which the Division of Fish and Game exhibited four live beavers, and told the story of beaver management on show panels near the pond.

Other exhibits of this division included realistic mounts of bear and deer in the forest, pens containing pheasants and quail, and a model display of a new water-collecting device for use in arid areas to encourage the return of quail.

The Division of Forestry next met the public with a photographic display outlining the work of the new Forest Practice rules, and exhibits of fire fighting radio equipment and tools. In the forestry exhibit was a cross section of the old Hercules tree, a fallen Big Tree from Calaveras Big Trees State Park, with pointer signs indicating the size of the tree at various periods in man's history.

Rough estimates, based upon periodic entrance checks, indicate that at least 100,000 persons visited the departmental exhibit during the fair.

JOHN HENNESSEY UNDERGOES MAJOR OPERATION IN L.A.

John A. Hennessey, State Park Lands Officer, is convalescing at the Queen of the Angels Hospital in Los Angeles following a major operation early this month.

He is not expected to return to his duties with the Division for at least six weeks.

Congratulations, John, for fighting the good fight--we know the going was tough. Our prayers are for your speedy and full recovery.

PT. LOBOS CAMPERS FINED

Chief Ranger R. A. Wilson found five youths camping in Pt. Lobos overnight and the youths were fined in Monterey justice court $5 each for entering the park after dark and for camping in it against rules.

Col. Kelton's Mother, 92 MAKES FIRST AIR TRIP

There's a first time for everything--and Mrs. Frank C. Kelton, mother of Col. Edwin C. Kelton, division engineering officer, waited until she was 92 years old to make her first airplane flight.

Col. Kelton went to Spokane, Wash., to meet her and they returned to Sacramento by air this month.

The colonel reports his mother was so excited and happy with her first flight that she would not take her eyes off the ground during the entire five hours they were airborne.

And furthermore, she plans to fly back to her home in Columbus, Ohio, after she completes a month's visit with the Keltons in Sacramento.

RANGER KNOEFFLER ABDUCTED, BECOMES VETERAN "CLAMPER"

Three directors of the Columbia Historic Park Association and Assistant Ranger Darrell Knoeffler, ranger in charge at Columbia State Park, were included in the class of 52 Poor Blind candidates who were initiated recently into the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus at ceremonies in the park.

Ceremonies were held behind guarded doors in the theater of the old Fallon Hotel.

Knoeffler reports he was unceremoniously siezed and blindfolded when he went to the Fallon Hotel to see that no damage was done during the initiation--and before he knew what was what he had become a full-fledged "Clamper" of E Clampus Vitus.

Ceremonies were conducted by Jerry Wickland, vice president of the Wells Fargo Union Bank and Trust Company of San Francisco. Senator Jesse Mayo of Angels Camp was the principal speaker.

CONDOR SIGHTED AT SAN JACINTO

At least one California Condor was sighted flying below Desert View in the upper reaches of Mt. San Jacinto State Park this month by Assistant Superintendent William Kenyon and Ranger Robert Hatch during an inspection trip.

Hatch says the giant birds, once numerous in this area, have been unreported for many years.

DO YOU KNOW THAT ....

.....State Parks in Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties have a total of 17.5 miles of ocean frontage, and nearly 4 miles of lagoon shoreline.

.....Patrick's Point State Park, not generally noted for its arboreal accomplishments, has growing within the confines specimens of Sitka spruce exceeding ten feet in diameter at stump height.

.....During the seven organ recitals held in the Forest Theater at Armstrong Redwoods State Park this season, 7,571 persons attended.

.....Since the County of Del Norte adopted a pollution ordinance, the Smith River, flowing through Mill creek Redwoods State Park, has again become sparkling clear, with swimmers enjoying the park beach and the excellent deep swimming hole.

.....Attendance at D.L.Bliss State Park at Rubicon Point on Lake Tahoe for a short summer season only, already has reached 36,375 persons. This compares to a 1946 summer season attendance of 19,100.

News Item: Canadian Duck Hunter Wounds Cow. "F'even's sake, "says Daisy Barbour of Sonoma Mission, "wouldn't it be annoying if cows down here took to flying?"

NEW PROCESS..... NEW ASSISTANTS

With this issue of News & Views we begin printing in the multilith process, a duplicating process which permits improved illustrative work.

And, also, with the new process comes two new assistants--Mrs. Margaret Callaway, who replaces Mrs. Rosalind Falconer, recently resigned, and, through the cooperation of Col. Kelton and the engineering section, Don Marty, delineator, who will do the art work for the publication.

Bear with us, readers, while all three of us learn the multilith process in the hard school of experience.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW RESIDENCES AT DOHENY BEACH

Chief Ranger Jack Fleckenstein reports construction of two new ranger's residences began at Doheny Beach State Park on September 29th.

HUNTERS COOPERATE WITH PARK SYSTEM IN MT. SAN JACINTO AREA

Hunters operating in the newly opened areas adjacent to Mt. San Jacinto State Park apparently are in a cooperative mood, Assistant Ranger Robert Hatch reports.

Careful patrol of the park boundaries revealed only a few incidents where hunters had crossed into the primitive area of the park, and Hatch said he feels these occasions were not willful violations.

RANGER SCHNAUER HOLDS CONFAB WITH LARGE BLACK BEAR AT MILL CREEK

Ranger Carl C. Schnauer, reports meeting up with a large black bear on Mill Creek in Del Norte County recently.

"I was 20 feet away from him when we came face to face. He was as surprised as I, but he ambled off so all came out well."

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ZANETTA HOUSE RESTORATION UNDERWAY AT SAN JUAN

The $20,000 restoration project for the Old Zanetta House on the plaza of San Juan Bautista State Historic Monument is well underway this month, Curator Jack Dyson reports.

Workmen will repair the buildings two end walls, lay cement foundations beneath the ancient structure, and restore it as of the 1870's.

Dyson says many interesting discoveries as to methods of construction are being made. The foundation stones of the end wall of the "nunnery" were found during excavation of the west wall.

Zanetta moved in an old barn and butted it against the two-story structure. Then he faced the outside with new lumber and turned the addition into a kitchen and dining room. Under this he built a wine cellar.

UNIFORM SERVICE FROM SMITH'S

What kind of service have you been getting from Smith's of Oakland in the supplying of uniforms and accessories? Write to the Editor.

ORCHIDS TO.....

PFEIFFER BIG SUR

"Members of the Walnut Creek Area Girl Scout Council, the camp committee, and the camp staff, wish to express their sincere appreciation for the courtesy and helpfulness shown by all of the park staff of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park during the period of our group camp held there.

"We greatly appreciated the talks given for our staff at our campfire circles, the interest displayed by the naturalist in taking our campers on trips and excursions, the assistance given by the various rangers when problems of maintenance occured, and the general interest and kindness shown by Wayne Cox, assistant ranger, and his staff.

"We feel that your group, as well as the park itself, should be highly commended".--Mrs. Marion Conklin, Executive Director, Walnut Creek Area Council.

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE RECEIVES GEN. KEARNY'S WEAPONS

Two old pistols, weapons carried by General Stephen W. Kearny on his long overland march to California in 1846, this month were presented as a gift to the Old Custom House State Historic Monument museum by Henry S. Kearny of Los Angeles, grandson of the military leader.

One of the weapons was a single barrel pistol 12½ inches in length. The other was a four barrel "Pepper Box" type, about 7½ inches long.

GLADYS JOSLIN RETURNS TO OFFICE AFTER THREE MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. Gladys Zumwalt Joslin returned to work at Sacramento headquarters this month after a three-month leave of absence.

Welcome home, Gladys--we're glad you didn't decide to become a house wife just yet.

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIFORNIA

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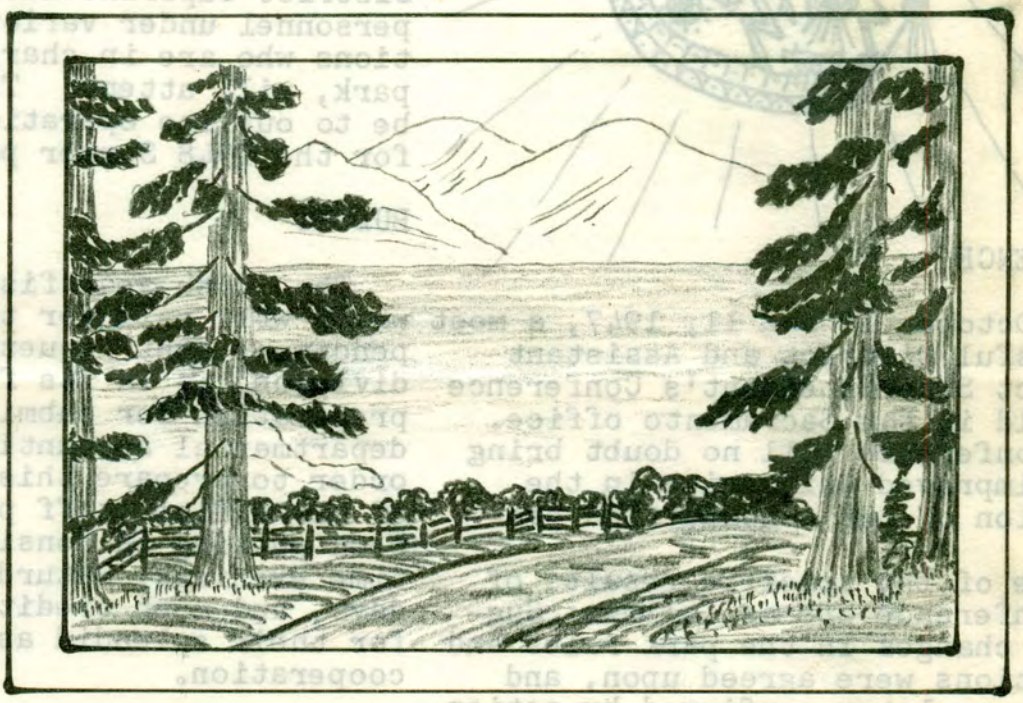

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CONFERENCE

On October 10 and 11, 1947, a most successful District and Assistant District Superintendent's Conference was held in the Sacramento office. This conference will no doubt bring about improved uniformity in the operation of our construction program.

Some of the specific results of the conference are as follows: Suggested changes in the park rules and regulations were agreed upon, and these were later confirmed by action of the State Park Commission at their meeting in Sonora on October 17, 1947. Reprint of rules and regulations will go to press very shortly. It was also decided that all Ranger Grade I probationary personnel will be given a test on the information contained in the Field Manual, (under the direction of the District Superintendent) previous to the submission of their final Probationary Report of Performance.

Attention was called to the fact that all the new residences constructed in parks must be occupied by veterans. Many new corrections and changes were made in the Field Manual, in order to make it conform with changes in state departmental regulations.

Standard phraseology is to be applied to all signs. It has been called to the attention of this office, that there is a sign in one of our parks which reads as follows: "Warning- no fishing permitted unless paper, bottles, bait and shells are placed in containers." In view of the above, no signs are to be made unless the phraseology has been previously approved by the District Superintendent.

It was also decided to hold a conference in February, at which the District Superintendents, Assistant District Superintendents, and the personnel under various classifications who are in charge of a state park, will attend. The purpose will be to outline operation procedure for the 1948 Summer park season.

BUDGET

The 100th year fiscal budget, which will call for the greatest expenditure ever requested by this division, is in its final steps of preparation for submission to the departmental accounting office. In order to prepare this budget, several of the office staff personnel have been putting in considerable overtime evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays, and much credit is due them for their splendid assistance and cooperation.

ACQUISITION

The Land Section is very busily engaged in a tremendous acquisition program, and at the same time the section is seriously handicapped due to the illness of Mr. John Hennessey, Supervising State Park Lands Officer, and Mr. Frank Roney of the San Francisco office. Two outstanding acquisitions were completed during the past month:

1) Purchase of the property known as the Wilson Logging unit, consists of approximately 1000 acres, which will be added to the Prairie Creek State Park. This acquisition involved some $420,000, 50% of the funds having been provided by the

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is imperative that all parks holding camping and picnicking receipt books, take immediate inventory of the number of unused books in stock, and immediately report through the district superintendent to the Sacramento office.

Include also in this report the anticipated needs for these forms in addition to present stock to carry you through June 30, 1948.

These reports must be made to the Sacramento office by November 15th. District superintendents are to address reports to Ronald Miller.

STETSONS ARE AVAILABLE

We are in receipt of a letter from the firm of Lundstrom, Ltd., at 724 Market Street, San Francisco, 2, California, which reads as follows:

"We wish to advise that we stock the regulation State Park Hat in the Stetson number one quality, retailing at $15.50, plus sales tax, in a full range of sizes.

RANGER HARLEY SMITH TANGLES WITH KOHLER LIGHT PLANT

Harley Smith, Ranger G1, at Armstrong Redwood State Park, sustained a broken and badly beat-up nose recently while attempting to crank the engine of a Kohler Light Plant in the park. The engine kicked back.

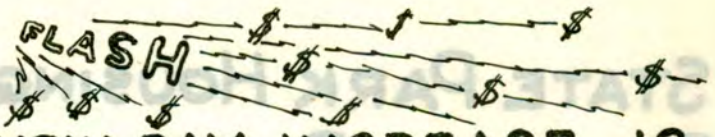
Our condolances, Harley--and a suggestion that you pick on a smaller guy next time.

RANGER NELSON COMMENTS ON VALUE OF SAYING, "I DON'T KNOW"

One of the most intelligent answers to any question is: "I don't know."

I have been answering the public's questions for over a year, but on my recent vacation I was the public. I asked the questions.

And after hearing so many conflicting stories, I soon learned to respect and believe the man who could, and would, say, "I don't know," Hereafter I'll search for the answer, and If I'm not sure, I'll say: "I don't know".--RAY NELSON, Dyerville.



NEW PAY INCREASE IS GRANTED RANGERS FROM G2 TO SUPERINTENDENT

Pay increases for field positions from Ranger, Grade 2, to District Superintendent, and including curators of historic monuments, were approved recently by the State Personnel Board.

These increases are the result of a job classification and pay scale survey made by Personnel Board staff members, including C.L. Burger, La Forrest Smith, and Ronald E. Dunn, assisted by William E. Pierson, personnel officer for the Department of Natural Resources, and E. B. Camper, administrative aid for this Division.

The new salary ranges are:

District Superintendent--395-415-436-458-481.

Assistant Superintendent--325-341-358-376-395.

Ranger, Grade 3--295-310-325-341-358.

Ranger, Grade 2--255-268-281-295-310.

Curator--231-243-255-268-281.

Another result of the survey was the upgrading in classification of 17 positions throughout the Division.

All pay increases are retroactive to October 1 of this year.

Recommendations of the staff survey members, were presented to the Personnel Board by Principal Technicians Kenneth Byers and K. Sharp, through John F. Fisher, executive officer of the board.

Our organization expresses the greatest appreciation of the Personnel Board's efficient and satisfactory findings, and of the most gratifying results accomplished.

STATE PARK HOUSING PROGRAM PROGRESSES

The construction of new residences for State Park personnel is proceeding well. Following is an accounting of construction by parks, with percentage of completion as of September 25, 1947:

Armstrong Redwoods--house and garage, not yet started.

Big Basin--4 houses and garages, 90 percent complete.

Big Sur--two houses and garages, 95 percent complete.

Calaveras Big Trees--Two houses and garages, not yet started.

Cuyamaca Rancho--2 houses and garages, not yet started.

D. L. Bliss--two houses and garages, 5 percent complete.

Richardson Grove--3 houses and garages, 40 percent complete.

Williams Grove--two houses and garages, 5 percent complete.

La Purisima Mission--1 house and garage- not yet started.

McArthur-Burney Falls--1 house and garage, 5 percent complete.

First Theatre--1 house and garage, not yet started.

Morro Bay--3 houses and garages, 1 percent complete.

Mt. Diablo--3 houses and garages, not yet started.

Mt. San Jacinto--1 house and garage not yet started.

Mt. Tamalpais--1 house and garage, not yet started.

Palomar Mountain--1 house and garage, 5 percent complete.

Patrick's Point--1 house and garage 30 percent complete.

Pio Pico--1 house and garage, not yet started.

Portola--2 houses and garages, 75 percent complete.

Prairie Creek--2 houses and garages, 10 percent complete.

San Juan Bautista--1 house and garage, 80 percent complete.

Vallejo Home (district headquarters) --2 houses and garages, completed.

Tahoe Campground--1 house and garage, not yet started.

Van Duzen Redwoods--1 house and garage, 5 percent complete.

PART OF EARLY SAILING SHIP FOUND NEAR FORT ROSS HISTORIC MONUMENT

John C. McKenzie, newly-appointed curator at Fort Ross State Historic Monument, this week reported the finding of the Lignum vitae bull's eye and metal attachments of an early sailing ship, near the fort.

The find was made by Mrs. Charles A. Johns, who gave her discovery to the monument.

McKenzie said that as soon as the discovery has been properly identified, it will be displayed.

Lignum vitae is a tropical wood of extreme hardness.

Will Rogers Park--three houses and garages, not yet started.

New Brighton Beach--2 houses and garages, 85 percent complete.

San Clemente Beach--3 houses and garages, not yet started.

Sonoma Coast--1 house and garage, not yet started.

Sunset Beach--1 house and garage, 60 percent complete.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at "SONORA" Oct. 17, 1947

The State Park Commission met in regular monthly session at Sonora, Tuolumne County, Friday, October 17. Commissioners present were: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Charles Kasch, George Waldner, George Scott.

Others present included: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources; A. E. Henning, chief of division; J. H. Covington, executive secretary; Edwin C. Kelton, engineering officer; Everett Powell, deputy chief of division; Edward F. Dolder, supervisor of conservation education; Irwin McClintock, assistant right-of-way agent; Walter Rountree, deputy attorney general; Robert Coon, district superintendent; and Gladys Joslin, stenographer.

Commission actions were:

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK--Received numerous letters asking that no more land be acquired south of Highway 78. Ordered staff to investigate the status of certain sections held for park use on which division had paid filing fee. This area is in southwest portion of park. Change of boundary in this area contemplated, with presently-owned sections to be exchanged for areas northward where consolidation is desired.

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE OF BIG TREES Received numerous letters asking status of acquisition program for this area in Tuolumne County. Funds estimated necessary to cover one-half the purchase price of the grove have been set up by this division. Balance must come from sources other than the State. Commissioners Kasch and Waldner, accompanied by Director Hannum, and Mr. Dolder, made trip into grove on Saturday, October 18.

PRAIRIE CREEK--Authorized matching funds to go with Save-the-Redwoods League, in purchase of 160 acre addition to park along the James Irvine Trail in deep redwoods. League funds were given by the late James Irvine of Orange County. Informed League that no more money can be appropriated for coast redwood purchases from the present $5,000,000 fund.

SANTA CRUZ BEACH EROSION STUDY--Authorized joint erosion study with county of Santa Cruz and Federal Beach Erosion Board.

SAN DIEGO MASTER BEACH PLAN--Approved master plan after deleting from plan Agua Hediondo Slough and small beach area in San Diego city just south of Scripps Pier. Authorized appraisals of area. Agreed that city and county were to operate all beaches under lease from the State.

HUNTINGTON BEACH--Approved acquisition of 40-foot wide strip along Huntington Beach between railroad and highway, if Orange County places same in master beach plan and agrees to raise one-half cost of purchase.

COLUMBIA--Dr. V. Aubrey Neasham reported progress in his historical research of area, necessary before master plan for restoration can be drawn. Informed by land section that acquisition of properties within boundaries of park was 85 per cent complete.

VAN DAMME BEACH--Received offer of Fred Pearl to sell his properties within Van Damme Beach State

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Park. Declared commission was not interested in matter.

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK--Awarded riding stable concession to Joe C. Ritter of Los Angeles, for three year term.

PRAIRIE CREEK--Authorized item in 100th Fiscal Budget for construction of new rental cabins at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

DONNER LAKE--Received offer of Donner Lake Improvement Company to sell 380 acres of land at southeast corner of lake adjacent to present Donner State Historic Monument, at one-half the appraised value, with appraisals to be made by state-hired appraisers. This area of pine-wooded mountain slopes includes a stream and 9000 feet of lakeshore, with sand beaches. Commission authorized making of appraisals.

CHANGES IN PARK RULES & REGULATIONS--Authorized following additions to park rules and regulations:

1) All vehicular traffic is limited to use of thoroughfares and defined parking areas in State Parks and Beaches.

2) Inasmuch as State Parks and Beaches are recreational areas for the enjoyment of the greatest possible number, the time limit for occupancy of the individual beach and park camping units is based upon regulations for the particular area. These time limits are established by the Park Commission, or its duly authorized representative.

3) To maintain the sanitation and orderly appearance of State Park and Beach camping areas, the ranger-in-charge shall exercise control over the size, type and arrangement of camping facilities permitted in the area.

(NOTE--The second addition enables the district superintendent, with the approval of the Chief of Division, to declare certain areas limited to one or two week periods for camping, if the crowded condition and demand for campsites warrents such action.)

The next meeting of the Commission will be in San Francisco November 21 and 22, 1947.

RANGERS LIVELY AND NEALON CAPTURE DEER HUNTERS IN CALAVERAS BIG TREES

Two eager-beaver deer hunters, who chose to shoot at a deer within 30 feet of a large log sign that proclaimed the area was a State Park, were apprehended recently by Chief Ranger Lloyd Lively and Assistant Ranger Philip Nealon of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

They were Karl A. Wells, of Oakdale, who was fined $25, and Gerald McDaniel of Modesto. McDaniel was a minor and was released with a reprimand.

TABLE AND STOVE CONSTRUCTION AT PORTOLA STATE PARK CONTINUES

Chief Ranger Charles Fakler reports late this month that construction of tables and stoves for the new development area at Portola State Park in San Mateo County is moving along well.

Forty four tables and 32 camp stoves have been completed.

He added that it is expected the two ranger residences will be completed by November 1st.

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE VISITOR IDENTIFIES CENTER ROOM AS A FORMER STABLE

A Mrs. Fenton who visited the Old Custom House State Historic Monument in Monterey recently, informed Mrs. Mary L. Greene, curator, that the center room of the old building was used as a stable in the late '60s.

Mrs. Fenton said her father, Dan MacDougal, occupied the building in 1866-67, and that she was born in it in 1866. She added that it was the custom to drive their carriage through the center door from the street into the stable room.

STORY OF THE LAKE

Located in the Sierra Nevada range, partly in Nevada, partly in California, is America's most famous lake, Tahoe. It is located just between the two main old emigrant, stage and pony express trails leading to the west.

Its altitude is 6225 feet.

It is the largest lake in North America and the second largest in the world at this or any greater altitude.

Tahoe is famous throughout the world for the colors of its waters. There is no shade of blue or green that cannot be found. It is also noted for the transparency of its water through which at times the bottom is visible at 100 feet.

Lake Tahoe contains over 122 million acre feet of water, or 30 million more than the combined total of the ten largest reservoirs in North America.

The water in Lake Tahoe would cover California to a depth of 14½ inches. With a surface area of 193 square miles and an average depth of 989 feet, Lake Tahoe is a tremendous volume of water 99 percent pure. The deepest point in the lake is 1645 feet. It is 23 miles long and 13 miles wide and it is 73 miles around the lake by modern highway.

The formation of the lake is both glacial and volcanic and is surrounded on all sides by high mountains, some of which are almost 11,000 feet.

The average annual snowfall is 18 feet. Even though the temperature often drops below zero the lake never freezes over. In the summer the average surface temperature is 67 degrees dropping to 39 at the bottom. Bodies of the drowned never rise to the surface as the cold lower depths serve as a refrigerator.

Before the coming of the white man, the Washoe Indians of Nevada used the lake as a summer hunting grounds. The first white man to see Lake Tahoe was Capt. John C. Fremont who was guided on the expedition by Kit Carson. Fremont called the lake Bonpland after a member of the party.

The first map makers named it Lake Bigler, after the third governor of California. This name did not prove popular so the Indian name, Tahoe, was restored.

In Indian, Tahoe means "Big Water" or "Water in a High Place". Some of the writers call it "The Lake of the Sky" because it resembles the pure blue of the sky.

THE PARKS

D.L. BLISS

On the west side of the lake, approximately midway between the north and south ends of Lake Tahoe, is located D. L. Bliss State Park one of California's most scenic and popular parks.

The 957 acre park has more frontage on Lake Tahoe than all other public owned lands combined, and not including the 3500 feet of frontage in Emerald Bay. This park is proving more popular every year to the visitor and camper of the Tahoe region.

Bliss became a state park in 1929 with the use of state park bonds and matching land donated by Hope and Walter Bliss, daughter and son of D. L. Bliss for whom the park is named.

Development was started by a CCC camp and the park is still largely undeveloped. Present 47 campsites were filled every night but three from July 4th to Labor Day this year with a high of 82 cars registered for camping on a Wednesday night. It was necessary a few times to turn campers away. Cash receipts for 1947 were 141 percent of the receipts for 1946.

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two new Rangers, Charles Boyle and David Kimsey, were we able to handle the overflow of visitors.

Besides two excellent sand beaches, Lester Beach and Calawee Cove, Bliss has many other attractions. One is the beautiful Rubicon Point trail with its interesting rock formations and excellent views of the lake. It is off this point that the depth of the lake is over 1400 feet, the drop being almost perpendicular. Sugarpine Ridge trail takes the visitors through virgin stands of Sugar and Jeffrey pines.

Many hikers make the four mile trip to Emerald Bay Point, where one can see Eagle Falls and the granite mountains that separate the lake from Desolation Valley. The Balancing Rock of Bliss is another well visited and photographed point of interest.

Although Bliss does not have a wide variety of plant life, it does have, however, a representative group of Sierra trees and shrubs. Main trees of the park are Lodgepole pine, Jeffrey Pine, Sugarpine, Incense Cedar, White Fir, Red Fir, Mountain Alder, and Mountain Willow. On the higher mountains adjacent to the park are many other trees.

Shrubs found in the park include Chinquapin, Tobacco Brush, Bitter Cherry, Hackberry Oak, Manzanita (2 kinds) Squaw Carpet and the ever-present Buckthorn.

Snowplants are abundant in the spring.

A welcome addition to the park on the expansion program are two new cottages which are now under construction. A picnic area (none now) Will be constructed in the spring, together with more camp-sites and a new water system.

To change an old poem a bit:
My Soul would ever stray,
In such a place as this,
And sit and sing itself away,
to everlasting Bliss.

BALANCING ROCK AT BLISS →

WHO'S WHO
IN TAHOE PARKS

DUANE L. BLISS

Born in Massachusetts, worked in California mining camps 1850 to 1860- entered banking and lumber business in Nevada, 1860. In 1872 organized and became president of the Carson and Tahoe Lumber and Flume Co. of California, which conducted extensive lumbering operations in the Tahoe Basin. In 1899 organized the Lake Tahoe Railroad and Transportation Co., of which he was president until his death in 1907. This company built the narrow gauge railroad from Tahoe City to Truckee, built still-famous Tahoe Tavern, operated the steamer, Tahoe, and operated resort and transportation services around the lake.

He was a strong believer in the German method of forest preserva-

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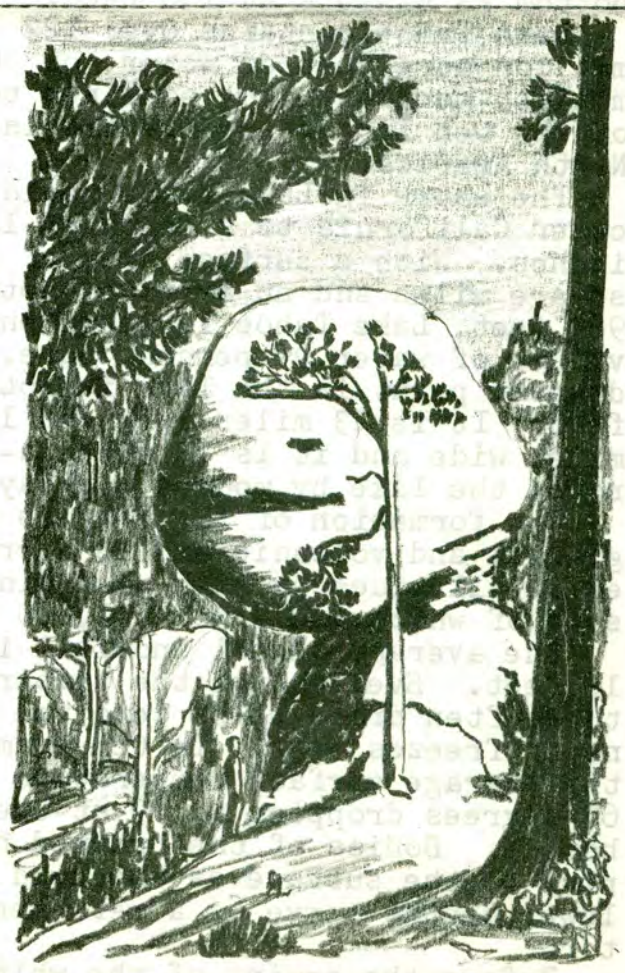

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tion. While he cut lumber for commercial use, he met with general commendation for his zeal in protecting young trees and his systematized forest fire patrol.

CHARLES K. BOYLE

Deputy Ranger at Bliss. Born in Brooklyn, New York, 1917, and attended New York schools. Worked as telephone lineman before war. Enlisted in Army, July 1943, and served with Air Corps, Corps of Engineers, and Signal corps. Has earned several decorations. Says he also has the Good Conduct Ribbon. Hobby is archery, at which sport he is very proficient. Entered State Park service this year at Bliss Park.

DAVID M. KIMSEY

Deputy Ranger, summer, at D. L. Bliss and Tahoe Campground. Home is Sacramento. Born in Saguache, Colorado, 1922. Attended schools in Colorado. Entered Army June 1942, and came out of basic training a radio operator and gunner on a B17. Joined the Caterpillar Club when his plane exploded over England. He was returning from his fifth mission over Germany when he had to bail out. A broken leg was a souvenir of this trip. Separated from park service in September to enter College of Pacific in Stockton, where he will specialize in business administration.

GLENN A. JACKSON

Deputy Ranger, Tahoe Campground. Born Limerick, New York, June 3, 1903. Attended schools New York. Worked as a telegraph operator in New York and Canada. Operated a general store in New York for several years. Migrated to Sunny California in 1941. Entered State Park Service June, 1943, at Morro Bay State park. Has been stationed besides Morro Bay, at Big Basin, Seacliff and Tahoe Campground.

GORDON T. KISHBAUGH

Assistant Ranger, D. L. Bliss. Born Phoenix, Arizona, 1912. Raised in New Mexico and attended schools in California. Worked as an auto mechanic, gold miner, newspaper reporter (Weekly) and as a storekeeper in an airplane plant before permanently entering State Park Service at Morro Bay in 1941. Took the Army three months and three days to find out he wasn't wanted after all. Has the distinction of having served under all District Superintendents.

INITIATING THE NEW UNIFORM

JOHN HENNESSEY RECUPERATING

John A. Hennessey, Supervising State Park Land Officer, now is recuperating at his home in Los Angele 2460 Kenilworth Avenue.

Hennessey underwent a major operation in the Queen of Angels Hospital last month.

FISHERS ARE NEW PARENTS

Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Leonard Fisher of Mt. Diablo State Park, are the proud parents of a new-born son. Young Fisher weighed in at 8¼ lbs.

Tahoe Campground is located on the northwestern shore of Lake Tahoe, one fourth mile east of Tahoe City. Though small in acreage, it is so situated that from nearly every campsite one has an incomparable view of most of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding mountains. The sunrises and sunsets are beyond description, not to mention the full moon rising over the Nevada mountains and shimmering across the lake.

In the past two seasons the campground has been host to a great number of artists who have tried to capture the rugged landscape and lake with its ever changing colors, in oils, water colors and sketches.

The old rail fence which marks the park boundary adds much to the rustic beauty of the landscape and proves to be no obstacle to the deer who clear it with graceful bounds as they come down on their nightly pilgrimage to the lake to drink.

The leaning pine which graced our back yard and caused so much comment, such as --'How long has it leaned like that?' - 'What holds it up?' - 'When will it fall?' - finally gave up to nature and gravity in a high wind last August. The gallant old tree still held on even though it had split in three places to a heighth of twelve feet and leaned at even a greater angle, until the power company cut down their power lines and held up road traffic while it was felled across the road.

The tapestry of fall in the mountains unfolds, as day after day of perfect weather goes by. The aspen leaves are turning to gold and the lake has a most serene look as if it were resting after a hectic summer. The air is filled with the vigorous chattering of tiny birds high in the pines, busily darting from one cone to another, and energetic little squirrels can be seen deftly rolling and pushing large pine cones over the ground-preparing for the big snow.

The foundations have been laid for the new residence across the highway from the lake and we are mentally rolling pine cones with the squirrels, hoping it will be completed before winter sets in in earnest.

STATISTICS

Tahoe Campground- 15 campsites and no picnic area.

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Collections for season May 17th to Oct. 1st:

1946---$ 1675.45
1947---$ 1761.10

Visitors:

1946--- 31,100
1947--- 36,173

The increase of 1947 was made in May and June. From the latter part of June through July and August we turned away an average of 35 to 40 cars each day with the high score of 108 in one day.

"*#)$(%'TEMPER TESTERS-&%'$

2 A.M.--Loud knocking at door-
"I have a friend camping at Lake Tahoe. Could you tell me where he is located?"
(It's only seventy three miles around the lake-the Ranger should know.)

4:15 A.M.--Loud knocking at door-
"I'm checking out-thought I would tell you."
Ranger, deep inside,******#)$%'#"

Much disturbed elderly lady, "There is a baby in the next camp and it has been crying a long time.

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FROM THE TAHOE ANGLE

Rangers at Bliss claim to be the highest living in the State Park Service. Elevation at headquarters, 6800 feet.

And then there was the camper at Bliss who wanted to know if there was a grassey campsite. Otherwise he would have to put on his rubbers to keep his shoes from getting dusty.

And once this summer at Bliss: "I'm a Taxpayer".

Do you know that Mark Twain was arrested and fined for starting a forest fire on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe?

Sketch on front page is by Korleen Jackson, wife of Ranger Glen Jackson. She is a very talented artist and has made several oil paintings of scenes around Tahoe Campground State Park.

Cartoon "August Comes to Bliss" is by Ranger Boyle. Cartoon "Initiating the New Uniform" was contributed by a camper.

What does a Ranger's wife do in her spare time? Thelma, wife of Ranger Kishbaugh compiled the following figures during July this year in answering the doorbell at the headquarters residence.

505 times--Information on the park and where to camp.
63 times--Road information.
67 times--Misc. information such as where to fish and what trees grow here.

And including "What does a man do on his honeymoon when he's left his fishing license at home?" (Ranger's note) Who wants a fishing license on a honeymoon?

And "My dog never barks", and we haven't forgotten the man with three dogs.

Field personnel visiting Bliss this year included Ray Bassett and Bill Reinhardt of Diablo, Ray Nelson of Dyerville headquarters, Darrell Knoefler of Columbia, Leonard Moore of Seacliff and Lewis Griffith and John Mason of Big Sur. Commissioner Carrillo also gave us a surprise visit.

Note to you Redwooders- There is no fog at Lake Tahoe. Weather is ideal for campers during the vacation months. Of course, it is snowing as the Ranger is writing this.

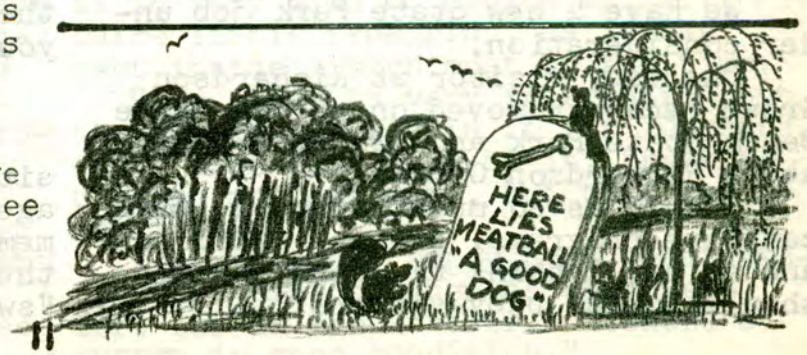
A gentleman rang the doorbell and handed Ranger Kishbaugh the following note from Ed Dolder, whom he had met at Yosemite: "See Ranger Kishbaugh at D. L. Bliss State Park, just north of Emerald Bay, about camping there." The gentleman sheepishly said, as he pointed to the sign on the door, "Guess I can't stay, I have a dog". That should be good for a coke from Ed.

A RANGER'S FRIEND

The Jackson family at Tahoe Campground lost a loyal member when their little dog, Meatball, was killed by a car in August.

He was just a nondescript little pooch- no blue ribbon background- but definitely a State Park dog. He stayed in his own backyard. Even when the gate was open he seemed to know he should not be in the park area-never looked down his nose at other dogs who couldn't camp in the park- just lived his happy short life always knowing his place as a dog of a State Park Ranger.

We found a lovely spot for him in one of his favorite haunts- long green grass, willow trees, brooks, squirrels and birds.



WILLIAMS GROVE--"Mrs. Donlon and I were camped in Williams Grove from August 28 to September 8. We would have stayed longer if it had been possible. Previous to coming to Williams Grove we had visited National Parks in Utah, Arizona, Wyoming and Oregon.

I wish the people in charge of our National Parks could come to California and see how parks that belong to the people are run. Our welcome at Williams was sincere and cordial. The accomodations were beyond criticism, and the atmosphere restful.

I cannot commend Ranger Ralph Banfill too highly for the excellent job he is doing. He probably does not remember us, but should you see him, tell him how appreciative we are."--Thomas W. Donlon, 1027 North Edinburgh Ave., Los Angeles, 46.

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS--"On our way to the Trinity country, we stopped off for the night at Burney Falls State Park. We paid for one night, intending to go on the next morning, but the place was so nice, and kept up so well, that we stayed almost a week.

The hot showers, laundry, and the cleanness of everything, made quite an impression on us. We think the people who keep it in such nice shape should be commended on it.

We consider it the nicest state park we have ever been in."--Mr. & Mrs. Fred Tracy, 234- 2nd Avenue, Santa Cruz.

WHAT NEXT??

We have a new State Park job under consideration.

One lady visitor at Richardson Grove recently moved on to Van Damme Beach State Park and had this to say about Richardson Grove:

"There is so much going on, with campfire programs, dances, pictures, and so on, I think the park service should employ baby-sitters."

SMITHS ANSWERS COMPLAINTS ON THEIR UNIFORM SERVICE

After many complaints from the field on the service and quality of merchandise received from Smiths of Oakland in the delivery of the new dress uniform, a letter of complaint was written from the Sacramento office.

The following are excerpts from an answer by Robert Kahn, assistant comptroller of the firm:

"...as far as I can determine, we have done a job that is completely embarassing to us.

"...I want you to know that I am devoting the bulk of my time to straightening out this entire problem, and I hope that by the end of next week, (Oct.11th) we will have every single order either completed and clear or at least completed as far as is humanly possible.

"....We are completely reorganizing our Uniform department with a special office unit to handle nothing but the records.

"....There is no excuse we can possibly offer that would be of interest to the men involved. To them we have made certain promises that we have failed to keep--they are not concerned with the why or wherefore.

"....the manufacturer of the uniform, after making the sample correctly, made the first shipment wrong, and they had to be remade.

"....At that point it was imperative that we change our supplier and since then have done so. The uniforms sent out the first of this week(Sept. 29th) were made by a different supplier and the basic measurements were carefully checked against those provided by or taken from the men.

"....I trust that you will find this a suitable--I carefully avoid the word 'satisfactory'--answer to your letter of September 12th."

Dry Lagoon State Park contains the site of an ancient Yurok Indian village known as Tsotskwi. Within the memory of informants living in 1909, the town contained 12 houses and two "sweathouses".- JAMES P. TRYNER

MEMO ... BY THE EDITOR

In the last issue we asked our readers to bear with us while we learned by experience the intricacies of the new multilith process being used in the preparation of News & Views.

Due to excellent powers of comprehension, cooperation, and inspiration on the part of my compatriots, Mrs. Margaret Callaway, and Artist Don Marty, this editor can say that we have mastered the multilith process on the second try.

And thanks to the initiative and cooperation of the rangers and their wives who boast of being the "highest living" in the park system--at an elevation of 6,800 feet, in the parks of the Lake Tahoe region, we believe we have an issue to rank with the best to date.

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A word to the wise--all rangers should make certain that they have on file with the Department Accounting Office a "Power-of-Attorney" form. If you have not delegated a power of attorney to the accounting officer, and turn in a request for travel allowance, the payment of that request will be considerably delayed. It is necessary for such requests to go to the State Controller for payment, unless the accounting officer, with the power of attorney, pays you from the departmental revolving fund.

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The editor makes it a practice of reading all weekly ranger reports--and has noticed the failure of many rangers to properly report the attendance figures as required on the bottom of the back page of the form.

It is vitally important that these figures be consistently and correctly reported, so that the Sacramento office is able to at all times answer the numerous requests for information on this matter.

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The weekly report section labeled "Miscellaneous Items,"and "News Items of Special Interest" is a very important News & Views news source, so use it to report news. E.F.D.

FORT ROSS NOTES

Recently as I walked across the quadrangle to open the door of the bastion, I noticed that a badger had dug out quite a few divots in a search for grubs and insects.

At one fair-sized divot two half-dollar pieces had been dug out, and a third coin was in the hole. Now half the three acres is nicely dug up for next season's garden--but no more treasure has come to light.

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Recent rains exposed the top of an old post just 8 feet north of the present Sallyport. I have dug down more than three feet and still the post is solid. There was a layer of tamped-in stones around the post just below the surface, and another three feet down. I have yet to determine just how far down the post extends. It seems to be one of the original posts of the sallyport, or possibly an old building.

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On October 12 there began a migration of small brown dragon flies, at about 8:30 A.M. The flight stopped at 3:30 P.M. It was in a southeasterly direction.--John C. McKenzie, curator.

DYSON ROUNDS UP WAGONS

Curator Jack Dyson at San Juan Bautista is scouring the San Benito countryside these days in an avid search for early-California types of transportation to round out his displays.

We quote from a recent weekly report by him:

"Was fortunate in getting two wagons, a buggy and a cart, and some other material this week. The wagon is in very good condition and will require little repairing, as it was kept inside a barn most of the time.

"The stage is very interesting,but the chickens lived in it for 10 years, and a barn collapsed on it, breaking the top and one seat, but this can be repaired.

"The cart and buggy need considerable work done on them as they were left out in the weather. Located a surrey in good condition."

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

By Ray Nelson
Ranger, Grade I
Humboldt Redwood State Park

"There's a time I love most dearly,
Along early in the Fall;
When the golden leaves are falling,
And the moose begin to call.

When the nights are crisp and starry,
And the days are dreamy, mild;
Oh, I'm a happy mortal
When it's autumn in the wild."

I forget who wrote that, but whoever he was, he knew what he was talking about--and he knew how to say it.

However, it wasn't only the spicy air of Indian summer that gave us that "hopped-up" feeling on that September dawn a few weeks ago..... three weeks of vacation were staring us in the face.

Our "busman's holiday"-camping out in the State parks- had been awaited for many months. Perhaps not with bated breath, but at least there were times during the past record-breaking Summer we had been <u>out</u> of breath.

We have offered no explanations in the past why we chose this form of relaxation, and we aren't about to start now. We are hardened to the expressions that say: "What? You're with the parks all year, and on your vacation you visit more of them? You're nuts!" O.K., we're nuts.

We didn't visit as many of the parks as we would have liked to -- there just wasn't time enough the way we vacationed: lingering as long as we wished at spots that appealed to us, travelling with no definite dead-lines to meet. And we took looks only at those outside our own district. Those in the Northwest District we knew too much about already---we thought, which goes to show you that "thinking so <u>doesn't</u> always make it so".

Everyplace we visited proved interesting, and we can't truthfully say we were disappointed in any of them. We gradually began to realize from a new standpoint- not one of mere acceptance, but <u>knowingly</u>- that those words on page A-1 of the Field Manual that begin:"State park areas are selected to preserve, etc., etc." are really true. But I'm not about to bore anyone with my sad selection of words in an attempt to describe any of the beautiful or interesting places we visited. The only way to truly realize something is to experience it. The following are but a few of the things that <u>"sunk in"</u> during our vacation:

Watching the twin falls at Burney leap almost straight down, framed by the many little falls on each side; walking down to the edge of the clear, blue pool, feeling the cool spray on cheek and brow--well, just do it brother, and if it doesn't do something to your insides you're just too ornery to fall over, because you're dead .....

Read the plaque on the bronze and granite monument at the site of the Donner Tragedy; walk down past Bill Killian's house to the spot where the Murphy cabin stood; read some more, and if you don't do some thinking, well, it sure must be tough to put up with that awful, awful smog.....

The satisfying cleanliness and natural appearance of D. L. Bliss park made us linger there longer than we had planned. And Gordon Kishbaugh modestly stated: "Guess the campers have been extremely cooperative." Maybe they were--maybe the clean beauty of Lake Tahoe (at least around Bliss) made them try a little harder than usual not to mar one of nature's jewels--maybe Gordon and the other rangers worked pretty hard .....

Perhaps I'm biased, but give me a State park, in preference to a National park, to camp in. May the

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state, and 50% by the Save-The-Redwoods League.

2) The acquisition of the Baldwin Arboretum in Los Angeles county was finally completed. This Arboretum contains 110 acres, and was purchased at a cost of $320,000, 50% of which was supplied by the state and 50% by Los Angeles County. This property will be operated by Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County has also deeded to the state for matching purposes four separate beach units. Ventura City has deeded to the state approximately 4,000 feet of beach frontage. Matching properties for the Los Angeles County beaches and the Ventura City beaches are being negotiated for.

The acquisition of the old town of Columbia is approximately 85% complete.

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California State Park Commission forever insist on securing only areas that "rate high in inspirational and recreational value for refreshment and upbuilding of mind and body." And maintain them with that object, with emphasis on the inspirational and upbuilding of mind angle. I wonder what John Muir would say if he could walk his old paths once again ??????????

But there are many things we could learn from our hard-pressed and weary big brother- the National Park Service. One of the less important, perhaps, but doubtless one that paid high dividends, was their psychologically worded signs that said something like: "Help us keep your parks clean." Sure, there were quite a few of them, but we're members of the human race, whose lives are a mass of habits, and habits are formed through repetition. Anyway, we all have to be reminded of things occasionally.....

One of Fred Canham's many fine attributes is his natural hospitality. When a fellow with more years in the parks than I have months makes me feel welcome, makes me feel "at home" in his presence by treating me as really one of "the gang", making me feel that I am as valuable to the system as he is (when I know well I couldn't be), well, anyone who says we can't learn from the "old timers" is to be pitied .....

It felt good to bump into another "nut" at Morro Bay taking that same kind of a vacation we were-- Leo Crawford from Cuyamaca. After our visit with the Crawfords, we decided we'd have to see the Rancho as soon as possible. According to Leo and Fran, it's a mighty nice place to be working. We believe them, sight unseen.....

The entrance to Big Sur was one of the most satisfying I have ever seen in a park anywhere. Perhaps one way of saying it would be that it is inviting. It was clean and green. I am ashamed to admit I cannot remember the ranger's name in the contact station when we made our flying visit, but it was around noon on Sunday, Sept. 21st. And darned if the guy didn't fit in with the rest of it. He looked and acted a credit to the service.....

Jack Dyson moved out of the house in Dyerville we reside in just before we arrived, so that reason, along with all the good things we'd heard about the Dysons, made San Juan Bautista a "must" stop. Jack has a big mouthful of hard, painstaking work there, but he looks like the kind of a guy that will chew instead of bite. He's already accomplished a good bit of chewing, and I'll bet he keeps right on chewing.....

Leonard Penhale is doing a wonderful job with his museum at Big Basin. We didn't have the good fortune of seeing Leonard again--he was out somewhere getting something else for display--but the museum spoke for him: intelligently, tastefully, and informative in an interesting way. Though I know he'd have nothing to fret about, I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to

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NEWS & VIEWS

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Its parents don't pay any attention to it. Maybe I'm old-fashioned but I think someone should call a doctor. Isn't there something you can do about it?"

Ranger: The baby's father is a doctor!

Then there was the (lady?) who drove her car into a rock camp stove --Now we have 14½ stoves for 40 campers.

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THE DOG QUESTION

"My dog is deaf. He can't hear anyone so he won't bark, and I keep him in the tent."

"My dog is paralyzed so he doesn't run around."

"My dog is pedigreed and I have had him vaccinated and inoculated."

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give him some friendly competition with the proposed museum at Dyerville.

Why bother anyone with the worthless dribble of so-called conclusions? I'm sure they would disgust everyone even more than many conclusions have gagged me. But I am going to say: 1) Nutty or not, it was a mighty good vacation; and 2) the "home port" may not have looked as big on our return, but it did look a great deal better, and the latter includes all the people we know around here.

PRAIRIE CREEK ELK PROVE TO BE TOUGHIES

Chief Ranger C.L.Milne recently set out to aid N. Rogan and B. Knowles of the Division of Fish and Game in their program to trap elk from Prairie Creek State Park and remove them to other redwood areas.

A strong dope was administered to several of the animals. The dope is intended as a "knockout" potion, rendering the animals unconscious so that they may be hauled away without a struggle.

The dope had no effect on the big boys from Prairie Creek, and now the fish and game men are scratching their heads for a new approach to the problem.

VALLEJO HOME OBSERVES ANNUAL SONOMA VINTAGE FESTIVAL

Mrs. Madie D. Brown, curator of Vallejo Home State Historic Monument, observed the annual Sonoma Vintage Festival by displaying the award given to General Vallejo in 1860 for the best wine of that period.

The family dining room of the home was decorated with tokay grapes from the Vallejo emparrado. They were in a brass fruit dish which was a wedding present to Gen.Vallejo and his bride, Benecia Carrillo, in March, 1832.

Mrs. Brown wore an old white taffeta gown, once owned by Ina Coolbrith and an old black satin basque trimmed in jet, from Worth's of Paris. She carried an old-fashioned round boquet of Talisman roses.

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PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS

We have received from the Personnel Board, lists setting forth the result of the recent promotional examinations for the various ranger grades and for that reason certain personnel transfers are being made. The Personnel Board recently completed a survey of our personnel requirements based upon the individual park unit and the new available lists will permit us to abide by their findings and suggestions.

During the War it was very difficult to make personnel transfers or adjustments in keeping with the responsibilities involved. It was not until the Personnel Board had completed their survey, and the necessary promotional examination lists made available, that the Division could assign its personnel on a uniform basis of relationship between responsibility and rating.

TAHOE ISSUE

The last issue of News & Views was very complimentary to those responsible for its issuance and covered the areas that play a very important part in our summer program, but which are now covered by snow and, therefore, tucked away under a blanket which will not again be lifted or disturbed until the Robins sing again. I once referred to these areas as our "frozen assets" which we "liquidate" each spring.

WINTER SPORTS

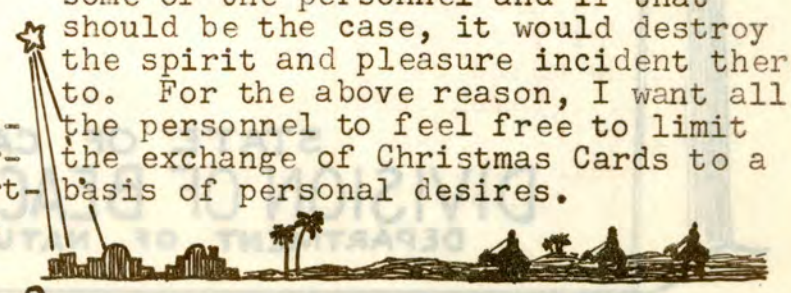
Our properties are so located and of such a nature that winter sports enter but very indirectly into our operations. The two parks which afford winter sports, namely: Cuyamaca and Calaveras cannot annually be depended upon to have sufficient snow so that a definite program of winter sports can be scheduled on a prearranged program, although both of these parks attract tremendous crowds on weekends when sufficient snow is available for skiing and tobogganing.

HOLIDAY SEASON

The season of the year is approaching which brings forth the two most important holidays dedicated to the individual family's intimate associations, namely, Thanksgiving and Christmas; and since they come at a time when the park activities are at their lowest ebb, I sincerely hope that the park personnel and their families may all enjoy these to the fullest extent in that they have had a happy, enjoyable, and successful year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In years gone by, while this Division was small, the custom developed whereby the general exchange of Christmas Cards was carried on. The Division, however, has now grown to such an extent that if the practice were to be followed, it might prove to be a considerable financial burden to some of the personnel and if that should be the case, it would destroy the spirit and pleasure incident thereto. For the above reason, I want all the personnel to feel free to limit the exchange of Christmas Cards to a basis of personal desires.



EXTENSIVE PERSONNEL CHANGES ARE ORDERED

SUPT. FLEMING WILL RETIRE ON FEBRUARY 1ST.

As an aftermath to the promotional examinations held this year, a considerable re-assignment of personnel in the various units of the State Park System has been announced this month.

With the coming retirement of District Superintendent Guy Fleming effective February 1, 1948, William Kenyon, now assistant superintendent in the Southern District, will take over the reins. Eugene Velzy, now assistant superintendent for the South Central District, will be his assistant.

Superintendent Fleming will begin his accumulated vacation on December 20, at which time Kenyon will become acting superintendent and Velzy will make his transfer.

To replace Velzy as assistant in the South Central District, Jess Chaffee, chief ranger of Big Basin, will be elevated to assistant district superintendent, effective December 1st, when Velzy leaves for his vacation.

Chief Ranger Lloyd Lively of Calaveras Big Trees has been transferred to Big Basin and will become ranger-in-charge when Chaffee leaves.

Gordon Kishbaugh, newly upped to Grade 3, has been named in charge at Calaveras Big Trees after a transfer from D. L. Bliss.

OTHER NEW GRADE 3 RANGERS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS ARE:

Henry Saddler, from Palomar Mountain to in charge at Richardson Grove.

Ben Twight, remain in charge at Castle Crags.

Wayne Cox, remain in charge at Pfeiffer Big Sur.

George Holmboe, remain in charge at Samuel P. Taylor.

Rudolph Anderson, remain in charge at San Clemente Beach.

Arthur Sill, remain in charge at La Purisima Mission.

Alfred Salzgeber, from Doheny Beach to in charge at Carpinteria Beach.

Other grade 3 appointments are due but have not yet been announced.

THE NEW GRADE 2 RANGERS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS ARE:

James Trynor, remain in charge at Patrick's Point.

Carl Schnauer, remain in charge at Mill Creek Redwoods.

Glen Jackson, remain in charge at Tahoe Campground.

William Markle, remain assistant at La Purisima Mission.

Lewis P. Griffith, first assistant at Pfeiffer Big Sur.

Friedrich Oltman, second assistant at Pfeiffer Big Sur.

Lester Ransom, from Big Sur to assistant at Pt. Lobos Reserve.

Roland Geyer, from South Central District office to assistant in charge of Marshall Monument and Gold Discovery Site.

Louis Wakefield, remain assistant at Morro Bay.

Alvin Whittington, from Big Sur to assistant at Carpinteria Beach.

Michael Powell, from Seacliff to assistant in charge, New Brighton.

William Haussler, remain assistant at Samuel P. Taylor.

Werner Foss, remain assistant at Portola.

Paul Haines, assistant in charge at Palomar Mountain.

Herbert Hedicke, remain at Will Rogers Park.

Since October 1 a total of 33 new grade 1 rangers from the most recent examination list have been appointed and now are serving in various parks of the system.

In either the December or January issue of News & Views we will publish a complete roster to include this new personnel and the above transfers.

STATE TRAPPERS WILL WORK IN CERTAIN STATE PARKS ON PREDATOR CONTROL

Park rangers need not get out the shooting irons when a trapper from the Division of Fish and Game shows up to trap within the boundaries of our State Parks.

Legislation adopted by the Legislature this year calls for cooperation by this Division in the program of the Fish and Game men in controlling predators where an abundance is noted.

DEPUTY CHIEF NOTES WEAKNESSES IN STUDY FOR PROMOTION EXAMS

The following is a letter to all district superintendents from Deputy Chief Everett Powell:

"I have just recently completed an assignment serving on the interview board for State Park Rangers, Grades 2 and 3, in which I had the privilege of determining to what extent many of our employees have studied up on the Park System and Park Service.

"As a matter of suggestion, I believe that in your field contacts with your men, that you suggest to them that they put in more time studying the park structure and procedures. Generally speaking, the majority of the men were lacking somewhat in a knowledge of the duties of the Director of Natural Resources, the Park Commission and their function, in knowing the members of the Commission, the purpose of Frederick Law Olmsted's Survey, and the purpose for which we acquire our park units.

"Not all of our men are lacking in this information, but this interview indicated that, generally speaking, all of them could brush up somewhat."

To acquaint particularly the newer men of the Division with the purpose of the State Park System, we publish on this page the official Statement of Purpose of the California State Park System.

DEPUTY RANGER JONES TAKES BRIDE

On Sunday, November 9th, Deputy Ranger Stanley W. Jones was married to Miss Marion Grace Bauer of Aptos. Jones is stationed at Seacliff Beach State Park.

The weekly report from Seacliff states that "Mrs. Jones is a very lovely lady. We hope that the rest of the unmarried personnel in the park system will keep up with the Joneses."

Our congratulations to the newly married couple--long life with much happiness.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Our State Parks are lands held and managed for the State by the State Park Commission, expressly for the purpose that the people of the State shall be able, by access to them, forever, to enjoy certain things of statewide interest and importance of which the people otherwise would become deprived. Chief among these are:

1) Natural scenery of unusual beauty.

2) Natural objects of unusual educational and scientific value, such as rare kinds and combinations of trees, plants, and wild life, and of forms of earth, rock and waters.

3) Objects of State-wide historical interest.

4) Areas specifically adapted to such activities as camping, boating, fishing, bathing, hiking, and other characteristic life in the open...

...all with special reference to their inspirational and recreational value for refreshment and upbuilding of body and mind.

INCREASE AT WILL ROGERS PARK IS ANTICIPATED DUE TO NEW TOUR

On November 4th Tanner Motor Tours began a new tourist bus service to Will Rogers State Park, Tuesday to Saturday, inclusive. The bus officials report the park is considered by their customers as the most interesting part of the tour.

Chief Ranger Harold Pesch writes that if the tours continue, the annual attendance at the park will be considerably increased.

Total attendance at Will Rogers in 1946 was 101,492. Attendance for 1947 to November 8th is 110,919.

For comparable periods, to Nov. 8th of each year, the attendance was: 1946, 92,875; 1947, 110,919.

PARK RANGERS ARE PEACE OFFICERS— NOT COPS!

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS ON NORMAL ENFORCEMENT OF PARK REGULATIONS

(Editor's Note--
Many new deputy rangers are at work now in the various parks of the State system, and it is felt that a discussion on normal enforcement of State Park rules and regulations is in order.

In the interests of preventing the development of a crop of "badge-happy" new rangers, we offer this article by William Kenyon, assistant district superintendent in the Southern District. The article, with certain additions, soon will be incorporated in the Field Manual.)

Violations: Most of the violations of state park rules which confront the rangers in the field are of a minor and relatively insignificant nature. To the ranger they may seem very important because of constant repetition, not necessarily by any one person, but by many. To the park visitor these infractions may seem so petty as to cause a feeling of resentment on the part of the violator when contacted by a ranger unless tact and diplomacy has been used.

While the ranger may gradually reach a point of intolerance, because of many violations of the same nature on the part of many visitors, he should not permit his feelings to build up to the point where he is apt to explode when he is accosting a violator. All dealings should be conducted on a strictly impersonal, business-like manner at all times. Remember that a good park ranger can retain the respect and friendship of a violator, even though it may be necessary to prosecute.

Notice of Violation Form BP-20: This notice is given as a warning that one or more of the rules and regulations of the California State Park System has been violated. IT IS NOT A CITATION. However, its purpose is twofold. It is a warning to the violator, and it is also a record for the park head's office. Because it contains the name, address and other information about the violator, it is a notice to him that the incident will not be forgotten and will thus serve as a check on those who are chronic sources of trouble for season after season.

This notice of violation should be made out in triplicate. One copy is to be given to the violator, one copy retained in the park unit office, and one copy mailed to the District Office. You may, if you so desire, accompany the Notice of Violation with a memorandum report of the incident, if it is of a nature which may be in need of further attention. It is not

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necessary to do so ordinarily. You should maintain a file of these notices and, each time one has been issued, check your file to determine whether or not the individual has previously violated the rules in your park. The District Office will also maintain a file, and it will be possible, in the case of chronic violators, to determine whether or not they have caused trouble in other parks of the same district.

NOTICES OF VIOLATION ARE TO BE ISSUED ONLY BY THE RANGER WITH POLICE POWERS WHO ACTUALLY WITNESSED THE VIOLATION. THEY MUST NEVER BE ISSUED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S INFORMATION!

Arrests, Complaints, Prosecutions: Arrests will seldom be necessary. When they are necessary, careful consideration should be given to every factor involved. It is very, very seldom that an arrest will be made "on the spot". There are, however, some cases where it will be necessary to do so, such as with violent drunks, sexual perverts, thieves, etc. Where ever possible, these cases should be immediately turned over to the Sheriff's office of the county in which the park is located. In a few cases, where park units are within city limits, then the city police should be called at once, and persons arrested by park rangers turned over to them. It will be well if the park head obtains all necessary information locally regarding cooperation with either the Sheriff's Office or the local police. It is often convenient to become acquainted with the local representative of the District Attorney's office, and with the Justice of the Peace of the Township, in which the park is located. By so doing, you may obtain valuable information as to local policies and practices and, in any event, you will know what to do in case an emergency arises.

IF YOU DO MAKE AN ARREST, BE SURE TO HAVE WITNESSESS, AND IF POSSIBLE, EVIDENCE, AND BE SURE THAT YOU YOURSELF WITNESSED THE VIOLATION AND THAT IT IS A SERIOUS ONE.

In the greatest majority of cases, in fact in almost every case of a violation, you will not make an arrest. The rules and regulations, as passed by the State Park Commission, must be respected and enforced. In cases where the same rules are consistently violated by park visitors some relief must be obtained. In cases where violations are deliberate and/or malicious, and where destruction of state property is involved, such as in the carving of initials on rest-room walls, writing on rest-room walls, cutting of trees, etc., the violators, in most cases, should be brought to justice. These cases may usually be handled in the following manner:

The ranger who witnessed the violation obtains all information. He may issue a Notice of Violation which will record most of the information he may need. He does not need to indicate to the violator that he may be arrested. The ranger contacts the District Attorney, after receiving instructions from the park head, and requests that a complaint be issued. The District Attorney, or his duly authorized agent, if he feels the incident warrants, will make out a complaint on a standard form and the ranger who "complains" will sign the document.

The ranger will then take the Complaint to the Justice Court and the Justice of the Peace will issue a Warrant of Arrest which he will turn over to the Constable. The Constable will serve the warrant and make the arrest. If the violator pleads guilty when he is brought before the court, which is usually the case if the complainant has used proper judgement and has both witnesses and evidence, the ranger usually needs to appear.

If the violator pleads not guilty and a trial is held, the ranger who signed the complaint will act as a witness and the District Attorney, or his duly authorized agent will handle the prosecution. The evidence and the witnesses will then be used in most cases.

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Evidence: In most cases where it is necessary to have evidence to assist in prosecutions when an arrest is to be made, the ranger may need to take such things as were used in connection with the violation, such as; loaded guns, deer which have been killed within the park, axes--if used in cutting trees, knives--if used in carving rest-rooms, and etc. Such evidence is held, by the ranger, subject to the Court's direction. If in doubt, consult the District Attorney.

Such evidence as animals killed in a park are perishable, and may need to be kept in cold storage pending use in court. Charges for such storage are necessary and sub purchase orders may be issued to cover the expense. In every case, however, be sure to write the justification on the pink copy of the sub purchase order. Disposition of evidence is a matter for the court to decide.

OTHER AGENCIES: The Division of Fish and Game will handle violations of the Fish and Game Code within the state parks. The Division of Forestry will handle violations of the codes for which they are responsible. State park rangers will confine their efforts to the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the State Park Commission. We will not be concerned with the codes of other agencies, excepting, however, we will cooperate with all agencies and assist them where necessary by acting as witnesses. The responsibility of enforcement, however, rests with these agencies. Our responsibilities are connected solely with the Rules and Regulations of the State Park Commission.

IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THIS DIVISION TO PERMIT PARK RANGERS TO BE SWORN IN AS FIRE WARDENS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, FISH AND GAME WARDENS OR SPECIAL OFFICERS OF ANY KIND. YOUR OATH OF OFFICE IS WITH THIS DIVISION.

M. MILLER--SNYDER RESIGNS

We regretfully acknowledge the following resignation from the State Park Service:

Name: "Misty" Miller-Snyder.
Title: Mouse and gopher-catcher.
Location: Will Rogers State Park; souvenir shop.
Effective: Oct. 22, 1947.
Reason: (see attached).

"I do hereby tender my resignation as mouse & gopher catcher to take effect on and after Oct. 22, 1947, for the reason that this job is likely not to be permanent and there are no tomcats in this vicinity. It has been rumored that cats are likely to be dismissed from this service and I have taken advantage of a more permanent offer."

The more permanent offer is in the new home of the former Mrs. Adelaide Miller, operator of the souvenir shop, who recently became the wife of Mr. Robert Snyder.

The resignation was properly signed with Misty's dainty pawprint, and countersigned by Chief Ranger Harold Pesch and Curator Frank Bridewell.

SACRAMENTO OFFICE EXCEEDS QUOTA FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY CHEST

The Sacramento office employees of the division participated in the 1948 Sacramento Community Chest 100 percent and exceeded their quota by 103.8 percent.

State employees in Sacramento as a whole raised $26,000, or 108 percent of their quota.

JOHN HENNESSEY UNDERGOES SECOND WIND-UP OPERATION IN LOS ANGELES

State Park Lands Officer John Hennessey recently underwent a second operation at the Queen of Angeles Hospital in Los Angeles necessary to complete the first operation, and is reported recuperating in good fashion at his Los Angeles home.

Hope to see you soon, John--the entire office misses you.

REVISED PAGES ARE ISSUED FOR MANUAL

Fifteen revised pages of the Field Manual were sent out to the field this month, with additional revises, bearing the same date (Oct. 3, 1947) to be shipped to the field within several weeks.

The revised pages were shipped in sufficient copies to rangers in charge of parks, to be distributed by them to manual holders within the park.

It will be noted that several of the revised pages in the first shipment did not establish continuity with the preceding or following page. The second revise shipment to come soon will re-establish this continuity.

In making revises to your manual, remove the page being revised, and destroy. For example, the pages revised on the first revise shipment were A-2, B-5, C-11, E-4, I-2, I-4, I-7, K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4, K-6, and K-9. These pages directly replace previous pages of the same number. In addition, information developed in certain revises, resulted in the need for additional space. This additional space was obtained by adding the following pages: E-4a and I-4a. E-4a follows directly behind E-4, and I-4a directly behind I-4.

Unfortunately we do not at present have sufficient copies of the Field Manual to supply the new men entering the service as deputy rangers. District Superintendents are making requests for these manuals now and we will keep these requests on file and fill them when the new manuals are available.

Following are new regulations covering the distribution of the Field Manual. These instructions were sent this month to all district superintendents, and will be included in the Field Manual with the next revise shipment, to replace instructions currently carried on page (i), Foreword, of the manual:

This is the Field Manual of the Division of Beaches and Parks. It primarily is for the guidance of field employees of the Division.

Responsibility for Field Manual--The individual employee is solely responsible for the Field Manual, once it has been issued to him by the Sacramento Office. The employee is liable to a $5.00 replacement charge in the event of its loss or destruction.

Personnel Eligible for Field Manual--Requests for manuals will be made for the individual by the District Office. Requests are to be confined to personnel within the classes of ranger, grades 1, 2 and 3; curators, carpenter foremen, assistant and district superintendents. In addition, one copy will be allowed for general use in each district office, for which the district superintendent is accountable.

Distribution of Field Manual--Upon request from the District Office, the manual will be mailed directly to the individual. The manual will contain, at the front, one copy of a custody slip. The receiver will sign this slip and return it to the educational supervisor, Sacramento Office.

Revisions of Field Manual--As revisions are made necessary revised and new pages will be sent to the ranger-in-charge of a park, for distribution to manual-holders on his staff. For example, if page F-11 should be revised on June 10, 1948, the new page will appear as F-11 (Rev.) 6/10/48. If additional pages are required to develop the change on F-11, these pages will read F-11a, F-11b, etc. At regular intervals a key list, showing the proper order of pages, will be published in News and Views. It is the responsibility of the manual-holder to keep his manual up-to-date. If changes are missing, the manual-holder will write directly to the educational supervisor, Sacramento

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SURVEY OF PARK HOUSING WILL BE CONDUCTED

A complete appraisal of housing accommodations for employees in the Department of Natural Resources has been recommended by the Department of Finance in line with a program to establish a uniform policy of rental rates.

Deputy Chief of Division Everett Powell announced this month that in keeping with this recommendation, survey forms have been forwarded to all district offices and it will be the responsibility of the district superintendent to make the appraisals in each district.

The Department of Finance has outlined a tentative method for the establishing of uniform rental charges, and the formula is based on a basic charge per room, with reductions from the full rate of about 15 percent for unfurnished housing, and about 15 percent where heat and light are not provided. In addition, a deductible range of about 50 percent is provided to allow for differences in quality of housing in the same size.

On the basis of information supplied by this survey to the Department of Finance, the latter will be in a position to approve a table of basic rental rates for the Department of Natural Resources which will be effective until such time as the Department of Finance is prepared to adopt a State-wide policy on rental rates. Finance already has established tentative rates for the departments of Mental Hygiene, Veterans' Affairs and the Youth Authority.

Deputy Chief Powell declared that rumors in the field, that rentals will go up to $50 and $60 a month, are without foundation. He added: "In no case will rentals be excessive, and it is possible that rentals will not exceed 50 percent of outside rentals for similar accommodations."

Powell does not expect the appraisals to be finished or the new rentals to be effective before the first of the new year.

Present plans indicate that a flat charge of $7.50 a month will be made where necessary utilities are provided.

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Office.

Transfer of Manual With Personnel--In the event of transfer, the employee will take his manual to the new assignment.

Disposition of Manual In the Event of Separation--In the event the employee resigns, or is otherwise separated from the service, he will mail the manual parcel post, insured for $5.00, to the educational supervisor, Sacramento Office. The insurance receipt will be his proof of shipment. Upon receiving the manual, the Sacramento Office will cancel the signed custody slip and return it to the former employee.

THIS MANUAL ESTABLISHES THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE POLICIES FOR THE DIVISION OF BEACHES & PARKS, AND SUPERCEDES ALL PREVIOUS MANUALS AND DIRECTIVES.

PEACE OFFICER CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

New identification cards for personnel of the Division who have been delegated police powers by the State Park Commission have been printed and sent to the district offices.

The printing of the cards is an outgrowth of discussions at the last District Superintendents Conference.

The cards, bearing the name of the department, division, and state seal, declare: "This is to certify that (NAME) is a duly appointed State Park Peace Officer (Sec. 5008, Public Resources Code, State of California)"

The cards bear the signature of Chief Henning, and blanks are provided for the signature of the cardholder and his badge number.

A NEW IDEA .....

When district superintendents sit own at conference, to compare notes n their past activities, and to e- olve new ideas intended to improve he functioning of the State Park Sys- em, little gems invariably result.

At the bottom of this page is one f them, the result of a suggestion y Assistant Superintendent Eugene elzy of the South Central District.

We need not discuss the need for uch a cartoon--rangers, particularly eputies, are well aware of conditions n women's rest rooms, and have many iolent ideas on how to correct the ituation.

The drawing below, prepared by Don arty of the Sacramento Office, has een printed in sample form on thin aper and sent to the district offices or trials in various restrooms of the ark system. If it is a success, more will be prepared on durable cardboard.

Three of the cartoons were tried out in the women's restroom in the State building housing the Sacramento office, and the Adjutant General, with excellent results.

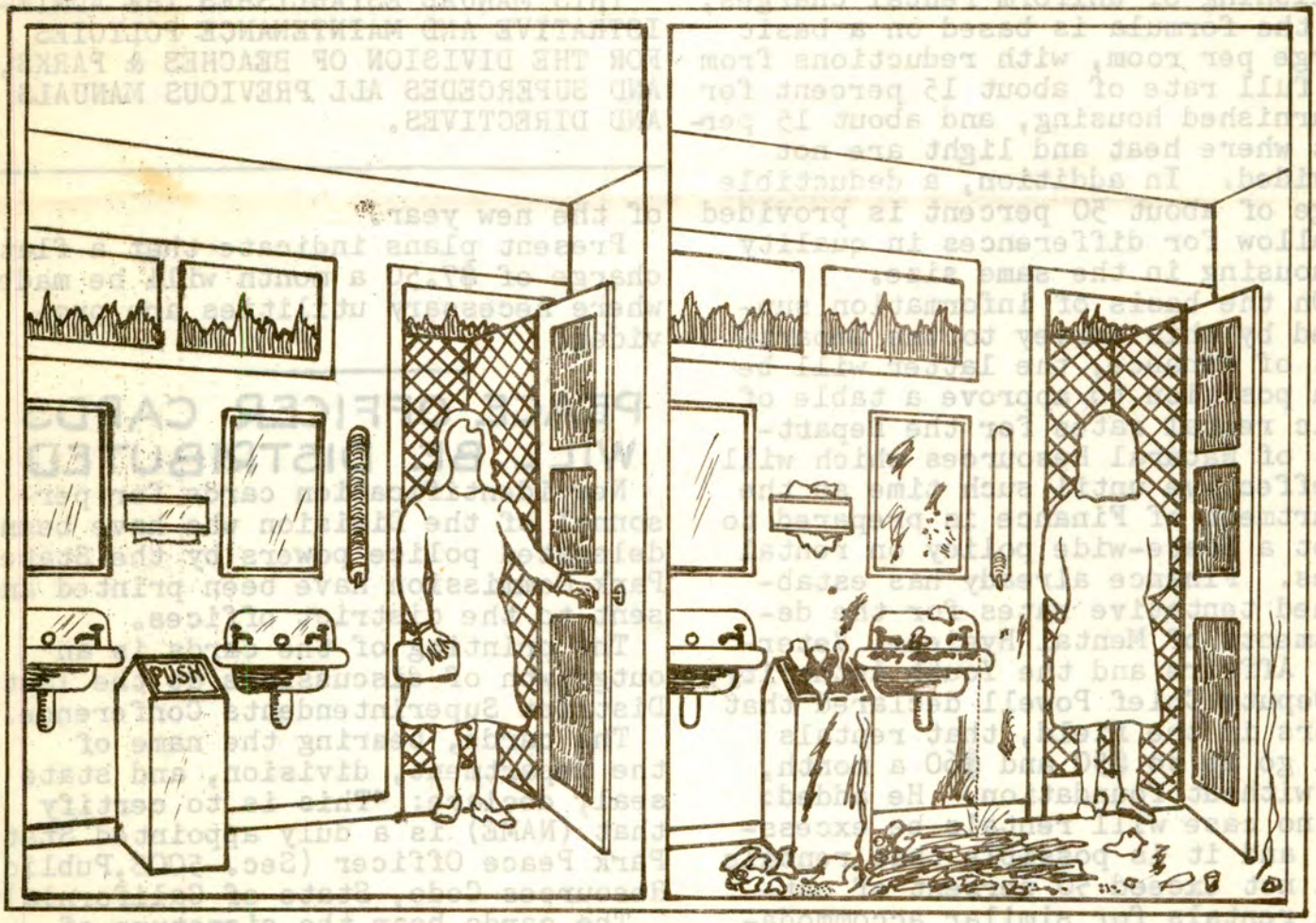
FALCONERS ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON, RONALD RAYMOND

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Falconer on Nov. 5 became the parents of a six pound one ounce baby boy.

The new arrival, christened Ronald Raymond Falconer, was born in the Sutter Maternity Hospital of Sacramento.

Mrs. Falconer is the former Rosalind Clary, who recently resigned as secretary to the editor.

An announcement says the new son is a brunette, with dark eyes, noisy and hungry; that the mother is at home and doing nicely--and that the father is delirious, but still sober.



IS THIS YOU ?

ATTENDANCE FIGURES ARE REPORTED FOR THREE YEARS

Visitors to State Parks, Beaches and Historic Monuments from January 1, 1947 to October 1, 1947, totalled 18,821,976, Chief A. E. Henning reported this month.

Total attendance for 1946 reached the all-time high of 23,985,440 persons.

An apparent reduction in the 1947 figures is attributed to a loss in attendance at Santa Monica and Will Rogers State Beaches, the largest single units in attendance.

This reduced attendance was caused by several factors--namely, adverse weather, opening of new county beaches to the north of Santa Monica which tended to disperse the crowd, wider travel of the population because of better cars and tires; and the closing of beach areas south of the State beaches because of pollution, which discouraged beach use all along the Los Angeles County coast for a time.

Most significant gain in attendance is noted for park areas. In 1945 attendance at parks was 1,030,681. In 1946 park attendance reached 2,456,997.

In 1947, for only three-quarters of the year, from January 1 to October 1, attendance already had exceeded 1946's total, climbing to a new high of 3,031,350 persons.

Attendance at Historic Monuments also showed an increase for 1947 even though for a shorter period than the reports for the two previous years.

Historic Monument attendance was as follows: 1945, 171,481; 1946,351,608; and 1947 to Oct. 1, 402,342.

Beach attendance for the three years was: 1945, 12,834,876; 1946, 21,176,835; and 1947, to October 1, 15,388,284.

MT. DIABLO HAS RECORD OCTOBER RAIN

Rainfall at Mt. Diablo State Park in October was 4 31/100 inches, the heaviest on record for the park. Snow fell for a short time on Nov.1.

SUZIE STUPE SEZ

I'M SURE GLAD I HAD HORACE BRING HIS HATCHET. WHY SHOULD WE PAY THESE MONEY-MAD RANGERS FOR WOOD WITH ALL THIS NICE BARK AROUND?

FRIDAY IS A BAD DAY AT SEACLIFF--OR SO SAY RANGERS JONES, POWELL

Recently, on a Friday, Rangers Stanley Jones and Michael Powell, barely missed being crushed by a tree which fell from the top of the bluff at Seacliff Beach.

And much more recently, the same two men, on a Friday, were digging a septic tank for the new comfort station, when the walls caved in.

Again the men barely missed injury--and they are convinced now they shouldn't be together on Fridays.

EARLY SNOW FALLS IN SIERRA PARKS

Snow fell in late October in the high Sierra parks of D.L.Bliss and Tahoe Campground, and 3½ inches fell on November 1st at Calaveras Big Tree

The latter fall is regarded by Winter sport fans as a good omen for the snow season at Calaveras. D. L. Bliss and Donner Monument are closed. for the season.

JACKPOT!

Calvin Mehlert, Junior engineering aid with the Division now on leave to complete his education at the University of California, hit the jackpot recently when he appeared on a Vox Pop radio program with Governor Earl Warren, U.C. President Robert Sproul, actor Gregory Peck (U.C.39) and Walter Christie, track coach at U.C. when President Sproul was a student and trackman.

Purpose of the program was to give a profile of President Sproul and the University through a series of interviews.

Peck and Mehlert gave their impressions of Sproul from the student angle, and Walter Christie discussed the popular prexy as his former track aspirant.

Governor Warren related several choice anecdotes about President Sproul which occurred in their undergraduate days. Then the president was given the floor to defend himself, which he did admirably.

The surprise ending supplied the jackpot for Mehlert, who only the day before had lost his wallet with $125 when someone broke into his track locker.

The master of ceremonies presented him with $50 for participating on the program and said he hoped the money would help repay his loss. After the other participants had talked, Mehlert then was given a new wallet, and President Sproul spoke up with: "Cal, I'd like to put the $50 I received into that wallet, too.

Governor Warren and Peck quickly followed suit, and while Mehlert still was reeling under the weight of $200 and a new wallet--the final surprise was popped. The m.c. presented him with a $600 scholarship.

Cal's "big"brother, Chuck, of the Sacramento office, heard the broadcase, and for several hours after it he tried to contact Cal at his boarding house in Berkeley--to no avail. Chuck can only conclude that Cal and his brother-boarders really went out and made a night of it.

SUTTER'S FORT NEWS

A Centennial Celebrations breakfast was attended by several hundred Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West on Sunday, Sept. 14th. J. R. Knowland, chairman of the State Park Commission, was the speaker.

Director Michael Curtiz and staff of Warner Brothers Studio in Hollywood visited the museum recently to get information and ideas for use in a forthcoming picture on the gold rush.

Curator C.D. Hall was speaker at the opening of the D.A.R. Fall season on October 13th. His topic was "Stories Behind the Coming Centennials." He was scheduled to speak on November 12th before the Sacramento Junior Chamber of Commerce concerning recently acquired material on the Donner Party, and on November 14th before the Patrons Club of Sacramento College.

Growing interest in museums is shown in the number of inquiries made at Sutter's Fort Historical Museum concerning the creation and maintenance of such institutions. The curator was invited to Lakeport and Nevada City to meet with museum groups and officials; and representatives of similar groups from Auburn and Salt Lake City recently have called at the fort for information.

Assistant Curator Virginia Storti is on leave for a month, on advice of her physician.

The contract has been let for the installation of concealed fluorescent lighting in exhibit cases in the costume room, and the two adjoining rooms of the Central Building at the fort. The staff is very happy about this, as we have urged this improvement for six years.

NEW RESIDENCE READY FOR OCCUPANCY

The new residence at Palomar Mountain State Park will be ready for occupancy on November 20, Assistant Ranger Henry W. Saddler reported this month.

McARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS--The writer has visited many State and National parks and has found few, if any, to compare to the peace, quiet and beauty to be found at Burney Falls. The camps are clean and well-kept. There are showers, laundry, and a small store to serve your needs. The friendly, courteous park personnel is unsurpassed." From "Tank Town News", a commercial publication.

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PATRICK'S POINT & CUYAMACA RANCHO--We spent over two weeks in your State parks and wish to commend you for excellent accommodations and personnel. In particular, the rangers at Cuyamaca Rancho and Patrick's Point.--Joseph Berman, 4923 Sheridan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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STATE PARK SYSTEM--We want you to know that we thoroughly enjoyed our visit in your State, and especially the park service. It was really a pleasure to camp out in your parks as they have everything--views of the ocean, bathing, places to shower comfortably, and no insects at mealtimes. The tourist courts and hotels are noisy places to sleep, in comparison with the parks, and on vacations we like to spend as much time outside as is possible--Omar & Louise Mell, Box 136, Huntington Avenue, Amelia, Ohio.

DAN HULL RECEIVES RETIREMENT GIFT

We have received the following letter from our old friend, Dan Hull, who has retired from State service:

"Dear Gang--Looks like I'm really going to retire in style, for today came a big easy chair, a lamp, and table with the good wishes of the Division of Beaches and Parks. I won't try to tell you how much we appreciate the gifts and the spirit which goes with them. You must all come around and see for yourselves the lovely gifts.

"It turned out that Mrs. Hull had a fractured verterbra from our accident, and will be in the hospital until the end of October. It will be swell to have her home again.

"Again, many thanks"--Dan Hull.

NEWS & VIEWS

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MORRO BAY DUCK HUNTER PAYS WELL FOR ATTEMPT AT PARK HUNTING

Ranger Louis Wakefield apprehended a duck-hunter working in one of the sloughs at Morro Bay State Park on October 31 and cited him to appear before Justice of the Peace McDonald of Morro Bay.

The justice found the violator, F. Tatone of Fresno, guilty of hunting in a State Park, and fined him $25.00.

BIG BASIN BOASTS NEW RESIDENT

Ranger and Mrs. George Hagens of Big Basin announce the birth of a son, Douglas George, on October 28th. The new little woodsman weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces. The mother is doing well and father is recuperating as fast as can be expected from such an ordeal.

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* A CHRISTMAS FANTASY *

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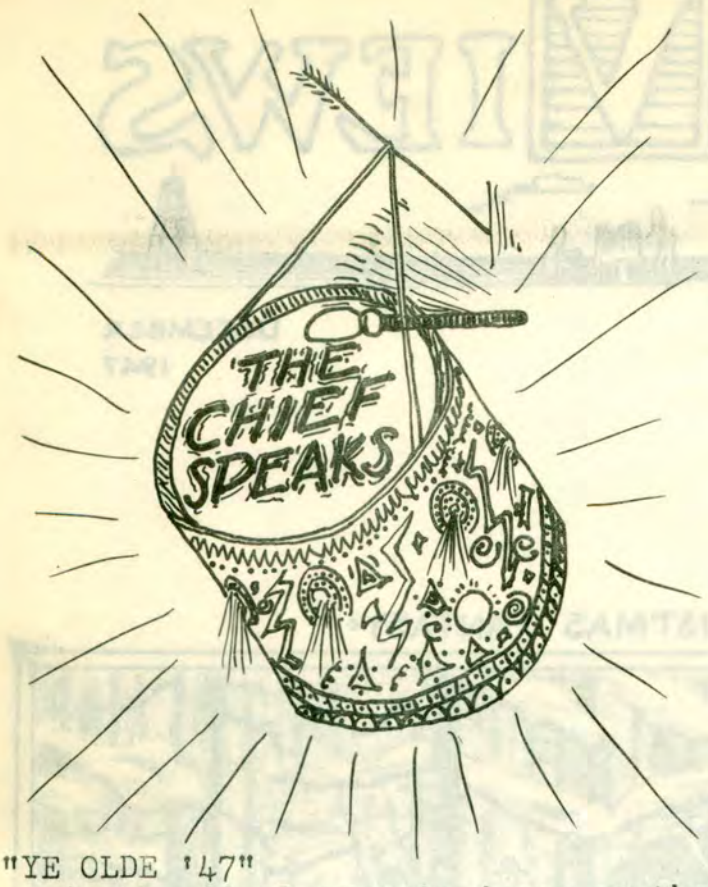

"YE OLDE '47"

As the final curtain drops on the last throes of the year 1947, a review of what it has meant to the State Park Service is in order.

If we were a financial institution we would chalk up our assets against our liabilities and in that manner judge our accomplishments. However, since we are a service organization, our method of judging our accomplishments must be placed upon a somewhat different basis.

First of all, we can be happy over the fact that due to the watchfulness of our field force and the elements, we did not suffer any serious fire losses, or any other type of destruction.

We were able to go forward with the greatest amount of development ever having been accomplished in any one year.

This year's attendance at the park units of the System where such attendance demands a great amount of service established a new record, and these guests or visitors must have been well satisfied with the service rendered since very few letters of criticism were received.

The field personnel also has cause to be thankful for the splendid increases in salary ranges received in 1947, and also for the fact that many additional employees were added to the field force, thus permitting greater service to the public.

Growing pains were also quite evident throughout the year since many new units were added to the System.

The foregoing is only a sketchy summation which can be supplemented by your own individual knowledge of the System's achievements and your individual benefits which makes this a banner year and gives us all cause to be thankful and happy during the Yuletide Season.

ALARM ! DANGER !

In this issue of NEWS & VIEWS you will find a copy of a resolution adopted by the State Park Commission relative to the dangers which confront the State Park System because of the Supreme Court decision affecting the oil revenues formerly accruing to the State of California, 70% of which was appropriated to the operation, maintenance, support and development of the System. You can all assist in spreading this alarm among your friends and in your respective area consistent with the spirit and the context of the resolution. Your efforts in this behalf will be keenly appreciated.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The State Park Commission and the personnel of the Division are cooperating to the "nth" degree in an endeavor to make the first celebration of next year's series of Centennial Celebrations a success. This celebra will take place at our Gold Discovery Site on January 24, 1948.

District Superintendent Bob Coon has his staff of about ten employees very busily engaged in renovation work at the Marshall Historical Monument, including a new base around the Monument itself, the sandblasting of the Monument, the erection of new signs, and landscaping work.

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Peace on Earth...

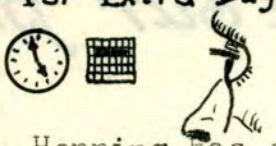
Let this be our prayer.

SEASON'S GREETINGS to the field

A. E. Henning
Ed Dolder
Edwin C. Kalten
Jack Covington
Joe Bakotich
E. E. Powell
John A. Hennessey
Ronald L. Miller
J. G. Call
Fred A. Meyer
Beverley Edwards
Virginia Fillinger
Ernie Camper
Bessie E. Stephens
Claude Welcher
Ida Rath
James Warren
Marshall Ward
Gene Hedges
Sarah Zimmerman
W. E. Gregory
Sarah Aronstein
Goldie Elling
Gladys Joslin
Laurel Lewis
Frances London
John W. Lohr

CHIEF SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FORTY HOUR WEEK PROGRAM TO CALIFORNIA PERSONNEL BOARD

Plan Envisions Continuance in Group Four With Five Day Week. New Personnel For Extra Day.



Chief A. E. Henning has submitted the following recommendations to the State Personnel Board, the Department of Finance and the Director of Natural Resources for their approval:

Recommendations on 40 hour week program--

1) Classes of Rangers and Curators should be left in Group 4 to provide a uniformity throughout our field employees staff, and provide for compensating time off only, with no cash overtime paid.

2) All field employees to be placed on a 40 hour week. They are now on a 48 hour week.

3) Only Rangers Grade 1 and Curator classes to be increased in number. Supervisory duties of Rangers Grades 2 and 3 to be covered by staggered hours or delegation of duties.

4) While it is necessary in some instances to place an additional ranger in a park having less than five men, which will give that park more man hours than will be lost by the 40 hour week, the extra man hours will be used to advantage in maintenance and development of that park.

5) In the larger parks having 5 to 14 men, only 1 additional man is requested which will compensate for the extra man hours granted the small parks, so the overall increase necessary to replace lost man hours does not exceed 20%.

6) Our field force consists of 192 positions and our request is for 38 additional rangers and curators to compensate for the reduction from our present 48 hour week to the 40 hour week.

The report continues with the following recommendations for locations at which the extra men will be employed:

NORTHWEST DISTRICT -- Seven rangers, with one each to Van Duzen, Richardson Grove, and Patricks Point; and one to be used between each of the following two parks: Van Damme and Russian Gulch; Dyerville Headquarters and Burlington Campground; Williams Grove and Stephens Grove; Prairie Creek and Mill Creek.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT -- Seven rangers and two curators, with one each to: Bidwell Bar, Armstrong Grove, Calaveras Big Trees, McArthur-Burney, Castle Crags, Columbia; and one to be used between the following two parks: Tahoe Campground and Donner Monument; Sonoma Mission and Vallejo Home (curator); and Marshall Monument and Gold Discovery Site (curator).

CENTRAL DISTRICT -- Seven rangers, and one janitor; with one each to: Seacliff Beach, Mt. Diablo, Portola, Big Basin, S.P. Taylor, Mt. Tamalpais; one janitor for San Juan Bautista and Fremont Peak; and one ranger between Capitola, New Brighton and Watsonville-Sunset Beaches.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT -- Six rangers and one curator; with one ranger to each of following parks: Carpinteria Beach, Morro Bay, Ventura Beach, Big Sur and Pismo Beach; one ranger between First Theater, Montery monuments, and Point Lobos; and one curator between Custom House and Stevenson House.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT -- Six rangers and one curator; one ranger to each of following parks: Palomar Mountain, Cuyamaca Rancho, Will Rogers Ranch, Doheny Beach, Huntington Beach, and Mt. San Jacinto; and one curator between Will Rogers Ranch and Pio Pico Mansion.

The requests for new positions must be approved by the State Personnel board; the funds for these positions must be approved by the Department of Finance, and the entire proposal must be approved by the Director of Natural Resources as to policy.

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19 ELK REMOVED FROM PRAIRIE CREEK

Nineteen Roosevelt (Wapiti) Elk have been removed so far from Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to other areas.

PRESS IS ADVISED THAT SUPREME COURT RULING IS THREAT TO STATE PARKS

The State Park Commission, meeting in San Francisco Friday, December 12, adopted a resolution designed to point out to the people of California, the threat to the State Park system that exists in the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that California does not own the submerged lands within the State boundaries and in the marginal sea along the coast.

Believing that the field personnel of this Division can do much good in spreading this information to the public, we reprint below the memo and resolution recently sent to the more than 500 newspapers of California:

We offer the following facts and a resolution for your editorial consideration and comment, and for whatever news articles you choose to create from them.

On June 23, 1947, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the State of California does not own the submerged land along the coast of California. The State has been relizing a valuable income from the leasing of this area, primarily to oil companies who have been slant-drilling for oil into the submerged areas, and paying royalties on production to the State.

On the theory that this generation was depleting oil, one of our natural resources, the State Legislature some years ago legislated to appropriate 70 percent of this income to the State Park Fund and the State Beach Fund, so that the exploitation of one natural resource resulted in the creation of a new resource of publicly owned areas of natural beauty and recreational possibilities.

In the fiscal period from July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947, the State Division of Beaches and Parks was made available $3,745,000 from this source for the development and operation of the State Park System, composed of 88 forested parks, beaches, and historical monuments. With the Supreme Court ruling in June, came an order to impound all income to the State from this marginal area, and as a result, the State Park System already has been deprived, to November 1, 1947 of the sum of $1,557,000. It is estimated by the State Lands Commission that, in place of the $4,000,000 which would have accrued to the State Park System for development and operation in the present fiscal year (July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948) only $989,977 will be realized.

Senator Arthur H. Breed of Alameda County, chairman of the State Joint Interim Committee on Tidelands, says:

"This impoundment, and the possible full loss of all income for the State Park System, jeopardizes the recreational activities of every man, woman and child in the State. This is a problem which effects all plans to acquire new beaches and parks--and thus its effect reaches down into the smallest communities of the State, particularly along the coast."

Senator Breed added that if all funds are lost, it will be necessary to appropriate money from the general fund of the State, built up by taxes. "This system," he said, "would provide for park operation in good times--but in periods of business depression, the park system would be one of the first to be cut to the bone, thus depriving the citizenry of recreational areas when they most need them."

The senator pointed out that legislation has been introduced by U.S. Senator William F. Knowland of California which will provide for a quit claim by the United States to the submerged lands. This will be acted upon early in 1948. "Sufficient pressure must come from the people to get this bill through Congress," said Breed, "and if necessary, to override a presidential veto."

Following is a copy of the resolution by the State Park Commission, urging such action by the United States Congress.

RESOLUTION

By the State Park Commission at its meeting in San Francisco on December

PARK COMMISSION ADVISES PRESS--
(Cont. from preceding page)
12, 1947, with respect to the decision of Supreme Court of the United States rendered June 23, 1947, declaring that the State of California is not the owner of the submerged lands within the State boundaries and in the marginal sea along the Coast of California, and

WHEREAS, a recent decision of the Supreme Court recognizes that the many previous court decisions "indicate that the Court then believed that states...owned soils under all navigable waters within their territorial jurisdiction, whether inland or not," but defines the paramount powers of the Federal Government without re-affirming or settling the ultimate question of ownership of such lands; and whereas, the decision specifically recognizes that the question is within the "Congressional area of national power and assumes that Congress will not execute its powers in such way as to bring injustices to states, their subdivisions, or persons acting pursuant to their permission"; and

WHEREAS, the States and those lawfully holding under them have spent billions of dollars in improvements and investments in and upon said lands beneath both inland and seaward waters in full reliance upon the rule of State ownership as applied in all previous court and executive decisions on the subject since July 4, 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional rights, ownership and revenues of the States can and should be protected and provided for in such a manner as also to fully preserve the powers not delegated by the States to the Federal Government for national defense, navigation, commerce and foreign affairs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California receives revenue from the leasing of the marginal sea for purposes of commerce and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has set apart seventy percent of such revenue for the acquisition, maintenance, and operation of State Beaches and Parks, for use of the People of California, and its visitors and

WHEREAS, the long established program of the State of California through the State Park Commission for park development is seriously in jeopardy because of the effect of the Supreme Court decision, and

WHEREAS, the program of the State Park Commission to enlarge and extend beaches and parks, both inland and along the seacoast, contemplates the expenditure of $15,000,000 for such purposes, some of which accrue from revenue from the marginal sea, which amount is to be matched and provided by funds of local political subdivisions wherein such parks are to be established, and

WHEREAS, the State Parks are utilized annually by more than 23,000,000 of the residents of California and residents of all the States of the Union, and that such attendance and use will be vitally affected by this Supreme Court decision, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Federal Government have taken the position that if the Federal Government found that the land lying under inland waters were necessary to the National defense or to the conduct of the Government's relations with other nations, the paramount Federal Power might be asserted with the same force and effect as has been asserted to the marginal sea,

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the State Park Commission that it supports to the fullest extent the introduction and passage by the Congress of the United States at the next session of an appropriate act to remove the cloud that has been placed by the Supreme Court decision on ownership of California and of the other States of submerged lands within their respective boundaries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, Senators from California, and to each member of Congress from California.

FROM SONOMA MISSION.....

Historians say that women were using cosmetics in the middle ages.

Well, women in the middle ages still are using cosmetics--DAISY V. BARBOUR, Curator, Sonoma Mission.

RESTROOM CARTOONS ARE PROVING TO BE OF VALUE.

Two parks thus far report that the "restroom art" for women's restrooms in State Parks, pictured in the last issue of News & Views, has proved to be of remarkable assistance in maintaining the orderliness of the areas.

Chief Ranger Al Salzgeber of Carpinteria Beach says:

"Since we posted the cartoons we received from the Sacramento office in the ladies rest rooms we have noted a big change in the cleanliness of same."

Chief Ranger C.L. Cushing of Seacliff Beach reports:

"Put up one of the cartoons we received from the Sacramento office. It brought results immediately. Would like to have a large painted picture to install permanently."

(Ed. Note--We'll work on the idea of a more permanent type of poster in time for the heavy use period next summer.)

•SUZIE STUPE SEZ•
What I say is-why leave all these flowers out in the middle of nowhere where nobody gets the good of them.

GLADYS JOSLIN FLIES EAST TO BE WITH SERIOUSLY ILL FATHER

Gladys Joslin, secretary to Jack Covington, received word on November 23 that her father was seriously ill in Grand Junction, Colo., and she left by plane the same day.

Mrs. Joslin returned to Sacramento on December 9 after her father was out of danger. It was necessary to give him four plasma transfusions and one whole blood transfusion.

We're happy, Gladys, that all is well at home. Incidentally, to you in the field, next time you see Gladys ask her to tell of her experience on the return trip via Western Pacific railroad. It makes some story.

THIS HAPPENED IN SUNNY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Dolores A. Connors, curator at the Pio Pico Mansion in Whittier,

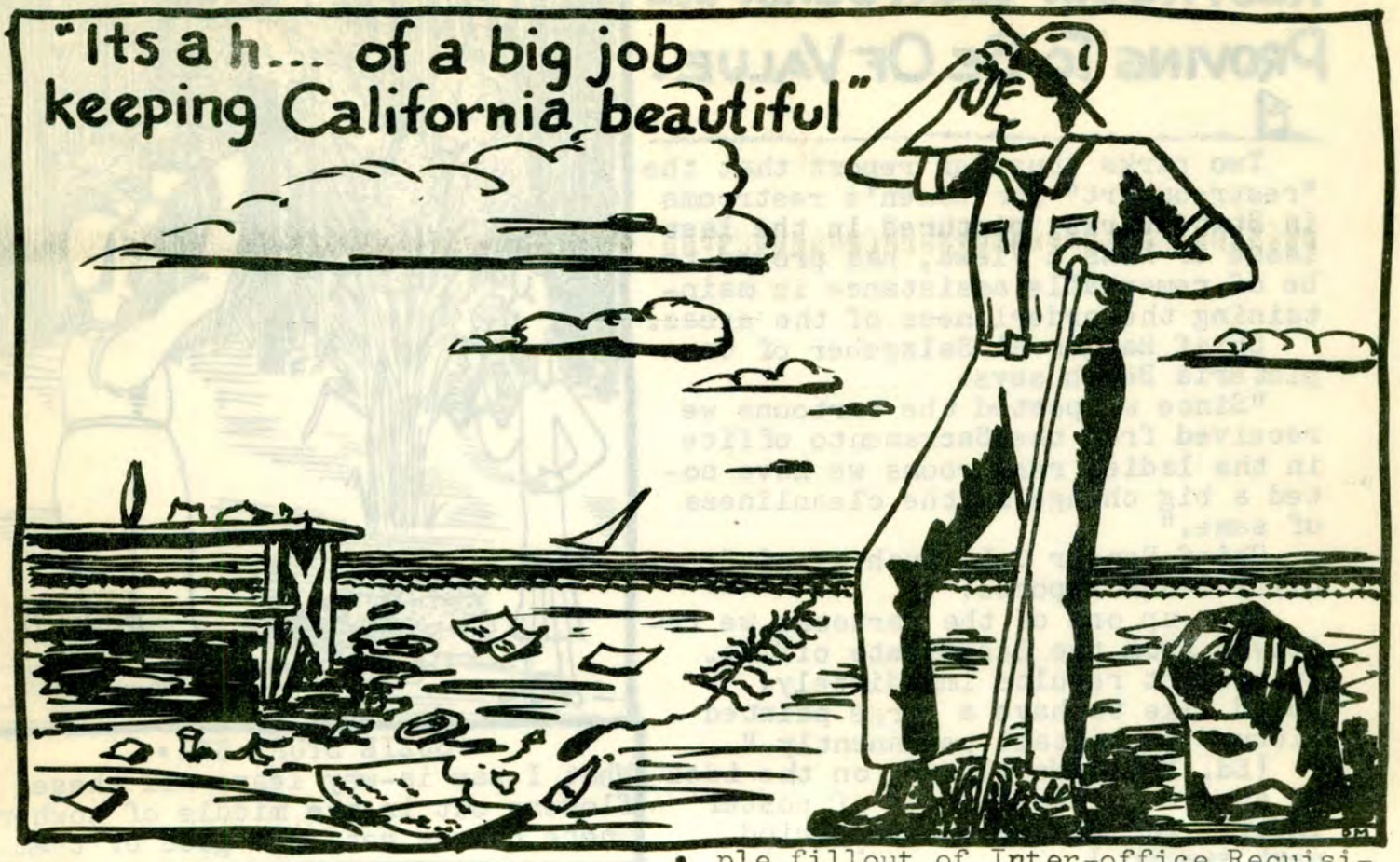
VALLEJO HOME IS DUPLICATION OF OLD HOME IN NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Madie D. Brown, curator at the Vallejo Home Historical Monument recently found an old clipping in one of General Vallejo's scrapbooks which stated that the Vallejo Home i a duplication of the Prince Jerome Bonaparte home in New Jersey.

Mrs. Brown reports she has been quizzing New Jersey visitors since and has learned from one, an army officer, that the home is in Bordentow New Jersey, and that the old buildin still is standing.

SIERRA CLUB PLANTS AT TAMALPAIS

The Sierra Club chapter in the San Francisco region recently plante 100 native plants at Mt. Tamalpais. reports that on December 5, a hailstorm occured which left a foot of hail upon the ground. The hail remained on the ground until noontime of the following day.



CHECK YOUR FIELD MANUAL!

Correct Page Order Is Listed Below

Two sets of revised pages to the Field Manual have been sent to the field personnel, the last set having been mailed early this month. Both sets of revises bear the date 10/3/47.

Following is the page order by section, with an (r) indicating a revised page under the above date:

FOREWORD, (i)(r); CONTENTS, (ii).

SECTION A--1, 2(r), 3 to 5.

SECTION B--1 to 4, 5(r).

SECTION C--1(r), 2(r), 3, 4(r), 5(r), 6(r), 7(r), 8-10, 11(r), 12 to 21.

SECTION D--1 to 3; 4(r), 4a, 5 to 10.

SECTION E--1, 2(r), 3(r), 3a, 4(r) 4a, 5, 6; skip to 12, 13 to 21.

SECTION F--1 to 13. No revises.

SECTION G--1 to 8. Page 8 is new, having been sent out with revises.

SECTION H--1 and 2.

SECTION I--1(r), 1a(r), 2(r), 3, 4(r), 4a(r), 5, 6, 7(r).

SECTION J--1 (r), 2(r), 3(r), sample fillout of Inter-office Requisition; Statement of Allotment; and sample fill in of Allotment Control Record (BP-1).

SECTION K--1 to 4 (all revised); 5, 6(r), 7,8,9(r); skip to 15, 16 to 29.

Inasmuch as the second set of revises were shipped out after many changes in personnel had been ordered, it may take some time for the sets to follow rangers to their new assignments. If you have not received your sets, write to the park in which you were previously stationed.

If the sets are lost, write to the educational supervisor, Sacramento office, for a new set.

SEA OTTER SIGHTED AT POINT LOBOS

Two scientists from the Hopkins Marine Institute at Pacific Grove, while studying in Point Lobos Reserve, reported to Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson they saw a sea otter on the east side of Bluefish Cove on December 3rd.

This is the first authentic report of the presence of this rare mammal in the reserve.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meetings at
SAN FRANCISCO
NOVEMBER 21, 1947
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Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland (chairman), Oakland; Charles Kasch, Ukiah; George Waldner, Ferndale; and George A. Scott, San Diego.
Absent: Leo Carrillo, Santa Monica.

STATE BEACH OPERATION POLICY-Resolved that it is the policy of the State Park Commission that when State Beach Parks are leased to political subdivisions for operation, the cost of development and operation shall be paid by the lessee, without contribution from the State.

CARPINTERIA FREEWAY -- Resolved that proposal to route new Freeway on U.S. 101 through Carpinteria Beach will not be in the best interest of the use and development of this public area.

LA PURISIMA MISSION -- Requested for permission to conduct special Catholic service in the mission chapel. Ruled "no religious service of any denomination will be held in the chapels of any mission administered as a public monument by the State Park Commission

MONTGOMERY REDWOODS -- Approved the naming of an 80 acre tract in this area as the Ralph Stearns Dyar Memorial Grove. The Dyar family contributed $15,000 towards the acquisition of Montgomery Redwoods.

LOS ANGELES BEACH PLAN-- Approved in principal an agreement for the operation of state-owned beaches within city of Los Angeles by the city. Expect final approval at next meeting. Authorized purchase of Venice Pier area with understanding old improvements, now in disrepair, will be removed to provide room for modern beach development.

VALLEJO ADOBE -- Accepted gift deed from Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West for old Vallejo Adobe, near Petaluma, to become a State Historical Monument.

REDONDO BEACH -- Authorized staff to proceed with acquisition of Simon Beach property adjacent to Ocean Pier near Redondo Beach, excepting commercial improvements at one end of area.

CUYAMACA RANCHO -- Approved new five year lease of camp area in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, for Girl Scout Council of San Diego.

ZACA LAKE -- Heard report from Deputy Chief Everett E. Powell on proposed acquisition of Zaca Lake. The report was unfavorable, pointing out several adverse features to acquisition, including lack of water, and difficult entrance to area. Report has been sent to Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

DONNER LAKE -- Heard report that appraisers will survey the lake property early in December. The commission authorized acquisition of this 380 acre park site on southeast shore of lake in October.

COLUMBIA -- Instructed Dr. V. Aubrey Neasham, now making historical survey of old mining town, to investigate locations for temporary museum to house relics of the area pending the development and completion of the full restoration.

REDONDO BEACH -- City of Redondo Beach offered gift deed to beach land fronting city, but commission refused offer with regrets, saying it was not to the best interests of the State Park System to acquire this area at present.

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COMMISSION DIGEST
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DECEMBER 12, 1947

Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland (chairman), Oakland; Charles Kasch, Ukiah; George Waldner, Ferndale; absent, George Scott, San Diego; Leo Carrillo, Santa Monica.

Primary action, resolution seeking quit claim by United States of California submerged areas along the coast is discussed elsewhere in this publication.

LOS ANGELES CITY BEACH PLAN - Approved agreement with City of Los Angeles whereby the city will develop and operate all state-owned beaches within the city limits to be leased to the city. The city turned over its own beaches to the State Park Commission to provide the matching value necessary in the final acquisition.

BIG BASIN CONCESSIONS - Awarded concession for operation of Big Basin Lodge, store and gasoline station to F.R. Fulmer of Santa Cruz. Awarded souvenir studio concession to E.G. Krivis of Felton, Santa Cruz County.

NO RELIGIOUS SERVICES - Received opinion of attorney general that the Park Commission has no authority to permit religious services in State Parks and Historical Monuments. Withheld final action to determine if it is permissible to allow interdenominational services.

DURANT PARK - Ordered staff to again take up acquisition procedure on Durant Park in Oakland, proposed as a state arboretum. Action was delayed by disagreement over routing of new freeway through park. Decision on route has been reached which is agreeable to the Park Commission.

FORT TEJON - Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of additional recreational area at Fort Tejon Historical Monument on U.S. 99 in Kern County. The county already has set up matching funds for the purchase.

CAMP McQUADE - Heard request of Santa Cruz County that state purchase army-held Camp McQuade. Ruled that due to uncertainty of financial situation, was not interested in considering this acquisition.

NEXT MEETING - Will be held in Sacramento January 23, 1948. On the following day the Commission will attend the Gold Discovery Centennial Celebration, to be held at the Gold Discovery Site Historical Monument in Coloma.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED FOR NATIONAL SERVICE INSURANCE

The Government Code of California has been revised to provide that officers and employees of a public agency may authorize the public agency to make deductions from their salaries or wages for the payment of monthly premiums on National Service Life Insurance.

All State agencies must comply with instructions and file reports by the filing time of the January payrolls.

A standard authorization form, number 410, will be available late this month in the Sacramento office of this Division, and veterans desiring to have their premiums automatically deducted and paid by the State each month must file the form in duplicate. The authorizations may be made both for National Service Life Insurance (World War II) or for U.S. Government Life Insurance (World War I).

Most of the information to be filled in on the form may be obtained from your last premium notice or receipt.

William Pierson, personnel officer for the Department of Natural Resources, emphasizes that the State is not responsible for non payments that may occur from time to time.

MONTEREY FIRST THEATRE CAST PRESENTS "THE SPOILERS" THIS MONTH

The famous novel "The Spoilers," by Rex Beach, is being dramatized this month by the Troupers of the Gold Coast in the First Theatre State Historical Monument at Monterey.

The production is under the direction of Esther Gay and is produced by the Denny-Watrous Management.

Performances are given each Friday and Saturday nights.

RUMOR SMASHER

In order to dispel any and all rumors that may possibly gain credence and headway:

Said rumors inadvertently running rife through the Division of Beaches and Parks, creating sore and injurious effects on the proper manner of conducting State business, breaking up important conferences and disturbing all channels of procedure, it is hereby stated that the McClintocks are expecting an addition to their physical number about June.--PHYLLIS and TY McCLINTOCK.

JUST A CASE OF INCOMPATIBILITY

Superintendent Bob Coon tells of one of his new deputy rangers, with a service period of three and one-half days, coming to him with a resignation--and the reason:

" I have decided to resign from the Park Service due to being allergic to Poison Oak."

Oh, Brother !!!

MINES AGAIN ARE POLLUTING SMITH RIVER IN DEL NORTE COUNTY

Assistant Ranger Carl Schnauer of Mill Creek Redwoods reports several mines have started operation on the south fork of the Smith River, causing the main stream to be badly poluted again with mud.

The sportsmen organizations in Del Norte are circulating petitions and collecting money in an effort to place this non-pollution issue on the State ballot at the next general election.

The bill will be aimed primarily at saving the Klamath and Smith rivers from further damage by mining operations.

MOUNTAIN LION SHOT AT DIABLO

George (Mike) Morgan, has lived in the Contra Costa country all his life. He is the county predator trapper. He long has been skeptical concerning the presence of mountain lions in the area.

Late last month, one half mile outside the Mt. Diablo park boundary on the north west side of the park, he was scouting his coyote traps. As he approached one, a lioness leaped from the thickets. She was trapped and the heavy log attached to the trap caught and stopped her charge.

Morgan quickly dispatched her with a rifle shot in the head.

Chief Ranger R.G. Bassett of the park says the lion was reported several times this summer. The above sketch is from a newspaper photo. The animal weighed 118 pounds and was six feet, three inches long. She stood two feet six inches in height.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS
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At the Gold Discovery Site an additional parking area is being added, and the to-be-acquired additions to the site are being leveled and landscaped.

Two old Chinese store structures are being restored and will be used as museums. Temporary picnic and sanitary facilities are being installed.

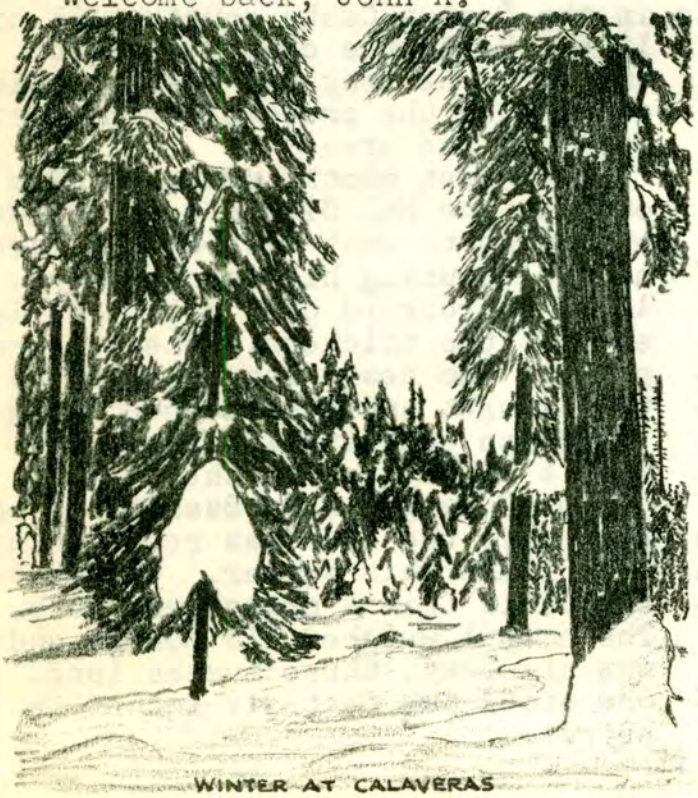
In all, everyone can rest assured that the change and alterations in this area will be most outstanding and in keeping with the requests from the Centennial Commission.

JOHN A. HENNESSEY RETURNS TO WORK FROM LONG SICK LEAVE

Supervising State Parks Land Officer John A. Hennessey was welcomed back to the Sacramento office on December 17, after a long sick leave during which he underwent a major operation in Los Angeles.

He appears in fine health, and says that, with the exception of a slight case of weakness at the knees from too much "sack time", he is feeling fine.

Welcome back, John A.



WINTER AT CALAVERAS

NEWS & VIEWS

Published in the last week of each month for personnel of the Division of Beaches & Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State Of California.

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NEW MONTHLY CALENDAR IS PRESENTED AT REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION

Attached to this issue you will find a special State Park Calendar for the month of January, 1948. We plan to publish this calendar each month and to place it at the end of the magazine so that you may remove it for use on your office wall.

NEW CHARGE SCHEDULED ESTABLISHED IN STATE GARAGES FOR CARS

Effective January 1, 1948, a charge will be made against all cars parked in State garages of 35 cents for each 24 hour period or fraction there of. A separate parking charge will be made for each time a car is taken out of the garage and reparked during each 24 hour period.

A car may enter a State garage for gasoline, oil, or other service without paying a parking charge, unless the driver leaves the car in the custody of the garage after service has been rendered.

The charges will be totaled and billed to headquarters offices of each State division once a month.

Parking tickets will be placed on cars as they enter the garage, and removed therefrom when the car leaves the garage.

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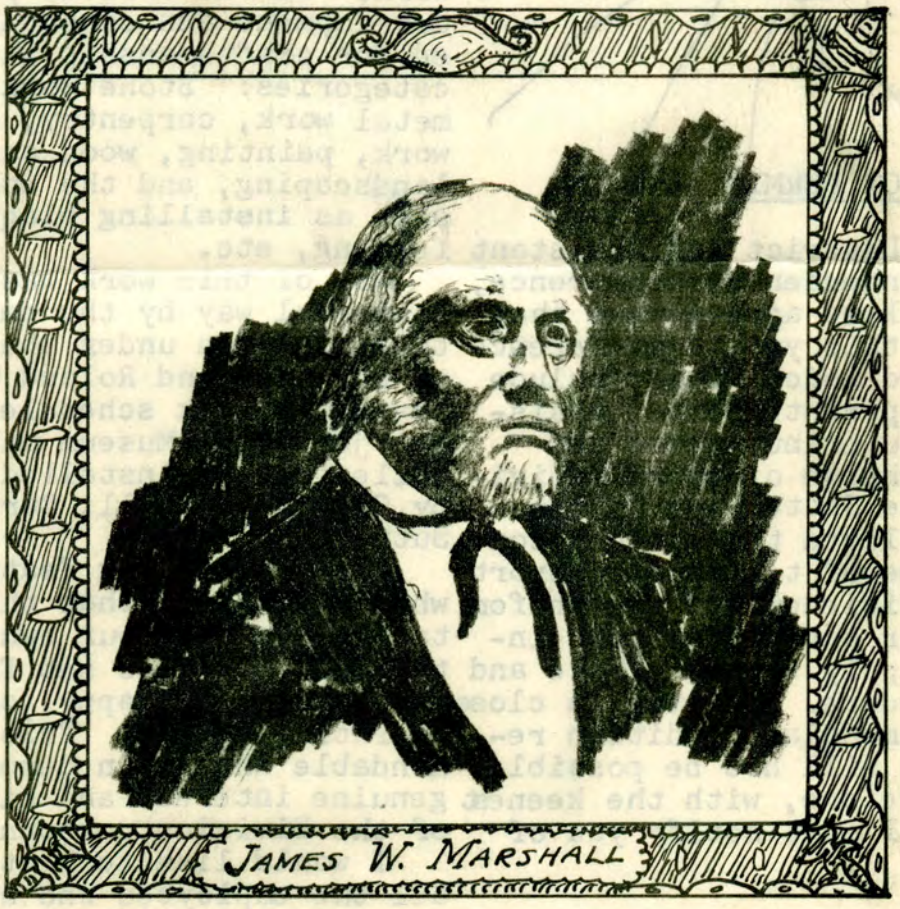

"A golden gleam on the bedrock....."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FINANCES WILL NOT PERMIT.

At the last District and Assistant District Superintendents' Conference, it was more or less agreed upon that in February of this year a conference should be called which would include the District Superintendents, Assistant District Superintendents and the person in charge of every individual unit of the State Park System.

Everyone realized that such a conference would be of tremendous importance to the efficiency and the uniform operation of our activities both insofar as they apply to the office and the field procedure. However, a close check of our financial condition reveals that this will not be possible and it is, therefore, with the keenest of regret that I must notify you of this decision.

COLOMA REVITALIZED

Due to the limited time and the magnitude of the project, the work done by the employees of this Division incident to the preparations for the Centennial Celebration at Coloma was, without a doubt, the greatest undertaking ever attempted by this Division, for anyone familiar with our Gold Discovery Site and the terrain of the area surrounding same immediately previous to our intended acquisition is bound to be astounded at its transformation.

First of all, the acquisition of the area was not completed in time, so that it became necessary to secure a lease on the area to permit of its development. Secondly, certain planning and engineering work had to be completed before the job was turned over to District Superintendent Robert S. Coon, who had to organize his manpower needs by recruiting employees from throughout his entire district. He had to secure the necessary materials through the rather cumbersome red tape of State procedure and then actually carry on the construction work. In the various phases of this development and construction, it called for craftsmanship in the following categories: Stone work, cement work, metal work, carpentry, electrical work, painting, wood carving, plumbing, landscaping, and the incidental work such as installing plaques, trucking, fencing, etc.

All of this work was done in a very masterful way by the employees of this Division under the supervision of Bob Coon and Roland Geyer with a seven day week schedule throughout the job. The Museum material was collected and installed and arranged by Carroll D. Hall, Curator of our Sutter's Fort.

The outstanding feature about the whole affair is that this great undertaking, done by our own men and under the conditions as set forth above, was performed in a happy, congenial, cooperative spirit. This is most commendable and again demonstrates the genuine interest and high calibre of the Division personnel.

I would like to list the names of all the employees who aided in this project, but as contributing work was done in areas other than at the Gold Discovery Site, I might overlook some individual so I must forego the listing of the many.

COMMISSION ACTION

At the meeting of the State Park

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LATEST INFORMATION IS RELEASED ON 40 HOUR WEEK AND HOUSING CHARGE

The 40-hour Week for park employees or a substitute program of a five-day week, under two work classes of 4A, the 40 hour week, and 4B, the five day week, still are under study.

William Pierson, personnel officer for the Department of Natural Resources, stated as News & Views goes to press that the aim is to have one of these programs in effect April 1st.

Regarding housing, Deputy Chief Everett Powell announced that a definite effective date for the new rate of charge for housing and utilities has not been decided upon, but that it should show either in the April or May pay checks.

Printed below is a list of sample rates tentatively approved by the Department of Finance. These rates include the maintenance and utility charges.

New Brighton Beach, 6 room white stucco, $44.50; Big Basin, 5 room frame houses in Sky Meadow, constructed in 1946, $39.00; Big Basin, four room cottage at South Entrance, $23.00; Pfeiffer Big Sur, 5 room chief ranger cottage, $26.50 with other Big Sur housing ranging from $12.00 to $26.50.

Calaveras Big Trees, 5 room, 2 story chief ranger cottage, $23.00; and 3 room cottage in main area $20.00. D.L. Bliss, 5 room chief ranger house at entrance, $29.00; McArthur-Burney Falls, chief ranger 5 room house at entrance $29.00.

Housing at Will Rogers State Park ranges from $20.00 to $27.00; and at Cuyamaca Rancho from $29.00 to $33.00

Mt. San Jacinto 5 room assistant ranger house, $33.00; Anza Desert, $25.00 and 5 room adobe at La Purisima will be $26.50

Samples of low charge housing include: Donner Monument, $15.00; Mt. Diablo 2 rooms in service yard, $11.00; Fremont Peak, 1 room cabin, $6.00.

Gold Discovery Edition

This, the second issue of the sixth year of publication for News & Views, features Gold Discovery State Historical Monument and Marshall State Historical Monument, both at Coloma, El Dorado County.

On January 24th the California Centennial Commission, and the California State Park Commission both under the chairmanship of the Hon. Joseph R. Knowland of Oakland, combined efforts to stage a very successful centennial celebration of the discovery of gold by James W. Marshall on January 24, 1848

Estimated attendance at the main observance on January 24th totaled 75,000 persons, officials of the California Highway Patrol announced.

And this writer fully agrees with the estimate. In fact, he believes the estimate was too conservative.

Details of the celebration already have been well related in the press of California.

A measure of the success of the observance is the announcement that the first day sale of the Gold Discovery Commemorative stamp by the United States Post Office, was the largest first day sale in the history of the United States.

RANGER FOSS FACES INEVITABLE AT MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

Chief Ranger Mel Whittaker of Mt. Tamalpais State Park, advises of the following dire situation facing one of his crew;

"Ranger Bud Foss has had notice served to him that there are 27 eligible women living in the vicinity of Mt. Tamalpais who are seeking a ranger husband. Life for Bud can become very interesting."

We await developments.

Chief Ranger C.L. Milne of Prairie Creek arrested Leo Bravo for picking ferns in park. Fine: 25.00.

It is anticipated that the new 1947 5 room standard houses will rent at about $34.00, including utilities.

CENTENNIAL OF....

GOLD!

AT SUTTER'S MILL

(NOW THE GOLD DISCOVERY STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT)

"This day some kind of mettle was found in the tail race that looks like gold".

Thus was first recorded James W. Marshall's discovery of gold at Sutter's sawmill, Coloma, California, Monday, January 24, 1848; simple words to record the most significant event in the history of the entire west.

The story of Marshall's gold discovery is largely that of the construction in 1847-'48 of the sawmill long contemplated by Sutter, who recognized the need for more lumber in his building operations at his fort in New Helvetia, now within Sacramento's city limits. After several years of scouting, the site at Coloma was selected as filling the requirements of plenty of available sugar pine and a stream to power the mill and for rafting his lumber down to the Fort.

On August 27, 1847, a contract was signed whereby Marshall was to erect and operate the mill and Sutter was to supply labor, tools, supplies and equipment. The sawmill site was staked out, and was called simply the "sawmill site", the name of Coloma, or even Colluma or other Indian variants, not yet being in use. Marshall chose the site with the idea of digging a ditch of several hundred feet across a bend in the river thereby diverting the water with the aid of a dam through a headrace into the forbay through the mill's entire length by aid of a waterwheel, and thence through the tailrace back to the river powering on its trip an undershot flutter-type waterwheel for the saw.

At Christmas, 1847, Marshall decided to expand the mill's partial operation by deepening the tailrace, his labor troubles having been solved by employing a party of Mormons, Bigler, Smith, Brown, Stevens, and Johnson.

On January 24, 1848, Marshall, on his usual morning inspection of the excavating, saw something glittering in the shallow water on the north bank of the race. He gathered several more similar pieces, carried them to the mill yard and announced to the crew, "Boys, I believe I've found a gold mine." The metal reacted favorably to simple tests, and the entire crew spent the day picking up gold flakes to the extent of several ounces which was further tested by boiling in lye water and heating in a hot manzanita wood fire.

On January 28, 1848, Sutter and Marshall carried on secret tests at Sutter's fort, testing with acids and for specific gravity. Fully convinced that the metal was gold, the partners decided to keep the secret, at least until the mill was finished. On January 29, Marshall returned to the mill site, where he confided the results of the tests to his workers, after pledging them to secrecy.

Such is the story of the discovery of gold on the morning of January 24, 1848. Another version places the date of the discovery as January 19th, which is difficult to believe in face of the evidence of Bigler's, Smith's and Sutter's diaries, which all place the date as January 24. Added to this are statements by both Brown and Bigler that Marshall sent an Indian to their cabin to borrow a tin plate to use in panning the metal; and the Mormons had not moved into their newly-

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completed cabin until the evening of January 23.

Sutter and Marshall proceeded at once legally to bind their title to the sawmill property and the surrounding area, by consumating an agreement with the local Indians to insure peace, and signing a three-year lease on mining privileges; the Indians to receive 200 dollars worth of goods yearly for joint occupation of the land, and to refrain from killing livestock and burning grass within the area fixed by the agreement.

True to their promise, the men at the sawmill pushed the work at all possible speed. They had no idea of the value of the discovery and steady work at the mill appealed to them more than the risks involved in looking for gold. However, on days off and evenings, they did hunt for the metal, giving Marshall half their find in return for provisions. Construction work consisted mainly of deepening the tailrace, erecting the upper frame of the mill structure, putting in a new waterwheel, machinery and saw. Two cabins were built, one on the quarter-section above and one on the quarter-section below the mill, to confirm Marshall's and Sutter's title to the land.

By March, 1848, the mill was ready for full operation, but testings showed that further deepening of the tailrace was needed to reduce the backwater which was slowing the saw. This was done, the mill gave fair promise of being a success, and with the arrival of the first few planks at Sutter's Fort on March 22, Sutter's dream of abundant lumber had materialized.

Having faithfully finished the mill, Marshall's workers now devoted more and more time searching for gold, ranging ever farther from the original find in the tailrace. Bigler found nuggets to the value of $6.00 in outcropping a half mile below the mill, picked up $22.50 worth in a few minutes and eventually the secret became too big to be kept. The last pretense of secrecy was shattered when Marshall's teamster, Jacob Wittmer, offered gold in payment for a bottle of whiskey, to George Smith, storekeeper at Sutter's Fort, who wrote of it to his partner, Samuel Brannan, in San Francisco. Also, Sutter had been unable to keep his own secret, having written to General Vallejo of it previously. The Mormons wrote their friends at Sutter's grist mill to come and see for themselves. And by these various means the news spread, until parties began to appear at the mill in search of gold. Permission to hunt in the tailrace was readily given by Marshall.

The personnel at the sawmill dispersed rapidly as the hunt for gold began in earnest. By April 1848, many were on their way to the gold fields of Coloma. Sutter experienced increasing difficulties in getting laborers for his saw mill, and by the end of May was forced to close it, and also his grist mill at Natoma. May 25, 1848 is the last day recorded in his diary. That day's entry, "A number of people continue travelling to the Mountains," is revelation enough of the gold fever that had set in. Local then, before a year had passed, it was to have its reverberations in the far corners of the earth.

Mining methods improved from the crude pocket-knife mining, to Indian basket, pan, and finally Alexander Stevens, unable to find an Indian basket, devised a wooden dish from a log. Round-bottomed, it was easier to rock than to shake, and thus the rocker was born.

Sutter, in partnership with Hastings and Henry Chever, started a store in one of his sawmill bunkhouses. Brannan had also opened a store and laid out the booming town of Coloma.

In July, 1848, Colonel R. B. Mason arrived, and made a thorough examination of the gold-bearing placers, complete with maps, and ended his official report to Washington, D.C. and thus "My most moderate estimate is that upward of 4,000 men are working in the district, and that from $30,000.00 to $50,000.00 worth of gold, if not more, is daily obtained." This report, incorporated in Presi-

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dent Polk's annual message of December 5, 1848, was featured in eastern newspapers. Publicity increased.

The gold rush to California had begun. Coloma became the chief distribution point for the area. Buildings mushroomed into being. With this growth came a demand for lumber. Sutter's sawmill reopened under new owners, Sutter and Marshall having sold their interests for $6,000.00 and $2,000.00. Lumber sold for $500.00 per thousand. By July, 1849, gold seekers were arriving by way of Cape Horn and Isthmus of Panama.

In 1849 the mill closed from depletion of lumber. Marshall was driven from Coloma for trying to save an Indian from a lynch mob, his cabin burned and his claims jumped. By 1853 Sutter's sawmill stood as mute testimony of a dream of former days.

Then Coloma settled down to more normal activity. The gold fever leveled off. Other sawmills opened and closed or were converted into grist mills, and agriculture was challenging gold. Sutter's sawmill did not even become a grist mill. An object of curiosity, it had seemingly passed into oblivion, as it was torn down by vandals, its timbers to be used in new buildings, and various parts made into souvenirs. Only the iron crankcase of the mill was saved by Marshall and presented by him to the Society of California Pioneers of San Francisco.

The moving of the county seat to Placerville (Hangtown) 1857, showed that Coloma was on the down-grade. Marshall's death in 1885 further marked the end of the era. Flood waters entirely covered the mill site with silt and gravel. But the site of the sawmill was not entirely forgotten.

A huge bronze statue of Marshall in miner's garb, pointing to the gold discovery spot, was erected in 1890. Beneath this statue a half mile from the mill, on the hill south of the town, the discoverer sleeps the last long sleep.

COLOMA'S POSTAL HISTORY

A city never seems to be a city unless Uncle Sam establishes one of his most important offices in it. Very few of the solid citizens know too much about their local Post Office, but all will admit that no city is complete without one.

Coloma, El Dorado County, California is no exception. Times have changed since the days when the Pony Express rider would stop his galloping horse in front of the Post Office and take his mail in to the postmaster. Today, the entire populace gathers around the little Coloma Post Office, as there is always a crowd of Colomans on the street, and the first thought in the minds of the visitors are, "Where's the fire; or, was there an accident?"

The Post-Office was established as "Culloma", California Territory, on November 8, 1849. The site of the post office was almost opposite the present day site. The first postmaster was Jacob T. Little. The name of the office was changed to Coloma, El Dorado County, on January 13, 1851, when Stephen S. Brooks became the postmaster. Since his time, the postmasters and their effective dates of office are as follows: Peter E. Wimmer, May 4, 1853; A.D. Waldron, January 31, 1854; Daniel G. Waldren, August 2, 1854; Robert F. Davis, January 19, 1855; Cornelius Courtney, April 11, 1857; William H. Bodfish, November 18, 1859; J.C. Brown, June 28, 1861; Robert Chalmers, April 5, 1862; Stanley F. Childs, August 21, 1863; John Price, June 23, 1871; Cora Price, November 13, 1902; Broder Ralph Heikens, July 10, 1906; Ray R. Rosenberger, (Acting) August 23, 1935; Ray R. Rosenberger, October 4, 1935; Zelma Rosenberger, October 25, 1943. Mrs. Rosenberger is the present postmistress. - By Asst. Ranger R. G. Geyer.

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Sketchs around
Scene of Gold Discovery
at Coloma.
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WHEN MEN WERE MEN!

By Mrs. Donald Rich

To read back into the annals of California History during the gold discovery is to be a little more satisfied with our own life and times, unless you happen to be one of rugged individuals who bemoan ease and civilization. Compared to the bloody happenings of those days Al Capone was just a sissy; and why should we object to butter at one dollar a pound when the worthy pioneers paid $2.50?

Part of the Menu from El Dorado Hotel:

Bean Soup.....	$1.00	
Beef, wild.....	1.50	(not
Beef, tame, from Ark.	1.50	bad)
Hash, low grade.....	.75	
Hash, 18 carat	1.00	

Payable in advance, gold scales at the bar.

All that is left of the gold rush at Coloma is a number of piles of rock that look like preparations for graveling a road; but in spite of all the "digging" no one spoiled the sweet air of the country, or the warm sun, or bright moonlight. The digger pine with its lacy grey-green needles gives a wonderful contrast to the darker sugar pine, and the mahogany-stemmed manzanita cover the red cliffs with silvery mounds.

Hard to picture Coloma as it was then. Sundays, many of the prospectors would come to town with bags of gold dust, gamble it away, and go home penniless. At night, in addition to saloons and gambling halls, long tables were often placed in the principal street, and hundreds of men would sit for hours gambling. Sometimes gold dust bags would burst from being thrown around recklessly, and scatter into the street.

Poor James Marshall, the best known of the pioneers, was evidently too kind and easy going to compete with the money-mad adventurers of his day. In the spring of 1870 appeared this news item, "J.W. Marshall discoverer of gold in California, is living at a place called Kelsey. He is old and poor, and so feeble that he is compelled to work for his board and clothes, being unable to earn more."

Marshall once encountered a man who had squatted upon a 40 acre lot owned by Sutter and situated on low marshy ground, now occupied by Sacramento. He asked the man what title he had and was told that a title was not necessary; all that was needed was to have it surveyed and recorded. Marshall asked him if he was prepared to hold the land.

"Yes Sir", was the reply. "I can bring fifty men to back me up in a few hours."

"Is that all?" asked Marshall.

"No sir, it is not. I can muster 500 rifles to support my claims."

"Is that all?"

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"That's enough," said the squatter, "Not even Sutter can turn me off this place."

"Well," said Marshall, "I'll bet you any amount of money that you'll be driven off this land in less than two months."

A little later the river rose suddenly and the stolen land was several feet under water.

Many people were convinced that Marshall had secret information of a rich vein of gold, and he was often followed and annoyed. Once he barely escaped a gang of drunken miners who were determined to squeeze information out of him or hang him to the nearest tree, which seemed to be quite a common occurrence in those days. A friend succeeded in getting the mob's attention and directed Marshall to a thicket where a fresh horse was hidden. Marshall couldn't return for six months.

There were many other colorful pioneers, of course, quite a few whose lives will not bear too close scrutiny.

Robert E. Draper was a pioneer mail carrier, best walker in the state. He would leave Pilot Hill at 6 in the morning, carrying the mail to Sacramento, get his mail and return by 7:30 P.M., a distance of about 40 miles each way. He charged $1.00 each for letters, and other mail in proportion.

On the main street of Coloma was the clapboard mansion of Captain Shannon, Head of the town, Judge of the First Instance, and general Hospitale Host of Strangers and Way-Farers. Below the Captain's house was the rude "shelling" of Patrick and Bridget Doody, who looked to the Captain for protection. Pat owed Brook's store a small amount, and during his absence at the mines, Brooks caused an attachment to be levied on the Doody hut. Poor Bridget was frantic, and dug under the floor, bringing out two large bottles of the finest gold, worth about $2,000 which she had saved or filched from Patrick. She was sure the attachment meant the loss of the gold, but someone advised her to pay the small debt and put the rest in the bank against the time she and Pat should decide to return to New York. Maybe their decendants are in Brooklyn.

Names of towns in this vicinity are provocative: Sentinal Hill, Gold Hill, Pilot Hill, Rescue, Shingle Springs, Hangtown...(But say that softly. I think the people of Placerville would just as soon forget the old name.)

MALCOLM BYCE CONTRIBUTES COLOR SLIDES TO STATE PARK COLLECTION

We have just received another collection of excellent kodachrome slides from Assistant Ranger Malcolm Byce, who is on leave from the State.

Byce's collection will be integrated into the master slide collection of the State Park System and many will be seen again this summer at programs in the major parks.

Byce closed his letter with:

"Please give my regards to everyone, and tell them I am looking forward to the time that I can return to my position in the park service."

His home address is: 10 Sixth St., Petaluma, Calif.

RANGER MCKNIGHT NABS TWO CUYAMACA RANCHO DEER POACHERS

Christmas is a day when all people are home with the family--or so thought Earl Schlemeyer and Fred Shelton of Descanso, San Diego County.

And so they set out to poach a few deer from Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and ran up against Deputy Ranger Les McKnight after they had killed a large buck.

McKnight and Chief Ranger Harvey Moore delivered the poachers to the law and Shelton was fined $350 (he's in jail because he couldn't raise the fine) and Schlemeyer was fined $250 Three rifles were confiscated.

Several days later Deputy Ranger Carl Anderson almost ran down another poacher, but he got away, leaving behind a fine hunting knife, of which Andy is very proud.

THE CHIEF SPEAKS
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Commission held in Sacramento on January 23, 1948, the following action was taken: the 40 acre Hickey Grove along the Redwood Highway was officially named, the Edward R. Hickey State Park. The new State Park in Butte County was officially named as Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park.

OKEI, THE JAPANESE PRINCESS
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ly unfit for use. Hurriedly more leaves were tested. Everything that the experts could think of was tried, but to no avail. The tea was rank and bitter. There was nothing to be done. Good tea could not be grown here.

They were without money now. Being of royalty and having but a vague knowledge of finance, they had brought with them a sum of money pitifully insufficient for their needs. They had organized this expedition and sailed away without the permission of the Mikado, so there was no going back, no one to whom they could appeal. There was only despair and dishonor.

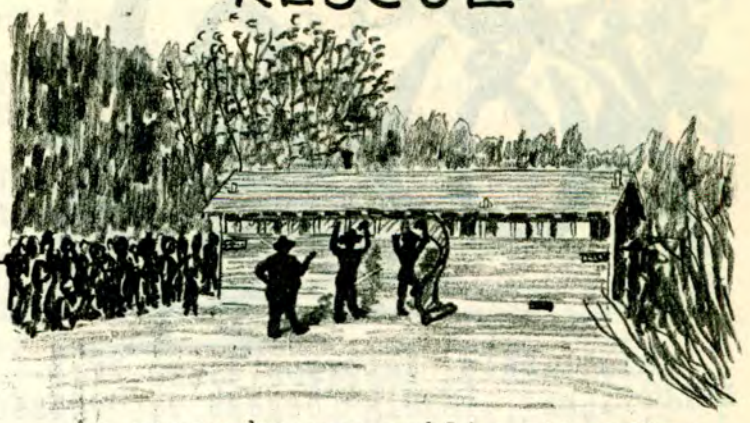
The laborers drifted away, a few finding work on nearby farms. Soon afterward the princess became ill. Many said that it was despair and a broken heart. Mr. Veerkamp visited them daily, supplied them with food, and did whatever he could for them.

After a short illness the princess passed away and was buried by the tea garden that had blasted their hopes and mocked them with false luxuriance.

Before the two brothers went away they presented Mr. Veerkamp with their most prized possession, an ancient sword that had been handed down from generation to generation. This sword is a wonderful example of ancient Japanese craftmanship and is now owned by Louis Veerkamp, son of F. Veerkamp.

The Japanese people often make pilgrimages to Gold Hill to place a few flowering twigs on the rock strewn grave of princess OKEI and tuck their cards in a small notch at the foot of the stone: a stone that is carved with the simple epitaph: "OKEI, a Japanese Girl"

RANGERS TO THE RESCUE



An eager-beaver public attending the Gold Discovery Centennial Celebration at Coloma last month really put the rush-act on District Supt. Bob Coon and two of his rangers who were attempting to finish a comfort station, as shown above.

With the trio still tacking up screen on the building, a "conga" line of about 40 women already had formed to the left, with only four men in the stag line to the right. The park photographer viewed the scene from afar and failed to arrive in time to get a picture--so Artist Don Marty depicts it with the pen.

DO SHEEP SWIM? JOHN MCKENZIE SAW THEM DO SO AT FORT ROSS

During the heavy storm of January 7, Curator John McKenzie at Fort Ross witnessed two "unemployed" sheep dogs chasing sheep toward the rocks that jut out over the ocean near the Fort.

McKenzie ran to chase the dogs off but when he arrived at the cliff, one of the sheep had fallen into the surf and the dogs and the other sheep had disappeared.

The "ocean-going" sheep, a young ewe with short wool, was carried several hundred feet to sea but fought her way back through the breakers.

The animal was completely exhausted, and unable to stand up, but she soon recovered.

Owner of the ewe, C.A. Call, said that in all his years of sheep-raising, he never had known a sheep to be able to swim.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SACRAMENTO JANUARY 22,23, 1948

Commissioners present: J.R. Knowland, chairman, Oakland; Charles Kasch, Ukiah; George Waldner, Ferndale; and Leo Carrillo, Santa Monica; absent, George A. Scott, San Diego.

Actions were as follows:

SAVE-THE-REDWOODS LEAGUE--Informed by Deputy Attorney General Walter Rountree that agreement form used for establishing of memorial redwood groves is sufficient without original paragraph four, which acted as a restrictive paragraph.

OWENS RESERVOIR, PROPOSED ACQUISITION--Deputy Chief Powell reported favorably on an approximate 60 acre tract adjacent to Owens Reservoir and on the Tuolumne River 22 miles from Turlock. He stated this area would afford about 250 campsites, in good shade, with nearby swimming, fishing, and boating. Turlock Irrigation District is willing to donate entire area outright.

ABBOTT-KINNEY PROPERTY CONDEMNATION--Moved to institute condemnation proceedings against the Abbott-Kinney Co. property at Venice, part of the Los Angeles County Master Beach Plan.

COLUMBIA--Moved to institute friendly condemnation proceedings against Marshall Wetmore property in Columbia, Tuolumne County, at request of Wetmore's lawyer.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL, SANTA MONICA--Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of strip of beach and parking area adjacent to Ambassador Hotel in Santa Monica.

DONNER LAKE--Appraisals for the 344 acre proposed park on Donner Lake have been completed and the staff was ordered to proceed with acquisition at the earliest possible date.

CORONA DEL MAR CONDEMNATION--Moved to institute condemnation proceedings against approximately 40 property owners at Corona Del Mar, Orange County, who are blocking establishment of State beach by demanding exhorbitant prices.

BIDWELL BAR--Approved naming of new Butte County park on Feather River above Oroville the Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park. The State will maintain and operate this area and soon will assign personnel to the park.

SAN DIEGO BEACH STRIPS--Approved acquisition of 4½ miles of narrow beach strips between proposed State Freeway and ocean in San Diego County. Set up $100,000 for this purchase, with any necessary balance to be obtained from matching funds or land values set up by the County of San Diego in its master beach plan.

NEW REDWOOD ACQUISITION--Approved purchase of 635 acre tract adjacent to Prairie Creek Redwood State Park, with State funds to come from a fund due to revert (if available), with matching funds provided by the Madison Grant interests through the Save-the Redwoods League. If acquisition is completed the area will be known as the Madison Grant Forest and Elk Reserve.

MARIN COUNTY BEACH ACQUISITION Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of approximately four miles of beach and upland shore on the western shore of Tomales Bay, after first excluding the Lyons property and the east portion of the Gould Tract, and reporting back to the commission on new boundaries.

Baby Hands at the Window

Continued expansion of personnel in the State Park Service is noted this month, as follows:

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Nolan Albright, Calaveras Big Trees, a boy, Leland John, January 14, 1948.

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Roland Stroup, Prairie Creek, a boy, Ronald, on November 28, 1947.

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Donald V. Gardner, San Clemente Beach, a girl, Shirley Mae, January 11, 1948.

LA PURISIMA MISSION IS SCENE OF FIESTA DAY ON JAN. 7

Chief Ranger A.W. Sill reports the Fiesta held at La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument in Lompoc on January 7 was highlighted by excellent weather and a crowd larger than in 1946.

During the celebration a statue of La Purisima was presented to the State Park System by Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Silva of Lompoc. Superintendent H.L. Blaisdell accepted for the State.

WE THINK SONOMA WARRANTS ANOTHER CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE...READ THIS:

Within the one month of January, 1848, there were born among Sonoma's forty families, no less than 9 pairs of twins and one set of triplets.

We thank Dulinda Brusky for this choice bit of historical prowess.

DO AS I SAY...NOT AS I DO

A red line painted around the north end of the Old Custom House State Historical Monument meant little to one Monterey official.

Curator Mary Greene reports she gave a Notice of Violation to City Councilman Horace Mercurio, who had parked his car at noon inside the red line and in front of the steps.

The Cypress grove on Cypress Headlands at Pt. Lobos has been renamed the "Allan Memorial Cypress Grove".

NEWS & VIEWS

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MAD ENGINEER BITES DOG..(CORRECTION) DOG BITES MAD ENGINEER!

We quote from a story sent to us from the Southern District Office:

"Our genial senior engineering aid William Kelley, seems to be allergic to dogs and plumbers. After contacting 22 of the latter in a vain attempt to obtain three bids, he started out again on a similar venture, through dark alleys, wayside dead-end streets and finally into backyards.

"In one back yard a plumber had a watch dog, posted purportedly to keep customers away, and the faithful dog bit our irate engineer somewhere around the rear of the pants.

"County health authorities are now watching the dog to see whether or not it develops rabies. We don't know much about the dog, but we do know that William was mad, if that means anything."

The dispatch did not indicate whether or not the plumber had the grace to at least give us a bid after the above-printed mishap.

RECOMMENDED READING--"Knowing Your Trees". Available through American Forestry Association.

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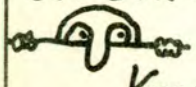
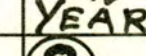
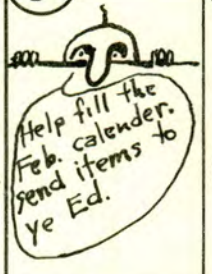
In January comes sleet and snow, the cold bites down and winds do blow. Of course this goes for other climes, but our state weather has softer lines. 			1 Thurs. Heavy Storm of Resolutions - Will Soon Blow Over 	2 Fri. Monthly Reports Should Be In Mail	3 Sat. Last Quarter	
4 Sun. "Praise ye him, sun and moon praise him all ye stars of light. Ps. 148:3	5 Mon Elec. Meter Reading Weekly Report. ALL MONTHLY REPORTS DUE IN SACRAMENTO	6 Tues	7 Wed Will snow or rain somewhere in California today.	8 What has happened to those good resolutions?	9 	10 New Moon Tomorrow
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HONOR THE EARTH

Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect the hills from overgrazing by thy herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty, or perish from off the face of the earth."--First given to the people of Palestine in a radio broadcast by Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, world authority on soil conservation, in a radio broadcast from Jerusalem in June, 1939.

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION WEEK
MARCH 7-14, 1948

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS BY THE CHIEF

Conservation Week

The 14th annual California Conservation Week as sponsored by the California Conservation Council is set for the week of March 7 to 14, and our Director, General Warren T. Hannum, is General Chairman. Daily themes for the week have been set up in a logical order so as to present the basic story of our natural resources and their inter-relation. You will be supplied through our Ed Dolder, with any availabe pamphlets and may I, at this time, request full cooperation with the program on the part of all of our employees. Should you be invited to address groups on the matter of conservation, do your utmost in filling such engagements, and, in all other opportunities presented, assist in making this program a success.

Appreciation.

The following is a letter from Mr. George Heinz, Executive Secretary of the California Centennials Commission "Although this letter is very belated, it still carries a very warm feeling and high regard for all you and your staff did for us at Coloma. I can only repeat here in letter form what I said so many times in person, that without you and your men, Coloma, would not have been possible."

Dist. Supt's. Conference.

A District Superintendent's Conference is being scheduled for April 1 and 2, 1948, in the Sacramento Office. The conference will be limited to the District Superintendents only. Start submitting subject matter for the agenda as soon as possible. Be sure to be prepared to report on the water conditions in all of the various units under your individual jurisdiction.

Personnel

Quite a few personnel changes have been made and still others will be made in the comparatively near future based upon, first of all, the grade classification of personnel allowed in each park by the Personnel Board, (2) up-grading based upon recent tests (3) the necessity of assigning personnel to newly acquired areas.

MURRELL GREGORY IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IN NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Murrell Gregory, former chief ranger of Armstrong Redwoods State Park, on February 15th was appointed an assistant district superintendent under Superintendent Robert Coon of the Northeast District.

Deputy Chief Everett Powell announced Gregory will be on loan to the Northeast District, pending the creation of a sixth park district, and will be stationed in Redding, Shasta County, to supervise parks in the northern part of the district.

He will direct the restoration of Shasta State Historical Monument.

L.P. Griffith, present assistant district superintendent, will concentrate his activities on the southern and coastal areas of the district.

Gregory's temporary mail address is: Shasta State Historical Monument, Shasta, Calif.

GROMYKO'S SON VISITS FORT ROSS WITH DELEGATION FROM RUSSIAN CONSUL

The son of Andre Gromyko and a party from the Russian Consulate in San Francisco visited Fort Ross State Historical Monument on February 15.

Gromyko, you will remember, is the Russian delegate to the United Nations.

Curator John McKenzie says young Gromyko spoke poorly, but could be understood; and that he was very interested in the Russian history. McKenzie said he was unable to decipher Gromyko's initials on the register.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SAN DIEGO FEB. 20, 21, 1948

Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland; Chas. Kasch of Ukiah, and George A. Scott of San Diego. Officials from State in attendance: Warren T. Hannum, State Director of Natural Resources; A. E. Henning, Chief of the Division of Beaches & Parks; John H. Covington, executive secretary of the commission; Col. E.C. Kelton, division engineering officer; John A. Hennessey, State Park Lands Officer; E.F. Dolder, conservation supervisor; and E.E. Powell, Deputy Chief.

Actions were as follows:

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK(Disposition of State Land for Private Use). San Diego County officials presented plan for State to abandon about 25 percent of its 500,000 acre Anza Desert State Park south of Highway 78 to permit its return to county tax roll and development for agricultural purpose. Park Commission expressed opinion that, to present knowledge, it cannot abandon state park land but can exchange areas within or adjacent to the park of equal value. Action: Commission submitted San Diego plan to staff of Division of Beaches & Parks, with instructions to present entire plan to State Attorney General for legal opinion to determine if State can cooperate with county plan.

CUYAMACA CITY-COUNTY SCHOOL CAMP-- Heard special plea by City-County Camp Commission of San Diego to permit school camp to continue in present location near Stonewall Lodge in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, with option to include Stonewall Lodge eventually. Denied request, but extended time of evacuation to new site to be selected in park, from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1951. Stated present school camp site was not in accordance with master plan for development of State Park.

CARPINTERIA BEACH-- Ordered condemnation proceedings against T.H. Canfield property, proposed for addition to Carpinteria Beach State Park. Also ordered condemnation proceedings against the Fish Estate property adjacent to the park.

LOMPOC-- Ordered condemnation proceedings against John F. DeCosta property adjacent to La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument, which State plans to add to monument area. Officials declared DeCosta asking approximately three times the amount of the appraised value.

OAKLAND-- Empowered commission chairman to sign for commission the final agreement between the City of Oakland and the State Park Commission concerning the acquisition of the Oakland Arboretum (Durant Park) as a State Park. Papers did not arrive from Oakland in time for commission action. This will speed up acquisition process.

SANTA MONICA-- Heard City Attorney Royal Sorenson present revised plan of City of Santa Monica for State's taking over of city beaches as matching value for additional beach area to be acquired by the State Park System. Santa Monica proposes that she will turn over beach land if State will maintain and operate as long as it is able to--and that if it cannot operate, the city of Santa Monica will be given first opportunity to take over operation; also, that any excess value accruing to the city in the exchange be set aside as a credit to the city for possible future acquisitions. Action: presented Santa Monica plan to Attorney General to determine if commission can accept deeds to beach land with such conditions. Park officials emphasized to

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COMMISSION DIGEST
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Mr. Sorenson that State of California was not putting pressure on city to transfer beach land and participate in State's general beach acquisition program and that Santa Monica was free to cancel all negotiations if city wished to.

PROPOSED SALTON SEA PARK-- Lowell Howell, representing Coachella Valley Sports League, presented plan for State Park Commission to acquire beach area on Salton Sea, northeast side of lake, 8 miles southeast of Mecca. He said the proposed area was owned by the U. S. government under the Bureau of Reclamation, and was available for transfer to the State for recreational purposes. Park Commission ordered staff to investigate possibilities of area and to report at the March meeting of the commission, scheduled in San Francisco on March 19, 1948.

LODI LOMA LAKE-- Ordered staff to make appraisals of Lodi Loma Lake Park and adjacent wooded area on the Mokelumne River as first step in acquiring a large recreational area in the central valley. City of Lodi proposes to transfer its city park on the lake as matching value for the State's purchase of the wooded area along the Mokelumne River.

CUYAMACA PINE BEETLE INFESTATION-- Informed that State Division of Forestry will expend $10,000 to fight pine beetle infestation in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park as soon as Dept. of Finance approves expenditure.

COLUMBIA-- Refused request of Columbia Lions Club to use old Wells Fargo building in Columbia State Park (historic mining town) as meeting place. Commission felt that building was unsafe at present for human occupancy.

SUTTER'S FORT-- Urged City of Sacramento Planning Commission to press fight to rezone area around Sutter's Fort Historical Monument in Sacramento so that additional commercial enterprises cannot come into area. Stressed cultural importance of area.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY-- Heard Santa Barbara Board of Supervisor chairman Bradbury, explain plan of county to acquire Goleta Strand from federal government, same to be used by county as matching value for areas being acquired by State Park Commission. Assured Bradbury that commission will consider Goleta as matching land, with value to be set by fair appraisal.

CAMP McQUADE-- Ordered Chief A.E. Henning, Lands Officer John Hennessey, and Engineer E.C. Kelton, to make survey of Camp McQuade in Santa Cruz County, offered for sale as war surplus. However, Commissioner Kasch stated that, due to lack of practical financial support, and interest on the part of Santa Cruz County for the entire beach acquisition program, he was not favorable to acquisition.

RECOMMENDED READING IN PREPARATION FOR NEW GRADE II AND GRADE III EXAMS

Requests already are coming to the Sacramento Office for reference material for the new ranger examinations scheduled for April 15, 1948.

Recommendation number one--know your Field Manual.

Recommendation number two--obtain a copy of "Simplified Engineering for Architects and Builders" by Harry Parker.

"What I say is--leave the rubbish where it falls, the wild animals come around every night and clean it up anyhow.

PARK COMMISSION GRANTS POLICE POWER TO 64 RANGERS AND CURATORS

Police powers in the capacity of State Park Peace Officers were granted this month by the State Park Commission to 64 employees of the Division of Beaches & Parks.

The appointments are made under provisions of Sec. 5008, Public Resources Code of the State of California.

Police cards are in the hands of the District Superintendents and will be forwarded by them to the individuals to whom police powers have been granted.

We refer you to an article on law enforcement which appeared in the November, 1947, issue of News & Views, for re-study and adherance--for the mutual benefit of the park system and yourself. A "badge-happy" park ranger is a very onerous creature.

Following are the names of the employees who have been granted police powers. In some cases the names of employees long in service will appear. It was necessary to re-appoint them because their service has been broken by military or some other type of leave:

NORTHWEST DISTRICT--Rangers, Grade I: Arthur W. Jones, Jr.; Glen Noble Jones; Roland V. Stroup; Richard L. Brock; Woodrow W. Seney; Jack M. Goswick; Harry G. Kauffman; Duane T. Rodman; and Clifford A. Allen.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT--Rangers, Grade I: Robert D. Duncan, Elmer C. Herneisen, Robert G. Carlson, George F. Kammerer, Adolph F. Garrelts, Harley D. Smith; Curators Madie D. Brown and John C. McKenzie.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT--Ranger, Grade III: Harold Pesch; Ranger Grade II: Rudolph E. Anderson; Rangers Grade I: Clyde E. Strickler; Ronald E. Dalton, John Darcy Story, Thomas L. McKnight, Floyd A. Lemley, William J. Griffin, Carl A. Anderson, Edward A. Griggs, William R. Allison, Glenn P. Miller, Charles S. Mosteller, Ronald V. Gardner.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT--Rangers, Grade I: Charles E. Coll, John V. McKone, Joseph D. Kelly, Aelred M. Matthews, Dorrick G. Andrews, Keith N. Carpenter, Kenneth Legg, John C. Mason, Charles R. Elliott, Jr., Theodore McMillen, Knowlton Miramontes, Nelson S. Gerhart, and Frank E. Kendall; Curators: Richard T. Rodriguez, Amelie Kneass, and Henry B. Collins.

CENTRAL DISTRICT--Ranger Grade II: Donald I. Rich; Rangers Grade I: George A. Nelson, William E. Yager, Arlan E. Sholes: Leonard R. Fisher, Harold H. Sederquist, James Whitehead, Dean E. Hewitt, Robert K. Crawford, Carl W. Martin, James B. Chaffee, Harry B. Rathner, John E. Dixon, John P. Anderson.

SUTTER'S FORT AND INDIAN MUSEUM--Curators: Carroll D. Hall, Virginia Storti and B.W. Hathaway.

EXAMS ARE SLATED APRIL 15 FOR GRADE II, III

New examinations for the positions of State Park Rangers, Grade II and III, have been scheduled by the State Personnel Board for April 15, 1948.

Applications must be filed with the State Personnel Board either direct by the close of business on March 25, 1948, or with a postmark prior to midnight of March 25, 1948.

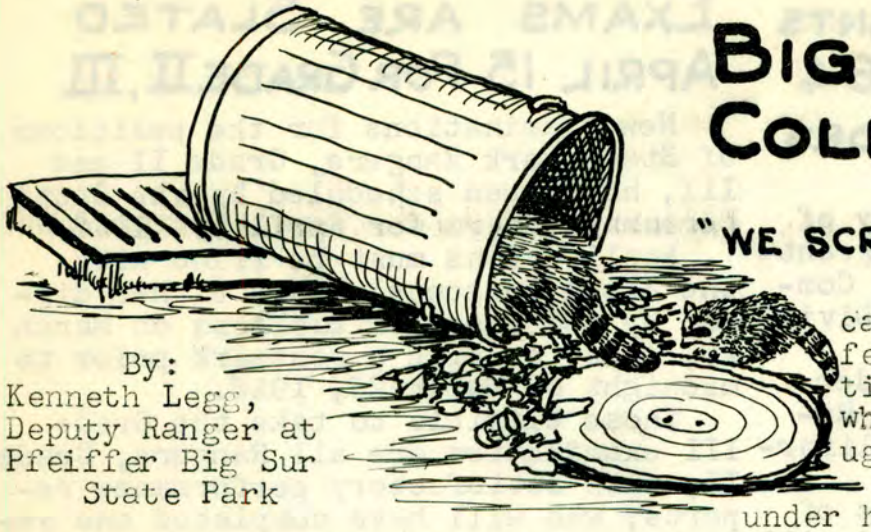
Those eligible to take the Grade III examination are all Rangers, Grade II, with satisfactory performance reports, who will have completed one year of park service as Grade II ranger prior to April 15, 1948, including the six month probationary period.

Those eligible for the Grade II examination fall in two categories. They are:

Rangers, Grade I, with one year of experience in Grade I, including the probationary period, prior to April 15, 1948 or....

Rangers, Grade I, with less than one year experience in grade but with two years of experience in one or a combination of the following:

(a) Construction, engineering, park or forestry work providing a knowledge of several skilled or semi-skilled trades; (b) Camp or park management or supervision; (c) Armed forces experience in supervisory capacity providing knowledge of construction.



BIG SUR GARBAGE COLLECTORS, INC.

"WE SCRAPE THE BOTTOM CLEAN"

By:
Kenneth Legg,
Deputy Ranger at
Pfeiffer Big Sur
State Park

Though the porch light is on and you're looking right at the pan of table scraps, you are hardly conscious of the raccoon as he silently glides through the gate and draws up before his supper. The ball of grey fur with the striped face just seemed to suddenly appear from out of nowhere. But he isn't a ghost or he wouldn't be scooping those beans into his mouth with both front paws. If you keep reasonably still and don't make any sudden moves or loud, sharp, noises he'll leave the pan only after it's 'clean as a whistle'. Some fellows say a fox will run from a 'coon. I don't know, but, I have seen the procedure reversed, A big ringtail was 'slurping' up a pan of food when a grey fox eased through the gate. The 'coon, eyes always darting from side to side, spun around and ran when he spied the fox.

Several 'coons and at least one fox receive part of their daily food in our back yard. The only things I've seen them pass up, so far, are uncooked onions and potato peelings. Once when there were three slices of onion in a pan of soup the ringtailed rascal kept sliding the ovals of the smelly vegetable from side to side in the pan as it got in the way of scooping up the soup. If there is a bone among the scraps the fox will grab it and scram, but the 'coon will sit up on his haunches and chew on it as he holds it in his front paws.

Raccoons are very interesting to watch. Their sense of hearing must be very acute because the least sound causes them to look up from their feeding and glance in all directions. To look behind them, they wheel on their hind legs as though they were on a pivot.

My neighbor has five 'coons under his residence. He places scraps on his back porch and stands in his open kitchen door to watch them. Suddenly two little, black 'hands' grab the side of the porch. Next, the litle ears and black, beady eyes appear over the edge. They wrinkle their nose a few times and then pull themselves onto the porch to begin feeding. Sometimes he has three eating at one time and, though they are usually well mannered, they occasionally show fight if both grab for the same morsel. The more savage growl seems to discourage the other animal.

Another ranger has a 'coon so insistant when it is time to be fed that it will come to the living-room window and press it's nose against the pane. His little daughter feeds it from her hand.

Better to give them the garbage than have them upset our cans and scatter papers in all directions, I suppose; and besides, they are such cute little fellows.

RANGER MILNE NOTES POSSIBLE AREA FOR INCLUSION IN PRAIRIE CREEK PARK

"At the end of the Godwood Trail is a very beautiful beach, one-half mile wide, several miles long. It has considerable historic interest, being the scene of the "Gold Bluff Bubble" of 1850.

"On the bluff above the beach is a scenic meadow, and the remains of the Upper Bluff Gold Mining Company buildings, operated in the '90s.

At present the beach is the rendezvous of commercial fishermen, elk and deer poachers!" Ch.Ran. C.L.Milne.

FORT TEJON SHOWS LIFE

Late in February the attention of the State Park Commission focused on Fort Tejon State Historical Monument in the Tehachapi Mountains of Kern County. Assistant Civil Engineer Elmo Huffman and Curator Frank Guiterrez have been working in the area on preparations for restoration, and the commission is considering acquisition of a small recreation area on a creek in the vicinity of the fort.

During Huffman's stay at the fort, he was inspired to write of Peter Lebeck, intrepid but unfortunate frontiersman of the Tehachapis. We give you Huffman's "Peter LeBeck":

On October ten and seven
In eighteen hundred, three seven
Peter LeBeck, happy and free
Rested his bones beneath this tree.

But Poor Peter, with far away stare
Had crossed the path of a grizzly bear.
The cross-haired bear was extra keen
'Twas first Frenchman he'd ever seen.

Peter arose, his axe in hand
Wishing he'd never seen this land
Grizzly was a very cross bear
He had a cross dyed in his hair.

Peter turned and started to run
That's how the fight really begun
His tardy friends arrived to see
Poor Peter's bones nearby this tree.

Under this oak they dug his grave
Recalling that he was so brave
They carved his name for all to see
On the side of the old oak tree.

Now let this be a lesson to you
If by the hills you're passing thru
Remember how the bear played heck
With our poor friend, Peter LeBeck.

POINT LOBOS RESERVE ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS FOR VISITORS

Effective February 15, 1948, the new hours for visitors to Point Lobos Reserve State Park are:

Open, 9 A.M.; gates close at 5 P.M. with all visitors out by 6 P.M.

GOVERNOR WARREN RE-APPOINTS TWO MEMBERS TO STATE PARK COMMISSION

Joseph R. Knowland, chairman of the State Park Commission, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, and father of the junior Senator from California, William Knowland, was re-appointed to the State Park Commission this month by Governor Earl Warren.

Also re-appointed was George A. Scott of San Diego, who was appointed originally late last year to fill the unexpired term of the late Isidore Dockweiler of Los Angeles.

The new appointments, subject to confirmation by the State Senate, will run to January, 1952.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LIBRARY PHOTOGRAPHS ALL MATERIAL AT VALLEJO HOME MONUMENT

Mrs. Madie D. Brown, curator of the Vallejo Home State Historical Monument, reports this month that the entire collection of historical material in the Vallejo Home museum, has been photographed without charge by the University of California Library.

One set of the photographed material will remain in the Vallejo Museum and the other set will be preserved in Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley.

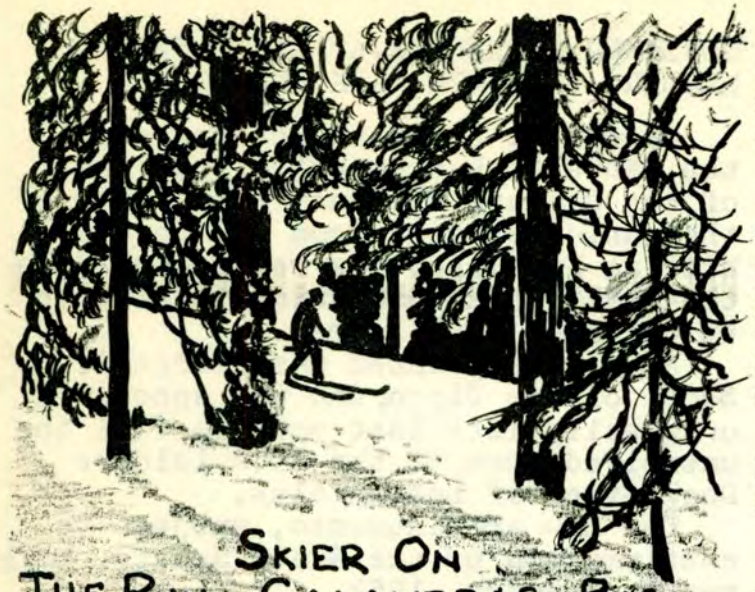
Also received, late last month, by the museum was the Trinity County gold nugget which is shaped like the State of California. The presentation was made by the Mt. Bally Parlor of the N.S.G.W., through the efforts of Mr. A.L. Paulsen of Richmond, Calif.

NEW HOUSES ARE COMPLETED

Ten houses for park employees were completed and turned over to the Division in January by the State Division of Architecture.

They were : San Juan Bautista, 1; Sunset Beach, 1; Big Basin, 4; New Brighton, 2; and Pfeiffer Big Sur, 2. In addition, 2 houses were turned over to the Division in December at Portola State Park.

E.C. Kelton, engineering officer, reports that a contract has been let to Ferguson Brothers of Oakland, for a water supply project at Big Sur.



SKIER ON THE RUN, CALAVERAS BIG TREES, FEB. 8, 1948

Thirteen parks of the system reported being under a mantle of snow, with depths from several inches to a maximum of 38 inches at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, during the general storm in the first week of February.

The fall at Calaveras, although not the first of the season, provided the first amount sufficient for snow sports, and Winter sport enthusiasts from the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys flocked into the park.

Cuyamaca Rancho reported 12 to 18 inches of dry, powdery snow, and a tremendous influx of travelers that crowded the highways, bumper to bumper for many miles.

At Palomar Mountain rangers reported 6 to 12 inches, and a desperate need for snow-clearing equipment to keep the roads open.

Ranger Robert Hatch of Mt. San Jacinto writes in that a 28 inch fall in his park was the heaviest for the area since the winter of 1942-43.

Mt. Diablo State Park had an eight inch snowfall, and on February 8th broke all attendance figures with 9,280 persons checked through the gates for snow sports.

Ranger Al Beck at Columbia has just cause to curse the weather. Eight inches of snow on the roof of a shed where the park truck was stored, caused the shed to collapse. Result: one shed gone, truck with broken stake sides, dents, and scratches.

Mt. Tamalpais was not to be outdone, with Chief Ranger Mel Whittaker reporting two to six inches and a host of sightseers.

Other parks reporting snow were: Castle Crags, 6 inches; Tahoe Campground, 12 inches; Fremont Peak, 8 inches; Humboldt Redwoods, 1 inch; Mill Creek Redwoods 2 inches and Big Basin Redwoods, 1 to 2 inches, with heavy fall in the higher elevations of the park.

PERSONNEL BOARD MAKES NEW RULING ON VACATIONS AND SICK LEAVE.

Effective January 23, 1948, when an employee leaves the employment of one State agency and enters another State agency without a break in service, his accumulated vacation time as of the date he enters the new position becomes a charge against the latter agency.

Effective February 12, 1948, an employee may not have a vacation accumulation as of the end of any year in excess of 30 days.

Employees who accumulated vacation in excess of 30 days under the "wartime" rule permitting 45 days, must reduce their total to not more than 30 days before January 1, 1950, or forfeit that in excess of 30 days.

Concerning sick leave: effective February 12, 1948, sick leave means the absence from duty of an employee because of his illness or injury, his exposure to contagious disease, his attendance upon a member of his immediate family who is seriously ill. Memer of family means mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother or sister of the employee, or any person living in the immediate household of the employee.

Not more than five days of sick leave within any calendar year may be granted an employee for each absence due to death of members of his immediate family.

This information was transmitted to the Division of Beaches and Parks in a letter to all divisions signed by Dan H. Blood, deputy director-comptroller of the department.

MEMORANDUM

From: Asst. Ranger Franklyn Brown
Portola State Park

To : Edward F. Dolder, Conservation Supervisor, Sacramento.

Subj: Spring!!!

The first Trillium of Spring was observed in the main park area today by Chief Ranger Fakler. So Spring is nearly here.

(Editor's Note: Tra-la!)

INTRODUCING--A FRENCH WAR BRIDE

Asst. Ranger Franklyn Brown also comes up with a proposal that we become better acquainted with the war brides (from overseas) in our midst.. and we think it is a good idea.

This month we introduce, to the State Park System, a fair young lady from France--Ann, the wife of Deputy Ranger Harold Sederquist of Portola State Park.

Harold and Ann met and married in France when he was with the U.S. Army--and now they are three: Betty, 18 months old daughter.

We welcome you, Ann of France.

ERRATUM....

Asst. Dist. Supt. Earl Hanson from the tall Redwoods of the north country writes: "January, '48 issue of News & Views was well-worth waiting for..! which was designed to soften the blow when he informed us of an error.

Said error he describes as: "Please note erratum on page 14..'Hickey Grove is the southernmost of the State Redwood areas on the Redwood Highway'." But one redwood exists in the grove," says Earl, and then he supplies this information about the flora most to be noted in Hickey Grove:

One of the lesser known trees of the widely-admired Oak family is the Western or Giant Chinquapin. Poets muse about the mighty oak, the spreading chestnut ad infinitum, but never a flowery phrase concerning the modest Castanopsis (Gee, what rhymes with Castanopsis?)

Distributed through a wide geographic range on the Pacific Coast, they are rarely recognized by the casual forest visitor because generally they stand among numerous individual trees of more general recognition.

Chinquapin may be mistaken for Tanoak or California Laurel, individual trees having evergreen leaves resembling both species. Some of the foliage is similar to the outer foliage of the canyon live oak, both species possessing a "golden powder" on the undersides of the leaves. Castanopsis resembles a chestnut more nearly than does any other genera on the western coast. The seeds are enclosed in a small burr very much like that of the chestnut.

Chinquapins are to be found growing mainly on rocky, dry slopes and ridges in close association with Madrone, Tan Oak, Douglas Fir, Redwood and other species. Occasionally it may be found in small pure stands on well-drained flats.

The wood and bark have characteristics of both oak and chestnut, the bark containing tannin.

Fine specimens may be found on Child's Ridge in Del Norte Coast State Park, and, more readily accessible, in the Edward R. Hickey State Park of Mendocino County.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR 1947 SHOW INCREASE IN PARKS AND MONUMENTS, DECREASE AT STATE BEACHES

1947 was a banner year in attendance at parks of the State System, with an attendance figure of 3,338,555 chalked up for parks, compared to 2,456,997 for 1946, the previous high year.

Historical monuments attendance for 1947 was 461,315, as against 351,608 for 1946.

Attendance at state beaches fell off: 16,533,241 for 1947, compared to 21,176,835 for 1946.

This decrease can be attributed to the following factors: Heaviest use of state beaches is at Will Rogers and Santa Monica, which last year accounted for 19,000,000 attendance. Attendance at these two beaches fell heavily because of adverse weather, opening of new Los Angeles County beaches to the north, which tended to disperse the crowds; better tires and automobiles in 1947 enabled persons to travel away from the metropolitan centers; and closing of beach areas to the south because of pollution, created some public disinclination to use any beach for a time.

All of the camping beaches operated by the State showed considerable attendance increases.

The total attendance figure for 1947 including parks, beaches and historical monuments, was 20,333,111. The 1946 total was 23,985, 440.

RANGER MIRAMONTES FRACTURES SKULL AT CARPINTERIA BEACH

Ranger Knowlton Miramontes of Carpinteria State Beach fractured his skull on January 25, when a rope with which he was lifting some heavy framework, broke. As he fell his head struck a short post.

It is expected he will be off duty for about five weeks.

VALLEJO BEARS WERE BOOKWORMS, OR SO IT WOULD APPEAR

Recently an old inscription written by General Vallejo on his dictionary was interpreted by Mr. Carlos Rodriguez Fernandez, a visitor from Barcelona, Spain. The inscription in Spanish was: Los osos me robaron este diccionario. Translated: "The bears stole from me this dictionary."

FORT ROSS CURATOR REPORTS FINDING NEST OF RED MICE IN DOUGLAS FIR

On February 6 the State Highway Division crew working in the vicinity of Fort Ross State Historical Monument, removed a 20 foot Douglas Fir Tree which overhung the road.

In its branches was a nest about the size of a basketball, and when the nest was shattered eight red mice ran from it.

John McKenzie, curator at the fort reports the mice to be as red as a red setter dog. They resemble a mole in shape, with short tails.

The California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco informed McKenzie red mice are rarely seen and almost impossible to catch as they seldom descend to the ground.

They are parasitic to Douglas Fir.

STEELHEAD ENTER VENTANA WILD AREA OF THE BIG SUR FOR FIRST TIME.

Heavy rains in early February brought the Big Sur River at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park to its first high stage this winter, and the first run of steelhead trout in the memory of white man, passed through the Big Sur Gorge into the Ventana Wild Area of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Prior to this winter, passage of steelhead above the gorge has been blocked by a huge rock at the base of a waterfalls in thr gorge.

Last summer the Division of Fish and Game blasted the rock out of the way--and now sportsmen eagerly await the results of increased spawning areas in the many tributaries of the Big Sur above the gorge.

COLD WEATHER BRINGS HORDE OF BIRDS INTO ANZA DESERT PARK

Chief Ranger Jack Calvert of Anza Desert State Park reports that cold weather in the south brought dove, quail, Arizona redheads, Alaskan Hermit thrush, desert sparrows, rock wrens and cactus wrens into the park.

BROWN OUT

The Governor has requested all agencies of the State to conserve, to the maximum, all electric power and water to meet the growing power shortage.

The California Public Utilities Commission is moving for the inauguration of emergency rules and regulations to bring about such a conservation program.

Chief A.E. Henning has issued this statement to the field:

"I want to warn all park personnel of the seriousness of this situation and ask for your unanimous and whole hearted cooperation."

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Baby Hands at the Window

Two pairs of baby hands are to be noted this month:

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Gordon Cooley of La Purisima Mission, a son, Allan Fred, on February 4th.

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Robert G. Carlson of Calaveras Big Trees, a son, on January 18. (Our apologies to the Carlsons for missing their announcement last month).

VANDALS STEAL LARGE ENTRANCE SIGN AT SAMUEL P. TAYLOR PARK

Chief Ranger George Holmboe this month reports the theft, on February 20th, of the double-faced entrance sign to the park.

He estimates costs to replace the sign will be about $150.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Things I'd like to witness...one of these sign-stealing mavericks captured and brought before a Kangeroo court composed of State Park Rangers. Brother-oooh-brother!)

SQUIRREL BITES MAN!

John Theuma of Watsonville, while visiting Point Lobos Reserve State Park on February 19, was bitten by a ground squirrel. It was not specified whether the man was chasing the squirrel, or the squirrel the man. Rangers applied first aid.

PARK RANGERS INSTRUCT SCOUT LEADER ON OUTDOOR LORE--THE HARD WAY

On Monday, February 23, Boy Scouts of Troop 33, Benicia, under Leader Val Yager, made two ground fires in camp at Mt. Diablo State Park (against rules--remember?), then started out on hike without putting out fires.

Heavy wind blew embers into tents, destroying two tents and several bed rolls.

Chief Ranger Ray Bassett reports the chagrined leader was returned to the camp, given a strong lecture, and ordered to clean camp.

Said Mr. Yager:

"I sure learned the hard way. Never again!"

DOHENY BEACH SOCIAL NOTE.....

Darrell Knoefler and Kenneth Stanley families are sporting new Ford sedans; and the park a new Dodge stakeside truck.

Quips the weekly report from the southern beach: "new cars in the garage and beans on the table."

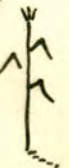
EDITOR'S NOTE--This is a test page, readers.

Artist Don Marty is trying out some new inking formula on the drawing below, to determine how certain ink combinations will hold up under long run.

If the picture is all hard lines, with no shading--then you will know that our experiments were unsuccessful.

Sutter's Mill, from Hermann-Au's Map of 1857

FEBRUARY 1948

1 SUN.	2 MON.	3 TUES.	4 WED.	5 THUR.	6 FRI.	7 SAT.
The heavens declare the glory of God; Ps. 19:1	LAST QUARTER YESTERDAY WEEKLY REPORT	News & Views Staff breaking their necks trying to get the Feb. issue out before Mar	Same as yesterday	If you haven't got your "News" don't blow a fuze.	MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT DUE	What a week!
8 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth; the Lord is upon many waters Ps. 29:3	9 New Moon WEEKLY REPORT	10	11 Lincoln was a great man. We celebrate his birthday. Wish we had more great men.	12	13 Any contributions to News and Views? Send 'em in to ~~dodderin~~ Dolder-Ed (itor)	14 MAIL THAT CIRE TIME CARD SWEETHEART A BOX OF CANDY IS ACCEPTABLE TOO. - 1211 16th St.
15 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; Ps. 65:13	16 WHEEKLY REPHORT	17 FIRST QUARTER	18 Better pull out the pansies and plant parsnips. Did you see what that ten-spot got at the store? Could you?	19	20 PARK COMMISSION MEETS AT SAN DIEGO	21 PARK COMMISSION MEETS AT SAN DIEGO
22 The firmament showeth his handy work. Ps. 19:1 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23 WEEKLY REPORT REG. TIME CARD DUE	24 FULL MOON	25 TIDE TABLE for State Beaches	26 "Old draftsmen never die; They just sort of ossify" - or take to making calendars.	27  Map symbol for corn - in case you don't know.	28 Start leaping, girls, - See that date tomorrow!!?? (Double talk)
29 The mighty God, ... hath spoken, and called the earth..... Ps. 50:1	COME FEBRUARY RAINS, AND GREEN THINGS GROWING PAINS, SAP STARTS UP TO BRANCH AND BUD, AND KIDS GET FEET WET IN THE MUD.					

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
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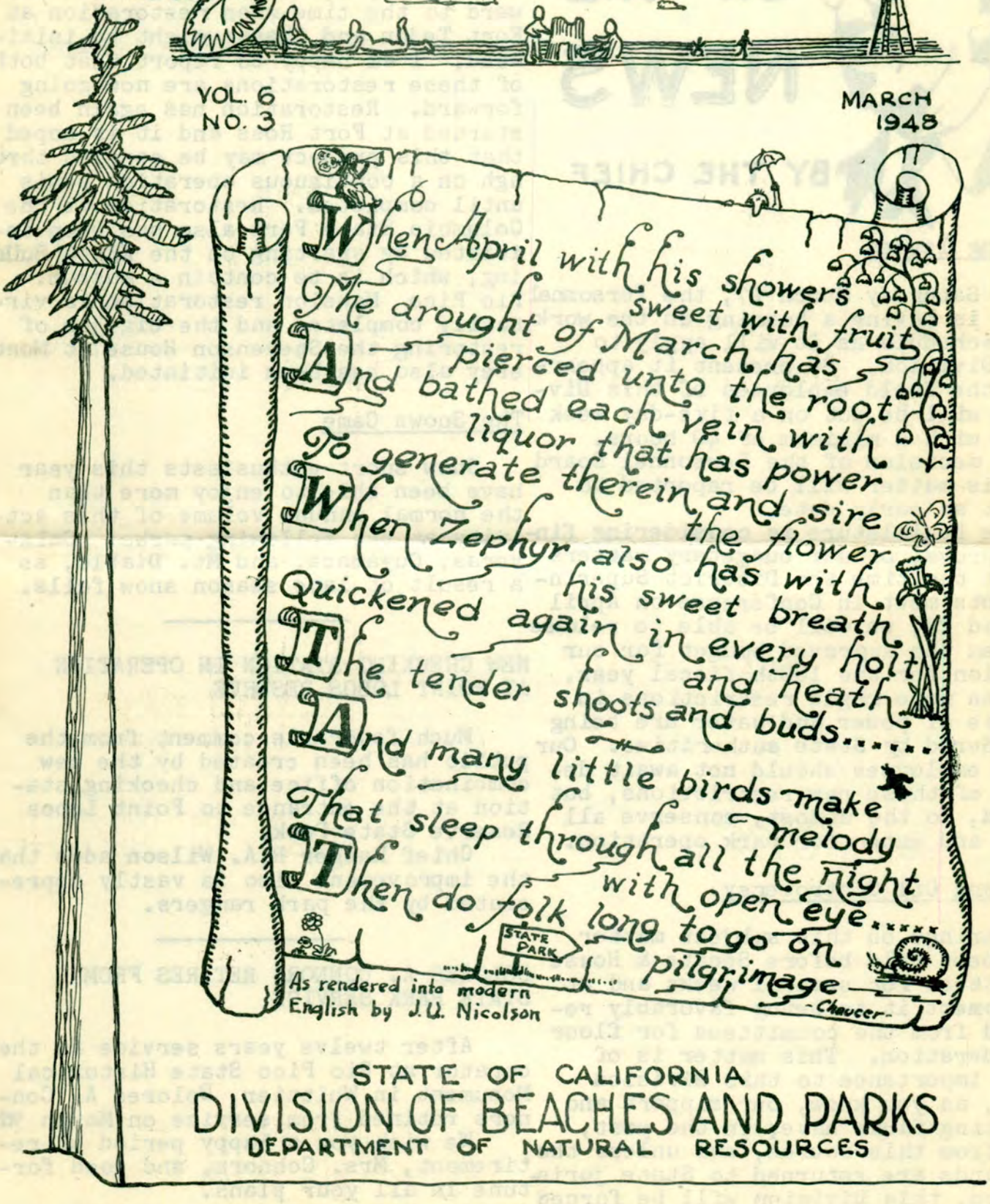

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

Pending Issues

On Saturday March 27, the Personnel Board is having a hearing on the work week schedule as it will apply to this Division. At present it appears that the field employees of this Division will be put on a five-day week basis with a minimum of 40 hours. Final decision of the Personnel Board on this matter will be reported to you at an early date.

The Legislature is considering final approval of our budgetary matters and at the time the District Superintendents meet in Conference on April 1st and 2d, we will be able to release to them the approved budget for our Division for the 100th fiscal year.

Even more rigid restrictions in the use of power and water are being considered by State authorities. Our field employees should not await details of these new restrictions, but should, to the utmost, conserve all power and water for park operation.

Tideland Oil Controversy.

Hearings on this subject matter have been held before Senate & House Committees for several weeks and at the moment it is being favorably reported from the committees for floor consideration. This matter is of vital importance to this Division since, as you know, our support and operating funds have, in the past, come from this source, and unless the tidelands are returned to State jurisdiction, this Division will be forced to be financed from the General Fund. Under such an arrangement our activities might be curtailed.

Restoration

For many years we have looked forward to the time when restoration at Fort Tejon and Shasta might be initiated. I am happy to report that both of these restorations are now going forward. Restoration has again been started at Fort Ross and it is hoped that this project may be carried through on a continuous operation basis until completed. Restoration at the Columbia State Park also has been initiated by starting on the Knapp Building, which is to contain a museum. Pio Pico Mansion restoration is virtually completed and the big job of restoring the Stevenson House at Monterey also has been initiated.

The Snows Came

Snow sport enthusiasts this year have been able to enjoy more than the normal annual volume of this activity at the following parks: Calaveras, Cuyamaca, and Mt. Diablo, as a result of late season snow falls.

NEW CHECKING STATION IN OPERATION AT POINT LOBOS RESERVE

Much favorable comment from the public has been created by the new combination office and checking station at the entrance to Point Lobos Reserve State Park.

Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson adds that the improvement also is vastly appreciated by the park rangers.

DOLORES A. CONNORS RETIRES FROM STATE PARK SERVICE

After twelve years service as the curator at Pio Pico State Historical Monument in Whittier, Dolores A. Connors retired from service on March 5th.

We wish you a happy period of retirement, Mrs. Connors, and good fortune in all your plans.

At this writing a new curator has not been appointed to replace Mrs. Connors.

FIVE DAY WEEK BEGINS MAY 1st

GOVERNOR WARREN RE-APPOINTS CHARLES KASCH, GEORGE WALDNER, TO STATE PARK COMMISSION

Governor Earl Warren this month announced the re-appointment of Commissioners Charles Kasch, of Ukiah, and George Waldner, of Ferndale, to the State Park Commission.

The periods of appointment for all members of the commission now are:

Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, to January 1, 1952; George A. Scott, to January 1, 1952; Charles Kasch, to January 1, 1951; George Waldner, to January 1, 1951; and Leo Carrillo, to January 1, 1949.

LEAKY SCUTTLEBUTT

A leaky scuttlebutt* that won't hold water was found in the field recently by Deputy Chief Everett Powell and herewith we punch it full of holes.

The story has it that characters may enter the higher ranks of state park rangers without starting as a ranger, grade 1.

For the benefit of new deputies, don't believe it, brother, don't believe it!

You are officially advised that advancement to grades 2 and 3 ranger posts, and to assistant and district superintendents, are made by promotional examination only, with eligibles selected from the next lower grade.

The only entrance to this promotional process is through the grade 1 ranger class.

* "Scuttlebutt" - nautical term for rumor, gossip, exchange of unofficial information. Scuttlebutt on old sailing ships was the barrel or tub containing drinking water. Sailors, gathering for water, exchanged their gossip.

The five-day work week officially becomes effective for all field personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks to and including the grade of Chief Ranger, on May 1, 1948.

Formal action was taken by the State Personnel Board, meeting in Los Angeles on March 27, to establish the new work schedule for both this division and field employees of the Division of Fish and Game, effective the same date.

The work schedule is described as a five-day week with a minimum of 40 hours of work and no maximum daily limit. No over-time payment is authorized. When ordered to work on a normal day off, compensating time off may be taken.

Deputy Chief Everett Powell said every effort was made to have the new schedule in effect April 1, but inability to get a sufficient number of new deputy rangers into the field in time necessitated the delay until May 1.

CLAUDE HELM AWARDED ODS DEGREE

Next time Senior Civil Engineer Claude Helm shows up in your park, address him with honor due, for he now carries the title of Old Desert Sage.

Claude took a true and false quiz of 20 questions in the March issue of Desert Magazine and came out 100 percent correct.

The magazine assured its readers that if they marked 18 correct, they are considered as Old Desert Sages.

ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RANGER'S LIBRARY

Another book recommended to those rangers who are building up a small reference library is:

"Carpenter & Builders Guide, by Audel. This book is available in most book stores for $1.50. It is of a compact pocket size.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 19, 1948

Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland; Charles Kasch, Ukiah; George Waldner, Ferndale; George A. Scott, San Diego; absent, Leo Carrillo.

Actions:

JUNE MEETING DATE--Accepted invitation of Shoreline Planning Association to hold June meeting in Santa Monica.

POLICE POWERS--Granted police power to Rangers, Grade I, Philip D. Van Deusen, Wendell K. Davis, Martin Castle and Lewis G. Rogers.

SANTA MONICA BEACHES--Because of opinion of Assembly Ways and Means Committee transmitted to commission, that, in view of present unsettled conditions in finances, due to impoundment of tideland money, no beach land presently operated by a city or county should be accepted as matching value for State funds, the commission moved: to suspend negotiations with the City of Santa Monica temporarily for the acquisition of beach frontage in that city; and to determine if that city is willing to operate all beaches until the tideland question is settled in Congress.

HUNTINGTON BEACH--Approved official name for new beach acquired near community of Huntington Beach, as Huntington Beach State Park.

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE OF BIG TREES--Heard report on several public drives opening to raise funds for purchase of South Calaveras Grove of Big Trees in northern Tuolumne County. Ordered land section to obtain appraisal on 1400 acre tract marked for acquisition.

BUTANO REDWOODS--Informed of offer by San Mateo County to give County Memorial Park as part of matching value in acquisition of Butano Redwoods in San Mateo County. Ordered land section to obtain appraisal of county park, and approximately 3,000 acres of Butano land proposed for acquisition.

SILVER STRAND--Informed that U.S. Navy will deed to State the filled area at Silver Strand State Beach, and the park property on which they have title in fee by virtue of a taking order providing the State will grant the Navy use of the filled land, and the dry land or the original upland intermittently, and from time to time upon notice for special training. Commissioner Scott appointed to negotiate with Navy.

CLEAR LAKE--Directed land section to proceed with acquisition of a park on the southern shores of Clear Lake.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES--Approved a 50 year lease to the County of Los Angeles for the operation of all State owned beaches in unincorporated areas of the county, and all state-owned beaches within incorporated areas where the city was agreeable to county operation.

BIG SUR RIDING CONCESSION--Granted renewal of stable concession at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park to C. Calloway to December 31, 1948.

NEWPORT BEACH OPERATION--Approved leasing of state beach in this area to city of Newport Beach, to be operated by city for period of 25 years.

MORRO BAY BOATING--Granted boating concession at Morro Bay State Park to J. Frank Minnix of Long Beach.

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COMMISSION DIGEST
(Cont. from preceding page)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONDEMNATION--Ordered institution of condemnation proceedings against J.P. Getty, owner of Parcel 18, in the Los Angeles County Master Plan for beach acquisition.

BIG SUR CONDEMNATION--Ordered condemnation proceedings against F.M. Molera on land adjacent to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park necessary for construction of sewage disposal plant.

AMESTOY RANCHO ACQUISITION--Directed land section to secure appraisals of Amestoy Rancho, located in Los Angeles, and negotiate with the owner for addition of the area to the State Park System. The Los Angeles City Council has offered $25,000 towards the purchase if the State will operate the rancho.

BEACH PARKING CHARGE--Agreed to set up a parking charge at certain beaches to be operated by the State in Los Angeles and Orange counties and that the rate of charge be governed by similar prevalent charges in the community in which the beach is located

SUTTER'S FORT MOTION PICTURE--Granted permission to Warner Brothers Pictures Inc., to film portion of the picture "Forty-Niners" at the fort.

TURLOCK ACQUISITION-- Accepted gift of land of the Owens Lake Estate from the Turlock Irrigation District, and ordered lands section to obtain appraisals on adjacent land to be purchased by the State for a recreational area at Owens Reservoir.

BALLICO ACQUISITION--Ordered lands section to negotiate for acquisition of Ballico property on San Joaquin River in Merced County; with the State to develop a picnic area, and the county of Merced to operate. This acquisition is subject to matching.

KERN COUNTY PARK--Accepted offer of Kern County to gift deed county park and golf course to State as matching value for additional land to be acquired by State along Kern River, with county to develop and operate all areas, for not less than 25 years.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS--Approved agreement between State and the Plumas National Forest for trail right-of-way in that forest area.

NEXT MEETING DATE--Set next meeting for Los Angeles, April 30 and May 1, 1948

ANCIENT SPECIES OF REDWOOD TREE FOUND IN CHINA INTERIOR

A United Press Dispatch from San Francisco announces a copyrighted article in the San Francisco Chronicle by Milton Silverman, science editor, telling of the discovery of a living member of a species of redwood tree thought to be extinct.

The discovery was made near a remote village in the interior of China known as Motaochi, in Szechwan Province.

Silverman is on an expedition with Professor Ralph Chaney of the University of California.

The writer stated that three specimens of these "dawn redwoods", known scientifically as the Metasequoia, have been found. The species is believed to have been flourishing one hundred million years ago, about the time of the dinosaurs. Fossils of the species were found in 1828 in Germany, but it was believed to be extinct.

Two of the trees are small, but the third is 98 feet high, and measures 10 feet, 10 inches in diameter. It is believed to be about 600 years old, and the natives of the area worship it as a god.

Dr. Chaney is quoted as saying:

"To me, finding a living dawn redwood is at least as remarkable as discovering a living dinosaur."

Ranger Jack Calvert has pets where ever he goes. At La Purisima he fed quail. Now, at Anza Desert, he feeds wild dove--a two pound coffee can of wheat twice a day.

FIELD PERSONNEL SHIFTS

Additions, transfers and changes in classification of personnel in the field have been going on at considerable rate since the last account of such activity.

Presented below is a fairly complete record of activities since early in December:

NEW PERSONNEL--Rangers, Grade 1: Clyde E. Strickler, Palomar Mountain; Duane T. Rodman, Van Damme Beach; W. R. Allison, Anza Desert; Lewis G. Rogers, Calaveras Big Trees; Harold N. Sederquist, Portola; Joseph D. Kelly, Big Sur; Kenneth Legg, Big Sur; John Story, Will Rogers Park; Charles Doll Morro Bay; William Yager, Big Basin; Leroy Edwards, Seacliff Beach; Philip van Deusen, Carpinteria Beach; Martin Castle, Columbia; Wendall Davis, Columbia; Clifford Calliham, Portola; Ellsworth Trapp, Northwest District Headquarters; William A. Meyer, same; Donald Rynd, Richardson Grove; Frank Mickey, Burney Falls; Lyle Keith, San Clemente Beach; Jack Kent, Stephens Grove; Henry Albert, Jr., Mt. Tamalpais.

Other new classifications: John L. Bowman, groundsman and flower gardener, Pio Pico Mansion; John Umbarger, same class, Old Custom House; Ray L. Barnes, auto mechanic, Big Basin; John Auge, carpenter, San Clemente Beach; Gertrude Goheen, int. steno.-clerk, South Central Dist. Office; Clifford Smith, carpenter, San Clemente; Henry B. Collins, curator, Stevenson House; John Nicol, carpenter, South Central Office; Fred Lyon, Big Basin; Carmen Coffey, int. stock clerk, San Clemente; John Dimock, janitor, La Purisima Mission; Thomas Spencer, int. stock clerk, Big Basin and Oscar Pugh, janitor, Stevenson House.

PROMOTIONS, with transfer: Murrell Gregory, asst. dist. supt., to supervise northern portion of Northeast District, headquarters, Shasta State Hist. Mon., Shasta, Calif.; Jess T. Chaffee, asst. dist. supt., to South Central Office; Rangers Grade III: Alfred Salzgeber, to Carpinteria; Henry Saddler, to Richardson Grove; Gordon Kishbaugh, to Calaveras Big Trees; Darrell Knoefler, to Doheny Beach; Melville Whittaker, to Mt. Tamalpais; Robert Hatch, to Van Damme.

Rangers, Grade II: Lester Ransom, to Point Lobos; Robert Stewart, to Van Damme Beach; Werner Foss, to Mt. Tamalpais; George Hagens, to Burney Falls; Raymond Nelson, Prairie Creek; John Mason, to Mt. Diablo.

PROMOTIONS, same location; Rangers, Grade III: Rudolph Anderson, San Clemente; Ben Twight, Castle Crags:

Grade II Rangers: Carl Schnauer, Mill Creek Redwoods (charge); James P. Tryner, Patricks Point (charge); Paul Haines, Palomar Mountain; Glenn Jackson, Tahoe Campground (charge); Louis Wakefield, Morro Bay; Michael Powell, New Brighton; Leonard Penhale, Big Basin; Ranger, Grade I, James Whitehead, Big Basin.

NEW APPOINTMENT (from leave); Aelred Matthews, Ranger Grade II, to Castle Crags.

TRANSFERS; same classification: Rangers, Grade III: Lloyd Lively, to Big Basin; Jack Fleckenstein, to Armstrong Redwoods; Rangers, Grade II: Frank Wells, to Pismo Beach; Al Beck, to Columbia,(in charge); Franklyn Brown, to Portola; Philip J. Nealon, to Curry-Bidwell Park, (in charge); William Weatherbee, to Mt. San Jacinto (in charge). Rangers, Grade I: George Kammerer, to Armstrong Redwoods; Jack Goswick, to Burlington Campgrounds: William Killian, to Gold Discovery Site; Bassett Farber, to Patrick's Point; John Dixon, to New Brighton Beach; Stanley Jones, to Watsonville-Sunset Beach; Glen Jones, to Van Damme.

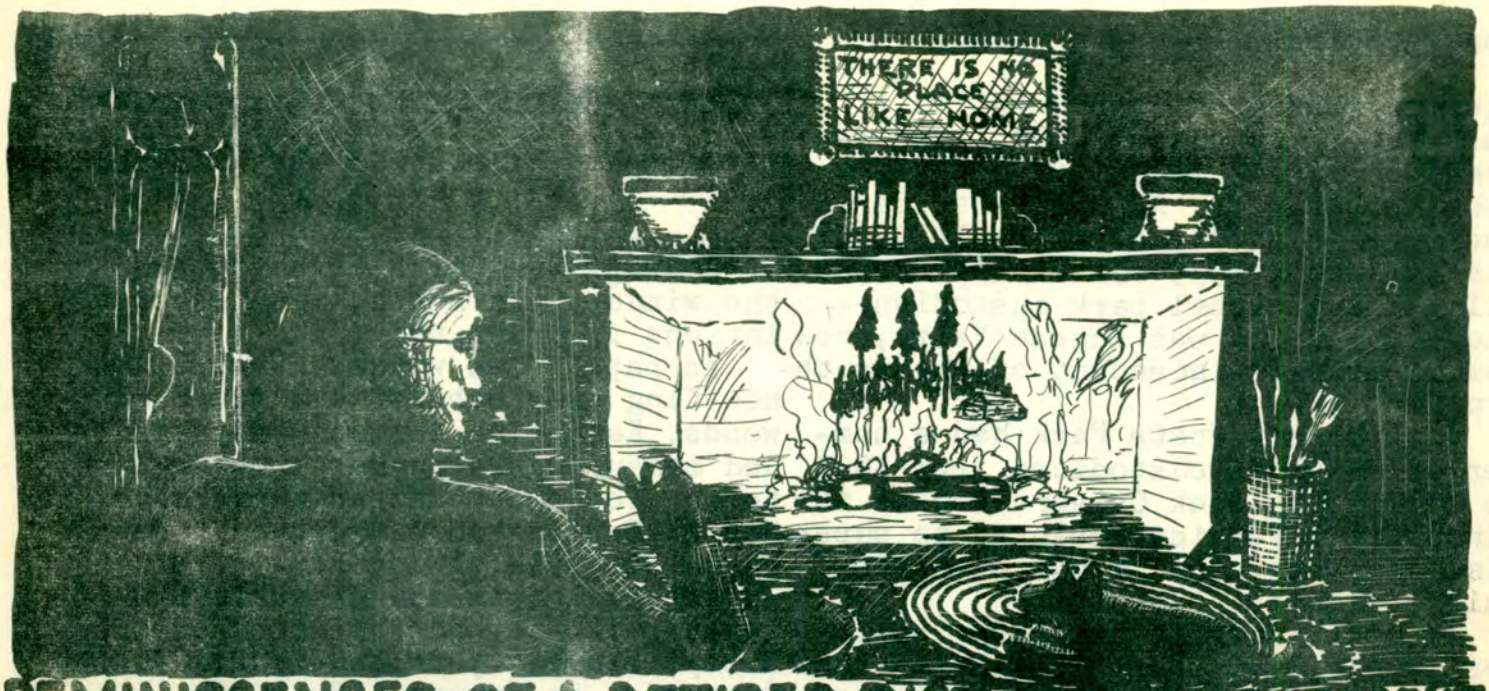
THE POSTMAN'S DILEMMA

Here's another reason why materials and supplies go astray enroute to your parks, rangers:

Address on package from Sears, Roebuck & Co., to Calaveras Big Trees State Park:

"Dvission of Polackes and Porks, Calaveras Beg Tree State Pork, Arnold, Calif."

The postoffice no doubt spent some time figuring this shipment out.



REMINISCENCES OF A RETIRED DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

By Guy Fleming

(Editor's Note: On the evening of January 17th Retiring District Superintendent Guy Fleming was honored at a farewell dinner at Dana Point Hotel. A major portion of Southern District personnel attended the dinner, and at the conclusion Mr. Fleming was presented with a Kodak 35 camera with range-finder, and a leather carrying case, a gift from his co-workers in the field for many years. Printed below is the gist of Mr. Fleming's talk to the group reviewing his period of service with the State Park System.)

When I was appointed superintendent of the newly-created Southern District on March 1, 1933, there was only one full-time district superintendent on the payroll - Percy French, of the Northwest District. The Northeast District was under part time supervision of James Porter, a construction superintendent loaned to us by the State Division of Architecture.

The Central District was administered from the main park office, then in San Francisco. The new Southern District extended from the south line of Monterey County to the Mexican border. The distance from my southernmost park, Silver Strand, to the northernmost area, San Simeon Beach, in San Luis Obispo County, was 350 miles.

The Summer of 1933 saw the advent of the CCC camps into the State Parks to undertake the recreational development of these areas. By the Summer of 1935 there were eight full camps, and three spike camps, carrying on construction in the Southern District.

On March 1, 1933, there were no full-time park employees in the Southern District. Silver Strand and Doheny Beach had part time supervision. Ray Bassett (now chief ranger at Mt. Diablo) served part-time at Carpinteria Beach. A Mrs. Vance was at Pio Pico as a part-time employee. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park was created on March 1, 1933, and with the rancho we retained Harvey Moore, the present chief ranger, as park custodian.

Harvey now is the senior employee of the Southern District in years of service.

Next in years of service is Dolores Connors, who succeeded Mrs. Vance as curator at Casa Pio Pico early in 1935 (she retired March 5, 1948).

Charles Hight, now retired, was the first custodian at San Clemente Beach. Russell Noyes, since resigned, was first custodian of Morro Bay State Park. Al Salzgeber was the first custodian, on a seasonal basis, at Palomar Mountain (He now is chief ranger at Carpinteria Beach). Ross Greeley

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first served at Doheny Beach as a part-time custodian in 1934, and reached the grade of Chief Warden before he retired. Although Mt. San Jacinto was acquired before 1933, it was not until 1939 that the park was alloted a seasonal park custodian--and that person was Eugene Velzy, now assistant superintendent of the Southern District.

Anza Desert State Park had a number of seasonal custodians from 1933 to 1937, when Jack Calvert became the first civil service employee to supervise the area. (He is there now as chief ranger).

It will interest the newer employees in the State Park Service to know that many of the older men in the service came in the "hard way", serving either as part-time custodians at a wage of $75 a month, or as seasonal, less than 6 months each year, custodians at a wage of $120 per month. These men are the true career men of the park service.

I am not retiring from park and conservation work, but only resigning from the active administrative duties of the position of district superintendent. I shall have a sincere interest in the welfare of the State Park System. Therefore, I am not saying "goodbye", as I expect to see most of you from time to time. I am turning my former duties and my office over to a person who has come up through all the grades of the Park Service, a man well-qualified to carry on the responsibilities the years have brought to the Southern District of the State Division of Beaches and Parks--William Kenyon!"

RANGERS POOL AND CANHAM ARE ON SICK LEAVE

Chief Ranger Fred C. Canham is in Santa Cruz on sick leave from his post at Morro Bay State Park, under doctors orders.

Chief Ranger Elmer Pool of McArthur Burney Falls State Park, was discharged from Memorial Hospital in Redding on March 3, after an appendectomy, and is convalescing at his home.

Baby Hands at the Window

Another two pairs of hands are at the window this month, with congratulations in order to:

In papa's own words: "Arrived, a new King size babe of the giant redwoods, Katherine Louise Hoy....10 lbs., and measuring 24 inches from head to toe." To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. H. E. Hoy of Burlington Campground. Born March 18, 1948, 11:45 P.M.

Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Floyd A. Lemley, of Mt. San Jacinto State Park, a boy, Floyd A., Jr., weighing in at 8 pounds, on January 18, 1948

THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS RIGHT

One lady was showing another the sights at Sutter's Fort State Historical Monument recently, when Carroll D. Hall, the curator, heard her say, upon viewing some material on the famous pioneer scout, Kit Carson:

"Oh there's Kit Carson. You must have heard of him--he's the famous bandit, you know....but he was a good man too."

"Personally," says Curator Hall, "I think she was confusing him with Robinhood."

SPIRITS ARE HIGH AT CALAVERAS BIG TREES AS SNOW PACK MOUNTS

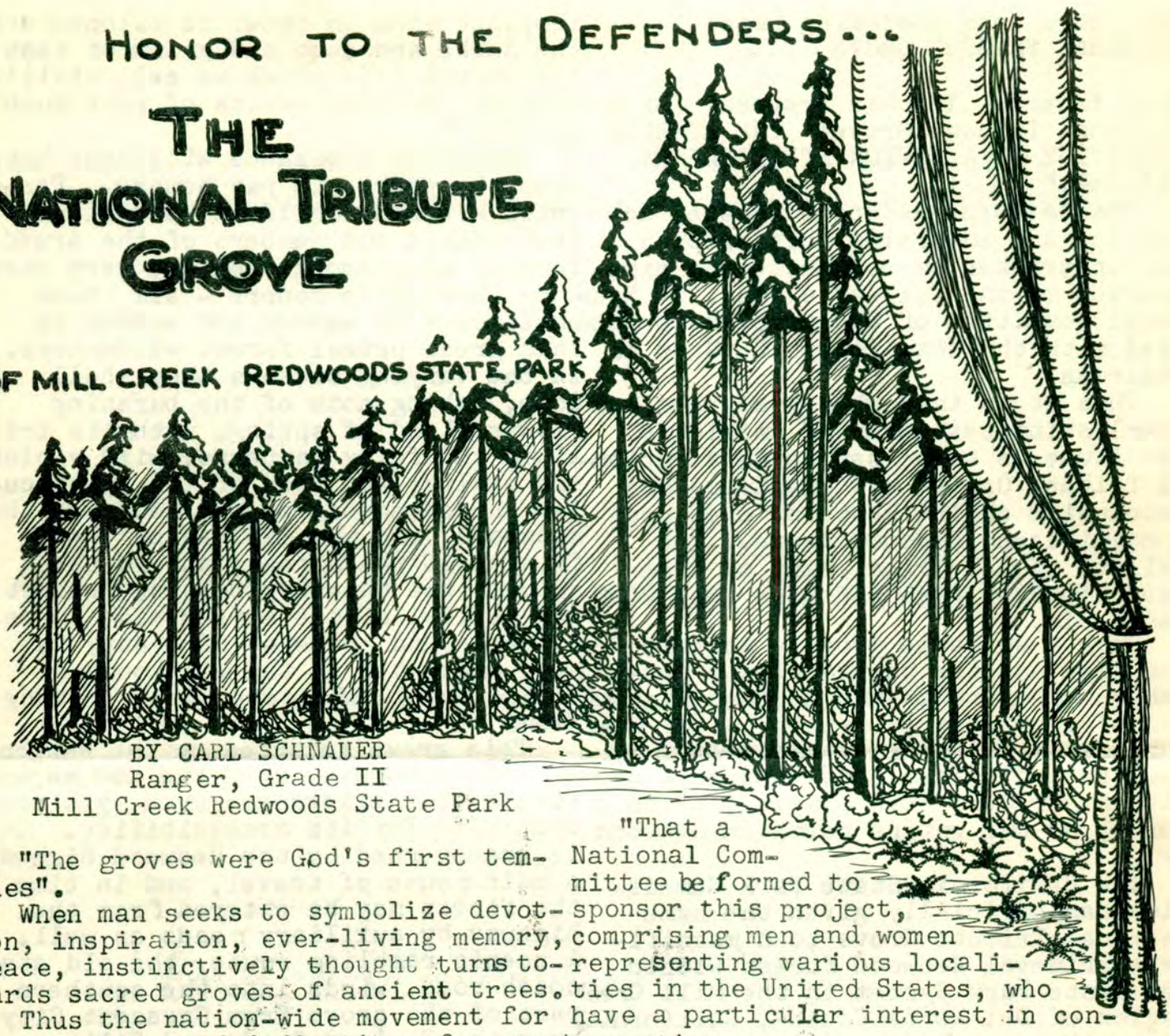
Chief Ranger Gordon Kishbaugh on March 25 reported a fine 38 inch snow pack at Calaveras Big Trees, and everyone in good spirits with the realization that the drought is ended for Calaveras, at least.

When you consider that the park is at an elevation of only 4,700 feet, such a pack at this time of year makes good reading for any man in the system.

HONOR TO THE DEFENDERS...

THE NATIONAL TRIBUTE GROVE

OF MILL CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK



BY CARL SCHNAUER
Ranger, Grade II
Mill Creek Redwoods State Park

"The groves were God's first temples".

When man seeks to symbolize devotion, inspiration, ever-living memory, peace, instinctively thought turns towards sacred groves of ancient trees.

Thus the nation-wide movement for preservation and dedication of a great primeval grove of ever-living Redwoods (Sequoia sempervirens) in honor of the men and women who served our country in the armed forces in World War II - to those who live as well as those who have lost their lives - is meeting with spontaneous and unanimous approval.

The proposal to create this fitting and imperishable tribute was made by The Garden Club of America to the Save-the-Redwoods League. This proposal is outlined in a letter to the Directors of the League from Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy of Chicago, on behalf of the Garden Club, which reads in part as follows:

"That a large area be set aside as a National Tribute Grove - - - -

"That a National Committee be formed to sponsor this project, comprising men and women representing various localities in the United States, who have a particular interest in conservation.

"That citizens throughout the Nation be reached through a wide publicity appeal and asked to honor both relatives and friends by sending contributions to this National Tribute Grove.

"That the names of those so honored be inscribed in a book (or books) and that this book be kept in a suitable repository in the county in which the grove is situated and a duplicate book be placed in the National Archives in Washington.

"The Garden Club of America has signified its intention of sponsoring such a project and has set aside $5000 as its contribution to this National Tribute Grove. It has directed me as its representative to express our very

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deep interest in this proposal for a National Tribute Grove: THE ETERNAL GRATITUDE OF A NATION ETERNALLY EXPRESSED."

The Save-the-Redwoods League, accepting and endorsing this proposal, has undertaken to cooperate and participate to the fullest extent. A National Committee of Sponsors was organized with the Hon. Joseph C. Grew as chairman.

Thus it is that when a supreme and everlasting testimony of America's gratitude is to be set up as a National Tribute Grove, the unanimous and conclusive choice rests at once upon a magnificent Redwood Grove...The tallest of all trees, many of them over 350 feet high and more than 2000 years old.

Such a suitable grove - notable for the size and the beauty of its Redwoods, adjacent to the Redwood Highway, and of an area appropriate to the great purpose it is to serve - was chosen by America's distinguished landscape architect, Fredrick Law Olmsted, after a survey of the entire northern Redwood Belt.

The California State Park Commission has officially given the name National Tribute Grove to a magnificent primeval Redwood forest within the State Park System in the Mill Creek region of Del Norte County, California, five miles northeast of Crescent City, and four miles airline from the Pacific Ocean and not far from the Oregon boundary. More than 5000 acres of the finest Redwoods are included in this grove.

It is significant to reflect that these Redwoods are a saved remnant. "Instead of stone or concrete," said Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chancellor of Leland Stanford University, "this monument is made up of living trees, survivors of centuries of combat with storm and drought, fire and flood. These magnificent trees have won in the inevitable struggle that takes place in the interplay of the great forces of nature. They represent the survivors. They stand now like pillars in a great cathedral. We need to contemplate them in order to balance off the smoke and dust and grime of that industrial life which we call civilization. We need havens of rest such as this."

Countless thousands will come here, down the years, to pay homage. Parents, kindred, children, travelers from afar - and members of the armed forces, some among them the very ones whom this grove honors - all these shall come to wander and wonder in this great primal forest wilderness. In the varying seasons they shall come, taking note of the bursting flower flood of spring, with its trilliums and fairy lanterns, wild violets and oxalis; and then of the spectacular rhododendrons in the heart of the Redwoods, and the azaleas on the fringes of the forest; and in the autumn, the tapestry colors, russet and yellow, of the stream-side trees. A year-round pageant of beauty is here presented in the wildwood, a solace to all who come whenever they come.

This grove selected as the National Tribute Grove, is noble and majestic, a true wilderness area, yet notable also for its accessibility. It is transversed by the Redwood Highway a main route of travel, and in time the forest may be entered from the highway by auxiliary roads as well. A scenic rambling route, the old stage coach road, winds into the southern part of the grove from Crescent City over the Howland Grade and follows along a branch of Mill Creek. Trails lead through the grove and along the Smith River, presenting vistas of varied charm.

Writing of the Mill Creek Redwoods, Dr. John C. Merriam, one of the three founders of the Save-the-Redwoods League, said: "Mill Creek was included in the original group of major types of redwood forests which the Save-the-Redwoods League desired to see protected for Park purposes because it offered a large and exceptionally fine primitive area at the northern end of the redwood range and on the eastern or sunny side of the redwood belt. Investigators...recognized the Mill Creek area as not only presenting one of the finest stands of timber in com-

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pletely primitive condition, but were equally impressed by the fact that it illustrated a type of forest quite different from that of the areas to the south.

"A feature of the Mill Creek forest which has large appeal to all who see it is its primitive or original nature character...representing unmodified work of the Creator."

It is recognized that the redwoods in the vicinity of Mill Creek rank among the very finest. Many are from twelve to seventeen feet in diameter, measured five feet above the ground. They were upstanding young trees at the time of Christ, giants when Columbus came to America.

"This is the largest and heaviest stand of timber I have ever cruised," declares Enoch P. French, superintendent of State Parks, Northwest District. One forty acre stand of redwoods in the Mill Creek area is estimated at 19,000,000 board feet.

Added interest in this region comes from the beautiful Smith River which flows through part of the Mill Creek Park. This famous fishing stream is claimed by some people to be one of the purest streams of water to be found in the United States. The river is dotted with boats and the banks lined with fishermen in the Park during the salmon and steelhead season. Nearly everyone gets his limit.

I guess this is "nuf sed" or I will have every ranger in the service wanting to transfer up here.

CALVERTS ARE HAVING A "ROCKING" GOOD TIME AT ANZA DESERT

Chief Ranger Jack Calvert reports three heavy earthquakes in Anza Desert State Park on March 6th--for a total of 75 shocks since he was assigned to the desert park in October, 1946.

Curator John McKenzie reports that Carpenter-Foreman N.S. Cobb, four carpenters, and two laborers, have begun restoration work on the Commandant's House at Fort Ross State Historical Monument.

PAPA CAMPER ANNOUNCES COMING MARRIAGE OF HIS DAUGHTER, CAROLYN

Ernie Camper, administrative aid for the Division of Beaches and Parks, this month proudly announces the coming marriage of his daughter, Carolyn Van Heusen Camper, to Captain Frank Egbert of United Air Lines, on May 15, 1948.

The service will be in the St. Clements Episcopal Church of Berkeley.

Miss Camper has been a stewardess for United Airlines and the married-couple-to-be met in Seattle when they were grounded because of weather conditions.

Captain Egbert was an Army Air Force transport pilot during the war.

TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY IN ANZA DESERT STATE PARK

A special work project under the direction of John Fleming, Ranger, Grade II, is in progress at Anza Desert State Park to improve trailway into Palm Canyon from the campgrounds. The sum of $2,100 was allotted to the project.

SUZIE STUPE SEZ

"O look, Horace; - a bran-new sign! Now do nice big initials so mama can be proud of you.

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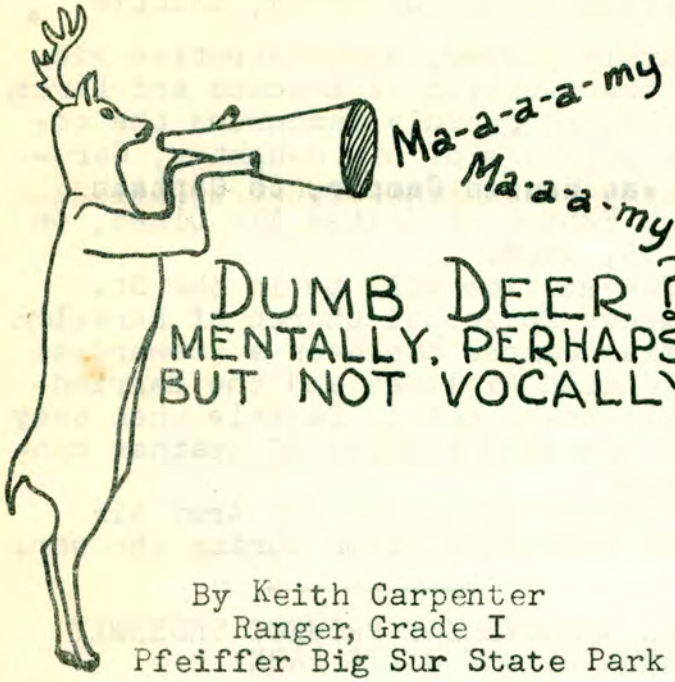


By Keith Carpenter
Ranger, Grade I
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

I have heard the question, "Does a deer make a noise?", discussed pro and con for a good number of years.

I am satisfied that they do, for I have watched the white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) while hunting and working in the woods of northern Idaho and I have heard them make vocal sounds quite often.

The sound is quite similar to the bleat of a goat, only not as loud. In fact, it only can be heard at a short distance by human ears.

I once witnessed a white-tail doe shot when her fawn was at her side. The fawn, startled, sprang away 50 or 75 feet. Then, noting it was alone, stopped and waited for its mother. As the doe did not follow, the fawn gingerly re-traced its steps to within several feet of the body. Then, sensing something was wrong, the young animal let out a bleat and ran away, terrified, into the woods.

The black-tailed deer (O. columbianus though a smaller animal than its northern white-tailed cousin, makes the same sound. Of all the deer I have heard make this noise, the ones I have actually seen in the act were does or fawns. Whether some of those I have heard but not seen were bucks would be interesting to know.

We once had a little doe here at Big Sur. She was quite tame and responded to the name of Elsie. Sometimes she would walk into the checking station and beg me for scraps from my lunch. If I held out on her she would nudge me with her muzzle and bleat like a goat.

I have seen her raise her head while feeding on grass, look around, and make the same sound.

Yes, deer definitely make vocal sounds--and in view of the fact I have only seen does and fawns make these sounds, could it be just another case of women and children making the most chatter?

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR LIBRARY

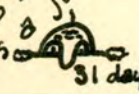
Two excellent books for the amateur botanists of the State Park System have come to our attention.

Both are available by ordering from the University of California Press, Berkeley, California.

One is: Pacific Coast Trees, by McMinn and Maino, at $4.00. Pages, 409, 5¼" X 7 ¾", with flexible cover.

The second book is: The Redwoods of Coast and Sierra, by James Clifford Shirley, at $1.00. Pages, 84 6" by 9½".

MARCH 1948

SUN.	(1) MON.	(2) TUE.	(3) WED.	(4) THU.	(5) FRI.	(6) SAT.
Sorry about last month, folks. I hereby resolve to be as sober as a judge!  31 days	Weekly Report Note the spelling - "weakly" is another word.	Tomorrow is another day also. Last quarter 8:35 A.M.	Am I blue? Am I blue? Every month More & More Bills come thru.	O you lucky Rangers! Enjoying this <u>beautiful</u> weather outdoors!	Electric Meter, Plant, Gasoline & Auto Milage Reports Due	O you lucky Rangers! Do you have your Field Manual memorized?
(7) Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven? Job 38:37	(8) Weekly Report	(9) You lucky, lucky rangers - that sweet night air - le odeur de skonk?	(10) New Moon 1:15 P.M.	(11)	(12) Venus seen as evening star in west this spring	(13) Next Week - Calif Conservation Week sponsored by Amalgamated Womens Clubs. & Dm.
(14) Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? Job 37:16	(15) Weekly Report CIRE Time Card Due	(16) Mar. 16, 1774 de Anza & party cross San Carlos Pass	(17) Mercury is morning star in east, for a few days St Patrick's Day	(18) First Quarter 4:27 A.M.	(19) Park Commission in San Francisco Today & Tomorrow	(20) SPRING BEGINS 8:57 AM Pac. Std. Time
(21) PALM SUNDAY	(22) Weekly Report	(23) Regular Time Card Due	(24) FULL Moon 7:10 P.M.	(25) GRADE II and GRADE III Exam. Applications Due in Sacramento	(26) Mar. 26, 1844 Fremont camped on bank of Calaveras River. GOOD FRIDAY	(27) He who laughs laffs, laughs laffs.
(28) EASTER SUNDAY	(29) Weekly Report	(30) Unfinished Poem Stranger, Beauty, Danger. Duty, Ranger, ?	(31) CIRE Time Card Due.	Ah, stormy, tragic, tender March, The bitter and the sweet. May the Ides for every Caesar fall, And make our joy complete.		

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION WEEK MAR. 7 to 14

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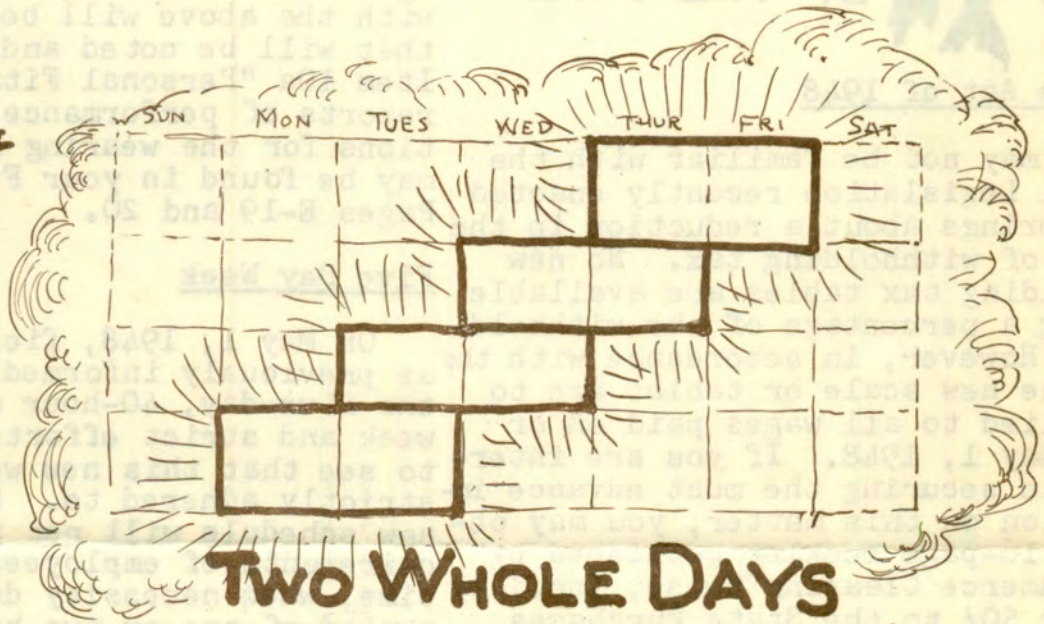

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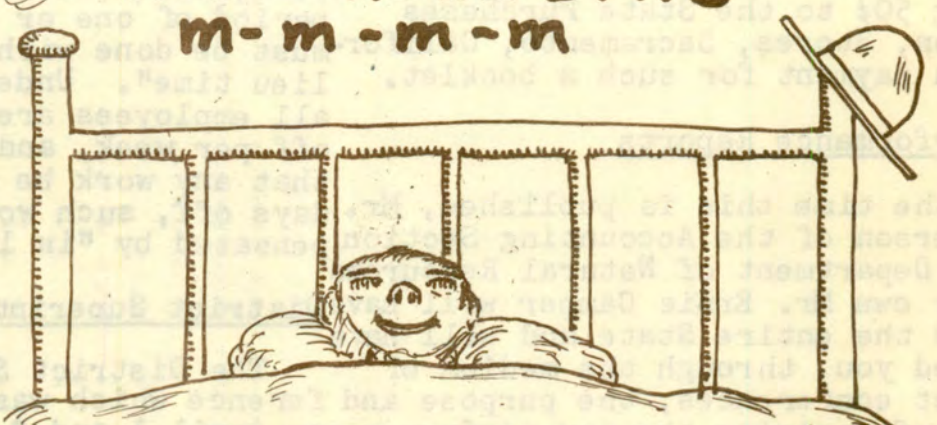

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

Revenue Act of 1948

You may not be familiar with the Federal Legislation recently enacted which brings about a reduction in the amount of withholding tax. No new withholding tax tables are available showing a percentage of the withholdings. However, in accordance with the law, the new scale or tables are to be applied to all wages paid on or after May 1, 1948. If you are interested in securing the most advance information on this matter, you may obtain a 16-page booklet published by the Commerce Clearing House, Inc., by sending 50¢ to the State Purchases Division, Stores, Sacramento, California, in payment for such a booklet.

New Performance Reports

By the time this is published, Mr. Wm. Pierson of the Accounting Section of the Department of Natural Resources and our own Mr. Ernie Camper will have covered the entire State and will have informed you, through the medium of District conferences, the purpose and method of applying the new performance reports. Strict application to the rules regarding same, plus diligent care in their compilation will be required to make these forms effective.

You were advised that all field employees on permanent rating should be graded on Items 1 to 7 inclusive, except those in supervisory positions who will also be graded on Items 8 &9, and that Item 10a shall be known as "Personal Fitness" and all permanent personnel will be graded thereon.

Enforcement of Uniform Requirements

Due to the war and shortage of clothing, we have been very lax in conforming to uniform requirements. The old gray uniforms are obsolete and new Forest Green uniforms must be acquired by all permanent personnel. At all times, park personnel must either be in dress or fatigue uniforms. Probationers are not required to acquire dress uniforms, but must have fatigue uniforms. Lack of compliance with the above will be one of the items that will be noted and graded under Item 10a "Personal Fitness" on the new reports of performance. The regulations for the wearing of the uniforms may be found in your Field Manual on Pages E-19 and 20.

Five Day Week

On May 1, 1948, field personnel, as previously informed, will be under the five-day, 40-hour minimum work week and strict efforts should be made to see that this new work schedule is strictly adhered to. However, this new schedule will not preclude the requirements of employees to work overtime, when necessity demands, for a period of one or two hours and this must be done without recourse to "in lieu time". Under the new schedule, all employees are entitled to two days off per week, and if necessity demands that any work be done during your two days off, such work time will be compensated by "in lieu time".

District Superintendents' Conference

The District Superintendents' Conference which was held in Sacramento on April 1 and 2, 1948, was an extremely interesting and worthwhile conference and I am sure that most of the field employees have been advised of the actions taken at that time while in conference to receive instructions regarding the operation of the new reports of performance.

One of the gratifying matters which was brought out at the conference is that, due to the late rains, we probably will be able to operate all of our State Parks to the full schedule, provided that water is used on a conservative basis.

Superintendents Report Opening Dates For Park Summer Season

District Superintendents have issued the following reports on park areas now open, or about to be opened for the 1948 camping and picnicking season:

NORTHWEST -- Mill Creek, 25 campsites, opens May 15; Prairie Creek, 60 campsites (25 new), 6 cabins, May 15 (new campsites ready July 1); Patrick's Point, 44 campsites (22 new), May 15, (new campsites ready July 1); Van Duzen Redwoods, 24 new campsites, July 1; Burlington Campground, 26 new campsites, July 1; Williams Grove, 100 campsites, May 15; Richardson Grove, 150 campsites and 20 tent cabins, May 15, hotel cabins open now; Russian Gulch, 25 campsites, May 15; Van Damme Beach, 45 campsites (20 new) May 15, new campsites July 15; Stephens Grove, 45 campsites (15 new), June 15 (new campsites July 15).

NORTHEAST -- Weather conditions govern opening in mountain parks of Sierra Nevada. D.L. Bliss and Tahoe Campground, approximately June 15; Castle Crags, Calaveras Big Trees and McArthur-Burney Falls, May 15; Armstrong Redwoods, May 1; Sonoma Coast, year-round.

CENTRAL -- Samuel P. Taylor, 65 new picnic units, May 1. Picnic charge of 25 cents per car will be effective upon this date. Park is limited to picnicking this year. Facilities and water limited. Necessary facilities should be completed by summer of 1949.

Mt. Tamalpais: Now open. Overnight camping permitted but not encouraged. Location of facilities and terrain make park primarily suited for day picnicking use or for hiking campers.

Mt. Diablo: Now open, 55 camp units, 150 picnic units.

Portola: Park open and 50 new camp units and 20 new picnic units will be completed by June 1. Water supply and sanitary facilities not suitable for large attendance at this time.

Big Basin Redwoods: Park open. 300 campsites, 75 picnic sites. 45 replacement camp units and new comfort station and combination building should be ready June 15. Water supply is questionable. Big Basin Lodge partially open at this time, with May 1st contemplated date for opening of all lodge facilities, cabins, dining room, grocery store and service station.

New Brighton Beach: Open June 15. 25 camp units, 15 picnic units. Beach area now open but no facilities. Camps are on mesa.

Seacliff Beach: Now open. 24 new camp or trailer units should be completed June 1. Lunch counter and general fishing supplies concession on pier open daily.

Watsonville-Sunset Beach: Now open, but facilities suited mainly for day picnicking. Camp units and additional sanitary facilities will be completed for summer of 1949.

Fremont Peak: Park open. 10 new camp units and 10 new picnic units will be completed by June 15.

SOUTH CENTRAL -- Pfeiffer Big Sur: Now open. Presently available for use: 89 camp sites, 26 cabins, picnic area.

Morro Bay: Now open, 48 camp sites picnic area.

Pismo Beach: Open approximately July 1, 25 camp sites.

Carpinteria Beach: Now open, 41 camp sites.

SOUTHERN -- The following parks now are open to camping and picnicking: Doheny Beach, San Clemente Beach, Mt. San Jacinto, Palomar Mountain, Cuyamaca Rancho and Anza Desert. Camping conditions at Anza Desert will be undesirable, due to heat, after June 1st. Camping in wilderness area of Mt. San Jacinto on a primitive basis is restricted to Round Valley. Regular camp units are available in this park at Idyllwild Campground. Huntington Beach will not be developed for camping, and it is expected that facilities for proper use of this area will not be ready until near the end of the normal summer season.

Violation of greatest occurance at Gold Discovery Site State Monument is "panning" for gold in any soil which a shovel will penetrate. Rangers must constantly discourage eager Argonauts.

TWO WEEK CAMPING LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN SOME PARKS

Restricted two-week camping limits, recommended by the district superintendents, have been adopted by the Division under terms of Section 20 (new) of State Park Rules and Regulations.

The two-week camping limits effect the following parks (dates are effective dates for respective parks):

Northwest District - Richardson Grove, Williams Grove and Prairie Creek Redwoods (July and August). If attendance reaches the saturation point, the two week limit also will be applied in the following parks: Mill Creek, Patrick's Point, Burlington Campground, Stephens Grove, Van Damme Beach and Russian Gulch.

Northeast District - Armstrong Redwoods, Tahoe Campground and D.L. Bliss, (effective May 15, and in continuous effect thereafter:)

Central District - Big Basin Redwoods (June 15 to September 15th); Seacliff Beach (effective May 1st, and in continuous effect thereafter).

South Central District - Pfeiffer Big Sur, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach and Carpinteria Beach (June 15th to September 15th).

Southern District - Doheny Beach and San Clemente Beach (June 1st to September 6th).

In further accord with Section 20 of Rules and Regulations, the maximum camping period in any State Park hereafter is 30 days, except where further restricted as noted above.

SNOWFALL AT CALAVERAS BIG TREES EXCEEDS 1946 - 1947 FIGURE

On April 10 there was 36 inches of snow packed on the level at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. The accumulated snowfall for the 1947-48 winter on that date stood at 15 feet, 5 inches, with a precipitation record of 45.26 inches. Precipitation for the corresponding period in 1946-47 amounted to 40.82 inches.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE RESCUED FROM SURF AT POINT LOBOS RESERVE

Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson of Point Lobos Reserve State Park, and Deputy Ranger Eaton of Monterey County, recently rescued three army officers from Fort Ord from the surf at Point Lobos.

The three men were riding a large rubber raft in the surf, when a huge wave overturned them.

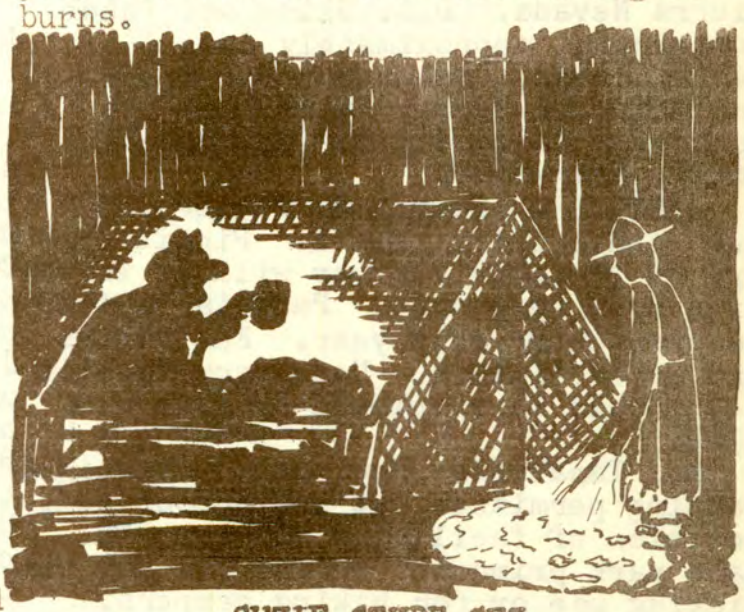
Wilson and Eaton were watching at the time, and succeeded in pulling them to safety.

The men were treated for shock and exposure and returned to their base.

CHILD IS FATALLY BURNED IN ACCIDENT AT DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK

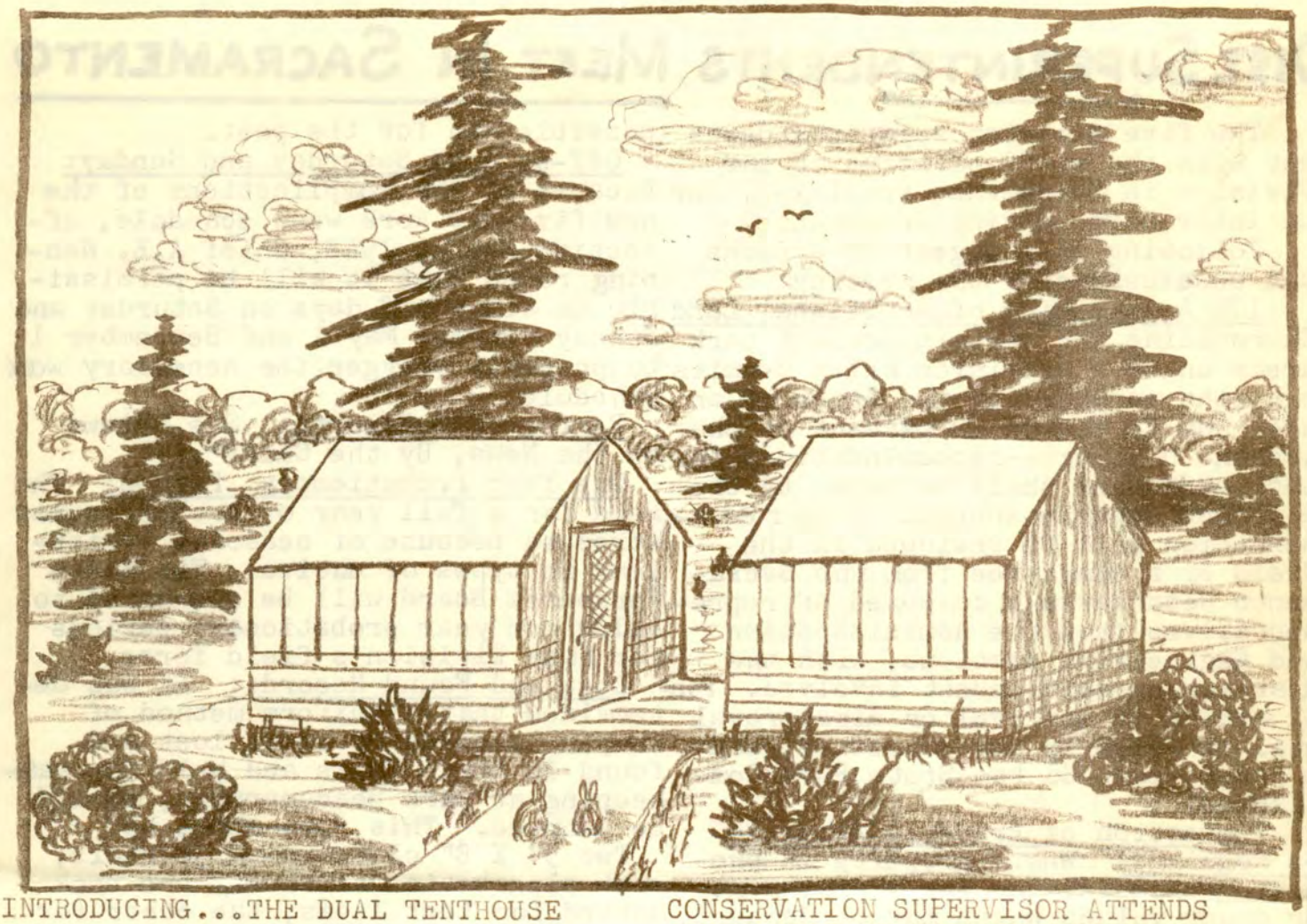
G.W. Fisher of Los Angeles, camping with his family at Doheny Beach State Park, was filling a hot gasoline lantern in the doorway of his tent on April 16 when the lamp burst into flame.

His two children, in sleeping bags in the tent, were burned severely, and the girl, age 4, died in a hospital the following morning. The 9 year old son suffered second degree burns.



SUZIE STUPE SEZ

"I don't care if it is two-thirty in the morning. We weren't talking to you Mister Snoopynose Ranger and I'll thank you to go under your stump or wherever you sleep and tend to your own business."



INTRODUCING...THE DUAL TENTHOUSE

Pictured above is a new temporary housing unit for State Parks, namely, the dual tenthouse.

Provisions have been made in the 100th Fiscal Year budget to purchase tent coverings to equip 21 of these units throughout the park system.

Among types of seasonal employees these units will house are nature guides and recreation leaders at Prairie Creek, Williams Grove, Richardson Grove, D.L. Bliss, Calaveras Big Trees, and Cuyamaca Rancho.

The tent dimensions are 10 X 12 feet, and one tent will be equipped for sleeping, the other as a kitchen tent.

RANGER MOSTELLER IS INJURED

Deputy Ranger Charles Mosteller of San Clemente State Beach has been off duty since April 2, because of a sprained knee and broken bone in his ankle.

He will not be able to return to work until about the middle of May.

CONSERVATION SUPERVISOR ATTENDS CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL PARK NATURALISTS AND BIOLOGISTS

Supervisor of Conservation Education Edward F. Dolder attended a conference of National Park naturalists and biologists in Yosemite National Park April 14-17.

Naturalists of the federal service expressed considerable interest in the nature interpretation and recreation program of the State Park System.

SUZIE STUPE WAS HERE

Early this month Deputy Ranger S. W. Jones discovered a fire, made of shingles from the shelter roof, and parts of a picnic bench, burning in one of the picnic shelters at Sunset State Beach.

The picnickers already had departed.

Ranger Jones -- you might have inscribed upon the wall: "Suzie Stupe Was Here".

DIST. SUPERINTENDENTS MEET IN SACRAMENTO

The five district superintendents met with the staff officers of the Division in Sacramento April 1-2, for an interesting Spring conference.

Following is a digest of actions and conclusions of the meeting:

10% Acquisition of Additional Land In rounding out certain present park areas under a provision which permits outright purchase by the State of an area not to exceed 10 percent of the present holdings--recommendations for such additions shall be made by the district superintendent. This recommendation will be reviewed in the field by a committee from the Sacramento headquarters composed of representatives from the Administration and Engineering sections, with the district superintendent involved. Final action of approval or disapproval will be taken by the committee, and a report made to the State Park Commission.

Protection of Property About to Be Acquired: Where property in process of acquisition has improvements or other values which may be damaged, it was recommended that arrangements be made either with the Department of Finance, or the owner, to protect the property until the Division legally can provide protection. A temporary lease agreement was suggested.

District Conferences With Staff From Sacramento Headquarters: It was concluded that all personnel are in need of in-service training. Provisions are to be made in the 1951st Fiscal Year budget (July 1, 1949) for adequate travel funds to permit field employees to convene for conferences within a district with staff officers from Sacramento Headquarters.

Lack of Overall Planning: The lack of complete planning in the development of park areas was criticized, and a definite planning policy will be proposed. Everett Powell was delegated to make complete recommendations for a coordinated planning policy in the physical development of parks. It was announced the position of Landscape Architect is open in the division ($395-$481), and that an effort is being made to locate the best possible man for the post.

Off-Days on Saturday and Sunday: Because of the complications of the new five-day work week schedule, effective May 1, 1948, Chief A.E. Henning ruled that it will be permissible to allow off days on Saturday and Sunday between May 1 and September 1 to properly stagger the necessary work schedule.

Performance Reports: See "Views on the News, By the Chief".

One Year Probationary Period: The need for a full year of probation was stressed because of seasonal variations in types of duties. The State Personnel Board will be requested to allow one year probationary periods for this Division's field force.

Lost and Found Records: It was determined that a uniform method of keeping records of items lost and found in State Parks and held for safekeeping at park headquarters, should be adopted. This form shall be:

Two 5" X 8" cloth-bound journals, with alphabetic divisions, one book marked for Lost Items, the other for Found Items. A description of the article, place of finding (or loss), the finder (or loser), date of incident, and other pertinent facts, shall be recorded, and the article tagged to indicate page number in book where information is contained.

Revisions of Forms: Forms BP 10 (Time Card) and BP 19 (Monthly Equipment Inspection Form) will be revised, the former designed to fit typewriter spacing, and to carry proper symbols for reporting attendance at work, and the latter to include report space on all types of mechanical equipment.

Entrance Stickers: Chief Henning approved the printing of window stickers to be issued to autos entering the following parks: Doheny Beach, Pfeiffer Big Sur, San Clemente Beach, Carpinteria Beach, and Morro Bay. Periods of registration will be shown, to speed up check-ins through entrance stations.

Standard Form for Billing All Utilities: All utility billings to parks for public structures and residences

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS MEET IN SACRAMENTO

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hereafter shall be as follows:

Division of Beaches and Parks
(name of park)
Ranger-in-Charge
(address of park)

Billings shall be in triplicate. This procedure will by instituted through district offices.

Policy on Full Parks: When park camp facilities are full, it was agreed that others should be turned away. This policy now is authorized by Chief Henning.

Wearing of Uniforms: See "Views on the News by the Chief".

Dogs and Cats Belonging to Park Personnel: Lack of enforcement of ruling that dogs and cats belonging to park personnel stationed in parks must be confined to residential area was discussed. It was recommended that the following ruling be adopted: "All present cats and dogs owned by park personnel living in park areas must be registered with the district office, and (from a date to be announced) no additional dogs or cats are to be acquired by any park personnel living in park areas, nor may personnel transferring from outside to live in a park, bring such pets with them."

District superintendents are to submit written reports of their opinions on this matter, with suggestions, before final action is taken by the Sacramento main office.

Locating Water and sewer Lines in One Ditch: The policy of locating water and sewer lines in a common ditch to reduce cost of development, was discussed. Col. Kelton gave opinion that such a practice does not conform with proper health safeguards. Policy determined: Water and sewer lines will, at all times, be placed in separate ditches.

At a recent meeting of the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department, all rangers of Columbia State Park were voted in as honorary members. This permits the rangers to drive equipment of the department in emergencies.

WHEN IS AN AUTOGRAPH NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOGRAPH?

Madie Brown, curator of Vallejo Home State Historic Monument, relate this story:

"Soon after the death of Edgar Allen Poe, the famed Horace Greeley received a letter running thus:

"'Dear Sir: In your extensive correspondence you undoubtedly have received several autographs of the late distinguished American poet, Edgar A. Poe. If so, will you please favor me with one, and oblige, Yrs. Respectfully A.B'.

"He immediately responded: 'Dear Sir: I have in my possession but one autograph of the late distinguished American poet, Edgar A. Poe. It consists of an IOU to me signed by him. It cost me $50 and you can have it for half price. Yrs., Horace Greeley'.

"The liberal offer never was accepted."

ANZA DESERT ATTENDANCE RECORD

Chief Ranger Jack Calvert of Anza Desert State Park reports attendance at the Borrego Campground since January 1st of this year to be 13,878 up to April 10. Attendance for the corresponding period last year was 6,587.

POINT LOBOS ABALONES GROWTH RATE EXCEEDS NORMAL RATE

Abalones in the waters of Point Lobos Reserve State Park are growing at a greater rate than is normal. This is reported by Paul Bonnot, Bureau of Marine Fisheries, Division of Fish and Game, who has been tagging abalones in the park as part of a general study for his bureau.

PARK COMMISSION MEETS IN LOS ANGELES APRIL 30-MAY 1; NO MINUTES THIS ISSUE

Because the monthly meeting of the State Park Commission was delayed until the last week of April, minutes of the Los Angeles meeting, April 30 and May 1, will be printed in the May issue of News & Views.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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GROWING PRESSURE IN STATE PERSONNEL BOARD WORK FORCES NEW POLICY ON APPLICATIONS

The following letter has been recieved from the State Personnel Board

"The growth of California has brought to the work of the State Personnel Board many of the characteristics of big business, compelling the adoption of methods of quantity production and mechanical processing. It is to be regretted that such developments result inevitably in a lessening of the personal contacts and services that are possible with more modest operations.

"The constant increase in the number of applications for State civil service examinations has made imperative the adoption by the Personnel Board of the following policy:

> "The determination of whether or not any applicant for any examination meets the announced entrance requirements as to education, training and experience will be made on the basis of information either in the offices of the State Personnel Board on the closing date announced for the particular examination or in the mails and postmarked not later than midnight of the final date for filing applications.

"The following are specific reasons compelling the adoption of the above policy:

"The receipt of applications to take examinations has recently advanced from approximately 2500 to more than 5000 per week or at an annual rate in excess of 250,000.

"Examinations held per month are frequently in excess of 100.

"Examinations are now scheduled regularly on three days each week in as many as fifty-two localities in California. It is necessary to make provisions for examinees in as many as ten different locations in one city.

"The physical task of writing, printing, and distributing examination announcements, constructing the necessary examinations (each of which is a slow, laborius and exacting process in itself) the review and processing of the thousands of applications, getting examination booklets to the many locations at the proper time and place and the many other tasks and details of the recruiting process has become enormous. To render it physically possible for the staff of the State Personnel Board to perform and complete its many recruiting programs, the handling of applications must be conducted on the advance basis outlined above.---STATE PERSONNEL BOARD."

This, in effect, means that should original statements of qualifications be considered inadequate, and the applicant has been turned down, supplemental proof of qualifications must be in the hands of the Personnel Board on the final date for filing applications, or be postmarked by midnight of that date.

FIESTA DAY AT SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

The colorful Fiesta-Rodeo de San Juan Bautista will be held in the vicinity of San Juan Bautista State Historic Monument on June 29, 1948.

APRIL 1948

"APRIL'S SUCH A SWEET YOUNG THING
O HEAR THE SONG UPSOARING!
ALL NATURE WITH THE BIRDS DOTH SING
AT SPRINGTIME'S GLAD RESTORING.

				1 THU. (Last quarter (What's the guy mean? Its my last nickle! APRIL FOOL'S DAY No foolin'!!	2 FRI. "O frabjous day! Hooray, Hooray! - To be sung by 5-day week wage slaves only	3 SAT How's that garden coming? April is "Don't-starve-the-garden-pests" Month. MURDER 'EM
4 SUN. HAST THOU PERCEIVED THE BREADTH OF THE EARTH? DECLARE IF THOU KNOWEST IT ALL. Job 38:18	5 MON ELEC. METER, PLANT, GASOLINE, & AUTO MILEAGE REPORTS DUE. We mean it, too!	6 TUE. ARMY DAY Polish that brass, boys	7 WED Not to be nagging - but just what happened to those good resolutions of Jan. 1st?	8 Snapshot weather ahead -Lookut th' purdy burdy.	9 NEW MOON	10 GARDEN sown. Grocers moan. Garden green. Prideful gleam. Garden eaten, Inflation beaten.
11 THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULNESS THEREOF: THE WORLD, AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN. PS. 24:1	12 So far as we know we have the only candid camera shot of this timid character. All other pictures are posed.	13	14 PAN-AMERICAN DAY 1860- FIRST Pony Express rider reaches San Francisco	15 CIRE TIME CARD DUE. GRADE II & III EXAMS TODAY	16 FIRST QUARTER	17 1848 - KIT CARSON set out to carry Pacific Mail East.
18 THE HEAVEN, EVEN THE HEAVENS, ARE THE LORD'S: BUT THE EARTH HE GIVETH TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN Ps. 115:16	19 Second day of San Francisco fire - 1906	20 1906 - 3rd day of San Francisco fire.	21 San Francisco still burning 1906	22 1906- A hot time in the old town the last few nights! Thats no joke, son. A lot of history went up in smoke.	23 REG. TIME CARD DUE FULL MOON	24 MOON ON THE WANE (Good title for popular song, don't you think?)
25 O GIVE THANKS ...TO HIM THAT MADE GREAT LIGHTS: FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER. Ps. 136:7	26 That fire made good padding last week. A guy has to use brains, or a reasonable facsimilie, here.	27 Of course the smart thing would be to leave lots of blank space.	28 Then you could write your own jokes and stuff which would be more appreciated by you than this tripe.	29 But if you think this is awful you should 'a seen the stuff I put in the High School paper 20 yrs. ago.	30 PARK. COMM MEETS IN L.A. CIRE TIME CARD DUE.	Regarding this calendar Send complaints criticisms and brickbats to Dolder. I only work here. Thats a joke son!

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIFORNIA

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Remember - Only you can

PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO PARK VISITORS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

HEADS UP.

Before the next issue of NEWS & VIEWS reaches you, this year's park season will be in full swing and it is anticipated that the attendance will be even greater than that of last year. We are fortunate in that we have, during the past year, been able to provide many new facilities and reconstruct some of our older facilities. We have also received an increase in personnel so that I hope the stage is set for a successful, but I fully realize, strenuous season.

The parks are for the public and they must be operated so as to give a maximum amount of enjoyment with a minimum amount of restrictive interference. In past seasons, this office has always received more complimentary than critical letters, and we must maintain that same appreciative type of service. So let's all agree to face our responsibilities with a cheerful and cooperative approach.

TRAFFIC COUNTERS.

We have just received two automatic totalizing traffic counters which have been on order for a long time. These are available to the District Superintendents, on loan, for use in any areas in which they care to make a traffic check. They are very simple to operate in that they can be placed at almost any location where the recording hose can be laid at right angles to the traffic.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF.

As a result of the recent examination for the position of Deputy Chief of this Division, I have selected Assistant District Superintendent, Earl P. Hanson of our organization, for appointment as Deputy Chief same to become effective June 1, 1948.

Earl is a graduate in Forestry and has had many years of experience with this Division, covering services of a very diverse nature. After two summer seasons of temporary employment, he became a permanent employee of the Division as a Nature Guide in September 1938. He became a State Park Warden in February 1943; advanced to Ranger Grade 3 in December 1945, and became Assistant District Park Superintendent in August 1946.

Earl has seen this Division grow from a very small organization to its present size and corresponding responsibilities. He has personally kept apace with this growth and is, therefore, well equipped to discharge the responsibilities incident to the new position.

NEW DISTRICT.

Effective as of June 1st, Everett Powell, who has so splendidly carried on the responsibilities of Deputy Chief under temporary appointment, will become District Superintendent of a newly created district to be known and identified as the "Eastern District", with headquarters in Stockton. His district will include Sutter's Fort, Gold Discovery Site, Marshall's Monument, Tahoe Campground, D.L. Bliss, Donner Monument, Calaveras Big Trees, newly to-be-acquired areas Turlock and Ballico, as well as the very responsible and important Town of Columbia which, during the next few years will witness one of our greatest restoration and development programs, and he is especially well qualified for this project.

In connection with the creation of the new district, many of the parks having formerly been in the Northwest District are being added to the Northeast District. The areas are as follows: Russian Gulch, Van Damme, Dimmick, Indian Creek, and Montgomery Redwoods. This District will also soon have added responsibilities due to the pending acquisition of an area at Clear Lake and Mt. St. Helena.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES.

In line with the appointment of Earl Hanson, and the creation of the new sixth district, the following personnel changes are being made.

Assistant District Superintendent Llewellyn P. Griffith will be assigned to the Northwest District and Murrell Gregory will be assigned as the Assistant District Superintendent of the Northeast District. Chief Ranger George Holmboe, now assigned to Samuel P. Taylor State Park will be given a temporary appointment as Assistant District Superintendent for the Eastern District.

UNIFORM PRICE AT SMITH'S TAKES UPWARD MOVE

The following letter from Smiths, of Oakland, informs of a new upped price for the State Park dress uniform:

"We are writing at this time to inform you that we are forced to raise the price for Beaches & Parks uniforms to $50.00 for jackets and trousers.

"We regret exceedingly having to take this action, but increased woolen costs and manufacturing costs have made it mandatory for us to do so.

"So far there have been no further increases in hats, hatbands, shirts and emblems. -- Frank J. McLoughlin, Uniform Dept."

EVERETT POWELL'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY IN HANFORD

We express sincere sympathy this month to Everett Powell on the death May 24, in Hanford, of his mother.

Funeral services were held in Hanford on May 25th.

Powell, who has been serving as temporary deputy chief of the division, recently was appointed as District Superintendent of the new Eastern District, in the central California region of the Sierra Nevada range.

U N I F O R M S U R V E Y

At the rear of this issue of News and Views you will find a questionaire concerning the ordering of State Park Uniforms. All permanent State Park Rangers are to fill in this form and return it to: Edward F. Dolder, Division of Beaches & Parks, 1211 16th Street, Sacramento.

This questionaire is designed to consolidate all information on the current situation in uniforms, particularly as to difficulty in ordering same reported by some field personnel.

Under "general remarks" please include any information you have on good sources for uniform ordering, prices, etc.

JUNIOR CIVIL ENGINEERS ARE GIVEN INCREASE IN PAY SCALE

Effective June 1, 1948, junior civil engineers will have their monthly pay scale raised from $268-$325 to $281-$341. In addition, this Division was given authority to employ engineers in this group at the third step, $310 per month.

SUZIE STUPE SEZ: "QUICK HORACE, LET MAMA HAVE YOUR SLINGSHOT!"

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at LOS ANGELES APRIL 30 - MAY 1

The State Park Commission met in regular session in Los Angeles on April 30 and May 1, 1948. Commissioners present were Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland; Charles Kasch of Ukiah; George Waldner of Ferndale; George A. Scott of San Diego; and Leo Carrillo of Santa Monica.

A digest of the meeting follows:

CLOSING OF AGENDA--Hereafter the first subject under item three of the agenda will list all delegations scheduled for hearing. The agenda will be closed seven days prior to the date of the next regular meeting, and only emergency items will be added when approved by the chairman of the commission.

AMESTOY RANCHO--Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of Amestoy Rancho in Los Angeles, and to work out an agreement for maintenance and operation satisfactory to the State Department of Finance.

LOS ANGELES CITY OPERATION OF STATE BEACHES--Authorized chairman and secretary to execute lease permitting operation and maintenance of State beaches within the city limits of Los Angeles by the city government.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--Denied request of California Barrel Company for use of road in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park for timber-hauling purposes from land beyond the park. This was a request for extension of old permit. Company given to September 1, 1948, to complete operations.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS--Arranged for meeting with Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee next month, and ordered the work proceed on acquisition of trail right-of-way, but that no actual construction begin except in National Forests and in State Parks.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MASTER BEACH PLAN--Excluded Encinitas Beach and Seaside Gardens from the master plan and ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of other areas, subject to matching by the county.

EARL WARREN REDWOOD GROVE--Directed staff to have signs made and placed along the Redwood Highway in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to designate the location of the redwood grove dedicated to Governor Earl Warren.

MENDOCINO COUNTY ACQUISITION--Ordered staff to proceed with immediate acquisition of Parcel 9 (Cleone Lake and portion of Cleone Point), and with Parcels 23,24, and 25 (beach land north of the point, known as Cleone Beach) when matching land or funds are made available. Also ordered staff to proceed, subject to matching by city of Fort Bragg, with acquisition of Parcel 21, if the city will operate area after acquisition.

IDE ADOBE--Approved agreement whereby city of Red Bluff and county of Tehama will operate Ide Adobe area as historical monument.

ANGEL ISLAND--Requested opinion from Attorney General relative to the effect of Chapter 81, Statutes of 1897. It would appear that this Statute provides for the return of title to the island to California when the Federal Government no longer has use of the area for military purposes.

CORONA DEL MAR--Commission re-affirmed decision to acquire China Cove as a part of the master beach plan involving the Corona Del Mar area in Orange County, subject to matching and the inclusion of the area in the Orange County Master Plan. Approved granting of an operating lease which will permit the city of Newport Beach to operate the Corona Del Mar Beach when acquired.

D.L. BLISS--Authorized obtaining of use permit from U.S. Forest Service which will permit development for camping of 280 acre federal government property located as an "island" in the heart of D.L. Bliss State Park.

COMMISSION DIGEST
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MONTEREY COUNTY BEACHES--Authorized staff to proceed with acquisition of certain beach land on Monterey Bay near Del Monte Hotel properties at Monterey.

TELESCOPES IN STATE PARKS--Authorized obtaining of bids from coin-operated telescope agents, with the idea of experimenting for a year with the installation of coin-operated telescopes on a space rental basis in certain state parks affording long views.

PERMANENT NAME FOR COLUMBIA--Ordered staff to confer with Columbia Historic Park Association to determine permanent name, and classification of Columbia as a state park or a historical monument. Directed that the Knapp Building in Columbia, now being restored as a historical museum, hereafter to be known as The William Cavalier Memorial Museum.

POLICE POWERS TO RANGERS--Granted police powers in State Parks to following employees of the division: Leroy A. Edwards, Frank D. Mickey, Henry J. Albert, Jr., Royal W. Jimerson, Jr., Evon G. Till, Jr., William A. Meyer, Lyle B. Keith, Clifford J. Calliham, Richard W. Byers, Glenn W. Price, Donald E. Rynd, Jack L. Kent, Ellsworth R. Trapp, Fred L. Hall, and Ernest L. Hunter.

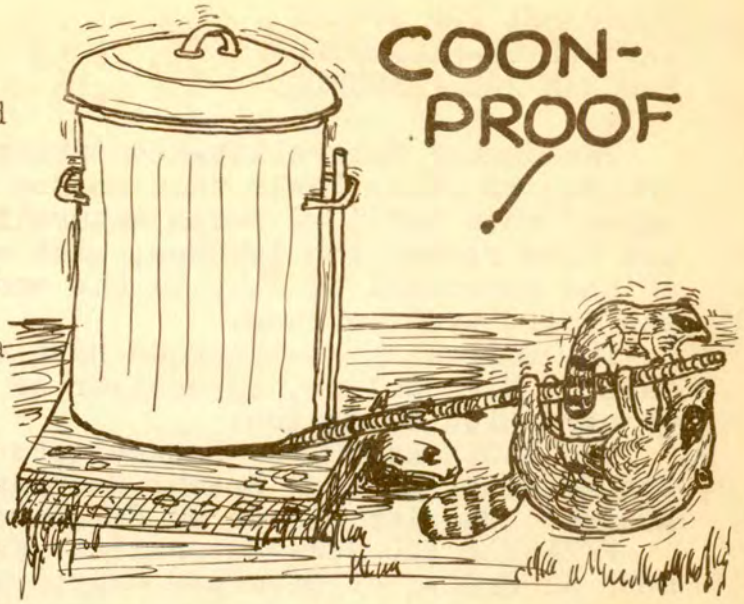
NEXT MEETING--Set next meeting for Santa Monica June 11-12, 1948.

MAN HIKES MILE AND ONE-HALF AFTER ANZA RATTLESNAKE BITE

Chief Ranger Jack Calvert of Anza Desert State Park reports that on May 2nd P.C. Medlang, a park visitor, while hiking up the Palm Canyon Trail was struck by a rattlesnake.

Medlang walked one and a half miles back to his car in the heat of the day, where he reported the matter to Calvert.

Calvert lanced the wound and drained off the poison with a suction cup while Mrs. Calvert made arrangements for additional medical care. Medlang was taken to the Brawley Hospital, where he recovered.



Coon-proof is the word for an idea developed by Assistant Ranger James P. Tryner of Patrick's Point State Park. Tryner's letter to the editor explains all:

"While reading the interesting story in News & Views by Kenneth Legg on the depredations of coons and other wild life at Pfeiffer Big Sur, an idea was born. We have developed a "coon-proof" garbage can stand, one from which Brother Coon will find it impossible to tip the can.

"It consists of a concrete slab of dimensions conforming to the size of can to be used, with a length of iron pipe cast into it. The can sits on the slab and the pipe passes up through the handle of the can, preventing the tipping of the can without a lift of two or three inches--a feat which our Patrick's Point coons have not yet mastered (Ed. Note: Don't show them the cartoon above, Jim--they might make something of it).

"We pass the idea on for what it may be worth in other parks suffering from "coonitus" of the garbage cans."

TIPS ON PURCHASE OF STETSON

B.B. McGinnis Co., 547-549 17th Street Merced, has a good stock of Stetson ranger hats at $17.00 and $19.00.

Chief Ranger Gordon Kishbaugh of Calaveras Big Trees State Park reports that they have the "long oval" type, which is a type usually hard to locate, and the firm has a good assortment in all sizes.

PERSONNEL FOR SUMMER NATURALIST-RECREATION PROGRAM ARE ANNOUNCED

The Summer Naturalist-Recreation program in State Parks this season will expand to a total of seven naturalists and five recreation leaders, with most of the personnel on duty by the end of the third week in June.

The following assignments have been made by E.F. Dolder, Supervisor of Conservation Education:

BIG BASIN REDWOODS--Naturalist: Don Meadows, of Long Beach; Recreation Leader: Harriet Weaver of Fillmore.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR--Naturalist: Kenneth A. Pratt, of Stanford University; Recreation Leader: John Johnston of Whittier.

RICHARDSON GROVE--Naturalist: Carl Nichols of Garden Grove; Recreation Leader: Harold L. von Muller, of Compton.

CUYAMACA RANCHO--Naturalist: Theo. Reddick, of Long Beach; Recreation Leader: not yet appointed.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES--Naturalist: Clinton F. Schonberger of San Bernardino.

D.L. BLISS--Naturalist: not yet selected.

WILLIAMS GROVE--Recreation Leader: Leslie H. Dunnells of Concord.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--Naturalist: Glenn Waldner of Rio Dell.

RICHARDSON GROVE RANGERS ATTEND INDOCTRINATION COURSE SERIES

Ranger training and indoctrination courses are being conducted this month at Richardson Grove State Park under the leadership of Chief Ranger Henry Saddler.

Classes are each Sunday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Subjects are: What is a Top Park Ranger?; Line of Organization; Features and Facilities of the Northwest District; Field Manual; Plumbing and Other Sanitary Problems; Construction and Maintenance Problems; and a Study of Other Park Districts.

Saddler invites rangers from other parks in the district to participate.

DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE REPORTS COMPLETION AND APPROVAL OF PARK HOUSES

A letter to Col. E.C. Kelton, Division Engineering Officer, from the Division of Architecture advises residences and garages in the following State parks have been completed and accepted by Architecture:

Big Basin Redwoods, 4; New Brighton Beach, 2; Sunset Beach, 1; San Juan Bautista, 1; Pfeiffer Big Sur, 2; San Clemente Beach, 3; Doheny Beach, 2; Tahoe Campground, 1; D.L. Bliss, 2; La Purisima Mission, 1; Morro Bay, 2; Palomar Mountain, 1; and McArthur-Burney Falls, 1.

Col Kelton adds that the Division of Architecture is making final inspection of new houses in the Northwest District this week (May 23-29) and that the houses should be ready for occupancy the first week in June.

RANGER TWIGHT NABS GARBAGE DUMPER AT CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK

Clyde C. McGill of Castella, convicted of dumping garbage in Castle Crags State Park, this month was fined $20 by a justice of the peace at Dunsmuir.

Chief Ranger Ben Twight issued a complaint against McGill and the latter was arrested by the sheriff's office.

Twight pointed out that the great amount of garbage dumped along the roads in the park is a serious problem in the Castella area, and mainly is the result of the lack of a community garbage dump.

A Dunsmuir newspaper said efforts to get aid from the Shasta County Board of Supervisors so far have been unsuccessful.

GROUNDSMEN, FLOWER GARDENERS ARE GRANTED PAY INCREASE

Effective April 10, 1948, the monthly pay range for groundsmen and flower gardeners was increased from $180 - $220 to $190 - $231.

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREES ARE STAGED IN TWO STATE PARKS

Boy Scout Camporees were held this month at Morro Bay State Park and at Portola State Park.

The affair at Morro Bay was staged by the Santa Lucia Area Council, and at Portola by the Stanford Area groups.

MARY GREENE RECEIVED THANKS IN MASS PRODUCTION

Recently members of the Juan Cabrillo School visited the Old Custom House Historical Monument and were led by Curator Mary Greene in an inspection of the area.

To express their thanks, each member of the class wrote a separate thank-you note--and Mrs. Greene received 18 letters.

FIRST ELK CALF REPORTS IN AT PRAIRIE CREEK MAY 22ND.

Chief Ranger C.L. Milne reports the first elk calf of the season was observed Saturday morning, May 22nd, trying to stand on its wobbly legs.

The new horns of the bull elk are sprouting very rapidly.

FRANK BRIDEWELL IS TRANSFERRED TO COLUMBIA AS CURATOR

Frank Bridewell, curator at Will Rogers State Park, has been transferred to Columbia to serve as curator under Ranger Al Beck.

Bridewell will begin the survey and classification of a large store of historical artifacts in storage at Columbia, and plan for the exhibits to be located in the William Cavalier Memorial Museum to be located there.

RAINFALL AT MT. DIABLO

Rains in April at Mt. Diablo State Park brought the season's total rainfall to a total of 17.53 inches, or 1.82 above last season's record.

BABY HANDS AT THE WINDOW.....

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewis (Curtisdean Grammer) on April 17th a daughter, Lynda Lee, in Sacramento. Weight, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

BOY SCOUT LEADER IS ISSUED CITATION FOR VIOLATION AT GOLD DISCOVERY

Boy Scouts under P. Weber, of Sacramento, were apprehended on May 15 by rangers at the Gold Discovery Site State Monument, with armfuls of flowers and shrubs.

Notice of violation was issued to Weber for cutting of shrubs, picking of flowers, and breaking of limbs from the Manzanita bushes.

WATCH YOUR FIRES

Watch your fires, Hunters-Campers
Put them out, don't take a chance.
Your responsibility ceases
After tney are cold and damp.

Use your head--'twas made for service
Thoughtless deeds are seldom right.
Do not let your force of habit
Dwarf your "conscience" in the fight
For a safe and pleasant outing.

Help to keep your record clear
Of reproach or violation
As you camp year after year
Know that vigilance eternal
Is the price we all must pay.
Watch--that you be not caught napping
As you linger on the way.

Have you seen from yon high mountain
Extending far--o'er wide expanse
Blackened, ruined, smoldering wasteland
Challenging intelligence.

Watch your fires and save the forest,
Help to make your state the best;
An attraction to your neighbor
From the East or from the West.

Desert wastes do not invite you
Like the shade of forest lane.
Help preserve it--watch your fires
That it bid you call again

by: Curtis C. Jacobs, Eureka, Calif.

PREVENTION AND CARE IN POISONING FROM OAK AND IVY

Poison ivy and poison oak are found in all parts of the United States. They grow usually in uncultivated areas such as in woods and thickets, along fences and around trees or poles.

Poison Ivy is easily identified by its dark green color and its smooth, oval-shaped leaflets which grow in groups of three. When mature, the plant bears a white, waxy berry and the leaves turn scarlet early in the fall.

Poison Oak is a variety of poison ivy and occurs as a small shrub whose leaves grow in groups of three with a hairy or deeply toothed appearance.

Poisoning from these plants may occur when: 1. Any part of the body comes in contact with any part of the plant. 2. Any part of the body is exposed to smoke from the burning plant. 3. Clothing or other objects which have previously been exposed to the plant come in contact with the skin.

Nearly every person coming in contact with poison oak or ivy is poisoned. Failure to pick it up once does not mean that the same person will get by again. Some persons are more liable to get poisoned again after having had it once. A popular but dangerous belief is that protection against poisoning may be had by eating the leaves of the plant. Fatalities have resulted from this practice.

Protection against poisoning from these plants: 1. Learn to recognize the plants. 2. When working near poison plants, gloves with heavy leather gauntlets should be worn. Shirt sleeves should be tucked inside the gauntlet and the shirt collar should be turned up to prevent contact with the plants. Workers should tie the bottoms of trousers at the ankles well below the tops of their high shoes. Leather leggings are also good protection. Care should be taken in removing clothing since the oils from the plant may remain on clothing for as long as a year. 3. Clothing should be dry cleaned as often as possible, as soap and water are not always effective. 4. The uprooted plants should be burned, but the workers should stand clear of the poisonous smoke.

If these plants touch any part of the body wash that part with plenty of laundry soap and water five or six times and then apply a 5% alcoholic solution of ferric chloride. Do not use a rough cloth or brush in washing as it may irritate the skin and spread the poisoning.

If irritation develops, a physician should be consulted at once.

For relief from severe itching, apply calamine lotion. Light gauze bandage should be applied over the lotion until a physician can be seen.

COMMENDATION FOR STAFF AT FIRST THEATRE MONUMENT

The following letter has been received by Chief Henning from the Adult Center of the San Jose Unified School District:

"A party of 25 from the Adult Center on Friday, May 21, while touring the Monterey Peninsula, visited the First Theatre State Historical Monument. Mr. Brokenshire and members of the group have commented to me the gracious fashion in which the group was received at the Theatre by Mrs. Isabel Hartigan. They described the visit as one of the most interesting places of the many interesting places visited on this three-day tour.

"We feel indebted to you and Mrs. Hartigan for a major contribution to the success of this tour. --David L. MacKaye, Director."

RANGER RANSOM SPEAKS AT ASILOMAR MEETING OF 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

Assistant Ranger Lester Ransom of Point Lobos Reserve recently spoke before 387 members of 4-H Clubs at a meeting at Asilomar on the subject: Marine Life at Point Lobos.

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Monterey County Agricultural Agent commending Ransom for his excellent presentation, and thanking this Division for the service.

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE UNDERGOES EXTENSIVE RE-PLANTING TO RETURN AREA TO MORE NATURAL CONDITION

As an important part of the process of making the Gold Discovery Site at Coloma, Eldorado County, more attractive scenically, and expanding the area suitable for picnicking, a planting program is underway at the historical monument area.

Locust trees, typical of Mother Lode towns and still found along Coloma's streets, have been extended along the main street on State land. But with this exception, native species are being used exclusively in the re-planting.

Planting stock has been obtained partly from native plant nurseries and partly by careful transplanting of natural seedlings from thickets on the nearby slopes. Among the species used have been Digger and Ponderosa pines, incense cedar, black and blue oaks, redbud, toyon, cherry and coffeeberry. Valley oaks and interior live oaks are on hand to be set out next season

So far the survival has been excellant. The planting is being done in such a manner that the resulting effect will be as nearly as possible that of a natural woodland rather than a man-made park.

ONIONS ARE GOOD FOR SOMETHING BESIDES TALKING BACK TO YOU

In the '80s the Lee family, living on homesteaded land now a part of Patrick's Point State Park, planted a packet of onion seeds.

Among the onion plants there appeared a little blue gum tree (Eucalyptus sp.). Quite a curiosity at that time, the little tree was permitted to grow unmolested.

It may be seen today, standing beside the Penn Creek Trail where the trail parallels the creek. It has attained a breast-high diameter of five feet, and a height of 150 feet.

All about it stand it's children, a small forest of young blue gum trees, all from a packet of onion seed.

This information was supplied to Assistant Ranger James Tryner by Mr. Lee on a recent visit to the park.

BIG BASIN NATURALIST FINDS NEW COOPERATOR IN EXHIBIT COLLECTING

Assistant Ranger Leonard Penhale of Big Basin Redwood State Park, acting State Naturalist for the Division, has found another volunteer to assist him in the collecting of specimens for the nature exhibits at the park.

He reported this month that the Division of Fish and Game warden in the area, Mr. Birch, has volunteered to obtain certain specimens difficult to obtain, such as hawks.

The State Trapper in the area already has contributed several fine specimens, including a large coyote and a bobcat.

LIGHT WINTER SAVES BEACH AT SEACLIFF BEACH STATE PARK

For the first time in many years, the interlocking steel bulkhead at Seacliff Beach State Park was not exposed by winter storm surfs, Chief Ranger C.L. Cushing reports this month.

Cushing says that the beach is in excellent shape as a result of the lack of heavy surf action last winter.

MOUNTAIN LION IS REPORTED IN BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK

Deputy Ranger Robert Crawford reported sighting a mountain lion at Big Basin Redwood State Park early in May near the CCC camp.

Assistant Ranger Leonard Penhale says the Big Basin deer actions of the last few weeks prior to the actual sighting had indicated the presence of a lion.

The State Trapper checked and reported definite lion signs in the vicinity of the CCC camp.

RANGER CHAFFEE "TAKES THE STEP"

Chief Ranger Lloyd Lively reported this month that Deputy Ranger James Chaffee, Big Basin's lone bachelor, joined the ranks of the happily-married on Wednesday, May 19th.

No details were included as to who the bride is.

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SUTTER'S FORT CURATOR WINS HONORS IN BOOK COMPETITION

Curator Carroll D. Hall, of Sutter's Fort State Historical Monument, has been notified that the book "Donner Miscellany", composed of original material selected and edited by Mr. Hall from the Donner Party documents in the museum, has been selected by Rounce & Coffin Club of Los Angeles as one of the best examples of western printing in 1947.

Last year Hall's book "Heraldry of New Helvetia" was chosen by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, of New York, as one of the 50 best printed books in the United States.

FIRST TRIP OF YEAR MADE INTO UPPER MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK

Rangers at Mt. San Jacinto State Park on May 4th made the first trip of the year into the primitive high country of the park by pack train.

Much snow was encountered on the northern slopes, with drifts two and three feet deep across the trail.

On the return trip Hidden Lake and Desert View were visited.

Round Valley, where primitive camps will be opened this summer, and a ranger will be stationed, also was inspected.

Rangers making the trip included William Weatherbee, assistant ranger in charge of the park, and Deputy Rangers Floyd Lemley and Jewell Caughell.

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN VISITORS

Will Rogers State Park has had a substantial increase in visitors for the period Jan. 1, to May 15, 1948 over the corresponding period last year, even though the stables have not been in operation this year.

The following figures show the paid admissions to the ranch house and total attendance:

Jan. 1-May 15, 1948: paid admissions 34,911. Corresponding 1947 period, 27,206.

Jan. 1-May 15, 1948: total attendance, 46,400; Corres. per. in 1947, 42,417.

A CASE OF MIXED DRINKS

The following address was on a letter which eventually reached Daisy V. Barbour, curator of Sonoma Mission State Historical Monument:

"Disy Vial Burbon, Somona, Calf., Airator Museum."

....A graduate of Stanford, perhaps?

SPY SCARE AT VENTURA BEACH

Blinking lights from deserted areas in the hills above the beachland to be acquired by the State Park System at Ventura created an alarmed cry of "spies" recently until investigation showed otherwise.

It was just a survey party for the Division of Beaches and Parks, provided by the State Lands Commission, and they were working day and night to complete the job.

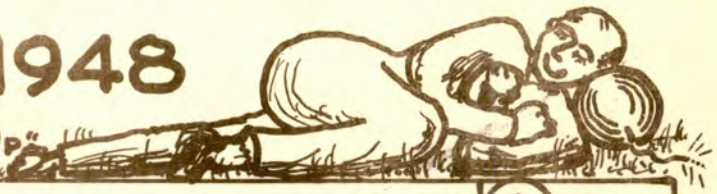
REQUISITION FROM PISMO BEACH

Received recently from Assistant Ranger Frank Wells of Pismo Beach State Park:

Requisition--camels, dromedary, two; cost, unknown; purpose, for patrol work on the sand dunes.

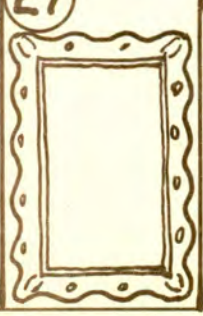
SNOOZE & FUZE CALENDAR FOR MAY 1948

"IT TAKES A BIG BANG TO WAKE US UP"



O SING TO MAY IN A ROUNDELAY.
(SINCE SPRING IS SPRUNG-SO BE THE TONGUE).
WHEN SOFTLY HER BREATH MY CHEEK IS CARESSING,
THE ICE IN MY BLOOD STARTS IN EFFERVESCING.

Don Quixote y Shelley y Longfellow y Shortfellow

						1 SAT Straighten that tie, and press that uniform, boys. Peoples is coming your way.
2 SUN THE DAY IS THINE THE NIGHT ALSO IS THINE. THOU HAST PREPARED THE LIGHT AND THE SUN. PS. 74:16	3 MON Now we are going to pout. It has been said this page contains no Literature.	4 TUE Same admirer says no Art either.	5 WED What's he want, anyhow- "Forever Amber"?	6 THU and Varga girls ?	7 FRI 1945 V E DAY (A slight pause for station identification)	8 NEW MOON Exam for Senior Delineator (Gnats)
9 MOTHER'S DAY EVEN A SMALL STAR SHINES IN THE DARKNESS. Danish Proverb	10 To resume - We have taken the criticism to heart anyhow, and will try to be more cultured.	11 -1920- Frank M'Arthur and wife deed Burney Falls area to the State	12 -1621- Gov. Winslow marries Suzanna White A Benighted Press Scoop!	13 If you want to be cultivated, read this page. It will be an harrowing experience.	14 CIRE TIME CARD DUE.	15 FIRST QUARTER
16 IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE -- POLISH THE DULL SIDE	17 As the condemned jester said, " No noose is good noose." MONDAY IS WEEKLY RE-	18 There's nothing like a good pun to break up friendship. Goo'by	19 SAMPLE OF LITERATURE "Quoth the Raven 'Nevermore:" Edgar Allen Poe	20 MORE LIT. "Speak the speech I pray thee, as I pronounce it to you, trippingly on the tongue." Shakespeare	21 REG. TIME CARD DUE	22 FULL MOON
23 30 MEMORIAL DAY & LAST QUARTER FAULTS ARE THICK WHERE LOVE IS THIN. Danish Proverb	24 31 The next space is provided for your own Art. - PORT DAY	25 	26 And the following is provided for your Herby. Beth, Pat. Dave, Rob. or Will.	27 	28 CIRE TIME CARD DUE	29 O Mistress Mary- And Mr. Contrary, How does your garden grow?

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIFORNIA

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"IT WOULD BE LOTS PRETTIER IF IT WASN'T ALL BROWN AND THAT UGLY BLACK PATCH ON THE OTHER SIDE."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Vacation time has arrived--the schools are closed--and we are again the hosts to the outdoor, life-loving vacationists. Our parks are all set to accommodate a larger number than ever before with a few exceptions; these are listed below:

Certain units of the camping area at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park are closed due to a water shortage which we hope to remedy by installing a pumper in the stream equipped with the necessary chlorinating facilities. San Clemente will not be able to accommodate the usual number of people due to the construction program going forward involving laying of sewer lines, water lines, and other utility installations. A similar situation has existed at D.L. Bliss, Tahoe, and Donner, but these will have been remedied before you receive this issue of NEWS AND VIEWS.

PARK VISITATION STATISTICS

Our visitation statistics are carried on a calendar-year basis and in checking them over, I find some units whose visitations to date are less than last year's. However, most of the units show a considerable increase for the year to date, as shown below, up to and including June 20:

These were selected at random.

Park	Last Year	This Year
Morro Bay	57,450	61,400
Pt. Lobos	29,475	34,059
Portola	3,484	7,232
Mt. Tamalpais	30,463	74,303
Carpinteria	54,145	48,760
Prairie Creek	2,382	3,095
Mt. Diablo	51,094	72,110
McArthur-Burney	4,224	2,973
Seacliff Beach	134,126	143,680
Doheny Beach	59,369	31,210
Calaveras	35,081	26,255

It is also interesting to note the visitor attendance at new areas opened to the public and additional areas coming under the jurisdiction of this Division, upon which no previous records are available:

Sutter's Fort	61,047
Pismo Beach	2,999
Gold Discovery Site	130,981

FIRECRACKER PERIOD

This year, July 4th again creates a three-day holiday situation and we can expect all our facilities to be taxed to their maximum limitations. Extreme care should be exercised over this period in order to avoid accidents, fire, and traffic situations which would have a tendency to cause inconvenience to the public and bring about criticism to the Service.

99th FISCAL YEAR

The 99th Fiscal Year terminates on June 30, and due to the diligent work on the part of the Engineering Section, our own Accounting staff, the wonderful assistance from the field personnel, and the whole-hearted support and assistance of the Departmental Accounting staff, most of the funds available for either construction, equipment, and other type of supplies were encumbered previous to the set deadlines. This year was the first year that we had operated under the annual budget basis so that the new procedure presented many problems. Operation under the 100th Fiscal Year Budget should be much more efficient, and not throw such a heavy burden on all concerned during the last month of the fiscal year.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the entire personnel for this splendid cooperation, with special emphasis upon the splendid job done throughout the year by our District Superintendents, who have been forced to carry such a heavy burden throughout the past year.

Uniform Survey

We present in this issue a summary of the survey on purchasing of the new State Park dress uniform, the form for which was provided in the May issue of News and Views.

On June 28, answers had been received from 58 State Park Rangers, less than 50 percent of the number of rangers who should have returned the form.

However, it is felt that this percentage is high enough to present a true picture of the uniform situation.

Of the 58 forms returned, 54 rangers indicated they had ordered uniforms. The other 4 had not.

Of the 54 rangers ordering uniforms 36 had ordered through Smith's of Oakland, the store which had expressed the most interest in doing business with rangers. Eighteen rangers ordered uniforms from six other firms.

Delivery times from Smith's for the 36 ordering from that firm were as follows:

Under one month	0
One to two months	3
Two to three months	15
Three to four months	7
Four to seven months	9
Over five months and still undelivered	2

Of the 18 ordered from other firms the delivery times were:

Under one month	8
One to two months	6
Two to three months	2
Recent order, no delivery	2

Of 31 rangers commenting on whether Smith's uniforms agreed with specifications, 23 said yes, 8 said no.

Concerning the same question with reference to uniforms from other firms 12 said yes, 2 said no.

Of 31 rangers answering the question as to whether or not they were satisfied with the quality and fit of the Smith uniforms, 9 said yes, 22 said no.

Eleven were satisfied with quality and fit of other firms, and one ranger was dissatisfied.

Seven rangers took space to compliment various aspects of Smith's service, while eleven wrote commendations of other firms.

Twenty rangers took space to criticize Smith's service, quality and fit, while one criticized another firm.

Following is a condensation of information supplied by rangers on their dealings with other firms:

Nelson-Moore (men's furnishings), San Diego, Calif. One ranger reported paying $88.50 for one blouse and two pairs of pants from this firm. All reported excellent service, quality, and fit.

A. Levy & Co., 129 West 3rd St., Los Angeles. Excellent recommendations from rangers at Will Rogers State Park, and from Carpinteria Beach. Approximately same price as Smith's.

Foreman & Clark of San Francisco. Recommended from Portola State Park. Uniform priced at $57.50.

Two other firms recommended were L. Riznik & Son, of San Francisco; and B.B. McGinnis Co., 547-549 17th Street, Merced.

EDITOR'S NOTE--After reading the results of this survey, our advice to the field is: Let common sense be your guide and shop where you feel you can get the best combination of attractive price, quality, and service.

FRANK BRIDEWELL IS TRANSFERRED TO COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK

Frank Bridewell, formerly curator at Will Rogers State Park, on June 6 was transferred to the curatorship at Columbia Historic State Park in Tuolumne County.

Bridewell will begin the classification of a very large collection of historical artifacts collected by the Columbia State Park Association.

Work is underway on the reconstruction of the Knapp Building, to be known as the William Cavalier Memorial Museum.

THE LATEST IN OFFICE FURNISHINGS:

Note from Curator Frank Gutierrez at Fort Tejon State Historical Monument:

The wren in the NE end wall already has hatched her young, but the one in the office still is at it.

HOUSE RENTALS

The new rental charges for State Park housing will become effective July 1, 1948, with the first deduction being taken from the checks due in the field in early August.

Based on the new scale, the new standard five-room park house will rent for $26.00, including all utilities.

Discussions are continuing with Department of Finance as to the feasibility of placing all residences on separate meters and having each employee pay for his own utilities.

If this is done, 15 percent will be deducted from the rental rate.

In the meantime, if present housing is provided with meters, an employee may choose to pay his own utility charges, and receive a 15 percent deduction in his rental rate.

District Superintendents have been notified that, because park housing comes under the control of the Office of Price Administration on rent control, when an employee moves into a park house the Sacramento office must be informed immediately. This applies also to when he leaves a park house.

Rent charges will be based upon the exact number of days the house is occupied.

SOUTH CENTRAL CURATORS HOLD CONFERENCE IN MONTEREY

District Superintendent H. L. Blaisdell on May 28th called together in Monterey curators of historical monuments in his district for a conference.

Mary L. Greene, curator of the Old Custom House, said of the conference: "The conference was an innovation that no doubt will bear worthwhile fruit. The discussion of mutual problems, the suggestions of curators for a permanent policy to be adopted for historical monuments, the opportunity to discuss with the superintendents problems pertinent to historical buildings, with all curators present, will, I am sure, have very worthwhile results."

ELMO HUFFMAN PRESENTS LIST OF RECOMMENDED NATURE BOOKS

Elmo Huffman, Assistant Civil Engineer in the South Central District, has submitted the following list of recommended reading for park personnel interested in nature study:

Mammals of California (Lloyd Glen Engles) Stanford Univ. Press. ($4.00)

Amphibians and Reptiles of the Pacific States (Gayle Pickwell) Stanford Univ. Press, ($4.00)

West Coast Shells (Joshua Baily), Stanford Univ. Press. ($3.75)

Desert Wildflowers (E.C. Jaeger) Stanford Univ. Press. ($3.50)

Flowers of Coast and Sierra (E.S. Clements), H.W. Wilson Co., New York City, ($3.00)

Pacific Coast Trees, McMinn and Maino, Univ. of Calif. Press, ($3.50)

Butterflies of California, (John Adams Comstock), Comstock Press, Los Angeles,

Western Nature Study magazine, quarterly published by San Jose State College, $1.00 per year.

SAN JACINTO SUMMER HEADQUARTERS IN ROUND VALLEY ARE CONSTRUCTED

Work began late in June on the setting up of summer tent headquarters in Round Valley, in the primitive area of Mt. San Jacinto State Park.

A ranger patrol will be maintained from this camp, because of the increasing use of the primitive area by vacationists of Southern California.

OLD DARDANELLES VIEW TRAIL IS RE-OPENED AT CALAVERAS BIG TREES

The popular old trail from the center of Calaveras Big Trees State Park to Dardanelles View was re-opened by park rangers late this month.

A series of coffee and bird hikes will be conducted over it by Nature Guide Clinton Schonberger in the early evenings.

Facilities have been provided at Dardanelles View for the coffee session at the upper end of the hike.

A DAY IN THE PAST....At

FORT TEJON

By EARL LIVELY
Ranger, Grade I

The Kern County Historical Society held its final meeting of the fiscal year at Fort Tejon State Historical Monument on May 23, 1948, to welcome incoming officers.

The meeting was preceded by a pot-luck picnic lunch. The coffee was made on an improvised stove of adobe brick nearly 100 years old, taken from brick salvage from the restoration work on Barracks Building No. 1.

In the shadow of the time-honored Peter Lebec Tree the society held its business meeting, with the speakers standing at the railing at the foot of Lebec's grave, and the audience seated on a generous carpet of flowers and native grasses--the green of the carpet varied here and there by ants, horehound burrs, foxtail, and scampering lizards.

Called to order by the president of the society, the meeting was opened with a welcome to the officers and the members, and then was turned over to Mr. Latta, for the installation of the new officers. These were: president, Richard Bailey; vice president, Mrs. Ralph Sanders; secretary, Glenn Rogers; treasurer, Roy Louden.

Each of the new officers spoke briefly. Next was a period of questions and answers. Then our curator, Frank Gutierrez, asked me to give a resume of our restoration work here at Fort Tejon, which was done with utmost dispatch on my part.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Cullimore, (who wrote "Forgotten Fort Tejon") the real purpose of the meeting unfolded.

We were taken back to the year 1858 and Mr. Cullimore made us each one feel that we were members of a group riding in a stage coach, of the old Butterfield Line. It had been a hard, dusty trip from our last stop at the foot of the hill - an uphill trip over a bad road, full of chuck holes and deep in dust, and the (infernal) black gnats made us wonder why we had ever started for this forsaken part of the West. We decided unanimously to leave such trips, hereafter, to men like John C. Fremont.

Dusty, tired and thirsty, we had finally climbed down stiffly from the leather-suspended contraption, called a stage by Butterfield, but to us it was more like a torture chamber. As we alighted from the monster we straightened our hats and cravats, trying to shake off some of the dust with which we were thickly coated. Then we hurried inside the stage station, in search of something "strong enough to cut our wind-pipes loose".

A cheerful greeting met us from our host: "Well, gentlemen, how did you enjoy your trip? We are glad you came just at this time, for we are going to have band practice tonight, and afterward a few of us are going to have a barbecue. Some of the soldiers over there at the Fort (Tejon) just came back from a bear hunt; they got three big fellows, and the corporal brought me the paws. Come outside and get a whiff of real goodness!"

"Now, gentlemen, can you beat that for real cooking aroma?"

"Say, speaking of city life, we have a young fellow over there at the store you must meet. My word! There's a fellow you're going to hear about. Hasn't been here long, but he sure has fixed up the store, just like a real city store - even put a lid on the cracker barrel".

Still not out of breath, our host said, genially, "Well, I expect you gentlemen would like to meet the Quarter Master". Turning to a brown-faced lad, he said, "Jose, take these people over to the Quarter Master's."

As we followed the Indian boy, looking across the way, we saw what did not seem like a military fortification, but a group of buildings more in keeping with those of a large Spanish rancho, there in its peaceful setting of whiteoaks.

After a gracious welcome by the

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A DAY IN THE PAST AT FORT TEJON
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Quarter Master, we were invited to make a tour of the Fort. We were told that it had been started in 1854 by Lieutenant Beale who had his idea as to how the Indian problem should be handled locally.

Lieutenant Beale was given a free hand, by General Hitchcock, to follow his plans for the Indians.

As we crossed the road, our guide pointed to the new guardhouse, just finished. With great pride he showed us, next, the Fort's hospital - yes, the finest and most up-to-date hospital that money could buy! We were shown the bakery, and then we visited the officer's quarters. How unlike they were to what we had expected to see. The furnishings were very fine. From there we inspected the enlisted mens' barracks, mess hall, and kitchen, then the Adjutant's office and the band building.

We crossed the creek for a visit to that "city store", and then we were ready for the promised bear-claw feast. The meat was surprisingly delicious, and as we sat long at the barbecue, many were the tales we heard, that August evening, of mighty hunters and of hunting lore.

Two outstanding stories were: A hunter, sleeping in the hills back of the Fort, was awakened by a great roaring. Jumping up, he was just in time to see the earth open up and swallow his gun and his blanket. The other tale was about the killing of Peter Lebec by a cross (X) bear. The only facts the story-teller seemed sure of, concerning Peter, were, that he was a Frenchman, "six feet or better tall" - that he was well-liked, and that he was buried just in front of the hospital, at the foot of a white oak, with the date of his death carved in the bark of the tree.

We had difficulty in realizing that we actually were in the middle of the Twentieth century, with the never-ceasing traffic roaring up and down, a scant few hundred yards away from us. But the sun was slipping down behind the hilltop, on this afternoon of May 23, 1948. The audience rose, somewhat stiffly, it must be admitted, from the grassy carpet which had wafted them into the 1800's and back again, and I am sure each one must have been glad that modern transportation, with its rubber tires and luxurious cushions, awaited for the journey homeward, rather than the high-wheeled monarch of the 50's.

The meeting was closed by a resolution to see what could be done to prolong the life of the Peter Lebec Tree.

DOHENY BEACH EXPERIENCES "SURPLUS" OF CAMPERS AND PICNICKERS

The Memorial Day holidays at Doheny Beach State Park found the "no vacancy" signs up at 9 p.m. on Thursday May 27th, reports Chief Ranger Darrell A. Knoefler.

From that time on hundreds of people were turned away. Thirty-two cars were turned away from 1 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Then, says Knoefler, they came so fast that all count was lost.

It is estimated that at least 250 cars were contacted and turned away.

GEORGE A. SCOTT RESIGNS FROM STATE PARK COMMISSION

George A. Scott, of San Diego, early this month submitted his resignation from the State Park Commission to Governor Earl Warren.

Scott was appointed last year to fill the vacancy left by the death of Isidore Dockweiler, and then was reappointed early this year to a full term, which was to have expired January 1, 1952.

PT. LOBOS CREW OBSERVES "MASS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY" DAY

June 8th was a big day at Point Lobos Reserve State Park.

On that day, at varying years ago, Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson, Assistant Ranger Lester Ransom, and Deputy Ranger John McKone, all were married. Appropriate celebrations were observed by each family.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SANTA MONICA JUNE 11, 12, 1948

The State Park Commission met in regular session in Santa Monica on June 11 and 12, 1948. Commissioners present: J.R. Knowland, of Oakland, chairman; Charles Kasch, of Ukiah; George Waldner, of Ferndale; and Leo Carrillo, of Santa Monica; others present: Warren T. Hannum, Director of Natural Resources, A.E. Henning, Chief of Division; J.H. Covington, Executive Secretary; Walter Rountree, Deputy Attorney General; Edwin C. Kelton, Erosion Control Engineer; John A. Hennessey, Lands Officer; William Kenyon, District Superintendent; Eugene Velzy, Assistant District Superintendent; Edward F. Dolder, Educational Supervisor; and Gladys Joslin, Stenographer.

Commission actions were:

SANTA MONICA BEACHES--Approved agreement whereby city of Santa Monica will transfer city beaches to State as matching value, and operate and maintain all State beaches within city limits until State is in position to operate and maintain with tideland oil funds; and whereby, if State in future must give up operation, city of Santa Monica will have first opportunity to take over.

ALAMEDA COUNTY MASTER BEACH PLAN--Plan submitted, and referred same to engineering section for analysis and report back.

COLLECTING PERMIT FOR SUMMER NATURE GUIDES--Granted permit for nature guides employed during summer season by division to collect flora and fauna (latter subject to compliance with the Fish and Game Code), when directed to do so by the Supervisor of Conservation Education, for use in nature exhibits in the park system.

CHINESE JOSS HOUSE ACQUISITION--Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of Chinese Joss House in Weaverville, Trinity County, as an historical monument; same to be operated by city of Weaverville or County of Trinity. Paid tribute to important part played by Chinese in early building of California.

CARPINTERIA BEACH RECONSIDERATION--In view of letter from State Highway Commission that they are not considering re-routing U.S. 101 Freeway through Carpinteria Beach, the Commission rescinded previous action stopping all acquisition and development at beach, but re-affirmed opposition to any change in plans which again would bring the park into consideration as a route for the freeway.

POWER RIGHT OF WAY AT RICHARDSON GROVE--Granted additional right of way to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for extension of power line in Richardson Grove State Park to serve park facilities.

POWER RIGHT OF WAY AT ARMSTRONG REDWOODS--Granted right of way to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for extension of electric power to park facilities at Armstrong Redwoods State Park.

SAN DIEGO BEACH ACQUISITION--Authorized purchase from State Division of Highways of four and one-half miles of littoral beach areas (between highway and ocean) in San Diego County.

MT. DIABLO COIN-OPERATED TELESCOPES--Granted concession for coin-operated telescopes at summit of Mt. Diablo State Park to Ross F. Cardinalli for one year, ending June 30, 1949, with extension for additional four years if operation is satisfactory.

OFFICIAL NAME FOR GOLD DISCOVERY SITE--Moved to name the area where

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gold was discovered at Coloma, El Dorado County; to be known officially hereafter as Gold Discovery Site State Park. The adjacent area on the hill, where the monument of James Marshall is located, will continue to be classed as a historical monument.

NAMING OF COLUMBIA--Officially adopted name "Columbia Historic State Park", for old mining town in Tuolumne County, once known as the "gem of the mines" which State has acquired and will restore.

LOS ANGELES CITY BEACH OPERATION--Entered into agreement with City of Los Angeles providing for operation, by the city, of all state owned or to be acquired beaches north of Santa Monica to the northern limits of the City of Los Angeles.

ORGAN CONCERTS AT ARMSTRONG REDWOODS--Granted permission to Dr. William N. Makaroff to conduct Sunday afternoon organ concerts in the Forest Theatre at Armstrong Redwoods State Park. The concerts are free, and the organ is provided by Dr. Makaroff as a public service.

ANZA DESERT RULING--Heard opinion from attorney general that the State Park Commission does not have the authority to abandon, or cause the reversion of any portion of the Anza Desert State Park. San Diego County authorities have been seeking the return to tax roles of a portion of the park.

WILL ROGERS STABLES--Received information that Joe Ritter, successful bidder for the riding stable concession at Will Rogers State Park, did not wish to fulfill his agreement. Ordered re-advertising of bids for stable operation. The stable now has been completely renovated.

CASTLE CRAGS TRESPASS--Heard report of an act of trespass upon land of Castle Crags State Park by the Castle Creek Lumber Company of Castella. Requested Attorney General to investigate with full power to proceed according to the law, after the extent of trespass damage has been ascertained.

COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK DEVELOPMENT--Chief Henning asked consideration of the type of organization that should be created to prepare a master plan of restoration and development for Columbia Historic State Park. He stated that four of the five Neasham reports (historical surveys) had been completed. He further stated that approximately $40,000 is available for such a study. He outlined the type of staff that should be created to draw up the master plan. Personnel would include a historian, construction engineer, architect, landscape architect, and the necessary draftsmen and stenographic assistance.

He further recommended creation of a non-salaried advisory committee, appointed by the Commission and headed by the Director of Natural Resources.

The Chief's plan was approved in principle and the staff was directed to work out details as to finances and personnel; said plan to be re-submitted to the Commission for consideration.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS ACTION--Met in joint session with Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee, headed by chairman John Diggs of Sacramento. Commission approved master trail plans for counties of Yuba, Kern, Napa, Solano, Nevada and San Bernardino. Commission authorized staff to proceed immediately with actual construction of trails in San Diego, Contra Costa and Los Angeles Counties, wherever right of way is sufficient to construct a trail of a length making it feasible and adaptable for recreational purposes.

OVERNIGHT STOPS FOR PORTOLA TREK--Granted permission to Portola Trek Association to camp its horsemen overnight at San Clemente and Carpinteria State Beaches during their ride from San Diego to San Francisco this year.

BIG SUR LODGE--In view of the long delay in obtaining working plans for

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construction of the Pfeiffer Big Sur Lodge from the Division of Architecture, it was suggested that the concessionaire, William Raymond, obtain his own architect, pay for the service, and be reimbursed from his concession rental payments to the State. Commission requested staff to work out details with Mr. Raymond and other departments of the State involved, and report findings at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING--The next meeting of the Commission was set for July 16-17, in San Francisco.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE FORMALLY OPENS IN CITY OF STOCKTON

The new Eastern Park District Office formally opened this month at 443 East Weber Street, Room 203, Stockton, California.

District Superintendent Everett E. Powell, Assistant District Superintendent George Holmboe, and clerical help are located at the new office.

The telephone number is: 4-0629.

Parks to be located under the new district include: Columbia Historic State Park, Calaveras Big Trees, D.L. Bliss, Tahoe Campground, Gold Discovery Site, Marshall Monument, and Donner Monument.

CALVERTS OBSERVE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT ANZA DESERT

Chief Ranger and Mrs. Jack Calvert observed their 25th wedding anniversary on June 16th, celebrating it by making a two day trip to Balboa

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LARGE LING COD ARE CAUGHT AT FORT ROSS STATE MONUMENT

Curator John McKenzie reports anglers fishing in the surf near Fort Ross State Historical Monument recently caught two large ling codfish, one weighing 47 pounds, the other 42.

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD SCHEDULES EXAMINATION AUGUST 5 FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

With one position available for an appointment in the new Eastern Park District, the State Personnel Board has scheduled an examination for Assistant District Superintendent, Division of Beaches and Parks, for August 5th.

Final filing date is July 15th.

The position at present is filled under temporary authorization by George Holmboe, former chief ranger at Samual P. Taylor State Park.

TRAIL CONNECTING GOLD DISCOVERY SITE AND MARSHALL MONUMENT IS COMPLETED

Assistant Ranger Roland Geyer reports this month that a trail up the hillside between Gold Discovery Site State Park and Marshall State Historical Monument has been completed.

He said visitors are remaining in the area several hours longer now, walking between the two units, and have commented very favorably on the routing of the trail.

5000 PERSONS VIEW ANNUAL MT. TAMALPAIS PLAY

Chief Ranger Mel Whittaker reports the annual Mountain Play, held in the Mountain Theater at Mt. Tamalpais State Park late last month, attracted 5,000 persons.

According to officials of the Mt. Play Association, the climatic conditions were the most ideal experienced by the Association in the 31 years plays have been produced on the mountain.

CARPENTER ANTS ATTACK "BIG STUMP" AT CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

Nature Guide Clinton Schonberger of Calaveras Big Trees State Park reports an invasion of carpenter ants of epidemic proportions in The Big Stump, the Hercules Tree, and the Father-of-the-Forest--all down trees at the park.

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MORRO BAY STATE PARK RECEIVES HIGH SCORE IN SURVEY BY TRAILER COACH MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

An official of the Trailer Coach Manufacturers Association recently inspected Morro Bay State Park for its trailer facilities and awarded the park a grade of 94 points out of a possible 100.

The inspector told Chief Ranger Fred Canham the park was rated as a no. 1 trailer park in the United States, and that only on a few occasions had he awarded scores higher than the 94 points received by Morro Bay State Park.

CENTRAL DISTRICT EXPERIMENTS WITH SALE OF BRIQUETS TO CAMPERS

District Superintendent John H. Knight of Central District has received permission from Sacramento to experiment with the sale of 5 and 10 pound sacks of briquets, with a small amount of kindling, or a fire-stick provided by the briquet company.

Knight is of the opinion that the briquets will be popular, particularly with picnickers.

More will be published on this matter at a later date.

ANNUAL NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. PICNIC IS SET FOR JULY 16th.

The annual Department of Natural Resources picnic will be held Friday, July 16, at McKinley Park, in Sacramento, and all employees from the field who can make it are invited to attend.

The event will begin about 5:30 p.m. and a charge will be made for each adult and child. The rate has not as yet been decided upon, although last year the charge was $1.00 for adults and .50 for children.

The charge covers food, drinks, baseball, tennis, dancing and just plain relaxing. The park swimming pool is adjacent to the picnic area and swimming may be enjoyed at the regular admission price.

Dancing will follow the regular program, and will be in the Clunie Clubhouse of the park.

SOUTH CENTRAL'S PAUL MEIER STARS IN FIRST THEATER PRODUCTION

Next time you see Paul Meier, senior engineering aid for the South Central District, just say:

"Hi, there, Roaring Bill Yucca!"

Mr. Meier plays that roll in the current production of "Lola Montez", at the First Theater State Historical Monument in Monterey, which began June 10th, and will continue on weekends in July and August.

The review of the play, which appeared in the Monterey Peninsula Herald, said, of Meier:

"Paul Meier's "Roaring Bill Yucca" was an amusing characterization."

VAN DUZEN PARK HEADQUARTERS IS ESTABLISHED YEAR-ROUND

Deputy Ranger Glen N. Jones has been transferred to Van Duzen Redwoods State Park, in Humboldt County, with permanent residence there in a new State Park house.

The park will be manned on a year-round basis now.

Post office address is: Van Duzen Redwoods State Park, Star Route, Carlotta P.O., California.

NOOSE & PHEWS CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1948

"A stench in the nostrils of journalism" Jean George Nathan in New York Tymes.

		1 TUE. Hope I can get along without my overcoat the rest of this month.	2 WED. Had some swell ideas for this page but forgotten them all. Shame on wittle me.	3 THU. FLASH! 1770 A.D. Serra lands at Monterey (168 years later than Viscaino.)	4 FRI. Suzie Stupe, our little pal, is out for a good time this summer. Watch out for her, boys.!	5 SAT. CUTHBERT CUTWORM WARNS Haloo-oo you cabbage-heads. The corn grows thick at the bottom of the page
6 SUN. WHEN THOU HAST THANKED THY GOD FOR EVERY BLESSING SENT, WHAT TIME WILL THEN REMAIN FOR MURMERS OR LAMENT?	7 MON. NU MUN	8 In the vodvil team of Dilly and Dally - Dally was a dilly, but Dilly was a pill - he dallied.	9 GREAT LITERATURE Bells, Bells Bells, Bells Bells, Bells Bells..... Edgar Allen Poe	10 It is stupendous how much culture creeps on this page	11 COMMISSION MEETING AT SANTA	12 MONICA
13 IF YOU GROWL ALL DAY, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO FEEL DOG TIRED AT NIGHT.	14 1846 Bear flag raised on Sonoma Plaza FIRST QUARTER	15 Prices are skyrocketing, publicity otherwise notwithstanding anyhow, forsooth say I. "Aye"	16 DID YOU FORGET THAT CIRE TIMECARD YESTERDAY ? (I did)	17 WAR EXTRA! - CRITICAL BATTLE BEING FOUGHT ON BUNKER HILL (1775)	18 Retail price fixing must be easy. If 2 people ask for an item raise it 2 percent. 10 people, 10 percent	19 100 people 100 percent. Hold that price one week and then start another round of raises. (Where are ours?)
20 GOD MADE TIME BUT MAN MADE HASTE Irish Proverb	21 FULL MOON (Sun enters Cancer! Quick Doctor!) First Day of Summer	22 THIS MONTHS ART MASTERPIECE (A dilly of a Dali) - A vacant stare staring out	23 of a vacant face Almost vacant, that is.	24 1797 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA FOUNDED REG. TIME-CARD ONE DAY OVERDUE	25 Dally liked Sally, but she dallied as badly as Dilly, so Dally got another dolly, Millie.	26 Milly was a dilly, like Dally, and didn't dally like Dilly and Sally, who was now Dilly's dolly.
27 WORDS, LIKE CLOTHES, SHOULD BE CLEAN BEFORE THEY ARE HUNG OUT.	28 For when Sally saw Dally's new dolly, she dallied with Dilly. How silly!	29 LAST QUARTER (That's what I said.)	30 CIRE TIMECARD DUE Pure Inspiration follows. Move over, Nature Boy!	A MAMA SET HER SMALL BOY SQUIRREL TO AIR AND SUN ON A REDWOOD BURL SHE HOPED 'TWOULD MAKE HIM BIG AND BURLY. BUT ALL THE SAME HE TURNED OUT SQUIRRELLY Don Quixote y Wordsworth y Woolworth		

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
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A far cry from the snappy ranger of today is this sketch of a ranger who rode the plains a century ago. Asst. Ranger Louis Juch suggests State Park Rangers adopt the squirrel gun for use on the Suzie Stupes among park visitors--and the riata for catching stray dogs.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

ON THE BEAM

From all reports, the activity in our parks is proceeding in the normal manner, with two of the heaviest multiple holiday situations, namely: Memorial Day weekend, and Fourth of July weekend, having been taken care of without any accidents, fires or unusual incident. That leaves the remaining multiple holiday situation incident to Labor Day still confronting us. I sincerely hope that after it has passed, a similar report may be made.

FIRE HAZARD SEASON

The most serious part of the fire hazard season is still before us. May I again caution all of the field personnel to check their equipment and fire-fighting facilities to see that they are constantly kept in a condition permitting momentary use.

MORE CO-OPERATION REQUIRED

All of the District and field personnel has from time to time been told that they should be more careful and conservative in sending in their requisitions; especially, the requisitions calling for office supplies, folders, and other material sent out direct to the field from the Sacramento Office; and that these should be based upon their needs on a quarterly-year basis. Also, you have been told from time to time that our allotment for printing is quite limited. Yet, I am amazed to find orders coming in here originating from some park and approved by the District Superintendent containing such items as are listed below:

15,000 copies of the Rules and Regulations.
10,000 copies of an individual park folder.
1,000 visitor register sheets.

Also, requisitions from individual parks and again approved by the District Superintendent calling for certain forms that are never to be used in the park, but are for the exclusive use of the District Office. All this causes considerable confusionand delay and must be remedied.

DECALS

It will be pretty tough on any individual who is found driving a State car or truck after August Ist which does not contain the necessary decals as this requirement is not a rule--it is a law! Place "For Official Use Only" decal directly below Insignia Decal on front doors of vehicle.

BUSY SEASON

By reading certain items sent in on the various Rangers' weekly Reports, I fear that the field personnel feels that the office personnel has a slack season during the summer season. May I assure you, this is not the case, for during the summer months, the office personnel is busily engaged in closing up the business and routine details incident to the closing of the last fiscal year plus the setting in motion the routine details incident to the starting of a new fiscal year.

Since the annual budget has been inaugurated, all of that detail must also be compiled and prepared for the Department of Finance previous to September 15th. So that we in the office can bear with you in the field; but you must also bear with us, and all of this must be done both in the field and in the

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office with a smile and good cheer as part of our service as public employees.

PRESTO LOGS

This is the first season that we have employed extensive use of the Presto Logs and all Rangers in charge of parks should keep the District Superintendents informed regarding use of same. It has already been called to my attention that the Redwood sawdust Presto logs are far superior to all other grades; that they burn longer and do not have the tendency to deteriorate as rapidly. May I also caution that all parks should endeavor not to carry over any Presto logs at the close of the season. The entire subjedt of wood substitutes, such as Presto logs and briquets will be thoroughly discussed at the next District Superintendents' Conference.

GRADE I RANGER EXAM IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4th

Another examination to create a new eligible list for State Park Ranger, Grade I, has been scheduled by the State Personnel Board for September 4th.

Final date for filing of applications is August 14th.

The exam will be for men only, and the salary range is $210-$255. All applicants must be citizens of the U.S., and residents of California for at least one year immediately prior to the date of the examination.

CURATOR DYSON ATTENDS YOSEMITE FIELD SCHOOL OF NATURAL HISTORY

Jack Dyson, curator of San Juan Bautista State Historical Monument, attended the Yosemite Field School of Natural History from July 19 to 22, inclusive.

Dyson reported that campgrounds in State Parks are far superior to the camping areas in Yosemite; and that, in time, he believed the interpretive program in the State system will equal that of the national parks.

FAMILY REUNION AT DOHENY BEACH

The Guinn Garnett family of the southern part of the State, regular patrons of Doheny Beach State Park, this month held a family reunion at the park.

Total mileage travelled by all of the members to make the reunion was 58,250 miles... with one member, who is connected with the Anglo-American Food and Agriculture Commission, Coming by air all the way from Germany for the event.

PORTOLA TREK RE-ENACTS BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY NEAR SAN CLEMENTE

Twenty five horsemen of the Portola Trek, which is re-tracing the route of the Portola expedition of the 18th Century, camped overnight at San Clemente Beach State Park on July 20.

The group, part of the general state-wide observance of California's centennial years, paraded in the evening to an area in the city of San Clemente, where they made an authentic re-enactment of the Birth of Christianity in California, when the mission fathers dedicated themselves to converting the native population.

The original ceremony occured in San Clemente on July 22, 1769.

ILLEGAL CAMPERS AT POINT LOBOS ARE APPREHENDED AND FINED

Deputy Ranger Ray of Point Lobos Reserve State Park found a party of five persons on Gibson Beach in the park on the morning of July 18, with evidence that they had camped all night, and had built a fire.

He placed charges against them and on July 20, before Justice of the Peace Ray Baugh in Monterey, Mr. Lawrence Henry of Watsonville, pleaded guilty to violating State Park rules and regulations, assuming the blame for the other four, and was fined $50, with $40 suspended for a two-year probationary period.

TO BIG SUR....

WELL DONE

The following letter tells well the story of a near tragedy, and how it was averted by park personnel well equipped mentally and physically to meet the situation:

"Mr. A.E.Henning, Chief
Division of Beaches & Parks
Sacramento, California.

"Dear Sir: I wish to take this occasion to inform you of my very recent experience at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, and to notify your office of heroism, alertness, thorough life-saving ability, and keen devotion to duty displayed by one of your park employees, Mr. Keith Carpenter, a ranger.

"While visiting friends of ours, Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Kenneth Legg, at the park, we brought our son, Richard, for a two weeks vacation. The day after our arrival, July 24th, our son, age 8, walked to the swimming pool with another small boy, our friends' son, Gary Legg. While playing near the edge of the swimming pool our son fell down the slippery bank into the water, the depth of which, I understand, is 14 feet. Efforts to swim by the boy met with no success. Thereupon his playmate tried to rescue him, with negative results. Realizing he could do no good without adult help, Gary Legg raced to the home of Ranger Keith Carpenter. Upon being informed of the emergency, Mr. Carpenter raced to the pool, and with the help of a bystander, pulled our son from the bottom of the pool. He immediately inverted the victim to drain all water possible, then proceeded to apply artificial respiration when the boy was placed in the correct position.

"In the meantime my son's playmate rushed to tell me of the terrible accident, and I rushed to the scene, getting there as Mr. Carpenter was beginning artificial respiration.

"After expert application of the first aid for about five minutes, convulsive and spasmodic breathing began. In the meantime Chief Ranger Cox arrived and dispatched other rangers and bystanders to bring hotwater bottles and blankets. These articles arrived in record time, and were immediately applied. Massaging of limbs and feet at the direction of Chief Ranger Cox and Ranger Carpenter was undertaken as soon as breathing began. This action brought my boy's pulse from about 30 up to a normal 80-90. The skin returned from ashen gray to a normal hue. About forty minutes from the time respiration began, the victim again was breathing normally and went into a sound sleep.

"In the meantime Dr. Wooley was summoned from Carmel, a distance of 27 miles, and arrived in 45 minutes. Immediate medical examination was made by the doctor and the patient was pronounced past the danger stage and on the way to recovery.

"But he recommended an overnight stay in the hospital at Carmel for observation and to ward off possible secondary infection of pneumonia. Dr. Wooley stated that rarely do victims survive after being submerged for so long a time without breathing (about three minutes); and that only the correct action taken at the earliest possible time, along with the exceptionally strong heart of the patient, enabled the survival.

"I am thankful and overjoyed that we have our son back enjoying his vacation. And I am indeed forever indebted to Deputy Ranger Keith Carpenter for his alert and expert actions in saving our son's life.

"It is sincerely hoped that some recognition can be given him for his heroism and ability, along with Chief Ranger Cox, and assistants, by your office.

Sincerely,
Mr.and Mrs.Albert W.
Norman, Alameda."

CHARLES DOLL'S FATHER-IN-LAW DIES

Deputy Ranger Charles E. Doll's father-in-law, visiting with the Dolls at Morro Bay State Park, became ill on the evening he arrived and died the following day, July 15, in hospital at San Luis Obispo.

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

This is intended as the first of a series of articles that, we hope, may result in aiding the sincere and struggling state park ranger in improving his knowledge of, and interest in, his job. (Superintendents and their assistants may also take advantage of this series for a small consideration i.e., the contribution of their ideas as to how the manual should be used--mayhem excepted).

To be able to use the manual, it is necessary to have one. Any attempt to use without possessing one is only a borrower's dream. All permanently employed park rangers, except the very newest, have a copy in their possession which they use as a bedside reference, of course.

HOW TO ACQUIRE FIELD MANUAL

The newly employed ranger, commonly referred to as the probationer, because he is only probably of permanent status for the first six months, finding himself without a field manual, and seeking to quench his thirst for the knowledge stored therein, may obtain one of the gilt-titled documents in the following manner:

Request the ranger-in-charge of the park where you are employed to petition the district superintendent to inform the administrative office that you are officially employed as a State Park Ranger, Grade I, in such and such a park, beginning on a certain date, and that you have duly signed the oath of office, acquired a fatigue uniform with shoulder emblems, a ranger's hat (or reasonable facsimilie thereof) and that all that is needed to make the scene complete--other than the monthly eagle's flight--is a copy of the employee's Field Manual. Then you must wait!

CUSTODY

In due time (or perhaps overdue, depending upon the law of supply and demand--a law for which no funds have been set up for the enforcement thereof) you will receive a handsome, black, looseleaf, snapback, pebble-grained leather binder, richly imprinted with the title "Field Manual", the Great Seal of the State of California, and the full title of the outfit for whom you are working, all in gold letters to commemorate the discovery of gold in California.

Before you may take full possession however, or, like Aladdin, even rub your palm, ever so gently, over the enticing black surface of the binder and discover the clean, black inner lining of the cover already patched with an adhesive-tape-like label on which is indicated the number of the copy of the Field Manual, with lines for the name of the acquisitor and the dates of acquisition and return of the volume.

Also, therein, you will find a custody slip (hangover from the days of the park custodian) bearing the number of the copy and which you must sign as receipt, to be forwarded through the district office to the Educational Supervisor at Sacramento. While signing for custody with the right hand, turn the page with the left and carefully peruse the Foreword by the Chief, especially the paragraph containing $5.00.

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Will the Field Manual quench your thirst for knowledge?

Can The printed work make you a better State Park Ranger?

To find out, read the August issue of News and Views.

RADIO DIABLO OFFERS USE OF RESUSCITATOR FOR STATE PARK MEN

Radio Diablo, Inc., a radio transmitting company whose transmitter is located on land adjacent to Mt. Diablo State Park, with an access road through the park, has offered the use of their new resuscitator to park personnel at the park.

Mr. Orrin Brown, president of the corporation, states that the machine would be useful to park personnel in the event of being overcome by smoke in fire fighting, or if electrically shocked.

ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN NATURE GUIDE

(The story of the origin of nature guiding in the United States--as related by C.M. Goethe, of Sacramento, before the 1948 Conference of National Park Naturalists held in Yosemite National Park in April. This story is of particular interest to employees of the State Park System in view of the assignment this season, by our Division, of the first government nature guide to return to Lake Tahoe, the birthplace of nature-guiding--to work at D. L. Bliss State Park.)

"You have asked for the story of how the interpretive movement came in to the United States. It really began on a little steamer on Switzerland's Lake of the Four Forest Cantons. At the opening of this century a Swiss teacher headed a nature study group for children. Mrs. Goethe and I fortunately spoke the three languages of Switzerland, and I had experience in some cantonal dialects including Canton Uri.(We were enroute to Uri Rotstock.) We had, moreover, some years of experience as after-office hours volunteer workers at the Sacramento Orphanage Farm. We thus were ready to evaluate the work of this Swiss.

"The contact brought an invitation to join the morrow's climb of Rigi Kulm. This deepened our favorable impressions. Finally we met the head of the Swiss Nature Study-Field Excursion Movement.

"This gentlemen had statesman-like vision. He welcomed American investigation. He declared his nation could offer the United States of America herein something as valuable as the Red Cross concept (which Switzerland had given to America).

"He mentioned German "whines" of encirclement--declared that Switzerland was the nation truly encircled. Surrounding it were three first-rate powers. Each was obsessed with the cannon-fodder concept. Napoleon had occupied the French-speaking cantons. The Pan Germans coveted the German ones.(indeed, I later was shown, by a Swiss colonel, a Pan German map with over half of Switzerland colored as annexed to Germany). Then, too, a Pan Italian group, even before Mussolini, was highly vocal. They demanded the Italian-speaking canton, Ticino, become Italian soil.

"Swiss policy was based on compulsory military training. This nature group, however, worked for more. Children at the earliest possible age were to be indoctrinated as to the natural beauty of their nation. This was to continue into the Army. They were taught the marvels of the Alps, the glaciers, the flora(edelweiss, alpenrosen, gentians). The birds were to be their cousins--even the eagle-like lammergeier circulating high above the Spitze.

"'Switzerland, the little republic, needs this today, declared our mentor. 'Who knows how soon the United States of America will have to watch creeping disloyalty among its people. We have three languages--how long will the United States of America enjoy but one tongue?'

"'It is highly doubtful if you can graft on your American culture this European idea. Still it is purely Republican. Perhaps Switzerland may some day be saved from engulfment by this concept. I beg you to dare the attempt.'

"'He advised: 'Now go home, Reflect all winter on this. Come back to Germany next year. I will see you meet the key man there. He is Pan German. You will learn to reject his bad, retain his good.'

"He advised further European studies. Denmark, where nature games for the blind were based on wild bird music. Norway--the system linked to increasing tourist resort income. Holland, where wide knowledge of insect-eating birds was helpful to their very complex horticulture.

"We made the other European studies properly spaced. We worked out an American technique. We then(in 1918) asked the University of California to recommend two professors for the 1919 summer. We decided to employ these

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men, and to use six Lake Tahoe resorts for our laboratory.

"The experiment was an amazing success. Men abandoned trout fishing to become introduced to trees, wild flowers, birds.

"On August 3, 1919, Stephen Mather, Director of the fledgling National Park Service, troubled over problems at Yosemite, did not return to San Francisco. He motored over Tioga Pass and stopped overnight at Mr. Price's Fallen Leaf Resort near Lake Tahoe. Attracted by the crowd, he found its auditorium packed; others stood at doors and windows trying to hear the lecture. Mr. Mather quizzed Mr. Price and held his counsel, characteristically. He returned to Washington.

"Thanksgiving, 1919, brought to me an invitation to Mr. Mather's Christmas party in Yosemite. We were Strangers. It further was a party of his University of California pals. I decided to decline. Mrs. Goethe convinced me that I should accept because she sensed a possible connection with our Lake Tahoe nature experiment.

"Mr. Mather was interested in moving the Tahoe experiment to Yosemite.

"He explained that a group of New Yorkers were plotting to open a Coney Island in Yosemite. Same was to include a ferris wheel, hot dog and pop stands, a dance hall and slot machines. He had blocked their obtaining a Congressional concession. They, in retaliation, were about to force his resignation by cutting off appropriations. He told me he was willing to use his own private fortune, but it would eventually be exhausted.

"He declared he had worried about how to defeat his enemies. Then, in a flash, he saw at Tahoe that our work could be utilized to that end.

"Visitors to Yosemite come from every state. We will support your Tahoe work privately until Government funds come. We will ask every pleased parent to write approval to his two senators, his congressmen."

"The years 1920, 1921 and 1922 passed, using the above strategy. It was if memory serves rightly, 1923 before the first government funds were apportioned. It was about that time that the Yosemite Ranger-Naturalist training school was added.

"Mrs. Goethe and I, all these years have been profoundly convinced that the nature interpretive movement offers a most valuable educational opportunity. The first success was possible through the devoted teamwork of less than ten persons--with Dr. Harold C. Bryant and Dr. Loye Miller, carrying on the scientific part.

As for the future in this movement, as Dr. Miller has said:

"It is of infinite horizon!"

EVENTS AT TAHOE CAMPGROUND

Mrs. Korleen Jackson, wife of Asst. Ranger Glenn Jackson of Tahoe Campground State Park, writes of recent events in the Jackson family which will be of interest to friends throughout the park system.

On May 21st, the Jacksons celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

On June 14th, their second son, Norman, was married.

And on July 15th, their second grand-daughter was born in Montgomery, Alabama, to Bud Jackson, their oldest son.

Mrs. Jackson's letter also tells of a young fawn, whose mother was killed, which was turned over to the family for care. She says:

"He's a sweet little thing--demanding attention, loving, and food. After being fed warm milk, dry bread, lettuce etc., he retires to the grassy bank behind the house and rests in a Walt Disney-like setting of columbine, lupine, and colored butterflies.

"When hungry again he mews like a kitten at either the front or back door and is fed.

"A wild doe comes down the mountain every evening, tops a few flowers, enjoys the salt lick, stares at the fawn, desregards us, and finally, last night, came right near our back door and touched noses with the fawn.

"Glenn and I eat our dinner enroute from window to window watching this friendship unfold."

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SAN FRANCISCO JULY 16

The last meeting of the State Park Commission was held July 16, in San Francisco. Commissioners present were Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland; Charles Kasch, of Ukiah, and George Waldner of Ferndale.

BUTANO FOREST ACQUISITION--After hearing representatives of Butano Forest Associates tell of plans to raise matching money for State's purchase of this redwood area in San Mateo County, the commission directed the staff to inspect Mt. Madonna County Park in Santa Clara County, and San Mateo Co. Memorial Park, to determine if they are acceptable as state parks. It is proposed that these parks be put up by the counties as matching values.

MT. DIABLO--Denied request of Pac. Tel. and Tel. Company to install radio and television facilities at the summit of Mt. Diablo State Park.

MONTEREY BEACHES--Asilomar Beach in Monterey County, proposed for inclusion in Monterey County Master Beach Plan. Staff instructed to study this matter.

COLUMBIA--Staff ordered to proceed with acquisition of area for installation of water system at Columbia Historic State Park. Staff instructed also to cooperate with Division of Forestry in the placement of additional fire-fighting equipment in Columbia area.

COLUMBIA MASTER RESTORATION PLAN--Ordered Division to expand engineering staff with funds for the drafting of a master plan for the restoration of Columbia Historic State Park, and that when such preliminary plan is complete, The Columbia Historic Park Association, or any other interested group that may be designated, review same for suggestions to improve. Commission further ordered that when it appears that expert advice is necessary, qualified consultants be employed to review the report under service agreement.

MORRO BAY--Navy has agreed to turn over Officers Clubhouse, erected during war, for park use. The B.O.Q. building will be razed by the Department of Finance and the area will be restored to its original condition. Chairman authorized to accept Officers Club. Chief Henning presented request of San Luis Obispo County to enlarge golf course to 18 holes. Commission denied request and ordered staff to develop plan for future development of park for recreation along simple lines in keeping with park policy.

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE WATERFRONT--Staff directed to make complete survey of property lines at waterfront of Old Custom House State Historical Monument and to report on this matter at next meeting.

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE--Commission authorized utilization of summer nature guide at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to make two day preliminary survey of South Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, proposed for acquisition. Biological information obtained from this survey will be used in supplying descriptive information to the public during fund-raising campaign now being organized by re-activated Calaveras Grove Association, which held organization dinner in Stockton on July 15th. This association was incorporated in 1930 to raise the matching funds for the present Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

MT. TAMALPAIS SUMMIT ACQUISITION--Final steps approved for acquisition of approximately 20 acres at summit of Mt. Tamalpais, above present area of Mt. Tamalpais State Park, and for acquisition of the former toll road from the highway to the summit. Price for toll road is $90,000, and for summit area, $25,000.

OPERETTA AT MT. TAMALPAIS--Tentatively approved request of Players Club of San Francisco to present light operetta "RobinHood" in the Mountain Theater on Mt. Tamalpais sometime in September.

NATURE GUIDE NOTES "NEW LOOK" IN PARKS

Nature Guide Don Meadows, on summer assignment at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, made the following report late in July, which is of interest:

"The park visitors this season are of a different kind than have come in during past seasons. I don't know just what the difference is, but I can feel it. As a rule they seem to be more of the outdoor type, interested in the little natural features and the woods in general, rather than in the conventional summer resort features.

"They seem to entertain themselves rather than having to be entertained. In all, they are, as a rule, a better class of camper than in the past. They seem more quiet and intelligent. Hikers are only a little above the number contacted last year, but I think the people that go out with me are getting more out of the trails than in the past. I don't care about numbers; they really indicate very little. It is the enjoyment and information that people get out of my work that pleases me, and I think, in this respect, the season will go far ahead of last year".

It is the belief of officials in Sacramento that the two-week camping limit can be credited with bringing about this change.

SEACLIFF HAS "BODY" MYSTERY

Two women in late July rushed into the ranger headquarters at Seacliff Beach State Park and informed the ranger that:

"There is a body floating under the pier, and it is tied with a rope around its waist."

Investigation proved it to be the body of a very dead seal. A fisherman had brought the body to the surface with his halibut gig; and could not get his hooks loose. He apparently rigged up a hoist out of some strap metal and a piece of rope from the boat's rigging, and when he got the hooks loose, dropped the body back into the water.

The body floated distractingly about the pier for several days before it finally disappeared.

ROY CUSHING, BRIDE-TO-BE, ARE FETED AT SEACLIFF "SHOWER"

The following was written by Asst. Ranger Leonard Moore of Seacliff Beach State Park:

"Friday, July 16th, was a big night at Seacliff Beach State Park. Chief Ranger Charles L. (Roy) Cushing and his charming fiancee, Louella Gordon, were given a surprise "shower" at a barbecue of park employees.

"Thirty three folk were there--all rangers and their families from Seacliff, Sunset and New Brighton, with the exception of Supt. Jack Knight, who was detained by a park commission meeting in San Francisco.

"After Roy and "Lou' blushingly cut a cake, topped with a bride-and-groom figurine, they each were presented with a big box with best wishes from the park gang, who hope it will be a "blanket order" for a long, happy marriage."

BLAZE STARTED BY CIGARET THREATENS S.P. TAYLOR STATE PARK

A carelessly-thrown cigaret from the highway passing through Samuel P. Taylor State Park, a fact definitely established by the Marin County fire chief, on July 22 destroyed 40 acres of park pasture land and threatened the redwood grove where camp facilities are under construction.

The fire, which burned for three hours, was fought by ten Marin firemen and eight personnel, including rangers and laborers, from the park.

Bulldozers and road-scrapers from the Division of Highways, working in the area, were utilized to stop the fire.

Marin Fire Chief Mazza commended the "wonderful cooperation of the State workers", which enabled him to easily control the fire. William J. Haussler is ranger in charge.

T H A T G L O R I O U S "4TH"

As seen by a park ranger's wife at Seacliff Beach State Park....

2 A.M.-- A picnic gang threw beer bottles into the garbage can. Nice of then to observe rules and regulations, even at 2 A.M.

4 A.M. -- A bunch of fishermen under the courtyard light(right by my bedroom window) talked and fixed their tackle.

5 A.M. -- A car and trailer bumped the backyard wall(just noise, no damage).

6 A.M. -- The door bell starts to ring. "How can I get a table?" That's the thing, with every last table gone by dawn.

AND FROM 7 A. M. ON, AND ON, AND ON:

On the hour and muchly in between, the telephone adds its noisy chatter. Calls from San Francisco: "Will the sun shine there this afternoon?" "I want to reserve three tables". "How about some fireworks on the beach?" "Why can't we cook weinies over a campfire on the beach?" "We have a dog, but it's just a small Mexican Hairless". "Where do we buy the wood?" "Why can't we use your barbecue and table in your yard?" "Has anyone turned in a little girl about three years old?" "Oh, I thought this was a restroom". "Can we park our car in your backyard? Some one might scratch it out in that other place." "What a pretty yard you have. Does the State furnish you with a gardener?"

Excited group of Italians bringing in a small girl with badly cut foot. Then the matter of cleaning the foot, mopping up office floor, calling for doctor, etc., until ranger arrives and efficiently shoos out about one dozen relatives of the child.

Hundreds of cars, thousands of people. The concession juke box giving it's all. Fifty fishermen for every fish, and two fishermen for each foot of pier and boat space. The smell of wood smoke, steaks, weiners. The happy shrieks of youngsters. Bathers--both of the swimming and petting varieties--all out to have a holiday.

State Parks really are wonderful. Never a dull moment. They keep one young. -By Enid Moore.

STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY COMPLETES FIRE PREVENTION TRAINING IN SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT PARKS

South Central District Park Superintendent H. L. Blaisdell has forwarded a letter of appreciation to the State Division of Forestry for the excellent series of training courses recently completed by Forestry personnel in parks of the South Central District.

Schools were conducted for State Park Rangers at Point Lobos Reserve, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Morro Bay, and La-Purisima Mission.

The school at Pfeiffer Big Sur was conducted by the U. S. Forest Service, and the forest patrol station adjacent to Big Sur will warn park employees this summer when the fire-danger rating station at Big Sur shows that the fire condition is critical.

When these warnings are issued, the park visitors will be contacted and warned of the need for extra care.

KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Recently a stove was transferred from Pfeiffer Big Sur to Big Basin Redwoods. The proper "Advice of Transfer of Equipment" was forwarded to Big Sur from Big Basin. [illegible] to use, it was found necessary to send a second advice of transfer, which read:

"Quantity: 1; article: rat's nest; description: complete with rat; manufacturer's name and number: part of stove # 181R1914."

PICTURE STARS VISIT PRODUCTION AT CALIFORNIA FIRST THEATRE

Micheal O'Shea and his charming actress wife, Virginia Mayo, attended the Friday, July 16th, showing of the play "Lola Montez" in the California First Theater State Historical Monument.

After the show the couple went backstage to meet and congratulate the members of the cast.

OFFICIAL NAMES FOR UNITS
OF STATE PARK SYSTEM ARE
DETERMINED BY STATE OFFICIALS

Printed below is the official name list of California's State Parks, as of July 1, 1948.

NORTHWEST (1)

Azalea Reserve State Park
Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park
Dry Lagoon Beach State Park
Edward R. Hickey State Park
Humboldt Redwoods State Park--Area Units
- Dyerville-Bull Creek Area
- Burlington Area
- Richardson Grove Area
- Stephens Grove Area
- Whittemore-Holbrook Groves Area
- Williams Grove Area

Little River Beach State Park
Mill Creek Redwoods State Park
Patrick's Point State Park
Pelican Beach State Park
Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
Admiral Standley Grove State Park
Trinidad Beach State Park
Van Duzen Redwoods State Park

EASTERN (3)

D. L. Bliss State Park
Calaveras Big Trees State Park
Columbia Historic State Park
Donner State Historical Monument
Gold Discovery Site State Park
James W. Marshall State Historical Monument
State Indian Museum
Sutter's Fort Historical Museum
Tahoe Campground State Park

SOUTH CENTRAL (5)

California First Theatre State Hist. Monument
Carpinteria Beach State Park
Cayucos Beach State Park
Fort Tejon State Historical Monument
House of Gold State Historical Mon.
Junipero Serra Landing Place State Hist. Mon.
La Purisima Mission State Hist. Mon.
Morro Bay State Park
Morro Strand State Park
Old Custom House State Hist. Mon.
Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park
Point Lobos Reserve State Park
Pismo Beach State Park
San Simeon Creek Beach State Park
Stevenson House State Hist. Mon.
Tule Elk Reserve State Park
Ventura Beach State Park

NORTHEAST (2)

Armstrong Redwoods State Park
Bidwell State Park
Castle Crags State Park
Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park
Dimmick Grove State Park
Fort Ross State Historical Mon.
Kruse Rhododendron Reserve State Park
Indian Creek Grove State Park
McArthur-Burney Falls State Park
Montgomery Redwoods State Park
Russian Gulch State Park
Shasta State Historical Mon.
Sonoma Coast State Park
Sonoma Mission State Hist. Mon.
Vallejo Home State Hist. Mon.
Van Damme Beach State Park

CENTRAL (4)

Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Fremont Peak State Park
Mt. Diablo State Park
Mt. Tamalpais State Park
Natural Bridges Beach State Park
New Brighton Beach State Park
James D. Phelan Beach State Park
Portola State Park
San Juan Bautista State His. Mon.
Seacliff Beach State Park
Sunset Beach State Park
Samuel P. Taylor State Park

SOUTHERN (6)

Anza Desert State Park
Alamitos Beach State Park
Carlsbad Beach State Park
Corona Del Mar Beach State Park
Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
Doheny Beach State Park
Huntington Beach State Park
Los Angeles County Arboretum
Lummis Home State Historical Mon.
Manhattan Beach State Park
Mission Bay State Park
Mt. San Jacinto State Park
Palomar Mountain State Park
Pio Pico State Historical Mon.
Will Rogers State Beach
Will Rogers State Park
San Clemente Beach State Park
San Pasqual Battlefield State Hist. Monument
Silver Strand State Park

A WORD OF PRAISE.....

CARPENTERIA BEACH--"On July 10-12 my wife and I trailered to Carpinteria Beach State Park and spent three wonderful days there.

"The Chief Ranger, Al Salzgeber, deserves to be complimented highly on the clean, well-kept grounds and utility buildings.

"The toilets and showers were immaculate--a pleasant relief after visiting other public places. Although it is a longer drive for us, Carpinteria Beach will be our future recreational beach area--Dr. Philip F.Spooner, Los Angeles."

MT. DIABLO--"This is a letter of thanks to you for the superb job being done under your direction at Mt.Diablo State Park.

"Having enjoyed the pleasures of that park twice this year, we want you to know that we very much appreciate the work of your Division in general, and the Mt. Diablo rangers in particular.--Roger H. Coffee, San Francisco

CALAVERAS BIG TREES--Just returned from a two week camp in the Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and must say we (my wife, son and self) found the rest rooms and showers as clean and as neat as at home, and general camp sanitation perfect. The officers of this park are doing a fine job. Thanks for a fine vacation--George Marquis,Pittsburg,Calif.

FORT ROSS TALE OF YESTERYEAR

Curator John McKenzie reports a recent story he heard of the landing of Josh Dutton at Fort Ross in 1832.

Dutton, and four others,were involved in trouble aboard an American clipper ship and the enraged captain brought the ship close inshore off Fort Ross and dumped the five into the ocean.

They reached shore, where the Russians held them for two years awaiting arrival of passports from the American consul in San Francisco.

When no passports arrived in this time, the five escaped into the hills, and Dutton later settled near what is now Ukiah, where his descendants still live.

VALLEJO MEMORIAL TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY IS HELD IN PLAZA OF TOWN OF SONOMA

Joseph R. Knowland, chairman of the California State Park Commission, was the speaker at the Vallejo Memorial Tree-Planting Ceremony held in the Sonoma plaza on July 7th, the birthday of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo.

The Vallejo Home State Historical Monument near Sonoma is the home of this noted military and political figure of early California.

A Redwood tree was planted to replace the memorial oak tree planted in February, 1902. The tree was watered by two pioneers and native sons,Louis Green, 83, and Granville Harris,90, who participated in the 1902 planting.

Soil from Vallejo's birthplace in Monterey, from the Carmel Mission, from the petaluma Rancho and from the monument area, known in the early days as "Lachryma Montis", was placed around the roots of the Redwood by the following persons:

Francisca Vallejo McGettigan, daughter of Vallejo's son, Dr. Platon M.G. Vallejo; Anita Emparan Thomson, daughter of Luisa Emparan, Vallejo's daughter; Alma Cutter McLennan, daughter of Maria Vallejo Cutter, the general's youngest child; Harvey Brown Vallejo, last to bear the name, and the son of Napoleon Vallejo, the general's youngest son; and R.R. Emparan, son of Luisa Vallejo Emparan, who was the last surviving child of Gen.Vallejo and the first curator of the historical monument.

JACK COVINGTON IS GRANTED LEAVE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

Executive Secretary John H.(Jack) Covington of the State Park Commission has been granted extended leave from duties because of illness. He is confined in his home at 3043 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, and will be happy to hear from his friends in the field.

In his absence the commission has designated that the Chief, A.E. Henning, and, or, The Deputy Chief,Earl P. Hanson, will serve as secretary pro tem of the commission.

NAMES, POSITIONS AND ADDRESSES OF SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS STAFF

To introduce field personnel to members of the Sacramento headquarters staff, we present, in this issue, the names, positions, and addresses of this group, in alphabetic order:

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS EXAM IS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPT. IITH

The civil service examination, originally scheduled to be held on Aug. 5th, has been postponed by Personnel Board until September IIth.

Closing day for filing of applications to take the examination has been set at August 21st.

Candidates who now have applications on file need not file for this examination again.

Congratulations go this month to Ranger and Mrs. Clyde Strickler of Palomar Mountain State Park on the birth of a daughter, Clydene Marie, on July 12th. She weighed 7 pounds.

Snow fell at D.L. Bliss State Park on the morning of July 4th this year in sufficient quantities to blanket the ground for several hours--and to put a good cover on the higher peaks above the park.

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120 Chukar partridges were released at the mouth of Borrego Palm Canyon in Anza Desert State Park this month.

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PARK OFFICIALS ATTEND SAN FRANCISCO BANQUET DEDICATING MADISON GRANT MEMORIAL FOREST AND ELK REFUGE

Officials of the Division of Beaches and Parks, led by Chief A.E.Henning on July 29th were guests of the Save-the-Redwoods League at a banquet in the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco dedicating the Madison Grant Memorial Forest and Elk Refuge in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

Conservationists from all over the nation were present, including DeForest Grant of the B oone and Crockett Club in New York, brother of the late Madison Grant, Joseph R. Knowland, chairman of the park commission, Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service, and Laurance Rockefeller, of New York.

Nicholas Roosevelt of Big Sur presided at the dinner.

The Madison Grant Memorial Forest contains 1,600 acres of the finest of the Coast Redwoods, and is the habitat of the last remaining band of Roosevelt Elk in California.

The area is dedicated to the memory of Madison Grant, one of the founders of the Save-the-redwoods League, and noted as a conservationist, author and anthropologist. He was president of the New York Zoological Society, and president of the Boone and Crockett Club, a great hunters' organization founded by Theodore Roosevelt in 1887.

BUDGET REMINDER

This is a reminder to the field that the 1949-50 budget requests are due in Sacramento as follows:

Maintenance equipment(new and replacement) --August 1, 1948.

Construction, improvement, repair and personnel -- August 15, 1948.

As the Department of Finance has instructed all departments to meet all deadline dates promptly, it is urgent that all district offices comply promptly as instructed in Chief Henning's Memorandum of June 30, 1948

DONNER MONUMENT AREA IS VISITED BY "PRAIRIE TREK EXPEDITION" FROM MIDDLE WESTERN AREA

Twenty-two boys from all parts of the United States, led by Hillis Howie of St. Louis, Mo., and Townsend Godsey, photographer, of Columbia, Mo., stopped for two days near Donner State Historical Monument to trace out the route the Donner Party took in attempting to cross the pass which now bears its name.

The t racing trip is part of an overall trip of several months during which the party is following the pioneer trails of the early West.

The next four weeks will be spent by t he boys in compiling a book on their travels entitled "100 Years Too Late", which will parallel the experiences of the Prairie Trek Expedition with those of the pioneers.

The caravan is composed of two station wagons, a small truck, and a large commissary truck, and is equipped to stop wherever night overtakes it.

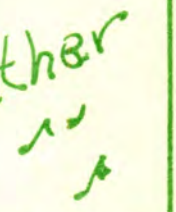
Each boy is free to choose the field of research most interesting to him, or he may contribute to the writing of the book.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK COMMISSION will be August 20 and 21,the meeting place undecided

ABUSE & CONFUSE CALENDAR FOR JULY 1948

"Mostly stuff thats unfit to print."
San Francisco Chronic.

LOCUSTS LEISURELY LICK THEIR CHOPS,
THEIR CRAWS ARE CRAMMED WITH
OUR GARDEN CROPS;
FOR ITS FAR TO WARM TO BAIT AND
SPRAY,
SINCE A HOT JULY IS UNDER WAY.
Don Quixote de Lhowss

				1 THU. GREAT LITERATURE "When I had money, money. O!" William Henry Davies	2 FRI. 1846 Commodore John Drake Sloat enters Monterey Bay	3 SAT. ART MASTERPIECE "Two Trees" by Turner
4 SUN	5 MON CUTHBERT CUTWORM SAYS: This stuff would turn a bookworms stomach!	6 TUE. NEW MOON	7 WED. 1846 Stars and Stripes raised over Monterey Custom House	8	9 ta-da-da Lazy Weather	10 
11 MOST PEOPLE CAN SEE THE WRONG THEY HAVE DONE, BUT NOT THE WRONG THEY ARE DOING	12 GREAT LITERATURE " Foul the grinterns, give up thrift." Thomas Hardy	13 FIRST QUARTER	14 This Educational Department is an outstanding straining school —	15 Folks strain to avoid looking at our Art, or read our Literature CIRE-T.C. Due	16 COMMISSION MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO	17
18 BE THOU EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS, LET THY GLORY BE ABOVE ALL THE EARTH. Ps. 57:6	19 1852 Initial point of Meridian established on Mt. Diablo yesterday	20 FOOL MOON	21 CLOPEDIA	22 He answers ALL your questions! Dear Si: "What is good for potato bugs?" D.Z	23 Dear D.Z. "Potatoes. you dope!" REG. TIME CARD DUE	24 Think I'll take today off. Excuse pliz z z z . . .
25 HAPPINESS IS A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT ONE IS AND WHAT ONE HAS.	26 Dally and his dolly, Millie, and Dilly with his filly Sally, and Billy O'Malley with Tillie, played catch in the park.	27 Quickly the ball was tossed by Billy O'Malley to Dally, from Dally to Millie to Sally to Dilly to Tillie to Dally to Dilly	28 to Billy O'Malley to Tillie to Dally to Sally to Millie to Dilly to Tillie to Billy O'Malley to Dilly to Dally to Sally to Millie	29 to Tillie to Billy O'Malley to Dally to Sally to O' Malley to Dilly They got awful tired Aren't you?	30 CIRE TIME CARD DUE Last Quart-er, Yes-terday	31 Last of the month. All wove out Excuse, pliz . . .

ARTHUR PARVIN
BIG BASIN REDWOOD STATE PARK
BIG BASIN, CALIFORNIA

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NEWS & VIEWS

FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Hap-py boith-day to youse.

Fe-li-ci-tous na-tal day to

News and Views

O hap-py day to

you

Swing it slow, blue birds

Each and ev-ry day-hay you-who gehl-het the-huh bet-ter

you, O News and Views

CEASE FIRING IN THE BASEMENT

mucho ritardo

and I mean the beh-heh-heh — — — ter,

heh-heh-heh-ter,

m-m-m (LUSCIOUS)

Yes, each year you get bet-ter

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Break it. fortissimo

Hap-py birth-day

Hap-py birth-day to you.

to you.

to you

Words by Cuthbert Cutworm.
Musical arrangement by Hubert Eu.
Animation by Don Quixote de Lassitude

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

AUTO REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE HOLDERS.

It is called to your attention that all automobile registration certificates are to be placed where they are plainly visible in the driver's compartment of automobile, truck or other piece of automotive equipment used on public highways. Certificate holders may be ordered on the regular Inter-Office Requisition form and are available from the Sacramento Parks Office.

PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS.

Numerous promotions and transfers have taken effect during the summer months. It may be some time before correspondence catches up with the individuals concerned. With the next issue of NEWS & VIEWS, we will endeavor to publish a new roster which will bring as nearly up to date as is possible, the title and locality of each individual.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS.

We are requesting for inclusion in the 1951st Fiscal Year Budget personnel to perform maintenance on the newly-created Riding and Hiking Trails. At the present time, the only districts that may have rangers assigned under the Riding and Hiking Trail maintenance program will be the Southern and the Central. For information as to where this maintenance is to be carried on, please consult Col. Edwin C. Kelton.

SEASONAL DEPUTY RANGERS.

District Superintendents have been informed that all seasonal deputy rangers must be separated from State service prior to September 8, 1948. Should an emergency require that an individual employee be retained beyond this date, you must notify this office immediately of the nature of the emergency and the proposed separation date. Seasonal deputy rangers are not to be utilized as compensating time or vacation relief men. Relief for vacation and compensating time must be furnished with permanent personnel and so set up that at least one ranger is available in each location where rangers regularly are stationed.

CIRE PERSONNEL.

When requesting personnel whose services are to be used on construction projects, the exact duties are to be described in the request. It is not desirable that you copy the specifications for that particular position as found in the Announcement for Examination, but rather that you give the detailed jobs the individual is to perform on the particular construction project or projects.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A supply of the new imprint of Rules and Regulations is being mailed to each District Superintendent. Requests for a supply of these in the individual parks should be sent directly to the District Office. About February or March of next year, a larger supply will be furnished the District Office. See elsewhere in NEWS & VIEWS a statement about the increase in printed circulars. Use the present imprint until they are all used before passing out the new imprints.

COVINGTON EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR MESSAGES DURING ILLNESS.

Jack Covington, executive secretary to the State Park Commission, wishes to express his sincere thanks for the many kindly messages he is receiving from State Park personnel during his continuing illness.

On August 25, 1943, Chief Henning issued a bulletin to all personnel of the division, containing many news items on the division and its personnel.

In this bulletin he suggested that perhaps such a monthly publication would be of continuing interest to division personnel.

From that initial bulletin, after much palaver, a name was agreed upon and so was born NEWS & VIEWS.

In this issue we pat our collective self upon the back, and say:

"Happy birthday to us on our fifth birthday." If you can sing, organize a quartet and try out the musical greeting on the front page.

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EXCERPTS FROM FIRST EDITION OF NEWS AND VIEWS, Aug. 25, 1943:

Park Commissioners: Joseph R.Knowland, chairman; Isidore B. Dockweiler; Leo Carrillo; Alfred Harrell; Lieut. George Waldner.

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Calaveras Grove Hotel Burns. Aug. 19th. Fire as of yet undiscovered origin razed the Calaveras Grove Hotel in Calaveras Big Trees State Park, a center of pioneer hospitality in the early years of California Statehood and in the gold-rush period. The historic building, one of the few remaining early-day inns, was destroyed completely.

The building was erected in 1856 by James L. Sperry, and for its day was considered large--it could accomodate about 60 guests. Those guests numbered such important figures as Mark Train and Bret Harte, who immortalized the gold country.

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Death Claims Senora Luisa Vallejo Emparan. Death came July 23 to Senora Luisa Vallejo Emparan, 87, last of the Vallejos, colorful early day family. Donna Luisa, sixteenth, and for years the only surviving child of General Mariano Guadelupe Vallejo, was born in Lachryma Montis, now a State monument (Vallejo Home State Historical Monument) and resided there virtually all of her life time.

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NAME THE CHILD: If this bulletin is to be continued, it should have an official name and suggestions from the personnel for such name are in order. Selection of the proper official title for the bulletin will be made upon receipt of suggestions. In order to give you the idea, the following are suggested: "Park Bench and Breeze", "Murmurs from the Trees and Waves".(Current Ed. Note--Oh, no!)

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(Additional Current Ed. Note)--When the first issue of NEWS & VIEWS went to press, field personnel numbered as follows: 4 district supts, 9 wardens, 7 asst. wardens, 40 custodians, 4 laborers, 2 janitresses, 6 custodians of historical monuments, and 1 assistant groundsman.

For comparison, five years later, today's field personnel numbers:

6 Dist. Supts; 6 asst. dist. supts. 11 intermediate steno-clerks; 5 senior engineering aids; 3 carpenter-foremen; 3 carpenters; 3 auto mechanics; 1 equipment operator; and 4 intermediate stock clerks, a total of 42 district employees...AND

26 chief rangers(formerly wardens); 47 assistant rangers(formerly asst. wardens); 130 deputy rangers(formerly custodians); 22 curators of historical monuments; 16 groundsmen and flower gardeners; 8 janitors and janitresses; and 1 skilled laborer, for a total of 250 employees in park, beach and monument assignments.

That makes a grand total of 292 field employees today, compared to the 73 field employees five years ago.

Is it any wonder that sometimes we seem to have growing pains?

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at LOS ANGELES AUG. 20

Meeting held in Los Angeles State Building, Aug. 20, 1948. Commissioners present: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Charles Kasch, and Leo Carrillo.

Following principal items of business transacted:

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS--Directed staff to obtain appraisals, with authority to proceed with purchase, of Rohner Redwoods, tract adjacent to Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Matching funds to come from Save-the Redwoods League. Rohner interests have offered area for $50,000.

TEHAMA COUNTY--Order institution of condemnation proceedings against William G. Sutton of Tehama for the Acquisition of the Ide Adobe, on the Sacramento River, as a historical monument. Ide was president of short lived California Republic.

CARPINTERIA BEACH--Authorized purchase of Canfield property, adjacent to Carpinteria Beach, for addition to beach.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY--American Legion officials presented plan for state to acquire area in desert near Iron Mountain, as historical monument to Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and the 700,000 men who trained under him there for desert warfare in the recent war. Commission ordered staff to investigate and report at next meeting. Land belongs to U.S.

LAKE COUNTY--Accepted gift deed of countyland on Clear Lake to match land to be purchased by state on south shore near Kelsey ville, for a lake shore State park.

WILL ROGERS PARK--Awarded riding stable concession at Will Rogers Park for three years to Maurice Buerge and Glenn Brooks.

REDWOOD MEMORIAL GROVE--Approved naming of Ben Johnson and Mary Vinton Johnson Memorial Grove in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, for parents of J.B. Sprague Johnson, of San Francisco, who has contributed $5,000 to the Save-the-Redwoods League.

MARIN COUNTY--Approved revised boundaries of Tomales Bay State Park, as proposed by Marin County Board of Supervisors. Negotiations for this new park will continue.

LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM--Approved subleasing by Los Angeles County of the former Baldwin Arboretum, to the California Arboretum Foundation. This area, near Arcadia, has been purchased jointly by the State and the county.

NEXT MEETING--Set for San Francisco on September 17, 1948

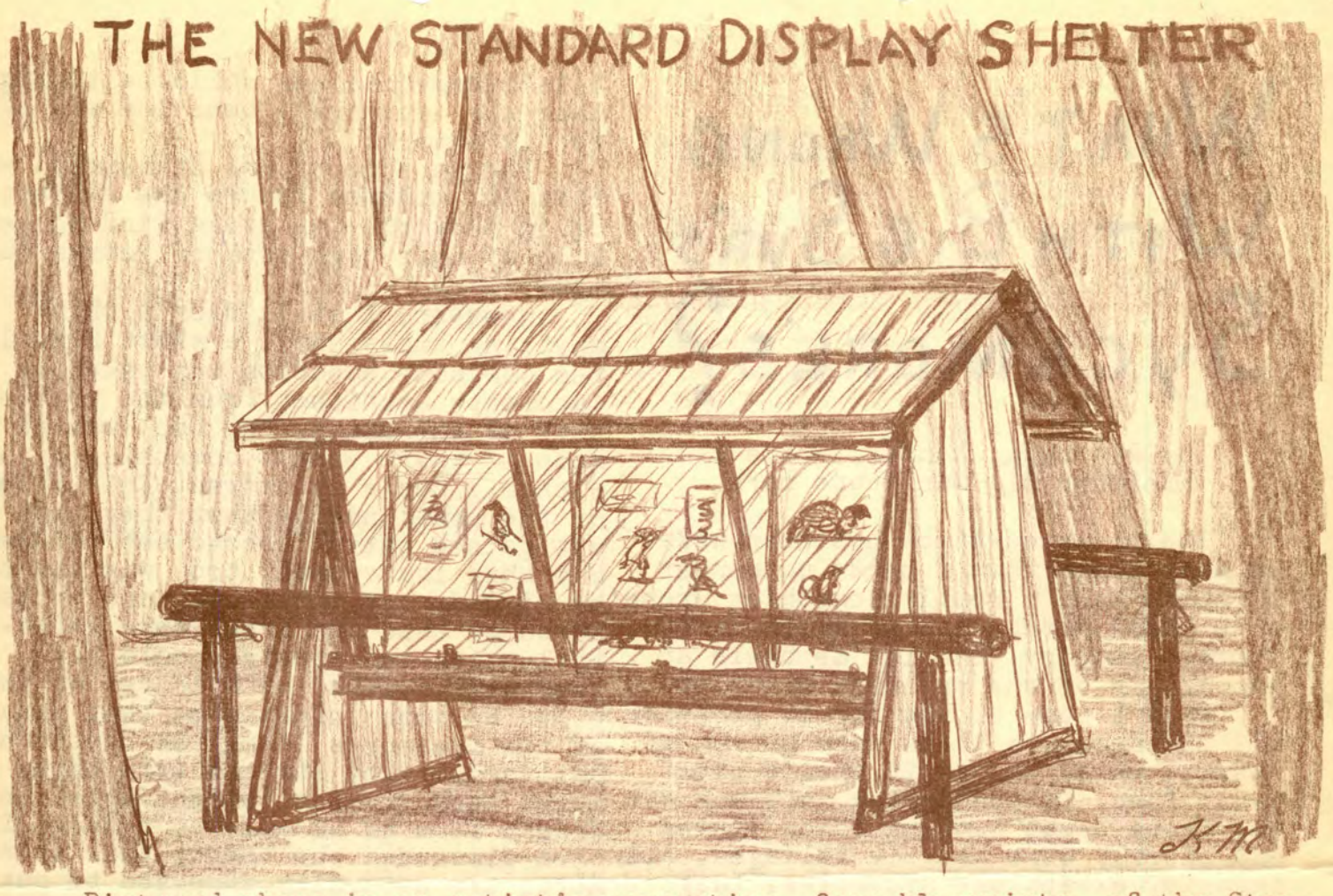
FIRE THREATENS WILLIAMS GROVE

A cigaret thrown by a careless berry picker is believed to be the cause of a fire which started across the Eel River from Williams Grove on Aug. 10, 1948.

The blaze was discovered by a camper, Suzanne Mason, and it was brought under control by another camper, Frank Skelly, and Manny Rubira, of nearby South Fork, before the Division of Forestry suppression crew arrived.

In early days San Francisco water came from Marin County--via raft, at $1.00 a bucket.

THE NEW STANDARD DISPLAY SHELTER



Pictured above is an artist's conception, from blueprints, of the Standard Display Shelter, a new exhibit structure recently designed in the Sacramento parks office to serve as a combination nature exhibit, bulletin board, and park information center, primarily for the smaller parks. The shelter contains six exhibit panels, under plate glass, with ample space between the exhibit boards and the glass to permit shelving, and mounting of bird and animal specimens, as well as other types of bulky exhibits. Standardization of these exhibit structures will enable an inter-exchange of exhibit material, which will be prepared at our new Central Nature Workshop, located at Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

LEONARD PENHALE GETS TAU APPOINTMENT TO NEW POST OF STATE PARK NATURALIST

Leonard Bru Penhale, formerly a Grade II ranger stationed at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, this month received a TAU appointment to the new full-time position of State Park Naturalist.

The position is included as a division administrative staff post, and will be under the direction of the Supervisor of Conservation Education. Mr. Penhale will be stationed at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, in charge of the new Central Nature Workshop.

A civil service examination will be held for the position on November 20, on an open and promotional basis. Eligible on the promotional examination are State Park Rangers, Grade I and II, with three years experience as a ranger, or a combination of ranger and research and field work in the natural sciences totalling three years; and education equivalent to graduation from college with major work in the biological sciences, or with additional qualifying experience to substitute for college on a year-for-year basis.

For full information, write to Edward F. Dolder, Supervisor of Conservation Education, Sacramento Parks Office.

What's Wrong With Big Sur's Sycamores?

By Ken Legg, Ranger, Grade I
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

The title question has been asked so many times that I began to wonder if there wasn't really something wrong with these trees, all of which led to further inquiry. But let me begin at the origin of the sycamore question.

When I came to Big Sur in December, all the sycamore trees were barren of leaves, which was as it should have been. Then, in the Spring, all the other trees began putting forth leaves and shortly were heavily foliaged. All, that is, except the sycamores. They had buds, and bud coverings which were shed in due time, but still no leaves to speak of. Along about this time, sans questioning on my part, one of the older rangers volunteered the information that there was something extraordinary about the local sycamores. They produced two sets of leaves in succession. My informant gave the interesting news that a first set of leaves was put forth which soon fell, to be replaced by a second and more permanent foliage. Having a deep interest in all Nature's living things, I took this bit of information down in my mental notebook as another one of those interesting little items to remember.

About the first of June the Park had, as a visitor, a notable gentleman well versed in Nature lore, in the person of Donald E. McHenry, the Chief Naturalist at Yosemite National Park. The first question Mr. McHenry asked was: "What's wrong with your sycamores, where are their leaves?" To which I replied, "Are you serious; don't you know that they have two sets of leaves to produce and they have yet to break forth with the second set?" No, Mr. McHenry didn't know any such thing and ill-informed me was still believing that the sycamore's behavior was perfectly natural.

The outcome of the discussion was that Mr. McHenry looked the subject up in Sudworth and could find no mention of this "two sets of leaves business".

However, I still didn't think anything amiss until a short time later the same question was asked by a landscape architect from the southern part of the State. He, too, wanted to know if there wasn't something wrong with Big Sur's sycamores. This brought on the usual notice that they hadn't yet gained their 'second set" of leaves. But this individual, too, was not to be misled, nor convinced, and he assured me that our trees were definitely sick and surely should have been well covered with leaves at this time. He also informed me that many of the sycamores along the Southern California city streets were being removed because of a 'blight'which they didn't seem to be able to remedy. I then discarded the theory that sycamores are naturally supposed to put forth more than one set of leaves in a single season, and that if they did so, it was because of some sort of ailment. Perhaps the discarding of the leaf-like bud covering had confused some of us into thinking that these were leaves.

As soon as I had the opportunity, I went to Mrs. Ewoldsen, local postmistress, long-time resident, and graduate of the University of California with a degree in flora culture, and asked about the sycamore trees. Her information was most enlightening. Yes, she was aware of the abnormal leaf growth of these and that it had been happening for about the past ten years. She also thought that the condition appeared to get more severe with each succeeding year. The trees, according to Mrs. Ewoldsen, were effected with an unknown fungus disease.

Whether the fungus was having an accumulative effect on the trees and they would gradually die was not known but it appeared that entire, green foliage came on a little later each year. Whether it might be due to the unusually dry season which may give the trees less strength to resist the

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HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Now that you have had 30 days in which to ponder over the Foreword to the Field Manual, you are ready, perhaps, to turn over a new leaf. There before you is a page labeled "Contents". This word is a contraction of two words; con, meaning with, and tents, meaning-well-meaning tents. Therefore contents (or with tents) covers the subject matter to be found within the Manual.

The table of contents is to be utilized when you wish to determine the location of specific subject matter within the Manual only when you are unable to find same by any of the following methods:

1. Trusting your phenomenal memory as to where you found the subject before.
2. Searching for the book marks you have so carefully placed.
3. Just thumbing through the pages

Should the subject matter in the table of contents be lacking in detail, you are encouraged to again turn the page. There before you is the Subject Matter(Alphabetical Order)-so it says! This is to be utilized only when methods 1,2,and 3(mentioned above) have failed.

You jot down in your memory that this section may prove useful in the future and, grabbing all ten pages in one hand you find yourself confronted with Manila Separator and tab "A". The Separator being blank, you grab the tab, lift and turn to an A-1 Introduction.

The next five pages correspond roughly to the five fingers of a hand--a helping hand, we hope, in the understanding of the job ahead. Here you first bump into the word "procedure". We assure you it will not be the last. How hard you will bump into it in the future may depend upon how well you study the Introduction and heed the free advice offered therein.

Here you will learn also that you are working for the People of the State of California, a fact that may later be impressed upon you many times, particularly by individual "taxpayers". You should never forget that you are employed to render the best possible service to the public at all times, in keeping, of course with established State Park rules, regulations and policies.

Here you also will bump into the fact that the Division of Beaches and Parks is not an independent unit of State Government but one of five divisions in the Department of Natural Resources. Mark well this also, for the degree of subsequent bumps will depend somewhat on how well you do, especially in matters fiscal.

Another bump reveals that there are more than 85 units in the system and subsequent bumps may also be lessened by keeping one's memory sharp on this point, especially when trying to make your park outshine the 80 odd others.

The idea in the introduction is to acquaint you, in a general(nothing to do with the army)sort of way just how the new ranger may learn something about the organization for which he works, and his relationship to that organization.

One and only one statement you may ignore in the introduction. That's the one that mentions $12.50. The High Cost of Living is ahead of the Field Manual even.

And, perhaps, you're way ahead of me by this time so, so long until next month, when the introduction will be over and we start putting the "B" on you.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BIG SUR'S SYCAMORES?
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fungus, Mrs. Ewoldsen did not know.

The gentleman who pursued the occupation of landscaping said that many of the insecticide and other chemical companies had claimed they could cure the tree disease, but that as far as he could see, they had done absolutely no good with all of their spraying.

Yes, something definitely is wrong with our sycamores, and though they now have large, green, leaves furnishing much pleasant shade, they were very late in coming.

U.C. EXPEDITIONS UNEARTH CALIFORNIA INDIAN LORE AT PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK

Material giving new information on the life of the early Indian inhabitants of California has been unearthed by anthropology field expeditions from the University of California during the summer.

An expedition led by Dr. Robert F. Heizer, assistant professor of anthropology, excavated the site of an early village at Patrick's Point State Park in Humboldt County. This yielded several thousand artifacts and skeletal remains of animals and men.

The six human skeletons discovered were of persons who were deaf because of a bony growth in the ear. This may have been a congenital defect, inbred in the tribe.

The inhabitants, ancestors of the Yurok Indians still residing in the area, lived by gathering mussels and clams and the hazardous sport of harpooning sea lions from dugout canoes. No bigger game than the sea lion was hunted by California Indians. The lions weighed as much as 1000 pounds and, according to legend, occasionally towed the hunters for hours before the kill.

Artifacts from the Excavation, conducted by university summer session students in co-operation with the State Division of Beaches and Parks, included non-perishable equipment of bone, stone, shell and antler--wedges, fishhooks, harpoons, awls, mortars and pestles.

After study, the material will be returned to the park for placement in the museum there.

WATER SPORTS FILM IS MADE AT DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK

The Pete Smith Company visited at Doheny Beach State Park from August 3 to 5 with a helicopter to film a movie short on watersports.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICERS CONVENE AT MORRO BAY STATE PARK

Approximately 100 officers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, men assigned to California stations from San Francisco to the Mexican border, convened for a two day meeting early this month at Morro Bay State Park.

The men camped out for two nights in park facilities.

RANGER COX REVEALS ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF BIG SUR NEAR-DROWNING

The following letter reveals additional details on the near-drowning of a young boy in the swimming pool at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, and we are happy to print it, and to give credit where credit is due:

"I would like to submit a little information regarding the near drowning at our pool a while back, an account of which was in our "NEWS & VIEWS".

"Credit was given only one person in helping out. There were two who had about an equal share in the job-Keith Carpenter and Billy Johnston, youngest son of John Johnston, the recreation leader."

"The boy who was in the pool was playing with Garry Legg and either slipped in off the bank or fell off the diving board. The Legg boy tried to reach him but gave up and ran to Carpenter's house for help."

"Keith is one of these people who cannot swim or dive in deep water and after trying to get down to the boy, who was lying on the bottom of the pool, found he could not get deep enough to reach him.

"He then took the Johnston boy by the legs and said, "all you have to do is get hold of the boy, I will take care of you". He then shoved Billy Johnston down head first into the water and they were able to haul the other youngster out. Keith then, of course, applied first aid.

"I think you will agree the part the Johnston boy played took a great deal of nerve, especially after seeing what had just happened to the other kid. Since this was overlooked in the description given you, I feel credit should be given every one to whom it is due.

"As for myself, I arrived after the boy was out of the water, and was only a bystander through the entire incident."

THE HOUSING SITUATION FOR PARK EMPLOYEES

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

In accordance with a directive from the Department of Finance, the establishment of new housing rental rates, which became effective on July 1, 1948, is an attempt to provide equitable rental rates in all divisions of the Department of Natural Resources and to provide for reasonable reimbursement to the State to cover the increased cost of utilities.

In order to accomplish this, it was necessary to appraise the individual quarters in the System, and for this reason, the Living Quarters Survey report was devised and sent to the field for their analysis and completion. In nearly all cases, these Living Quarters Survey reports presented an accurate appraisal of the features of the individual living quarters. The report, however, did not provide for statements as to the size of the rooms or certain conditions that might be peculiar to the individual living quarters. The space for comments, however, was to be used to explain any situations of this nature. (Note carefully instructions on the back of the Living Quarters Survey report form). Thus, if one room of a residence was being utilized as a park office, this was shown under "comments" and no rent was deducted for the room.

The units that were included in this Living Quarters Survey report were House Trailers, Dual Tent Houses, Apartments, Bachelor's Quarters and family Residences. In several cases, the information provided resulted in rental charges being established that were considered excessive with relation to those established for the new standard family residence. Letters of protest have been submitted by various District Superintendents and these are being processed at the present time. Individual hardship cases cannot be considered. Only errors in appraising the structure were considered, as the rental rate is based, in all cases, on the structure occupied and the utilities furnished. On the whole, the rental charges are considered fair, and far more reasonable than those charged for equivalent housing in private areas or large communities, especially since the cost of utilities is included in the rental rates. At the forthcoming conference of District Superintendents there will be further discussion as to the possibilities of applying utility rates over and above the rental charge. There need be no concern among the field employees at this time regarding an added utility charge, but it is strongly urged that each employee use good judgment in the use of utilities.

All new structures to be used as living quarters are to be appraised on the Living Quarters Survey report--three copies of which are to be mailed to the Sacramento Parks office. Major alterations that will affect the rental rate on any structure are also to be reported on the Living Quarters Survey report form. The word "Supplementary" should be added to the title in such cases. Indicated under "Comments should be the details of alterations or improvements, as well as any statement that will aid in making a rate adjustment. Living Quarters Survey reports are not to be made out each time there is a change of occupancy, but rather, the form devised for that purpose should be used.

A new form is being devised (Form BP-34 Notice of Change in Rental Status) for submitting in the event of change of quarters by individual personnel. Care should be taken in submitting this report that rental is not charged two persons for the same day as might occur when a house is vacated by one employee and occupied by another on the same day.

The new Maintenance Deduction Authorization Forms AO-201, recently submitted, are for the purposes of covering any future maintenance. Signing of the form itself does not commit the individual to a definite amount of deduction. Once these have been submitted for an employee, it will not be necessary to submit them again--not even for a change of residence, or an

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CAMPING and CONSERVATION

From early Spring until late Fall the beaches, mountains and deserts of this nation resound to the eager cries of the "camper".

Whether they enscounce themselves comfortably in a villa by the sea, or in some high-toned mountain resort, or simply grab a"bindle" and head for the "tall and uncut", they all can be classed under the simple title of--"Camper".

The same unexplained urge, stemming from antiquity, when man was a wandering savage with no thought other than filling his belly and finding shelter for the night, still drives these denizens of civilization to seek respite from the haste and turmoil of their own creation.

A multimillion dollar resort business has sprung from this age-old urge to seek nature(or a reasonable facsimile) to soothe the jangled nerves brought about by the congestion and regimentation of city life.

But to the multitude of average citizens who do not care for fancy resorts there remains those last strongholds of nature--our national and state parks, of which California has some of the most beautiful and best equipped.

To these the campers are flocking in ever-increasing numbers, of all types, and under all conditions--the "quiet seeker of solitude", the "boisterous seeker of sunburn and swimming", the "collectors", the "souvenir hunters", ad infinitum. The types are legion and their purposes are varied.

Therefore, to those in the park services is granted the sacred trust of preserving these last strongholds while they are being enjoyed by our citizenry. For, though they all seek nature, they sometimes have a tendency to destroy the thing they seek, and are not conscious of the damage.

So to me, a simple ranger of the California State Park System, the crying need of our service is education on conservation--in the schools,movies, and through other media, until each citizen is made as aware of the need for good conservation manners, for wise use of the outdoors, as he has been made "fire-conscious" through a like program--James W. Moore, Deputy Ranger, Stephens Grove, Humboldt Redwood State Park.

SUTTER'S FORT CURATOR WORKS ON CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL CARAVAN

Production of the California Centennials Commission Historical Caravan, due soon to tour the state with exhibits featuring rare documents and rare objects highlighting California's history, is under the direction of two men known to the Division of Beaches and Parks.

Dr. Aubrey Neasham, who has been connected with research or archeological activities at Columbia, Sutter's Mill and Monterey for the State Park System, and Carroll D. Hall, curator of Sutter's Fort Historical Museum, were engaged by the Centennials Commission to plan the caravan and assemble the material. Hall is on leave from the division for this work.

The brass plate proclaiming Francis Drake's claim to California in 1579, and which was found near San Francisco a few years ago, will be shown. The Portola diary, and other objects of great interest and importance also are to be exhibited, as well as material relating to the gold discovery and rush, and admission of California to statehood.

The exhibits will be shown in two specially equipped busses, which will travel from town to town during the centennial years.

Chairman Joseph R. Knowland of the State Park Commission is also chairman of the California Centennials Commission. George Heinz is executive secretary.

HIGH TIDES DAMAGE TRAILER AREA AT DOHENY BEACH

Exceptionally high tides of August 3 and 4 damaged a trailer section at Doheny Beach State Park.

The front row of trailer camps were closed for a time, as the wave action took out power poles, water line and a shower.

Other damage included ripping up of some curbing and blacktop, and the killing of plant life by salt water

THE HOUSING SITUATION FOR PARK EMPLOYEES. (Continued from Page 9)

adjustment in the rental rate.

All requests for adjustments in rental rates should be submitted on the regular office memo form to A.E.Henning, Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks in Sacramento, with a full justification for the requested change.

Responsibility for housing personnel within a park is with the Ranger in charge. All housing assignments, however, must be approved by the District Superintendent.

Housing in State Parks is provided for the purpose of facilitating park operations as well as for the convenience of the employee and his family. Therefore, park employees must not expect the individual park authority to make committments regarding housing that favors only the employee's family. Convenience as to park administration and adequate service to the public is the primary consideration in all park operations.

PRINTING OF STATE PARK PAMPHLETS AND FOLDERS GETS BOOST THIS YEAR

A considerable increase in the number of copies of each folder and pamphlet printed by this division will be possible during the current fiscal year, because of increased funds allowed in the 1948-49 budget.

The three publications available for distribution throughout the State Park System: 1)General State Park folder; 2)State Parks of the Northern Redwoods; and 3) Rules and Regulations, will be increased to the following total printings, in respective order: 100,000, 50,000 and 50,000.

A plan is being worked out whereby the printing allotment of these folders will be distributed equally between the six district offices, for re-issue from the district office to the individual parks, at the discretion of the district office. A large supply will be made available from these totals for the main office, and for the branch offices at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The printing allotments for folders devoted to individual parks is 15,000 for each of the following parks: Pt. Lobos Reserve, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Mt. Diablo, Calaveras Big Trees, Will Rogers, and Donner Monument.

Because of heavy attendance, the allotment for Big Basin Redwoods will be 25,000 copies.

Again Chief Henning emphasizes that State Park folders are not to be considered as "throw-aways".

A NEW APPROACH TO THE OLD PROBLEM OF THE STATE PARK "GYPSY" CAMPER

State Parks, particularly the more congested ones, long have been afflicted with veritable "walls of Jericho", consisting of a tangle of blankets, canvas, etc., strung between the many closely-packed camps as each individual camping group seeks privacy, of a doubtful nature, from the neighbors.

A new rule recently was adopted by the State Park Commission which gives rangers the power to eliminate such eye-sores in camp--but still the affliction continues.

Nature Guide Ken Pratt of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park recently introduced this thought at a campfire program, and met with enthusiastic applause from the audience:

"Cooking and eating and living outdoors, in a clean camp, is something to be proud of--the chief reason for our visit to the parks. Let's curtail the'Gypsy' camping--see fewer towels, blankets, tarps and old rugs hung on ropes around the camps--and see more of the trees, the water, the flowers, and the birds".

GLADYS JOSLIN RETURNS TO WORK AFTER LENGTHY SICK LEAVE

Gladys Joslin, stenographer for the State Park Commission, has returned to her duties at the Sacramento parks office after a month's leave of absence, during which she underwent a major operation, a tendon transplant, on her right leg.

She sprained her ankle in May 1946 and the sprain resulted in a torn tendon and ligaments which did not properly heal.

The operation was performed after deforming protective tissue began to form over the tendon.

As this issue of NEWS AND VIEWS goes to "press" on September 1, we have a flash from Big Basin Redwoods State Park:

"Forest fire started late last evening in lumber slashings area in the Waddell Creek watershed on the side of Pine Mountain and now has spread one-half mile into the park.

"All personnel on fire line, having been alerted at 1A.M. All campers and lodge guests have been vacated from the park.

"No immediate danger to the big tree area, or to developed area, unless wind shifts."

CHAIRMAN KNOWLAND'S GRANDSON ENLIVENS RICHARDSON PROGRAM

Young "Joe" Knowland, grandson of Joseph R. Knowland, chairman of the State Park Commission, visited Richardson Grove, in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park, early in August, and Recreation Leader Harold vonMuller reports he did a fine job of producing and acting in three campfire skits during his stay.

TAME DOE ENJOYS NATURE HIKE

Recently Chief Ranger C.L. Milne, of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, led a nature hike to one of the ocean beaches at the park on the nature guide's day off, and numbered among the participants a tame doe, Sally.

The doe did well on the 8 mile trip, and enjoyed a frolic on the beach and a dip in the surf with children who were on the hike.

CUYAMACA RANGERS NAB POACHERS

Rangers Carl Anderson and Edward Griggs apprehended two poachers with a spike buck early on the morning of August 14, in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

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BATTLEFRONT COMMUNIQUE #1

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CALAVERAS BIG TREES(Special)--Red Slavemaker ants(Polyergus) made Big raid in vicinity of Hercules Tree. Swiftly moving army very efficiently probed under pieces of wood, stone, etc. in search of black ants to enslave. People on guided tour had chance to witness unusual sight.

Camponotus(carpenter) ants amuse visitors by biting at fingers poked into entrance to their tunnels.

Big battle between two colonies of carpenter ants near Beecher tree. Ground littered with dead bodies. Doodle bugs moved in where last carpenter ant battle occured.

(NATURE LESSON: War doesn't pay. After you fight it out with each other, the doodlebugs get you.)

AL BECK GOES ONE ROUND WITH CEMENT MIXER--COMES OUT ON WRONG END OF MIX-UP

Ranger Al Beck, in charge at Columbia Historic State Park, recently attempted to crank up a cranky cement mixer's engine, and got a kickback.

Result: one broken nose and a black eye for the ranger...A bad reputation for the cement mixer.

The date? Friday, August 13th.

COMMANDANTS HOUSE OPEN AT FORT ROSS

After several years of work, the Commandant's House at Fort Ross State Historical Monument is nearing full restoration, and has been opened to the public.

A historical display will be prepared in the house.

PORTOLA TREK STOPS AT CARPINTERIA

Members of the Portola Trek, one of the California Centennial celebrations, camped at Carpinteria Beach State Park on August 17th. The horsemen held a campfire and community sing, with localities joining in.

The men were turned over to the Division of Fish and Game, and in Court one was fined $150, the other $35.

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SAN DIEGAN DECIDES TO CONTINUE POST ON STATE PARK COMMISSION

We are happy to announce that George A. Scott, of San Diego, has been prevailed upon to continue his duties with the State Park Commission.

Mr. Scott recently announced that because of the press of private business he was considering submitting his resignation to Governor Earl Warren.

BABY HANDS AT THE WINDOW PANE....

...to Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Harry Kauffman, of Richardson Grove, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, a son, Douglas Kent, on August 7, 1948. Weight: 9 pounds. Born at Scotia Hospital.

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...to Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Adolph F. Garrelts, of Gold Discovery Site State Park, a son, Garry Frederick, on August 28, 1948, at Sutter Maternity Hospital, Sacramento. Weight: 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

SQUIRRELS IN A TENTHOUSE
And Flying Squirrels, Too

Nature Guide Clinton Schonberger, who is completing his second summer's work at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, tells us this month of a Flying squirrel, species Sciuropterus, which has taken up residence in and near Schonberger's dual tenthouse.

The item is of note, says Schonberger, because last year a valley newspaper of wide circulation stated that there were no flying squirrels in Calaveras County.

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S.P. TAYLOR RANGERS GIVE LECTURE

Rangers William G. Haussler, Grade II, and Harry B. Rathner, Grade I, of Samuel P. Taylor State Park lectured before the Marin Nature Group at the College of Marin on Aug. 13 on the subject: "Trees and Shrubs of Marin County".

DRAWINGS FOR NEWS & VIEWS

Our thanks this month to Miss Katherine Morris, temporarily employed by this division as a stenographer, for her two contributions to NEWS & VIEWS.

They are the drawings of the new standard display shelter, and the head for the NEWS AND VIEWS birthday story.

We will be seeing more of Kathie's work on NEWS & VIEWS covers the next few months.

GARBAGE-CAN BLUES.....

Assistant Ranger Don Rich at Donner State Historical Monument doesn't have coon trouble at his garbage can, as do so many rangers in other parks. A two year old black bear does a much better job of can-toppling for him each night.

FILM STAR VACATIONS AT BLISS

Angela Lansberry (the cold-hearted woman publisher in the recent film, "State of the Nation".) spent a two-week vacation with her husband at D.L. Bliss State Park this month. They camped in a trailer.

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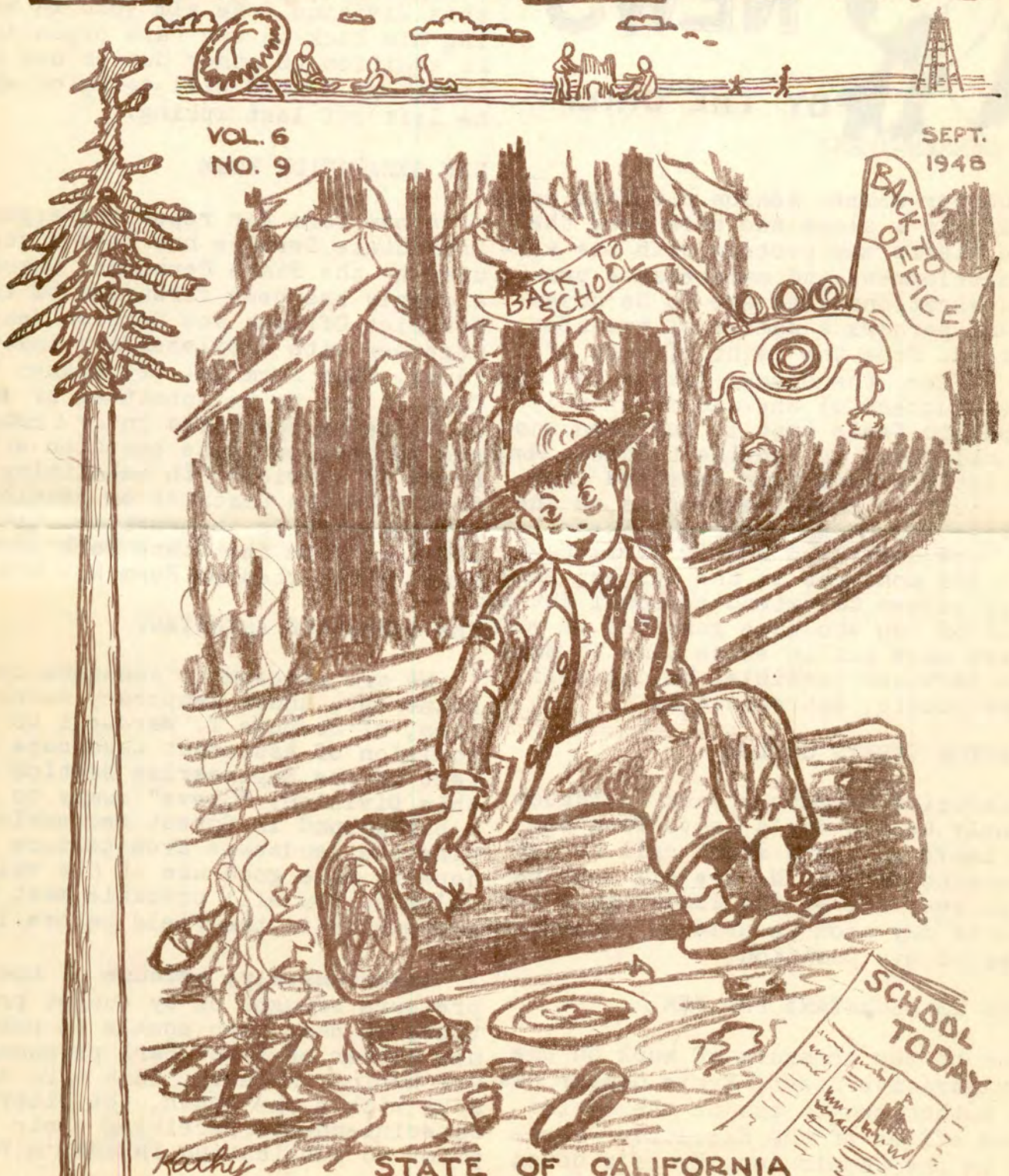


STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

EXIT SUMMER-AMEN!

Another summer season has come practically to a close and once more the field staffs may proceed with the winter development and maintenance program. Vacations also are to be observed and perhaps a number of transfers effected. From the point of view of this office, the summer season has been a most successful one and apparently the public feels that it has been another milestone in service to them. Many fine letters have been received from park visitors complimenting us on the services now being rendered. These letters have mentioned nearly every park, beach and monument in the System. This office wishes to extend personal thanks to all of you who have gone out of your way and have put in extra time to make these services possible. We, as well as the public, appreciate it.

COVINGTON VISITS OFFICE

Executive Secretary Jack Covington recently took a day's leave from his Sick Leave to pay a short call to the Sacramento Office. We are all very happy to see Jack up and about again and trust he may soon be able to resume the duties of his position.

CAMPER IS SECRETARY PRO TEM

Due to the pressure of work on the administrative Staff, Ernie Camper has been authorized to assume the duties of the office of the Executive Secretary to the Commission. Ernie's dozen years of service to the State Park organization has made him well acquainted with State operations and procedure and it is felt he is well qualified to carry on the work of Secretary Pro Tem.

RONNIE MILLER RETURNS

Elsewhere in this issue, you are informed of the return of Ronald E. Miller to the Administrative Staff of this Division. We all join in welcoming him back to the Park organization. In addition to other duties now being assigned, Ronald will carry on where he left off last spring.

NEW SEPARATION FORM

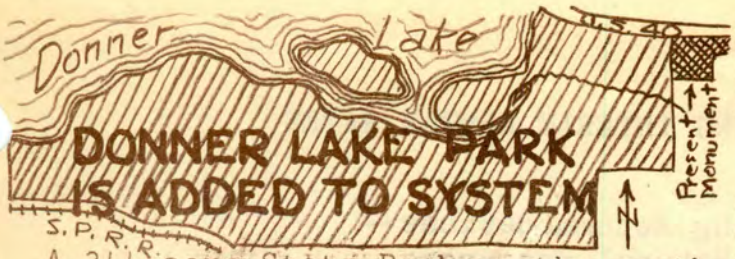
A new form for reporting separation from State Service has been distributed by the State Personnel Board and a supply has been forwarded to the District Offices and Section Heads, together with supplementary instructions. This Form No. 620 states "This form is not to be submitted if employee is being appointed in or transferred to another State position without break in service". In submitting this form from the District or Section, you may ignore this instruction. All separations from the State Park Service must be reported on Form No. 620.

NEW LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

We are pleased to announce the appointment, under Temporary Authorization, of Stephen T. Wardwell to the position of Assistant Landscape Architect in the Engineering Section of this Division. "Steve" comes to us with a background in forest recreation planning and landscape architecture and we hope to make good use of his valued talents. You will probable meet him personally in the field before long.

Unfortunately, because of the great pressure brought on by budget preparation, we have been unable to publish a new roster of State Park personnel. We are hoping, however, that this can be done within the month, the District Superintendents receiving their copies prior to publication in NEWS & VIEWS.

HOW ABOUT A RECENT SNAPSHOT OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR OUR HEADQUARTERS "ROGUES GALLERY".



DONNER LAKE PARK IS ADDED TO SYSTEM

A 344 acre State Park on the southeast shores of Donner Lake, Nevada County, became a reality this month with the recording of the deed in Nevada City giving title to the State of California, through the State Park Commission.

Price paid for the area, part of which was the locale of the famous pioneer Donner Party tragedy of 1846, was $178,750.00.

A.E. Henning, chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks, which will administer the area, said the park will not be open to camping or picnicking until standard facilities are provided.

The land, owned by the Donner Lake Development Company of Reno, Nevada, contains a long stretch of beach frontage, ample space in pine forests for a large campground, and several historical sites, including the site of the Murphy Cabin, adjacent to the present smaller area known as the Donner State Historical Monument.

Purchase of the area finally was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Bias, Jr., of Santa Cruz, who gave to the State Park Commission approximately $90,000 worth of beach frontage in the vicinity of Capitola, Santa Cruz County. This served as part of the matching value for the State money, required by Chapter 1422, California Statutes of 1945. Balance of the matching value was provided by the Donner Lake Development Company.

Mr Bias, in making his gift, stated that the historical and recreational value of the Donner Lake area should not be lost to California, and that he was eager to assist in the preservation of this area as a recreation center for coming generations, rather than see it subdivided into summer cabin sites for a relatively small group of citizens.

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THINGS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT.....

A small boy camping with his family in a tent at Doheny Beach State Park, felt something pass over his sleeping bag during the night. He grabbed for it in the dark. It was a civet cat.

"Too bad we can't".

The family broke camp and went home.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPUTING INTERIM RENTAL RATES ON STATE PARK HOUSING IS ANNOUNCED

On the following page is re-printed a schedule for computing interim rental rates for employee housing in the Department of Natural Resources.

This is presented for the general information of park employees, to give some idea of where your rental money goes.

Printed below is an example of how to figure rates, based upon a new standard residence with all utilities:

House Room	2nd Quality	Remarks
1st room	$9.00	
Kitchen	9.00	
Second room	4.50	50% rate
Third room	4.50	" "
Bath	4.50	" "
RATE TOTAL	31.50	
No furnish.)		
No refrig.)	5.51	Subt. 17½%
NET RATE	25.99	
Actual Rate	26.00	To nearest 50¢

All discounts are based on the rate total.

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ENGLISHMAN VIEWS AMERICAN CUTTING OF FORESTS WITH ALARM

Following is a quote from Chief Ranger C.L. Milne's report of Sept. 25:

"Had an interesting visitor on Saturday--a Mr. A.C. Webb from London, England. He was impressed by the redwoods, but shocked that such haphazard and destructive methods of cutting are allowed.

"Obviously he isn't acquainted with the American attitude of handling natural resources in a greedy and wasteful manner until they are gone, confident that there is no end--then, when the end comes, confident that we can discover a substitute.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPUTING INTERIM RENTAL RATES

--Employee Housing Accommodations--
Department of Natural Resources

1. Method of Computing Rental Rates

A. The following method of computing rental rates shall be applied to employee housing accommodations, effective July 1, 1948, except as indicated in Section IV below:

1. The basic monthly room rate for the four classes of quality applied to a single room shall be

First Quality:	$11.00
Second Quality:	$ 9.00
Third Quality:	$ 7.00
Fourth Quality:	$ 5.00

2. A private bath with a room adds 50% of the basic one-room rate.

3. Rates for suites, apartments, and houses are built up as follows by adding specified percentages of the basic room rate:

Suites (no kitchen)		Apartments or Houses	
First room.	100%	First room.	100%
Second room	75%	Kitchen.	100%
Third and over. . . .	50%	Third and over. . . .	50%
Bathroom*	50%	Bathroom*	50%

*Baths are not counted as rooms. In general, entry halls, enclosed service porches, and the like add to the quality of the housing, but are not counted as rooms.

4. The following reductions in rates will be made where the items are not provided or where utilities are not included as part of the rental rate:

Unfurnished, except stove and refrigerator - subtract	15 %
Partially furnished - subtract	7½%
Light not provided - subtract	7 %
Running water not provided - subtract	5 %
Refrigerator not provided - subtract	2½%
Heating fuel not provided - subtract	4 %
Cooking fuel not provided - subtract	4 %
Cooking stove not provided - subtract	2½%

5. In computing rental rates, the total charge per month shall be rounded to the nearest 50-cent multiple.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SAN FRANCISCO SEPT. 17, 1948

The State Park Commission met in San Francisco on September 17, 1948, for a regular monthly session. Commissioners present were:

Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Charles Kasch, George Waldner and George Scott.

Transactions were:

LOGGING ROAD PERMIT, PRAIRIE CREEK--Denied application of California Barrel Company and Big Tree Lumber Company for permit to use access road across Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to take out lumber. Granted extension of present California Barrel Company permit to December 1, 1948.

COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK--Enlarged ultimate boundaries of this park, to protect historic values of the area, based upon recommendations of Dr. Aubrey Neasham. Directed that new areas within enlarged boundaries be acquired as funds are made available.

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE OF BIG TREES--Chief Henning informed commission that Pickering Lumber Company had set price of $1,700,000 for Unit I of the South Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, reserving timber rights on all merchantable timber down to 22 inches in diameter within this unit except within the 400 acre range of the Big Trees. The company has stated that six months is the time limit on their proposition. Their letter failed to set a price on the additional units which had been asked by this division.

MT. SAN JACINTO--Granted permit to Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority to make additional surveys for establishment of tramway from Palm Springs to near summit of Mt. San Jacinto within present State Park, said permit to be officially granted when authority has provided a $10,000 surety bond.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS--Authorized purchase of Hurll and Herr properties for addition to Armstrong Redwoods.

PRAIRIE CREEK ADDITION--Authorized Land Section to negotiate for acquisition of 110 acre Sampair property to Prairie Creek Redwoods. Save-the-Redwoods League has agreed to match State funds for purchase.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK--Ordered condemnation proceedings against Angeles Box and Lumber Company to obtain land necessary to round out the boundaries of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

PAJARO RIVER PROJECT--Moved to inform Board of Supervisors of Monterey County that the Pajaro River beach property, offered for acquisition to the State Park System, does not appear proper for park purposes. Will give board opportunity to be heard on this matter at the November meeting.

TAHOE CAMPGROUND ADDITION--Ordered staff to include item in next budget for acquisition of land to Tahoe Campground State Park.

POSTING OF RENTAL RATES IN CONCESSIONS--Directed staff to have prepared standard forms upon which a notice of the rental price for cottages and cabins in State Parks can be placed, and posted in each cabin.

OWENS LAKE ACQUISITION--Informed by attorney general that Turlock Irrigation District had no power to deed the Owens Lake area to the state for a park, because the area still has use to the irrigation district.

Commission asked staff to investigate possibility of long-term lease.

BURLINGTON CAMPGROUND--Ordered staff to proceed with negotiations for acquisition of small area of land at Burlington Campground necessary to round out holdings there.

NEXT MEETING--The October meeting will be in Los Angeles Oct. 15-16.

RETURN OF SEA OTTER

By John C. McKenzie, Curator
Fort Ross State Historical Monument

In 1939 I was asked to go with a group of naturalists from Santa Cruz who were interested in counting the sea otters which were believed to be living in the kelp beds near Bixby Creek Point, Monterey County. At the point we located a man who ran a small eating house on the highway, and had become very interested in the herd. Because of the inadequate measures which had been taken to protect the herd he had become their unofficial guardian.

We found him very disappointed. Some weeks before he had driven a group of men in power boats from the spot. There had been considerable shooting and only one of the animals could be found along twenty miles of coast. There had been about thirty otters but they had either been killed or driven to parts unknown.

In Westways (Aug. 1947) is an article regarding the return of these interesting animals to their ancient home.

The present home of the southern sea otter is the offshore waters along the coast from Malpaso Creek south to Lucia-an overall range of about 40 miles of the Monterey County coast. The Fish and Game Commission was aware that there were a few of these animals surviving along the coast, but so strict was their secrecy about it, the division did not even make account of the animals lest the information should attract the poachers. Individual otters had been seen from San Simeon to Point Lobos until 1907. The last known herd was seen over a century earlier. Then a sharp-eyed resident of the Monterey Coast reported a "herd of strange animals in the ocean off Hurricane Point" in March of 1938. Shortly after that an announcement was made by the Fish and Game Commission.

There is little wonder that these animals came near to extinction. Groups of 50 or more were always a rare find. Between 1785 and 1840 the combined fishing fleets of the Russian Government, the Hudson Bay Company, the Yankee clipper fleets, and ships of Spain, France, and Italy all hunted this animal for its pelt. An average of 10,000 otters were killed each year.

The value of sea otter pelts, like other furs, varied with the change in supply and demand. The earliest were sold to the Chinese in Canton for $200 a pelt. In 1803 the largest catch was made, the markets were flooded, and the price went down to $20. Later, as they became increasingly rare, a prime pelt might bring $1,000. Today the pelt of the sea otter is the most costly in the world.

Between 1785 and 1860 the Russians took an estimated 200,000 pelts in American waters. At a figure of only $50 per skin as an average, that would mean a return of $10,000,000.

This was a rich prize and the otter was hunted relentlessly from California to the Aleutian Islands and into the Siberian mainland. After 1907 practically none were to be found and it was assumed that they were exterminated.

It is a marvelous surprise to find that these animals have survived the mass slaughter of earlier years, and the modern hunting rifle, to a point where it is safe to announce their presence to the public. Certainly the remote sea caves and high cliffs along the Monterey coast aided them in their long struggle. Since the day of their discovery they were under guard; but when their return was announced to the public in 1938 a patrol was set with two men assigned the task. Warden Owen Mello of the Division of Fish and Game was in charge of the patrol.

The herd has increased over the years and in the annual count of 1946, 293 adult otter were found. The young were not counted.

The Pacific Sea Otter was confin to the Pacific Ocean extending from the Kurile Islands eastward to the Aleutians and on down the coast (con.next pg.

The return of the Sea Otter
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of North America to the islands of Lower California. The animals were first hunted by the Russians in the ocean off Kamchatka. They were later followed to the coast of Alaska and still farther south to California. The Aleuts of Alaska were expert as otter hunters and came south with the Russians. They were paid in food, blankets, tobacco and trinkets. The fur was used for coats, capes, collars and linings for great coats and robes in the cold northern countries of China and Asiatic Russia.

At present these rare animals may be seen from the San Simeon Highway by those who are interested. On the coast road at a point 15 miles south of Point Lobos Reserve State Park, they may be seen floating in the large beds of kelp 200 yards from shore. At the time I was there the lone otter was floating on its back in a small cove between two high cliffs. It was possible to look down and see it at about 100 yards distance.

The penalty for molesting or killing these animals is extremely high and the government is taking no chances. The present herd is under constant protection day and night. With the continued interest of the public members of the Division of Fish and Game will be able to save these precious creatures for the future.*

*Material from Return of the Great Race. by Philip Ferry, Westways. pp.10-11., August 1947.

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BIG SUR NATURE GUIDE
WEDS STANFORD U. COED

Kenneth Pratt, of Stanford University, employed this summer as nature guide at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, was married to Joanne Elizabeth Fish, also of the university, on Aug. 21.

The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, with rangers from the park as witnesses.

Pratt is planning to return to the park next summer as the nature guide, and the new Mrs. Pratt will be welcome as a park wife.

Welcomed to the State Park family in September were the following:

To Assistant Ranger and Mrs. Jack Lemley, of San Clemente Beach State Park, a girl, Jacquelyn Bonnie, on September 7, 1948. Weight, 8 pounds, 1 ounce; eyes, blue; hair, brown.

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. William Allison, of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park a boy, weighing in at a record 9 pound 9 ounce figure. He was born September 25th.

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SUPERINTENDENT KENYON WRITES ON "MYSTERY" OF WESTERN SYCAMORE

After Ranger Ken Legg's article in the last issue of NEWS & VIEWS, we received the following letter of information from William Kenyon, superintendent of the Southern District which sheds considerable light on the western sycamore situation in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, and perhaps elsewhere:

"The following excerpt from U.S. Department of Agriculture Miscellaneous Bulletin(Circular No. 31) obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C.(5¢) and known to many of our park rangers as "Let's Know Some Trees", may help solve the mystery of Big Sur's Platanus racemosa trees:

"'...the wood is rather brittle and under weight of leaves or in heavy storms, branches break off, leaving the sturdy trunk to send out new sprouts. Then, in the Spring, on these new shoots and the branches that did not break, come the large leaves suggestive of grape leaves, only more deeply cut. A fungus growth promptly attacks these first leaves, killing almost every one and forcing a second leaf crop..."

"The condition which exists in Big Sur apparently is common to the entire western sycamore range, and has become well-established. I have never heard that it killed the trees."

INSTRUCTIONS WHEN CANCELLING HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

The following memo is from D. H. Blood, deputy director-comptroller of the Department of Natural Resources:

"Please inform your employees that in the future, when cancelling any insurance with either California Western States Life Insurance Company, or with California Physicians Service, to send a copy of their letter requesting cancellation to this office.

"Also, please inform them that if an employee has California Western States Life Insurance, and takes out California Physicians Service, that this will NOT automatically cancel out the California Western States Life Insurance, as they previously were informed."

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SUPERINTENDENT AND MRS. KNIGHT ANNOUNCE ADDITION TO FAMILY

Too late to be included under the regular "blessed event" column this month, is the announcement of the birth of a baby daughter, Mary Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Knight, on Sept. 27.

Our best wishes to the new junior superintendent of the Central District.

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FISH AND GAME PLANTS 6000 STEELHEAD TROUT AT VAN DAMME BEACH PARK

Little River stream which flows through Van Damme Beach State Park, this month was stocked with 6,000 3-inch steelhead trout by the State Division of Fish and Game.

The fish were marked, so that studies of their movements can be carried on by fish and game biologists.

WORDS OF PRAISE, FROM JOHN Q. PUBLIC

...General: I am writing this letter to express our appreciation of your park system throughout the State. We made an extensive tour of California in both the High Sierra and the coastal regions.

During our travels we were forced to camp at some privately-owned camps that were a disgrace to the state, as well as their own communities. However we managed to route our tour so that we were able to stop at the State Parks on the coast highway.

We stopped at Prairie Creek, Van Damme Beach, Richardson Grove, Big Basin and Morro Bay. Although the parks differed in scenery, all were kept in good shape.

The rangers were very courteous, and it made me proud to be a native son of the State they represent.

I will admit in the past I have done my share of complaining of taxes, etc., but the California Park System is one organization which I sincerely believe gives the taxpayer his share in pleasure and fun--R.L. Jone Inglewood, California.

Space is short to print additional letters--but we have words of praise also for Pfeiffer Big Sur, Carpinteria Beach, San Juan Bautista, and McArthur-Burney Falls, from the traveling public.

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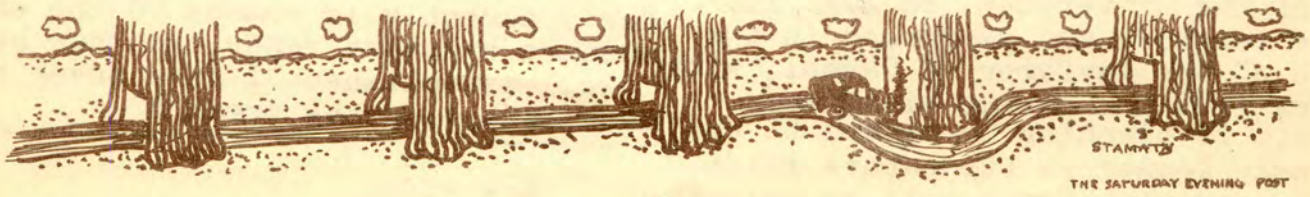
KING AND QUEEN OF GAMBLERS OPENS AT CALIFORNIA FIRST THEATER

"The King and Queen of Gamblers" by Owen Davis, is the "mellerdrammer" currently being staged at the California First Theater State Historical Monument in Monterey on weekends.

The showing will continue through November.



NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP IS ANNOUNCED BY CHIEF FOR SACRAMENTO OFFICE

Following is a memo to all personnel of the State Division of Beaches and Parks relative to administration changes in the Sacramento office:

The following procedure is being initiated and will become effective October 1, 1948:

Mr. Ernie Camper is being assigned the position of Executive Secretary, pro tem, to the State Park Commission, and will assume all duties and functions incident thereto, until Mr. J.H. Covington is able to resume his full duties.

Mr. Ronald Miller will assume all the functions and responsibilities previously discharged by Mr. Camper. You will later be informed of all the duties and responsibilities involved in this re-assignment.

The only detailed assignments that are being announced herewith are those in connection with the handling of personnel.

Mr. Earl P. Hanson, deputy chief, in addition to his other responsibilities, is to handle all details applying to the interviewing, hiring, placement or transfer of all field-assigned personnel, including their housing assignment.

In regard to the Engineering, Acquisition and other professional personnel, the interviews and selection of same will be made by the Section Heads after they have cleared with Mr. Hanson as to the availability of unfilled positions and funds. After personnel selection has been made, the personnel forms for the professional employees will be transmitted by the Section Heads to Mr. Miller. Likewise, Mr. Hanson will forward similar field personnel forms to Mr. Miller, who, from then on, will be responsible for the processing of same.

It is further directed that Mr. Miller is to do all of the interviewing, hiring and placement of clerical employees in the Sacramento Parks Office. The requests for same, when they are direct employees of a section are to come from the Section Head.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A THOROUGHBRED COLLIE PUPPY?

Assistant Ranger Ray Nelson, assigned to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, has an ambitious collie who recently gave birth to seven thoroughbred, registered collie pups.

Ranger Nelson advises us that anyone interested in these puppies should contact him. The postoffice is Orick, Humboldt County, California.

DISCOVERY OF THE REDWOODS BY PORTOLA IS RECALLED

Discovery of the California Redwood Trees, Sequoia sempervirens, by Don Gaspar de Portola and his expedition of 1769 near the present city of Watsonville, is being recalled this month by the Save-the-Redwoods League. It is expected that note will be taken of the Redwoods discovery site by the current Portola Trek when it passes through the Pajaro Valley in late September.

Portola and his party are credited with being the first white man to view these towering giants, which grow only in California and in the extreme southwest corner of Oregon.

Confusion, which at one time surrounded the exact spot where the original Portola expedition first noted the historic trees, was cleared up in 1941 by the Pajaro Valley historical Association of Watsonville. At this time the group, led by Dr. W. G. Paden, California historian and superintendent of schools in the city of Alameda, retraced the steps of Don Gaspar and his party. Using the diary of Padre Crespi, a member of Portola's party, the trail was followed from the Salinas area across the Pajaro River, past Watsonville to Pinto Lake, where the original discovery was recorded on October 10, 1769.

After camping on the Pajaro River, the diary records: "On October 10, we set out northwest...we must have traveled but little more than one league (almost 3 miles) over plains and low hills well forested with very high trees of a red color, not known to us. They have a very different leaf from cedars, although the wood resembles cedar somewhat in color...In this region there is great abundance of these trees and because none of the expedition recognizes them, they are named Palo Colorado (continued page 10)

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DIVISION OF FORESTRY COMMENDS STAFF OF BIG BASIN FOR FIRE ASSISTANCE

Chief Henning has received the following letter from C.G. Strickland, deputy state forester of the State Division of Forestry:

On behalf of the California Division of Forestry I want to express our gratitude and appreciation to you for the outstanding assistance rendered our organization by the Big Basin and other park employees in the suppression of the recent Pine Mountain fire in Santa Cruz County which so seriously threatened the Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Without their assistance we would have been terribly handicapped.

Will you kindly convey our gratitude, especially to Superintendent Knight, his assistant Clyde Newlin, and Chief Ranger Lively, as well as others under their supervision affected, for their personal efforts in seeing that all possible manpower, equipment, and facilities were made available for our use.

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WOMEN! YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH THEM-- AND YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM!

This tidbit comes from L.P. Griffith, assistant superintendent of the Northwest District:

The other evening a battered auto came to a stop in front of Dyerville Headquarters. Out climbed a cheerful middleaged lady.

"Goodness", she said, "My motor just quit cold on me".

We volunteered our assistance.

"Oh, no", she smiled, "I can fix it".

So suiting action to her words, she raised the hood, took off the radiator cap, gave it a quarter turn, put it back on, lowered the hood, got in the car, started the motor, and drove off.

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SECOND FOG IN 20 YEARS VISITS ANZA DESERT STATE PARK

The second fog in 20 years drifted in to Anza Desert State Park from the Gulf of Lower California on September 15.

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(redwood) for their color. We stopped near a lagoon which has much pasture around it and a heavy growth of Redwood."

The lagoon referred to was the present Pinto Lakes, located about three miles northeast of Watsonville toward Loma Prieta and not many miles from the stand of Redwoods on the Hecker Pass Highway.

Although no Redwoods are now on the shores of Pinto Lake, they grow in the vicinity. Evidence has been found in the soil that surrounds the lake that indicates trees actually grew there at one time, thus substantiating Padre Crespi's diary.

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FRANK FAIR, FORMER RANGER, DIES SHORTLY AFTER RESIGNATION

Frank Fair, formerly a deputy ranger at Mt. Diablo State Park, died on September 28.

Details on his passing have not been learned.

Fair recently resigned from the service to go into business for himself.

A. Parvin

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

Your attention is called to a feature article to be found elsewhere in this issue, entitled "It's Up To You". All of you are urged to read and consider the significance of the subject matter treated, that you may better serve the Division of Beaches and Parks, your families, and your future in the State Park System.

ORAL INTERVIEWS

When you read this, the oral interviews for those successful in passing the written tests for the position of Assistant District Park Superintendent will have been completed, and computation of the final scores under way.

All of those interviewed made imposing appearances and members of the board were impressed by the caliber of the men competing.

They were also impressed by the candidates knowledge of our State and its park recreational areas. It would seem, however, that aspirants for the position of Assistant District Park Superintendent should have adequate knowledge of the organization and functions of the Division of Beaches and Parks, in order that they may properly train and supervise employees of the park ranger grades.

Candidates should recall that a score of 70%, or better is passing for the written examination, which has a relative weight of 6 points. The qualifications appraisal, which includes the oral interview, has a relative weight of 4 points. Passing score for the entire examination is 77% or higher. Thus, you may pass the written with a score in the low seventies, and pass the oral successfully without qualifying for the eligible list.

Example:

Written score	71%(x6)	=426
Qualifications score	80%(x4)	=320
Total score		746
Average score 746/10 = 74.6%		

State Park Ranger, Grade I orals should be completed before mid-November. The first tentatively are scheduled for the first week in November. One hundred and twenty candidates will be interviewed throughout the State, about 50% of the number who qualified for the previous examination.

PROMPT MAILING OF C.I.R.E. TIMECARDS

Your attention is called to the necessity for promptly mailing CIRE time cards. During the past two months CIRE time reports have been received by the Director's office bearing postmarks from 4 to 10 days beyond the deadline. You must place these reports in the first mail leaving the park area following the 15th and 30th or 31st of each month. The envelope should be addressed to D.H. Blood, Deputy Director-Comptroller.

ATTENTION: PERSONNEL OFFICE

Original time cards must not be sent to 1211 - 16th Street in Sacramento. The successful operation of the semi-monthly CIRE payroll is primarily dependent upon <u>your</u> attention to the details for which you have been made responsible.

CHANGE IN RENTAL STATUS

Change in Rental Status forms are to be completed and mailed to 1211-16th Street as soon as the change takes place. This is particularly true when such changes occur near the end of the month. Failure to report promptly may show up in payroll deductions for subsequent months. This envolves an unnecessary number of requests from field personnel for explanation of the subsequent deductions. Rental changes a re not automatically recorded upon receipt of Notice of Separation of an employee, only upon receipt in this office, of the required form.

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IT'S UP TO YOU

In Which Is Stressed
The Importance Of
Field Personnel
Accepting the Responsibilities Incumbent In Transfers

By A.E. HENNING, Chief
Division of Beaches and Parks

I would like to call your attention to a major situation which confronts this Division. We have grown so rapidly that it has been difficult to properly train, especially the field personnel, to assume the added responsibilities incident to their advancement in the Ranger classifications.

Up until the last three years, it was not unusual even for an alert and ambitious, capable field employee to spend five or more years in this Division's service before the opportunities of advancement from Ranger Grade 1 to Ranger Grade 3 could be consummated. This period of time permitted the employee to properly acquaint himself with almost the entire scope of our operations. Within the last three years, there have been cases, where due to the growth of the Division, employees have had the opportunity to advance from Ranger Grade 1 to Ranger Grade 3 within the span of two years.

Considerable thought has been given to the institution of some type of training course for the field employees to more rapidly acquaint them with the work of the Service. However, there is no substitute for experience and although a training course has its advantages, we have tried to create the same advantages by submitting to all of you a comprehensive copy of the Manual of Procedure known as the Field Manual and hoped, through the medium of this Manual, to assist in preparing you for more rapid advancement.

Recently, we have encountered many incidents among the field personnel, where, when they were requested to transfer from one park location to another, mainly in order that the employees might get a broader experience, they have set up, in some cases, quite improper reasons for not desiring to transfer. Employees must realize that there are several types of parks and units in the State Park System and they should have, before they qualify for the position of Ranger Grade 3, experience in those various units--by that I mean, there are beach parks, mountain parks, timbered parks, desert parks, historical monuments, and I could make a finer distinction, each of which represent problems different or foreign to the other units.

As far as we can judge, the growth of this Division is going to continue for at least several years at the present pace. In the selection of Rangers Grade 3 from available lists, we must select those men with the broadest experience as one of the essential pre-requisites to promotion in order to do justice to the park service and to the personnel over whom they will have supervisorial responsibilities; for it is only in so doing that we can render competent service to the public.

Unless the newer personnel realize these conditions, as set forth herein, and equip themselves for the higher responsibilities, the present plan of only recruiting employees for the Division through the position of Ranger Grade 1 may have to be reconsidered. Furthermore, any of the employees in the Ranger classification who do not look upon their employment from the standpoint of a permanent, or career, selection and, therefore, are not endeavoring to continually improve their knowledge and add to their experience, may find themselves stymied when the time arrives that the State Park System crystallizes itself into an integrated organization.

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MONTEREY TOUR RAISES $910 FOR OLD ADOBE RESTORATION

A tour of the historical monuments and other landmarks of Monterey this month by the Monterey History and Arts Association resulted in the raising of $910 to assist in the restoration of the Gutierrez Adobe, lately acquired by the association. Approximately 400 persons attended the tour.

Report Of The National Committee On Policies In Conservation Education

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Less than a century ago the natural resources in this country seemed inexhaustible. Today we know this is not the case. There are no more free lands to homestead. Our forests are seriously depleted. Fertility of farm lands has been reduced by misuse and erosion of rich top soils. Some of our valuable minerals resources are being rapidly exhausted. Pollution of streams, lakes and rivers by sewage, silt or industrial wastes is a national disgrace. Some species of wildlife have already become extinct and others are rapidly disappearing. From the record it is clear in certain areas that the resources upon which our civilization depends not only can be, but are being depleted, used up, or destroyed. World War II has impressed this waste on us as never before. How to use wisely the natural resources of this, and of other lands, has become a matter of grave concern. In fact, it is now known that unless we conserve we shall perish.

Until recent years, we seldom gave thought to our national estate, to the wealth of natural resources upon which are based the rich opportunities and privileges found in this country. These resources have made possible our high standard of living. How wisely they are used in the future will determine the living standards of generations to come. To use them wisely, an enlightened, vigilant and educated citizenry is necessary. Laws and regulations are important, but it is education, and more particularly conservation education, which will exercise a determining factor in the destiny of a nation.

The hardships of the recent prolonged drought, shortages, shutdowns and the tremendous loss and waste in World War II, have brought widespread recognition of the value of natural resources, and the need of all citizens for a knowledge of conservation. Many individuals and groups are spreading the idea. This movement includes many activities more or less related to conservation education. But, conservation of natural resources as an individual, community and national policy has been given too little consideration. Not enough attention has been paid to education of teachers and school administrators in the importance and value of using wisely our natural resources, the assets upon which life itself depends. The curriculum does little about conservation, and published material is not readily available for use throughout the schools. As a consequence conservation education has been sadly neglected in our public schools. This does not question or belittle the value of adult education or the splendid work that has been done. On the contrary, an adequate program must include the education of older generations through adult educational agencies, as well as the education of children and youth, through schools and other means. Both are needed for an effective program.

The high material standard of living that exists in the United States today is based on an unparalleled abundance of natural resources and partly on their irrational and irresponsible exploitation. These capital assets are being dissipated at an alarming rate. The known reserves of some of the more important materials will be exhausted within a few decades, unless adequate steps are taken to protect and conserve them.

The demands for and use of all natural resources are steadily increasing. Supplies of oil and lead, of iron ore and of saw timber are steadily diminishing. The fertile soil, upon which country and city dwellers alike depend for existence is being lost faster than it is being replaced. Even usable water, a basic necessity for life, is becoming scarce in many places.

History records many peoples that have been reduced to poverty or obliterated because of exploitation of natural resources. The relatively short history of this nation has many examples of communities where natural

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assets have been misused and the communities ceased to exist. In the past such failures seemed of little consequence, for people could move on and leave the wasted areas behind them. Now there can be no turning to other areas for new sources of many critical materials. Even the soils of the whole world are suffering depletion, some at an increasing pace. Money will not buy what no longer exists.

Man is able to adjust himself to almost any environment, and even to make new environments; but he cannot live without food and water. There are immutable laws of nature which he must obey. Natural resources are assets that must be managed wisely if mankind is to survive. Otherwise poverty and unhappiness are inevitable. Nature does not issue a blank check.

Nor do the natural resources of this nation or of any nation belong to this generation alone. As capital assets, they are the property of those who follow. Each generation is only the steward during its life-time. It is obligated to keep these resources productive and in good condition. We are only the trustees of this heritage.

(ED. NOTE--This article is a reprint of the introduction to the "Report of the National Committee on Policies in Conservation Education". We will reprint the rest of the report in a series for the next few months. This report is the result of several years of research and study by outstanding conservationists of the United States. We believe State Park personnel, who are the agents of the State in its effort to conserve outstanding natural areas of California, should be aware of the contents of this report, dated February 1, 1948.)

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DRY SPELL AT MT. SAN JACINTO BREAKS WITH RAIN AND SNOW

The prolonged dry spell at Mt. San Jacinto State Park was broken on Oct. 17th with 1.99 inches of rain falling in the Idyllwild area, and an estimated 6 inches of snow in the higher back country of the park.

Pardon the column heading, folks--but George Holmboe has us seeing double this month.

Here's why: (letter from Holmboe)

"May we announce the arrival of our new twins: Virginia Eileen, 5 lbs., 5 oz., and Everett Ray, 6 lbs., 9 oz.

Born, October 9, 1948, at Childrens Hospital, San Francisco.

Both babies are getting along fine and we are so happy to have another set of boy and girl twins."

Congratulations to Asst. Supt. and Mrs. Holmboe of the Eastern District, District Superintendent John Knight, Supervisor of Conservation Education Ed Dolder, and wives, erstwhile competitors in the twin field, yield to the Holmboe combination.

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FIRE CHIEF AL BECK REPORTING....

From now on it's Fire Chief Al Beck instead of assistant ranger--because Beck reports the arrival of a new and very shiny $8,000 fire truck as part of the park equipment at Columbia Historic State Park.

The new equipment is necessary to assure adequate fire protection for the historic buildings of the park.

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NATURE LORE!!!

Deputy Ranger Ed Hixson of Pfeiffer Big Sur recently interceded in behalf of a small gopher snake which several adult picnickers were about to kill.

Hixson explained that the snake was not harmful, and had an important place in the natural balance of the woods. At the end of his discourse one of the picnickers pointed to the raised head of the snake and said:

"Don't tell me that snake isn't poisonous--that there is a settin'-up snake!"

THE INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK SYSTEM

(Paper delivered by Leonard Bru Penhale, State Park Naturalist, at the annual meeting of the Western Museums Conference in Santa Barbara on October 16, 1948.)

The necessity of an interpretive program of natural history in the California State Park System has increased in the last few years with the ever growing impact of public use on all State Park lands.

As an introduction to the development of the program, we should first review briefly the principles, ideals, and purposes upon which the California Park System is founded. State Park areas are held expressly for the purpose that the people of the State shall be able, by access to them, to enjoy certain things of state-wide interest and importance of which the people otherwise would become deprived.

State Park areas are selected to preserve:

1) Natural scenery of unusual beauty.
2) Natural objects of unusual educational and scientific value, such as rare kinds and combinations of trees, plants, and wild life and forms of earth, rocks and waters.
3) Objects of state-wide historical interest.
4) Areas specifically adapted to such activities as camping, fishing, bathing, hiking and other characteristics of life in the outdoors.

All areas must rate high in inspirational and recreational value for refreshment and upbuilding of mind and body.

The present State Park System is comprised of more than eighty-five parks, beaches, and historical monuments. They include as their natural features, over 60,000 acres of redwoods along our Coast, a Big Tree Grove, lakes, waterfalls, rivers, deserts, mountains, rocky seacoasts and beaches.

With our state population now numbering over ten million, and ever increasing, the improvement of roads, affording easier access and added travel, causes these areas to be in danger of receiving serious damage. Conclusive evidence of the damage that man has caused, either by his thoughtlessness or lack of knowledge, is noticeable in many of our park areas. Mr. E.P. French, Superintendent of the Northwest District, a man who has lived in the coast redwood area most of his life, and who is recognized as one of the foremost redwood cruisers of the state, has said; "The only thing that I have seen really destroy the redwoods is man."

We all are familiar with the resistance the redwoods have against the destructive forces of nature, but they can not withstand the irreparable damage caused by tramping down the forest floor cover, removal of ferns and shrubs, the felling of trees to erect buildings, and the sealing off of the ground surface with paved highways and sidewalks, which seriously hampers normal growth. Harvesting and waste have advanced far ahead of preservative efforts through acquisition by the State and interested conservation organizations.

In 1946 the position of Supervisor of Conservation Education was established in the Division of Beaches and Parks. Under his supervision, summer nature guides interpret to park visitors, the story of nature as represented in the State Park System. This is done in such a manner as to lead the park visitor to a fuller appreciation of the natural values of the park and to an understanding of the logic in protective rules and regulations to guard these natural values from the impact of unintelligent public use.

The number of Nature Guides carrying on the interpretive program in 1946 was five; by 1948 the number was increased to seven. Our next budget calls for an increase to ten.

By August 15th of this year a full-time State Park Naturalist position was established. Under the general

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COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at LOS ANGELES OCT. 15, 1948

The State Park Commission met in regular session in Los Angeles on October 15, 1948. Commissioners present were: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman (Oakland); Charles Kasch (Ukiah); George Waldner (Ferndale); Leo Carrillo (Santa Monica) and George A. Scott (San Diego).

Items of business included:

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MASTER BEACH PLAN--County official presented master beach plan for Santa Cruz County. Discussion of priorities will go over to November meeting.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH LEASE--Granted to county 50 year lease on all state beaches in L.A. county located in unincorporated areas, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach.

ANZA DESERT ACQUISITION POLICY--Resolved not to acquire additional land south of Highway 78 in Anza Desert State Park unless "of great importance for proper future development and/or operation of the Anza Desert State Park".

CURRY-BIDWELL BAR--Accepted Bidwell Bar Suspension Bridge and adjacent land, in gift deed from Butte County, as a part of the Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park.

MENDOCINO BEACH PLAN--Commission informed that Mendocino County has offered $10,000 as matching funds for purchase of state beaches in this county. Land section directed to proceed with acquisition of beach land north and south of the Cotton property, known as Cleone Beach.

MERCED COUNTY PARK--Discussed acquisition of Ballico site on the Merced River. Resolved that, when acquisition is complete, the area will be known as the McConnell State Park. This small area will be operated as a picnicking park by Merced County.

PROPOSED PATTON MEMORIAL--Informed county of San Bernardino that, in event the State acquires a portion of the area where General Patton trained American troops in San Bernardino County, if the county will operate, the commission will recommend that the legislature appropriate funds to rehabilitate the area as a memorial.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR--Consented to Mr. William Raymond exercising his option on the Big Sur Lodge concession for an additional five year period.

REIMBURSEMENTS TO BIG BASIN LODGE CONCESSION--Moved to reimburse lodge and shop concessions at Big Basin Redwoods State Park because of loss of business caused by closing of park for one week during recent forest fire.

RICHARDSON GROVE 4-LANE HIGHWAY--Discussed request of Division of Highways for 4-lane right of way through Richardson Grove in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Directed staff to negotiate with Division of Highways for a two-lane right of way in place of the larger request.

PROPOSED ROADSIDE PICNIC AREAS--Directed staff to prepare a bill seeking special appropriation for development of several experimental roadside picnic areas along main highways of the State. It is planned to seek a service agreement with the Division of Highways for the maintenance of these areas.

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE OF BIG TREES--Officials of Calaveras Grove Association, and California Memorial Park Association, appeared to discuss acquisition of South Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, and adjacent pine forests. Mr. J.B. Elliott of the memorial park association (of Southern California) urged direct legislative appropriation for purchase. Commission explained opposition to direct appropriation, and urged organizations to work for matching funds. Mr. Stuart C. Gibbons, president of the Calaveras Grove Association (Stockton), said his organization has set $1,000,000 as their goal in matching funds.

WATER PROBLEM AT CUYAMACA AND PALOMAR MOUNTAIN--Directed staff to make full survey of water potential in these areas, through experts of

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the Division of Water Resources.

CHARLES NELSON REDWOOD PROPERTY--Moved to acquire the Charles Nelson timber property in the redwoods on Highway 199, Del Norte County, with matching funds from the Save-the-Redwoods League, and to name the area, when acquired, the"James Tyson Memorial Grove.

COMMISSION SECRETARY--Approved return of Executive Secretary J.H. Covington to part-time duty, with Mr. E.B. Camper to continue to serve as executive secretary pro tem to assist Mr. Covington.

NEXT MEETING--The next commission meeting will be in San Francisco on November 19, 1948.

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direction of the Supervisor of Conservation Education, some of the duties of this position are: Conduct studies of selected areas of the State Park System for recommendations of types of interpretive exhibits required; collect specimens of flora and fauna from State Parks, and prepare or direct preparation of the material for use in the natural history exhibits; assist district superintendents and chief rangers in the planning of trail systems to best exhibit the natural features of State Park areas; develop nature trails and trailside exhibits; assist in preparation of visual aids for conservation education programs among park visitors; cooperate with other natural history and conservation agencies and organizations.

A central State workshop has been established in the Big Basin Redwoods State Park for these purposes. Here, also, an exhibit hall has been planned, for which displays are being prepared and exhibit cases now are under construction.

Along the redwood highway, particularly in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park area, plans now are being made for a museum at Dyerville Headquarters that will fully inform the public of the story of the redwoods.

Other parks that do not have museum building facilities will use standard display shelters, carefully placed along the nature trails. Standardization of these exhibit structures will enable an interchange of exhibit material, which will be prepared in the central workshop.

We greatly appreciate the privilege of being able to attend the Western Museums Conference, which will aid materially in the planning and development of our interpretive program. In conclusion, I would like to express a word of appreciation, on behalf of my Supervisor, Mr. Edward F. Dolder, and myself for our invitation to this conference.

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POLICY MEMOS

All matters of policy, affecting the districts, will be treated in separate memos to the district superintendents. Whenever it is deemed advisable to publish such subject matter, the essential information will be published in NEWS AND VIEWS

It is not,presently, our administrative policy to issue initial instructions regarding policies through the medium of NEWS AND VIEWS

INTEROFFICE MEMOS

To avoid confusion in filing and follow-up, interoffice memos should cover one subject only. Any data pertinent to the subject, such as park name, work order number, requisition number should be included. The word "Miscellaneous" is to be avoided as a subject of memoranda.

CURATOR TOM SCANLON PASSES AWAY

Tom Scanlon, relief curator between Will Rogers State Park and Pio Pico State Historical Monument, passed away Friday, Oct. 8, 1948. He had been on sick leave since early September.

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Last month we were supposed to put the "B" on you for this article. Instead, we had the"B" put on us--and I do mean "B"udget

Are you contented in your work? Do you enjoy being in the State Park System? Or do you have a buzzing sound between your ears?

In any case, you should know how the State Park System managed to exist without your comparatively recent services. Oh, yes it did!

For in Section B of the Field Manal, we learn that the present State Park System had it's earliest beginnings nearly 50 years ago, and that the greatest step toward establishment of the system was taken in 1918, nine years before the State Division of Parks existed!

It may be noted in reference literature--In using the Field Manual, you should constantly check every statement possible by referring to published or documentary evidence. We're supposed to do that before writing the darn thing, but maybe you'll be writing one some day!

As I was saying, it may be noted in reference literature that creation of the individual parks, was instigated by public-spirited citizens and not necessarily by any State administration. Not that the State administration disfavored the creation of parks, but that the State Legislature, which is empowered to pass enabling laws and to provide appropriations, had to be convinced that park areas were of sufficient public interest to warrant the expenditure of public funds. Oh, yes it did!

What the legislature did about the State Park System, you may read in Section B., you should note, however, that extension of the system to the tune of $12,000,000 was approved by a vote of the people of the State of California. Oh yes, it was $12,000,000. That is how the matching provision was born!

Do you ever wonder why you are unable to do some of the things you'd like to see done in the parks? Have you ever wished for a free hand? Well, the State Park System has a free hand, officially. It is known as the State Park Commission and it's membership is unpaid for the services rendered. But this free hand doesn't always have a free hand either for the Commission may act only in accordance with state laws.

Laws directly affecting the State Park System are summarized in Section B. For the full text consult the Public Resources Code, available in most county libraries or from the State Printing Office--for a consideration, of course. Well, don't we provide park facilities for a consideration?

On page B-5, five park districts are mentioned. Of course, you have already changed this to six and have indicated the address of the sixth district. Oh, you haven't? Well don't, you believe your manual should be kept up to date by it's custodian? If there is a short in the ignition system of your automobile, do you have it taken care of, or do you permit it to run down the storage battery? The Field Manual is a storage battery of necessary information. Employees are not expected to memorize all that they are required to know about their jobs, hence, some of this knowledge has been stored in the Manual.

Our reference for keeping the Field Manual up-to-date is NEWS AND VIEWS. Try some of the back numbers over on your piano to see if you can extract some notes that will harmonize with those in Section B. Until the official revision is out, that is.

Well, so long for now. "B" "C"ing you next month. "B" prepared for "C"ing our parks.

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WEDDING BELLS TOLL FOR RANGER H.J. ALBERT, JR.

Deputy Ranger Henry J. Albert,Jr., of Mt. Tamalpais State Park, was married on October 15th in San Francisco to Miss Dana Miller of that city.

The ceremony was performed in the Sweden-Borg Church.

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NEW METHOD FOR MAILING NEWS & VIEWS TO FIELD

Beginning with this issue, NEWS & VIEWS hereafter will be mailed in bulk to each park and monument of the State Park System. Chief rangers, or rangers in charge, will be responsible for distribution, and sufficient copies will be mailed to each unit to cover the number of permanent positions assigned to that unit.

This system will reduce the excessive amount of clerical work necessary at present in our efforts to keep up with the transfers and temporary assignments of personnel about the State.

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RANGER MCKONE NABS THREE HUNTERS AT MORRO BAY

Justice works rapidly at Morro Bay State Park.

On Oct. 15 at 12:15 P.M. Deputy Ranger John McKone apprehended Dan M. Phelan of Arroyo Grande hunting in the park. He turned him over to the county sheriff's office, and the man was tried immediately by Justice of the Peace Rod McDonald, and fined $25.00.

At 2:50 P.M. McKone found Ottis Carmean and John Baldwin, both of San Marino, hunting with bow and arrow, and revolver, in the park, and turned them in to the sheriff. Justice McDonald again held immediate trial, and fined each of them $25.00.

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ROBINHOOD OPERETTA IS PRESENTED AT TAMALPAIS

The operetta "Robinhood" was presented in the Mountain Theatre at Mt. Tamalpais State Park on October 17 by the Players Club of San Francisco.1500 persons attended the showing.

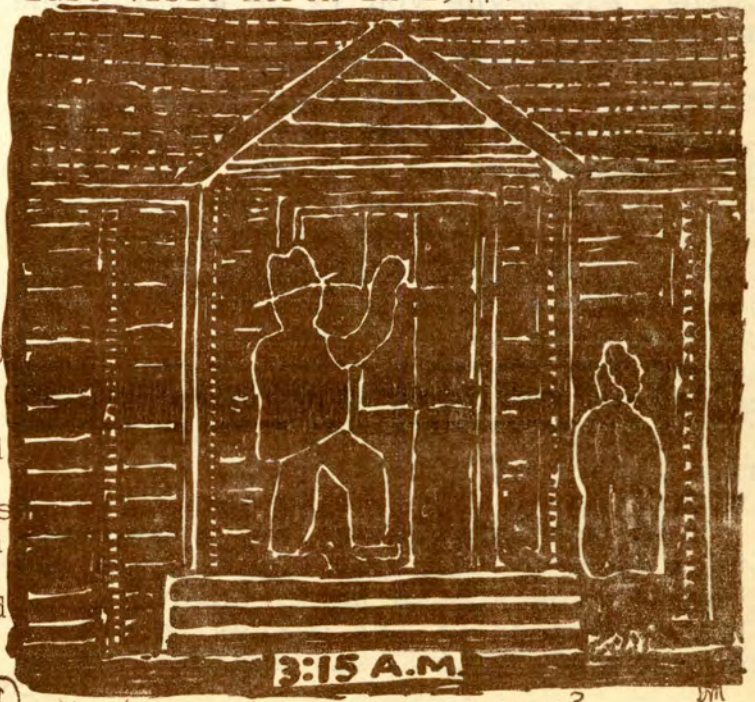
Officials of the Players Club, and the Mountain Play Association declared the presentation a success, and the Mountain Play Association said musicals will be considered for future mountain plays.

This musical was the first presented at the Mountain Theatre.

RANGERS' HOLIDAY

Chief Ranger and Mrs. A.P. Salzgeber of Carpinteria, and Asst. Ranger and Mrs. Kenneth T. Stanley of Doheny Beach State "pulled trailers" into the State Parks of the northern redwoods recently on vacation.

Salzgeber reports he noted vast improvements in all parks since his last visit north in 1947.



(9) Hey! Wake up! Where can we camp?

OFFICIAL FIELD ROSTER
October 25, 1948

CENTRAL DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS: 417 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif.--Supt., John H. Knight; Asst. Supt. Clyde L. Newlin; Sen. Eng. Aid, J.H. Russell; Carpenter-foreman, Wallace S. Moody; int. steno-clerk, Selma Luokonen.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK, Big Basin, Calif.--Chief Ranger, Lloyd Lively; Assistant Rangers: James B. Chaffee, Robert K. Crawford; Deputy Rangers: William E. Yager, Carl W. Martin, James Whitehead, Gene W. Davis, Louis Donaldson, Edgar W. Strouse, John P. Anderson, William R. Epperly; auto mechanic, Frederick J. Caldwell; int. stock clerk, Thomas D. Spencer; skilled laborer, Elmer J. Crawford.

CAPITOLA, NEW BRIGHTON BEACH, WARSONVILLE-SUNSET--Deputy Ranger William E. Parsons(Postal address: Rte. 3, Box 825, Watsonville, Calif.).

FREMONT PEAK, c/o San Juan Bautista State Hist. Monument, San Juan Bautista, Calif.--Deputy Ranger George V. Larson.

MT. DIABLO STATE PARK, Diablo, Calif.--Chief Ranger, R.G. Bassett; Asst. Ranger Leonard R. Fisher; deputy rangers, William E. Gott, Lewis G. Rogers, Thomas A. Fazzini, and Lyle H. Pedlar.

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK, Rte. 1, Box 281, Mill Valley, Calif.--Chief ranger, Melville Whittaker; assistant ranger, Werner C. Foss; deputy rangers, Alfred P. Calvert, Henry J. Albert, Jr., Joseph C. Hardebeck.

NEW BRIGHTON BEACH STATE PARK, PO Box 251, Capitola, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge), William J. Reinhardt; deputy ranger, John E. Dixon.

PORTOLA STATE PARK, La Honda, Calif.--Chief Ranger, Charles H. Fakler; asst. ranger, Franklyn Brown; deputy rangers, Harold H. Sederquist; Clifford J. Calliham, and James A. Beck.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT, San Juan Bautista, Calif.--Curator, Jack Dyson; deputy ranger, Ernest L. Hunter; groundsman and flower gardener, Frank S. Schmitt; janitor, John Monte.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA & FREMONT PEAK(postal address, San Juan Bautista)--Deputy ranger, George E. Thornton.

SEACLIFF BEACH STATE PARK, PO Box 298, Aptos, Calif.--Chief Ranger, C.L. (Roy) Cushing; assistant ranger, Leonard Moore; deputy rangers, Marvin E. Kastor, Floyd C. Saddlemyre, and Donald J. Burge.

S.P. TAYLOR STATE PARK, PO Box 24, Lagunitas, Calif.--Chief Ranger, Leo Crawford; assistant ranger, William J. Haussler; deputy rangers, George A. Nelson, Harry B. Rathner, and Thomas L. Drew.

WATSONVILLE-SUNSET BEACH STATE PARK, Rte. 3, Box 825, Watsonville, Calif.--Asst. ranger(in charge), Arthur Parvin; deputy ranger, Stanley W. Jones.

EASTERN DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS: 443 East Weber St., Stockton, Calif.(Room 203)--Supt., Everett E. Powell; asst. supt., George Holmboe; int. steno-clerk, Anna F. Keller.

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D. L. BLISS STATE PARK, Tahoma, Calif.--Chief Ranger, Robert Hatch; deputy ranger, Charles K. Boyle.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK, Arnolds, Calif.--Chief Ranger, Gordon Kishbaugh; asst ranger, Lewis P. Griffith; deputy rangers, Robert G. Carlson Ronald C. McCullough, George W. Lynn.

COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK, Columbia, Calif.-- Asst Ranger, (in charge), Al Beck; deputy rangers, Erwin M. Single, Wendell K Davis, Stanley F. Navola; curator, F. A. Bridewell.

DONNER HISTORICAL MONUMENT, P.O. Box 1206, Truckee, Calif.--Asst Ranger(in charge), Donald I. Rich.

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE STATE PARK, Coloma, Calif.--Asst. Ranger (in charge), Roland G. Geyer; deputy rangers, Adolph F. Garrelts, Fredrick R. Newbill.

MARSHALL'S STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT, Coloma, Calif.--Deputy Ranger, Gary M. Traylor.

TAHOE CAMPGROUND STATE PARK, Tahoe City, Calif.-- Asst ranger, Glenn A. Jackson.

TAHOE CAMPGROUNDS AND DONNER HISTORICAL MONUMENT, (postal address , Tahoe City, Calif) --Deputy ranger, Martin Castle.

SUTTER'S FORT & INDIAN MUSEUM, Curator of Sutter's Fort, Carroll D. Hall; curators, Virginia Storti, B. W. Hathaway; Gardeners,Alfred W. Depner, John E. Albera, Finley A. Leach; janitor, John A. Throne, Ernest A. Boisvert.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS: P.O. Box 797, Sonoma, Calif.-- Supt., R. S. Coon; asst. supt., Murrell Gregory; Inter Steno-clerk, Sylvia Millard; carpenter-foreman, Nelvin S. Cobb.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS STATE PARK,Guerneville, Calif.--Chief ranger, Jack Fleckenstein; dep. rangers, Royal W. Jimerson, Jr., Joseph E. Timmerman.

CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK, Castella, Calif.--Chief ranger, Ben M. Twight; asst. ranger, Derrick G. Andrews; deputy ranger, Elmer C. Herneisen.

CURRY-BIDWELL BAR STATE PARK, Merrimac Star Rt.,Oroville, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge), Philip J. Nealon; deputy ranger, William A. Stahlberg.

FORT ROSS STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT, Cazadero, Calif.--Curator, John C. McKenzie.

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS STATE PARK, Burney, Calif.--Chief ranger, Elmer J. Pool; asst. ranger, George R. Hagens.

RUSSIAN GULCH STATE PARK, Mendocino, Calif.--Asst. ranger(in charge), Robert E. Stewart.

SONOMA MISSION HIST. MONUMENT, Sonoma, Calif.--Asst. ranger(in charge), Friedrich Oltman; curator, Daisy V. Barbour.

SONOMA COAST STATE PARK, Salmon Creek Headquarters, Bay, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge), Nolan E. Albright; deputy ranger, Harley D. Smith.

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VALLEJO HOME HIST. MONUMENT, Sonoma, Calif.--Curator, Madie D. Brown; janitress, Dulinda Brusky; gardener, Alfonso Del Ponte.

VALLEJO HOME & SONOMA MISSION, (postal address, Sonoma, Calif.)--Curator, Richard R. Emparan.

VAN DAMME BEACH STATE PARK, Little River, Calif.--Chief ranger, Anton J. Trigeiro; deputy ranger, Duane T. Rodman.

VAN DAMME & RUSSIAN GULCH, (postal address, Little River, Calif.)--Deputy ranger, Marion H. Single.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS: Dyerville, Weott, Calif.--Supt., E. P. French; Asst. Supt., Llewellyn P. Griffith; Int. Steno-clerk, Maxine Kent; carpenter-foreman, Arthur W. Bunting.

BURLINGTON CAMPGROUNDS(Humboldt Redwoods State Park), Weott, Calif.--Deputy ranger, Jack L. Kent.

DYERVILLE HEADQUARTERS for Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Weott, Calif.--Chief ranger, E. J. Nash; deputy rangers, Ellsworth R. Trapp, Harold G. Steving, Clifford A. Allen.

DYERVILLE & BURLINGTON(Humboldt Redwoods State Park), Weott, Calif.--Deputy ranger, Walter F. Martell.

EDWARD R. HICKEY STATE PARK,(c/o Richardson Grove P.O., Calif.)--Asst. ranger, E. G. Gray.

MILL CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK, Crescent City, Calif.--Asst. ranger(in charge) Carl C. Schnauer.

PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK, Trinidad, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge), James P. Tryner; deputy rangers, Bassett A. Farber, Lee M. Johnson.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK, Orick Calif.--Chief ranger, C. L. Milne; Asst. ranger, Raymond L. Nelson; deputy rangers, Fred L. Hall, Roland V. Stroup, Richard L. Brock.

PRAIRIE CREEK & MILL CREEK, (c/o Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Orick, Calif.)--Deputy ranger, Jesse L. Bruner, Jr.

RICHARDSON GROVE(Humboldt Redwoods State Park), Richardson Grove, Calif.--Chief ranger, Henry W. Saddler; Asst. ranger, Harry G. Kauffman; deputy rangers, Hugo E. Hoy, William A. Meyer, Richard W. Byers.

VAN DUZEN REDWOODS STATE PARK, Star Rte, Carlotta P.O. Calif.--Asst. ranger, (in charge), Glen N. Jones.

WILLIAMS GROVE(Humboldt Redwoods State Park), Weott, Calif.--Asst. ranger, (in charge), Ralph L. Banfill; deputy ranger, Woodrow W. Seney.

WILLIAMS GROVE & STEPHENS GROVE,(postal address, Williams Grove, Weott, Calif.--Deputy ranger, James W. Moore.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS: 210 Olivier Street, Monterey, Calif.--Supt. H. L. Blaisdell;

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Asst. Supt. Jess T. Chaffee; Int. Steno-clerks, Dorotha Ostermaier, Edna Gibb Rogge; carpenter, John W. Nicol; automobile mechanic, Elvis M. Eidson.

CALIFORNIA FIRST THEATRE STATE HIST. MONUMENT, Monterey, Calif.--Curator, Isabel Hartigan; gardener, Forrest Denhart.

CARPENTERIA BEACH STATE PARK, Carpinteria, Calif.--Chief ranger, Alfred P. Salzgeber; Asst. ranger, Alvin F. Whittington; deputy rangers, Philip D. Van Deusen, Knowlton Miramontes, Ernest R. Harvey.

FORT TEJON STATE HIST. MONUMENT, Gen. delivery, Lebec, Calif.--Asst. ranger, (in charge), Louis C. Wakefield.

MORRO BAY STATE PARK, Morro Bay, Calif.--Chief ranger, Fred C. Canham; Asst. ranger, John V. McKone; deputy rangers, Charles E. Doll, Roy A. Gholson

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE STATE HIST. MONUMENT, Monterey, Calif.--Curator, Mary L. Greene; janitor, Edna May B. Washington; gardener, John W. Umbarger.

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, STEVENSON HOUSE & FIRST THEATRE,(Dist Hdqts., 210 Olivier St., Monterey, Calif)--Curator, Nettie L. Denhart.

POINT LOBOS RESERVE STATE PARK, Carmel, Calif.--Chief ranger, Roland A. Wilson; Asst. ranger, Lester M. Ransom.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR STATE PARK, Big Sur, Calif.--Chief ranger, Wayne Cox; Asst. rangers, Gordon J. Cooley, William P. Dougherty; deputy rangers, Joseph D. Kelly, Frank E. Kendall, Allen B. Gray, Keith N. Carpenter, Kenneth Legg, Evon G. Till. Jr., Theodore B. McMillen, Jr., Edwin L. Hixson.

PISMO BEACH STATE PARK, Oceano, Calif.--Asst. ranger(in charge), Frank Wells, deputy ranger, Nelson S. Gerhart.

POINT LOBOS & MONTEREY MONUMENTS,(Dist. Hdqts., 210 Olivier St., Monterey, Calif.)--Deputy ranger, Clyde William Ray

MONTEREY STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, (Dist. Hdqts. 210 Olivier St., Monterey, Calif.)--Curator, Amelie Kneass.

LA PURISIMA MISSION STATE HIST. MONUMENT, RFD Box 102, Lompoc, Calif.--Chief ranger, Arthur Sill; Asst. ranger, William D. Markle; deputy rangers, Guyvon M. Huston, Earl M. Lively; curators, Frank L. Gutierrez, Richard T. Rodriguez; janitor, John M. Dimock; gardener, Herbert L. Tainter.

STEVENSON HOUSE STATE HIST. MONUMENT, Monterey, Calif.--Curator, Harry B. Collins; janitor, William H. Rodgers; gardener, Hans C. Heidemann.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK, Descanso, Calif.--Chief ranger, Harvey W. Moore; Asst. rangers, Maurice Morgan, Alan D. Philbrook; deputy rangers, Thomas L. McKnight, William R. Allison, Carl A. Anderson, Edward A. Griggs, James R. Avant.

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK, Julian, Calif.--Chief ranger, J. W. Calvert.

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DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK, Doheny Park, Calif.--Chief ranger, Darrell A. Knoefler; Asst. rangers, Louis D. Juch, Kenneth T. Stanley; deputy rangers, Jas. R. DeRemer, Charles P. Lyden, Maurice E. Hayes, Jewel N. Caughell.

HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK, P.O. Box 348, Huntington Beach, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge), Frank L. Davies; deputy ranger, Robert S. Simmons.

MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK, Idyllwild, Calif.--Chief ranger, Wm. A. Weatherbee; deputy ranger, Floyd A. Lemley.

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, Palomar Mountain, Calif.--Asst. ranger (in charge) John R. Fleming; deputy ranger, Clyde E. Strickler.

PIO PICO STATE HIST. MONUMENT, 103 South Guirado Ave., Whittier, Calif.--Curator, Glenn W. Price; gardeners, John L. Bowman, Talton M. Cooper.

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH STATE PARK, San Clemente, Calif.--Chief ranger, Rudolph E. Anderson; Asst. ranger, Jack Lemley; deputy rangers, Lyle B. Keith, Charles S. Mosteller, Donald V. Gardner, Clifford C. Smith; Int. stock-clerk, Hubert I. Schauber.

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK, Pacific Palisades, Calif.--Chief ranger, Harold Pesch; Asst. ranger, Herbert Hedicke; deputy rangers, Francis H. Wiget, John D. Torreano; curators, Eva Louise Zoller, Charles M. Packard, Basil E. Leever; gardener, Walter B. Ridgeway; janitress, Carmelia M. Lewis.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The entire administrative staff wishes to extend to all of you at this time personal greetings and best wishes for the Christmas Season. We wish it were possible to send each of you a personal greeting card. The size of the field staff and the frequency of personnel changes might result in failure to greet every individual. So-this is our personal wish for a most pleasant holiday season to each and every one of you.MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GRADE II EXAMINATION

This Division has requested the State Personnel Board to schedule a promotional examination to establish a list of eligibles from which appointments to existing vacancies in the State Park Ranger Grade II classification may be made. We have also requested that the minimum qualification be one year's service as a State Park Ranger Grade I. This is in keeping with our recent request to have the State Personnel Board consider the establishment of a probationary period of one year for the State Park Ranger grades. We are informing you at this time so that you may further prepare yourselves for this forthcoming formal test.

No examination is to be scheduled for the State Park Ranger, Grade III classification as the recently established eligible list will be in effect for some time to come.

BUDGET

At this time, we still are unaware of the status of the budget of this Division as approved by the Department of Finance. Formal hearings were held in late November and we are awaiting the outcome before scheduling a conference of the district superintendents.

C.I.R.E. TIMECARDS-AGAIN

Those responsible are to be commended for the promptness with which these are being mailed. We feel it necessary to call to your attention, however, that the time cards should be mailed on the last working day of the pay period rather than always on the 15th or the last day of the month. For example: If the last working days fall on the 14th or the 29th of the month, the timecards should be completed and mailed on those days.

INSPECTION OF C.I.R.E. PROJECTS

May we urge those of you who are responsible to give adequate and frequent inspection to C.I.R.E. under your supervision. Be on hand when the contractor first moves onto the job to be certain all terms of the service agreement are mutually understood and that all details regarding the storage of contractor's material and equipment, waste etc.are arranged Roughed-in plumbing should be inspected prior to pouring of concrete and frequent inspections of the pouring operations may be necessary. Endeavor to provide inspection service for the contractor whenever he may request such service.

All phases of the work contracted for must be completed and the vicinity thoroughly cleaned up before the AO117 indicating completion is forwarded to this office. The contractor should be cautioned not to bill the State until final inspection. The State may not be able to take advantage of any discount that may be offered should bills arrive in Sacramento prior to receipt of the AO117

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The development program for the current fiscal year has progressed to the point where to date we are approximately six months ahead of the progress shown for the corresponding

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ATTENDANCE IN STATE PARKS

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Following is a reprint of a report to the Chief of the Division on attendance in State Parks, made in conformance with a request from the Division of Budgets and Accounts of the Department of Finance.)

Printed herewith is a summary of attendance figures at State Parks, Beaches and Historical Monuments operated by this Division and providing camping, picnicking, or other service facilities to the public.

The figures for 1946 and 1947 are for the full calendar year. The 1948 total is to October 23, inclusive.

Totals for the three types of units are:

	1946	1947	1948 (To Oct. 23)
Parks	2,067,997	2,806,579	2,489,823
Beaches	790,510	1,151,309	800,425
Monuments	306,608	408,835	517,423
	3,165,115	4,366,723	3,807,671

Although figures for 1948 are not complete, it is estimated that on the average only 7 percent of the year's total attendance accumulates in the last two months of the year--and this percentage, added to the 1948 attendance figure to October 23, does not quite bring the 1948 total up to the 1947 attendance figure.

There are several factors which contribute strongly to the apparent decrease for 1948.

First, we experienced a very late start of the normal camping season, due to a heavy period of late rains and snow in May. Many parks normally well along in attendance by the end of May, hardly showed any attendance whatsoever at that time.

A second contributing factor was the gasoline strike, which hit the State just before the extensive early September holidays. Traffic along the Redwood Highway particularly was reduced by this gasoline strike, thus strongly effecting a cut in attendance in the northern redwood parks of the system.

Adding further to this cut, was the closing of Big Basin Redwoods State Park for seven days, over the early September holidays, due to the Pine Mountain forest fire nearby. Big Basin last year had an attendance of 593,660. This year, on October 23, the total was 422,410--and the factors of late Spring rains, gasoline strike, and forest fire, all contributed to this heavy cut in attendance.

An analysis of weekly attendance figures in July and August for most of the parks, compared to corresponding weeks in 1947, show that the 1948 weekly figures were running well over the 1947 figures.

Were it not for the factors listed above, it is felt that total attendance in units of the State Park System manned and providing service facilities to the public would have considerably exceeded the 1947 figure.

Explanation of Symbols in Following Table:

* Estimated.
X Exceeds 1947 Full Year Total.
(1) Based on spot checks.
(2) 1946-47 figures by estimate. 1948 figure by actual count, with personnel manning the park.
(3) Park closed major portion of year, and throughout all the best camping season, because of city sewage construction through the park.

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ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

PARK	1946	1947	1948-to Oct. 23
Anza Desert	28,000*	13,645	23,183 X
Armstrong Redwoods	190,720	149,386	97,670
Big Basin Redwoods	450,125	593,660	422,410
Calaveras Big Trees	86,535	94,793	72,805
Castle Crags	9,850	26,281	24,378
Columbia Historic	new	105,855	63,789
Curry-Bidwell Bar	---	new	37,023
Cuyamaca Rancho	91,260	93,128	130,296 X
D.L. Bliss	19,148	36,955	39,160 X
Fremont Peak	12,500*	15,081*	3,563
Edward R. Hickey	---	---	new
Humboldt Redwoods--			
Burlington Campground	5,000	3,425	5,309 X
Dyerville Contact	12,943	16,226	20,429 X
Richardson Grove	195,925	266,185	205,946
Stephens Grove	1,114	2,600	2,450
Williams Grove	28,190	37,004	27,826
Founders Grove	245,000*	357,500	205,000
McArthur-Burney Falls	14,935	17,907	16,892
Mill Creek Redwoods	8,000*	44,500	55,417 X
Morro Bay	122,950	180,325	198,500 X
Mt. Diablo	93,428	96,204	109,825 X
Mt. San Jacinto	8,141	10,378	9,649
Mt. Tamalpais	52,550	69,360	141,417 X
Palomar Mountain	7,703	24,756	31,196 X
Patrick's Point	15,127	34,298	37,761 X
Pfeiffer Big Sur	91,663	136,473	161,765 X
Point Lobos Reserve	61,899	73,734	73,879 X
Portola	9,510	13,089	23,486 X
Prairie Creek Redwoods	21,904	28,602	34,715 X
Tahoe Campground	31,100	37,000	25,900
Samuel P. Taylor	38,785	91,745	87,242
Van Duzen Redwoods	12,500	14,915	11,911
Will Rogers Ranch	101,492	121,569	89,031
TOTALS	2,067,997	2,806,579	2,489,823

BEACHES	1946	1947	1948 (to Oct. 23)
Carpinteria	115,545	210,028	169,205
Doheny	187,597	294,394	135,070
Huntington	35,000*	52,800*	30,000*
New Brighton	18,000*	26,950*	29,594 X
Pismo	19,500*	30,426*	6,525 (2)
Russian Gulch	14,943	20,489	17,225
San Clemente	58,445	66,840	8,570 (3)
Seacliff	251,668	312,372	318,736 X
Sonoma Coast	61,990*	79,750*	27,825 (2)
Sunset(Watsonville)	12,000*	15,260*	34,595 X
Van Damme	15,822	42,000	23,080
TOTALS	790,510	1,151,309	800,425

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Baby Hands at the Window

Congratulations on new babies this month go to:

Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Ed Strouse of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, a boy, 8 pounds, on November 10th.

Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Thomas L. McKnight, of Cuyamaca Rancho, a boy, Albert Leslie, 9 pounds, 8 3/4 ounces, on October 25th.

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LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN NOW SHOWING AT CALIFORNIA FIRST THEATER

Oscar Wilde's play, "Lady Windermere's Fan" opened at the California First Theater State Historical Monument on November 19 to a packed house.

The production will continue on weekends until March, 1949.

The opening marked the 964th performance by the Gold Coast Troupers of Monterey, and the 49th production since the theater re-opened in 1937.

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FRANK GUTIERREZ MOTHER DIES

The mother of Frank Gutierrez, curator at La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument, died in San Fernando on November 16, 1948.

We extend our sympathy to Frank.

SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

The winter District Superintendents conference was announced this month by Chief A.E. Henning for Dec. 9-10 in Sacramento.

Assistant Superintendents will attend the meeting.

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BURGLAR ENTERS OLD CUSTOM HOUSE

An old colt revolver (Colt patent 2839-No. 143339) was stolen from a case on exhibit in the Old Custom House State Historical Monument on or about October 25th.

The theft was discovered when screws were found missing from the case when it was cleaned.

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SILL GETS ASSIST FROM NATURE AS QUAIL COVEY WORKS ON LAWN

"It's always nice to have nature on your side", says Chief Ranger A.W. Sill of La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument.

"But when she actually works for you it's doubly nice--as for instance the covey of quail that graze on our lawn each morning and evening. As a result of their visits, the lawn seldom requires mowing."

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY (Continued)

MONUMENTS	1946	1947	1948 (to Oct. 23)
Calif. First Theatre	49,282	50,048	44,564
Donner	56,965	93,570	70,556
Fort Ross	18,367	31,241	26,710
Fort Tejon	1,000*	1,320*	1,343 X
Gold Discovery Site (Marshall Monument)	22,545	46,453	74,511 X
La Purisima Mission	14,021	14,657	16,982 X
Old Custom House	65,816	74,440	72,327
Pio Pico Mansion	2,621	5,103	2,421
San Juan Bautista	17,063	27,138	27,111
Sonoma Mission	36,080	34,114	35,757 X
Stevenson House	3,000*	4,620*	2,246
Sutter's Fort Museum	---	New	106,174
Vallejo Home	19,848	26,131	36,721 X
TOTALS	306,608	408,835	517,423

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

OUR OWN LITTLE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

All answers, or direct clues, may be found in Section C of the Field Manual. One or more parts of the numbered questions is correct. One point for each correct answer. Zero points for the incorrect ones. The term "Parks" applies to all State parks, monuments and beaches in California.

L. Santa Claus may expect to find good sleighing in:
   a. Fremont Peak
   b. Calaveras Big Trees
   c. Mt. Tamalpais
   d. Cuyamaca Rancho

2. Fir trees, widely used as Christmas Trees, may be found growing natively in
   a. Mill Creek Redwoods
   b. Russian Gulch
   c. Pio Pico Mansion
   d. Prairie Creek Redwoods

3. Outright gifts to the State Park System include:
   a. $1,000,000
   b. Bidwell State Park
   c. San Pasqual Battlefield
   d. State park rangers

4. General Grant Tree in King's Canyon National Park is called "The Nation's Christmas Tree". Trees of the same species grow natively in:
   a. Avenue of the Giants
   b. Calaveras Big Trees

5. Were it to be decorated and lighted, the nations tallest Christmas Tree might be found in:
   a. Big Basin Redwoods
   b. Humboldt Redwoods

6. It takes gold, or its equivalent, to buy Christmas gifts. Which of these were associated with gold, as a mineral?
   a. Gold Discovery Site
   b. Old Shasta
   c. House of Gold
   d. State paychecks

7. The story of Christmas mentions three wise men. Which of the following commemorates three "wise" men of conservation?
   a. Calaveras Big Trees
   b. Founders' Grove
   c. Ranger Grade III

8. Camels are often pictured in christmas illustrations. With what units of the State Park System are camels associated?
   a. Fort Tejon
   b. Anza Desert
   c. Lummis El Alisal Home
   d. Christmas gifts

9. The introduction of the Christian religion in California is associated with the following:
   a. La Purisima
   b. Fort Ross
   c. Sonoma Mission
   d. Junipero Serra Landing Place

10. The Three Wise Men followed a star. Ringside seats for viewing a star may be found near:
   a. Palomar Mountain
   b. Will Rogers Park
   c. Sunset Beach
   d. Mt. San Jacinto

A score of twenty right is perfect. Fifteen is passable; ten is poor, and less than ten is what Cal beat Stanford by.

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NEW BOOK ON DE ANZA EXPEDITION

Chief Ranger Jack Calvert of Anza Desert State Parks reports a new book written on the De Anza Expedition.

The book has been authored by John Hilton, writer for Desert Magazine, who recently visited in Mexico and met the great grandson of the explorer, Juan Bautista De Anza.

Mr. Hilton obtained access to the records, diaries and histories of the family in Mexico.

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EARTHQUAKE AT FREMONT PEAK

Deputy Ranger George E. Thornton of Fremont Peak had the process of being rocked to sleep reversed on him on Oct. 29th when a hard earth quake "rocked" him awake at 6 o'clock in the morning.

No damage was done.

VIEWS ON THE NEWS
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period of the previous fiscal year. You are all to be commended for the part you may have had in expediting this development program. In addition to standard utilities, this Division is undertaking supervision over the construction of a number of standard residences and garages.

CHANGE IN RENTAL STATUS FORMS

These should be submitted at the time of separation or transfer of any individual. In the event that the exact date of vacancy is unknown at the time of separation or transfer, please indicate that the change in Rental Status Form will be forwarded as soon as this is known. Unnecessary delay in forwarding of this form may result in delaying the employee's receipt of his paycheck.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The practice of cutting native trees for their utilization as christmas trees by state employees is to be discouraged, regardless of the source of such trees. It is an infraction of the rules and regulations of the State Park Commission to cut trees for such purposes on State Park lands. Further, park rangers invite public criticism when they cut elsewhere and transport such trees, utilizing state equipment. Strict observance of the above, on the part of all state park personnel is hereby urged.

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FIR PRICE DROP BRINGS ADDITIONAL PROBLEM AT MILL CREEK REDWOODS

A recent price drop on douglas fir has caused many small mills in the Crescent City area of Del Norte County to close, putting men out of work both in the mills and in the woods.

This, reports Assistant Ranger Carl Schnauer of Mill Creek Redwoods, has greatly increased the number of fern poachers in the park.

One family intercepted by Schnauer said fern-picking was the only way they had of earning money to pay rent and purchase food.

ORIGINAL MAP OF FORT ROSS AREA REVEALS INTERESTING NAMES, ROUTES

Recently Curator John McKenzie of Fort Ross State Historical Monument came upon an original map in a handwritten manuscript by Eugene Duflot da Mofras, in the Bancroft Library at the University of California.

The paper bore the title: "A Detailed Map of the Russian Establishments In Upper California and of the Terrain Located Between the Port of Bodega and the Bay of San Francisco".

The original was made in 1841. It is of interest to note that "Fort Ross Farm and Factory" is mentioned, and that the Russian River then was known as the Slavianka River.

Location of the Russian farms and two of their lookout stations are noted, with the "routes for carts" which connected them.

There was one such route leading from "La Chappelle de Santa Rosa" (City of Santa Rosa) by way of "Ferme da Vasili Klebnikoff"(town of Bodega), to Sonoma.

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DEPUTY RANGER VAN DEUSEN IS BURNED

Deputy Ranger Phil Van Deusen of Carpinteria Beach received first and second degree burns on November 10th while pouring hot tar on conduit pipe to be used in underground installation of wiring.

Burns were on the left hand and forearms. He will b e off duty from three to four weeks.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A recent Australian visitor to the Sonoma Mission bore the name of Luce Habits.

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MEASURE OF POPULARITY???

Popular use of the primitive camping area in Mt. San Jacinto State Park this last season by so-called outdoors men is evidenced by a hole 4' X 6' X 8' dug by rangers and filled with cans they collected from scattered points around the camps of said "outdoorsmen."

Report Of The National Committee On Policies In Conservation Education

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Printed below is the second portion of the "Report of the National Committee On Policies In Conservation Education, section 2, entitled "The Program in Conservation Education". The series will continue next month.)

For purposes of this report, conservation is the use of natural resources in such a way as to contribute to the best possible future welfare of mankind. Essentially conservation is good citizenship applied to the use of natural resources. It involves the protection, reproduction, restoration and the increase of renewable resources. It requires the careful husbandry and the best use without waste of the resources that are not renewable. In order to maintain our heritage and culture the highest use of recreational, aesthetic and scenic resources is frequently non-use for some other purposes.

A. AREAS AND SCOPE OF THE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The areas or subjects with which the practices of conservation deals are:

a. Soil
b. Water
c. Forests, grasses and other vegetation
d. All wild animals
e. Minerals
f. Recreation and scenic resources.

A program of conservation must include in harmonious relationship the basic assets of all peoples such as soil water, minerals, plants and animals. In the development of a program it is realized that natural laws govern all resources, and that the long-time value of these resources to man is dependent upon his observance of these laws.

Some resources are virtually indestructible and inexhaustible; such as air and sunlight. They will continue to be abundant in the foreseeable future. Man's only problem with respect to them is continued use in such a way as to meet the needs of a whole people, rather than any particular group. Examples of misuse of these resources are smoke of cities and ill-ventilated houses.

Other resources are destructible and non-renewable; among these are coal, oil and other minerals. The supply of some will last a long time, but eventually will be exhausted. Here is a two-fold problem: (1) to use them for purposes for which their relative abundance or peculiar qualities best fit them; (2) to make the world's supply last as long as possible. Man may use them more effectively, or re-use, or substitute. Common sense demands that he discriminate in the use of such resources since, once gone, they never can be replaced.

Still other assets are destructible but renewable. These are soil, water, plants and animals. Soils can be replaced even though only over a great period of time. Water in its liquid form is an almost universal solvent, and is especially easy to contaminate or polute. But water supplies and satisfactory waterflow conditions can be restored and maintained at considerable expenditure of time and effort. Plants and animals reproduce themselves, and therefore, represent an endowment that yields usable interest. Man's problem is to restore and preserve the endowment, to use only the interest or growth and to use it wisely.

Since all our renewable resources depend upon the soil, it follows that the future of the world's human population will be determined by the husbandry of the soil. All local, national and international problems are related to this fact. Soil is a basic resource.

It is worth noting that some assets do not have to be disturbed to yield economic, recreational, and aesthetic values. Conservation is as much concerned with these as with resources whose use involves disturbance. It is further noteworthy that man must depend increasingly upon renewables, decreasingly upon the non-renewables.

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B. SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation education should be based on experiences that deal with local realities which the learner can easily understand, such as animals, forests, soils and streams. These experiences should recognize the relationship between cause and effect and link individual behavior with social responsibility.

An adequate conservation education program should recognize the need of relating the resource uses in different geographic areas. Teachers should have sound knowledge of ecology and conservation. Teaching should be factual and also creative, quick to link examples with principles. It should be recognized that conservation education can be carried out only in a school and community where there are teachers and leaders who are interested in it as something deeply significant to themselves and all with whom they are associated. Some general principles to be emphasized may be stated as follows:

1. The drain, including harvest for use, of a renewable resource cannot, with safety, indefinitely exceed the net increment. If the drain on our saw timber resource continue to exceed growth, as it now does, depletion of our lumber supply will be inevitable.

2. Periodic scientific reduction of a renewable resource may safeguard its future as well as some other resource upon which it depends. It is frequently necessary to reduce the deer herd in an area because an overpopulation of deer results in starvation losses, retards forest reproduction, and diminishes the food and shelter upon which the animals depend.

3. Conservation of natural resources is the concern of everyone. No person or group has the moral right to deplete resources, such as soils and water, upon which others may depend for existence. Our dependence on forests is clear to everyone. An owner of land within a watershed is morally obligated to use his land for the best interests of the people served directly by that watershed, as well as those who may benefit from it farther down.

4. When a limit to the harvest of a resource, such as deer, has been set by an authorized body, such as a state conservation commission, observance of that limit becomes a legal as well as a social obligation. At the same time, conservation officials are expected to be aware of conservation needs and to apply good principles of resource management.

5. Man may realize both tangible and intangible values from natural resources. Good grass cover is food for grazing animals. However, its value in protecting the water supply and preventing erosion on a given area may be far greater than its animal food value. With wise and conservative use, grass can provide its several values without damage to any.

6. Modern specialization tends to obscure the understanding of broader principles and the common good. Today, there is a tendency to specialize in one or another phase of resource management, such as the production of fish, game or timber. Specialists are needed in the respective conservation fields. However, real conservation demands that the manager of one resource keep the related resources in proper perspective. A forester, for example, must fully understand and appreciate all values of the forest even though his own speciality may be the production of timber. The game management expert must know that sport is not the only objective of his efforts.

7. Production of a renewable resource in quantity and in quality depends upon vigor. A highly productive soil is one rich in organic material and available minerals, needed for vigorous plant growth. A lake or stream must have the right amount of organic matter and minerals in solution to support small plants and animals which are the food of fishes.

8. One-idea conservation is as outmoded as one-class legislation. The construction of dams downstream for conservation of water, without protection of water-sheds up-stream, results in destroying values of the river, both above and below the dam. Wise conservation requires an accurate knowledge of all resources and their uses.

9. Although conservation in any country is primarily the responsibility of that country, it is also

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a vital concern of the rest of the world. As a country destroys its natural resources, it looks with longing eye to those of its neighbors. Wars often result. Wisely used natural resources are essential to permanent peace. Nowhere is the theme of interdependence and interrelations more applicable, locally, nationally and in "one world" than in conservation practices.

C. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES OF CONSERVATION

The practice of conservation contributes to the basic human goals of survival, the achievement of the good life, and the desire to pass on to succeeding generations an unimpaired natural heritage.

Survival: Humanity is faced with certain alternatives: USE WISELY AND PRODUCE OR STARVE. Many areas of this country, and much larger areas in other countries, can no longer support human life, except at the level of bare and hazardous existence. It is now certain that without conservation of natural resources, the United States and the rest of the world face serious shortages and a steadily lowering standard of living. Experience shows that any nation which fails to conserve its assets cannot maintain its strength or culture. In any economy we must all live within our incomes to survive. Extinction is the alternative.

The Good Life: Adequate and continuous production of natural resources are the foundations of the good life. Unwise use of any destructible resource, living or non-living, for any long period leads to maladjustment and misery. The effects of wise use are cumulative, and are economic, cultural and spiritual.

The Heritage: IT SHOULD BE BASIC IN AMERICAN LIFE THAT EACH GENERATION RECOGNIZE ITS OBLIGATION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. Freedom to use a resource implies responsibility in its reasonable husbandry. Our duty is to conserve, repair, maintain and improve the natural endowment intended for future generations. So far, we have largely ignored this responsibility. To the degree that we continue to do so, we destroy the security of our sons and daughters. (Next Month-"A PROGRAM TO CARRY OUT THESE POLICIES".)

PERSONNEL INCREASE IN STATE PARKS PARALLELS PUBLIC'S GROWING INTEREST IN OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS

An interesting summary of the increase in personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks since the inception of the park system in 1927, released this month by Chief Henning in conjunction with budget hearings before the Department of Finance, reveals a close parallel to the growing public interest in outdoor recreation.

Following is the breakdown in personnel figures by biennial periods up to June 30, 1945, and by annual periods after that time:

1927-29--Field, 15; adm.,2;total, 17.

1929-31--Field, 30; adm.,5;total, 35.

1931-33--Field, 33; adm.,6;total, 39.

1933-35--Field, 45; adm. 7;total, 52.

1935-37--Field, 55; adm. 8;total, 63.

1937-39--Field, 55; adm. 9; total, 63.

1939-41--Field, 61; adm.10;total, 71.

1941-43--Field, 67; adm.10;total, 77.

1943-45--Field, 73; adm.10;total, 83.

1945-46--Field, 83; adm.11;engineering, 2; total, 96.

1946-47--Field, 149; adm.15;engineering, 15; acquisition, 11; total, 190.

1947-48--Field, 233; adm.18;engineering, 31; acquisition, 14;total, 296.

1948-49--Field, 284; adm.20; engineering, 43; acquisition, 14; total, 361.

The annual budget in 1928 was set at $63,214.96. Budget for the current fiscal period is $5,890,235.00.

It must be remembered that a large part of the proportionate greater increase in field personnel as of 1947 is caused by the introduction of the five day week, with a resulting necessity for a larger field force to do the same amount of work.

COMMISSION DIGEST

Meeting at SAN FRANCISCO NOV. 19, 1948

The State Park Commission met in regular session in San Francisco on November 19, 1948. Commissioners present included Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, Charles Kasch, George Waldner and George Scott.

Following is digest of actions:

MENDOCINO CO. BEACHES--County of Mendocino offered 17,000 feet of county beach land north of Fort Bragg as matcning value for land to be purchased by State at Cleone Point. Staff ordered to make appraisals of land.

COLUMBIA CELEBRATION--Granted permit to Tuolumne County Gold Centennial Celebration Committee to hold Gold Rush celebration at Columbia Historic State Park on July 15-17, 1949.

ROHNER REDWOOD CONDEMNATION--Ordered staff to institute condemnation proceedings against Rohner Redwoods, private property in Humboldt Redwoods State Park near Garden Club Grove.

PRAIRIE CREEK LOGGING ROAD--Calif. Barrel Company requested final extension of permit to use logging road across Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park until May 15, 1949, to permit them to finish new road, and to remove present down timber and equipment. Granted same. Additional request of GL. Speier Company for permit to use same road until 1952 denied, with permit granted to correspond with date outlined for Calif. Barrel Company.

PAJARO RIVER BEACH ACQUISITION--Heard delegation from Monterey County seeking review of commission's decision that Zmudowsky beach property at mouth of Pajaro River near Watsonville was not suitable for beach park. Directed staff to restudy project and make report.

REDWOOD EMPIRE ASSOCIATION--Heard delegates from Redwood Empire Association protest rumored plans to build cabins and concession building at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. Commission, to re-assure association, resolved formally to remove present cabins at expiration of concession lease, and not to rebuild cabins.

ANGEL ISLAND--Formally rejected any plans to acquire Angel Island, in San Francisco Bay, as a State Park.

ISAAC WALTON GROVE--Approved naming of area in NW quarter of the NW quarter of Section 36, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, in Prairie Creek Redwood State Park, as the Isaac Walton League Grove, in consideration of $5,000 donated by the Isaac Walton League to the Save-the-Redwoods League

CURRY-BIDWELL BAR--Approved enlarged ultimate boundaries for Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park, and ordered staff to obtain appraisals of new land, and proceed with acquisition as matching funds become available.

MT. SAN JACINTO TRAMWAY--members of Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority, created by the 1945 Legislature, appeared to seek approval of a contract with the State Park Commission to permit going ahead on the construction of the tramway.

The park commission desired certain changes be made in the contract, and delayed approving the agreement until the next meeting in Los Angeles, when the changes can be made by the office of the Attorney General.

COLUMBIA WATER SYSTEM--Approved purchase of the Columbia Water System in Columbia Historic State Park for the sum of $7,000 from George T. Conlin and wife.

COLUMBIA HISTORIC SURVEY--Received and approved fifth and final section of historical survey of Columbia by Dr. V.Aubrey Neasham, including recommendations for creation of master plan of restoration.

CONCESSION DEVELOPMENTS--Staff ordered to prepare report on all proposed concession developments in the State Park System relative to connections with private industry.

BIG BASIN CONCESSIONS--Approved a refund to concessionaires at Big Basin Redwoods State Park for business lost during park's closing by fire in Sept. (Continued on page 12)

CHINQUAPIN VERSUS MAN

Meet the Giant Chinquapin(Castanopsis chrysophylla A. DC.) of Edward R. Hickey State Park(to the left) with State Park Naturalist Leonard Penhale viewing it with interest.

The species inhabits the deep soil of mountain ridges or slopes as an associate of the Redwood and is distributed from the Mendocino woods to the Oregon Cascades.

It occurs only at widely scattered intervals through this range. It is a forest tree 50 to 115 feet high, with narrow pointed, or in age, rounded crown and tall trunks 2 to 6 feet in diameter. Bark is brown or dull gray on surface, reddish and fibrous inside.

Don't expect to find the above tree leaning--when Penhale finished resting against the tree, it straightened up. If you don't believe it, visit Edward R. Hickey State Park and see for your self.

SLIPS THAT PASS

From "unknown" park to "unknown" district, a memorandum:

"Subject: Wench and Bulldozer..It appears that my order for a wench may be held up for some time. It might be advisable to ask for a loan of the wench in the Northeast District. This is the wench that has been used here for the past two winters."

Comment by "unknown" superintendent:

"Pretty good when you can get them on P.O.'s.How the world does advance. You used to have to get them on the streets. I wonder if the ranger's wife knows about this?"

From park commision minutes of the April-May meeting, 1948, on page 2:

"LASSEN, PETER, Grave of -- The acquisition of this property has been approved. Appraisals are made and this Division is now in the process of negotiation. This property is to be operated and maintained by the local bodies."

Editorial comment:

"Cooperative ghosts".

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NEW PERSONNEL IN SACRAMENTO OFFICE

The following are welcomed to the Sacramento office staff:

Irene Wentz, int. typist-clerk, who assists Virginia Fillinger in personnel work.

Margaret Money, int. typist-clerk, in the accounting unit of the office.

Laura Patrick, int. typist-clerk, with Land Section.

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NEXT MEETING--Next regular meeting set for Los Angeles on December 17-18.

COMMISSION DIGEST (Continued)

SOUTH CALAVERAS GROVE--Accepted biological report on South Calaveras Grove of Big Trees from office of Supervisor of Conservation Education, and approved release of report to interested parties.

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THE COVER -- By Don Marty

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Calaveras Christmas is the title of the two-impression linoleum block print making up the special cover of this issue of NEWS & VIEWS.

Don Marty spent 45 hours working at home to print the cover attachment on his home press--an average of 7 minutes to each print--and he says the cover is his Christmas gift to personnel of the Division.

Incidentally, to Don's daughter, Patricia, goes a special thanks. She served as Don's "printer's devil".

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PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES RAISES FOR LIMITED CLASSES IN PARK SERVICE

Classes shown in the following list are those affected by the salary increase schedule which is retroactive to Sept. 1st. This increase will show in the paychecks for November, but checks for the retroactive pay may not be received until late December--possibly before Christmas.

Position	New Range	
Sen. Steno-Clerk	231-281	
Int. Steno-Clerk	200-243	
Int. Stock Clerk	200-243	
Junior Clerk	170-210	
Int. Typist-Clerk	190-231	
Sen. Acct. Clerk	231-281	
Int. Acct. Clerk	190-231	
Sen. Eng. Aid	255-310	
Delineator	281-341	
Sen. Delineator	341-415	
Asst. Forestry Eng.	341-415	
Laborers	190-231	PR
Skilled Laborer	210-255	PR
Auto Mechanic	268-325	PR
Carpenter	268-325	PR
Carpenter-foreman	295-358	PR
Junior Eng. Aid	210-255	
Under Eng. Aid	190-231	
Int. Clerk	190-231	
Senior Clerk	220-268	
Senior Clerk-Typist	220-268	
Flower Gardener	231-281	
Groundsman & Flo. Gard.	200-243	
Highway Equipment Oper.-Lab.	243-295	

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ORCHIDS FROM THE TAXPAYER....

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TO THREE PARKS--I would like to state that during the past summer we stayed in three of your parks--Pfeiffer Big Sur, Big Basin, and Seacliff Beach, and enjoyed them very much--particularly Pfeiffer Big Sur.

It is considered that these parks are a real public benefit and it is hoped that additional parks will be operated in the future for the benefit of the traveling public--Malcolm P. Johnston, San Diego, California.

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS--I presume that your department gets its share of complaints, but it is always a pleasure to give credit where credit is due.

I stayed recently several days at your McArthur-Burney Falls State Park. This park might well be taken as a model for the rest of this or any other state, and it certainly is far superior to those in our neighboring states.

Everything, including toilets and showers, is immaculately clean, and the rangers are to be complimented on their excellent management.--E.Sterling Ferguson, Los Angeles, Calif.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

APPROACHING THE NEW YEAR

The Division of Beaches and Parks is presently in its twenty second year of operation. Since 1927, when first established as the Division of Parks, we have progressed from "infancy", through "youth" and "adolescence" to "majority" and are approaching, we trust, "maturity".

The year 1948 was the greatest for construction activity within the history of this Division. In addition to the construction of improved public facilities, several important restoration programs were begun, notably at Shasta and Columbia towns. Contracts were let to develop the Huntington Beach park, an entirely new type of undertaking for this Division.

Outstanding new units acquired are the Donner Memorial State park, the Montgomery Woods tract, and beach lands at Ventura, as well as several extensions to existing park units.

The riding and hiking trail program reached the construction stage late in the year, with fencing and signing soon to be under way.

While park personnel and services did not increase numerically to as large an extent as they did in the previous two years, the quality has undoubtedly improved due to greater experience in public service on the part of those who joined us in the earliest post war years. This is evidenced by the many commendatory letters received from park visitors during 1948.

We are looking ahead to an even better year of public service in 1949 and we are proud to have all of you playing a part in giving outstanding public service to all those who may visit our State parks in 1949.

A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!

SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE

A number of revised procedures were outlined at the recent conference of district and assistant superintendents. Among those directly affecting field personnel are the following:

1. Responsibility for accounting for field manuals and badges. This is explained under the heading HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL in this issue of NEWS AND VIEWS.
2. Responsibility for property and equipment survey reports. The revised procedure will be published as a revision to the field manual.
3. Standard method for reporting visitor attendance. Superintendents are to study and recommend methods that will reduce discrepancies in year to year estimates.
4. Responsibility for revisions of the field manual has been placed with Deputy Chief Earl Hanson who requests that suggestions for revisions be submitted through the district offices. First revisions will be issued sometime in January, 1949.

FIELD PERSONNEL TRAINING CONFERENCES

A series of field personnel training conferences for park leaders are to be conducted in each of the six districts during January and February. The essential purpose of the conferences will be to establish a basis for training field personnel at the park level. Several of the park leaders have initiated training programs in the individual parks. These may be discussed at the forthcoming conferences with a view toward incorporating some features of those programs into a state-wide training program for park personnel

A tentative schedule is being arranged with the district superintendents by Deputy Chief Earl Hanson, under whose supervision the training programs will be conducted.

VISITOR COUNTS

This is a reminder to all park

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HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

In the first article of this series you were advised as to how to acquire the Field Manual. Time marches on! In this article, you bump into procedure again, with some of its ramifications. This is a dynamic, not a static work. So is our profession dynamic, Static was intended for radio, television and statistitians, not for park personnel.

This all started with the introduction of coded positions. We memorized the code resulting in a code in the head. As head codes are contagious it has infected manuals and badges. Now masses are in the code, code grind!(Ed. Note-a Pun!)

The following memorandum was previously mailed to the district superintendents. It is being printed herewith for your aid in assisting them with the inauguration of the revised procedure. Your earnest cooperation will be appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! E.P.H.

(TEXT OF MEMO)

Effective January 1, 1948, all field manuals and official badges must be accounted for by the Ranger or Curator in charge of the individual park or monument. Each manual and badge is to be assigned to the coded position of the individual employee in possession of the manual and badge as of December 31, 1948. Manual custody slips and badge receipts in existence as of that date will remain valid. Each district office should requisition any custody slips or badge receipts needed for future use.

Beginning January 1, 1949.

1. Each Ranger or Curator in charge of a park or monument should prepare, in quadruplicate, a list of the field manuals and official badges as per the following:

Sample Park Name	Pos.No.	Man.No.	Badge No.
Big Basin	4B4-14.3	75	42
" "	4B4-16.35	26	none
" "	4B4-27.2	none	none

Distribution of copies before January 15, 1949:

Park retains one copy; mails three to district office; district office retains one; mails two to Chief's office; Chief's office retains one; forwards one to Accounting office. Park copy must be attached to Property Acquisition Register for information of property inspectors.

2. Manuals and badges will remain as property in the park to which they are assigned. They will be picked up on the Property Acquisition Register when the property inspectors take the next physical inventory in the field.
3. An employee who is to vacate a coded position must surrender manual and badge to the individual in charge of the park unit to thich the coded position is assigned. A proper receipt is to be issued to the employee.
4. The Ranger in charge must not reissue the manual or badge unless the former is complete and both are in good repair. Missing parts of the manual should be requested from the Sacramento Office by the Ranger-in-charge.
5. Additional manuals or badges must be ordered on an interoffice requisition form.
6. Reporting of lost, stolen or irreparably-damaged manuals or badges is the same as that for other property and equipment.
7. Property survey of Field Manuals and official badges must be in accordance with the procedure memo presented to the District Superintendents at their conference on December 9, 1948.

PROGRESS REPORT OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION SECTION

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Printed below is the Postwar Progress Report of the division's section on Conservation Education written to summarize a period of operation from January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1948. This report is published in NEWS & VIEWS to acquaint new personnel of the division with the work of one of the division sections. In the final analysis the most important conservation educator in the Division of Beaches and Parks is the ranger in the field--and the philosophy of conservation of resources, as represented in the State Park System, will not reach the public in an adequate degree until the ranger understands and believes the philosophy himself.)

The California State Park System represents this State's continuing effort to preserve, in perpetuity, areas of outstanding natural, historic, and recreational interest of which the people otherwise would become deprived.

To permit the people to remain in these areas for extended periods, this Division has constructed an extensive series of campgrounds, and other public facilities. Postwar growing interest in the recreational possibilities of the State park system has resulted in a tremendous increase in attendance, with a damaging impact upon the outstanding natural features which the State is seeking to preserve.

To meet this problem the Division, with the approval of the 1945 session of the State Legislature, created a Conservation Education section, and in February, 1946, this section was activated, headed by a Supervisor of Conservation Education.

The stated objective of this new section was:

"To interpret to park visitors, and to the general public wherever contact is made, the story of nature as preserved within units of the State Park System, in such a manner as to lead the public to a fuller appreciation of the natural features, and to an understanding of the logic in protective rules and regulations to guard these natural areas from the damaging impact of unintelligent public use."

Mediums employed to accomplish this objective included campfire programs at outdoor theaters and fire circles during the summer months, nature hikes, museums, wayside exhibit shelters and self-conducted nature-trails, color slide lectures to civic groups and schools, magazine articles, press releases, division publications, and direct communications to interested and influential individuals.

The section's field personnel for the 1946 season was assigned as follows: Nature Guides--Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Richardson Grove; with one additional guide dividing his time between Calaveras Big Trees and Cuyamaca Rancho to introduce the program at these two parks. Recreation Leaders--Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, and Richardson Grove.

1947 field personnel assignment was: Nature Guides--Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Richardson Grove, Calaveras Big Trees and Cuyamaca Rancho. Recreation Leaders--Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Richardson Grove, Cuyamaca Rancho and Williams Grove.

At the opening of the 1948 summer season, the program had increased to seven nature guides, assigned to Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Richardson Grove, Prairie Creek Redwoods, Cuyamaca Rancho, Calaveras Big Trees, and D. L. Bliss state parks; and five recreation leaders, assigned to Big Basin Redwoods, Pfeiffer Big Sur, Richardson Grove, Cuyamaca Rancho and Williams Grove.

The 1948-49 Fiscal Budget, approved by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor in April, 1948 (effective July 1, 1948), provided for the addition to this section of the position of State Park Naturalist, a full-time position. A civil service examination to fill this post is planned

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early in the next fiscal period.

The State Park Naturalist will be headquartered at the Central Nature Workshop, now located in Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The workshop was begun and partially equipped in 1947 in conjunction with the remodeling of facilities and introduction of new exhibits at the Big Basin Museum, now known as the Big Basin Nature Lodge. It will serve to supply all future exhibits in the various parks of the system.

The State Park Naturalist will make biological surveys of selected areas of the State Park Sustem and make recommendations for types of exhibits and interpretive programs required, operate the Central Nature Workshop, receive specimen collections of flora and fauna from State Parks, and prepare, or direct preparation for use in nature exhibits; plan and conduct in-service traning in nature subjects for Rangers of Division; assist district offices and chief rangers in the planning of new trail systems to best exhibit the natural features of park areas; develop nature trails and trailside exhibits; prepare visual education aids; compile reports; and cooperate with other natural history and conservation agencies in the preparation of unified conservation education program.

An example of attendance increase in activities of this section's program may be found at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Attendance at campfire programs for the summer seasons of 1946 an and 1947, respectively, was 63,250 and 81,125. Attendance on nature hikes, which ranged from hour walks to all-day trips, was 2,339 in 1946 and 3,649 in 1947. Increases in similar ratio were noted at other program parks.

At the start of the 1948 season the Park Commission, because of heavy increase in demand for camp sites, limited camping to two weeks in major parks of the system, which effected all of the program parks. This new policy considerably increased the turnover in the camping population, and nature guides reported a remarkable growth in attendance and interest in exhibit and trail activities by the end of June.

A new Field Manual for rangers of of the system was prepared by this section and issued to the field personnel early in 1947.

In the course of the period covered by this report, a comprehensive 35 millemeter color slide collection of park scenes and activities has been developed and now totals approximately 2,000 slides. Some have been prepared in regular lecture form, with accompanying script, for circulation through the program parks during the summer, and for use before civic and school audiences at other times of the year.

Other activities of the Supervisor of Conservation Education included:

1) Cooperation with division officials in studies of wild life and other conservation problems in State parks.

2) Assistant to the Director of Natural Resources in charge of program and publicity for the annual California Conservation Weeks, March 7-14, in 1946 and 1947.

3) Assisting the Director of Natural Resources in the planning of a general conservation education program involving cooperation with the State Department of Education.

4) Attendance at monthly meetings of the State Park Commission to maintain press relations.

5) Answering an average of 150 requests for park information from individuals each month.

6) Planning exhibits in parks and at the State Fair.

7) Photographer for the Division.

8) Editing monthly personnel publication, NEWS & VIEWS, a multigraphed magazine.

9) Compiling educational and informational folders for public distribution.

10) Cooperating with governmental agencies and private organizations in the compiling and issuing of information on the conservation of California's natural resources.

11) Addressing organizations on the work of the Division.

12) Supplying information and photographs to magazines, special publications, and newspapers relating

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to the work of the Division.

13) Compiling special reports and studies at the request of the Chief of the Division.

CONCLUSIONS:

After two and a half years experience in this new program, it is felt that stronger emphasis must be placed upon the nature interpretation program in the State Park System. A major portion of man-caused damage to the natural features of the parks is brought about by careless and uninformed visitors.

It is believed that when the average park visitor is informed of the philosophy of the State Park System, and is introduced to the outstanding natural features preserved within the parks, he develops a real pride and interest in the park system, and an understanding of the need for a code of outdoor behavior to protect not only the State Parks, but the outdoors in general.

To further this program it is recommended that there be an increase in the program of nature interpretation, with related activities, and a de-emphasis and eventual elimination of certain recreation activities which are inconsistent with the preservation of the natural primitive beauty of the State Park setting.

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PARK COMMISSION HELD FIRST MEETING 21 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

On December 13, 1927, the organization meeting of the State Park Commission was called at Sacramento.

Members of the first commission were William E. Colby, chairman, H. W. O'Melveny, Frederick H. Burnham, W.F. Chandler, and Ray Lyman Wilbur.

The acting secretary was Miss Audrey A. May, secretary to the Director of Natural Resources. Today she is Mrs. Audrey A. Sollenberger, still efficiently serving as secretary to the Director.

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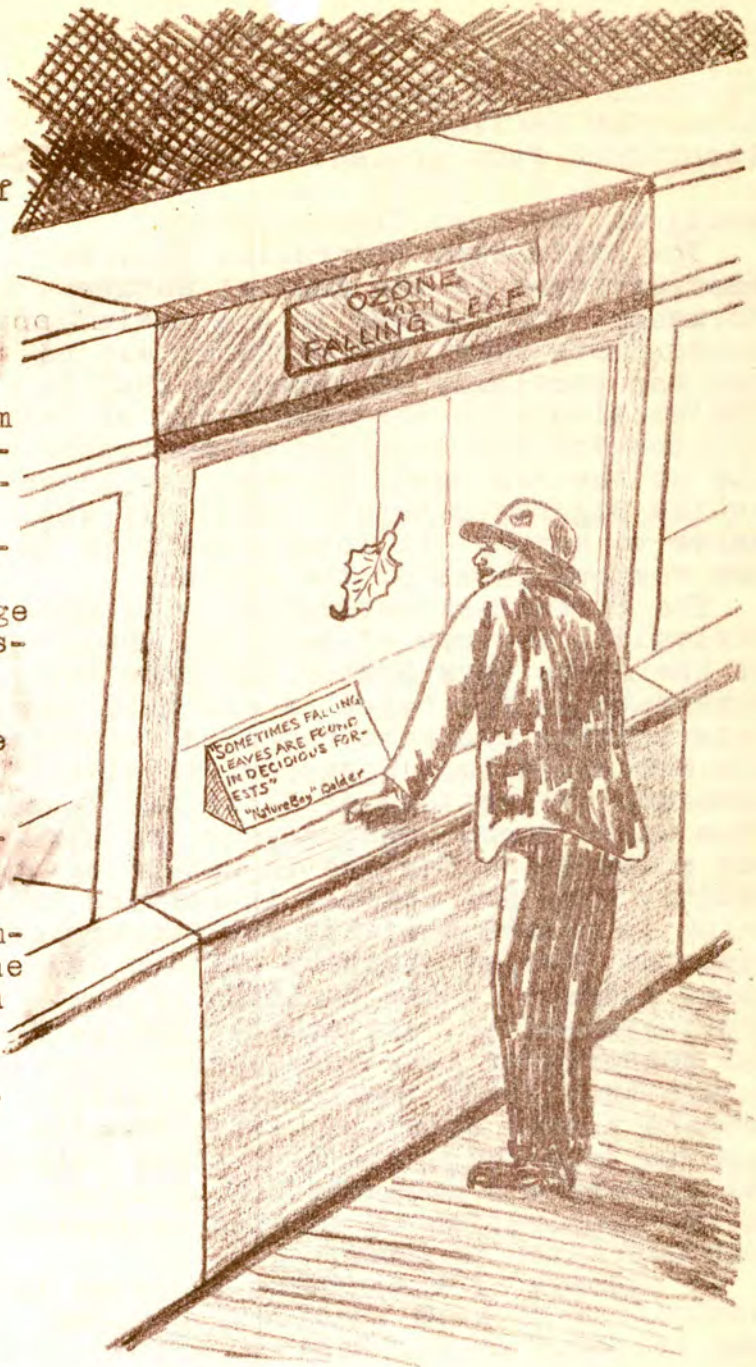
GRADE II RANGER EXAMINATION

The next examination for Ranger, Grade II, has been set, tentatively, for Thursday, February 17, 1949.



Artist Don Marty pictures above the new Standard Portable Museum case, designed to be assembled in a continuous front of cases, as pictured here, or as single exhibits, in natural history museums, or for historical exhibits at Monuments.

Overall dimensions of the case are 8' X 4'10" X 1'10", and the exhibit glass is designed to slant inward to reduce reflections.

We bribed Marty to make this drawing by allowing him to insert the "humor" exhibit. Now we must be on guard to see that he does not infiltrate into the real exhibits.

COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT LOS ANGELES DEC. 17, 1948

The State Park Commission met in Los Angeles on December 17, with the following commissioners in attendance: Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland, Charles Kasch of Ukiah, and George A. Scott of San Diego.

The following actions occured:

MT. SAN JACINTO--Granted contract to Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority, to construct a portion of an 8,000 foot aerial tramway from near Palm Springs up the sheer north slopes of Mt. San Jacinto to the snow field in the park. Conservation groups protested action, but commissioners pointed out they should have blocked the tramway in the legislature in 1945, and that the commission is under mandate from the legislature to reach a contract. The commissioners however assured the conservation groups that the terms of the legislative act gave the park commission powers to protect against damage to the primitive area.

MT. DIABLO--Granted permit to Pac. Tel. and Tel. Company to construct a microwave radio relay repeater station in a secluded spot near the summit of Mt. Diablo State Park. Station will be used for regular long distance telephone and radio transmission between S.F. and L.A.

PAJARO RIVER MOUTH BEACH--Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of Zmudowski beach property south of mouth of Pajaro River in Monterey County, with understanding Monterey County will develop, maintain and operate the area.

TOMALES BAY--Accepted gift deed for Shell Beach, on Tomales Bay, from Marin County Board of Supervisors, as part of the proposed Tomales Bay State Park. The county will provide additional funds to match State money for the acquisition of a bay park about four miles long along the western shore of Tomales Bay.

REPORT ON CONCESSION CONSTRUCTION--At request of commission, Chief Henning presented report of construction of concession buildings planned for the current or next fiscal year.

The projects include: Calaveras Big Trees, lodge and cabins, $150,000; Castle Crags, concession and recreation building, $30,000; Doheny Beach, concession building, $40,000; Pfeiffer Big Sur, lodge and cabins, $240,000; Portola, revamping building for concession, $5,000; Prairie Creek, concession building, $50,000.

Chief was directed to proceed with construction program relative to the projects outlined above.

OFFICIAL DONNER PARK NAME--The name of the new park on the southeast shores of Donner Lake officially was announced as Donner Memorial State Park.

NEXT MEETING--The next meeting of the commission will be in San Francisco on January 21-22, 1949.

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UNUSUAL, ISN'T IT?

Note on weather under miscellaneous items from weekly report of Ranger Louis Wakefield at Fort Tejon State historical Monument:

"On Friday of this week (Dec. 3) we had a most unusual day. First it was warm and sunny; then a wind came up, bringing dust from the valley. The afternoon turned cold and by 7 P.M. there was 5½ inches of snow on the ground. Saturday morning there were icicles a foot long hanging from the eaves."

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GOVERNOR WARREN VISITS FT. ROSS

Gov. Earl Warren, his two sons, Bob, and Earl Jr., visited Fort Ross State Historical Monument on Saturday, Dec. 18th. They were enroute north on a fishing trip with a small party of friends.

VICINITY SKETCH: S.P. TAYLOR, MT. TAMALPAIS, AND PROPOSED TOMALES BAY STATE PARKS

For the information of new rangers, we reproduce at the right a sketch of the Marin County area showing locations of Mt. Tamalpais, and the up-and coming Samuel P. Taylor state parks, as well as the proposed Tomales Bay park.

GEORGE HOLMBOE RECEIVES PERMANENT ASST. SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT

Congratulations are extended to George E. Holmboe, who recently passed the examination for assistant district park superintendent, and who has received permanent appointment as assistant to Everett Powell in the Eastern District.

Holmboe has been serving in the Eastern District under temporary authorization. He formerly was chief ranger in charge of the development of Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

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SOME HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK

Curator Mary Greene of the Old Custom House State Historical Monument reports she still receives callers who, in all seriousness, ask for the customs officer to register boats, etc.

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SILVER SALMON RUN AT S.P. TAYLOR

Chief Ranger Leo Crawford of Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County, reports the first silver salmon were seen in Lagunitas Creek on December 6th.

FIRE AT MT. DIABLO

A careless picnicker started a grass fire at Mt. Diablo State Park on Artist's Point on November 21, and then fled the park without reporting the fire.

Rangers reached the fire, which started during a wind of near-gale proportions, in time to prevent its spread to a tree-covered area.

A reconstruction of the fire's origin brought about the theory that the high wind had blown coals from the barbecue stove into grass twenty feet away.

Evidence of the picnicker's hasty departure was the luscious big steak left on the grill.

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FOG AT HUNTINGTON BEACH

Excerpt from weekly report for Dec. 5th from Huntington Beach by Assistant Ranger Frank Davies:

"Thursday and Friday morning we were having a rough time of it on the beach.

"After we did run on to a pile of trash and got out to load it on the truck, we couldn't find the truck. The fog, you might say, was a wee bit thick."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Printed below is the third in a series of reprints from "Report of the National Committee On Policies In Conservation Education", section 3, entitled "A Program To Carry Out These Policies". The series will conclude next month.)

A. WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

The National Committee on Policies in Conservation Education makes the following general suggestions:

1. Place of Conservation in the Education Program. Conservation is a theme that should have an important place in the development of good citizenship, and should appear in the curricula of all schools at all levels. It is equally important in city and country schools. The essential ideas and principles of conservation can best be taught as a part of the subject matter in the different courses offered in elementary and high school curricula. Integration of subject matter should continue in college and professional schools where conservation thinking may be further stimulated by facts brought out in various courses, as well as, or in place of, the courses devoted entirely to conservation.

Private and public groups interested in conservation education should work together, whatever their approach may be, and whether they are international, national, regional, state or local associations. Such cooperation will do much to reach common goals, to pool experiences, and to prevent duplication.

In view of the urgency of conservation, adult education should be included to develop the necessary public support, both for sound conservation practices and for conservation education as an essential part of the school's program.

2. Immediate Objectives: The immediate objectives of conservation education are to create attitudes, and give experience and knowledge, which will result in action on the part of citizens to conserve natural resources. Examples of these attitudes are:

a. To protect and maintain natural resources and, as a consequence, human resources.

b. To improve natural resources.

c. To insure the wise use of natural resources.

d. To provide future generations with their rightful heritage and an adequate supply of natural resources.

3. Leadership Education. Vitality in teaching, based on firsthand experience with natural environment, should be an essential part of the education of anybody who teaches conservation. Experience with natural environment is equally important in teaching children and adults. Camping, field trips, soil testing and planned care of plant and animal life, aided by lectures and discussions which are significant and vivid, may well be carried on to the benefit of everybody concerned. Such experiences are essential to the development of an effective program.

4. Research. Continuous technical research is needed to establish and to improve good conservation practices and to determine the techniques and procedures essential for putting conservation practices into effect. Research is also needed to find out the best ways to teach conservation; to develop well prepared teachers, and to prepare teaching materials.

5. Evidences of a Successful Conservation Education Program. The effectiveness of a conservation education program may be recognized in part by the accumulation of adequate instructional materials, and by sound conservation practices. It is characterized by adequate financial and legislative support, as well as by general public support and trained teachers interested in their work.

B. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSERVATION?

The Individual Citizen has a stake in conservation, since it is through conservation practices that the national heritage is preserved and passed on. Conservation, therefore, is a civic responsibility.

The Schools, as the responsible agents of society for the preservation and enrichment of the social heritage, have the obligation and responsibility for assuming leadership in securing

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the adoption of the philosophy and practice of conservatic Boards of Education, for the common good, should inform themselves of the importance of conservation and how their schools can contribute to it. Administrators, and supervisors, should formulate suitable programs and curricula, work with teachers and pupils in carrying forward a curriculum and program in line with conservation principles and make full use of the local environment as an educational resource.

Students. No element of our population will reap a greater reward from a sound conservation program than the students in our schools and colleges. As members of the younger generation, they are in a better position to get the benefit from a sound, longtime program than are their elders. Lacking perspective, they should be enlisted through experiences that quickly bring tangible rewards or penalties. These experiences should be made immediately significant to them, and should contribute to an understanding and appreciation of the whole conservation idea. The National Committee plans to serve as a clearing house for the evaluation of curricula; textbooks and teaching procedures and devices.

Since programs dealing with out-of school activities are largely adult-directed, it is the responsibility of the informed adult to assume leadership in fostering conservation attitudes. He most certainly should set the example by practicing the wise use of natural resources in his way of living.

The child who, thoughtlessly or through whim, takes more food than he requires and wastes much of it by leaving it on his plate, should be taught a proper relationship toward food. It takes but little imagination to see the connection between wasted food and rising costs whidh drain the family purse. The same principle holds true of wastes in any material sense. Far more serious than the loss of money is the effect upon the child's attitude towards the use of materials, for it tends to lead to unthinking waste. With simple conservation habits well formed in the pre-school years, the pattern is set and future instruction in the broader aspects of the subject becomes relatively easy.

As children grow older and are absorbed by a ivities beyond direct control, the parent should insist that in each activity touching the lives of his children, recognition be given those practices which create proper regard for the use of all natural resources. The programs of youth organizations and clubs, the activities of the local play ground, the short or long term camp, all have possibilities if they are investigated and rightly used.

Social-Agency Leadership. While the activity of the individual is essential to the success of any movement, there is great value in united action and mass effort as a stimulus to enthusiastic individual participation. Because of this the conservation movement has in part identified itself with major organizations concerned with human welfare. The National Committee seeks the cooperation of these and of others with similar interests.

Action can be secured by small groups joining with national, regional, state and local groups of any age level. The National Committee stands ready to cooperate with any groups identified with furthering the conservation idea or to assist those who are new to this field of effort. Experience has shown that the adoption of the conservation idea by a large section of the public may be initiated either by government agencies or by private groups. Where either starts the idea, the other sooner or later gives support. The agencies and the type of assistance they are most likely to give may be summarized as follows:

Government agencies are especially charged with conservation responsibilities and are in a better position to know the resources available than is the average citizen. A government agency with numerous opportunities for making surveys can better determine duck population than an individual hunter. A policy that fails to maintain a reasonable supply of a renewable resource, such as ducks, will of course reflect adversely on the value of the responsible agency. Mutual respect between the citizen and his government can be maintained

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only by a sustained, impartial and candid presentation of the facts.

Non-Government Agencies. The National Committee recognizes a close relationship of government and private interests in the use of natural resources. Non-government agencies, from national to local, should take part in leadership, and stimulate and supplement the work of government agencies.

Conservation is an international as well as a national, state, and local need. International agencies such as educational organizations, the Red Cross, service clubs, religious organizations and youth organizations can stimulate and help clarify the thinking of different peoples, point out their common resource problems and unite them in common efforts to solve those problems.

Among national, state, and local agencies which can take a leading part in a conservation program are educational associations, sportsmen's groups, women's groups, service clubs, religious organizations and other civic groups. They already have an enviable record of accomplishment in many phases of conservation. They have actively promoted and supported organized fire protection, tree planting, public forests, soil conservation, projects for the prevention of stream pollution and many other activities in wise use of our natural resources. Their example or urging has often stimulated action in broad conservation programs.

Problems facing our nation indicate that non-government agencies, national, state, and local, can effectively advance conservation education in the following ways:

1. By learning the facts about the natural resources in the community, the state, the nation and the world. These are the basis for organizing an effective program.

2. By cooperating with educators and those charged with the management of natural resources. Let them know that there is group interest in conservation.

3. By conducting field trips designed to teach conservation. Field trips for adults offer few complications. In the case of schools, however, teachers are reluctant to use them for fear of possible criticism from the people of the community. One state has a law which makes teachers and trustees personally responsible for any injuries which may occur to pupils on field trip. Community effort led bycivic organizations can correct such undesirable conditions.
Where field trips are a part of school work, local agencies can help by organizing car pools for pupil-transportation.

4. By helping to provide visual and other aids. Exhibitions of good moving pictures and slides stimulate interest, and play a big part in the conservation movement. There are many desirable films, slides and film strips available to schools, but without projection equipment, teachers cannot use them. Groups of civic-minded people can do a real service by purchasing such equipment for the schools.

5. By supporting workshops for the training of teachers. More and more colleges and teacher-training institutions are undertaking to qualify teachers through conservation workshops. Many lack finances and more moral backing. Civic-minded organizations can help to provide both.

6. By sponsoring community and school forests. This may require an investment in land and trees. But what is a better investment than land upon which the community can show what can be done? In many places, such forests are already monuments to the effective leadership of organized public-spirited groups.

7. By establishing conservation bookshelves in school and public libraries. This is a much needed service.

8. By sponsoring wholesome contests with a conservation theme. Prizes may consist of things which stimulate interest, such as 1,000 tree seedlings, books and magazines on conservation, trips to outstanding conservation projects, enlarged photographs for class-rooms, and

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heads, curators of historical monuments and other employees responsible for submitting park visitor counts, to regularly fill out the visitor count summary at the bottom of the back page of the Rangers' Weekly Report. The information thus furnished is most useful in preparing the annual budget of the Division.

While most of the reports include these figures, they are being overlooked at several important stations of visitor contact.

PERFORMANCE RATING RESULTS

Your attention is called to an article in the December issue of the State Employee written under the above title by John F. Fisher, Executive Officer of the State Personnel Board. This may be considered recommended reading for all park personnel, especially the raters. Perhaps it may give some clues as to how our ROPs stack up.

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Baby Hands at the Window

Blessed events in the park family this month are announced:

To Mr. and Mrs. George Heller, of Sacramento office, a daughter, Leora Jean, in Sacramento, on Dec. 20th.

To Ranger and Mrs. F.H. Wiget, of Will Rogers State Park, a son, Jerry Wayne, on Dec. 11th. Weight, 9 lbs, 4 ounces.

To Ranger and Mrs. Clifford Calliham, of Portola State Park, a daughter, Ruth Ann, on November 22nd.

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TRAGEDY IN ONE ACT

Scene: Carpinteria Beach State Park, night; a pet speckled goose feeding near the lagoon.

Action: A shot in the night. A camper sees a car drive away without lights.

As the curtain falls rangers are still seeking a pet speckled goose.

FIRST WINTER AT D.L.BLISS

For the first time in its history, D.L. Bliss has a full-time ranger in the person of Chief Ranger Robert Hatch, who, with his family, is beginning what appears to be a "rough" winter at Lake Tahoe.

For examples, we quote from his weekly report dated December 19th:

"Sunday--Snow. Shoveled snow from driveway in late p.m. Snowed all day until sundown.

Monday--cloudy, cold.

Tuesday--Snow fell almost all night, Shoveled fresh 14" fall from path and driveways. Two snow plows broke down so road is unplowed.

Wednesday--Snow fell all night, bringing new fall of 37 inches. Road has not received attention from highway department. According to highway maintenance supt. this stretch of road, 3 miles north of park and 6 miles south, is considered closed for the season.

Thursday--Made arrangements with closest neighbor to attempt to break road open for traffic. After bucking and shoveling three to five foot drifts all day finally got Hatch car within 100 yards of plowed road. Made arrangements for help for next day and walked home.

Friday--Walked to location where car was abandoned and with aid of local persons, got two cars through to cleared road. Took reports and mail to postoffice; picked up supplies and mail and started back to park on foot. Met private halftrack snow plow from Holland Estate on Emerald Bay, and rode back on it.

Saturday--Made inspection of other residences and buildings in campground area. No storm damage apparent. Shoveled snow from porch roofs, doors and other places where excessive drifts might do damage.

Miscellaneous Items--Up to present time we have received more than 8 feet of snow, and at present have a 40 in. pack. The Holland Estate equipment seems to be the only chance of holding the road open to traffic.

EARLY SNOWS ARE REPORTED FROM NORTHERN, SOUTHERN PARKS

A round-up of snow reports, based upon recent weekly reports from the field:

Cuyamaca Rancho (Dec. 4)--Three inches of snow. Large crowd along highway through park.

D.L. Bliss--See story elsewhere.

Calaveras Big Trees--See story elsewhere.

Castle Crags (Dec.4)--Record early snow came to this area and by Sunday morning, December 5, there was 9 inches of snow. Additional snow on Dec. 6-7-8, left a 10 inch pack on the ground.

Mt. Diablo (Dec. 16)--Four inches of snow at the summit. Large crowd up for snow sports on Dec. 18th.

Fort Tejon (Dec. 16)--Heaviest snow of season. Three hundred trucks and cars marooned south of Tehachapi Summit on U.S. 99. (No record of depth).

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PRAISE FOR PORTOLA STATE PARK

The following letter has been received by the Chief from the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club:

"At the regular meeting of the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club I was directed to write a letter of praise for the fine service and extra things that the chief of the Portola State Park did to make a recent visit there a real success, and one that will be long remembered by all who went.....--Jerome H. Parrish, secretary."

POLICIES IN CONSERVATION EDUCATION

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outdoor clothing.

9. By sponsoring radio programs of the "quiz" type with children from different schools taking part.

10. By creating public sentiment. Hold open meetings with a well-known leader in conservation as speaker. A variation would be a panel discussion the panel to consist of laymen and conservationists with ample opportunity for audience participation.

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CUYAMACA QUAIL POACHERS ARE FINED

Two men found hunting quail at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on December 7th were arrested, and found guilty the same day by Justice of the Peace Edwin Thatcher in El Cajon. They each were fined $25.00. The complaint was filed by Chief Ranger Moore.

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LIVELY BROTHER DIES

Our sympathy goes this month to Chief Ranger Lloyd Lively, of Big Basin Redwoods, and Deputy Ranger Earl Lively of Fort Tejon Monument, whose brother died on December 9th in Sparks, Nevada.

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STAFF MEMBER TO ATTEND RURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

E. F. Dolder, supervisor of conservation education for the division, will attend the Conference on Rural Education to be held Jan. 6-7-8 in Chico, at the invitation of the State Department of Education, sponsors of the conference.

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NEW CLASSIFICATION?

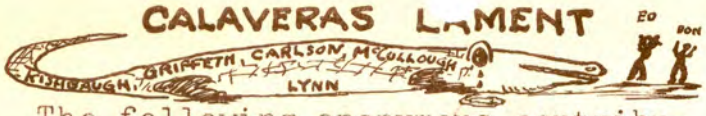
Rangers at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park are suggesting a new job classification within the State Park System--that of Elkboy.

Twice recently they have engaged in a roundup of the unruly beasts of the park for photographic purposes. The first time was to permit Supt. E.P. French to make a photograph for a report.

The second roundup was to permit professional photographer K. Kilburn of Eureka to make a study of the herd as a background for the huge Madison Grant Plaque, which marks the Madison Grant Forest and Elk Reserve.

SNAPSHOTS WANTED

A "rogues gallery" of field personnel is being collected. We will welcome a recent snapshot of you.



The following anonymous contribution crept into the Sacramento office this month:

Although the rangers of Calaveras Big Trees State Park greatly appreciate the Don Marty cover in the November issue of NEWS & VIEWS, they object to the timing.

It is been several years since the personnel of this park have enjoyed a truly white Christmas. This year was to be no exception.

Outside work was pressing; appropriate winter clothing had been ordered but had not arrived; construction has just started on four badly-needed residences; a water pump one mile down the mountainside was running and had to be winter-proofed(in snow a trip on snowshoes)--and then an artist named Marty had to make a picture of Calaveras showing snow!

And so--came the snows...on December 3rd, and 4th, and 5th, and 6th... with a real, polishing-off storm from December 13th to 18th to leave a good 28 inch pack on the level near month's end.

It is understandable, then, that the cold and frostbitten rangers of Calaveras are going to request an immediate transfer of Artist Don Marty and Publisher Ed Dolder to the Big Tree park. While on their tour of duty here they will install all tire chains, shovel the snow from all walks heat all frozen water lines, pay the rent for the rangers whose new homes will be delayed several months--and many other snow jobs that will be gladly assigned by the various rangers.

Incidentally, most of the Calaveras rangers are going to frame that cover picture and hang it in a conspicuous place.

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CHANGE IN REGULATIONS REMOVES PROTECTION FOR PARK RANGERS

The digest of Rules and Regulations which has been printed on the large cardboard form for posting in food cabinets, restrooms, and other prominent locations, is in for a bit of a change...and said change puts park rangers on their own.

Present the first paragraph reads in part, "Help preserve and protect all native species and characters within State Parks."

The word change involved replacement of "characters" with the word, "characteristics".

This forewarns all park rangers--you're on your own now, fellows.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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VENTURA BEACH IS ADDED TO CALIFORNIA PARK SYSTEM

Approximately 2,000 feet of beach frontage at Ventura was added to the State Park System this month with the recording of a gift deed to the State by the City of Ventura.

The land, including a pier with concessions, is the city's portion of a new beach park at Ventura which will be completed when the State has added its portion to the project.

Two Grade I rangers are assigned to the beach, one effective December 1st, and one on January 1st.

City officials have suggested the name "San Buena Ventura Beach State Park" but no action has been taken by the State Park Commission.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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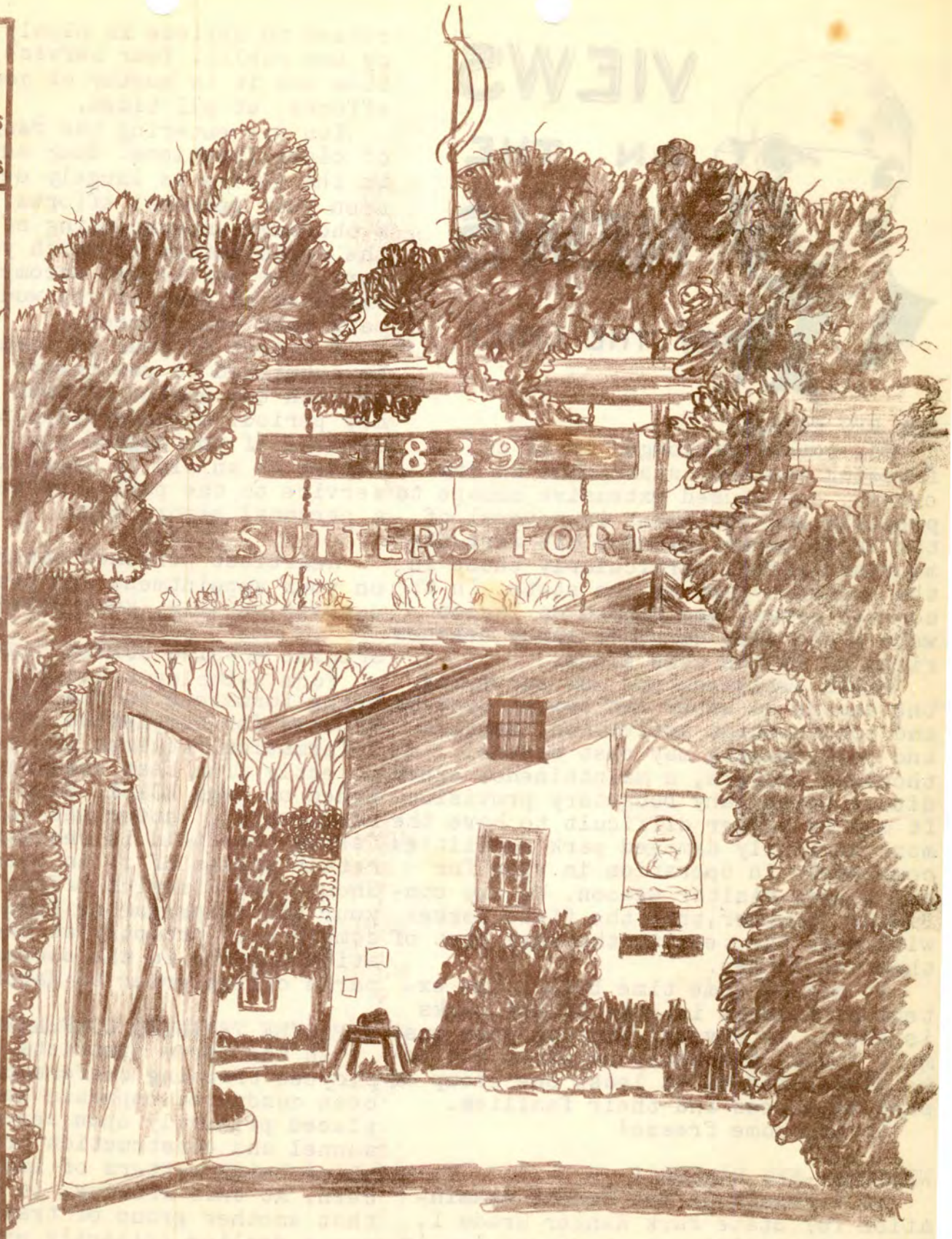

NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

THE BIG FREEZE

The recent prolonged spell of freezing weather, state-wide in its extent, has caused extensive damage to property and equipment in several of the major parks. Hardest hit were the mountain parks, particularly those in the southern part of the state. In the coastal areas, ice formed on lagoon waters and snow carpeted sandy beaches right up to the tide lines.

Field employees are now surveying the damage to water and sewage systems and construction activities. Repairs and replacements may cost several thousand dollars, a maintainence expenditure beyond any budgetary provision. It may be rather difficult to have the most seriously damaged park facilities completely in operation in time for the summer visitor season. We are confident, however,that the field forces will meet the test to the very best of their abilities.

It may be some time before the extent of damages in some of the parks is known, as several feet of snow must melt first. Emergency supplies had to be dispatched to at least one group of park employees and their families.

It was some freeze!

WELCOME--NEW RANGERS!

As a result of the recent examination for State Park Ranger Grade I, numerous appointments to vacancies in that classifications have been made. Ninety three individuals qualified for the eligible list.

We wish to take this opportunity of welcoming all recently appointed rangers into the State Park System. You are entering a service that we have reason to believe is highly regarded by the public. Your service is to them and it is worthy of your best efforts at all times.

You are entering the ranger series of classifications. Your advancement in the series is largely dependent upon your personal efforts. Develop a thorough understanding of your job, the organization of which you are a part, the skills and accomplishments expected of you, if you would make park work your career.

A report of your performance will be submitted to you toward the end of each two months of your probationary period. Misunderstandings may be avoided if you regard the performance report as an aid in improving your service to the public rather than as a personal report card.

Heartiest personal congratulations on your appointment and best wishes for success in this, your chosen career.

SPECIAL HOUSING SURVEY FORM

Form 1-Employee Housing Survey is being forwarded to the District Offices for completion. Most of the information required may be copied directly from that previously furnished on Form A0161. Form 1 in no way replaces the latter and to avoid confusion the field is requested not to retain copies of it in their files. Should the district office request your aid in preparing Form 1, please complete it promptly as the information must be in the Sacramento parks office prior to March 1, 1949.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING CONFERENCES

In the three districts where employeee training conferences have been conducted emphasis has been placed primarily upon accounting, personnel and construction procedures, these being matters of immediate concern. At this writing, it is intended that another group of training conferences dealing primarily with visitor season services and maintenance standards will be held immediately prior to the summer vacation season. We hope to select key men among the field personnel to aid in conducting specific phases of training.

KNOW YOUR PARKS____

SUTTER'S FORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

(Editor's Note--Beginning with this issue, NEWS & VIEWS each month will feature information on one of the State Parks of the system, with the cover page illustrating a typical scene in the featured park. Chief Rangers of parks to be featured, will be notified in ample time, and the park merely will be asked for one short article describing service and activities in the park from the ranger viewpoint.)

By Carroll D. Hall,
Curator

When the Legislature transferred Sutter's Fort Historical Museum from the Department of Finance to the Division of Beaches and Parks in 1947, the latter acquired not only an outstanding shrine of California history, but an active museum--a 'going concern' of some twenty-two rooms or sections containing approximately 7000 catalogued objects, and visited annually by more than 100,000 persons.

The Fort grounds are bounded by 26th and 28th Streets, and K and L. Once "out in the country", Sutter's Fort is now in the heart of Sacramento.

The original fort, founded in 1839 by John A. Sutter, a Swiss, to protect his grant of 76 square miles obtained from the Mexican Governor, fell into ruins shortly after the discovery of gold. Only the Central Building remained. In 1888 the Native Sons of the Golden West raised $20,000 to buy the fort site, deeded it to the State, and the State reconstructed the establishment and has maintained it as a museum ever since.

Circumstances leading to the discovery of gold at Sutter's Sawmill at Coloma had their origin at Sutter's Fort, and it was to the fort that James Marshall brought the first gold to show to Sutter. Since the early 1840s Sutter's stronghold had been the goal of covered wagon pioneers. The Bear Flag revolt and the rescue of Donner Party survivors had their Sutter's Fort connections.

Collections at Sutter's Fort Historical Museum are restricted to objects used by California's pioneers of the 1839-1869 period. Donors of acceptable material are required to sign a Contract of Gift, without limiting conditions, and the material then becomes the absolute property of the museum, with no strings attached. The museum prefers not to accept loans, but has a Contract of Loan which protects all parties and gives the museum title to the loaned objects if the owner, after being requested to take back his loan, fails to do so within a stipulated time.

Exhibits are changed from time to time, and may include firearms, costumes, vehicles, gold rush mining tools, household goods, documents and photographs, paintings, glassware, printing presses and newspapers, etc. A diorama by the late Jo Mora, noted sculptor-artist, depicts Sutter greeting Fremont and Kit Carson at the fort in 1844. The museum obtained money for this from the Legislature in 1946 Upon another occasion, the museum also purchased an oil painting of Sutter's Hock Farm, done in 1852 by William S. Jewett. This also was acquired by Legislative action, about 1942.

The fort's collection of important Donner Party material is outstanding. The museum arranged publication of two books dealing with original material in the fort's files, and the 48-page illustrated booklet which visitors may purchase for 25 cents, and which tells facts about Sutter and his fort, is sold in large numbers.

Files of historical photographs, and information relating to Sutter and other pioneers are available for inspection on application to the Curator's office.

Correspondents all over the country write to Sutter's Fort for historical information. It has been the policy of the Curator to give talks about the fort when asked to do so by organizations or groups in various parts of the State.

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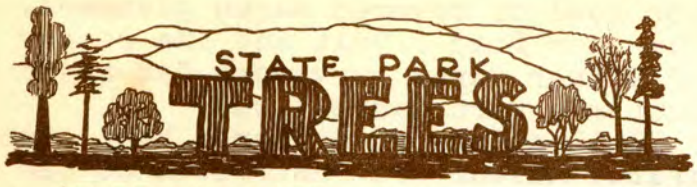


(EDITOR'S NOTE--This monthly column is being undertaken in the hope that it may furnish interest and helpful information to those of us not experienced or trained in botany or tree identification. It will be contributed by Frederick A. Meyer, Assistant Forestry Engineer, of the Sacramento office.)

COTTONWOOD

There are two principal species of cottonwoods in California. Both are moderately large trees, commonly 50 to 100 feet tall, with bark that is smooth and light colored when young but deeply furrowed and dark on old trunks. Both grow only along streams or in other moist places.

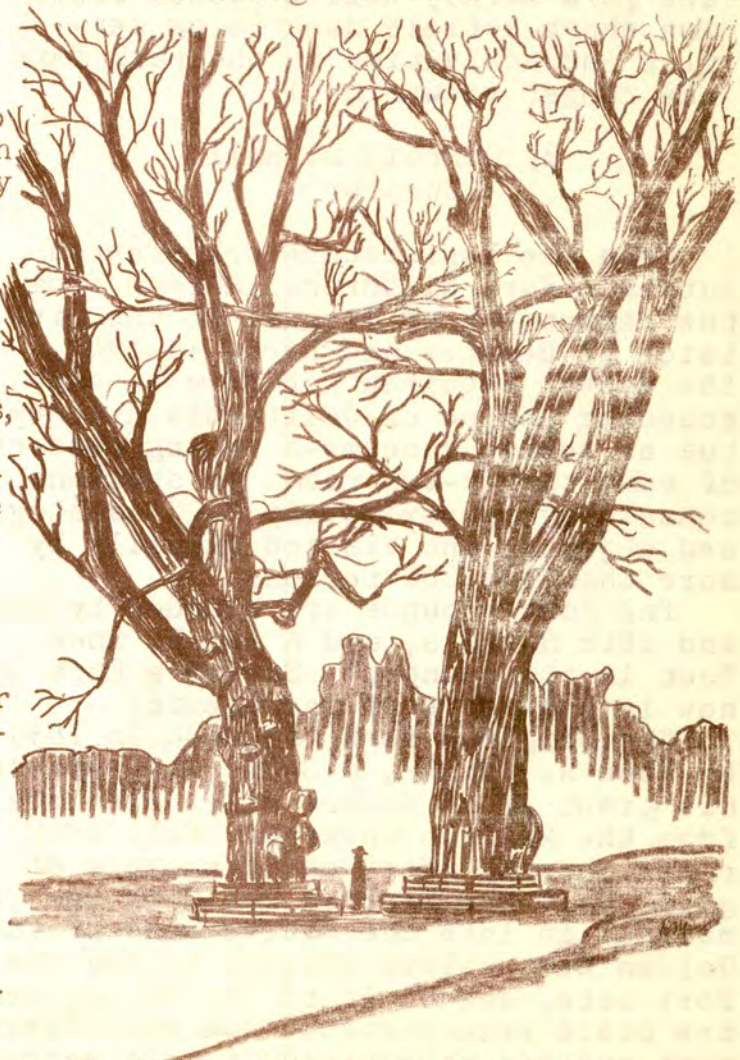
The Fremont Cottonwood (Populus fremonti) occurs in the interior valleys and hot dry foothills. It does not ascend very far into the mountains, nor enter the coastal fog belt. Its light-green leaves are broadly triangular, 2 or 3 inches across, with large irregular wavy "teeth" along the margins.

The Black Cottonwood (Populus trichocarpa) grows generally in the cooler regions avoided by the former tree: Canyons and valleys in the higher mountains, and along the coast especially northward. It has dark-green leaves which are triangular or almost oval, about 3 inches long, edged with fine rounded teeth.

In common with other members of the willow family, to which they belong, cottonwoods produce the male or pollen-bearing flowers and the female or seed-producing flowers on different plants. Thus it is that some but not all of the individual trees in any area are seen to produce masses of cottony seeds.

Familiar "brothers" of the cottonwoods are the Quaking Aspen, native in our high mountains, and the tall narrow Lombardy Poplar, introduced from Europe and now growing in many of our older towns and rural areas.

Fremont Cottonwood is probably the only tree species that can be considered native to the immediate vicinity of Sutter's Fort, although the Valley Oak once grew nearby. Two huge cottonwoods, both nearly 7 feet in diameter breast high, are still there; and although these particular trees were planted (in 1852 by a resident of the Fort, according to a report), they are growing beside a pond which was once a slough connecting with the American River, and doubtless other cottonwoods once flourished in this very place just as they still do along the banks of the River.



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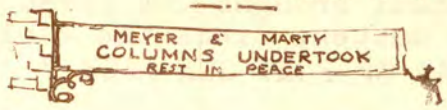
YOU WOULDN'T WANT THIS OLD COTTONWOOD.

Don Quixote de Las' Mobican



FROZEN ASSETS

Most of California's fine state parks, truly assets to the State, were frozen assets at month's end as one of the coldest Januarys in recorded history of the sunny state passed into an unlamented oblivion.

Damage to water systems throughout the park system was fairly extensive, and a host of other troubles that go hand in hand with temperatures staying too long below 20 degrees, plagued the not-too-well-equipped-for-cold-weather state park rangers.

Probably the best "frozen asset" story of the month is contained in the following memo to Chief Henning from District Superintendent William Kenyon from deep down in the "warm"Southern District. Dated January 14, 1949, it reads:

"For your information, we obtained by relayed telephone message that John Fleming and Clyde Strickler, our rangers at Palomar Mountain, were snowed in, running out of food, and couldn't get out because of lack of equipment.

"Wednesday we obtained authority for the emergency purchase of snow shoes and skid chains, and sent our 4-wheel drive power wagon, which is equipped in front with a winch and cable, to Palomar. We also sent along a large supply of provisions. Frank Davies was borrowed from Huntington Beach, and Jack Lemley from San Clemente, for the trip. They reached John Fleming's house at dusk in the midst of a blizzard and 60 mile wind; and only because of the winch which was used to pull the vehicle by attaching to trees along the roadside.

"This evening(5 p.m.) we received a relayed message from the State Division of Forestry to the effect that snow conditions were worse than before,that as of now there is no letup in the storm and that there is a wind of from 40 to 60 miles an hour. Snow has covered the power wagon 10 feet deep, and is four feet deep on the roads, with the county unable to clear them. The roads are closed for miles, down to the Prison Camp.

"They report all our men are well, and that because of the large supply of provisions taken up, they will have sufficient food for about two weeks. They anticipate being marooned and unable to get out for about a week or more, providing the storm does not continue too much longer. Because of the snowshoes sent up by us they are able to get to the Boucher Hill Fire Lookout in the park, and telephone to the Division of Forestry's Valley Center Station, and thus get contact with us.

"Cuyamaca Rancho phone service is out. Philbrook finally was able to get out and back to San Clemente, but our district trailer will be snowed in for some time. All work on water lines, of course, had to be abandoned, and after the thaws, both at Palomar and at Cuyamaca, we anticipate considerable work repairing plumbing."

A review of weekly reports shows that Beachcombers Davies and Lemley went to the rescue of the mountaineers on January 12, becoming unwilling residents of Palomar on that day, and wondering who was going to rescue them

On January 14th they fought their way through man-sized drifts and repaired a down forestry line in order to establish contact with district headquarters.

On January 17th Rangers Fleming, Strickler, Davies and Lemley, Mrs. Fleming, and her daughter, Carolyn, snowshoed, skiied, and tobogganed two miles to a San Diego county road station, where they were met by a car from San Clemente Beach. Davies and Lemley returned to their beachcombing while Fleming and Strickler hauled a toboggan-load of supplies back to the headquarters at Palomar.

Meanwhile, at nearby Anza Desert

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State Park, Chief Ranger and Mrs. Jack Calvert experienced the joys of "mushing" through 4 to 6 inches of unusual desert snow which delayed their return to headquarters from Brawley until 11 P.M. on January 12.

To continue the story, and for purposes of brevity, we quote, in part, from weekly reports:

ANZA DESERT(Dec. 25,1948): Temp.24 degrees, coldest since Ranger Calvert opened park in 1936.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS(Jan. 16): Number of water lines badly damaged in grove due to heavy freeze. Some may be repaired. Others must be replaced.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS(Jan. 16): Now have five nights with a temperature lower than any night since records were begun in 1940. Water lines frozen under concrete floors are presenting a problem as yet unsolved. Recreation hall and ski shelter closed for lack of water. (Jan. 22): 59 inches of snow packed on level.

CARPINTERIA BEACH(Jan. 4): The lagoon froze over, with ice one-quarter inch thick in center of lagoon. This is the first time in history of Carpenteria that this has happened. Please rush by air express 100 pair of ski landing gear for coots, ducks and seagulls. Their present landing gear is inadequate for ice, resulting in skids, ruffled feathers, etc.(Jan. 11): 2½ inches of snow fell on beach, with heavy snow in surrounding mountains. Channel Islands are snow-covered from highest peak to shoreline--a beautiful sight.

CASTLE CRAGS(Jan. 22): Total accumulated snowfall this season, 72 inches.

CUYAMACA RANCHO)Jan. 9): Green Valley Falls area closed due to frozen pipes and no water. Heavy crowds in for snow sports along highway. (Jan.10): Rangers Anderson and Griggs snowbound at Paso Picacho(Upper camp). Girl Scouts marooned in their camp. Tanker brought up to haul water lost in snow. Will require tow to move. (Jan.11) National Guard half-tracks used to take supplies to people at Cuyamaca Lake, and to take out some of "refugees". (Jan.12): Half-tracks brought out marooned Girl Scouts. Tanker still bogged down. (Jan.13): Power wagon to Paso Picacho to remove stranded employees of Division of Architecture working on park projects there. Observed quail dead of starvation, and deer floundering in five foot snow. (Jan.14): Snowplow has opened highway for one-way traffic as far north as Paso Picacho. (Jan.15)Found deer butchered on highway above headquarters--trapped in the snow and killed by "sportsmen". Unable to locate violators. The blizzard that began on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 3:30 P.M. was termed the worst in the history of these mountains for many years, with three feet at Green Valley Falls and four and a half feet at Paso Picacho.

FREMONT PEAK(Jan. 22): Have six inches of snow, with good crowds up for snow sports. Frozen water supply, and damaged pump.

FORT TEJON(Jan.15): Ten inches of snow fell from Monday evening to Thursday morning. Coldest spell on record. Frozen pipes tied up water supply.

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS, Burlington Campground area. (Jan. 10) Temperature is 10 degrees above zero; remained below 18 degrees rest of week. Closed all toilets and salted bowls. Repaired broken water lines. Williams Grove area(Jan. 15): Most of week spent thawing out water lines, repairing pipes and faucets(6 new ones needed).

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS(Jan. 21)There is ten inches of snow on ground. Considerable work opening up frozen water lines, hauling wood for heat to conserve oil supply.

MT. DIABLO(Jan. 22): Six inches of snow last night, two more today. Snow all the way down to headquarters at 1600 feet elevation. Road to summit closed from Juniper Camp to cars without chains. (Jan.23): 1,903 cars in park today, and can not reach parking area at summit. Borrowed men from S. P. Taylor State Park, one highway patrolman, and one car from sheriff's office to assist with crowds. Extensive damage to frozen water lines.

MT. SAN JACINTO(Jan. 14): A six day siege of snowing finally ended tonight after depositing 41 inches of snow. (Jan.22): The average moisture for the month of January over a 14 year period in this area is 4.94 inches. (continued to page 7)

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At this date we have received 5.31 inches, and it still is snowing. Last January no snow or rain fell, and the temperature hit 70 degrees for five days. During the present month the temperature dropped once to four degrees above zero.

PISMO BEACH(Jan. 15): The moist areas of sand along the beach are frozen to a depth of two inches.

SAN BUENAVENTURA BEACH(Jan.11): Entire area blanketed with two inches of snow, down to the surf.

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH(Jan.11): Snow fell here for the first time in the recorded history of Orange County, and covered the hills around the beach for several hours.

And so....you have a picture of our "frozen assets". Many park reports have been left out, due to lack of necessary space--but we think we have put across the idea that January was a doggoned cold month!

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SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CURATOR DISCOUNTS LEGEND OF INDIAN THIGH USE IN MOLDING ROOF TILES

Concerning the oft-repeated story of making roof tiles by using the human thigh as a mold, Curator Jack R. Dyson of San Juan Bautista State Historical Monument, writes:

"I have been asked many times how the Indians molded roof tiles on their thighs.

"As this is an often-quoted legend, and after measuring several hundred roof tiles, I have concluded that in order to mold such large tiles(some of them 22 inches long, 15 inches wide at the largest end, and 11½ inches at the smallest end) the Indians would have had to be very large men, which has been disproved by anthropologists.

"I talked with Mr. Harrington of the Southwest Museum. He states there is not one particle of evidence to support the legend that Indians molded the roof tiles on their naked thighs. The tiles were made from pre-designed molds."

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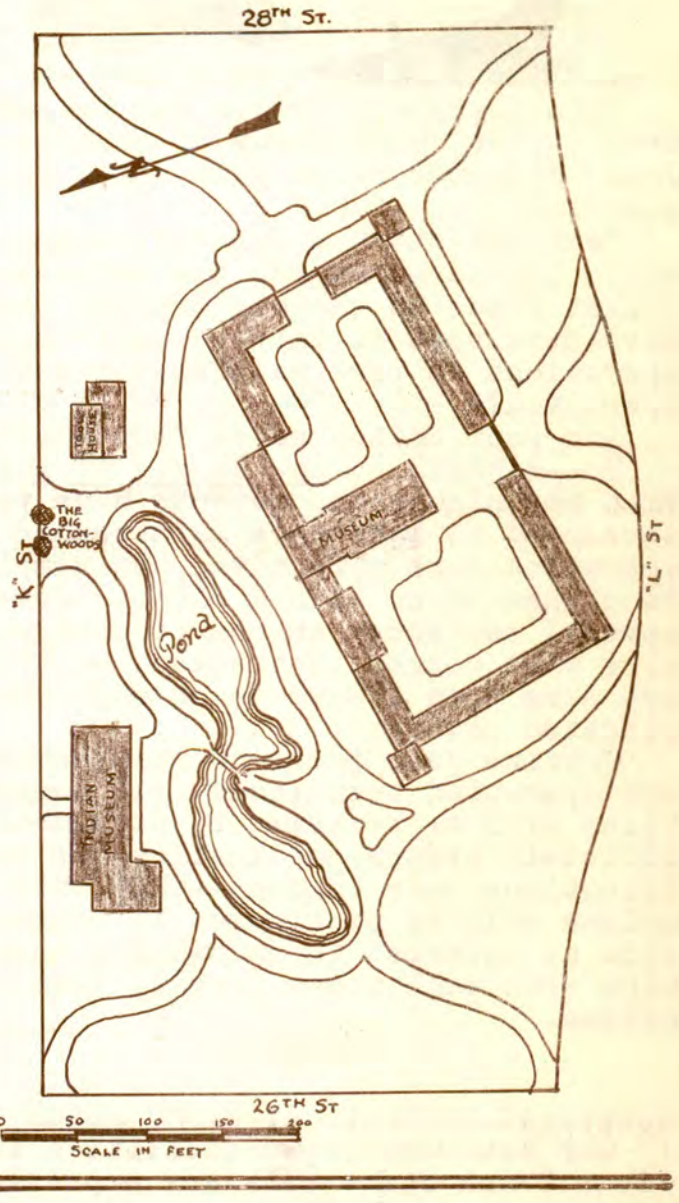

FERNS ARE TRANSPLANTED TO RICHARDSON GROVE

Approximately 1,000 ferns which would have been destroyed by new road construction at Mill Creek Redwoods State Park, have been transplanted to Richardson Grove, in Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

They will be used there as part of a project to restore damaged natural areas in the grove, and to landscape barren areas around the new location for the outdoor theater.

Landscape Architect Steve Wardwell is planning the natural restoration.

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

From Assistant Ranger Ray Nelson, deep in the north woods of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park comes this question:

"Why not start a monthly column in which the park rangers can exchange bright ideas on various methods they have developed to improve their daily operations in park maintenance and operation?"

And your Editor says: "Why not?"

So--RANGERS....how do you do it? What techniques and methods have you developed to make park maintenance and operation more effective, and simple? Send them in to NEWS & VIEWS...from several sentences on how to change a tire when bogged in the mud, up to not more than 150 words on more complicated problems.

Confine your ideas to maintenance and operation techniques. All suggestions will be reviewed by Sacramento officials before publication. If contributions come through--then this column will be continued. If rangers show no interest in exchanging these tips with each other...well, then...no column.

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ADAPTABLE SEAGULLS AT PISMO BEACH

Our new paved road facilities at Pismo Beach State Park are appreciated particularly by one group of visitors.

Assistant Ranger F.H. Wells reports sea gulls bring up whole clams from the surf, fly high over the road, drop the clams upon the pavement, and then descend to feast on the "popped-open" clams.

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RECOMMENDED READING...

For those who feel there is no need to worry about heavy exploitation of our natural resources, Chief Ranger C.L. Milne of Prairie Creek Redwoods recommends reading the abridged version of "Road to Survival" in a recent issue of Reader's Digest.

ORCHIDS TO...

...SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK--The park was visited in January by Nick Trierweiler, district supervisor(ret). of Muskeegan State Park District in Michigan. He was impressed by the type of development in our parks, and was surprised at the advanced state of development in a park as newly acquired as Samuel P. Taylor. He particularly liked the design and layout of the new campground units.

...DOHENY BEACH STATE PARK--An article in the November, 1948, issue of Trailer Life by E.B. Findley, titled "Holiday By the Sea" gives our State Park System a big hand, and praises in particular Doheny Beach. A quote from the article reads:

"Except in New York State, we have never come across State parks that could accomodate big trailers satisfactorily--until we got to California, and are we ever impressed!"

...HUMBOLDT PARKS--"This summer my wife, daughter, and myself traveled through seven western states for three weeks. We only spent two nights in auto courts, and the rest of the time we camped out. We drove over 5000 miles. I think California has everything. I especially enjoyed the areas at Richardson Grove and Prairie Creek state parks. I would like to express my thanks for the best State parks and accomodations we had the pleasure of visiting. We met a lot of out-of state visitors who also expressed their appreciation for such fine camping grounds--J.H. Tuepker, Pasadena."

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MARTEN IS OBSERVED AT D. L. BLISS

Quote from weekly report of January 24th from Chief Ranger Robert B. Hatch at D.L. Bliss State Park:

"I had the opportunity of observing from a distance of ten feet, a Marten playing in the snow. This once abundant furbearer is now quite unusual. The pelts are valued at about $35 a piece. In appearance he resembled an overgrown weasel, with a fox face. Black face marks gave him a perpetually surprised expression, and he seemed more curious than afraid."

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Last month we left you rocking and reeling about the new method of accounting for the Field Manual. We are still awaiting some of the listings requested at that time. If you haven't already done so, please complete the listing immediately and forward to your district office. Additional field manuals and official badges will not be issued until all reports are received in this office.

This month we meet the General. General Instructions, that is. Section D-1 might more properly be titled "General Hints" for it only scratches the surface of your service to the public. As scratches mar the surface and impair the view, it is well to seek more polish, do more buffing, to see your tasks more clearly. Seek counsel from sources other than the Manual--your supervisor, employees of longer service, published literature and--Superman!

USE OF UTILITIES

Uncle Sam's mail was in operation before the telephone was in general use. Remember, the mail is still more than an old maid's dream. Your voice sounds warm and friendly over the long distance telephone. Your handwriting has more lasting qualities however, and maybe character--analyzed at our convenience. "Hold the phone."

Item 5) on page D-4 is suffering from non-enforcement. Besides, rates are up and all utilities are presumably charged for in your maintenance deduction. Wasted or thoughtless use of any utility will not be tolerated, however. Here's hoping you can see the light, bulb!

OH! RANGER! POLICE HELP!

We prefer to subhead PROTECTION OF PARKS as follows:

1) Police powers meant for violations of Rules & Regulations.
2) Who has polite power?
3) Arresting an arrest
4) Normal park regulations-use of polite power
   a. Violets
   b. Notice of violets, Form Be Polite 20
5) Additional instructions on Use of Polite Power.

In simpler (what could be more simple than the above-Ed. Note) words, the power of politeness in dealing with violators must be your first consideration. Leave arrests to your supervisor. He never gets enough a rest anyway.

FIRE! HELP!

In this part we would accentuate the following:

The Division of Beaches and Parks is responsible for the prevention of fire in the State Parks. The Division of Beaches and Parks is composed primarily of state park rangers, historical monument custodians and allied employees. It therefore follows that you are responsible for the prevention of fires in State Parks. Now, go ahead and read the rest about Fire Control.

OH MY LAND!

D-10 shows how you can get a lot out of a piece of land. Yes, in deed. But not in fee, simple! The very symmetric diagram shows how Uncle Sam intended to have his Public Lands subdivided. Don't blame us, or Uncle Sam, should you never find a section of land so evenly divided. Try a good civil engineering handbook, or ask any land "butcher". How else will you get to know what SW ¼ NE ¼ S5T15 SR12 E MDM means when you see it on a map of your park?

Spare the rod and you'll never measure four to the chain!

To those who are preparing for the forthcoming state park ranger, grade II examination:

This office has not published, for general distribution, information about the State Park System more recent than that available in your Field Manual. It is doubtful, then, that the forthcoming written examination will contain detailed questions about the individual parks and

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COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO JAN. 21, 1949

The State Park Commission met in San Francisco on January 21, 1949, in regular monthly session. Commissioners present were Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, Charles Kasch, and George Waldner.

Actions included:

MT. DIABLO RADIO REPEATER--Signed agreement with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company permitting installation by them of a microwave radio repeater station in a secluded spot near the summit at Mt. Diablo State Park.

SAN FRANCISCO MASTER BEACH PLAN--Approved master beach plan for City and County of San Francisco, with the reservation that the State will not participate in purchase of any submerged land contemplated in the plan, and that the city and county will develop and operate the beaches. Ordered appraisals.

BURIAL AT WILL ROGERS PARK FOR OLD ROGERS HORSE--Approved request to bury Bootlegger, 23 year old pet horse of the late Will Rogers, in Will Rogers State Park.

MILITARY LEASE TERMINATION--Approved agreement with United States Army Engineers terminating lease of portions of Mt. Tamalpais State Park by the U.S. Similar action was taken covering use of land at Fremont Peak State Park.

MT. TAMALPAIS ADDITIONS--Took final action on acquisition of 18 acres at summit of Mt. Tamalpais, and Ridgecrest Boulevard, leading to the summit, for inclusion in Mt. Tamalpais State Park. Deeds now in escrow.

PRAIRIE CREEK ADDITION--Authorized purchase of Sampair property for addition to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

CARPINTERIA ADDITION--Authorized purchase of Fish property for addition to Carpinteria Beach State Park.

RICHARDSON GROVE HIGHWAY ROUTING--Directed chief to press the Division of Highways to take action on the rerouting of U.S. Highway 101 through Richardson Grove area of Humboldt Redwoods State Park, citing threat to life in present division of area by the highway.

VENTURA BEACH NAMING--Adopted as official name for new beach at city of Ventura, "San Buenaventura State Beach."

POLICE AUTHORITY GRANTED--Granted police authority to following division personnel: Henry J. Albert, Jr,; William A. Epperly, George E. Thornton, Joseph E. Timmerman, George W. Lynn, Earl M. Lively, John E. Borreano, James R. Avant, Maurice E. Hayes, James A. Beck, William E. Parsons, William A. Stahlberg, Richard R. Emparan, Edwin L. Hixon, Roy A. Gholson, Jewel N. Caughell, Robert S. Simmons.

WIND EROSION AT SONOMA COAST--Col. Kelton reported on wind erosion and movement of sand dunes from Sonoma Coast State Park on to agricultural land. Commission instructed staff to negotiate with Gold Ridge Soil Conservation District for cooperative agreement for planting of lupine and salt grass.

NEXT MEETING--The next meeting of the State Park Commission will be in Long Beach on February 18, 1949.

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FORMER OFFICE CLERK JOINS ENGINEERING SECTION

Eddie McColgan, who has served in the Sacramento office as a junior clerk in the store room, and as messenger, has taken a position in the division engineering section as an Engineering Aid.

His first field work was with a survey party to Armstrong Redwoods on January 31st.

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SACRAMENTO OFFICE GETS FACE-LIFTING

The Sacramento Parks Office recently underwent a much-needed repainting job which disrupted routine operations for several days.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Printed below is the fourth and final section of a reprint of the "Report of the National Committee on Policies In Conservation Education".)

C. HOW IS THE WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED?

(a) COOPERATION

The National Committee invites all interested agencies and organizations to cooperate in working out a coordinated program of national policies, and the desired outcomes. To effect the program, the committee is seeking financial support for research and study to be carried on over a period of years. Funds are needed to provide subsidies for research by the best available personnel wherever they may be found, and to provide for a full time secretary, for clerical work, travel and publication.

The committee proposes to work in the following manner:

1. To prepare a statement of proposals and suggestions for a national policy in collaboration with interested agencies, organizations and individuals active in this work.

2. To present this statement later at a national conference called for this purpose.

3. On the basis of the conclusions of this conference, to prepare a comprehensive statement on national policies in conservation education and secure its publication.

4. To disseminate this statement, assist in its interpretation and put it into effect.

(b) Activities and Practices of Conservation Education

An adequate program may well be encouraged by providing adequate personnel service and by developing suitable physical equipment to be accessible to those who may be influenced by the program. The National Committee is committed to the idea of seeking to make this possible by the following means:

THROUGH SERVICE IN SCHOOLS. The principal bottleneck in the progress of conservation education is the lack of teachers who have a broad conception of the subject and the requisite training to teach it. Fortunately, this situation is being improved as teacher-training institutions realize that the wise use of natural resources is a basic philosophy for living. Every teacher should be scheduled for a course in conservation principles as part of the requirements for certification. In-service teachers present a different problem. In one state nearly 60,000 of them are in the classroom and most of them are acquainted with the term "conservation" only through spectacular and often erroneous publicity. It will be a big job to reach these people. The media are extension work, Friday night and Saturday morning campus courses, laboratories and workshops. The present training school personnel is usually inadequate for the job.

Conservation education should begin as soon as the child begins to observe, and continue as long as he lives. When an individual, other than the parent, assumes the responsibility of teaching the child he should approach the problem on the level at which the child is capable of absorbing conservation experiences.

For most students, high-school graduation completes the period of formal training. For those going on to college, presumably to become leaders in any profession they plan to pursue, a course in conservation should be developed, or instruction in facts and principles provided in other courses. This will help students assume the responsibilities of citizenship. All individuals should be on the alert for attacks, legislative and otherwise, that jeopardize the practical workings of the program.

Every opportunity should be taken to introduce conservation practices through extracurricular or out-of-school activities. Nature study and conservation clubs within the school, school journeys, playground activities, youth groups and camps of all kind offer splendid opportunities for the trained teacher, the playground supervisor or the camp counsellor to teach the subject in situations far more attractive and more effective than ever arise in the classroom.

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THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICE. Local conditions should decide the kinds of conservation practices to be used. Responsibility for what is done lies with the owners and tenants of the land. Too often, they are poorly informed concerning the practices needed for their locality. Or they lack equipment and money to carry them out. When such conditions exist, the larger social units, county, municipal, state, or federal, working alone or cooperatively, should see that necessary assistance is given to the man on the land.

For years the extension service of land-grant colleges and those of state and federal agencies interested in conservation have borne the brunt of introducing land management into areas where it was needed. Too often, years have passed before the best land use practices have been applied to the land. In the future, this condition may be prevented by co-ordinated, cooperative programs between the land-grant college in a given area, its county agents, and whatever advisory help can be furnished by conservation departments of state and federal governments. No one school, extracurricular group or professional conservation department whether state or federal, can claim the entire responsibility for operating this program. No group should forget that the owners or operators of the land hold the key to this door.

Since land-use practices deal with creating a harvestable surplus, extension officers and others interested in the agricultural field should be highly trained in the broad principles of conservation. They should supplement practices by teaching and demonstrating sound methods of harvesting, processing, marketing and using harvestable materials so that waste can be held to a minimum. Waste takes from the sum total of the land's surplus, and brings pressure upon the owners or the tenants to work the land beyond its ability to produce and maintain a surplus of renewable materials. Waste of non-renewable resources shortens the time they can be put to use. First to be exhausted is the supply of easily obtained and relatively low-priced raw materials. Along these roads lies national suicide.

Before individuals can give impetus to any conservation program they must first be informed on the subject, and trained in methods and techniques of presenting it to others. Before much can be accomplished school administrators, teachers, and laymen must recognize the problem and have an interest in solving it. There are several proved methods of accomplishing this. Perhaps the simplest, and certainly one of the best procedures to show the problem on the ground, create interest in it, and demonstrate practices for solving it, is the field trip or "show-me trip." It is well adapted for stimulating interest in community leaders who can observe conditions and facts at first hand and draw their own conclusions. It requires careful planning and must be directed by those familiar with the resources under investigation. In one state, the board of education inaugurated a teacher-training program in conservation, after its members had taken such a trip to familiarize themselves with the state's natural resources and their condition.

THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKSHOPS. Another successful training medium is the workshop. It is primarily designed for training teachers in service, in methods and techniques for teaching conservation in elementary and secondary schools. Laymen and school administrators are also trained in similar workshops, approximately 100 of which are operated in colleges and universities throughout the nation. These workshops deserve the active support of educators, conservationists and civic leaders.

The workshop program is an immediate way to get conservation into schools. In 1946, the state forester of Utah, in co-operation with the U.S. Forest Service, conducted a short course in conservation for teachers of Garfield county. In the 1946-47 school year teachers and community leaders carried the teaching to the pupils. At the end of the year, pupils showed a surprising grasp of the fundamentals. The workshop movement should be greatly extended and

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intensified.

THROUGH PUBLIC MEETINGS. Conventions, meetings, and clinics offer effective means for teaching the subject to groups of individuals. In them, prominent conservationists may discuss the resources before the entire assembly, or discussion groups may be organized, each to select its own subject pertaining to the natural resources under consideration. Field trips are often used to supplement the discussion groups. Speakers can effectively utilize visual aids for emphasizing their talks and to enliven meetings.

THROUGH SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS. Too little consideration has been given to supporting organizations. Some states, cities, and school systems have successfully organized and maintained them as a center around which conservation teaching revolves. The "Nature Knights" in Missouri and the "Junior Foresters" in Omaha are examples of working organizations developed when educators, laymen, and conservationists pooled their efforts. The Junior Foresters have reduced vandalism in the city parks and damage to trees on the streets. Pupils have developed a consciousness of forest fire prevention which should carry through their lives. Members of these organizations become leaders in school conservation activities and have a direct influence upon adults. Such activities are excellent tools for carrying on conservation education.

Then there are a host of adult organizations such as the Izaak Walton League, the National Audubon Society, The American Nature Study Society, the American Forestry Association, The Wilderness Society and The American Wildlife Federation whose services are unselfishly dedicated to the advancement and application of conservation principles. These are worthy of generous public support.

THROUGH SPECIAL SERVICES. This cause may also be advanced through the encouragement of worthy service of a number of types. The enactment and enforcement of suitable legislation, the financing of worthy projects, the publication of helpful literature, the support of sound radio programs and the production of significant motion pictures, are but a few of the areas in which public support may well yield surprisingly satisfactory returns.

LEGISLATION. Much of our welfare is dependent on the laws we may pass, or fail to pass, that have an influence on the resources required for our future welfare. A government agency, such as a National Science Foundation, could contribute to what succeeding generations should know about matters related to conservation. By passage of laws, teacher training programs may win or lose public support essential to successful development of this work. Public alertness to proposed legislation is essential to successful development of conservation work and education.

FINANCE. It costs money to carry the message and develop good attitudes of conservation. It may well be cheaper to do so before crises arise than afterwards. For this reason it is appropriate that agencies capable of underwriting well advised programs should be enlisted in the advancement of this work. A close association of professional skill and financial support is needed. The National Committee hopes that it may help bring about needed adjustment at this point.

PUBLICATIONS. Suitable publications are an essential part of a successful program. This program can be accelerated through articles in periodicals, through assistance in the preparation of special texts or by the integration of conservation material into general texts and the preparation of local material for use by readers of varying ability and interests. This may call for an adequately financed news service or suitably supervised groups of professional writers and the cooperation of various groups. A conference may be needed to work out a general plan.

RADIO. The place of radio in influencing public opinion cannot be overlooked. It should be obvious to any listener that one cannot accept as valid everything one reads in the press or hears on the radio. On one night four programs were heard, in which two indicated that our oil reserves could be practically exhausted

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within a decade, while two others advertised the idea that our oil reserves were inexhaustible in the foreseeable future. What can the average listener conclude from such a situation? It is especially important that facts pertaining to our natural resources be presented with integrity and reliability. This adds to the standing and value of an honest, unbiased, effective radio service. The same is true of other news service.

MOTION PICTURES. The motion pictures shown in theatres and in the schools play an important part in molding public opinion. Since they have this influence they should be utilized in conservation education. Talent is available to provide at a reasonable figure suitable material presenting the philosophy of conservation. Some professional script writers' efforts have been almost childish. Yet any of these may well influence a substantial portion of the public to support or oppose measures involving conservation. The movie, "The River," may be cited as an example of an effort to use this vehicle effectively in changing public opinion.

ADEQUATE PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT. Just what are the most important aids to teaching conservation? The wise teacher will utilize the immediate environment as a laboratory. He will emphasize the problems having to do with the principle resources of the community, but will be careful not to neglect other resources. For example, if the existence of the community is dependent upon the lumber or pulpwood industry, the emphasis will be upon the conservation of forests. However, forestry will be presented in its proper perspective by showing its relation to the management of other resources: soils, water, wildlife and recreation. The sustained yield must be kept in mind in planning such a program.

Pupils learn from seeing and studying the resources as they find them. However, their experiences are richer when they participate in the activities they observe, when they discuss their observations with the forest ranger, the soil conservationist, the geologist, the county agent, the naturalist, or the game warden. The child or adult retains for life the experience of building a small dam or a terrace to stop soil erosion; of hearing a grazier describe and demonstrate how he determines the number of livestock that can be pastured on a given range without endangering the soil and the plant cover. First-hand experience in the outdoors can do much to vitalize and enrich the present school program and develop the desired attitude.

The important physical agencies that contribute much to the understanding of our resources are:

THE OUTDOOR LABORATORY. Forests, parks, streams, fields, many school grounds, and even lowly peat bogs constitute a matchless laboratory. The study of resources in their natural setting provides invaluable learning experiences which cannot be duplicated within the four walls of a schoolroom. The ecological relationships of plant and animal life invite the interest and attention of boys and girls of all ages and grade levels.

CAMPS. The values of camping and outdoor experiences as an important part of child growth and development are being widely recognized. There is a growing interest in this kind of education. Many believe that no educational program for youth is adequate which does not include large provision for educational opportunity outdoors. Camps, including school-camps provided by boards of education, youth camps, such as those of the Y.M.C.A., 4-H Clubs, YWCA., Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Red Cross and others owned by state, federal or private agencies can provide the firsthand experiences that may be very effective in resource-use education. Lessons learned in school may be put into practice in the camp. Some of these camps provide some conservation instruction, but planned unity is frequently lacking. Also, accuracy of instruction is not given enough attention.

PLAYGROUNDS. Playgrounds including parks are areas where man, in co-operation with nature, provides means for recreation and play. Youth

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needs to play for proper development of mind and body. The adult seeks and needs play for recreation. On the playground under direction, attitudes of appreciation and respect for public property can be developed. Co-operation and team play are democracy in action. Under such conditions, the value and right use of physical equipment as well as of natural environment can be taught effectively. It is easy to show that things destroyed cost someone money and draw upon our natural resources for renewal or replacement.

DEMONSTRATION AREAS. "Seeing is believing" and "Show me" are common expressions. They apply definitely to conservation practices. Local, state and national areas have been developed to show the difference between right and wrong land use, good and bad forestry and farm practices, well populated and depleted game areas, good water-shed areas and those that do not check rapid runoff of water. These demonstration areas have done much not only for the land user, but also for other persons who need to understand our resources and their conservation. They show why certain conditions result from certain causes, and how desirable results may be obtained. Education, in and out of school, should make full use of such areas.

MUSEUMS. For young and old, the museum provides valuable teaching aids whereby students may become acquainted with animals, birds, their habits and behavior and with their relations to environment. If this material is properly interpreted, worthwhile lessons in conservation can be learned. Through exhibits, guide service, lectures, radio talks, and in other ways, museum staffs can contribute directly to educational programs. Visits to museums by school classes, and loans of materials to schools are important means of conservation education.

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EAGLE ATTACKS MUDHEN

On January 24th rangers at Carpinteria Beach State Park observed an American Bald Eagle carry off a mudhen from the campgrounds. A game warden identified the eagle.

PRAISE TO THE FIELD FORCE

The following resolution was adopted by the State Park Commission at the January meeting in San Francisco:

"Resolved that the following be adopted by the State Park Commission as an expression of appreciation of the work of the Field Personnel and the best wishes of the Commission for the New Year:

"The Division of Beaches and Parks is now entering upon another year of service to the people of California, to tourists from other states and from abroad. We must anticipate an increasing number of guests in our parks, beaches and historic monuments, with a corresponding increase in the responsibility.

"The Field Personnel constitute the representatives of the State with the millions of our guests. They are not only responsible for the general condition and appearance of our facilities, but must supply that unfailing courtesy and patience as well as efficiency to promote and maintain a high quality of public relations. In short, it is the Field Personnel, the men and women in the field, who really make our State Park System function. It is upon them that the Commission must continually rely if our objectives are to be attained.

"The Commission realizes the tremendous expansion of our program during the past few years, and that demands have been made upon our facilities far beyond anything that could reasonably be anticipated.

"Now that we are entering upon another year, the Commission wishes to extend to the Field Personnel its appreciation of the fine service rendered, extending even beyond the call of duty. It also wishes to recognize our present splendid public relations created by the men and women in the field who actually meet the vacationing public.

"To all members of the staff, the office personnel, and to the Field Personnel, the Commission extends all good wishes for the New Year."

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"CHUCK" MEHLERT TRANSFERS TO FIELD AS DEPUTY RANGER

After three years in the engineering section of the Division of Beaches and Parks, Charles "Chuck" Mehlert, assistant civil engineer, has resigned his position in the Sacramento office to accept appointment at Mt. Diablo State Park as a deputy ranger, effective February 1st.

"Some people probably think I have knotholes in my head," commented the new ranger, "but I've always wanted to be in the field force of this division and now I'm going to make it."

Mehlert joined the division Jan. 2, 1946 as an assistant forestry engineer, after service with the United States Air Force as a fighter and bomber pilot.

He was released from the air force as a major in November, 1945.

Going into the field with "Chuck" are his wife, Jean, and a two-year old daughter, Laura Jean.

Mehlert qualified for the field job in the recent civil service examination for deputy rangers.

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HAROLD PESCH VACATIONS BY AUTO THROUGH MEXICO

Postcards received from Harold Pesch, chief ranger of Will Rogers State Park, dated January 13 and January 18, tell of an interesting vacation he is enjoying in Mexico.

The cards were from Monterrey and Chapultepec.

Pesch wrote that his new car is bearing up well on Mexican roads and automotive services.

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REVISION OF FIELD MANUAL

Page (i) of the Field Manual, the Foreword, has been revised under date of Jan. 1, 1949 and is being distributed with this issue of NEWS & VIEWS. Ask the ranger in charge of the park for your copy of the revision, and destroy present page (i) Rev.10/3/47.

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monuments that cannot be answered correctly by your being familiar with Section C of the Manual. Good Luck, fellows. Bill L. Banfill

SUTTER'S FORT MUSEUM

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Personnel includes the following: Carroll D. Hall, Curator; Virginia Storti, assistant curator; A. W. Depner, head gardener; John E. Albera and Finley Leach, gardeners. Mr. Leach is retiring at the end of January. Ernest Boisvert is janitor.

The State Indian Museum, of which B.W. Hathaway is curator, is on the K Street side of Sutter's Fort.

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AND STILL THEY RING, AND RING!

A little late with the news, but not with sincere congratulations--we announce the wedding of Deputy Ranger Harry Rathner, of Samuel P. Taylor State Park, to Miss Ann Love, of Vallejo.

The ceremony was performed December 11, 1948, in Carmel Mission.

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BABY HANDS AT THE WINDOW...

...To Assistant Ranger and Mrs. William J. Haussler, of Samuel P. Taylor State Park, a son, on January 16, 1949.

...A new tiny "deduction" added to the family of Northwest Dist.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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BY THE CHIEF

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION WEEK

California's 15th annual Conservation Week is to be observed March 7th through March 14th. This Division has always cooperated with the California Conservation Council, our own Ed. Dolder being chairman of the committee on radio and press releases for Conservation Week. He is mailing a set of pamphlets to each park for the information of all personnel in the park. Some of you may be participating in the activities of the week, locally, with the approval of your district superintendent.

All of you are participating in a program of conservation of our natural resources throughout the year. May we suggest that you note the literature cited in the Conservation Week pamphlets that you personally may learn more about current activities and programs directed toward the conservation of natural resources.

We strongly urge you to dedicate some of your spare time during California Conservation Week toward the preparation of a program of study that you can follow throughout the year. Such a program might well be aimed at improving your own understanding of the problems involved in planning for the intelligent utilization of our natural resources. By passing such information on to park visitors we may better our service to them and to the Division of Beaches and Parks.

OBSERVANCE OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

All new deputy rangers are hereby informed, and all permanent field employees hereby reminded, that the superintendent is the park authority within the district under his supervision. All park mattersthat you are not authorized to handle at the park level should be referred to the district office. The Sacramento parks office requires that the district superintendent be at all times informed as to the activities going on within the individual parks, beaches and monuments. Direct contacts with the Sacramento office are to be avoided by individual park employees unless properly authorized. All requests for employment, and other personnel matters within the district must be referred to the district office. Strict observance of the above should result in smoother operation of our parks organization.

OPERATION OF PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE

This Division's complement of automotive vehicles is such that the use of personal cars for State business may be kept at a minimum if not eliminated entirely. For those who are still authorized to utilize personal cars on official business, attention is called to the revised form No. 263-Auto Mileage Report. Please destroy all old forms 263 immediately and submit mileage claims on the revised form only.

NEW FORM O)-197

Under date of February 23, 1949, Deputy Director-Comptroller, D.H.Blood, issued circular letter ADM-7 describing the Use of Report of Collection Form AO 197. Copies have been forwarded to each park unit for study and observance. We believe the new form will facilitate reporting of park collections. Note that the new procedure must be put into operation on March 1, 1949. Please destroy all forms BP-5 and Letter of Transmittal blanks after your February reports are completed.

SEASONAL RANGERS

Requests from individuals for employment as seasonal rangers should be kept on file in the district or park office. The existing eligible list for deputy rangers must be cleared before we can begin hiring T.A.U. rangers. When advised to do so, you may then wish to contact the applicants seeking such seasonal employment. Superintendents will be requested shortly to submit their seasonal ranger programs.

Editorial

WHAT IS CONSERVATION?

As we approach the 15th annual California Conservation Week, March 7 to 14, 1949, we will do well to view the results of a century of heavy, often excessive, use of the State's natural resources.

We find that this state has grown great through heavy utilization of its natural resources--and that many of these resources have dwindled to an alarming degree.

We find there is a need to inculcate California's citizens with a philosophy of conservation to counteract the present common belief that our resources are inexhaustible.

The average citizen then asks: "What is conservation?"

Simply stated, conservation is the practice of wisely using natural resources for the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people. Too often "greatest benefit" is misinterpreted to imply "heaviest use".

If a resource is renewable, such as our forests, then WISE USE means an intelligent program of management to insure that rate of renewal equals or exceeds rate of use.

If a resource is non-renewable but essential to the current economy, then WISE USE is thrifty, or even sparing, utilization of the resource, with an extensive research program to locate substitutes. Oil, coal, and certain strategic metals fall in this group.

If a resource is non-renewable, and unique, with high scientific, aesthetic, or recreational value--such as rare combinations of flora, fauna, land and water, then WISE USE involves the preservation of this resource combination intact. The highest use of this resource combination necessitates its being handed down from generation to generation as a complete, relatively undisturbed, unit. Its use by the people should be encouraged, but in a manner consistent with the nature of the area, and its preservation.--EFD

PAY INCREASES!

The eagle flies again!

The State Personnel Board late in February approved general pay increases for field personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks.

The pay increases are retroactive to September 1,1948. New salary adjustments will be included in the paychecks for February, and the retroactive pay will be mailed during March.

Following are the new ranges, which amount to an increase of one salary step:

Asst. Dist. Supt.	341-415
Curator of Hist. Mon.	243-295
Curator, Sutter's Fort	295-358
District Supt.	415-505
Janitor-Janitress	180-220
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State Park Nature Guide	255-310
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State Park Ranger Grade III	310-376
State Park Rec. Leader	220-268

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FIRST STANDARD DISPLAY SHELTER COMPLETED AT GOLD DISCOVERY

The first of the new standard display shelters in the State Park System has been constructed at Gold Discovery Site State Park.

Assistant Ranger Roland Geyer reports construction was completed on February 16, 1949.

Initial exhibits will be largely of a pictorial nature.

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NEW DEPUTIES DISCOVER ADDITIONAL DUTY IN RANGER CLASSIFICATION

New deputy rangers, Orville Short and Merle Beckman met up with a new ranger activity on their first day at Will Rogers State Park--that of "grave digger".

They were put to work developing a 5½' X 6' X 10' grave for the body of Bootlegger, one of the late Will Rogers' last remaining horses, who died late in January. The animal was 32 years old.

His other favorite, Soapsuds, also 32, still lives on the Jim Rogers' ranch at Tehachapi.

OLD MONTEREY--A HISTORICAL PICTURE OF THE CITY CONTAINING FIVE STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

Because the City of Monterey contains five of our division's historical monument areas, we present below excerpts from "The Old Pacific Capitol" by Robert Louis Stevenson. The article first appeared in Fraser's Magazine, London, in 1880. It later was reprinted with "Across the Plains", 1892 by Colt Press, San Francisco. 500 copies.

The quotes were assembled by Henry Collins, curator of the Stevenson House State Historical Monument in Monterey.

"The history of Monterey has yet to be written. Founded by Catholic Missionaries, a place of wise beneficence to Indians, a place of arms, a Mexican capitol....

"The Mexicans, you may say, are all poor and landless, like their former capitol; and yet both it and they hold themselves apart and preserve their ancient customs and something of their ancient air.....

"The houses were, for the most part built of unbaked adobe brick, many of them old for so new a country...

"You would scarcely ever see the main street without a horse or two tied to posts, and making a fine figure with their Mexican housings...

"In a place so exclusively Mexican as Monterey, you saw not only Mexican saddles but true vaquero riding...

"The type of face and character of bearing is surprisingly un-American. The first ranged from something like the pure Spanish, to something, in its sad fixity, not unlike the pure Indian.

"Not even the most Americanized would condescend to wear the vile dress hat of civilization. Spanish was the language of the streets. It was difficult to get along without a word or two of that language for an occasion..

"It was a strange thing to lie awake in 19th century America, and hear the guitar accompany, and one of these old, heart-breaking Spanish love songs...

"The town, then, was essentially and wholly Mexican;...this Mexican and that Mexican would describe to you his old family estates...

"The Mexicans, although in the State, are out of it. They still preserve a sort of international independence.

"...all the Americans in Monterey...had forgotten the traditions of their own race and upbringing, and become, in a word, wholly Mexicanized.

"In a comparison between what was and what is in California, the praisers of the times past will fix upon the Indians of Carmelo...

"And it made a man's heart sorry for the good fathers of yore who had taught them to dig and to reap and to sing...who had now passed away from all authority and influence in that land--to be succeeded by greedy land thieves and sacrilegious pistol-shots. So ugly a thing our Anglo-Saxon Protestantism may appear beside the doings of the Society of Jesus.

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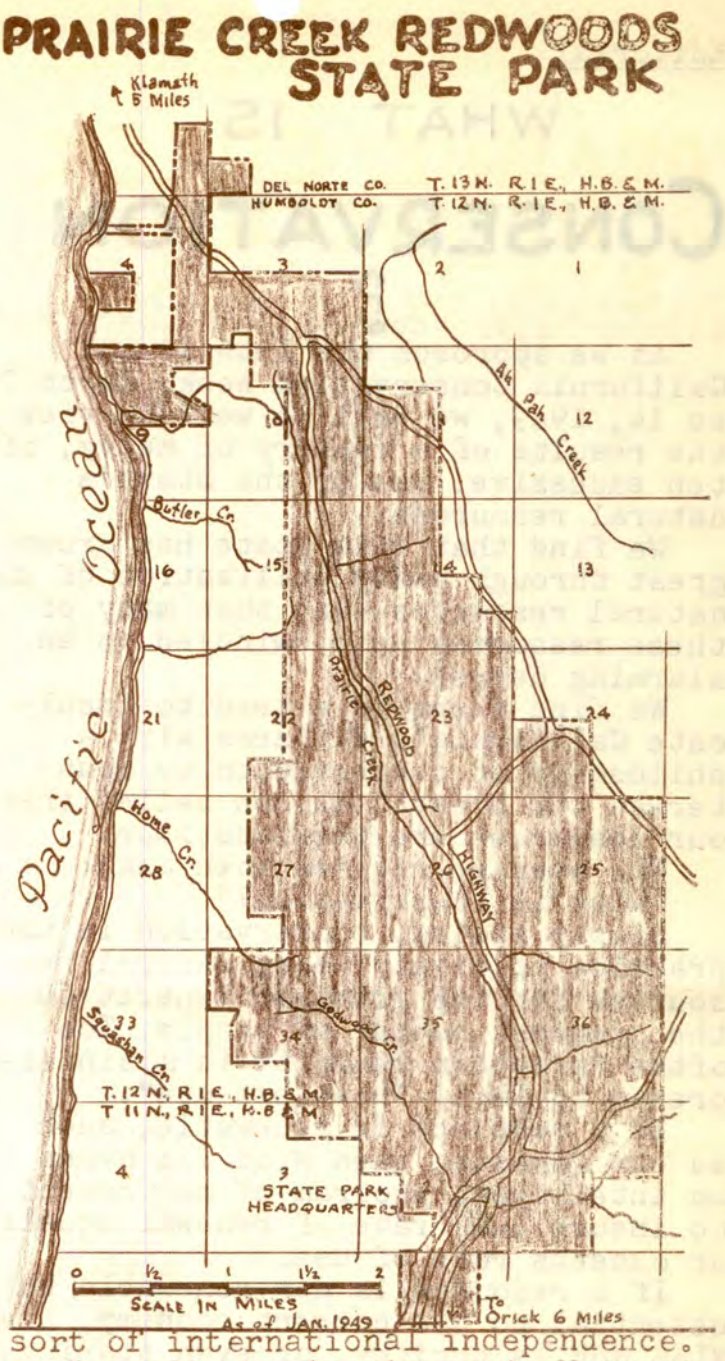

KNOW YOUR PARKS_____

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK

First land in the acquisition of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park was deeded to the State of California in 1923 by Mrs. Zipporah Russ, before the creation of the State Park System.

The park today contains 8,403.78 acres of land, and extends from a point a few miles north of Orick, north along the Redwood Highway in Humboldt County, with a portion of the park being in Del Norte County.

A brief description of the natural features of the park includes:

Virgin mixed forest; very large redwood trees, sitka spruce, western hemlock, Douglas and lowland fir. Jungles of giant ferns and moss-covered big leaf and vine maples. Fine groves of white-barked red alders, and California-laurel (Oregon Myrtle). Dense undergrowth of salmon berry, huckleberry, rhododendron, osa berry, currant and red elderberry. Excellent fishing streams--trout, salmon and steelhead. Elk Prairie and largest herd of Roosevelt elk in California.

The camping season is from May 1 to October 15. There are 65 camp units, and 25 picnic units. There is a grocery concession in the park, and a limited number of cabins and tent-cabins are available for rental. Nightly campfire programs are held in the summer season, and a naturalist is on duty from June to September.

Rhododendrons grow 20 feet high along the scenic East Ridge Trail. There are many interesting burl and other formations among the flora. Old Indian trails, burial grounds, and a sweathouse, may be found along the Ossagon Trail.

The park can boast the outstanding trail system of the State Park System. Now, let us read what the rangers have to say about their park.

Brief History of the Prairie Creek Elk Herd

By C.L. Milne, Chief Ranger

Park visitors have remarked that next to the redwoods, the herd of Roosevelt elk in Prairie Creek Park is the greatest natural attraction along the Redwood Highway. The largest native animal in California, a thousand pound bull elk is a magnificent sight.

When Jedadiah Smith visited this part of California (1828), elk were so numerous that when his party came to a river they would kill elk and make canoes of their hides.

The elk ranged along the coast from San Francisco to Alaska. After white settlers came in 1850 the elk were wantonly slaughtered. By 1885 their number was so reduced that they were seldom seen. Matt Pohler, a pioneer settler, said that during the eight years (1885-93) he lived on his homestead near Elk Prairie he never saw an elk. In spite of stringent game laws making it a felony to kill an elk, their number decreased in California until only a small number survived in the dense jungle along Prairie Creek. In 1936, Newton Drury asked me to try to get a picture of one of them. All summer I searched, finding only the feet and head of one that had been killed by a poacher. Finally in October I saw my first elk, a big bull half blinded by the smoke of a forest fire.

By patrolling the Park night and day in cooperation with the local game wardens, poaching was almost eliminated. By baiting the elk with apples and keeping camera fans from scaring them back into the forest, we soon had a small herd in Elk Prairie. Their number has gradually increased. As many as 150 have been counted in Elk Prairie at one time.

Some Characters To Be Found At Prairie Creek Redwoods

By R.L. Nelson, Asst. Ranger

Just to provide contrast to Prairie Creek's outstanding beauty and unquestioned value, the characters of the Park are introduced:

At the top of the list is Chief Ranger C.L. Milne. Born in New York State. Park service since 1936, from Richardson Grove to Prairie Creek.

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PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS
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Hobbies, nature study and photography, shared by wife, Marian.

Asst. Ranger Ray Nelson claims he's a New Englander, not an Easterner. Born 1917. With Parks since 1946, two years at Dyerville. Likes gardening, wood-working and wife, Linda.

Deputy Ranger Dick Brock, a native (L.A.) since 1916. Wife, Dorothy; children, Larry and Cherry, helped launch Park career in 1947 at Prairie Creek. Hobbies are model railroading, fishing and studying for next exam.

Deputy Ranger Bud Stroup, native from Folsom. Born 1921. Joined Parks in 1947, same year wife, Lucille, presented son Ronnie. Sacramento Headquarters then Prairie Creek. Fishing and hunting are his meat.

New Developments In
Park Features and Facilities

By R.L. Brock, Deputy Ranger

The first improvements at Prairie Creek were accomplished by the original homesteader, a residence, apple orchard and fencing. The original campground was completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, 36 campsites, combination building and five sets of rest rooms.

From 1938 until 1947 there were no more improvements with the exceptions of new grove acquisitions.

In the Fall of 1947 two new residences were started. These were completed in April of 1948 and occupied in June of the same year. A standard service building was started and completed in the Spring of 1948, as were a new contact station, comfort station and 26 of the new type campsites.

Improvements now pending or under construction are, a complete new water system, 32 more new campsites, rehabilitation of 20 old ones, two combination buildings and rest rooms, construction, grading and paving of campground roads, and one new residence.

The Trails of Prairie Creek
Redwoods State Park

By R.V. Stroup, Deputy Ranger

A book could be written on the trails of Prairie Creek. Prairie Creek Trail, starting at the campground and following along the stream, is very popular with the campers. Five finger ferns grow abundantly along the banks of Prairie Creek. The Giant Octopus Tree, an eight foot spruce growing over a redwood log, is along the way. Occasionally a brown bear may be seen.

Scenic James Irvine Trail leads to the ocean. Featured on this trail are the ruins of a gold mining camp of the early fifties, the Animal Burl Tree, cabins of pioneer settlers and Paul Bunyan's Wine Barrel. At the end of the trail are the Historic Gold Bluffs and Five Finger Fern Canyon.

Outstanding Redwood growths are found on the West Ridge Trail. The interesting old Brown Homestead is on the Brown Creek Trail. On the Cathedral Trail a group of over 100 trees grow from a common base. The Klamath Indian Trail and many other short trails make up approximately fifty miles of hiking at Prairie Creek.

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ANOTHER "WENCH" STORY

Remember the NEWS & VIEWS story recently about the ranger who wished to requisition a "wench"? We have another story, not related to the park system, but which comes to us because of our original story. We quote:

"From a Connecticut newspaper:

"March 22--For sale. Slightly used wench in good condition, very handy. Phone 366-R-2. A.Cartright.

"March 29--Correction. Due to an unfortunate error, Mr. Cartright's ad last week was not clear. He has an excellent winch for sale. We trust this will put an end to jokesters who phoned Mr. Cartright and greatly bothered his housekeeper, Mrs. Hargreaves, who loves with him.

"April 5--NOTICE. My WINCH is not for sale. I put a sledgehammer to it. Don't bother calling 366-R-2. I had the phone taken out. I am NOT carrying on with Mrs. Hargreaves. She merely LIVES here. A.Cartright."

By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

CALIFORNIA-LAUREL
Umbellularia californica

The dense rounded crowns of the California-laurel, dark green throughout the year, are a familiar sight in the hills, canyons, and smaller valleys throughout a large part of California. This interesting tree occurs from southwestern Oregon to the southern border of California, along the coast and in the Coast Ranges and Sierra Nevada, but not at high elevations. It reaches the best development in northwestern California and adjacent Oregon, but outstanding growth continues southward along the Coast Redwood belt.

Typically the California-laurel is from 40 to 75 feet tall, with a crown of upward-reaching branches which are normally hidden by the dense evergreen foliage. The trunks are usually 1 to 3 feet in diameter, often growing in pairs or groups close together. In this form the tree occurs abundantly along streams, and on flats, cool slopes and canyon-sides where soil moisture is adequate. On stream benches or in valleys an occasional individual reaches a much larger size than given above; a few are known which have attained a diameter (breast high) of about 10 feet. Trees of this class usually have a magnificent dome-like crown with outer branchlets sometimes hanging nearly or quite to the ground.

In the drier parts of its region California-laurel is much reduced in size, sometimes even occurring in the chaparral where it grows as a many-stemmed shrub. Another interesting form which the species exhibits is found on grassy hills along the coast; here it sometimes takes root in rock outcroppings and makes small dense thickets, often only a few feet high, their tops neatly trimmed and molded by strong winds. From a distance these may appear like small dark knobs or mounds on the bare hills where there is no other woody vegetation.

The dark green evergreen leaves are pointed, about 4 inches long by 1 inch wide. Their strong spicy odor, when crushed or torn, is a feature which makes identification of the species positive. The leaves are sometimes used for flavoring. The bark is dark brownish-gray, rather smooth when young, but on main trunks becoming checked into small neat blocks. Clusters of pale yellow flowers about ½ inch across appear among the leaves in spring. These give rise to fleshy fruits about one inch long, pale green turning purplish when ripe, each containing one large seed,--like tiny avocados, of which they are cousins. The wood is very hard and heavy, and has been used commercially for purposes requiring extreme toughness; but it is chiefly noted for its great beauty, being pale brown, sometime mottled with dark, and with very attractive grain. When freshly cut it has an aromatic odor suggesting that of the leaves, but much less strong. It is used to some extent for furniture, but very extensively, particularly in Oregon, for the manufacture of small turned articles and novelties. This industry is so important locally that at least two Oregon towns have been named for the tree.

Like many other species, this one is known popularly by several different names. Most widely known is perhaps Bay or Bay-tree. In the northwestern part of the state the name Pepperwood is widely used, and seems quite appropriate. But beyond the state line the name which supplants all others is Oregon Myrtle. This is unfortunate not so much from the geographical standpoint as from the botanical, for the species is a member of the Laurel family and is not related to Myrtle. (In a situation not unlike that of the Monterey Cypresses of our Carmel coast, local interests and manufacturers of "myrtlewood" products give out considerable misinformation, notably that the tree occurs only in Oregon; although they sometimes add "and in the Holy Land", which is pure

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STATE PARK TREES
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fiction. Doubtless many of the visitors to our northern parks arrive fresh from such "indoctrination"! The name California-laurel, derived from its scientific name Umbellularia californica, is the official common name of this species. It is sometimes written solid as one word (Californialaurel) but the two words are no longer written separately because the term Laurel should belong exclusively to another group of trees (scientifically Laurus) closely related to this.

Although seldom individually conspicuous, these trees are nearly always handsome, and are an important element both of the forest composition and of the natural landscape in a large number of our State Parks.

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HOW TO START A VACATION

Chief Ranger Bob Hatch, wife and two children departed from D.L. Bliss on February 7th for their annual vacation in the southland.

And when we say departed, we really mean departing under rough conditions.

To reach civilization from the snow bound depths of the western Lake Tahoe region, it was necessary for the Hatch family to ski and toboggan from headquarters to the lake shore, more than a mile; there take boat to a point some miles north where contact with an open highway could be made.

From there they made it by hook or by crook to Auburn, where good parents loaned them an automobile for the vacation.

Their own car is "snowed-in".

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TEA PLANT FOUND NEAR COLOMA

In the NEWS & VIEWS for January 1948, the month of the Gold Discovery Centennial, there appeared an article about "OKEI, the Japanese Princess". This told of an attempt on the part of a small group of Japanese, nearly 80 years ago, to raise tea commercially near Gold Hill, El Dorado County, only a short distance from the Gold Discovery Site. Although the plants thrived, the tea was bitter and the experiment was abandoned.

After local inquiry, Assistant Ranger Roland Geyer of Gold Discovery Site State Park located a tea plant still growing in the vicinity; and we recently visited it with him and the owner of the property. The plant had suffered considerably from past physical abuse, but had sufficient healthy growth for us to obtain a number of cuttings. These are now in Sacramento, set out for rooting.

The tea plant is a Camellia, (C. sinensis botanically), and produces attractive white flowers in considerable numbers. If the cuttings grow, it is planned to place some of these in our park at Coloma together with a note on their interesting history.. ...F. A. Meyer, Sacramento.

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Section E - Rules and Regulations. Section 5003 of the Public Resources Code includes the following

> The State Park Commission shall administer, protect and develop the State Park System for the use and enjoyment of the public. It may establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with law for the government and administration of the State Park System.

Rules and regulations adopted by the State Park Commission are recorded by the California Secretary of State and are published in the form of a printed leaflet a supply of which is available to the individual parks by request from the district offices.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As this supply is limited, you are requested to distribute copies only upon specific request. Copies of the 8½"X11" pasteboard brief of the Rules and Regulations should be posted in all public restrooms, camp cupboards and within other park buildings utilized by the public.

The mere posting of rules does not relieve you of the responsibility of explaining to park visitors that such rules serve to protect the interests of all present and future park visitors. It is our duty to inform the public of the reasons for the preservation of California's outstanding scenic, historical and recreational features.

RULES APPLYING TO PARK PERSONNEL

All published rules and regulations of the State Park System must be observed by all park personnel. Specific rules, applying to the latter, and all local regulations established by the district park authority must be observed, provided, of course, such rules do not conflict with State law.

THE PARK UNIFORM AS A SYMBOL

The State Park uniform, adopted by a majority of the field personnel, is to the public a symbol of authority in the broadest meaning of the word. When in uniform, it is to you to whom the park visitor looks for authoritative information, for help and guidance in his enjoyment of the parks or monuments. It is not enough, then, to inform him of the rules and regulations or the penalty that might be imposed for infractions of them. It is most important that you inform him of the "why"and "wherefore" of such rules, being certain that you, yourself, understand.

The dress uniform must be worn at all times when contacting the visiting public. Fatigue uniforms must be worn when performing maintenance duties for which the dress uniform is not suitable. During the winter season, when public contact is not being made, rangers may dress in clothing suitable to the task and local climate. At no time should you carelessly avoid wearing either the dress or fatigue uniform. Above all the dress uniform must be worn in it's entirety, except during hot weather, when the jacket may be removed, At such times, the official emblem and badge must be worn attached to the uniform shirt.

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We have tried, without success, to treat section E of the Field Manual less seriously. Even we, failed to see any advantage in dealing facetiously with Rules and Regulations.

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FIRST WILD IRIS AT PT. LOBOS--
DISCOVERED BY "PICKER"

The first wild iris of the season was discovered at Pt. Lobos Reserve State Park on January 30--but not until it had been picked by a visitor.

The flower was taken by the ranger and a lesson in conservation given in return. It is believed the visitor left with a clear understanding of the reason for preventing the picking of wildflowers in State Parks.

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BEN HATHAWAY'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY

The 91 year old mother of Ben Hathaway, curator at the State Indian Museum on the grounds of Sutter's Fort, died in Sacramento on Feb.15, 1949.

COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT LONG BEACH

FEB. 18, 1949

The Park Commission met in regular session in Long Beach Friday, February 18, 1949. Commissioners present were Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Charles Kasch, George Waldner and George A. Scott.

Proceedings included:

PROPOSED POPPY RESERVE--Delegation from Antelope Valley, L.A. County, appeared to ask consideration of acquisition of an area in the Antelope Valley to be known as the Poppy Reserve. Commission moved to inspect the area at a later date.

MUSEUM CONFERENCE--Delegated Commissioner Scott to represent the division at the annual conference of the American Association of Museums to be held May 19-21 in Chicago. Scott will travel at his own expense.

MONTGOMERY WOODS PLAQUE--Approved design for memorial plaque to Ralph Stearns Dyar, to be purchased by the Dyar family, and installed at Montgomery Redwoods State Park by the division. The Dyar family made a large donation for purchase of the woods.

NEXT MEETINGS--Moved to meet March 18 and 19 in Bakersfield, and April 8 and 9 in San Francisco.

RICHARDSON GROVE HIGHWAY ROUTING--Instructed staff to arrange to have a representative of the Highway Commission present at either the March or April meeting to discuss re-routing of U.S. 101 through Richardson Grove.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR INLAND RECREATION AREAS--Allocated $1,000,000 from the $5,000,000 provided by the State Legislature in 1945 for inland parks, to be set aside for use on a matching basis by counties seeking recreation areas, which have no state parks or adequate recreation facilities at present. This allocation is effective until July 1, 1951, and is above funds already allocated for specific projects now underway inland.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BEACHES--Approved a program of beach acquisition in San Luis Obispo County centered upon the area between Oceano and Avila, to include the county-owned piers at Pismo Beach and Avila; with the county to operate the new beach areas.

SAN BUENAVENTURA STATE BEACH--Directed staff to investigate addition to beach area to include four present dwellings, on a matching basis, so as to provide housing for employees.

PROPOSED SALTON SEA PARK--Heard arguments from Riverside County delegation for acquisition and operation by the state of a recreational beach on the northeast shores of the Salton Sea. Commission directed staff and Commissioner Kasch to inspect the area following the meeting. (Feb.21)

ASILOMAR BEACH ACQUISITION--Ordered staff to proceed with acquisition of approximately 7,000 feet of beach at Pacific Grove known as Asilomar Beach. Appraisals are in, matching funds and land provided, and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will operate and maintain the area.

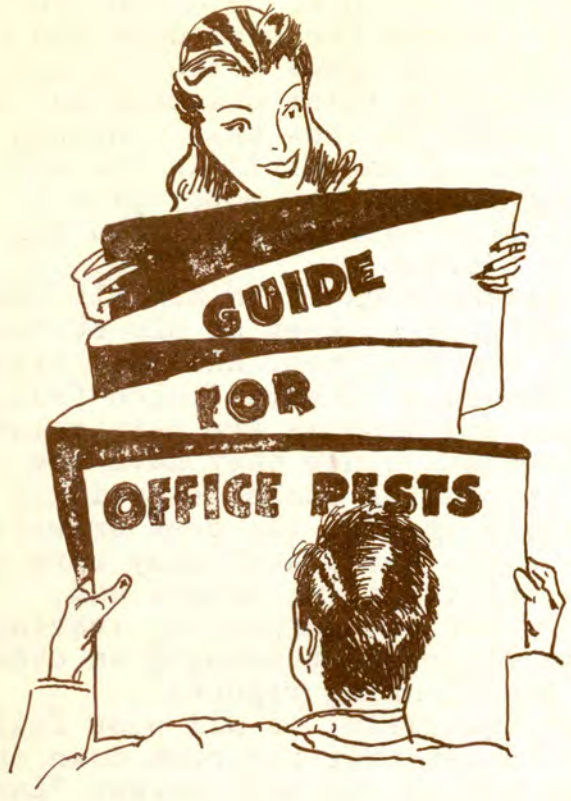
AMESTOY RANCHO--Ordered purchase of Amestoy Rancho in Los Angeles Co. for sum of $50,000, half of which is provided by the county.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--Staff instructed to proceed with appraisals and acquisition of 80 acres of redwood forest adjacent to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, matching funds to come from Save-the-Redwoods League.

SILVER STRAND BEACH--Directed staff to proceed with acquisition of narrow strip of beach adjacent to and south of Silver Strand Beach State Park in San Diego County.

FORT TEJON ADVISORY COMMITTEE--Named following to Fort Tejon State Historical Monument Advisory Committee to work with the commission:

Mrs. Georgia Sanders, Mae Saunders, A.W. Noon, Clarence Cullimore, Frank Wilkson, Frank Latta and Richard Bailey.



(Reprint-from "The Office Economist")

By Natalie A. Callahan.

There are an infinite number of ways to become unpopular with your daily associates and all of them are fairly easy methods to employ.

For example, you can always be the one who has the inside track on what's going on. You don't have to be the boss' assistant or secretary to acquire this knowledge. In fact, the chances are that they are likely to be much less intimately informed. All you need to do is drop bits of interesting information about inpending changes in personnel, salary cuts, etc., and you'll be amazed at the furore you can create. The wisdom you dispense need not necessarily be authentic, just so long as you give the impression that you are in the know.

Or you might try this method. Whenever the boss appears on the scene and requests a bit of information from the person sitting next to you, speak right up and show him that you are on your toes. It will impress him with your alertness and no doubt he will think the person to whom he originally addressed the question is a bit slow on the draw. Of course, this might be the cause of an incompatible relationship between you and your neighbor, but it should be worth it.

And let's not forget the post of office stool-pigeon. If the boss is the type who feels that he can use such assistance in keeping abreast of office politics, and your reports are given with the proper look of wide-eyed innocence and the desire to appear loyal and helpful, he may find your services invaluable. Of course, this procedure should not be used unless you have a host of acquaintances and friends on the outside, on whom you can depend for luncheon dates--otherwise you may find yourself lunching solo.

You can always be that poor character who is so weighted down with work that you require regular assistance from your fellow workers. Since they never have as much work to do as you do, it never becomes necessary for you to return the favor.

Working overtime often enough to be noticeable is a rather good approach. Too many personal telephone calls may have slowed you down during the day--or maybe you were just up late last night, but this technique is guaranteed to make the rest of the staff look like clock-watchers and is usually good for a benevolent beam from the executive department.

There is also the job of office "collector". This system involves the collection of odd sums of money from everybody in the office, for various obscure associations, charity organizations, birthday and wedding present funds and raffles. To be successful at it, your collections should be made with enough frequency to cause your associates to assume a faintly worried look whenever they see you appear. To make it really effective, be sure to start the movement to buy that little clerk in the corner a parting gift when she leaves the firm after a month's employment.

Just chattering gaily, and incessantly, about all of your personal affairs, including what a dream your date was last night, will positively guarantee groans from all within earshot. (continued on page 12)

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To insure proper timing, wait until you see the book-keeper madly trying to track down an error through yards of tape at the adding machine, then tell her all about the battle you had with the boy friend or the girlfriend. Be sure you quote verbatim when you tell what the exchange of wordage involved.

If you should happen to notice a couple of people in the next office indulging in what looks like a private bit of conversation, get in on it. It's probably something you wanted to find out about. If the conversation breaks off abruptly when you stick your nose into it, you can assume that they were probably talking about you. In such cases you immediately return to your desk and look hurt. This sort of treatment naturally makes your friends a little self-conscious and a trifle apologetic toward you-for a while anyway until they decide that your attitude is neurotic.

Getting to the office late every morning is one of the best methods going. Don't be brash about it, though. Just five or ten minutes after starting time will show everybody that you don't scare easily. In time, it will force the circulation of a general office memo, announcing disciplinary measures affecting the entire staff. And in such case, you must be sure that you are the one who gripes loudest about sweatshop practices.

In the matter of dress, a great deal can be accomplished--especially by the female of the species. Tailored suits and dresses can become terribly monotonous, even when relieved with peek-a-boo blouses and sweaters, It will, therefore, lift your morale to get out of the rut by varying the picture with some of your more dressy numbers. So, if the rest of the office force looks askance at you when you breeze in, attractively done up for the cocktail hour, with last night's corsage drooping on your shoulder, you can take the stand that they a ren't questioning the fitness of things. More likely, they are jealous of your figure or your wardrobe.

If you happen to be a man, you simply reverse the procedure and arrive with yesterday's stubble and your electric razor sticking out of your pocket to show that you mean well. And if the girls in the office haven't offered you bobby pins or volunteered hair ribbons, you don't need a haircut.

A person owes it to himself and his employer to keep up his strength during the day, too. And what better way than nice vitamin-filled fruit. Oranges and bananas are particularly recommended, since they have the most permeating odors, especially if you leave them in the desk drawers a few days. Chocolate candy bars with a low melting point aren't bad, either, for the purpose of leaving slight fingerprint smudges on otherwise neat looking reports.

For the girls, if all else fails, never forget that the room down there at the end of the hall marked "Ladies" is sanctuary. The boss will always be reluctant to question the necessity of your visits there, and some days you can catch enough cat naps this way so that you will leave the office at the end of the day feeling quite refreshed.

For the men--you can always disappear around the corner for that third cup of coffee and get the same effect.

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SHIFT FOR YOURSELF, SON--SAID
THE BIG COON TO THE LITTLE COON

State Park Naturalist Leonard Penhale reports a convention of some 20 coons honored the backyard of his home in Sky Meadows at Big Basin Redwoods one evening late in January.

The great squaller set up by the "Brother Coons" in session brought about a flashlight investigation--and it was determined that the con - vention was composed largely of many young coons from last year's litters, with a few adult animals.

Penhale deduced that the old coons were instructing the youngsters on the locations of the best "handouts" and the most "tipable" garbage cans--preparatory to putting them out to shift for themselves.

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

Assistant Ranger Ray Nelson of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks, this month offers a suggestion on how to improve campground assignment control. Here it is:

A map, two feet or more on each side, drawn to scale and painted on plywood or boards, showing roads, principal buildings (contact station, combination building, restrooms, etc.), streams, and campsites, will prove a great help to both rangers and the public.

Visitors can see at a glance what the campground looks like, and can find their way about with a minimum of directions.

Placed at the contact station, the man on duty can assign campsites immediately upon arrival of new guests, by slipping a ½" disc of rubber cut from an old inner tube, over a small finishing nail hammered into each numbered campsite, with ½" protruding.

At any time, day or night, the ranger knows exactly how full his campground is, and where the vacancies are. If a list is kept, showing license number for each campsite occupied, and the dates rentals run out, it is a simple matter to check a departing car the next morning.

Campchecks can be made quickly and accurately each afternoon before the rush, by referring to the list and the map, signing up stay-overs, and removing tabs from campsites as departing cars pass the check station.

What are your ideas, rangers? How do you do it to make things run a little smoother in your park? Send your ideas in to NEWS & VIEWS.

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Michel Jefferey and Adrian Awan, theatrical producers responsible for the centennial pageant to be staged at Fort Tejon State Historical Monument, inspected the area February 6th.

The pageant will be early this Spring.

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MORE ON "EXPLODING" OF MYTH ON MISSION TILE MANUFACTURE

Curator Jack Dyson contributes the following this month:

In case my statement about the making of mission tiles, made in NEWS & VIEWS last month, upsets too many traditions, may I refer to an article by M.R. Harrington, "The making of Tiles At the Missions", the Master Key, Vol. 1, May, 1938, No. 3.

I am planning an exhibit on adobe construction so have been doing considerable research on this type of construction.

Concerning the manufacture of tiles Mr. Harrington says, "One can picture long rows of Indians waiting with wet tiles on their legs as the tedious hours dragged by, and the tiles slowly became dry enough to handle. Mission Indians were patient under various trials and tribulations, but not that patient!

OLD MONTEREY (continued from page)

"Alas for the little town! It is not strong enough to resist the influence of the flaunting caravanseri, and the poor, quaint penniless native gentlemen of Monterey must perish, like a lower race, before the millionaire vulgarians of the Big Bonanza."

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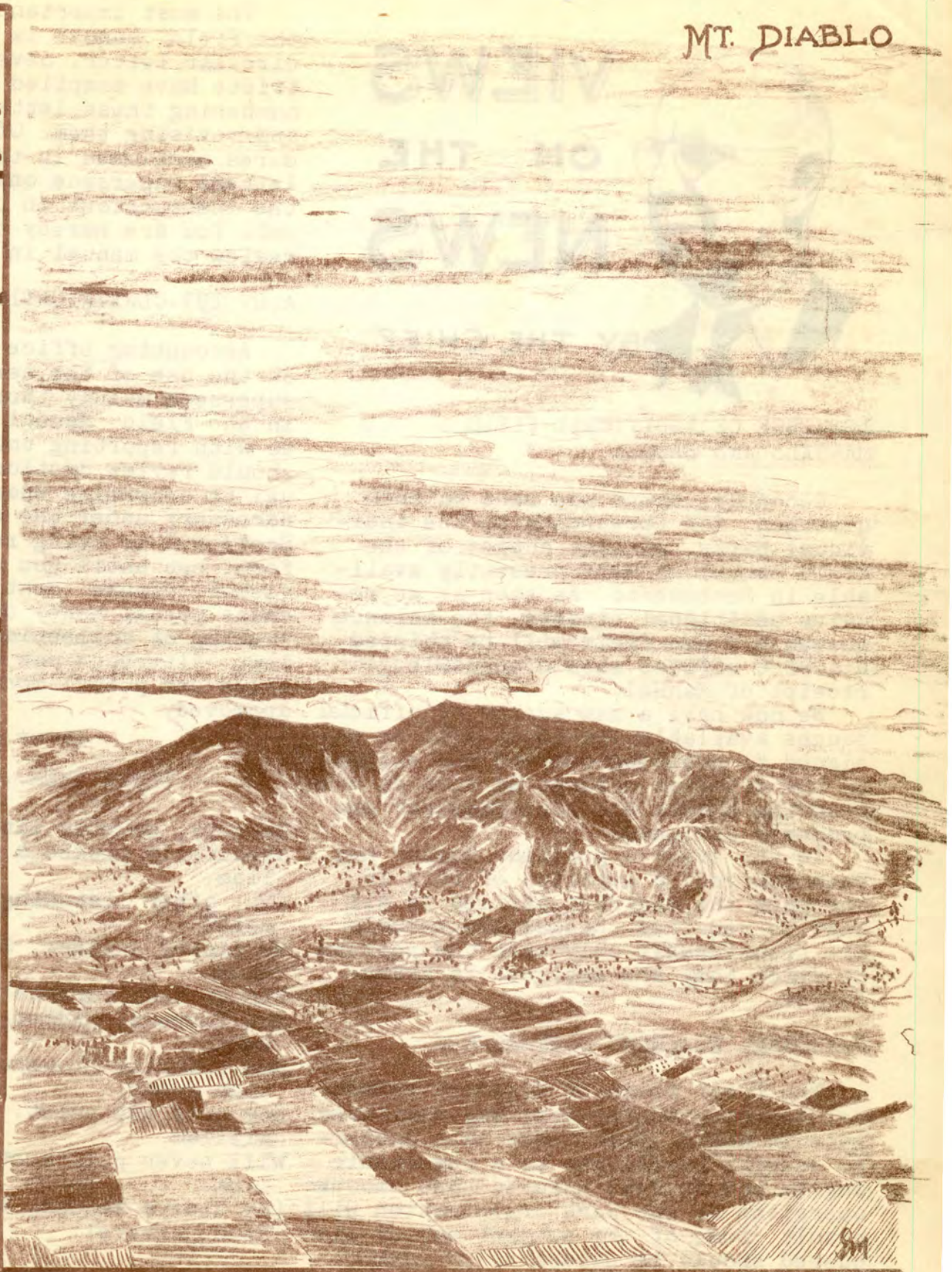

NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL FIELD MANUALS AND BADGES

Recently, there was sent to each district, for forwarding to the individual parks, as many copies of the Field Manual as were presently available in Sacramento. As soon as we receive additional binders, the balance needed for the field will be shipped. District offices should acknowledge receipt of Manual.

We now have a new supply of official badges available and these will be assigned to position numbers and shipped to the district offices as soon as outstanding badges are accounted for and properly assigned.

In the event a position number has been changed, a notation of this in the park and district offices is all that is required. Badges and Manuals are transferable only when the position to which they are assigned is transferred.

PERSONNEL TRAINING CONFERENCES

The first round of district personnel training conferences was completed late in March. Park heads have mastered general procedures to a remarkable degree and we feel assured that smoother operation of our park organization will result. Some of the subject matter discussed should be passed on to park staffs. At present we are planning a second round of conferences which will emphasize visitor services, maintenance standards and public relations.

DISTRICT CIRCULAR LETTERS

The most important supplement to the Field Manual is the district circular letter. Several of the districts have compiled a system of numbering these letters, binding and revising them. Often the procedures mentioned in the circular letters supersede only a portion of the instructions in the Field Manual. You are hereby cautioned to review the manual in such instances.

A.O. 197-CLARIFICATION

Accounting office instructions on the use of the new form AO 197 supersede mainly those instructions in the Field Manual that have to do with reporting collections. You should review Section G of the Manual to determine what changes are necessary under the new instructions. Section G is being revised to conform, but until you receive the revision, please continue to purchase postal money orders when the banking of collections is inconvenient. Alternate use of bank deposit slips and postal money orders is approved.

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TEACH THEM..EARLY!

Naughty, naughty little William
Stealthily picked a State Park Trillium
AND, after listening to a nature guide
He picked another. Mom tanned his hide
For an hour forbade him conversation
How flowers, picked, can never make seeds
And thinking flowers must prettier than weeds,
Boy gets the point. Now dear little William
Will never pick another park trillium.
(By Gladys Watson, Northwest District Headquarters)

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THE COVER....

Don Marty's sketch from an original air photo of Mt. Diablo, taken at 10,000 feet from a point north of the mountain over Suisun Bay.

KNOW YOUR PARKS

MT. DIABLO STATE PARK

Mt. Diablo State Park was established in 1931. Funds for the purchase were derived from State Park Bonds, and gifts from Contra Costa County, Mt. Diablo Company, Ltd., Sierra Club, Contra Costa Hills Club, California Alpine Club, and the San Ramon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The park is located 35 miles northeast of Oakland, via Walnut Creek and Danville. Acreage is 2,084, primarily from the summit down the southerly slopes of the mountain.

THE PARK TODAY.... by Ray G. Bassett, Chief Ranger:

Attendance at Mt. Diablo State Park in 1948 set a new record of 123,785, compared to 98,012 in 1947. A steady attendance growth has been recorded since 1934, when records show an attendance figure of 54,300.

Many facilities have been added to the park, year by year, to make it an outstanding State Park.

Mt. Diablo has 39 areas developed for outdoor recreation, consisting of 56 camp sites, with running water, camp stoves, permanent tables, food cupboards, drinking fountains, sinks, etc.; and picnic areas, scattered over a 7 mile space, with tables, fireplaces, and water, will accomodate 2,270 persons at one time.

There are organization units, one of which will accommodate 350 persons, another for 100 persons. They are equipped with tables and barbecue pits. Restrooms placed about the park total 48. Other structures include eight houses for employees, one bachelor apartment, one workshop, one storage shed, one equipment shed, and a museum building at the summit not yet complete.

New facilities to be added this year include: One two-car garage, one office and contact station, two kiosks at the gate houses, two new-type rest rooms, two 5,000 gallon water tanks. These tanks will complete our water system, giving us 213,100 gallons in storage at all times, fed by 19 springs with approximately 35 miles of water lines.

One new camp area is being developed for Boy Scouts, with a capacity of 90 boys with leaders.

The Sentinel Rock, the old Indian lookout, is being made safe with steps cut into the rock, and a handrail. Several miles of riding and hiking trails are being added.

From the summit of Mt. Diablo one can view a larger area of land and water than from any other spot in the United States. Other features include 400 varieties of trees, flowers and shrubs, including 300 year old live

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MT. DIABLO STATE PARK
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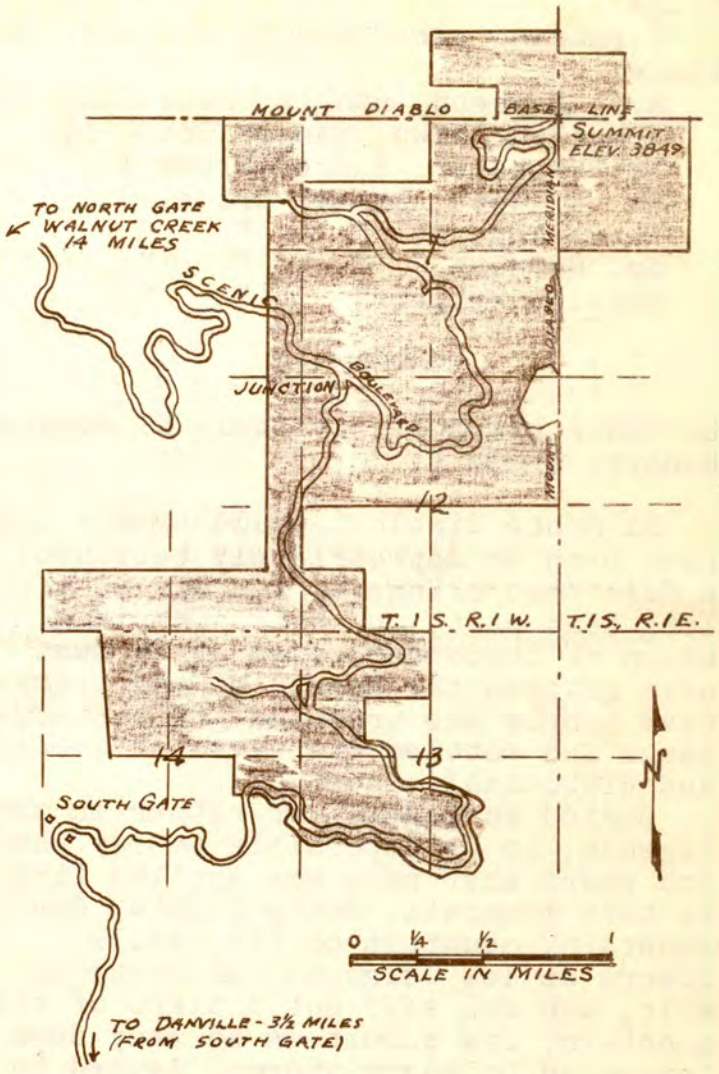

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oak trees; sand caves, and an extensive system of riding and hiking trails.

Permanent personnel at the park include:

R.G. Bassett, Ranger Grade III.
Franklyn Brown, Ranger Grade II.
Wm. Haussler, Ranger Grade II.
Wm. E. Gott, Ranger Grade I.
Lewis Rogers, " " "
Wm. Parsons, " " "
Charles Mehlert" " ".

EL MONTE DIABLO!! by Lewis G. Rogers, Ranger, Grade I:

El Monte Diablo...could ever a name have been so appropriately bestowed? A name that brings up visions of a long dead past, and stirs the imagination of thousands, even as it must have gripped the hearts of the primitive people who traveled its tortuous paths and battled its devilish storms and diabolical moods.

Buried in legend, or rather in many legends, it is impossible to say when and where that name was applied first to this mountain. Monte Diablo, devils mountain, mountain of the devils, Sierra de los Golgones, El Monte Diablo, who can say? But a sight of this mountain, its summit on so many days tormented by angry storms, lashed by wintry gales, wracked by lightning, burned by a fiery sun of long summer days, is sufficient reason to believe that the ancients considered it the home of devils.

Truly a land of ever changing whims...one day an ominous, forbidding region...the next an Alpine glory... crowned by a mantle of white from its lofty summit, even down to the very edge of the green valleys below.

Truly in the making, in the long distant past, when the Creator raised this land from the depths of the sea, Diablo must have been an awe inspiring sight, and so the geologists tell us. Thousands of feet higher than its impressive height of today even, layers of the ocean floor standing on end, and piled high into the sky. A veritable paradise now for the artist with brush and paint...for the scholar who would study the story of the earth in the pages unfolded before him...for the primitive people who lived in its shadows, a place of evil spirits, a place to be avoided.

Even so today after thousands upon thousands of years have loosed upon its summit their torrents, their raging blizzards, Diablo still inspires as we stand and gaze into rugged chasms at our feet, or off over a vista of thousands of square miles of fertile valleys, winding rivers and towering mountain ranges. No other spot on earth, it is claimed by some, offers such a sight. Is it any wonder than that we cannot stand here, and not have creep into our souls a feeling of awe and reverence, akin to that same awe we feel when standing beneath a Giant Sequoia, or when gazing at the mighty sweep of the ocean as it surges against rocky shores?

There comes a feeling that here a mighty hand has been at work, shaping and molding a work far beyond our limited comprehension...for a purpose at which, at best, we can only guess.

Yes...Mt. Diablo must so appeal to many...as witness the thousands who yearly come to visit. Perhaps they come only to play, only to look, but deep in their hearts still lives the old feeling of worship and reverence, the same old feeling that stirred the people of those by-gone ages.

We who are privileged to live and work here also share in this feeling for this strange land...a land set apart for future generations to have and to hold, not to be despoiled, as well as for the thousands now living, who find here within a few minutes of their homes a rugged wilderness of unsurpassed beauty.

Yes, we feel privileged to be able to live and work here, even though at times we are tempted to call this land, as did the ancients,....El Monte Diablo!!!

(Editor's Note: Definition of name, from "1,000 California Place Names", University of California Press--

"Diablo, dee-ah-bloh. The name Monte del Diablo (devil's grove) for an Indian rancheria was recorded about 1824, and was given to a land

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By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

INTRODUCING THE PINES

To many persons, any cone-bearing or "evergreen" tree is a "pine". This serves to emphasize the fact that the pines, even in the narrower correct sense of the term, are among the best known trees in the world; they also rank high in both beauty and utility. Actually, the cone-bearing trees, properly known as conifers, and their closest relatives, are members of at least five different families, using the term "family" in the strict botanical sense, and occur almost throughout the world. Four of these families are represented by species native to California,--the pine, cypress, redwood, and yew families. The pine family alone includes not only the true pines, but also the firs, spruces, hemlocks, Douglasfirs, and several other groups less well known. Cypresses, junipers, and so-called "cedars" are members of the cypress family.

The pines themselves are known scientifically as PINUS (pronounced py-nus). There are over eighty different species, found throughout the northern hemisphere; but nearly twenty of these are native to California. There is a very wide range in the size, form of growth, type of cones, and other characteristics, as might be expected in a group this large; but these differences make it easier to tell the species apart by observation.

The needle-like leaves grow in clusters or "bundles" of 2,3, or 5. Only one kind has leaves in 4s, and one other has single leaves; both are forms of the "pinyon" or nut-pine and both occur in certain parts of the Southern California mountains. The number of leaves per bundle is important in distinguishing between species. The cones range from about an inch to nearly 2 ft. in length, and up to several pounds in weight; and their woody scales may be thin and wafer-like or much thickened, and either smooth or armed with prickles, stout points, or long sharp hooks.

The pines are sometimes divided into two sub-groups: The hard, pitch, or yellow pines, having heavy pitchy wood, generally prickly cones, and leaves in 2s or 3s; and the soft or white pines, with light satiny wood, smooth cones, and leaves mostly in 5s. On getting better acquainted with the different kinds of pines one can notice that there are several small groups within which the species are similar and more closely related to each other than to species outside the group.

DIGGER PINE (Pinus sabiniana)

The Digger Pine is so singularly characteristic in appearance that it is always easily recognizable. Instead of having one main trunk continuing upward through the tree, as most pines typically and traditionally do, the stem of this species nearly always divides, about midway

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of its 50 to 80 foot height, into several steeply-ascending branches of about equal size, making a broom-like or rounded crown. Furthermore, the tree usually leans, or is otherwise unsymmetrical in shape. The foliage is very pale in color, sometimes more gray than green, and so very sparse that it seldom casts a dense shadow,--"scarcely mitigates the stroke of the California sun", as one travel author said.

The leaves of Digger Pine are 3 in a cluster, 8 to 10 inches long, very slender and noticeably drooping. The heavy cones are 5 to 9 inches long, about 2/3 as wide when open, and armed with stout hooks. Because of the tree's sparse foliage, the cones are conspicuously visible along the main branches. The seeds or nuts are about 3/4 inch long,--perhaps larger than those of any other pine,--and are quite delicious (but don't try to crack the hard shells with your teeth!) The tree received its name because the seeds were a staple article of diet for the Digger Indians.

Digger Pine occurs in the hot dry foothills and lower mountain slopes of interior California, distributed in the inner Coast Ranges and Sierra foothills in a huge irregular oval surrounding the Great Central Valley, and south as far as northern Los Angeles County. It is confined entirely to California, in its natural distribution.

On Mt. Diablo Digger Pine is common at middle elevations, and is the only pine ordinarily noticed by visitors there. It has a close relative, the Coulter Pine, which is typically a Southern California tree but extends northward in the inner Coast Ranges to reach its northern limit in the vicinity of Mt. Diablo. Pinus coulteri occurs sparingly on the north side of the Mountain, and also in the nearby hills toward Antioch near the old ghost coal-mining towns of Nortonville and Somersville. Coulter Pine has huge cones and dense foliage.

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CHIEF RANGER WILSON RECUPERATING

Chief Ranger R.A. Wilson of Point Lobos Reserve is out of the hospital and is convalescing at home.

SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN STATE PARKS

The following summary of construction progress in State Parks, out of funds appropriated in the 1946-47, 1947-48, and 1948-49 Fiscal Budgets, has been prepared and issued by Col. E.C. Kelton, division engineering officer:

Total work placed, Jan. 1, 1947 to February 28, 1949: $4,149,019.99.

Work completed in February from 1946-47 funds, $6,338; total work completed to date from 1946-47 funds, $1,975,437.35.

1947-48 funds, work completed in February, $54,070.40; total work completed to date, $1,648,890.30.

1948-49 funds, total work placed as of January 31, 1949, $273,365.68; work placed in February, $101,448.91. Total work placed as of February 28, $374,814.89.

Work placed through Department of Public Works, as of January 31, 1949, $121,368.25; work placed in February, $38,509.50; total work placed as of February 28, 1949, $159,877.75.

As of February 28, 1949, the Division of Beaches and Parks had 149 active Form 2 Agreements in force. These total $932,369.45. During the month of February, 12 contracts totaling $44,172.68 were completed and accepted by the Division.

Up to March 25, 1949, 27 new contracts were let and the contractors notified to proceed. These totaled $180,130.46. There are 11 more contracts in process, totaling $87,157.

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JOHN HENNESSEY INJURES FOOT ON RUSTY NAIL AT FORT TEJON

State Park Lands Officer John Hennessey, while inspecting Fort Tejon with the Park Commission on March 18, pierced his foot with a rusty nail, necessitating precautionary injections of penicillin.

Mr. Hennessey is back to work, and is being subjected to quips relative to measures some men will go to, to get some iron in their system.

COLUMBIA RESTORATION PLAN STAFF BEGINS WORK

The first contingent of a special staff to develop a Master Plan of Restoration for Columbia Historic State Park, went to work at the park this month.

The crew consists of Stephen Wardwell, assistant landscape architect, (in charge), William T. Frazier, junior civil engineer, and William W. Campbell, delineator.

In line with this new activity we present below a memorandum on the present status (March 16, 1949) of the Columbia Historic State Park Project:

Acquisition. Approximately 80% of the property originally proposed for acquisition by Frederick Law Olmsted in his official report on the Columbia project to the State Park Commission has been acquired. While State funds are available to complete the acquisition program recommended by Mr. Olmsted, delay has been occasioned by the lack of available matching funds. Assurance has been given, however, that additional matching funds will be forthcoming prior to July 1, 1949.

Historical Survey. As per statutory prerequisite, the historical survey prepared by Dr. V. Aubrey Neasham, Historian, has been completed and includes recommendations for a master plan for the development of Columbia. In his report Dr. Neasham has recommended the acquisition of an area outside of that delineated by Mr. Olmsted and the State Park Commission has approved an acquisition plan that would include either the necessary acquisitions or easements.

Master Plan. The second phase of the restoration project, which embodies the preparation of a complete restoration plan, is presently going forward. A staff has been provided and some members of this staff are presently carrying on structural investigations.

Restoration of Historic Structures. To date the only historical building restoration completed is that of the Knapp Building, which will be fitted up as a park office and public museum. A public comfort station also has been built. Restoration of the Knapp building was effected primarily to ascertain the method or procedure for later application to the restoration of other historic structures in Columbia. One of the large problems of restoration is that repairs and reconstruction must conform to public safety and health standards as well as to modern building laws. This requires that a special detailed study be made of the construction of each individual building.

Development and Operation. Plans are being developed for construction of entire new and adequate water and sewerage systems for the park area. This will provide service to the community as well as park facilities and add to the fire protection of the area. Additional fire fighting equipment has been purchased and crews of men adequately trained in the use of such equipment furnished. At present Columbia Historic State Park has a full-time permanent staff of seven employees. One of these is assigned to full-time maintenance and operation of the recently purchased water system. Two are curators of historic monuments and are presently segregating and cataloging artifacts. Individuals of this classification also serve the public information purposes. The four other employees are state park rangers who perform the maintenance and operational functions of the park, including fire protection and police duties.

It is the aim of this Division to properly develop and administer the Columbia Historic State Park so that it will be preserved as an outstanding historical monument for this and future generations.

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RED CROSS CLASSES START AT BIG BASIN REDWOODS

Red Cross First Aid classes were commenced in the recreation hall at Big Basin Redwoods State Park this month.

Approximately 20 park employees, with some wives, are attending. The course will be 18 hours, consisting of nine two-hour classes, on Monday and Wednesday nights.

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Section J - Distribution of Forms

In this modern world, an individual's association with forms begins at birth (the birth certificate--without which many later forms would not be complete) and continues unto and even beyond death (last wills and testaments and legal wrangles resulting therefrom). In between, he encounters, and often is confounded by, forms of various shapes, dimensions and degrees of importance.

Some forms are devised that the individual may receive monetary returns. Others are devised that money may be taken from him. These are the primary purposes of forms. All others are subsidiary and serve as obstacles or stepping stones in the path of achievement.

FORM DIMENSIONS

Forms are dimensional through three degrees and they take up most of the fourth dimension whether it be time, space, or middle-age spread. Forms of the first dimension consist solely of the dotted line on which one signs (who reads the fine print, anyway). These include petitions and the reverse side of pay checks. Forms of the second dimension include applications for and reports on anything requiring information over and above one's signature--or a reasonable facsimile thereof. Of these, the most searching are bank loan requests and income tax blanks, both designed for taking away money after it has been received.

Three dimensional forms are readily available, often cause much difficulty, frequently are the most difficult to understand (though no others are studied more) and will always separate an individual from his money--or vice versa. This type includes racing forms (win, place and show), the feminine form(obvious) and 3-cornered diapers (may be observed on many clotheslines).

DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS

It is with forms as it is with all commodities in these modern, mass productive, industrial times. There is enough for all, but distribution is erratic. How to get the right forms to the right places, in proper order and at the correct time is the problem. Section J is intended to aid in the solution of this problem, at least for certain two-dimensional forms. You may not find Section J directly helpful with respect to forms of the third dimension, but your ability to master the two-dimensional type may result in a greater or lesser degree of success with the three-dimensional problem.

TYPES OF FORMS

In this Division, field forms are devised in accordance with the administrative, accounting and personnel functions to which they apply.

Administrative forms are sometimes associated with corpulency, probably because there appears to be so much to them.

Accounting forms are only slightly less numerous, figuratively speaking.

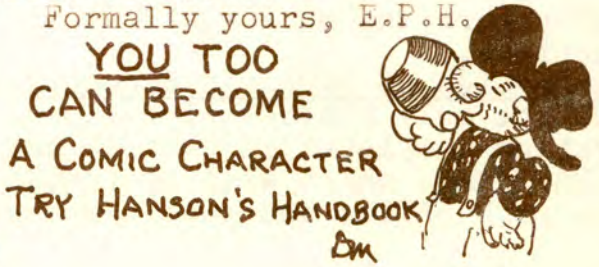
Personnel forms are of the greatest variety and are only slightly different in each case.

Forms are also numbered, some with and some without initials. Those most frequently used by this Division are initialed BP and AO. B.P. means Beaches and Parks, better prepare, be precise, be prompt and not barely presentable, or bothersome procedure. A.O means accounting office, as of and always on time and not any old time, or annoying order.

Now, go ahead and read and observe the instructions in Section J, remembering to master all forms having to do with your operations and to avoid all forms not specifically within your jurisdiction.

There is no rule, however, against a sight acquaintance with the entire field of forms.

Formally yours, E.P.H.



COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT BAKERSFIELD, MARCH 18, 1949

Two commissioners, Joseph R. Knowland, chairman, of Oakland, and Charles Kasch of Ukiah appeared for the March meeting on March 18 in Bakersfield.

Commissioner George Scott's wife underwent an operation on that day, and Commissioner George Waldner's plane was grounded due to storms. Commissioner Leo Carrillo was out of the state.

Commissioners Knowland and Kasch determined that, due to the lack of a quorum, they would serve as an advisory committee, making recommendations for action at the next meeting of the commission.

Recommendations and other actions included:

BOATING CONCESSION, MORRO BAY--Approve renewal of boating concession at Morro Bay State Park to J. Frank Minnex for one year, to April 1, 1950.

UNALLOCATED ACQUISITION MONEY--Chief Henning reported on unallocated funds authorized for acquisition of beaches and parks under Chapter 1422, Statutes of 1945. Commissioners requested staff to determine what portion of this balance should be allocated to counties inland from the actual ocean front, such as Contra Costa, Alameda, Solano, Santa Clara and Napa.

OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL AID--Recommended the official position of this division be to oppose U.S. Congress H.R. 1655, providing for federal aid to State Parks for development.

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE--Recommended approval of request to use Gold Discovery Site State Park for a centennial celebration July 2-4, 1949, with personnel to assist in policing.

MT. TAMALPAIS SUMMIT AREA--Col. Kelton reported on condition of tavern building at summit, and verbally recommended removal of building. Asked to present his written recommendation for removal at next meeting.

FORT TEJON--Officers from Kern County suggested use of prison labor in restoration work at Fort Tejon. Chief Henning recommended against such a procedure.

NEXT MEETING--The next meeting of the commission will be in San Francisco on April 8, 1949.

Following the meeting, the commissioners and staff visited Fort Tejon with members of the Fort Tejon Advisory committee, and Kern County Historical Society.

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NATURAL RESTORATION AT RICHARDSON GROVE IN HUMBOLDT

Re-naturalization of the ball diamond area north of the lodge at Richardson Grove has been effected this winter, and the ball diamond has been eliminated.

Trails have been defined in this formerly barren area, logs located to break up short-cutting, and approximately 1,000 ferns have been transplanted into the area.

Other plants being moved into the area include Box Blueberry (Huckleberry), salmon berry, seedling redwoods, dogwood, and oxalis.

Additional restoration is planned west of the lodge across the highway.

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PRUNING THE GRAPEVINE

Someone has planted a cutting that rapidly is developing into a grapevine. Its development is due, primarily to barnyard plant mix, and not as a result of nursery cultivation. At any rate the grapevine needs pruning.

There is no truth in the rumor that this Division has requested, or contemplates requesting, the establishment of a State Park Ranger Grade IV classification.

Besides, how would we designate a Grade IV---Superchief?

Well, a fellow may dream, can't he?--EPH.

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Rhododendrons now are nearing full bloom in parks of the north coast redwood area.

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

Electric trouble shooting in the middle of the night is no cinch, especially if you have to hunt up needed repair parts.

We have eliminated that difficulty here by making up an electrical "first aid" kit; a small hand box, containing a flashlight, tape, fuse-puller, test lamp, and a few of all sizes of fuses used throughout the park.

This box is kept at the park office where any employee can pick it up on a moment's notice, and be reasonably sure he has at hand the necessary ingredients for an emergency repair at any time.--Wayne Cox, Chief Ranger, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

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NEW OPINION ON EARNED VACATION PRIVILEGES

The Attorney General in opinion 48/194, dated February 9, 1949, has held that vacations may not be granted to employees until vacation privileges actually have been earned.

The conclusions reached by the Attorney General are summarized as follows:

1. After six months of service and prior to the completion of a full year, vacation must be limited to 1-1/4 days for each month served, and appointing authorities may not allow a full fifteen-day vacation with pay until earned by service of twelve months, as provided in Rule 381 of the State Personnel Board, any period of vacation taken being counted as time served.

2. If excess vacation with pay is allowed and the employee separates from State service prior to the time it has been earned, the appointing power authorizing it and the employee are personally liable to the State for salary paid for the unearned vacation taken.

All State agencies are directed to observe the findings of the Attorney General and not allow any vacation to be taken which has not been earned by actual State service prior to the date when the vacation is taken.--James S. Dean, Director, Dep. of Finance.

I C O N F E S S

By Gordon Kishbaugh, Chief Ranger
Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

In several of the past issues of NEWS & VIEWS allusions have been made regarding a requisition for a wench.

Undoubtedly the name of the author of the requisition, since it has never been mentioned, has become a subject of conversation.

I confess!

I dood it with my little typewriter, and without help from either the district or Sacramento office.

However, much to the disappointment of all rangers at Calaveras Big Trees, some ingenious person along the line correctly interpreted the order, and we received a WINCH, not a WENCH.

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CUYAMACA BEAVER COLONY APPEARS TO BE GROWING

Chief Ranger Harvey Moore comments that it is of interest to note that the beaver at Green Valley, in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, are multiplying into a large colony.

Seven beaver were counted at one time recently, and it is estimated a larger number are now present.

Nine dams have been built by the little "engineers", and trout are taking advantage of the large pools in the Sweetwater River.

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RARE BIRD OBSERVED AT PT. LOBOS

Assistant Ranger L.M. Ransom reports one of California's very rare birds, the White-Tailed Kite (Elanus leucurus majusculus), has been observed on several occasions at Point Lobos Reserve State Park this month.

This bird often is mistaken for a gull by amateur ornithologists, but once studied at close range, it is found to be one of the most spectacular gliders and soarers of all bird life.

Ralph Hoffman, in "Birds of the Pacific States" says there are not more than 50 couples of this rare species, and the number is dwindling.

THE 'BLUE JAY'

By Ken Legg,
Ranger, Grade I,
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Remember the old riddle: "When is a door not a door"? The answer to that one was "when it's ajar".

Well, here's a similar one in the bird world--when is a blue jay not a Blue Jay? And the answer is:"When it is a California Jay, or a Stellar Jay".

Technically speaking, there are no jays in California of the species known as the Blue Jay(Cyanocitta cristata). As a matter of fact, there are none west of the Rockies. The Blue Jay(note the capitalization) is the common jay of the East. It carries a top-not and is light blue and white, in color. The blue of this eastern jay is similar to the blue in our California Jay. However, the latter does not have a top-not.

It really doesn't matter, I suppose what one calls them, except that if a person just said "blue jay" he could be speaking of either of the two jays, which are blue, that inhabit this State.

Then, too, to further complicate the matter, all jays are not blue. There are green jays and grey jays. But don't get discouraged because Webster's new dictionary says that in the western states any jay which is largely blue in color is a blue jay (no capitalization). Also, in the Fish and Game Code, under predatory birds, will be found the words "blue jay".

The reason for considering the jays predators is quite clear when one becomes aware of the rascals' habits. To begin with, a jay is in the same family as the crow and the magpie, and this doesn't help him any. Then, too, for a meal there's nothing he likes better than other birds' eggs, or(and this is pretty gruesome) bird brains pecked from the skull of some luckless victim, with his strong and long beak.(Ed. Note--The Chinese like bird brains equally well).

I once saw a nearly-mature grosbeak, which had been subjected to such treatment by a Stellar Jay. The neat hole in its skull bore evidence of the manner in which it had met death.

I have seen both robin and quail nests ravaged by jays and doubtless many other nests have been destroyed. Never-the-less, I suppose this gaudy, noisy fellow has his place in Nature's scheme.

And just by way of parting--you can't call the "blue jay" a whiskey-jack, because the latter is grey.

(Editorial Note: "Birds of the Pacific States--Ralph Hoffman"states of the Stellar Jay: "Itis one of the first birds to discover a hawk perched in a tree, or an owl in its hiding place, and to proclaim its discovery with angry cries". These cries serve to warn less aggressive birds of the danger, and to some extent atones for the Stellar Jay's nest-robbing).

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ANOTHER " FATAL WEDDING"

"The Fatal Wedding", an ancient "mellerdrammer" opened on March 10 as the principal week-end attraction at the California First Theater in Monterey. It will run until June.

In June the Gold Coast Troupers will present "The Duke of Sacramento" followed by a repeat performance series of "Lola Montez".

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WOODPECKERS EATING CUYAMACA RANCHO OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME

District Superintendent William Kenyon reports that woodpeckers have literally perforated a frame residence adjacent to Stonewall Lodge, to the point that the house is very drafty and the almost constant noise during the day has become nerve-racking.

He has requested authority to stucco the house, as all other methods tried to stop the woodpeckers have failed.

How to Meet...

THE PARK VISITOR

By Keith N. Carpenter,
Ranger, Grade I
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

The topic of proper attitude by State Park Rangers towards people who use the parks is a never-ending subject discussed continually among park rangers.

The word "customer" is used entirely too often in referring to the people who use the parks. "Customer" implies a purchaser or buyer, and has a cold, mercenary sound.

We have nothing to sell in State Parks, but much to give. The word, "visitor " has warmth and feeling--so let's refer to the people as visitors, not customers.

Webster says, "A visitor is a guest or one who visits a place or thing, sometimes involving a short stay or sojourn". What better word could be used in referring to the people who use our State Parks?

The parks belong to the people--and we are custodians of their property.

Putting yourself in the other fellow's place is a pretty good rule when you are trying to figure out a course of action. Let's say that I am the park visitor. I want to be treated with respect and courtesy when I come to a State Park to camp or picnic, or to spend my vacation. You fellows are in a sense, working for me, and I feel I am entitled to this respect and consideration. I am a guest of the Division of Beaches and Parks.

If you came to my home, I would do my best to make you feel welcome..... don't you think a State Park Ranger should do as much for a park visitor?

Here are rules suggested for observance in making contacts with park visitors:

1) Meet the visitor with a smile.

2) Impress him that you are interested in his welfare, and want him to enjoy his visit.

3) Try to be helpful, not a nuisance.

4) Don't start preaching, lecturing or instructing unless circumstances truly indicate the need. If he does something to show he is a good camper, compliment him.

5) Avoid ordering him about. Guide him our way by suggestion.

6) If it is necessary to correct a visitor, make sure he understands your reasons. Leave a friendly atmosphere. If the visitor is disturbed, try to analyze how you could have made a better contact.

Let us build a good reputation as friendly,helpful rangers--not meddlesome, interfering overseers. In doing so, the people will enjoy the parks to a greater degree--and we, inturn, will enjoy the people more.

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WE STAND CORRECTED

Recently we published that new deputy rangers at Will Rogers State Park met up with a new ranger duty when they became grave-diggers for one of the late Will Rogers' old horses.

Rangers at Prairie Creek Redwoods hastened to inform us that grave digging at Prairie Creek for elk that have gone to the happy hunting ground is old stuff. This winter alone, some half dozen already have been "planted", and more are expected.

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DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS & VIEWS

News & Views no longer is being mailed to individuals by name, except in locations where a single employee is maintained.

Sufficient News & Views are mailed in bulk to cover all permanent positions assigned to each park unit.

If the bulk mail is not sufficient to cover the permanent positions, will you kindly advise us.

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MAJOR SLIDE AT VAN DAMME

A major slide occured on the canyon road at Van Damme Beach State Park, Sat. night, March 12. An estimated 800 yds. of rock and debris, and 18 trees covered 80 ft. of roadway.

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grant in 1828. It is reported that a fight between Spanish soldiers and Indians took place by a thicket near the site of what is now Pacheco, and that a grotesquely dressed Indian medicine man made the soldiers believe the devil had allied himself with the Indian band. American explorers, believing that "monte" meant "mountain", as in Italian, transferred the name to the peak").

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WAXMYRTLE FOUND AT BIG SUR

Deputy Ranger Ken Legg reports a specimen of the shrub known commonly as Waxmyrtle (Myrica californica) has been found at Pfeiffer Big Sur.

Although the park is within the normal range of this plant, this is the first sample rangers have been able to find.

Ranger Legg reports a considerable increase in flora interest has been shown on the part of Big Sur rangers since recent examinations contained such ample sections on trees and shrubs.

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SUPT. FRENCH INJURES FOOT

On March 23, E.P. French, superindent of the Northwest District, suffered a deep gash in his right foot which necessitated hospitalization and surgery. We have no late word on this accident and how French is progressing.

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RANGER INGCO INJURES FOOT

Deputy Ranger Genaro Ingco of Mt. Tamalpais State Park severed the bone and tendon of the second toe of his right foot this month, while working with a hand broad axe.

He is remaining at work, assigned to light duties.

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POINT LOBOS

Lobos the land of enchantment;
Spot where the rocks and the Sea
Waging merciless war eternal
Contend for supremacy.
The ebb and the flow of battle,
Gives each a winning hand.
The ebbing sea leaves his treasures,
Exposed on a smiling land.

The beauty of low tide treasures,
The retreating Sea leaves behind,
Cannot be painted on canvas,
Cannot be pictured in mind.
The beautiful rainbow colors,
Of the miniature life of the Sea--
Like a gem in a rough rugged setting,
Gives a charm that's enchanting to me.

When the tide of battle changes,
An enraged and maddened Sea,
Smites the rocky headland;
And roars his victory.
He tears his trophies from the cliffs
With a victor's iron hand:
He thunders through the caverns,
And shakes the mighty land.

"Ho! Ho!" He roars, as he charges on.
"Ho! Ho! Who can vanquish me?
I hold the charm of the silver moon.
That brings me VICTORY!"
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NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

VANDALISM

Recently, a number of reports of the occurrence of rather costly acts of vandalism in several of the State Parks have reached this office. In addition to making every effort to apprehend the vandals, and if possible, to prosecute, we should be constantly on the alert to prevent such acts of vandalism. In any event, provision for the additional personnel and equipment we now enjoy was in part justified on the basis of the need for frequent patrolling. It is hereby urged that all State Park areas be regularly patrolled. It may be well to keep a notebook with make, license number, and other pertinent information concerning vehicles that may be encountered during such patrols. In the event you are unable to apprehend vandals, please remember that where irreparable damage is done, a Report of Survey must be made out in which all the known facts must be recorded. We must make every effort, however, to prevent vandalism or to apprehend those who commit acts of vandalism.

STATE PARK UNIFORMS

Some time ago, the field was informed that only the new State Park dress uniforms are to be worn. The old gray uniform is no longer considered official and must not be worn as a dress uniform by Rangers. Supervisors are urged to discourage carelessness in the wearing of the State Park uniform.

MR. ED DOLDER ADVANCED TO CHIEF, CONSERVATION EDUCATION

As a result of the examination recently given to establish a list of eligibles for the position of Chief, Conservation Education in the Department of Natural Resources, Director Warren T. Hannum has indicated that he is appointing Mr. Edward F. Dolder, of this Division, to the new Departmental position as of May 1st.

While we are going to feel the loss of Ed's services with this Division, for he has developed a fine program of interpretation in the parks, we congratulate him and know that you join us in wishing him every measure of success in the new position.

Mr. Dolder originally was with the Department of Natural Resources as an Information Editor; later worked with the Division of Fish and Game, returning to that organization after his services with the Armed Forces were concluded. He later was successful in passing the examination for Supervisor of Conservation Education and was appointed to this position with the Division of Beaches and Parks on February 1, 1946. Mr. Dolder's new functions will be more in the nature of coordinating the educational programs of the several divisions of the Department of Natural Resources and assisting the State Department of Education in gathering material for conservation subjects to be introduced into the State school curricula.

Mr. Dolder's position with this Division will be filled by Elmer C. Aldrich, presently an Associate Personnel Examiner for the State Personnel Board. Mr. Aldrich comes to this Division with a wide knowledge and experience in the field of conservation, having attended the San Jose State College for several quarters and graduating with a Major in Zoology at the University of California at Berkeley in 1937. He continued graduate work there in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and received his Master's Degree in Zoology in 1939 together with Junior College and general secondary teaching credentials. During his last three years of college, Mr. Aldrich was a Ranger-Naturalist with the National Park Service during vacation periods, later being employed by the Division of Fish and Game as a Junior Economic

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DYERVILLE HAS

DAWN REDWOOD

By Gladys Watson, Stenographer
Northwest District Headquarters

An unique and most interesting exhibit has just been presented to the Dyerville Contact Station by Enoch R. French, Superintendent of Northwest District.

It is a small seedling of the Metasequoia only recently discovered in China by T. Wang, Forester, in the service of the Ministry of Agriculture of China.

When Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, Professor of Paleontology of the University of California, traveled to Central China to the site of the new discovery, he brought back with him some seeds and seedlings of this species found growing in the Valley of the Tiger near Shui-Hsa-pa.

When passing through the redwood region here in Humboldt County not long ago, Dr. Chaney presented Mr. French with some of the seedlings of this recently discovered Metasequoia. Quoting from the booklet written by Dr. Chaney, which is entitled "REDWOODS OF THE PAST", it is most interesting to read that:

"Here was a fossil come to life in the unexplored interior of Asia, a tree thought to have become extinct twenty million years before, a member of a race whose history is now known to extend back for a hundred millionsyears into the past, to the days when dinosaurs roamed over the earth. Never has there been a more dramatic discovery than the finding of this tree, now called the DAWN REDWOOD, by Forester Wang, in a remote valley of Central China."

Knowing that the tree is a rarity on this continent and believing that others as well as himself would be interested in viewing a growing Dawn Redwood, Mr. French generously presented the Dyerville Contact Station with one of the seedling trees which Dr. Chaney had given to him. Now tourists traveling through the redwoods and stopping here, can gain a visual knowledge of the physical appearance of this prehistoric tree.

Our exhibit is exactly thirteen inches in height from the point where it leaves the earth in the container, to the tip of the slender main shoot. It has grown approximately one inch in a month and is of a lighter green in color than that of the Sequoia sempervirens which it so closely resembles. The light color may be because of the fact that this is new propagation, as nearly all young, and tender growth is lighter when propagation first takes place and becomes darker in color as the plant grows.

At first glance the leaves of the Sequoia sempervirens and the Metasequoia are very similar in appearance but the dissimilarity can easily be distinguished in noting the manner in which the needles branch from the stem of the leaf. Needles of the Sequoia sempervirens branch out alternately along the leaf stem while those of the Metasequoia branch out directly opposite one another.

Our exhibit is truly a rarity and an alien among our redwoods.

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UNEXPECTED VISITOR

Mrs. Hugo Hoy, wife of Deputy Ranger Hoy of Richardson Grove, recently was sitting in the living room of her home with her three children when a large rock crashed through the roof and ceiling and landed almost at her feet.

A citizen residing adjacent to the park had just set off a blast for some construction work, and the rock had been hurled high into the air by the blast, to land in the Hoy living room.

No personal injuries resulted.

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HAPPY DAY FOR CARPINTERIA--
BEACH CLEANER ARRIVES

The new mechanical beach cleaner for Carpinteria Beach State Park arrived on April 4, and Chief Ranger Al Salzgeber reports the machine to be a great saver of man-hours.

Deputy Ranger Raymond B. Vind will be in complete charge of operation and maintenance of the machine.

COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 8, 1949

The State Park Commission met in San Francisco on April 8, 1949. Commissioners present were Joseph R. Knowland, chairman; Charles Kasch, and George Waldner.

Actions included:

CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK--State Senator Edwin J. Regan appeared on behalf of the Castle Creek Lumber Company seeking permit to reroute lumber road through park. Senator Regan stated the road would be realigned by the company and then turned over to the county as a public road. Commission empowered Director of Natural Resources to investigate and take final action.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS LUMBER ROAD--President Joseph J. Pachot of the Big Trees Lumber Company, operating adjacent to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, requested extension of May 15 closing date on access road through the park. This road was opened as war emergency, and the commission has set May 15, 1949, as final date for use by lumbering companies.

It was pointed out that another company has filed suit for a restraining order against the park commission on this matter. No action was taken.

RICHARDSON GROVE HIGHWAY REROUTING--Representatives from Division of Highways discussed re-alignment of Redwood Highway into four-lane highway in upper area of park. The commission was informed that funds would not be available for any work until after July 1, 1951. Opposition was expressed by commission to four-lane construction through redwood groves. The matter has been referred back to staff for further discussion with with Division of Highways.

MASONIC LODGE AT COLUMBIA--Approved agreement with Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California, for lease to the order of the site in Columbia Historic State Park of the original masonic lodge. The Grand Lodge plans to reconstruct this lodge.

SANTA BARBARA BEACH OPERATION--Approved lease agreement with county of Santa Barbara whereby county will operate and maintain new state beaches at Hendry's Beach and Point Sal.

SEISMOGRAPHIC SURVEYS--Granted permit to Standard Oil Company to go across state beaches in the making of a seismographic survey, provided that all shot holes be back-filled and tamped, and the surface be restored with reasonable approximation to its original condition.

CARPINTERIA BEACH--Due to continued pollution from sewage of City of Carpinteria, it was decided not to operate a dining, grocery, and novelty concession at Carpinteria Beach State Park in 1949.

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK--Approved naming of old CCC camp areas as Camp Alice Eastwood, in honor of Miss Alice Eastwood, curator emeritus of botany at the California Academy of Sciences, and longtime resident of Marin Co.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS--Discussed disposal of present concession building at termination of concession lease on Feb. 28, 1950. It was recommended that all concession features be removed, and that the building be remodeled into a large recreation hall. Referred to engineering section for further study.

RIDING TRAIL CONSTRUCTION--Approved agreement with U.S. Forest Service in which State Park Commission will provide $19,000 for construction of additional units of the State Riding & Hiking Trail through the Plumas National Forest.

RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE--Accepted resignations of Capt. Hamilton McCoy and Edward Fellows from committee, and appointed Dan L. Beebe, of Oroville, and Roscoe Hazzard of San Diego.

NEXT MEETING--Set for San Francisco, May 20-21, 1949.

HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Section F - Personnel

By this time all of you are aware of the five-day work week. Or haven't you heard? The five-day work week was granted in order that you may have more time off in which to spend more money for divertissements that make it more difficult to start the next five-day work week.

In addition to two regular days off each week, there are holidays with which to break the monotony of the five-day work week. Since you are employed in an organization dedicated to serving the public's pleasure on their regular days off and holidays, there are times when you must postpone your holidays. At some later season you may be granted compensating time off for holidays you have worked. This arrangement further breaks up the monotony of the five-day work week.

At some time during the year you are entitled to fifteen working days of vacation. This eliminates three whole five-day work weeks. That is the time when you can get back at some of those who made it possible for you to work on your holidays during their vacations. Some fun!

Salaries are mentioned in Section F of the Field Manual, but only incidentally. Deductions for Uncle Sugar, your old age retirement, the fine hacienda in which you are housed, etc., etc., serve to belie the figure that is quoted as the salary for your classification. Any similarity between take-home pay and your official salary is purely a cashier's mistake.

Should the amount of take-home pay sicken you, the State provides for sick leave. You'd best put a more valid reason on your Request for Sick Leave, however. In the event of injury in the line of duty, a proper report of injury must be submitted within 24 hours, whether or not you have regained consciousness within that time. The State Compensation Insurance Fund furnishes minimum care and compensation for the time lost due to injuries of this type, after a seven-day waiting period, during which a permanent employee is entitled to sick leave.

May we call your attention to the typical tasks of a Grade I ranger, as stated in Section F--especially the last sentence which reads, "and doing other work as required". That could cover a lot of situations, and believe me, rangers, it does--including 24 hours on call for each of the five-days in a work week. This further breaks up the monotony (Ed note: how about breaking up this monotony?)

All in all, you have a fine job, good healthy out-of-doors living, a maximum of privileges and advantages and a regular pay check. Besides, are you a ranger, the hero of small boys, the heart-throb of young ladies, the local police, fire and health department and a one-man chamber of commerce for your park? You're not? We'll have to rewrite those typical tasks!

We realize Section F is sadly out of date, and are therefore trying to revise it. It is difficult to keep up to date in this however, because policies and procedures are constantly being revised by the State Personnel Board, which is constantly under pressure to further break up the monotony--(oh, shucks!) to keep the personality in personnel.

Personnely yours, E.P.H.

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VISCAINO OAK REPLACEMENT

Soldiers from the Presidio at Monterey early this month, working under the direction of a Monterey city gardener, transplanted a Live Oak to the site of the former Viscaino Oak at the Junipero Serra State Historical Monument in Monterey.

The oak has a trunk diameter of eight inches, and is 15 feet high.

Considerable landscaping is underway, to make this area one of the scenic show places of Monterey.

KNOW YOUR PARKS.....

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK

By J. W. Calvert, Chief Ranger

Anza Desert State Park is the only desert area now in the California State Park System. It is also the largest park in area, containing about 408,000 acres of land.

This park was acquired through the efforts of Newton B. Drury, now Director of the National Park Service, and parcels were acquired from Geo. Marston, Louis T. Busch and Ralph Jasper. Most of the park was acquired from the U.S. General Land Office.

There are many interesting features in the park. It has bad lands, 180 acres of Concretians, an oasis at Seventeen Palms, Split Mountain, a miniature Zion National Park at Deguynos Canyon, mountain peaks and dry washes. There are several canyons containing water and where the native palms, Washingtonia filifera, grow. These are Borrego Palm Canyon, Cougar, Hell Hole, Indian Gulch, Thousand Palm, Cane Brake, Mt. Palm and Springs Canyons.

Of the 2600 varieties of wild flowers found in California, over 600 are found in this area which extends from sea level near the Salton Sea to about 6,000 ft. in elevation. These include many rare ones such as Elephant Trees, Desert Ayenia, and Crossosoma, or Rock Flowers. There are many beautiful shrubs such as Ocotillo, Smoke Tree, Desert Willow, Indigo Bush, Creosote Bush, Chuparosa, and Encelias. When the rainfall is normal the park is a carpet of beautiful color. These colors change with the flowers, white, red, yellow, or blue.

There are few gems for rock collectors, although San Diego County is famous for its abundance of gems.

Borrego was named for the lamb of the Big Horn Sheep. People hiking up Palm Canyon from the headquarters have reported seeing them in groups of 3, 5, and 12. State Department of Agriculture men spraying wild grapes were even able to fondle one of the lambs. The ewe took it back and these men saw this group several times.

The season of Anza Desert is reversed from other parks. The Fall, Winter and Spring are the busy times. Although school is in session there are many visitors over the weekends and holidays. People with colds, sinus trouble and asthma find the warm dry climate here very beneficial and come here in the Summer also. Last year there were over 2,000 visitors here from June until September.

Borrego Valley was first discovered by the Juan Bautista De Anza Expedition coming overland from Mexico to establish what is now San Francisco. The first white child born in California was born in the park up in Coyote Canyon at the Middle Group of Willows, December 24, 1775.

Part of the old Butterfield Stage Route through Carrizo is in the park. This was known as the "Jackass Mail Route" and started in St. Louis.

Within the boundaries of Anza Desert State Park are many islands of privately-owned land. Some of this land was homesteaded in early days, and other parts were railroad lands that have been bought up. As there is very little gold in these mountains, this country was passed up by the early prospectors. Some of the land that was homesteaded has been sold and there has been several real estate booms here. The Di Georgio Fruit Co. has planted over 1,000,000 grapevines and harvested eleven carloads of Thompson Seedless grapes two weeks earlier than the Coachella Valley last year, from three year old vines. This company is responsible for bringing in electricity to the valley and thus make the pumping of water cheaper. The Ensign Ranch raises dates and some of these date palms are 20 years old.

There are many birds in the park and many visitors come to see them. The birds include dove, quail and chukar partridges, and many small birds. Many birds come here on their migrations northward. The Costa and Allen Hummingbirds are our most

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common hummingbirds.

There are three large ramadas and twelve small ramadas for camping and picnicking. A new ranger residence, thirty trailer units, thirty-seven camping units, combination buildings, comfort stations and an office are under construction now.

There is a swimming pool and it is kept open with fresh water in it all summer for people to enjoy. A fine trail of one mile leads up Palm Canyon to the first group of palms. There are a bout 100 adult palms in this group. The palms extend up the canyon. We have hiked up the canyon about six miles and counted over 750 adult palms.

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PARK PERSONNEL--

By Mrs. J. W. Calvert

J. W. CALVERT is the Chief Ranger in charge of Anza Desert State Park. He was born in California and attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He was in the first World War. He was a District Ranger with the U.S.F.S. serving on the Sierra and Angeles National Forests.

He first came to Borrego Valley in March, 1919, and helped Eslie Wynn dig one of the first wells here. They had to go down twelve feet for all the water needed. As there was only one road and no gasoline service stations, he had to walk to Verugo, at the head of Montezuma Valley. There he was given a ride to Warner's Hot Springs by a cattleman, Ralph Jasper. Mr. Jasper has a grazing concession in the park at the present time.

Calvert first came into the State Park service in 1936. He served at Big Basin. He was sent to Lake Tahoe in charge of the two parks and Donner Monument. He opened the D.L.Bliss State Park. He opened the Anza Desert State Park in the winter of 1936-37. He went back and forth for many years --Anza in the Winter and Tahoe in the Summer. During the second World War he was sent to La Purisima Mission State Historical Monument, transferring back to Anza Desert in 1946. Of all the parks where he has served, he really loves Anza Desert best.

His hobbies are collecting mouth-blown whiskey and wine bottles of the Mother Lode area, rocks, square nails and oxen shoes. He enjoys trout fishing. Among his hobbies is learning California history first hand by his many visits to the Mother Lode and Comstock Lode country.

DEPUTY RANGER JOHN B. PERRIN was born in California. He entered State Park service in 1944 at Big Basin, and then was transferred to Big Sur. He resigned a year later to enter school. He re-entered park service in December, 1948, coming to Anza Desert State Park. His wife, Lucille, is with him at the park.

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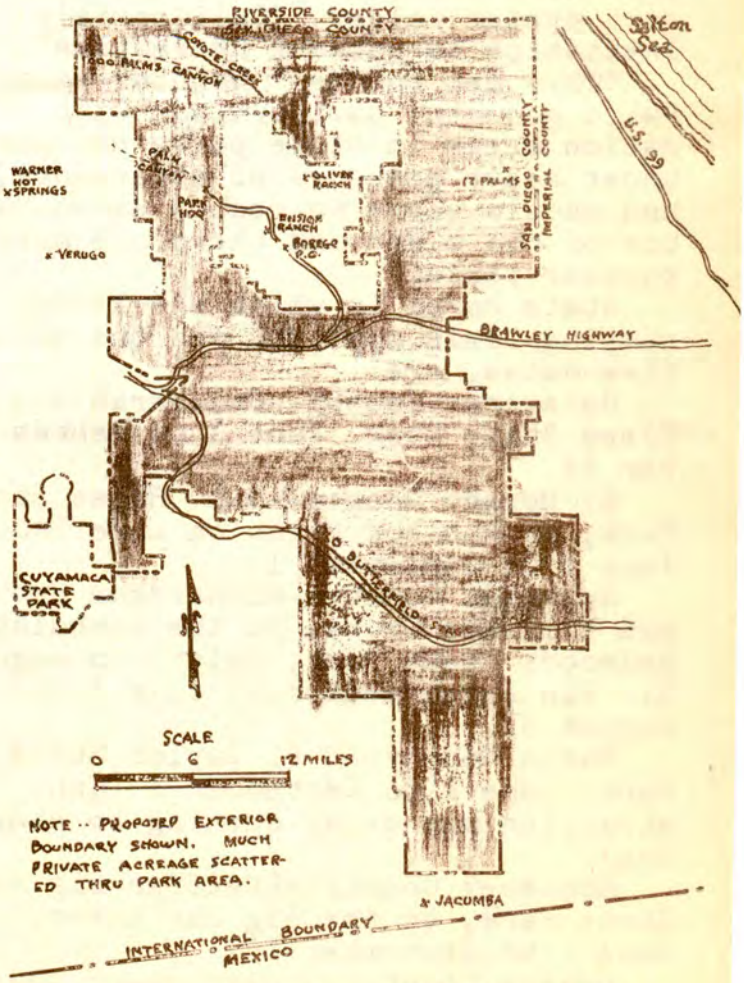

ANZA DESERT STATE PARK

CHIEF DESIGNATES PARKS WITH 15-DAY CAMPING LIMITS

Fifteen-day camping limits again will be set in major camping areas of the California State Park System for the 1949 summer season to assure camping opportunities to a maximum number of individuals.

A.E. Henning, chief of the State Division of Beaches and Parks, has announced the restricted camping period again will be necessary because of increased park attendance already evidenced this year ahead of the heavy summer period.

To protect the valuable state park areas from damage, Henning has instructed state park rangers to permit camping only to the extent of available facilities.

In a press release to California newspapers, he urged Californians interested in learning more about their park system to write to the office of the Division of Beaches and Parks for a copy of a new state park system folder, "California's Invitation to Outdoor Recreation".

"This new folder," Henning said, "will acquaint Californians with vacation areas in State parks not now under heavy pressure of attendance, and should serve to reduce excessive use of the older and therefore more popular parks."

State Parks in which the 15-day camping limit applies, and the effective dates, are:

Calaveras County--Calaveras Big Trees State Park, June 1 to September 15.

El Dorado County--D.L. Bliss State Park, at Rubicon Point on Lake Tahoe: June 1 to September 1.

Humboldt County--Richardson Grove and Williams Grove, in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park, July 1 to August 31; Van Duzen Redwoods, July 1 to August 31.

Marin County--S.P. Taylor State Park, June 1 to September 1 (Construction may delay opening to camping).

Monterey County--Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, on the Big Sur River, June 1 to September 15.

Orange County--Doheny Beach and San Clemente Beach state parks, June 1 to September 7.

Placer County--Tahoe Campground, June 1 to September 1.

San Luis Obispo County--Morro Bay and Pismo Beach state parks, June 15 to September 15.

Santa Barbara County--Carpinteria Beach State Park, June 1 to September 15.

Santa Cruz County--Big Basin Redwoods State Park, June 1 to September 1. Seacliff Beach State Park, June 1 to September 15.

Sonoma County--Armstrong Redwoods State Park, June 1 to September 15.

All other parks in the State System are included under a maximum camping limit of 30 days per calendar year.

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RECOMMENDED READING

For a new approach to the problem of popularizing conservation practices, we recommend you read:

Report No. 4 of the Public Affairs Institute, entitled "Our Conservation Job" by Stephen Raushenbush.

The book is available at 50 cents a copy, from Public Affairs Institute, 312 Pennsylvania Avenue, South East, Washington, D. C.

It is a thought-provoking publication.

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TROUT PLANTING AT CUYAMACA RANCHO

The State Division of Fish and Game on April 12 planted a large number of young trout in the Sweetwater River at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

The planting was done adjacent to Green Valley Falls Campground, in and near the numerous ponds created by beaver planted several years ago.

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WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGER

Although details are lacking, because only basic information was supplied in the exemption form filed with the division this month, we understand Deputy Ranger and Mrs. John E. Dixon have increased their family by one--a very young daughter. They are stationed at New Brighton Beach State Park.

VIEWS ON THE NEWS
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Biologist from which position he left to enter the U.S. Navy in 1942. Returning from the Service in 1946, he was employed by the State Personnel Board as a Veterans' Recruitment and Personnel Representative, advancing to the Examination Staff to write examinations in the biological sciences and natural resources field.

Mr. Aldrich is married, and unlike Mr. Dolder, has two female children--Janet and Marjorie--three years and nine months respectively. Mrs. Aldrich answers to the name of Jane. He will report to this Division about May 15.

DISTRICT CAMERAS

Some time ago, five of the districts were furnished with cameras and some film which were intended for taking of photographs pertinent to reports and general records of each district. While prints of some of these have found their way into the Sacramento Office, some of the Districts have not recently been sending in such prints to this office. It is desirable that a snapshot of each new structure be taken when it is completed and, of course, all film should be sent to this office for processing. They can then be returned to the field for identification with one print of each exposure furnished to this office.

RANGER, GRADE II EXAMINATION

For the benefit of those who recently completed the State Park Ranger, Grade 2 examination, it may be well to repeat what was said at the conclusion of the Assistant District Park Superintendent examination.

The written examination has a relative weight of 6 points. An individual must have a passing score of at least 70 in the written before he may qualify for the oral, which is known as the Qualifications Appraisal Review. The Qualifications Appraisal Review has a relative weight of 4 points. In promotional examinations, such as that for State Park Ranger, Grade 2, and Assistant District Park Superintendent, a passing grade for the whole examination is 77 percent or better. Because an individual passes the written and fails to pass the complete examination does not necessarily mean that he failed to pass the oral. For example:

A passing grade of 72 written, and a grade of 80 in the oral, when properly weighted, will result in a complete or overall score of 75.2 percent, which is not passing. Further, a passing grade of 75 in the written and a grade of 80 in the oral would result in an overall score of 77 percent, or just barely passing. It should be obvious then, that an individual's written score should be well above 70 percent to assure an overall passing grade of 77.

Curator Charles Packard of Pio Pico State Historical Monument, the casa of Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California, created this sketch of the early-day leader. Pio Pico's term as governor was cut short by the American invasion of 1846-47, and rather than embarrass peace negotiations, he chose to exile himself. He returned to the casa in 1848 to live in peace, and died Sept. 11, 1894.

THE CHANGING SCENE

With the preparation of this issue of NEWS & VIEWS, the editing of this publication passes from the present editor to new blood in the person of Elmer C. Aldrich.

Details of the changing scene are included on Page 2, Views On The News, by the Chief.

Our departure from the organization of the Division of Beaches and Parks is in body only, for we have accepted the philosophy of conservation represented by the California Park System as an integral part of our concept of conservation.

To all men and women of the California Park System--our deepest appreciation for the valuable experience gained in working with you, and for the cooperation and warm friendships so generously extended.--EFD.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH HAS DEER PROBLEM

Who would think that the rangers at Huntington Beach State Park, in the heart of a large metropolitan area, would have a deer problem?

We wouldn't--but suchwas so on April 9 when a deer showed up on the beach and attempted to swim out to sea.

Rangers assisted officers of the Division of Fish and Game in rescue attempts, but the "critter" had definite ambitions to reach Asia.

Four hours later the lifeless body was tossed back up on the sands.

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INCIDENT AT MONTEREY

Recently, a woman visitor to the Old Custom House Historical Monument in Monterey inspected an old piano exhibited there, and asked Curator Mary Greene if the piano had originally been in the First Theatre.

When assured that it had, she said she had played on it when a college student 20 years earlier, and requested permission again to play it.

She played some Spanish melodies, and soon visitors began to gather around. A man with a good voice commenced to sing--and in short order all benches in the monument were filled, with a number of persons singing in much the carefree, happy manner of early day Spanish Monterey.

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CALIFORNIA NAMES: Yolla Bolly Mts., of Trinity Co., Wintu Indian version is Yo-la Bo-li, high snowcovered peak.

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INCONSISTENCY, THY NAME IS WEATHER AT FORT TEJON

On March 30, the weather log at Fort Tejon State Historical Monument read something like this:

Early morning: clear and warm.

Mid-morning: dust storm up from San Joaquin Valley to north.

Early afternoon: lowering temperatures, hail storm.

Night: snowing.

Early morning: ground snow-covered.

When snow had melted, cars, trucks, and all exposed facilities covered with coating of mud brought down by hail and snow from dustridden atmosphere.

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BY THE CHIEF

NEW SUMMER SEASON APPROACHES

Once more we are on the threshhold of a summer visitor season, which promises to see facilities taxed to capacity in most of the operating units of the State Park System. Some areas will still be beset with construction. Others will have new developments in operation for the first time this season. Major improvements are underway at Silver Strand, (first reopening since the close of the war), Carpinteria Beach, San Buenaventura Beach (newly acquired), Huntington Beach, Pismo Beach, Samuel P. Taylor, Edward R. Hickey, D. L. Bliss and Mill Creek Redwoods. All expect to be operating, partly if not fully, during the 1949 season.

"ODD AND IRREGULAR HOURS"

The five-day work week has introduced park maintenance and policing problems not previously encountered in this Division. Recognizing that such problems might arise, our field personnel were placed in work-week group 4B, which in effect permits the appointing authority to regulate the normal working day for employees in that work-week group. Rangers may be scheduled to start work at any hour of the day that may be required.

A number of reports of vandalism, which have occurred during late evening hours, were reported recently. One or more rangers could be assigned a shift from 3 p.m. to midnight(one hour for dinn), to patrol the parks nightly if necessary.

PROPOSED NEW PARK RECEIPTS

Sample copies of the proposed new campsite rental, miscellaneous sales and picnic permit, wood sales receipts were recently furnished each operating park unit. Comments and suggestions regarding the proposed changes are requested from all of you. The proposed new receipts would reduce the variety of such documents, both in number and in size.

PROCEDURE ON BONDING AND POLICE POWERS

Upon official notice of appointment to a field position with this Division, the Departmental Accounting Office makes provision for the bonding of the employee appointed.

After a newly appointed State Park ranger or a curator has passed the probationary period, or when a former employee is reinstated, the Division office presents his name to the State Park Commission for the granting of police powers. Such powers are not granted to probationary or T.A.U. employees of the Division. District Superintendents will be notified when police powers have been granted.

In neither of the above will it be necessary for the field to request either bond or police powers.

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET 101ST F.Y.

At this writing, the State Legislature is still working on the budget proposals for the 101st fiscal year. Because of the trend toward lower prices, a cut of 15% has been recommended on all capital outlay items thus far allowed to remain in the budget. This means that if we requested $12,500.00 to build a standard residence and garage, we would be allowed only $10,625.00 for this purpose, if the request is allowed at all.

BUDGET 102ND F. Y.

Obviously, it is difficult to prepare budget requests for the 1950-1951 fiscal year until we know how we have fared in the budget now under consideration. In view of the fact

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KNOW YOUR PARKS.....

FORT TEJON STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Fort Tejon State Historical Monument is located 35 miles south of Bakersfield on U.S. Highway No. 99, in the Tehachapi Mountains.

The area was acquired in 1940 by gift from the Tejon Ranch Company, and several historic buildings remained upon the land at that time.

Considerable restoration work is underway. A feature of the area is the renowned Peter Lebec(or Lebeque) Oak Tree, under which the body of the famed early-day frontiersman is buried.

Printed below is a memorandum from Louis Wakefield, assistant ranger in charge of the monument, concerning a recent "seance" he enjoyed with the original ranger of Fort Tejon:

"This letter from old Pete is just as he told it to me one night. Any time you want to hear him yourself just wait by his grave on a moonlight night and wait until the owls begin to hoot. The old boy really likes to have someone to talk to but is afraid that he might get some rumors started, and the men in the white suits will come and get his guests. That's why you have to wait for the owl to hoot. He will then know that the coast is clear."

(Lebeque's Letter)

Lebec Oak Tree
Fort Tejon

Dear Mr. Dolder:

Many years people wonder bout me and this place Fort Tejon. Only me, Pierre Lebeque, know. I been here long time and keep my ear to the ground like Indian, ever since that damm bear get me by this Oak Tree I'm here.

Maybe sixteen seventeen years after I'm here funny things begin to happen.

One day at end of summer some mans ride in this place and I hear them say, "This the place we build the Fort". They dress like solider and call one man Lieutenant and I know they must be Army mans.

What for they want to build Fort here for, in the summer they hot like fire and the winter she freeze my bones. They find out, I no tell them.

Pretty soon lots of mans come and they start building. Such funny way build, mixing mud and making big bricks they call dobys, then they pile them up and make big houses. Maybe in couple years they have lots of big houses. All day long I hear bugle blowing and horses tramping on ground, some times I hear wagon wheels squeaking, those guys she don't use much grease.

Few years after they build, the ground she start shaking like hell. Peoples run from the houses and holler like scared jackasses. They call it earthquake.

This place, First she freeze my bones and now she shake them till they rattle like snakes tail.

These men, they no give up but start build again. This time they no shake down.

One day I hear lots of noise and look out and see damdest kind of animal. Some men shes come here riding funniest animals like I never did see, they have long legs and neck with big bump on their back. I don't know how those men can stay on them. When they stop they get down on their knees so the men can get off. Camels, they call them, and many other things too, these mans she knows lots of words.

These strange things happen for long time and then one day I hear man say that they are going away. They glad and I'm glad too, now it will be quiet again.

After the soldiers leave some people come here with sheep, but I like sheep, my Papa have them long time ago. The shepards have family and the kids build swings in my Tree and play all the time. Some time they go away and it's all quiet again.

I been here bout sixty years when some people come who say they are Fox Tail Rangers and they going to camp here. They also say that they are going to dig me up and see if I'm still here. I no care if they Pig Tail Rangers, I no want them to dig me up,

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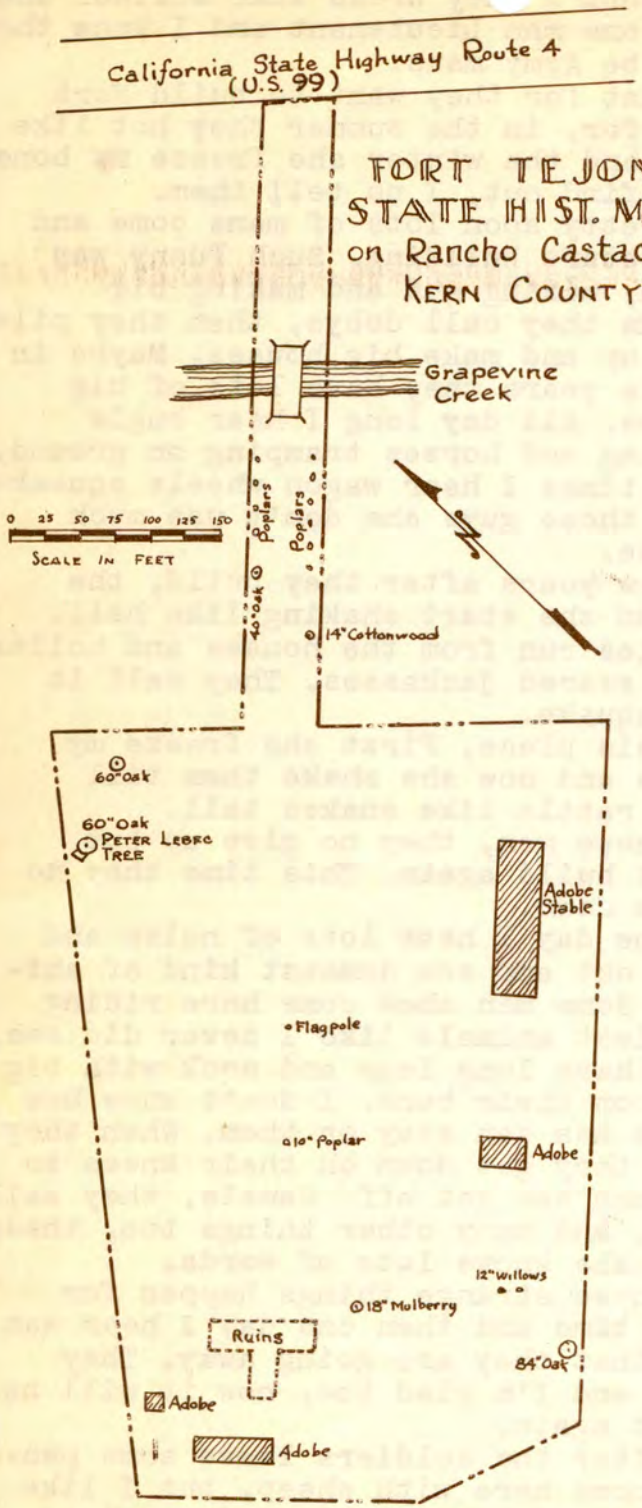

(Lebeque's Letter)
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where the hell they think I go.

Next thing I hear shovels and picks and first thing the sun is shine in my eyes. They pick up my bones and look at them and then put them back and say prayer. Now I always feel funny, when I try to scratch my head I kick my ear. They're not right I think.

Things pretty quiet for long time, some days the cows stay under my Tree in the shade and maybe a man on a horse will ride by. I no pay attention much any more.

Long time I'm here when I hear man say to other man they going to make this place for State Park, what ever that is, but nothing happen for couple years.

Not long ago some mans come here in wagons without horses, trucks they call them, and start to build house. I hear them say they going to build Fort again. What for they going to build Fort again I wonder, and then they say she going to be Historic Monument and lots of people come for to see. I like that for I get to see lots of people and they do such funny things.

These mans, Rangers they called, start to build dobys bricks just like the first mans and they swear just like first mans too. Sometimes another man she comes and looks through little spy glass like ship captan and she say it here and it there like she don't know where. Some mans walk around some times and talk to themselves, I hear them say, "See eye are ee and fiscal year." I don't know what they are but they must be awful bad cause these mans she look sick and have long face, I hope I don't ever catch this sickness.

I been here long time now Mr. Dolder and see lots of things happen, if I see any thing more I will write and let you know. She's get better all the time and I no tired anymore now.

With regards,

Pierre Lebeque

DELAYED ACTION IN
MIND READING

By Earl Lively, deputy ranger

If you are familiar with priming and firing a round of holes in a mine, you will understand the principle of delayed action, its danger and results. In the restoration work here at Fort Tejon we are dealing in delayed action, for in preparing ourselves for work, it is necessary to

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transpose our state of mind back some 97 years, forgetting the use of modern tools and methods.

WHY? For one reason, when we uncovered what we figured was a supporting foundation for the floor joists, by all logical reasoning it should have been in the center, and we found it to be 11 feet and 18 feet from the side walls.

Not until we had uncovered the companion building foundations did we find that even then, plans could be changed before completion, (if you know what I mean). They must have found, after completing the first barracks building, that it would not accommodate enough men for the amount of floor space by having a porch running between the end rooms of the two buildings; so they just stepped over 15 feet and put in a wall, enlarging the room.

In the second building there was the problem of heating, which still leaves a problem unsolved. The foundation shows there were more than four rooms and that the fire places were along the east side in the center rooms and at the ends of each end room.

As the one remaining building stands today, one room has no fireplace. The next room has one in the center of the north wall, built in the wall and having no foundation other than adobe brick. On the east side of this room there is an immense rock foundation, and floor joists were cut and fit to make the fireplace or a stair well.

If they had wanted access to the rooms under the floor, they would have had a door way leading from the room at the north end of the building, since there are two stories at the north end

As you work, you forget the hurry and scurry of busy Highway 99, just a few hundred yards away, with the noise of screeching brakes and the diesel-engine smoke from huge trucks, and you fancy instead that you are listening to the plodding hoof-beats of sweat-soaked horses, as they maneuver their loads from one chuck hole to another, while the 'skinners' drowsily dream of a road smooth and without dust. Little did these hardy souls realize that within a century the traffic would be guided not by holding the ribbons of 'fours' and 'sixes', but by equally robust fellows at the wheels of 90's or better.

So one finds himself as he drives a square nail or fits a key peg into a mortise or tendon joint, or perhaps replaces a broken adobe brick. One can almost feel the critical gaze of some old master craftsman as he watches us fumble on some simple task, trying to adapt our modern tools and ways to his of long ago. I shudder to think of how this old builder would react were he to hear - "Oh, that's good enough!"

As we were removing some of the lath, we tried to figure just how long it would take us to split enough lath just to finish the one building. And plaster - no, not by the square yard; it was figured by the cubic yard. Anyway, it was a good way to plumb the walls. In the space of three feet you will find the plaster from one-half inch to one and one-half inches thick. The scratch coat seems not to be made with lime, but with ashes and clay, and as for fibre, many a hide was scraped for the hair.

There is one bad feature in this job, and if one follows it long enough he will be permanently disfigured. It becomes noticeable in a man after about two weeks. His head seems to lower and bend forward, his neck stretches, and he apparently loses power to look forward or upward, while his eyes are constantly searching the ground. He may be walking or shuffling along, when suddenly he seems to fall to his hands and knees. If someone speaks to him, he is in a daze; there is no response to your inquiry, for he is gently but intensely scratching through the earth, all the while mumbling to himself. Suddenly he seems to snap out of it, for he comes up with the most disgusted look on his face, as he gazes at his 'find', which is perhaps a bottle-top or a modern rifle shell. He may look up at you and make some remark about "this shiftless modern age", or he may again just walk on, his eyes intently examining every inch of ground, his thoughts far in the past.

The whole job can be going along

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just as any well-organized job should go, hammers and saws clipping out a merry tune - then sudden silence and a huddle. No, not an accident, just a huddle; someone has found an artifac, quite likely an authentically old button. It has to be examined and commented on and argued about (pardon our prepositions!)----first it's from a cap, then from a coat-sleeve. The argument has begun:"Now, that's just like the buttons on my Grandfather's cap; see, this is how it fit on the band." "You're all wrong there; the wreath isn't shaped right, and besides, the button isn't large enough. It never saw a cap. Even I can see it's a sleeve button. They had three of them on each sleeve".

Well, the button is carefully put in a kleenex, tucked into someone's pocket, to be turned in at the office at the end of the day, and once more the hammers pick up their rhythm, the saws move up and down.

There is one other noticeable feature about this work. It is the first place I ever saw where you have to ask the men more than once to quit, to eat or to go home. They look at you as though you were asking a favor of them, for even suggesting that the day might be over, or that it is time to put on the feed bag.

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NEW ASSISTANT RANGERS ARE ASSIGNED TO PARK DUTIES

As a result of the recent examination for State Park Ranger Grade II, the following appointments have been made from the list of deputy rangers successful in passing the tests:

George W. Lynn, from Calaveras Big Trees to Richardson Grove.

Woodrow W. Seney from Williams Grove to McArthur-Burney Falls.

Richard Brock from Prairie Creek Redwoods to Stephens Grove.

Duane T. Rodman from Van Damme Beach to Castle Crags.

Carl A. Anderson, to Cuyamaca Rancho; stationed at Cuyamaca as deputy.

We offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for success to the new assistant rangers.

Should the proposed budget for the 1949-50 fiscal year be approved in its present form, six new Grade II posts will be available.

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TENTATIVE DATE FOR DEPUTY RANGER EXAM IS SCHEDULED

A tentative date for the next State Park Ranger Grade I examination has been set for September 10, 1949.

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BABY HANDS AT THE WINDOW.....

A prolific month, to be sure.....

To Assistant Ranger and Mrs. John R. Fleming of Palomar Mountain, a girl, Mary Elizabeth, 7 pounds 4 ounces, on May 7, 1949.

To Deputy Ranger and Mrs. Neil E. Power of Fort Ross, a son, 9 pounds, on April 30, 1949.

To Assistant Ranger and Mrs. William Dougherty, of Morro Bay, a girl, seven pounds 14 ounces, on April 30, 1949.

To Gardener and Mrs. Jack Heideman, of Stevenson House, a daughter, Pamela Ann, seven pounds 13 ounces, on May 11, 1949.

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L. P. GRIFFITH VERSUS L.P. GRIFFITH

Due to similarity of names, a rather humorous situation has arisen involving two L. P. Griffiths employed in the State Park System.

In short, one L. P. Griffith, the gentleman known in full as Llewellyn P. Griffith, assistant superintendent of the Northwest District, has been granted police powers three times--and the other, Lewis P. Griffith, assistant ranger at Calaveras Big Trees, never has received police powers, although he was informed that he had.

Steps are being taken to correct this mistake so that LPG the Second will not have to face a charge of impersonating a peace officer.

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By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

The oaks have been known since ancient times, and are famed for their beauty, size, and the usefulness of their wood. As a group they are possibly the best known trees in the world, perhaps sharing this distinction with the pines. There are about 300 species, inhabiting the north temperate regions, and the high mountains of the tropics. Most of them are trees, although there are numerous shrubby forms. About 15 species occur in California, plus 10 or more forms and varieties, most of the latter being shrubs of the chaparral areas and in some cases requiring further botanical study.

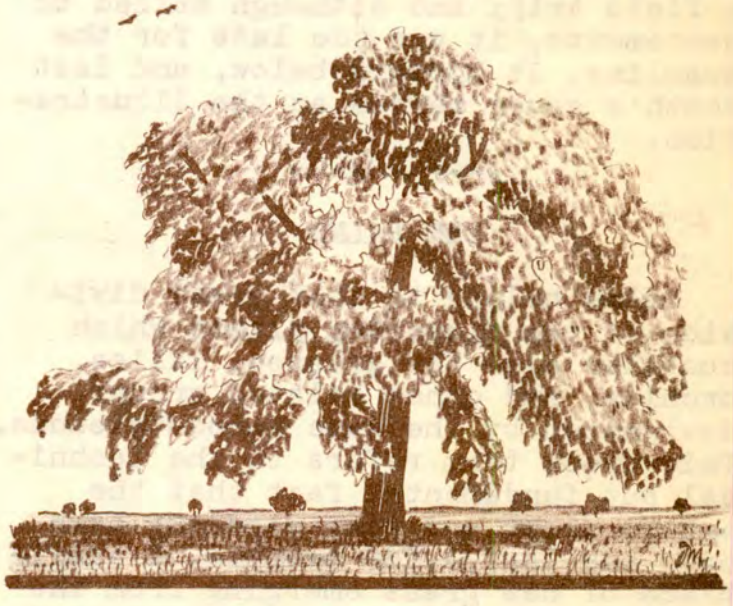
Popularly recognized are groups of species designated as white oaks, black oaks, and live oaks, the first two terms referring to the color of the bark and wood, and the last being applied to the evergreen species. Technically, the white oaks mature their acorns in one season, while the black oaks require two; some of the "live" oaks belong to each of these groups. Thus it is usually possible, with trees of the black oak group, to find 2 sets of acorns, a year apart in age, on the trees at any one time. The scientific name of the oaks, Quercus, apparently comes from Celtic words meaning "fine tree".

CALIFORNIA WHITE OAK or VALLEY OAK
(Quercus lobata)

California has many notable tree species, and this is one of the outstanding ones. It attains a height of 50 to 125 feet and a diameter of 3 to 7 feet, with a rounded crown frequently broader than it is tall. A few magnificent individuals exceed these dimensions. The bark is light gray to almost white, and deeply checked into small neat blocks. The dark green, deciduous leaves are 2 to 5 inches long, with deep rounded lobes along the margins. Acorns are pointed, 2 inches long by 1/2 inch wide, and held in a deep cup that is quite warty. The wood is of low quality, and not valued for any utilitarian purpose.

Valley Oak is abundant in the Great Central Valley, where it is the most characteristic tree, growing best where the land is finest. It occurs likewise in most of the valleys of the Coast Ranges, westward nearly to the ocean, stopping before the zone of direct influence of the sea is reached. It extends to the flats and benches of the lower surrounding mountains, and southward to the San Fernando Valley. Although sometimes forming dense stands over limited areas (as at Mooney Grove near Visalia, Micke Grove near Lodi, etc.), it is most conspicuously characteristic where large individuals are widely spaced over the lowlands in an impressive park-like manner, each tree attaining full individual development (as along the lower Merced River; and near Chico; Clear Lake; etc.). While many of the finest stands of this tree have given way to agricultural development, since

VALLEY OAK



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STATE PARK TREES

they grow best on the deepest soils, they do remain in numerous localities, the land in some cases being cultivated around and beneath the trees.

This oak was known to the early Spanish settlers as Roble (ro-blay). Paso Robles was originally El Paso de Robles, "the pass of the white oaks". The tree is confined to California, but outstanding individual specimens occur in widely separated parts of the state.

The mountain-valley at the head of Grapevine Canyon, where Fort Tejon is located, is hardly typical of Valley Oak country. Yet is is true that Valley Oak is the outstanding tree at Fort Tejon. The species is locally abundant on the small flats, and some of the individual trees reach considerable size.

Your columnist expresses regret, with particular apologies to Anza Desert, that last month's article was missing. It got crossed up with a field trip; and although mailed to Sacramento, it was too late for the deadline. It appears below, and last month's cover serves as the illustration.

THE PALMS

Palms belong to that great division of the flowering plants which contains also the grasses, lilies, orchids, and other related groups, designated by the name Monocotyledons. This Greek term refers to the technical but fundamental fact that the embryo plant and tiny seedling have only one leaf,--for example, a single blade of new grass emerging from the ground,--instead of two or more seed-leaves as in other flowering plants. Another important difference is that growth of the stem or trunk of these plants takes place not in concentric growth rings, but in bundles of growing tissue scattered throughout the whole stem, like wires making up a large cable. It is therefore not possible to estimate the age of a palm tree by examining the stump or a section of the trunk, as can be done with most trees; since there are no growth rings to be counted.

Palms are generally without branches, but the huge leaves may be as large as the branches of some other trees. Popularly the palms are sometimes divided into two groups on the basis of the shape of the leaves. Those having long narrow leaves with many parallel divisions along a main axis are called "feather palms", since the leaves resemble huge feathers in shape. Those having rounded leaves with divisions extending radially from a common center are called "fan palms". Many species of both types have been planted in California. Our single native species is of the second type.

CALIFORNIA WASHINGTON-PALM
or CALIFORNIA FAN PALM
(Washingtonia filifera)

This tree is a familiar sight almost throughout California because it has been so widely planted. But the persons who have seen it in its native habitat are few compared with those who know it as a street tree, lawn or park specimen. The species occurs in canyons along the north and west sides of the Colorado Desert, from the east base of Mt. San Jacinto near Palm Springs, and the hills north of the Salton Sea, southward through Anza Desert State Park and into Mexico. It also occurs at a few places along the south edge of the Mojave Desert (e.g. Twentynine Palms), and has been discovered in the southwest corner of Arizona not far from Yuma. The best known grove and one of the largest is in Palm Canyon just south of the city of Palm Springs. This grove was severely damaged by fire a few years ago.

This palm attains a height of usually 30 to 60 feet, with a trunk 2 to 4 feet in diameter surmounted by a globe-like crown of leaves. Each leaf is 3 to 5 feet across, and divided for half or more of the way to the center into a large number of narrow folded segments, each segment having noticeable thread-like fibers

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TRAINING COURSES POSTPONED

Due to the lateness of the season and the inadvisability of disrupting park operations with a training program at this time, the second round of personnel training conferences has been postponed.

Deputy Chief Hanson is planning to make an inspection trip which will include every operating unit of the system during the summer season with a view toward gathering information for the ultimate determination of standards of park management and operation.

Campground checking systems, policing and patrol activities, utilization of equipment, park office operation and public relations will be included in the operational features to be studied and noted by Deputy Chief Hanson. The inspection will start late in June and will be without advance notice except to District Superintendents.

FISH AND GAME BIOLOGIST SUPPORTS STORY OF STEELHEAD MIGRATION THROUGH BIG SUR GORGE

After a story appeared last year in NEWS & VIEWS concerning the passage of the steelhead migration through the Big Sur Gorge, gateway to Ventana Wilds, at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Deputy Ranger Ken Legg of that park, having been unable to establish proof of the migration above the falls, wrote to Leo Shapovalov, supervising fisheries biologist for the State Division of Fish and Game.

Following is Shapovalov's answer:

"Acknowledgment is hereby made of your letter of March 16 requesting information about the removal of the falls in Big Sur River.

The project for the removal of these falls was sponsored jointly by the State Division of Beaches and Parks, the State Division of Fish & Game, and the Monterey Peninsula Sportsmen's Club, and has a long history. I have before me a map of the falls showing the rock blockade to be removed by blasting to allow fish to pass to their spawning ground. which was prepared for the State Division of Beaches and Parks on December 11, 1937. Shortly thereafter actualwork on the project including drilling was started by personnel of the CCC camp then located in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park under the auspices of park personnel. However, soon thereafter a CCC inspector determined that the work was too dangerous for the CCC boys, and the main project was abandoned, although I believe that one set of falls was removed in 1938 with the participation of Mr. John Spencer then chief of the now defunct Bureau of Engineering and Hydraulics of the Calif. Division of Fish and Game.

On July 25, 1946, I visited Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park in company with Wardens F. H. Post, J. R. Cox, and R. Switzer of the Division of Fish and Game, and Mr. Clifford LeNeve of the Monterey Peninsula Sportsmen's Club. Following our examination of the main falls, I expressed my belief that blasting of the falls was feasible and recommended to the Division of Fish and Game that such be done at the earliest possible time since it would add some 20 to 25 miles of stream to the spawning areas for sea-run steelhead. I also outlined details of the manner in which the work should be carried out. These recommendations were accepted by the Division of Fish and Game, Division of Beaches and Parks, and the Monterey Peninsula Sportsmen's Club. The project also had the approval of Warden Owen Mello, who at the time was in charge of the area.

In accordance with the above plans, a reduction of the falls by blasting was carried out by a squad of soldiers from the 532nd battalion of the Special Engineers Brigade, who were made available by General D.A.D. Ogden, Fort Ord Commandant, at the time the request for their assistance was made. Captain Ellis Berry and Warden Owen Mello of the Bureau of Patrol of the Division of Fish and Game and Mr. LeNeve supervised the work. A full description

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STEELHEAD MIGRATION THROUGH BIG SUR GORGE

of the work done by them is contained in an article which appeared in the sporting section of the MONTEREY PENINSULA HERALD March 21, 1947 and I refer you to this article if you are interested in these details.

On May 7, 1948 Captain Berry, who was then stationed at the Monterey office of the Division of Fish and Game, buy has since been transferred to another part of the State, wrote to me as follows:

"Just a note to tell you that the Steelhead are definitely over the falls at the Big Sur. LeNeve caught one in a pool just beyond the falls and he saw six others. So the last blasting did a good job.

"After the water drops we'll get together and make a survey of the river to see what has to be done to complete the job."

Our fish planting crew which stocked the Big Sur River at Barlow Flat on May 1, 1948, also noted that they had received reports that spawning steelhead were seen at Barlow Flat.

I believe that the above reports form the basis for the statement which appeared in OUTDOOR CALIFORNIA and to which you refer in your letter, that "steelhead have passed through the Big Sur Gorge into the Ventana Wilderness area for the first time in the memory of white man."

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BALLS 'O FIRE ! AND BLUE AT THAT!

On Thursday, May 12, during a heavy electrical storm at Donner Memorial State Park, the family of Assistant Ranger Donald Rich reports the air was so charged with electricity that the bronze figures on the monument glowed with a blue-green light.

Rich opines that it was St. Elmo's Fire, a phenomenon occasionally seen at sea around the masts of ships.

In addition, he reports that discharges of lightning caused light bulbs in the area to glow, although the current was off.

SAN FRANCISCA[illegible]WRITES ON THE GIANT TULE CYPRESS OF OAXACA

Mr. Harry A. Dutton, one-time associate of the late Professor William Linn Jepson, returned recently from a trip to Mexico during which he spent three weeks studying the giant Tule Cypress of Oaxaca, Mexico.

This tree is regarded by many as the oldest tree in the world. Some botanists believe it is 5,000 years old.

Dutton writes to us:

"While I was in Mexico Dr. E. Fritz of the U. C. Forestry Department at Berkeley sent me a clipping from the Saturday Evening Post of December 8, 1948 containing a two column wide article anent "the largest tree on earth" -viz- the "Arbol del Tule" at Santa Maria del Tule near Oaxaca.

"Claims up to 140 feet for circumference, and a definite age of 6,000 years, and an "estimated age" of 10,000 years and over were set forth. Out of 16 definite statements made, all were false excepting the botanical name..Taxodium mucronatum, Ten.

"I was able to bring back a large (2 feet in diameter) section of a limb and shall compare it with Dr. Chaney's metasequoia and with the coast redwood--as the tree is closely akin to each of these genera.

"Whatever information I have on the subject of this Oaxaca tree I shall deposit permanently with Dr. E. Fritz at U.C. so that it may be available to anyone.....the Saturday Evening Post claimed 6,000 years of age. It may be 1500 years old, but I doubt it. Also, the "tree" is almost surely a group of trees grown together, as the Taxodium is prone to do."

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DELAYED DEPARTURE

Should you wonder why the name of Dolder still appears upon the masthead of this publication--the arrival of his successor, Elmer Aldrich, was delayed until May 26.

Thus, it was necessary for EFD to put out one more edition of NEWS & VIEWS--and so, adios, amigos.

IS EVERYTHING JAKE?

Chief Ranger E. "Jake" Pool of McArthur-Burney Falls State Park is retelling the story of how, several years ago, in the company of a game warden (now dead) and another man, he saw a two-headed adult deer near the park.

Questions most often put to him by listeners include:

"Which head did the feeding?"... and.."Should the hunter tag one or both heads and if both, did he kill one or two animals?"

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ORCHIDS TO.....
MT. DIABLO--

As new residents in California my wife and I were introduced to Mt. Diablo State Park slightly more than two years ago. Our appreciation of the many features and facilities the Park has to offer is indicated in the fact that last Saturday, May 7th, was our 71st visit to the area.

We are native shrub and flower enthusiasts as well as lovers of scenic beauty. We find much to interest us in the plant life and all the many scenic aspects of Mt. Diablo.

Particularly are we pleased with the quality, orderliness and cleanliness of the facilities in Mt. Diablo State Park. We have often said that we have never seen public camp-sites or rest-rooms maintained as well. We would like to extend both our congratulations and appreciation for what has been done to maintain the premises of the park in such an excellent manner.

We would like especially to commend Bill Parsons for all that he has done to make our frequent trips to Mt. Diablo more enjoyable and more interesting. By his friendly manner, his enduring courtesy and his ever-ready helpfulness, Bill has assisted us generously - even more than we, who know the park quite well, could ask or require. Bill Parsons is the type of man who is more than deserving of any commendations we could offer. His presence at Mt. Diablo State Park must surely contribute greatly to the enjoyment and welfare of all those who visit there. Bert E. Williams, Oakland.

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ORCHIDS TO.....
ARMSTRONG REDWOODS (from Santa Rosa Republican-newspaper)

We commented last year upon the excellent condition in which the Armstrong Grove State Park was kept, and also upon the pleasantness and helpfulness of the park rangers--a group who give meaning to the "civil" in civil servant.

So it's a pleasure to be able to report, after a picnic in the park, that many more improvements have been made in facilities, maintenance is excellent, and the rangers are still specializing in pleasantness and helpfulness.

If you haven't enjoyed a picnic there this season, we'd like to recommend one.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IN CONSERVATION

(From "Notes from the California Historical Society.")

"In these days, when there is much talk of conservation of the country's natural resources, it is important to remember that there are other resources continually being destroyed, through lack of knowledge or disregard of values. The following excerpt taken from the "President's Page" of the March issue of State and Local History News is always pertinent; it is particularly pointed out by the centennial celebrations now in progress throughout California:

"'The documents, letters, papers, early newspapers and other sources from which history must be written are a great natural resource for the history of any state. They are in danger of destruction through fire, neglect and other man-made hazards. Once lost they can never be replaced. Here is a problem of conservation of the utmost importance and one which cannot wait. New trees can be planted to replace a forest destroyed by the carelessness of men. The waters of a polluted stream can be made clear again. Historical treasures once lost can never be replaced. Time is the essence in acting on preservation and conservation of our historical heritage.'"

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MT. TAMALPAIS RANGERS LOCATE BODY OF AGED HIKER

On Monday, May 2, Chief Ranger Mel Whittaker and Deputy Ranger Dave Redding, assisted in the removal of the body of an aged hiker, Botluff Jermo, 70, of Canada.

The body had been discovered on the previous day by two boys, who described its location to the rangers.

Whittaker and Redding located the body and notified the sheriff.

Botluff disappeared in nearby Muir Woods on Feb. 1, 1948, and after considerable search, he was listed as missing.

It is believed he suffered a heart attack.

GOLD DISCOVERY VANDALS ARE APPREHENDED

Two youths, one a minor, and the other, Earl Dean Rizler of Placerville, recently were arrested and confessed to acts of vandalism in and near Gold Discovery Site State Park at Coloma.

Rizler, 18, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with sentence suspended and placed on probation for one year, during which he is to pay all damages to State and private property.

The minor was placed in the custody of county juvenile authorities.

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KEN LEGG REVIEWS BOOKLETS OF ASSISTANCE TO RANGERS

No credit is claimed for the discovery of the following pamphlets reviewed. However, it is felt Rangers will be interested in, and profit from them, as I did.

Mr. Hoffman, Engineering Aid in the South Central District office, suggested three of the very informative publications.

From the West Coast Bureau of Lumber Grades & Inspection, 1410 S. W. Morrison St., Portland, Ore. one can obtain, for .25¢, six separate pieces of printed matter. "The Fundamentals of Good Lumber Manufacturing & Grading Prictice" informs on the structure of a tree, the sawmill, air seasoning and kiln drying of lumber, planing, grading, and lumber figuring, as applied to Douglas Fir, West Coast Hemlock, Sitka Spruce, and Western Red Cedar.

A folder entitled, "Four of the World's Finest Woods", shows building construction diagrams. Another, "A Quality Home Can Cost Less", gives useful information of joists and rafters, flooring, and drop and rustic siding. "How to Build Well", "West Coast Hemlock", "Standard Grading & Dressing Rules for West Coast Lumber" round out the bargain.

From Weyerhaeuser Sales Company, Saint Paul, 1, Minnesota, "The High Cost of Cheap Construction", is a 70 page free booklet on the various

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FIESTA DAY FOR SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

On May 1, 1949, the San Jaun Bautista Chamber of Commerce sponsored a May Day picnic and concert to mark the opening of the Zanetta House which has been repaired and restored to its original state and is now open to the public after being closed for several years.

Historical research has brought to light many interesting facts about the building. After the construction and dedication of the Mission San Juan Bautista in 1812 and the building of new barracks to house the soldiers in 1813 - 1814, (now the lower floor of the Plaza Hotel) a building to house unmarried Indian women was started. This convent or "nunnery" was completed in 1815 and was 16½ feet wide and 55 feet long. In 1832 the "nunnery" was enlarged by an additional 80 feet and the construction of a large patio or courtyard of high adobe walls 96 by 220 feet. When completed the structure was 135 feet in length and two stories high.

"It was the custom in all the missions to set apart one building as sleeping quarters for unmarried women who were not allowed to reside in the family dwellings, but were kept in the convent under the charge of a trusted Indian matron, who was responsible for their welfare and education in the crafts. They were not allowed to leave the convent until they had been won by Indian youths and were ready to marry."

After the secularization of the mission and the scattering of the Indians the building and large courtyard were used by the cavalrymen of General Jose Castro. The courtyard became a corral for their horses. In 1844 General Castro sold the property and after passing through several ownerships it eventually came into the possession of Angelo Zanetta, the proprietor of the Plaza Hotel. For several years Zanetta used the building to store baled hay in.

In the 1850's and '60's San Juan Bautista was the center of seven stage lines and the trading center for a wide area. There was a need for a public hall so Angelo Zanetta and his partner John Comfort tore down what remained of the "nunnery" and used the adobe bricks to build the lower outer walls of the present building which became known as the Plaza Hall. Both end walls are of lumber and mud and stick construction. The upper story or hall is built of redwood. The floor joists span the width of the building resting on the adobe walls. It is no wonder the dance floor was noted for its springiness.

Early and persistent tradition has it that the two men built the structure with the idea that it might become the county court house for there was a possibility of San Juan Bautista becoming the county seat of Monterey County and also the county seat of San Benito County when this county was created.

In the early '70's prominent railroad officials met in the Plaza Hall and asked to be given railroad rights but were refused and the main line was routed four miles north of the city. This was the beginning of the decline of San Juan Bautista as a trading center.

After Zanetta tired of hotel life he remodeled the lower floor of the Plaza Hall as a residence. A dining room and kitchen were added at one end of the building and a wine cellar was dug. Marble fireplaces were added and the house was furnished with the most elegant furniture pruchased from W. and J. Sloane Company in San Francisco. The Plaza Hall is now known as the Zanetta House.--By Jack R. Dyson, Curator.

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KEN LEGG REVIEWS BOOKLETS

stages of house construction.

The third of Mr. Hoffman's suggestions for the Ranger's library is "A Practical Course in Concrete", free, from Portland Cement Information Bureau, 564 Market Street, San Francisco, California.-By-Ken Legg, Deputy Ranger, Pfeiffer Big Sur.

VIEWS ON THE NEWS
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that oil royalties are still being impounded and that the current Legislature is attempting to balance the State budget, we must request only those items that are deemed to be urgent. New automotive equipment, except for replacements, will be considered only for new operations for which such equipment is not presently provided. Additions to the permanent staff will be considered only for new operating units.

Sharpen your pencils, boys!

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STATE PARK TREES

hanging from its edges. The leaves have flat woody stems about 3 feet long and several inches wide, with sharp hooks along the edges.

As the tree grows taller and new leaves form at the tip, the old leaves gradually bend downward and become dry. This process results in the formation of a thatch or "skirt" of old leaves, completely enclosing the trunk; and when not removed by fire or by trimming, this extends practically to the ground. Old trees in their native habitat thus sometimes present a curiously different appearance from the neatly trimmed specimens of our streets and lawns. It is also common for wild trees to be leaning, or curving outward and upward, rather than to grow symmetrically vertical.

These native palms, growing mostly in rocky canyons along desert watercourses, are among the most interesting and picturesque features of the fascinating region which they inhabit.

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THERE'S A MORAL TO THIS STORY

(From Miscellaneous Items, Weekly Report, Richardson Grove) On May 17, 1949, we had extremely windy weather. On or about 7 P.M. a limb of about 8 inches in diameter fell from a Redwood and knocked a can of beans from the hands of a startled camper. Fortunately no one was hurt.
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NEWS AND VIEWS

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(Editorial Comment) This is a subtle hint that the planning of camp activities beneath virgin redwoods can be destructive to humans as well as redwoods. A dead camper will be positive proof.

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A DIET FOR MISTER JUCH

Upon the expert advise of his doctor (correction)..banker, Ranger Louis Juch of Doheny Beach State Park is placing himself on a diet of beans.

A new Studebaker has been added to his family.

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CONDOR SIGHTED AT FORT TEJON

A condor was sighted on April 25th over Fort Tejon State Historical Monument by laborers Roy Curtis and Oscar Noren. Curtis, who has lived in the Tehachapi Mountains most of his life, said he has seen the giant birds on a number of occasions.

Noren said it was the first he had seen, and that he remembered his Inidan friends in the Fresno and Dunlap areas reported that only the oldest of their group had seen the birds prior to 1914.

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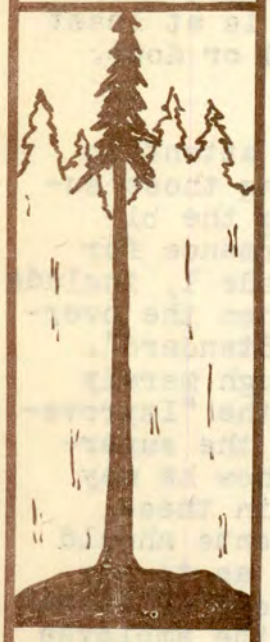

...CALIFORNIA'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO PRESERVE, IN PERPETUITY, AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL, HISTORICAL, AND RECREATIONAL INTEREST OF WHICH THE PEOPLE OTHERWISE WOULD BECOME DEPRIVED....

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VIEW OF DONNER LAKE. DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK AT FAR END AND RIGHT SIDE OF LAKE.

NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

Memorial Day Weekend

Reports indicate that nearly all of the operating units in the State Park System entertained record but orderly crowds over the Memorial Day weekend. Such reports are most comforting, especially since the several incidents of early season vandalism caused concern. Undoubtedly there is something to the adage about "safety in numbers". Our best wishes for an orderly, though expectedly overcrowded Independence Day weekend go with all of you.

Those Immaculate Restrooms!

Already this year, letters are being received in this office in which the cleanliness of our campgrounds and especially the restrooms is called to our attention. Our new Deputy Rangers should be made aware that we have a reputation to uphold. Don't let down the satisfied customers, Boys!

Clean Up and Keep Clean

The pride we take in the cleanliness of our campground areas should not be limited to these alone. The appearance of our utility buildings and yards, both inside and outside, should not be neglected. If the public did see these, would their letters be complimentary? We realize that some construction projects must be carried on during the summer visitor season. However, we should make every effort to Clean Up and Keep Clean for the sake of the reduction, if not the complete elimination, of fire hazards.

Telephone Calls

Once again you are urged to keep telephone calls to a minimum. Above all, avoid making long distance calls when business can be effectively conducted by mail. Correspondence is often documentary and is at least a record of what was said or done.

Reports of Performance

May we call to your attention the desirability of having those supervisors who are marking the bimonthly reports of performance for probationary Rangers, Grade 1, include comments, particularly when the overall rating is "Short of Standard". It is not considered enough merely to mark the employee in the "Improvement Needed" column, but the supervisor should also state how he may improve his performance in these factor ratings. The comments should also include a statement as to why an overall rating of "Short of Standard" was given and what the employee must do in order to bring it up to "Standard".

The State Personnel Board informs us that comments regarding the outstanding work of employees in a limited amount of detail are welcome as well as letters of commendation for individuals who have given extraordinary service.

Budget

One of the longest discussions in the history of the Governor's budget was concluded by the Legislature late this month.

The allotments for this Division are presently being set up for the operational and development program of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949 and this information should reach the district superintendents shortly.

Funds requested for construction have been very materially reduced, with such items as firecircles and exhibit shelters having been eliminated altogether. Only ten of the residences that were requested have been allowed, with the cost per unit materially reduced. In anticipation of a continuing decrease in the costs of construction, a straight 15% reduction on all construction projects

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KNOW YOUR STATE PARKS

DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

By Donald Rich, Assistant Ranger

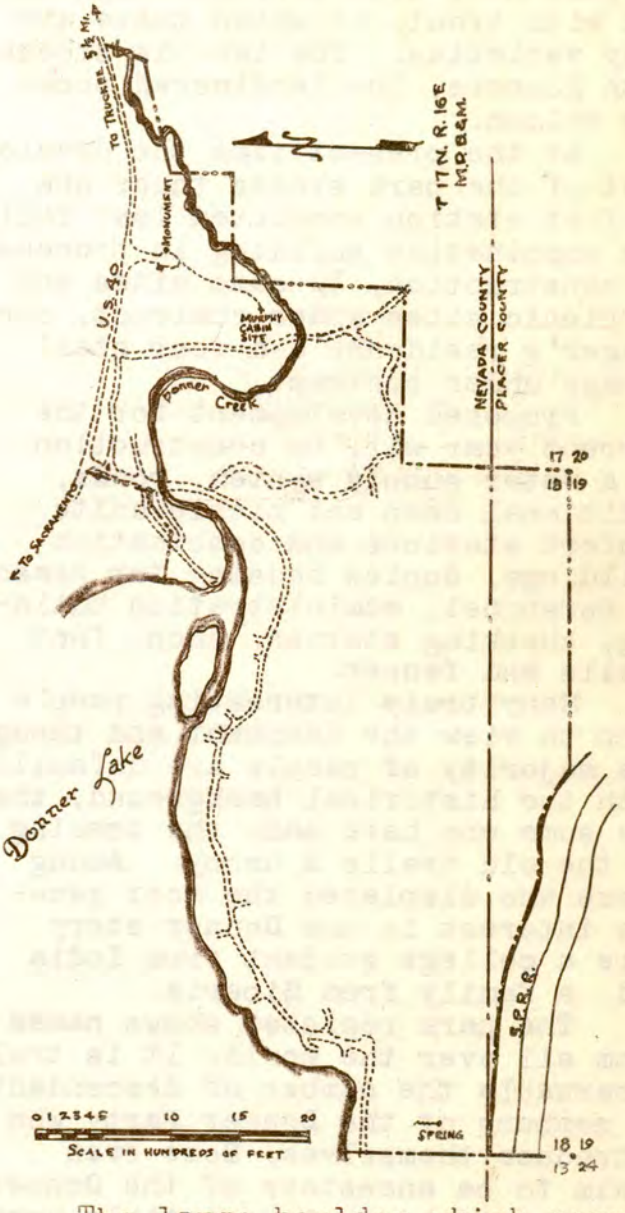
A rare combination of both outstanding historical and scenic values are blended in the development of our new Donner Memorial State Park. Its location is approximately 2 miles west of Truckee, on U.S. Highway #40 and seven miles east of the summit of Donner Pass in the Sierras, at an elevation of 6,000 feet.

The sculptured monument which constitutes the prime reason for the existence of the park is a family group of four figures, representative of the type of early California pioneers. It is beautifully done with the faces and attitudes of the figures showing the strain and fatigue caused by the trials and hardships suffered in their long journey. The sculptor was John McQuarrie of San Francisco.

The base for the monument was constructed in 1910, on land donated for the purpose by C.F. McGlashen, one of the principal historians of the Donner Tragedy. The monument was dedicated on June 6, 1918, under the auspices of the Native Sons and Native Daughters of the Golden West.

In 1928 the Donner Historical Monument, which by that time had expanded from the original acre donated by McGlashen to 16.1 acres, became a unit of the Division of Beaches and Parks. It was acquired as a gift from the Native Sons of the Golden West. It included the camp sites of the major portion of the Donner Party, the monument and concession building. The concession building serving now as temporary Ranger's quarters. About two-thirds of the land is covered with lodgepole pine and the balance is meadow.

In the fall of 1948, an addition of 344 acres was purchased from the Donner Lake Development Co. This acquisition joins the monument area to Donner Lake, with almost a mile of lake frontage, including considerable fine beach, and with approximately 1,500 feet additional highway frontage. Donner Creek meanders through the park, adding to the beauty of the country.



The large boulder which served as one wall of the Murphy cabin, is situated about 200 yards southwest of the monument. In the face of this rock is set a bronze plaque bearing the names of the members of the Donner Party. The list is divided into two parts; one side bearing the names of those who perished and the other side the names of the survivors. Of the original party of ninety-one men, women, and children, only forty-eight survived. Some of those who died here were buried beside the big rock. It is not known

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whether the bodies were ever moved. The assumption is that they are still there.

Donner Lake and the adjacent streams have been periodically stocked with trout, of which there are many varieties. The lake is stocked with Kokanee, the landlocked sockeye salmon.

At the present time the development of the park stands thus: one comfort station completed last fall, one combination building in process of construction, 24 camp sites and 24 picnic sites under contract, one Ranger's residence and four stall garage under contract.

Proposed development for the current year will be construction of a water supply system, roads, additional camp and picnic units, comfort stations and combination buildings, duplex housing for seasonal personnel, administration building, checking station, shop, foot trails and fences.

Many truly interesting people stop to view the monument and though the majority of people are unfamiliar with the historical background, there are some who have made the tracing of the old trails a hobby. Among those who displayed the most genuine interest in the Donner story were a college student from India and a family from Siberia.

The park register shows names from all over the world. It is truly remarkable the number of descendants of members of the Donner Party who introduce themselves. Some even claim to be ancestors of the Donners. It seems to be an irresistible urge for some people to relate themselves to historical figures.

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DON'T TAKE TOO LIGHTLY THIS MODERN LIGHTING

Have you ever seen a picture of an ardent home gardener looking delightfully at his newly-made glass green house?? Let's delve a little more deeply into this odd opening sentence - it might affect you! Apparently there is quite a fad on nowadays to collect fluorescent lamp tubes to build small home green houses for bedding plants. Not that park personnel are going in for raising artificial greenery - but let's see why our gardner's happy face might change suddenly!

Because you may have occasion to handle fluorescent tubes, perhaps you have already heard that serious injury is possible by glass from a broken tube of a flourescent lamp, if there is a cut from the glass, or if the powdered material (phosphor) from the surface of the glass enters a wound or cut. If a person is cut by a piece of glass from a fluorescent lamp, or if the material on the glass enters a wound or cut, chronic inflammation may result and months may be required for the wound to heal. There have been a number of instances in which the surgeon's knife had to be used, in such cases, perhaps several times, to remove dead or degenerated tissue and tumor masses from the region where the cut occurred. Indeed in some cases, removal of large areas of skin, muscle, or bone may be required.

This extreme toxicity is in the powder which is used to line the interior of the lamp, commonly containing a small percentage of a compound of the metal beryllium, which has recently been found to be very poisonous.

Disposal of tubes which have burned out must be done cautiously so as to avoid a health hazard. It is recommended that all used lamps be broken before disposal. In breaking lamps, you should be carful not to breath the beryllium dust or mercury vapor, and not to receive cuts.

As a special precaution, you should never discard lamps by placing them with rubbish or refuse where they can be carelessly handled or broken. Never destroy them in incenerators. <u>The first thing to do if a lamp falls and breaks is to get out of the room and stay out until any dust produced has settled.</u>

The broken glass should be swept up with a brush and pan. If possible, wet it down before sweeping it up. Then wash up the floor

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PONDEROSA PINE, Pinus ponderosa
JEFFREY PINE, Pinus jeffreyi

These two important and closely related trees occur together or in nearby localities throughout many parts of the California mountains. Because they closely resemble each other in most characteristics and are frequently confused, they will be considered here together and an effort will be made to clarify, as much as possible, the distinctions between them.

First, a word about names. Ponderosa pine was formerly, and is still to some extent, known as Western Yellow Pine or simply Yellow Pine. To straighten out a serious and misleading confusion in lumber trade names, the Federal Trade Commission early in 1932 directed that the name Ponderosa pine was to replace all others for this species. The term has been adopted uniformly for both the tree and the lumber manufactured from it. Accordingly, Ponderosa pine is now the only approved name for this tree, and the use of other terms should be discontinued. Jeffrey pine is so closely related to Ponderosa pine that many botanists in the past have maintained that it is merely a botanical variety rather than a full species, (thus designating it scientifically as P. ponderosa var. jeffreyi) But research has now established pretty firmly that there are basic and unvarying differences between the two, and the Jeffrey pine is now generally recognized as a separate species.

Ponderosa Pine occurs in every state west of the Great Plains; from British Columbia to northern Mexico; and in most of the mountain ranges within that area. Like several other species, it attains its best development on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada of California. In this state it is widespread, growing also in the Coast Ranges from Napa Valley northward and from Mt. Hamilton and the Santa Cruz Mts. southward, and in the mountains at both northern and southern ends of the State. Although coming practically to sea level in the cooler and moister northern areas, Ponderosa pine elsewhere begins immediately above the dry foothill zone occupied by the Digger pine association. In southern California one must ascend to about 5,000 feet elevation to find it.

Jeffrey pine has a much more restricted range. Beginning in the Cascade Range of southern Oregon, it occurs southward into the high North Coast Ranges of California, the Sierra Nevada (mostly above and east of Ponderosa pine); and the higher portions of the mountains of southern California and northern lower California. It is a characteristic tree of the eastern slope of the Sierra, and of the plateaus and lava beds in the northeastern part of our state. It occurs in areas generally higher and colder than those where Ponderosa pine grows.

Ponderosa pine in California is a large forest tree attaining heights up to 200 feet or more and diameters of 6 or 7 feet; (maximum 240 X 8 feet) It has a long slender crown, of short branches that are not individually conspicuous, - (this clearly distinguishing it from the Sugar pine.) In form and general appearance the Jeffrey pine is practically identical, except that its maxiumum height is under 200 feet and the average 150 or less.

When under about 2 ft. in diameter, trees of both species have bark that is nearly black and marked with parallel ridges and furrows. (Woodsmen have sometimes called these trees "blackjack" or "bull pine", and there are still a few old-timers who insist that they are a separate kind of tree.) Older specimens develop bark of the "alligator-skin" pattern which is such a familiar sight in our mountain areas. This consists of large flattish scaly plates, elongated vertically, separated by grooves. In Ponderosa pine the color is usually yellow-brown, occasionally from buff to orange-brown. Jeffrey bark is typically a little darker, from orange-brown to reddish,

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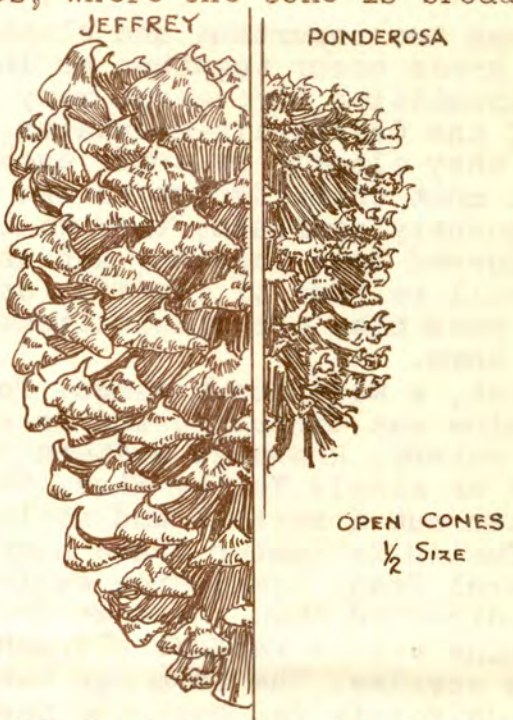
and the plates are usually narrower; but there is enough overlap in these characters so that they are not alone dependable for distinguishing between the species.

The needles of both trees are about 8 inches long and in clusters of 3; occasional bundles of 2, 4, or 5 may be found, but they are not common. Northward from the Feather River country where the Sierra Nevada merges into the Cascade Range, the crest of the divide is lower and less clearly definedthan in the Sierra to the south; and in this region the Jeffrey pines of the "east side" country extend westward and mingle with the Ponderosa pines of the west slope. Where this occurs, the difference between the bright yellowish-green of the Ponderosa foliage and the rich bluish-green of the Jeffrey may be easily noticed. But where only one of the species is present, this factor too is not sufficient as a distinction.

The cones of these trees, although quite similar, offer the most practicable means of telling the two species apart. Those of both kinds are borne singly or in clusters among the leaves; are bright reddish-brown when freshly open, and oval in shape; and in falling from the trees leave a cluster of their short basal scales attached to the branch, so that each fallen cone usually has a cup-like hollow at the base. When moistened by rain or melting snow, cones on the ground become tightly closed again, often picking up leaves or other litter between the scales and giving such cones a grotesque appearance. So much for the similarities. The following points, considering all rather than any one alone, and in addition to the factors mentioned above, will nearly always serve to distinguish between these two species of trees:

(1) The Ponderosa cone is normally 3½ to 5 inches long; the Jeffrey, 6 to 9 inches. Both occasionally are larger; the Jeffrey rarely smaller also.

(2) The Ponderosa cone has about 50 to 80 full-sized seed-bearing scales, which, when the cone is open, are spaced widely enough so that a man can usually insert his index finger between the scales at the widest part of the cone. The scales of the Jeffrey cone, however, are from 120 to 150 in number, and are so crowded when the cone is open that the spaces between the scales are scarcely as large as the ends of the scales themselves, where the cone is broadest.



(3) Each cone-scale is armed with a sharp prickle. In the Ponderosa pine the tips of these prickles turn slightly outward, so that squeezing an open cone in one's hand is, if not actually painful, at least distinctly uncomfortable. But on the Jeffrey cone the prickles turn definitely inward, and the open cones may be freely handled without fear of anything worse than a smear of pitch.

Biochemical tests have shown that the greatest and most constant difference between these tree species is in the chemical content of the sap. They contain hydrocarbons of entirely different series; and the differences appear to remain, even when the tissue of the two species is grafted together. This factor accounts for the somewhat different odor given off by fresh wood or broken twigs of the two trees. However, because our memories are not closely enough linked with our olfactory powers, this difference cannot ordinarily be depended upon as a distinguishing character. It is claimed

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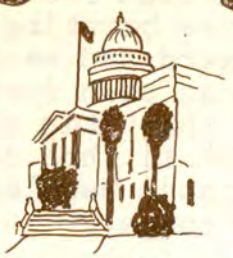
COMMISSION DIGEST



MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO MAY 20, 1949

The Park Commission met in regular session in San Francisco. Commissioners present were: Joseph R. Knowland, Chairman; George Waldner, and George A. Scott.

Actions included:

MARIN COUNTY MASTER SHORELINE PLAN- Authorized the Land Section of the Division to negotiate and acquire all parcels that had previously been approved for acquisition by the Commission in the Marin County Master Shoreline Plan in both the Tomales Bay and Stinson Beach areas. This was done with the understanding that Marin County will enter into a lease with our Commission for the development, operation, and maintenance of these new areas.

COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK- A requested change in the proposed agreement with the Masonic Grand Lodge for restoration of the Old Masonic Lodge was approved to become effective on the date of execution of the agreement. The change lengthens the agreement to fifty years, with the right of renewal, and allows the Masonic Grand Lodge to sublease the ground floor and use the revenue for maintenance. $38,000 is to be expended on the project.

In addition the Commission authorized under Chapter 1422, Statutes 1945, a sum not to exceed $150,000 for property acquisition. These funds must be matched by an equal amount of property, land or cash from other than State sources.

SONOMA COAST STATE PARK- Approved on April 1st agreement with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to allow a pole-line extension across State Park property. This will not benefit the park, but will provide electricity to residents west of the park boundry.

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT--Approved a concession agreement dated May 1, 1949.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MASTER PLAN- Approved a proposed lease agreement between the Commission and the county of San Diego for operation of beach areas within the county, by the county. This is similar to an agreement with Los Angeles County, and will include the beach known as Carlsbad.

PATTON MEMORIAL--After a personal investigation by Commissioner Scott of the site recommended for this memorial, the Commission decided that the area would not be suitable for State Park purposes.

MILL CREEK REDWOODS--Authorized purchase of 5 parcels of land, in Del Norte County, from the Charles Nelson Company for $22,500.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK--A request from the Exchange Club of Stockton was approved for the erection of a monument in memory of Lawrence V. Peterson.

RIGHT OF WAY REQUEST--Authorized a request by the County of Santa Cruz for a road easement across State property known as the Coast Reduction Property. This is necessary for the realigning of the San Adreas Road.

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK--Approved a request for right-of-way for a water line over State Property at Gould Grove. This was done with the stipulation that there will be no interference with the water supply at Burlington Campground.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR STATE PARK--Authorized that the concession for horses be granted to Joseph J. White for a period of one year commencing June 1, 1949.

SACRAMENTO RIVER PARKWAY AREAS--Authorized $200,000 to be approved from Chapter 1422, Statutes 1945 to be expended for acquisition only, of sites for Parks and Parkways along the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Sacramento, subject to matching requirements.

CARPINTERIA STATE BEACH--Author-

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ized the acceptance from the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, a large list of equipment and materials such as tools, recreation equipment, rest rooms, dressing rooms, and life guard equipment.

LA PURISIMA HISTORIC MISSION--Approved the appointment to an Advisory Committee for Restoration. Ten people were named to supercede the previous Advisory Committee. These members are to be appointed for a period of four years beginning May 20, 1949, and subject to re-appointment.

NEXT MEETING--The next meeting of State Park Commission will be held in Los Angeles in July, the exact date of which has not been announced.

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NOSTALGIA A LA DEPUTY CHIEF

Goon-light ad Dozes brig wudderful mebrys ub Hadson, --ad udder sprig beauties. Tho' 'tis a little past spring, it was decided this shouldn't go to waste too long! The following letter is self-explanatory.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

As a resident of the not-long-ago, you will recall what a time of beauty the spring season is here in the redwoods, and as you know, it is usually a time of joy for residents here.

This year, however, is not such a joyful time for many of the townspeople are ill or recovering from illness, for we have had more than the usual amount of illness. Measles and mumps have reached epidemic stage and many have flu and contagious colds.

Thinking that you might be interested in knowing how your acquaintances, old-time friends, neighbors and co-workers are faring here in the spring season, I am prompted to send you a bit of doggerel which might be classified as news, in a way, for NEWS AND VIEWS, spring edition, if you make up one on this subject.

Gladys Watson, Interm. Steno
Dyerville Hqds.

'TIS SPRIG ID THUH REDWOODS
(I have a cold)

'Tis sprig id thuh redwoods,
Swollen buds are bursting forth
On trees eastward and westward
To thuh south ad thuh dorth.
Bud, are glad that 'tis sprig????
Doe! We're down id thuh dumps,
Afraid we'll catch beasles,
Or baybe thuh bumps.

'Tis sprig id thuh redwoods,
Soft breeze thuh river ruffles-
Bud, are glad that 'tis sprig????
Doe! 'cause we hab thuh snuffles.

Townsbeoble are coffig
Ad chokig ad wheezig,
Ad spreadig thuh flu
With their sputterig ad sneezig.

But notwithstanding all this---
Now, that 'tis spring in the redwoods
And all nature is a-borning,
I give thanks to the Lord
On arising each morning,
That, to new glories unfolding,
I have eyes for the seeing,
And offer prayers of gratitude
For the privilege of being
Here at this glorious time of rebirth.
Than this, there is no more beautiful
Spot on the earth---
HERE IN THE REDWOODS.

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BALLS OF FLAME

Yes sir--that combustible season is here. Chief Ranger Jack Fleckenstein reports that on June 6, with the combined effort of the Division of Forestry and park personnel at Armstrong Redwoods Station a 1-acre timber and brush fire was extinguished that was threatening in an adjacent area.

It was a little, teensie, tinesy,
Just a weentsy, bit of spark,
But it grew, wind blew, dry too,
And it destroyed a big, big park.

Don Quixote
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HOW TO USE THE FIELD MANUAL

By Earl P. Hanson
Deputy Chief

Last month we had to skip a chapter of this thrilling serial. As no letters of protest have as yet reached this office, we wondered about the value of continuing the series. Rather than leave an abrupt break, we decided to write a concluding chapter. (Do we hear shouts of Hurrah?) HURRAH!

Section G - Accounting

Some years ago, the Legislature advised that the State Park System should endeavor to become self-supporting. To carry out their wishes, a system of service charges was established. Since such a system the accounting for collections, the accounting office of the Dept. of Natural Resources has set up a system for reporting collections directly to the Departmental Accounting Office.

Part of this section on accounting is now of no account, discount, or whatever lack of account you may suggest. G-1 is okay except for the last paragraph. G-2 is okay except "days business" is replaced by the work "period" and we no longer use Letter of Transmittal. G-3 is okay except that the first two paragraphs should be deleted. G-4 is okay except "letter of transmittal" changes to "report of collections". From this point follow the latest instructions for reporting and transmitting collections with Form A0197. Otherwise Section G, is perfect.

G-5, G-6, and G-7 are primarily for district office information, but read it anyway. One never knows when he might be doing such work. Or does one??

G-8 is for the traveling man. Especially note and observe the instruction in capital letters at the bottom of the page. You may be able to avoid having your travel expense voucher travel back to you.

Section H - Property and Equipment

Revised April, 1949

While the procedure for accounting for property and equipment is of primary interest to district officers and park heads, the deputy ranger should know the responsibilities involved. When the park head requires you to sign up for tools and equipment you may be using on the job, he is not questioning your responsibility nearly so much as he is protecting his. Or is he?

It should be particularly noted that exhaustive efforts must be made to locate lost or stolen property before submitting a property survey report for such property. When not in use, all property and equipment should be protectively stored. You wouldn't leave your dental plate on a lunch counter. Or would you? I'll bite!

Section I - Purchases

Eye this one thoroughly.

Here we learn how to requisition the material needs of park operation. Whether you received what you have in mind when you order depends largely upon how thoroughly you have described the materials needed. Anticipate your maintenance needs a quarter (not just two bits) in advance. Avoid waiting until you can see the bottom of the barrel. Estimate how long it will take to empty the full barrel and then plan accordingly.

The subpurchase order is a convenient form to be utilized for emergency purchases. Forgetfulness, or failure to anticipate does not usually constitute an emergency. Even a water line broken by a fallen tree need not be an emergency since a small stock of plumbing fittings should be kept on hand.

Check deliveries of materials closely with the purchase order. The only time deliveries and orders needn't agree is in maternity cases. That's why we don't depend upon doctors to fill purchase orders.

Section K - Engineering

We submit K-1 through K-9 for your diligent study. While deputy rangers may not be deeply concerned

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TID-BITS FROM THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR - BITS

You know, to any new editor who is taking over a new job, it is a scramble for source material. It is indeed gratifying to read so many interesting notes on the weekly reports. The editor hopes this will continue and would like to encourage all weekly reports to include an anecdote of some sort. If it isn't printed, try again!

DANE CRUNCHES CRUTCHES - From Chief Ranger Darrel Knoefler, Doheny Beach State Park, "Great Dane dog bites 6 year old boy on crutches. (Bit the boy--not the crutches.)"

FORMALDEHYDE PARADE - Daisy Barbour, Curator, Sonoma Mission says "Embalmers convention at Mission Inn today - before day ends there will be a lot of 'stiffs' - and not a dead party either!" Under Miscellaneous Items she adds, "The grape vines are now becoming like wreathes and garlands" - very appropriate we'd say!

1000TH PERFORMANCE - Isabel Hartigan, Curator at California's First Theatre, announced that during the week of May 22, the 1000th performance was given since the reopening as a theatre on June 3, 1937. A total of 426 troupers have taken part in the shows. Congratulations!

CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS - C. L. Milne, Chief Ranger at Prairie Creek State Park, gave a talk to 75 Boyscouts, titled "Why we protect the leaves and topsoil in our camp!"He also entertained a two-day scout Camp-o-ree in which he says "It gave us an excellent chance to do some conservation work where it will do the most good." This is Conservation Education.

BIG GAME HUNTING - Chief Ranger Arthur Sill at La Purisima Mission is having Janitor John Dimock engage in the type of work which comes under the heading that the Personnel Board specifications term "to do other work as required." For three days John apparently has been battling with gophers. We hope that after a terrific battle, he has finally subdued them.

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE - Another report from Chief Ranger Knoefler at Doheny Beach, states that for three days they had a high tide which flooded many camp sites, leaving debris which made it a beachcombers paradise. Damage was considerable and gullies were eroded into the area, a maximum of 25' in depth. Among all this turmoil apparently there were many Grunion hunters--comment: The Grunion were not runion.

CHURCH ON TUESDAY - From her report on Tuesday, May 24, Amelie Kneass (First Theatre) writes, "Just before the doors were opened at ten, two ladies peered in through a window, and seeing the benches in the center of the room (which had been prepared for a visit from the Del Monte School), one lady said to the other, 'You see the benches--now they can use it as a church'"!!

CAFETERIA STYLE-ORNITHOLOGICALLY INCLINED--Chief Ranger Roland Wilson from Point Lobos Reserve State Park writes "newly hatched covey of quail were seen this week, one of the first observed this season. Young pelicans were seen being fed by parent birds on bird island." Pelicans are practical sorts--instead of buying canned cooked baby food, they predigest the fish they catch and open their huge bills which, when spread wide open, make a platter for presentation of tasty food for their young.

RATTLING GOOD TIME--Assistant Ranger Roland Geyer from Marshall Monument and Gold Discovery Site State Park says (but not for public consumption), "This is a year for snakes. Rattlesnakes from a few inches long to sizeable 'Steak' size are available at Gold Discovery Site. They can be found coiled at the doorsteps, along the trails and in and about the picnic area. No damage has been done as yet, except to the rattlers themselves. Rangers with sticks and shovels deal death and burial to all 'Rattling Trespassers'. We think 'Boots and Britches' are a very practicle uniform and would like to see them as an 'Optional' for work." --Editorial comment--or How to beat the high meat prices: Rattlesnake steaks may be purchased for very high prices on fancy shelves in stores. Think how fortunate some of our field personnel are, to have such a choice fresh meat supply close at hand. The

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editor recommends from personal experience, that you try par-boiling in salt water and frying in butter--enough said.

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INDUSTRIAL ASPECT

Some of us, who strive to give the most in enjoyment to the public for practically nothing in our beach and park areas, might take personal affront if we were bluntly told,"you are only a cog in the wheel of big business!"

Let's see just why each and every one of us is a cog in the big business of the United States. Travel experts estimate 90,000,000 persons will spend $15,000,000,000 on vacations and pleasure travel this year.

The American Society of Travel Agents, predicting that more people will take vacations than ever before, says they will make shorter trips. They also predicted that average time of stopover at resorts will be shorter.

According to the American Automobile Association, about 24,000,000 cars will be on the road this summer. The average length of a motor trip is expected to be 1500 miles.

Vacationing Americans will get more for their money this summer than at any time since the war. For the first time since 1946 prices will not be higher than the year before. And some resorts may offer cuts from five to as much as 20 per cent under 1948 rates.

Trade sources estimate the average vacation will cost about $12 a day per person--but such figuring includes the camper whose costs in the woods average 30 cents. In this connection, sales of hunting and fishing equipment are reported at record high levels.

New York leads the list of States deriving income from its vacation industries. Hotels, restaurants, transport facilities and allied activities grossed $1,000,000,000 last year. Officials estimate it will be equalled this year.

Florida and California were second, gaining $700,000,000 each from their travel industries. Pennsylvania was third with $600,000,000 and Ohio and Michigan vied for fourth place with $500,000,000 in annual income generated by vacation enterprises.

The American Society of Travel Agents states that "National and State parks throughout the country are among the most popular objectives of traveling Americans. More than 70,000,000 persons visited them last year."

And so fellow B & P's we may not be the cog that on every revolution of the wheel tinkles that coin into the musical register, but we are an integral cog in a huge industry which by delightful contrast in todays high prices, offers in recreation, the mostest for the leastest.

The keynote to continual success of this standard is conservation of historical and natural resources

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BOTANICALLY SPEAKING -- or
Flowers from Park Followers

From the June 6 Oakland Post Enquirer in a letter to the editor we read, "'Hats off' and a big 'I Thank You' to the park rangers here in the state of California. We think it would be fitting, too, if you, Mr. Editor, and all the other editors, would write an editorial saluting these public servants, especially along about now with the busy summer season coming on and their job becomes doubly hard. We want to particularly emphasize the courteous, gentlemanly manner they treat everyone visiting these beauty spots. Again a pat on the back to these fellows, and an extra special pat to the boys up in Humboldt County at Williams Grove State Park."----- Don't bust your buttons, men!!!!!

In a letter from a big art and technical Director for a movie company in Hollywood we read, "My son and I have returned to Hollywood from the third year vacation we have spent at the Carpinteria State Beach Park. It is a pleasure to send you this letter in praise of the Park Staff at Carpinteria. The men appear to be busy every minute but are at all times courteous and accommodating. The place is clean and every employee seems to take a personal interest in this work. In these days it is not often a person can write a letter of this kind and I assure you it is a pleasure to do it."---we assure <u>you</u> Mr. Director, it is a pleasure to receive such a letter!!

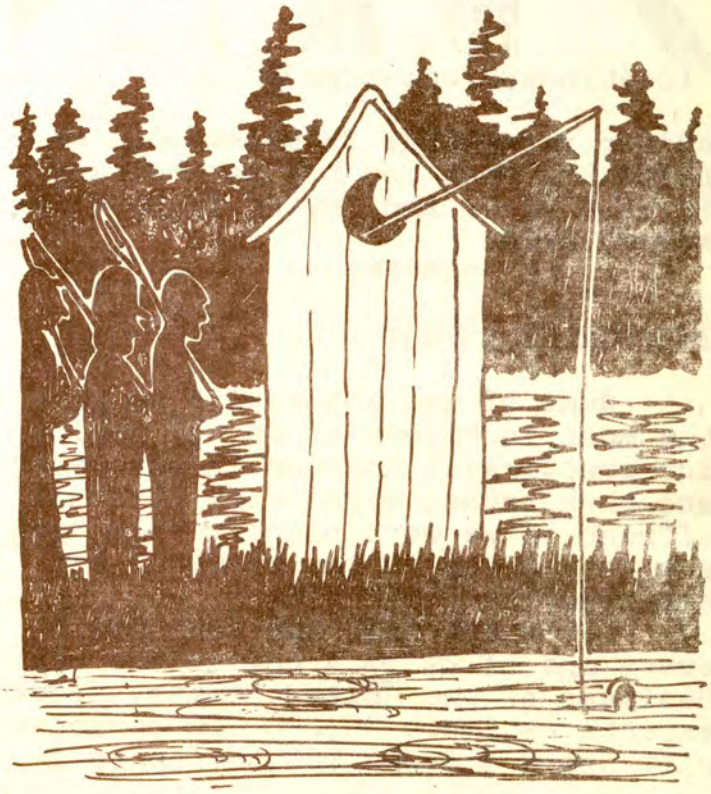
In a letter from the Sierra Club we note, "During the week-end of May 21-22, seventy members of the Sierra Club camped in the vicinity of Columbia in the Mother Lode country, and on Sunday we were shown through this State Historic Park by Curator F. A. Bridewell.

As leader of this group, I'm writing to compliment you and the Division of Parks on having an employee of the caliber of Mr. Bridewell. Not only did he show us the interiors of many of the old buildings and tell us most interestingly of your plans for the future, but he did so during a day when he is usually off duty.

Please accept our thanks and congratulations on the service so frequently and so efficiently provided by the Division of Parks and its employees."---- This comes from one of the most outstanding conservation organizations in California - a renowned connoisseur of outdoor values and services!!

A letter in the light vein, but nevertheless sincere says, "After spending several days at the McArthur-Burney Falls campground earlier this season, I would like to commend you for the very fine condition in which the park is kept. We were impressed with the cleanliness of the camping areas, and particularly, of the rest rooms. Seldom does one find public rest rooms kept so immaculate and sanitary.

The chief ranger, Elmer Pool, and his staff were most helpful, and although we did little to decrease the fish population of the state, we did enjoy our stay there."
----Calling all Park Personnel who love fan mail--if you can coax the Bureau of Fish Conservation to plant fish so that visitors can enjoy both the immaculate restrooms and fishing, you've really got something!!!



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that this chemical factor is responsible for a difference in the manner in which the resin of the two species exudes from an axe cut or other trunk wound. (But we don't make that test in State Parks!)

Ponderosa pine and Jeffrey pine are so widespread and abundant within their respective regions that they form a large proportion of the timber stand in our inland forests; an important percentage of the lumber produced in the west; and an outstanding landscape feature in numerous State Parks and almost throughout our mountain areas.
(Note: The tree in the cover picture is a Jeffrey.)

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JOHN HENNESSEY - To him we all extend a hearty "Get Well" after undergoing a successful operation. After a few weeks rest at Hermosa Beach, he will be back in the saddle as Supervising Lands Officer.

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Appreciation of them is what we are selling at bargain prices.

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TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL IS OCCASION FOR A PARTY

Walls of the Lyons home were slightly convex Friday evening, May 19, 1949, when 36 persons crowded into the living and dining rooms of House #1 at Burlington Campground for a "Goodbye, Seneys-Hello, Brocks" party. The occasion was a potluck supper and the several tables fairly sagged in the middle from the overload of delicious dishes prepared for the event. (At the close of the meal, the guests fairly sagged in the middle) Goodby was said to "Woody" and June Seney who left Williams Grove for a transfer to McArthur-Burney Falls. Hello was said to Richard L. Brock, his wife and 2 children who came from Prairie Creek to Burlington. Mr. Brock will be stationed at Stephens Grove.

Gladys Watson
Dyerville Headquarters

FRANK WELLS

We are deeply grieved to report that Assistant Ranger Frank Wells of Pismo Beach State Park passed away on Thursday, June 23, 1949.

Those of us who knew and worked with Frank will miss a friend and co-worker. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Alia Wells and Carol Sue.

Graveside services were conducted at Eastlawn Cemetery, Sacramento, on Monday, June 27, and were attended by members of the headquarters staff.

Frank Well's autobiography states he was born in San Francisco in 1908. He attended schools in Santa Cruz, San Jose and Berkeley. He was first employed as a seasonal State Park custodian at McArthur-Burney Falls in 1936. He subsequently served in eight parks of the system, including Richardson Grove, Big Basin, Big Sur, Mt. Diablo, Carpinteria and Pismo Beach. He was Assistant Ranger in charge of Pismo at the time of his death.

EXPANSIONS

It is an odd organization that isn't vitally interested in the expansion of its personnel.

Clarification of above - by vitally we mean vital statistics. By expansion we mean--you guessed it--and also marriages. The new editor regrets that no announcements were received this month on the weekly reports of births and marriages from field offices. All vital statistics gratefully received.

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APOLOGIES

Inadvertently the name of Wm. Yager, Jr. was left out of the article which announced assignment of State Park Ranger, Grade 2 positions in the May issue of News and Views.

Mr. Yager was promoted from a Deputy Ranger at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to Assistant Ranger at Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

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was applied.

In the support budget, all new grade lll ranger positions were deleted as well as 10 of the 19 grade l positions requested. Six new grade ll positions were allowed, two of which are for the maintenance of the riding and hiking trails.

Considering the present situation with regard to State funds, this Division was most fortunate in having urgently needed items included in the budget.

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with a rag and throw the rag away. (The Navy requires that gloves and full protection goggles be worn when disposing the tubes.)

A motto to this story could be "He who lives in glass houses should not inhale some!"

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with this section, there are rules therein regarding relations with other State agencies and with contractors that all must observe. If there be anything you don't comprehend in this section; consult the park head. If there is anything the park head can't explain, consult the district officers. If there be anything they can't make clear, try the Engineering Section. If it still isn't clear, there is no alternative. They wrote Section J. From K-15 on is helpful, but should be supplemented with a copy of the Standard Specs for park structures.

And so we bring to a successful (?) conclusion this year-long disertation on how to abuse the Field Manual. It may be that you've enjoyed the series as much as we have. If, incidentally, you have been aided thereby, perhaps all was not lost. Or was it:

Now we must seek a new series for you to omit reading. Or should we? Hasta la vista.

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THE COVER

This month's cover was drawn from a kodachrome taken by Fred Meyer on May 11, 1949 looking easterly from U. S. 40.

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BLUE BONNETS FOR TEXAS AND BLUE BLOSSOMS FOR HUMBOLDT REDWOODS

Numbers of tourists stopping at Dyerville information desk exclaim about the delicate lacy blossom on the shrub now wearing varied hues of blue and blooming so profusely in Humboldt at this time of year. When questioned "What is that pretty blue bush?" our answer might be "Ceanothus thyrsiflorus, Blue Blossom, California Lilac or Blue Myrtle" but to us Humboldters in Humboldt County it is just "plain old tick-tree" for after a walk in the woods nowadays more likely than not one is sure to find ticks on one's clothing or person after brushing against this pretty shrub. Ticks must be aesthetic animals for there are trees and trees and shrubs and shrubs on which they could make their abode but they choose the prettiest shrub of all for housing purposes. And, there is no shortage of housing for ticks in Humboldt Redwoods.

Gladys Watson
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CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK

...CALIFORNIA'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO PRESERVE, IN PERPETUITY, AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL, HISTORICAL, AND RECREATIONAL INTEREST OF WHICH THE PEOPLE OTHERWISE WOULD BECOME DEPRIVED....

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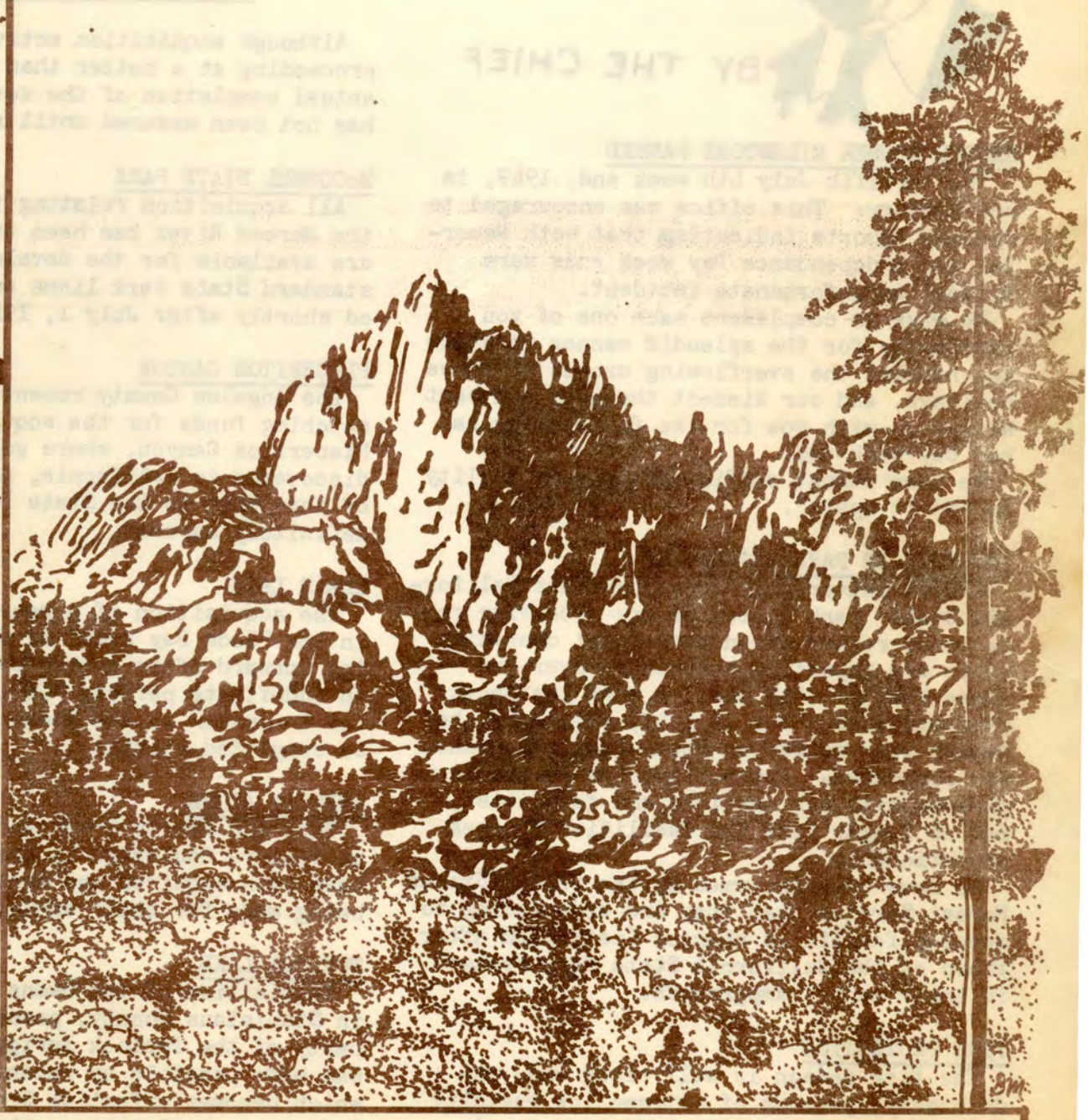

NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

SECOND SUMMER MILESTONE PASSED

The terrific July 4th week end, 1949, is now history. This office was encouraged to receive reports indicating that both Memorial and Independence Day week ends were without an unfortunate incident.

We wish to compliment each one of you personally for the splendid manner in which you handled the overflowing crowds of these holidays, and our kindest thoughts and best wishes go with you for the forthcoming Labor Day week end.

We have utmost confidence in your ability to "do it again".

INCREASE IN PARK ATTENDANCE

Almost universally throughout the California State Park System we are receiving reports of record attendance. All operating units are reporting attendance over and above that of 1948 and, in many instances, over and above that of 1947, which was the banner year so far as State Park attendance was concerned. Apparently, the public is pleased with our services and facilities, and no longer find the facilities charges objectionable.

We have been informed by the United States Forest Service that they are endeavoring to develop facilities charges (patterned after those of the California State Park System) in their major campgrounds.

FIRE PROTECTION

The fire season is well along and, undoubtedly, periods of extreme low humidity will prevail until the rainy season. As well as extreme attention to preventing fire, we should be at all times prepared to fight any fire that might get started. May we urge regular fire drills to be sure that all fire fighting equipment and man power is efficiently operated.

Part of the regular Park Control Program should include inspection of hydrant, hose and nozzle facilities to insure that they are properly placed and can be connected as well as operated within a few moments' notice. Be absolutely certain that all soda-acid fire extinguishers have been refilled within the last year so that you may be certain that they will operate.

ACQUISITION OF NEW AREAS

Although acquisition activity has been proceeding at a better than normal pace, actual completion of the several projects has not been assured until recently.

McCONNEL STATE PARK

All acquisition relating to this area on the Merced River has been completed. Funds are available for the development along standard State Park lines and will be started shortly after July 1, 1949.

PLACERITOS CANYON

Los Angeles County recently deposited matching funds for the acquisition of Placeritos Canyon, where gold first was discovered in California, and the addition of this unit to the State Park System is definitely assured.

CLEAR LAKE

The acquisition of a recreational area in the "Soda Bay area" of Clear Lake is moving forward after having been held up for an indefinite period. It is quite possible its inclusion in the State Park System will be completed shortly.

AMESTOY ADOBE

This old Rancho Grant and adobe building on Ventura Boulevard in Los Angeles County have been acquired and arrangements are now being made for their administration.

TURLOCK LAKE

Acquisition of the Owens Reservoir Site in Stanislaus County, presently the property of the Turlock Irrigation District, was made possible by recent legislation which becomes effective October 1, 1949. Under this legislation, the Turlock Irrigation District may lease to the State, properties that could be developed for recreational use.

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LEGISLATION AFFECTING STATE PARKS OR STATE PARK EMPLOYEES

I. State Employees Maintenance:
This empowers the State Board of Control to determine the fair and reasonable value of maintenance and other services furnished by the State as an employer to its employees. The Department of Natural Resources has already been operating on an experimental basis prior to the recent legislation.

II. Overland Emigrant Trail--Chapter 684:
Provides that the State Park Commission investigate and determine the cost of acquiring the old overland Emigrant Trail from Donner Lake to Chicago Park as a State Hisorical Monument.

III. Owens Reservoir--Chapter 341:
Makes possible leasing of Owens Reservoir, Stanislaus County, for State Park purposes.

IV. Public Utilities--Chapter 167:
Prescribes the conditions under which the State Park Commission shall grant rights of way over park lands to public utilities.

V. Historical Landmarks Committee:
Provides for the appointment of a State Historical Landmarks Committee, defines duties of the membership, and places responsibility for record keeping in the hands of the State Park Commission. Also provides for the marking and maintenance of the highway and roadmarkers that are to be provided for the registered Historical Landmarks.

Through resolutions, both houses of the Legislature have instructed the State Park Commission to carry out investigations and /or take steps to acquire the following:

Investigate the possibility of establishing State Park on Banner Mountain in Nevada County.

Investigate the possibility of establishing a State Park on the Colorado River.

Prescribing the ways and means of acquiring Butano Forest in San Mateo County.

Statement of policy with respect to the preservation of forest areas in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties.

Investigate the possible site and construction of a replica of one of the first capitol buildings of the State in Vallejo.

As information is received, we will report on other legislation affecting the State Park System of the Division of Beaches and Parks, or Personnel.

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SAVING STEPS

State Park checking operators sometimes have a bit of trouble extracting license numbers from a would-be camper. A few of the usual reactions when asked their license are: "I don't remember, would you step out and look at it", "I'll back up so you can see it"; (this said, the camper then backs into the car waiting in line behind him), or, the individual sits silent and assumes a vacant stare whereupon it is necessary to say that we must have this information.

L. P. Griffith, Assistant Ranger at Calaveras has solved the above situation by installing a mirror on the Kiosk so that the operator can see the auto license. Campers being signed up have been impressed by the efficient use of the device and have, in failing to notice the mirror, asked: "How'd you get my license number":

Sure beats the old 'go-around' the boys agree.

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CURRY-BIDWELL ABLAZE

A report from DeWitt Nelson, State Forester indicates that in California this year the potential fire hazard is exceptionally bad. It is not uncommon for the Division of Forestry on the land under its protection to have 20 or more fires a day! It is logical, therefore, that some of these fires should occur on State Park property.

George Hagens, Assistant Ranger, Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park reported a fire which burned approximately 750 acres, July 9 and 10th. The cause of the blaze was apparently from matches thrown on a steep old trail. Rangers Hagens and Pritchard worked with others on suppression until the Division of Forestry arrived. No damage to buildings was done.

KNOW YOUR STATE PARKS

CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK

by Ben M. Twight, Chief Ranger

Castle Crags State Park consists of 3476 acres of forested land, ranging in altitude from approximately 2000 feet along the Sacramento River to 6500 feet at the top of the great thumb of rock known as Castle Dome.

In 1855 the Crags, for which the park is named, were the scene of what is said to have been the last battle between whites and Indians in which the Indians used only bows and arrows as weapons. This Battle of Castle Crags was the prelude to the famous Modoc Wars. Joaquin Miller, then a boy of fourteen or so, fought in this engagement under the command of Old Gib, (R. P. Gibson), and later wrote several somewhat varying accounts of the affair, including a long, dramatic poem in the flamboyant style of those days.

The following is a reproduction from "Leslie's Monthly", March 1893.

OLD GIB AT CASTLE ROCKS

"(The Government desiring exact information touching the first trouble with the Modocs, now nearly forty years ago, the venerable leader of the volunteers in the first battle made out with his own hand the following quaint account of it and himself, swore to it before a notary, and sent it to Washington. The italics, capitals and all are as he set them down in his crude but truthful account.)

"I, Reuben P. Gibson Was Born in Lowell Mass, in 1826 of American Parents: shiped on board a whaler of New Bedford in 1846: Rounded Cape Horn: spent several years on the Paciffic Ocean and in 1846 landed in California: Came to the Mines in Shasta County California, and have lived here in Shasta County more than 40 years; most of which time I have been and am now a Magistrate. I have had much to do with Indians and in 1855 they became Very Restless and some of them took to the Castle Rocks--Called Castle del Diablo at that time by the Mexicans--and they, the Hostiles, began to destroy our Property and kill White people. Troops of the Regular Army tried to Engage them but found them inaccesable. I then raised a Company of Twenty Nine White men and thirty Indians (friendly) Scouts, and after hard and Perilous Marches by Night We Engaged and destroyed the hostiles; having taken Many Scalps. This battle was Fought in the Castle Rocks, in this--Shasta County, and was in June 1855. The hostiles were Modocks and Other Renergades and this was the first Battle in a war that Spread all over the Coast. I had Some Indians hurt and one white man mortaly wounded, James Lane by name, Some Others were more or less hurt with Arrows. Joaquin Miller Received an Arrow in the face and Neck at my Side and we thought would die, but at last got Well. He and Mountain Joe had a Post at Soda Springs below Castle Rocks and their Property had been destroyed and the place made untenable. In all of My Experience I know of nothing in Indian warfare so effectual for good as this Campaign. The Indians and Possession of the lines of travel connecting Middle and Northern California and it Was impossible for the Mails to get through until the Hostiles were destroyed. (Signed) Rueben P. Gibson.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1892; and I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant and know him to be a person of veracity and entitled to credit. He is a Justice of the Peace in this Shasta County."

(Seal) F. P. Primm, Notary Public in and for Shasta County, California

The old wagon road to Oregon ran through a portion of the park, and there is a legend of a wagon train having been waylaid by Indians, and $40,000 in gold having been cached somewhere in the Crags. Old Indian Nancy, who died only a few years ago, was supposed to have known the place and to have vanished into the Crags now and then, reappearing a day or two later with a few twenty dollar gold pieces. Many tried to follow her and find the source of her mysterious income, but none was successful.

In more recent years, there was a resort hotel near the river, which later burned. One time the water from the mineral spring, located in what is now the picnic area, was bottled and sold all over the country. The only traces of the farms which once occupied some of the meadows along the river are the

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old fruit trees and tangles of blackberries, which now provide food for the birds, deer and bears with which the park abounds.

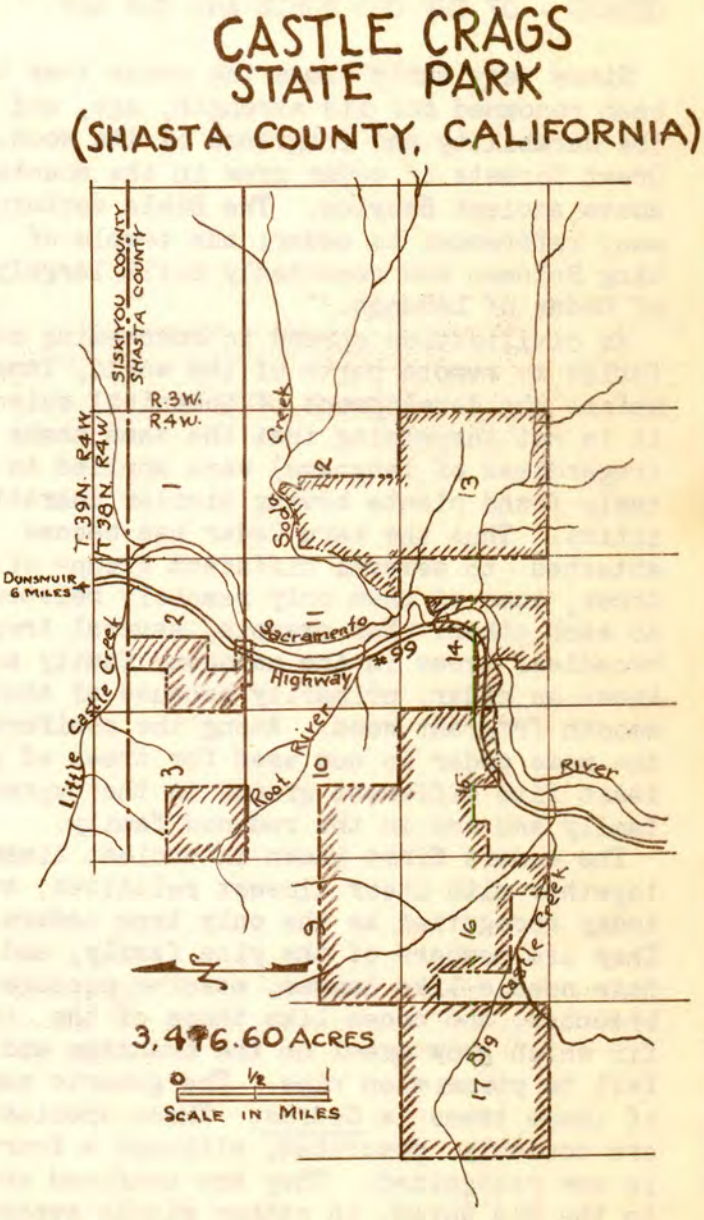
Castle Crags State Park is of interest to campers not only for its animal and bird life, but for its great variety of shrubs, trees and flowers. This far north the sharp rise in altitude allows the park to include types of growth ranging from the Valley Oak of the Upper Sonoran Life Zone to the Red Fir and Jeffrey Pine of the Canadian Life Zone. Along the river grow Western Yew, Port Orford and Incense Cedars, Black and Valley Oaks, Sugar and Ponderosa Pines, Douglasfir and White Fir; Accompaning these species are types of shrubs and flowers, such as Azaleas, Tiger Lily, Pitcher Plant, several Ceanothus, manzanitas, etc. Farther up the three mile trail to the Dome grow Red Fir, Jeffrey Pine and the comparatively rare Weeping Spruce, along with Pinemat Manzanita, Western Ledum, and many of the brilliant flowers found only at high altitudes.

In the fall the magnificent coloring of the foliage, particularly that of the Vine Maple and Dogwoods, is comparable only to the fall displays in the eastern states. Although always picturesque, during this season the park holds even more interest than usual for the camper equipped with camera or an easel for painting.

As a fisherman's paradise, Castle Crags State Park includes two miles of trail along the Sacramento River as well as portions of five clear, cold, fishable streams. Our camp areas make a fine base from which to go in to the rugged and beautiful country of Shasta and the Trinity Divide. More than thirty lakes can be reached in an hour or two by road and trail, and the Division of Fish and Game plants these yearly by pack train, and plane.

The Crags themselves attract several groups of mountain climbers from Stanford and the University of California, as well as members of the Sierra Club, every year. For the ordinary hiker there are many old logging roads criss-crossing through the woods, as well as approximately ten miles of trails through the park.

For a period of five years during the war the park was closed, and some of the development done by the C.C.C. such as roads and trails, necessarily deteriorated. However, since the reopening of the park in 1946, much has been accomplished. Encroaching brush has been cleared, camps renovated, roads rebuilt. A new footbridge has been built across the Sacramento River. A new combination building, a restroom and an office, as well as thirty new camps, have been added to the facilities already here. A new water system and a recreation hall are among the improvements planned for this year.



From the comments of the steadily increasing numbers of visitors, picnickers and campers, the park and its improvements are very much appreciated. The growing list of "repeat" campers, who come back each year, proves what the Castle Crags personnel contend: that in spite of its late start, this is a great park, with a greater future.

Park personnel include: Ben M. Twight, Chief Ranger; Duane Rodman, Ass't Ranger; Buck Herneisen and Bill Stahlberg, Deputy Rangers.

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CEDARS - OF THE OLD WORLD AND THE NEW

Since very early times the cedar tree has been renowned for its strength, age, and the durability and fragrance of its wood. Great forests of cedar grew in the mountains above ancient Babylon. The Bible contains many references to cedar; the temple of King Solomon was reportedly built largely of Cedar of Lebanon.

As civilization spread in succeeding centuries to remote parts of the world, long before the development of botanical science, it is not surprising that the same names (regardless of language) were applied to newly found plants having similar characteristics. Thus the term Cedar has become attached to several different groups of trees, some of them only remotely related to each other. For example, several tropical broadleaf trees in the mahogany family are known as cedar, primarily because of their smooth fragrant wood. Among the conifers, the name cedar is now used for trees of at least five different groups in the cypress family and one in the redwood family.

The cedars first known in ancient times, together with their closest relatives, are today recognized as the only true cedars. They are members of the pine family, and have needle-like leaves, massive picturesque branches, and cones like those of the true fir which grow erect on the branches and fall to pieces when ripe. The generic name of these trees is Cedrus. Three species are commonly described, although a fourth is now recognized. They are confined entirely to the Old World, in rather widely separated areas. These True cedars are of interest here not only because of the use of their name for several native trees (which bear almost no resemblance to them in appearance), but also because one of them, in particular, is extensively planted in California for ornamental purposes.

The Atlas Cedar grows natively in North Africa. The Cedar of Lebanon once formed great forests in Asia Minor, but is now reduced to a few small groves. The species on the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea is sometimes considered a form of the Cedar of Lebanon. In the Himalayan region of India grows the Deodar Cedar, Cedrus deodara. It is this last tree which is widely planted in California, and may be seen on lawns, in parks, and sometimes along the streets in many parts of the state. The famous "Mile of Christmas Trees" in Altadena consists of Deodar Cedars. Some very fine specimens stand along the west side (front) of the Capitol in Sacramento.

Because these members of the pine family just described are the only trees entitled to the name Cedar, the latest authorities on plant names insist that, in applying the term to other unrelated plants (many of which have been called cedars for so long that the name could not be entirely replaced), it should be either written solid with a modifying term (like "redcedar" or "whitecedar"), or compounded by use of a hyphen, as is done below.

Trees in this category which are native to this country are the members of the cypress family referred to earlier. Plants in this family have tiny scale-like overlapping leaves, small cones of various types, and generally stringy bark, often reddish in color. The twigs may be either of irregular habit, forming no particular pattern, as in the cypresses and junipers (the Eastern red-cedar, from which the red-and-white wood popular for "cedar chests" is obtained, is a species of juniper); or they may be arranged in flat fern-like sprays, as in the case of the California trees for which the term cedar is used.

CALIFORNIA INCENSE-CEDAR, Libocedrus decurrens

This well-known tree occurs from Oregon southward through the Sierra Nevada and inner coast ranges to Lower California. It is an isolated representative of a group whose other members are in South America, Southwestern China, and the islands of the Pacific. It grows commonly with Ponderosa pine, and as one ascends the mountains it appears very shortly after the first ponderosa is seen. Young incense-cedars are often almost perfectly cone-shaped, with branches extending clear to the ground, and with very bright green foliage. Older trees have short branches forming a narrow crown, and appear olive-green at a distance. The species attains a height of 100 to 150 feet, and diameter of 4 to 6 feet; a few trees of larger dimensions are on record. The flat sprays of foliage are usually about the size of a person's hand. The quaint cones, about an

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inch long and slightly wider when open, suggest the conventional design of the fleur-de-lis; each cone has two large spreading scales, and produces four winged seeds. The bark is fibrous and stringy, usually cinnamon-brown in color. Frequently tourists just becoming acquainted with the Sequoias mistake incense-cedar trunks for those of young Sierra Redwood, and imagine in their enthusiasm that they are "discovering" new Sequoia groves. The wood of incense-cedar is light-brown and scented; it is useful and durable, but many trees of merchantable size are infested with with pocket rot. Most western pencils are made of incense-cedar stock.

Incense-cedar is common at Castle Crags and in several of our other inland parks, from one end of the state to the other, and of occasional occurrence in several more.

Two other species, closely related and somewhat similar in appearance to incense-cedar, should be mentioned here. Chamae-cyparis lawsoniana is commonly known as Port-Orford-cedar, although nurserymen call it "Lawson Cypress", and Standardized Plant Names recommends Lawson False-cypress. It occurs in a relatively small triangle of southwestern Oregon and northwestern California, but straggles inland to the region of Mt. Shasta where it is of occasional occurrence at Castle Crags State Park. It is found also at Mill Creek Redwoods and other coastal parks. Its flat leaf-sprays are longer, narrower, darker (sometimes bluish) and more drooping, than those of incense-cedar; the bark is duller and somewhat more grayish; and the cones are tiny spheres about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch across. In the coastal forests it grows to a large size, especially in Oregon, but is much smaller inland. Its pale yellow-ish wood is extremely fragrant, and is the "white cedar" used to line cedar-chests and closets and for cabinet work.

Thuja plicata, commonly known as Western Red-cedar but more properly called Giant Arborvitae, is a tree of the Pacific Northwest, extending to Alaska and inland to western Montana. It enters California along the northern coast, and does not attain here the huge dimensions (200 X 16 feet) that it does in Washington and Oregon. In both foliage and cones it resembles incense-cedar more than the Port-Orford does, but the leaf-sprays are darker green and less erect, and the cones are only about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch across. Its wood has a characteristic aromatic odor, and is one of the commonest materials for shingles and telephone poles. The writer has no definite data on the occurence of this species in any of our state park areas, although it probably grows in a few; and such information will be received with appreciation.

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Earnest Hunter, Ranger Grade I, has a most unusual method for breaking in a brand new uniform.

Friday, July 1, Earnie reported for duty at the Big Basin Office wearing his new uniform for the first time. He went from the office to the area near the swimming pool to do some of the ever present exercises with the pokey stick, and had just been working a few minutes when a young boy ran to him with the news that two girls were in trouble in the pool. In line with the highest type of performance of duty, he lost no time at all in going to the aid of the young girls. Taking time to remove his hat and jacket, he plunged in and hauled them both to safety. A camper, Mr. John H. Graydon, applied immediate artificial respiration to the unconscious girl and she recovered in a short time. He was backed by several of the park rangers who have had training in artificial respiration in case he needed assistance. Petie Weaver did an admirable job of controlling the children's parents.

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The Commissioners and the entire staff of the Division joins in expressing our wishes that Mrs. Scott recover soon from her illness. She is with specialists in New York.

COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT LOS ANGELES JULY 22, 1949

The Park Commission met in a regular session in the State Building in Los Angeles. Commissioners present were: J. R. Knowland, George Waldner, and Leo Carrillo.

Actions Included:

Orange County Master Plan The highlight of the day was the appearance of an active delegation of nearly 100 Orange County citizens, officials and attorneys to either propose, or prevent the adoption of a county master plan of acquisition for State Beach and Park areas. After a few "brickbats" and sarcastic words between some of the females of the delegation, the issue was taken under advisement by the Commission. Later in the day the master plan was adopted as approved by the County Board of Supervisors with a few changes relative to the hotly-contested China Cove Strip. Proposed acquisitions for the County were set up under three priorities:
Priority 1 - 71 acres at Bolsa Chica Beach; 18.2 acres of Corona Del Mar Beach; .61 acres of China Cove; 16.2 acres in three parcels at San Clemente Beach.
Priority 2- 9.5 acres of Bluff Land at Corona Del Mar; 24 acres of beach extending from Doheny Beach State Park to Capistrano Beach Pier; 19.6 acres of beach in the City of Huntington Beach; 64.5 acres of beach in two parcels at Salt Beach Creek; 19.6 acres in five parcels North of Municipal Pier in San Clemente; 8 acres of ocean frontage at Dana Point; 100 acres of University of California ocean frontage adjoining Doheny Beach State Park.
Priority 3 - 25.3 acres of beach in City of Huntington Beach; 32.9 acres of beach in two parcels in San Clemente.

Los Angeles County Master Plan - The proposed acquisition of the Westport Beach Club beach was referred to the staff for futher study. This is the one remaining beach not in State ownership in the City of Los Angeles between Santa Monica and El Segundo.

Memorial Groves - The establishment of the Jedediah Smith Grove of approximately 15 acres was approved to be located on the west bank of the Smith River in Mill Creek Redwoods State Park. Also approved was the establishment of the Izaak Walton League Grove of 40 acres. An addition of 80 acres was approved for the State Garden Clubs, Inc., Grove.

Fire Control Station in Humboldt Redwoods Director Hannum reported that the proposed area for a fire control station in the Dyerville-Weott area is unsatisfactory. It was agreed that Commissioner Waldner with members of the staff should determine a suitable site.

Placerita Canyon - A resolution was adopted to negotiate the purchase of the Southern California gold discovery site, Los Angeles County.

Prairie Creek Redwoods, Patrick's Point State Parks - Authorization was given for the purchase of a number of strips of abandoned rights of way from the Southern Pacific Corporation.

Silver Strand State Park - Approved the termination of a lease covering 4.66 acres held by the U. S. Engineers.

Humboldt Redwoods State Park - A grazing concession agreement for an area near Bull Creek was approved.

Corona Del Mar - Authorized the purchase of concession property.

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park - Agreed to allow the U. S. Forest Service to use 2.5 acres within the park to be used for corral purposes.

San Diego County Master Plan - Approval was made of a change in the priority position of the Coronado Beach addition to Silver Strand.

Will Rogers State Park - Renewed the concession for a curio shop.

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Trinidad Beach State Park - Renewed the concession for grazing.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park - Authorized negotiation for purchase from Sage Land and Lumber Co., Inc. 80 acres of redwood timber in the Godwood Creek Basin.

Ventura County Master Plan - Approved inclusion of certain blocks in the Ventura Beach Tract.

Cuyamaca Rancho - Approved a renewal of an agreement with the State Division of Highways for removal without blasting of granite from the Paso Pachico pit.

Mt. Diablo State Park - Approved for one year the renewal of the telescope concession.

Clear Lake - Voted to include the Nancy Field Parcel in the proposed acquisition.

Los Angeles County Master Plan - A resolution was adopted to accept the City of Santa Monica matching deed.

Archaeology - Permission was granted the San Diego Museum of Man to continue archaeological research in southern state parks. Additional approval was given the University of California for research at Dry Lagoon Beach.

Police Powers - Were granted to N. E. Albright, M. E. Beckman, K. D. Caldwell, C. V. Coffey, J. Chaffee, W. K. Davis, T. L. Drew, J. R. Dyson, R. B. Frenzel, A. B. Gray, L. P. Griffith, T. M. Hansen, W. J. Haussler, G. Holmboe, G. M. Huston, G. Ingco, Jr., L. M. Johnson, B. E. Leever, M. Lloyd, C. G. Lonnecker, R. C. McCullough, W. F. Martell, F. R. Newbill, C. M. Packard, J. B. Perrin, E. E. Powell, N. E. Power, R. C. Powers, C. W. Ray, D. W. Redding, L. G. Rogers, O. G. Short, M. H. Single, H. G. Steving, J. P. Stowe, P. D. VanDeusen, R. B. Vind, and R. W. Wing.

Stevenson House - Permission was granted for the Monterey History and Art Association to sponser an official opening ceremony for the Stevenson House State Historical Monument.

Burlington Campground State Park - A request was granted for a right of way, for residents on the south side of the park.

Richardson Grove State Park - Approved the installation of a sprinkling system in concession buildings at no cost to the State.

Armstrong Redwoods State Park - Renewed permission to hold organ recital programs.

Old Custom House - Granted permission to the City of Monterey to construct a pedestrian passage ramp, and eliminate parking in front of the House.

Riding and Hiking Trails - On July 8, a meeting was held in Sacramento for the California Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee. Certain matters discussed were presented before this commission meeting. The county plans for Riverside, Tehama and Santa Barbara were approved. Allocation of $140,213 for construction and acquisition this fiscal year was approved for the following counties: Contra Costa, El Dorado, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, Yuba, and Butte. A policy was adopted for the patrol of trails by uniformed men. A change in Riding and Hiking regulations on fire arms was made. Approval was made of a standard trail sign and an outline for a new brochure.

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HAPPINESS RADIATES FROM EVERY SEQUOIA!

Deputy Ranger Donald Royer of Calaveras Big Trees State Park left the ranks of single men on July 19th when he was married to Josephine Van De Meer of Hanford, California. Josephine is a beautiful Dutch girl so the Rangers are expecting to hear the echo of wooden shoes among the Sequoias!

Don and Josephine were initiated into the Calaveras Circle when they were placed on the back of the old park flatrack and paraded through the camp and picnic grounds. Large "Just Maried" signs on the side of the truck added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Not to be outdone by the Rangers, the campers, almost 100 strong, serenaded the young married couple at their house trailer and presented them with an assortment of can goods, including some canned baby food, (and one fire extinguisher)!

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Park Naturalist George Campbell reports nocturnal flying squirrels common at Calaveras Big Trees.

THE BETTER RANGER

A SERIES

HANDSOMELY EDITED, EXTENDED EXPURGATED, AND ANNOTATED PERSONALLY

BY

EARL P. HANSON, DEPUTY CHIEF, B.&P.

THE BETTER RANGER

This is the first of the series of articles intended to stimulate interest in improving services to State Park visitors and thereby furthering in some measure, the Ranger career.

It has been said that happiness rarely lies in attainment -- even though satisfaction does -- but rather in the process of attainment. For instance, the roll of coins out of the Jack Pot brings satisfaction; but it is the anticipation of this during the operation of the one-arm bandit that brings the real pleasure.

While we may feel satisfaction in being in the Ranger business, true happiness lies in our endeavor to contribute to progress. From time to time individuals will be requested to contribute articles for this Section, and it is hoped you will be thinking about subjects that may be suitable. Volunteer articles are not only welcome, but definitely are solicited. The article should cover one subject and not exceed 500 words. This office reserves the right to edit and alter the article to conform with policy and space considerations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations are often misinterpreted as meaning relations with the public; that is, any sort of relations. This interpretation implies that gossiping with a client is public relations. For that matter, so is hitting him over the head with a blunt instrument.

Public relations, as it applies to management, means giving satisfactory services to the public and, at the same time, getting the greatest possible degree of cooperation from them. That is, the public as a whole --not any one particular individual.

Following are several good points to observe in public relations which have been taken from a periodical entitled, "The Office Economist". They are reworded, in part, to fit our Parks organization:

Building Maintenance must always be adequate if a well-rounded public relations job is to be done. People judge a park development by its buildings. In your case, make sure that judgment is favorable.

Courtesy is a primary rule of good public relations. Be certain your Park visitors and associates always receive courteous treatment.

Dependability must be included in every public relations program. Be ever ready to stand behind the policy set up by the Park authorities. Be sure that services and information that get to Park visitors are consistently reliable.

Employee Relations imply that only satisfied employees can perform a satisfactory all-around public relations job for Parks.

Human Relations must be good if public relations are to be satisfactory. You are working with human beings. Strive to treat each person as an individual--not as a type.

The Park System is an important unit in the public relations program. Never cease trying to sell California's State Parks to the public by constantly playing up the good points and important policies of the System.

General Maintenance is important to consider in public relations. Sloppy custodial activity on the part of any organization tends to bring public disfavor upon it. Cleanliness and neatness automatically breed a desirable public attitude. This philosophy applies specifically to public restrooms and grounds.

Letter Writing is a function that should be given considerable thought in public relations efforts. The letter should leave your office reflecting a cheerful and courteous, though business-like attitude.

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Good Manners on the part of anyone connected with an organization (from the Administrator on down) are the very life blood of good public relations.

Observation means keeping your eyes open constantly for ways of doing a better public service job.

Service to the Park visitor should always be maintained at a high level. Avoid, however, giving a service to one individual that you cannot give to all individuals. Services should be given or turned down with a smile. Extra effort toward maintaining good public relations should always be applied during times of stress. During rush periods, when things are strained, apply public relations ointment in large quantities.

In conclusion, it should be remembered that good public relations can't be turned on and off like a faucet, but must be maintained at all times. The following anecdote is an example of something or other which you should decide for yourself: Smith had been called upon to substitute for Brown, a speaker of the day, before a local service club. As he responded to the introduction he remarked, "I am much like a bunch of rags stuffed into a window--not glass; not the real thing." Then he proceeded to give a great talk. When it was over, the chairman thanked him and said, "You are certainly no bunch of rags--you are a real pane."

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Letters of appreciation from visitors were received in the Sacramento office. These praised the personnel and maintenance in the following areas: Doheny Beach, Mill Creek Redwoods, New Brighton Beach, Prairie Creek Redwoods, McArthur-Burney Falls, and Vallejo Home. On July 14th, Vallejo Home was the site of the Gregson-Butler Reunion.

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Due to illness of our regular artist, Don Marty, able assistance in the art work was given by Mavis Green.

COME JOIN OUR FORCES!

Believe it or not, the giving of Civil Service Examinations is an expensive operation. In the interest of State economy as a whole it is beneficial to recruit as large a number of candidates as possible for each examination and thereby reduce the number of times an examination has to be given.

In the interest of the Division of Beaches and Parks it is beneficial to selectively recruit men that will be a credit to our organization. Many times the best recruiting is done by a satisfied employee "passing the word." And so to fellow Curators and Rangers, we ask you to tell your friends who can qualify to submit an application for: Curator of Historical Monument or State Park Ranger, Grade I.

Applications may be obtained at your nearest of the over 100 State Employment offices. The following are the minimum qualifications for Ranger, Grade I: Two years of college with three months of construction, park or forestry work; or 12th grade and one year's experience in skilled or semi-skilled park or forestry work, camp or park management, or armed forces construction work. Lack of two years of the high school may be substituted, year for year, with more of the above experience.

Minimum qualifications for Curator are: 12th grade and one year of classifying exhibits for a museum or historical building or doing historical research or historical writing. Additional experience on a year-for-year basis may be substituted for lack of 12th grade.

Both of these specifications are difficult to interpret so make sure a full education-experience account is on the application. Better write too much than too little. To the poor personnel examiner, you are just another old flat and quite dull piece of paper. Sometimes we wonder why examiners can't read our minds--maybe it's because we are too far away!

It should be noted that the official bulletin of the examination is in error in stating that a vacancy exists at Columbia State Park. Actually, the immediate vacancy is at Shasta State Historical Monument, for Curator.

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Commissioner and Mrs. Kasch have recently returned from a sojourn in Europe.

NATURE RECREATION PROGRAM FOR '49

It is always one thing OR another, but always something:

In this park
why do we always see Digger Pines on the south-facing slopes and Ponderosa Pines on the north-facing slopes of the canyon, huh? or———

What is the difference between a Rainbow Trout and a Steelhead - if they aren't the same thing, were they both introduced to California, and why does one want to go down to the ocean anyway, and the other doesn't? or———

Why is it when I put this tree toad on green grass, he turns green, and when I put him on brown soil, he changes color? or———

My, but I think the male Western Tanager is attractive - why isn't the female as pretty, and what makes birds migrate? I was here last winter and didn't see them? or———

I understand the Rattlesnake is the only reptile in California that I have to fear - but how do I tell the difference between a beneficial young gopher snake and a young rattler? or———

Is this the Roosevelt Elk? Is it the same kind as the elk I saw in the elk refuge on the east side of Sierra? What was their former range? or———

Down the road aways in a cut I found this fossil seashell - when was this park under water? or———

What kind is this huge moth, and what's the reason bugs keep flying into my campfire even though they get cremated? or———

Does this polished granite indicate glacial action? If so which way did the glacier go? etc, etc, etc, ——and so, far into the naturelist's working day, until finally late after the campfire program a small boy, a future Park Naturalist, administers the coup-de-grace to the bent, but scientific -to-the-last Park Naturalist:

What makes plants and animals alive?———

Slowly, but surely, but quietly, but definitely something snaps within the cranial cavity in the region of the cerebrum of the Park Naturalist who falls to the count-it was the same unanserable, damned question he asked of a late Park Naturalist 15 years ago who died 15 years ago!

Humerous as the above may be(or hoped it would be), the development mainly within the last decade of a Nature-Recreation Program has been a cultural advancement in the public relations of the State Park System.

The following are excerpts from an historical outline written in 1940 by Deputy Chief Earl P. Hanson who was our first Civil Service Nature Guide.

Educational services in California's state parks began with the establishment of California Redwood Park at Big Basin in the year 1902. Mr Andrew P. Hill, artist and photographer who had worked diligently for the establishment of the park, and who operated a concession there, spent much of his time revealing to visitors the natural phenomena of the recently created state redwood reserve.

State supported educational activities in the California State Park System started with the inauguration of nature guide service in California Redwood Park during the summer of 1926. Originally sponsored by the Fish and Game Commission, it was largely through the efforts of Colonel Charles B. Wing, then Chief of the Division of Parks, that the newly-created State Park Commission approved joint sponsorship of this educational program in 1928. The program was continued until 1931 when the Fish and Game Commission withdrew its support. The Division of Parks due to lack of funds was unable to support the program the following year, and it was only through the generosity of Mrs. Eda H. Walters, concessionaire who provided room and board, and Mr. Rodney S. Ellsworth, nature guide who donated his services, that the educational program was carried on in Big Basin during the summer of 1932.

The following year, the State Park Commission, reestablished the educational program at California Redwood Park.

About the same time--in 1933-- the State Division of Parks approved of privately sponsored educational exhibits and services in the state redwood parks. The Save-the-Redwoods League, through its educational committee, provided for the establishment of an outdoor exhibit at Richardson Grove based on a large redwood tree that had fallen there. Mr Emanuel Fritz, forestry professor in the University of California at Berkeley, undertook the responsibility of preparing this exhibit, which was considered one of the most outstanding displays of its kind.

The following year the Save-the-Redwoods League established nature guide service at Richardson Grove, which they supported until

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1936 when the State Division of Parks assumed responsibility for it. During that time the League also employed a man to patrol the memorial groves along the Redwood Highway and to give information about state parks and the redwoods.

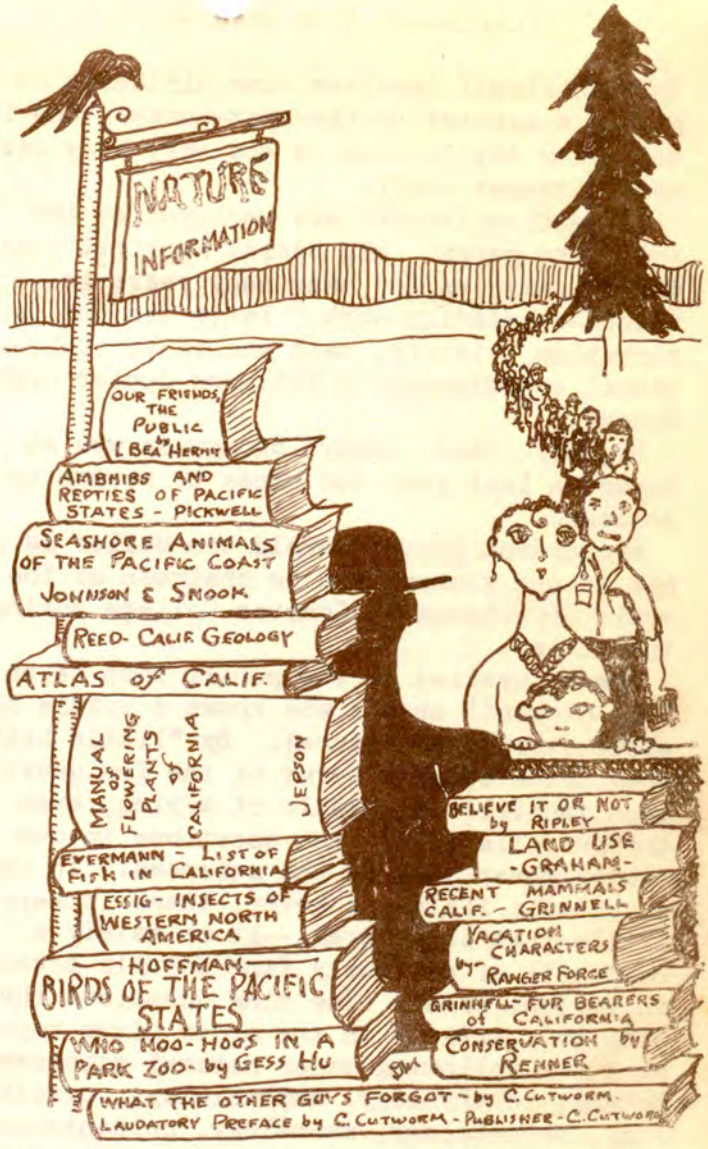
In 1935 the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. provided nature guide service at Point Lobos Reserve in Monterey County. The Division of Parks financed this service in 1936 and 1937, but since that time the work has been performed by the "Warden" stationed there.

In 1937 and for several years, the Garden Club of America employed a nature guide at the grove which bears that name and toward the purchase of which they contributed so generously.

In 1936, the State Personnel Board conducted a civil service examination to establish a list of eligibles who might temporarily be employed in the parks as State Park Nature Guides. In that year summer guides operated at Point Lobos Reserve, Big Basin Redwoods, and Richardson Grove. In 1938, a full-time guide (Hanson) was employed to assist during the winter season in the preparation of publications and materials for use of the summer guides, and who would work in the field during the summer season. During 1938 and 1939 the full-time guide was in the field for six months each summer season. In 1940, he was able to observe and advise educational programs in the several parks, serving but three weeks as guide at the Founders' Tree.

With the employment of recreation directors in 1938, nature guides were relieved of some of the responsibility of conduction campfire programs. A well-qualified recreation director at Pfeiffer Redwoods consented to conduct educational activities as part of his recreational program.

During the war years a limited educational programwas carried on. Today we have a summer field staff of thirteen and in many of our parks such as Big Basin these services are overly attended. Reports show that some naturalists are accompanied on nature walks by as many as 100 people! This is almost three times as many as can be handled with ease, but on the other hand, it is encouraging to see so many persons interested in their natural surroundings. The numbers availing themselves of our educational services is increasing in greater proportion than the total number of visitors.



Where both Naturalists and Recreation leaders are employed in one park, teamwork is the keynote to success of the program. In general the RL spends most of his time during the day welcoming campers and visitors, and soliciting local participation of talent to be presented before the evening campfire programs. His life is not an easy one. If there is not enough talent, he must conjure up something--if there is too much he must diplomatically suppress someone's desire to make a debut in the theatrical world. He must lead community singing with a vigor and zest that will make the surrounding timber vibrate with resonant but pleasing overtones! He must familiarize himself with all the detailed information concerning the park and an area within 100 miles, lest when answering questions the public will think that everyone in a ranger's uniform isn't the salt-of-the-earth after all. He is because of his extensive contact work, the sounding board for all the public's gripes and appreciations.

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This in itself involves some diplomacy in giving a correct on-the-spot-answer, and in conveying suggestions to the very busy permanent ranger staff.

Recreation leaders are employed at the following parks. Big Basin: Harriett "Petie" Weaver, with us for many many years in nature-recreation work. Petie teaches conservation, history, math and is an audio-visual coordinator in Fillmore Junior High School.

Big Sur: Jack "Sandy" Snodgrass was at Cuyamaca last year and hopes to return to college.

Richardson Grove: Harold von Muller is on his second summer, and is chairman of the music department at Compton College during the winter.

The naturalist to the public must be an "all-ologist" or one who knows a little bit about everything natural. By "little bit", they think only in terms of the few questions each inquirer is capable of asking, even though collectively the questions in one summer cover most of the sciences: In the scientific fields, however, there is very little that is general,--it is mainly a composite of extremely fine details arranged in logical order. The nine questions that open this article in the order given represent the following major natural sciences: Botany, ichthyology, amphibiology, ornithology, herpetology, mammalogy, paleontology, entomotogy, geology. No one person can be a specialist in all of these-yet many of the questions asked him are of a nature that only a specialist can answer. In true scientific form a good naturalist can shake his head if he doesn't know the answer, but should be sufficiently acquainted with the literature to know where to look it up!

Our naturalist force this season represents a wide variety of training.

Big Basin: Don Meadows, with us for the 4th season, has a BA degree in Biology and an MS in Entomology. He is a biology teacher in a Long Beach High School. Theodore "Bud" Reddick, his second season, has a BS in Animal Husbandry and an MS in Zoology. He also is teaching in a Long Beach High School.

Big Sur: Frank Shaw, his 1st season, has a BS in Zoology and an MA in Biology. He is a Laboratory Assistant at Stanford.

Richardson Grove: Carl Nichols, on his 3rd season, has a BS in Horticulture and an MS in Citriculture. Until recently he has been managing Southern California citrus groves.

Prairie Creek: Glenn Waldner, on his 3rd season, has an AB in Education and a Botany minor. Being principal of an elementary school at Rio Dell occupies his winter months.

Dyerville Contact Station: Brooking Tatum, his first season, is at the new station where a large exhibit on the Redwood area is set up. "Brook" has an AB in Science and Education, and lectures and produces visual material, science materials.

Cuyamaca Rancho: Clinton "Clint" Schonberger, his 3rd season, has an AB and MA in Biology and Music and teaches in San Bernardino Valley.

D. L. Bliss: Kenneth Pratt, his 2nd summer has an AB in History and is a part-time laboratory assistant at Stanford while attending college.

Calaveras Big Trees: George Campbell, his 1st season, has an AB and MA in science and physical education, and is Chairman of Biological Sciences, Richmond High School.

Williams Grove: Milton Frimcke, his 1st season, has a BS in Zoology and graduate work in education. He is a graduate of the School of Field Natural History, a training ground for Naturalists.

As to the future--there are many, but interesting problems and prospects confronting the Conservation Supervisor and the Nature-Recreation Program.

Knowledge is essential to education, and we are lacking in much, geological and natural history information for some of our areas. As much as time permits this summer Naturalists are attempting to fill in a few gaps by doing some research on their parks. In coming years it is hoped to step up the research phase of our work - it can lead to authoritative publications to be distributed on a paying basis. Reports indicate the public are asking for them.

A reference collection of books may eventually be at hand in each park for answering questions, and thereby not obligate Naturalists to transport their own if they have them.

A detailed manual covering public presentation of the Nature - Recreation program is needed so that all RL and Naturalists can profit by each other's abilities and techniques.

A twenty-fold increase in the visual aids would not be too much to assist the program in each park. A good supply of slides, films, etc., at each park would be far better than the rotated materials on hand at present.

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FORT ROSS-- a vestige of an old culture.

An anthropologist has stated that man differs from other animals, in that he is interested in his past as well as his future! The fact that man is interested in his past, is evident everywhere, and we have all been exposed to other person's wishes that all of us know something of our past. Take those long date-remembering sessions in school history classes for instance!

Preservation of fleeting remnants of history is something that most of us take for granted someone is taking care of. Yet, if it were not for the diligent efforts of a relatively few historians, collectors, and agencies, the gaps in California history would be even larger than they are. Few of us realize the importance of past history in the formulation of future cultural policies.

It is indeed gratifying, therefore, that many organizations recognize the efforts of the Division of Beaches and Parks in preservation of historical California, and highlight their activities by annual visitations to our monuments. Such an annual visit was made on the 4th of July to Fort Ross by a delegation from San Francisco consisting of the Dean of the Holy Trinity Cathedral of the Russian - Greek Orthodox Church, a choir and many members of the congregation.

The following interesting account of this pilgrimage was submitted by John C. McKenzie, Curator, Fort Ross Historical Monument:

The earliest of these visits of which we have a record, was on July 4, 1925. On that occasion it was lead by the Very Reverend Father V. Sakavich, now deceased. The recent visit was headed by the Very Reverend Eugene A. Serebrennikoff, Dean of the Cathedral. Many of the recent visitors have attended all the visits of this group to the Fort since they started in 1925.

It was recalled, by the older Russians that there was a touch of real adventure in the earliest of their trips to the Fort. On that occasion some 12 taxis were hired for the trip from San Francisco. There was no Golden Gate Bridge, so the trip was long and rough. Some became lost ending at Ross near San Rafael. Two abandoned the trip at Santa Rosa, but eight finally reached the fort. There was no coast road, so they came by way of the Cazadero Road, which even now leaves much to be desired! One member stated, "In those days it truly tried men's souls". It is understood that the taxi drivers were in such a state of nerves as to be near revolt on their arrival here. In fact, after the services were over they refused to drive back over the road because of approaching darkness and the party spent the night around a large camp fire on the beach. One taxi turned over on the return trip, but the entire party found its way back to San Francisco safely. This year's visit was well represented as evidenced by our recording of 550 visitors, most of which were people of the Russian Colony in San Francisco.

There were Russians from Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and as far south as San Diego who came for the Mass.

In his sermon, Father Serebrennikoff explained, "Our choir has just sung one of the oldest liturgies of our church which was used at Fort Ross between 1812 and 1841. I, with my congregation, make this annual visit as a means of joining with other Americans in their celebration of American freedom. Also to renew our own personal celebration of freedom from tyranny, and with an additional declaration of thanksgiving. This old chapel and the bell symbolizes our freedom and yet gives us a tie with our old homes."

These unique visitors to Fort Ross seek no publicity but are proud to be Americans.

The music of the choir was sung entirely without accompaniment, and must be heard to receive a just description. This service began at 10:A.M. and closed at 12:45 P.M. during which most of this time the choir was singing anthems and responses. The ritual of the Priest and his assistants was long and involved, but very impressive. Congregational singing also took place.

We were impressed by the sincerity of the group and their enthusiastic cooperation and appreciation of our effort. The banquet following the service was delightful with the exotic food of Russia. Truly this is a special event in the yearly story of Fort Ross, and the State, and its Division of Beaches and Parks.

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"Has anyone seen the Sun lately? Guess it is still up there. Can almost measure the fog with my rain gauge."
Signed --- Ass't. Ranger A. W. Parvin.

If any of the rest have too much, send him some!

MILL CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK PURCHASING COMPLETED

The first and only installment buying of a State Park area was completed during the month of June with the actual recording of the deed to Parcel 9 in the Mill Creek Redwoods purchase.

Ten years ago the State Legislature agreed to this installment buying of the State Park area. The first unit of several thousand acres was acquired for the amount of the tax delinquency on the whole tract. The additional units have been acquired at a cost more nearly in conformity with the stumpage value of the timber. Included in the final parcel is the area which has been set up as a temporary campground. Funds are available for the development of this area, and construction will start immediately. A portion of the nine-thousand acre Redwoods Park is to be dedicated in the near future, as the "National Tribute Grove".

The Mill Creek Redwoods State Park was formerly known as the Hiouchi Redwoods State Park, which included three separate Parcels known as the Webber Tract, the Musick, and the Stout Memorial Grove. Some have suggested that the name Hiouchi be retained for the campground, - "Hiouchi" (sneeze when you say it) is an Indian word for "blue water", and the campground area is adjacent to the blue waters of the Smith River.

One 49-acre tract of Redwood timber in the Mill Creek Redwoods State Park contains 19,000,000 board feet of standing timber which, in the words of Superintendent Percy French, "is the heaviest stand of Redwood timber I have ever cruised".

Mill Creek Redwoods State Park also is noted for the fact that the redwoods there are not reproducing at a rate sufficient to insure perpetuation of the redwood forest. This may be due largely to the density of the trees and the fact that the sun rarely reaches the ground. Some foresters believe that this is evidence that the redwood is dying out in the extreme Northern portion of its range and that after a few centuries will disappear altogether in this area. None of us, of course, will ever notice the difference during our lifetime.

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John Knight, District Superintendent, wishes it advertised that S.P. Taylor is not open to camping this year. Apparently some parks are sending campers.

-DOGGEREL FOR DOG DAYS-

The unsolicited bit below was submitted at a campfire program at D. L. Bliss by just another satisfied customer of B. & P.

OUR FAVORITE PARK
by
W. G. Crow

(Pen name - Al Falfa)

Some people sing of Sunny France
and some of that and this
But we can sing forever
Of dear old D. L. Bliss.

The lake is swell for swimming
The trees for shade and rest
But the evenings 'round the campfire
Is the time that we like the best.

We give our hearty thanks to Ken
For his talks on birds and trees
For the hikes we've taken with him
We appreciate all of these.

And then there's Ranger Lonnie
We really like his style
He's always 'round to greet us
With his very friendly smile.

We congratulate Chief Ranger Hatch
For keeping men like this
All make us want to come again
To camp at D. L. Bliss.

(P.S. We think that Rangers Bud and Bill should have a place in this but they were taking their days off sleeping on the beach at Bliss)

Editors legend for clarification of above:
Ken = Ken Pratt, Park Naturalist
Lonnie = Alonzo Powell, Deputy Ranger
Bud = Jewell Caughell, Deputy Ranger
Bill = William Evans, Deputy Ranger
Al Falfa = It ain't Hay!

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The San Francisco branch office of the Division of Beaches and Parks was recently favored with a visit from Malcomb Byce. Those of you who remember Tiny will recall that he became quite ill while in the military service and is under treatment, seeing the doctor once a week.

Malcomb is still on military leave as Asst. Park Ranger.

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We have come a long way, however, over past years.

Leonard Penhale, State Park Naturalist, at the Central Nature Workshop at Big Basin, with the cooperation of Chief Ranger, Lloyd Lively, and his staff are producing a museum of which the entire Division of Beaches and Parks can well be proud. Requests are coming in for more exhibits in other areas. Some of our present exhibits are much in the need of repair. Mr. Penhale, after completion of the Big Basin project will be able to think of other horizons in our service, but because of location of equipment will still maintain Big Basin as headquarters.

Nature trails are a form of self-help education that require little effort in maintenance, and should be developed especially where naturalists are not available.

Content of Nature - Recreation programs in our overcrowded parks is much talked of these days. Maybe policies we can adopt now may save trouble later.

Our goal is the preservation of the natural features of California, combined with a program primarily to attract those who are interested in them. This obligates us to strike a balance between the amount of acquisition, development and maintenance on one side, and preservation and interpretation on the other.

These and innumerable other problems will make for interesting winter months of planning. The Conservation Supervisor only regrets that he has not had a winter of cogitation, on the NR program before entering this busy season, so as to give more assistance to the people doing a good job in the field. -----Editor

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A coloney of Spotted Skunks are giving us the "Horse Laff". Everytime we take the lid off the garbage can there is a Spotted Skunk looking up at us from the inside. The lids are on tight and there is nothing ajacent to the can were they can brace themselves to lift the lid - can anyone enlighten us on this mystery?
Signed -- Odoriferous
Ralph Banfill, Asst. Ranger
Williams Grove

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Deputy Ranger H. J. Albert brought his wife, Dana, and their new son Larry Michael home from the hospital on Friday.

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Chief Ranger H. Moore reports - in spite of improvements at Cuyamaca, Paso Picacho Campground seems to be reverting back to the wilds. One early morning an excited feminine camper reported a Bobcat sat on her camp table and chewed the fat - of some bacon, that is. The out-of-breath camper rushed to a ranger, said, "It dropped my bacon, spit at me, then took my bacon and went that way!" Only promise of periodical checks by Cuyamaca's stalwart rangers induced her to stay one more night, when a rattler was dispatched in the same camp ground after hitting a boot top of another camper. Up to this time they state the stork had been the most-feared form of wildlife.

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Chief Ranger R. G. Bassett reports a thunder storm struck Mr. Diablo, kicking out all of the transformer switches, service resumed at 3 A.M. Struck house #2, came down chimney, jumped from stove to drain board to water heater then grounded, no fire.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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SAN CLEMENTE BEACH STATE PARK

...CALIFORNIA'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO PRESERVE, IN PERPETUITY, AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL, HISTORICAL, AND RECREATIONAL INTEREST OF WHICH THE PEOPLE OTHERWISE WOULD BECOME DEPRIVED....

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

ANOTHER VISITORS' SEASON WANES

By the time this reaches you, the Labor Day week-end will be over and once more all Rangers will be heaving a great sigh of relief.

Thus far, 1949 has been a banner year from the point of view of numbers of Park visitors, especially for camping and picnicking. Cool weather during August undoubtedly has caused attendance to fall off in the northern coastal areas. Rangers' reports from these areas indicate that this drop off was noticeable after August 15.

THE PUBLIC DISCOVERS OUR PARKS

Due to the very effective and commendatory services rendered to the public in our State Parks, they are coming to be very widely known throughout the State. A few years ago when an employee of this Division mentioned that he was working with the State Park System, the layman used to respond by saying, "Oh Yes","I have been to Yosemite and Sequoia Parks." Today, at least 60 per cent of the people mention a State Park when we contact them.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING STATE PARKS

Chapter 1332 authorizes the Director of Natural Resources to close Parks for peace and safety.

Chapter 1023 authorizes the Department of Finance to approve the acceptance of all gifts to the State of California. This includes many historical objects.

Chapter 1535 makes it mandatory upon the State Park Commission to grant rights of way over State Park lands for purposes of access roads and provides for terms and conditions under which such grants shall be made.

Chapter 1571 appropriates $5,000 to be matched for the acquisition of the Alvarado Adobe in the City of San Pablo in Contra Costa County.

Chapter 1536 provides for the acquisition by gift of the old State Capitol Building in the city of Benicia as a State Historical Monument and for its operation as a public building by the City of Benicia.

Chapter 1246 provides for funds for the acquisition of the Columbia Water System and extension.

1950-51 BUDGET

All budget requests for the Fiscal Year 1950-51 soon will have reached this office.

The matter of processing these requests has been going on for about three weeks, and most of the month of September will be spent in processing the complete outlay and personnel budget requests.

This year it is hoped we will be able to return to you a complete explanation as to the eventual disposition of your budgetary request. You should perhaps first hear which items were not allowed by the Sacramento Parks office. Complete information concerning your budget will, of course, not be available until after the Legislature has completed it during the 1950 Budget Session.

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At this writing the State Parks have fortunately been free of serious fire damage, although a few Parks have been visited by a fire. The danger is ever present, however, until the early Fall rains reduce it. You are urged to be constantly on your guard to prevent fire, to vigilantly urge the public to prevent it, and to act quickly in the event of its occurrence.

Let us urge you again to test all your fire-fighting equipment so that it may be readily available for any emergency.

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CASTLE CRAGS ABLAZE

A fire originating 10 feet from the center line of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks burned 1.6 acres of brush and trees in Castle Crags State Park, August 14, 1949.

Chief Ranger Twight, Asst. Ranger Rodman, and Deputy Ranger Herneisen assisted U. S. Forestry crews in controling the blaze.

Lack of proper cleanup of brush and tree trimmings by the Southern Pacific contributed to the size of the fire. The U. S. Forest Service places the blame for the fire on the Southern Pacific.

KNOW YOUR PARKS

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH STATE PARK

by Rudolph Anderson, Chief Ranger and Staff

San Clemente Beach State Park is located on highway 101, the King's Highway, equidistant between the Cities of Los Angeles and San Diego.

The discovery of this area by white men traces back to the landing of the Spanish explorer Herman Cortes at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1519. By 1522 Cortes had pushed across to the Pacific side of Mexico and established a town at Zacatula, Mexico where he started building a fleet for exploratory purposes. Juan Rodriques Cabrillo was placed in charge of two ships that started northward in 1542 and anchored in September of the same year in San Diego bay. Remaining there briefly and after three days sailing anchor was dropped in waters out from what is now the City of San Clemente and San Clemente Beach State Park. It is recorded that Indian villages lined the shores and no landings were made.

San Clemente island, 60 miles off shore was discovered also at this time and was named Vitoria after one of the ships but was renamed San Clemente island 60 years later by Sebastian Viscaino commanding a later expedition. The name was derived from Saint Clement the fourth Pope.

It was not until 1769 that overland expeditions crossed this area. Portola and his band of 64, by orders of the King of Spain, set out from San Diego and camped in this vicinity on July 22nd of that year on their journey northward. Generals Fremont and Kearney in their fight to obtain California from Mexico for the United States also used this same route of travel.

While San Clemente was under the Spanish rule, Pio Pico, the last Mexican Governor of California, made various land grants to prominent spanish families. One of these was to Felipe Carrillo and was known as Rancho Los Desechos and included the present site of San Clemente Beach State Park. However, with the descent of Spanish rule the American Commission did not confirm the grant, and in June 1883 Marchos A. Forster was given possession of the Rancho Los Desechos. Marcus Forster was the son of John Forster, an English seaman who had married a sister of Pio Pico and had received large land grants from the Governor at San Juan Capistrano and vicinity.

In the early 1920's Hamilton H. Cotton bought some of the land comprising Rancho Los Desechos, a portion of which was sold to the State in 1933 for the establishment of a beach park.

The one hundred acres comprising San Clemente Beach State Park are situated at an elevation of approximately seventy-five to one hundred feet and drops abruptly to a mile of State owned beach below. The developed areas are comparatively level but there are rugged canyons along the cliffs.

Prominent native trees are practically non-existent along the coast in southern California, with the exception of the Torrey Pines near La Jolla, and the introduction of exotic trees has been necessary. A grove of eucalyptus planted when the park orginated has attained a height of 60 to 75 feet. Monterey Cypress and Aleppo pine were also planted in the picnic and campgrounds at that time. Of these, the Aleppo pine seems to be the most hardy. This last year several hundred trees including varieties of eucalyptus, Toyon, Monterey and Aleppo Pines were set out in the new campground. Lemonade-berry, California Sage, and occasional Toyon are prominent native shrubs on the sloping hills surrounding the park. Indian Paint-brush, Brodiaea, Mariposa Lily, and Shooting Star are the predominating wild flowers.

In the fall of 1947 a new construction program was started and was completed this spring. The original park developments included 21 campsites and 30 trailer sites plus a picnic bowl and barbecue area. To this a new campground with 30 sites has been added. Each site is complete with standard table, ramada (picnic shelter), and two burner gas plate and storage cabinet. One new comfort station and one combination building was constructed for the accommodation of this area. Trees and shrubs for future screening and shade were also planted.

The trailer sites were increased from 30 to 56 and the original 30 were reconstructed. One new combination building was constructed in this area in addition to the one previously existing. Each site is complete with water, electric and drainage connections. The picnic bowl was enlarged and 13 new tables constructed each with two burner gas

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SAN CLEMENTE BEACH STATE PARK
SAN CLEMENTE
(ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA)

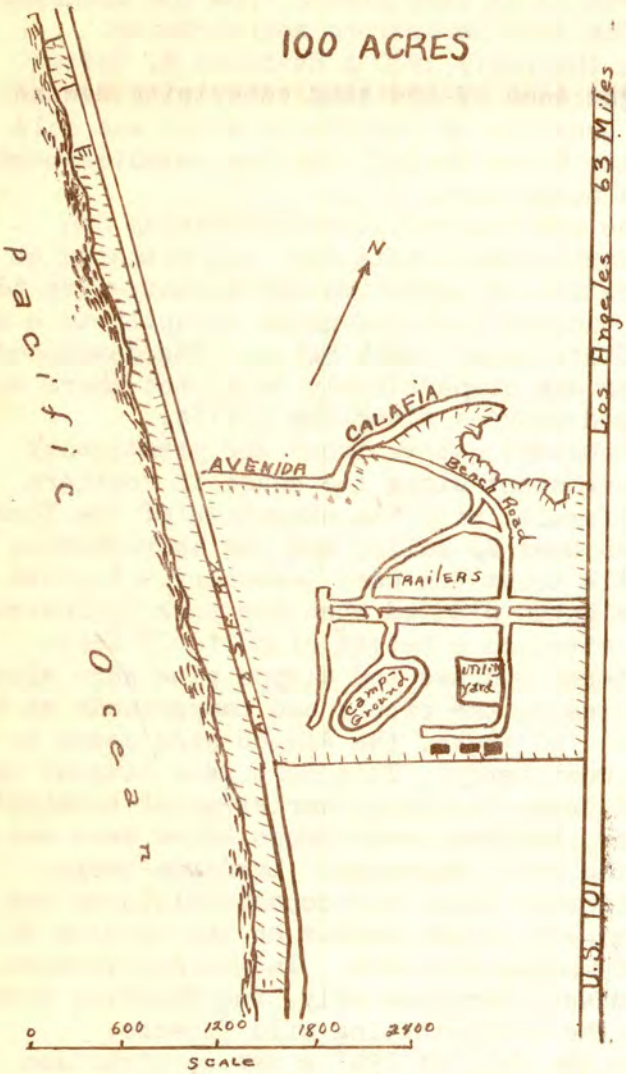

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plate attached. There is also a ramada for each table.

The Division of Highways resurfaced all existing roads and constructed additional roads in the new campground and a pedestrian and service road to the beach. All septic tanks have been eliminated and lateral sewer lines from all structures have been laid and connected to the main sewer line constructed by the City of San Clemente and crossing the park. One of the outstanding features was the elimination of all overhead power lines eradicating unsightliness and facilitating maintenance. All new lines and replacements were laid underground. Three new residences for park rangers were also completed.

As to recreational activities - the boys down at San Clemente are challenging our other parks to produce any better fishing. They say that--surf fishing and grunion-hunting is one of the most popular sports enjoyed by the campers and trailerites, and for bathing the sandy beach is excellent. The San Clemente municipal pier, located two miles to the north of the park, is available to those who prefer more leisurely fishing. Live bait boats and barge fishing are also available there. Lyle B. Keith, Deputy Ranger, states that about 100 yards off shore there is a reef which furnishes good spear-fishing. All you need are swim-fins, spear, and swimming face mask.

Perhaps the best description on fishing at San Clemente is rendered by Alan "Tiny" Philbrook, Asst. Ranger who weighs 270 lbs.

HE WAS SOOOOOOOO BIG!

Gather 'round all ye disciples of the piscatorial arts. Way down here in San Clemente is the fisherman's paradise, if you believe all the Chamber of Commerce publishes. Actually the fishing in the surf at San Clemente Beach is enough to intrigue any true son of Isaac Walton.

I've heard fly fishermen scoff at anything less than coaxing a wiley rainbow into taking an artificial bug for a meal. Believe me, they should try talking a corbina into eating a bait of clam or mussel, when what he's really after is a nice juicy soft shelled sand crab. Why don't we feed him sand crabs? They can be found here on the beach, but the rate is one soft shell to every one hundred or more hard shells. It's really most discouraging!

We don't have to be satisfied with corbina. At San Clemente, we can fish the year round, and usually find something to put in the skillet. For variety, we can have a choice of numerous shark, perch, halibut, bass, sting-rays, and sheepshead. There size ranges from a few inches in length up to fifteen pounds or more

If you want to go a short distance off-shore, you can get into the famous kelp beds that are the home of barracuda, yellow-tail, sculpin, white sea bass (up to fifty or sixty pounds), halibut, and jewfish or black sea bass (too big for any ordinary tackle) and may weigh 600 pounds. Here you can finally find the answer to a fisherman's prayer. "Lord I pray that I may catch a fish soooooooooo big that even I, when telling of it, need not have to lie."

Other forms of recreation are available

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COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 19, 1949

The regular session of the Park Commission was held in the Marshall Square Building. Commissioners present were J. R. Knowland, Chairman, Charles Kasch, George Waldner, and George A. Scott.

Actions taken on the aganda were as follows:

Butano Forest

Mr. Paul McCarthy, president of Butano Forest Associates, together with a delegation of 36 people representing many civic and conservation agencies, presented a plan for acquisition of the Butano Redwood Forest. McCarthy emphasized that the Assembly Concurrent Resolution 106 made in the last Legislature is a mandate for acquisition of this area as a State Park. He requested reconsideration of the properties known as San Mateo County Memorial Park and the Mount Madonna area. Originally Butano Associates hoped to have acquired 4700 acres, but because of the difficulty of raising the matching funds required, finally settled upon 2240 acres as a more realistic hope. At this meeting it was found that the Santa Cruz and Pacific Lumber Companies who own the property and Butano Associates did not agree on the area to be adopted. The Lands Section was directed to evaluate the Mount Madonna area. This combined with the already surveyed San Mateo County Memorial Park would give a figure of matching funds available. When combined with an equal amount of State funds, it can then be decided how many acres can be purchased. In the meantime the lumbering interests and Butano Associates are getting together on the exact location of the most desirable area.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park

Mr. Henry Lockwood, attorney, and Mr. Harry Williams, architect from Palm Springs representing the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority presented plans for the main building at the top landing for the proposed tramway which will run from Palm Springs. The tramway cars, carrying as many as 53 persons will enable the facilities to handle 1800 persons on round-trips per 16 hour day. Included in the plans were a cafeteria, dining room, ski warming room and glassed observation rooms. No over night quarters are provided for the general public. The plans will be submitted to the Division of Architecture for tentative approval.

Corona Del Mar

Approved a proposed operating lease with the City of Newport Beach.

San Diego County Master Plan

Approved negotiations for purchase of the Abizaid Parcel from the Division of Highways.

Oakland Arboretum

Decided upon conditions by the City of Oakland for its operation such as its separation from the adjacent zoological gardens, restrictions on entrance fees, and restriction on the building of a road through the area.

Columbia Historic State Park

Approved condemnation proceedings for four lots in the town of Columbia. Also recommended no increase in liquor licenses.

Santa Cruz County Master Plan

Gave authorization to negotiate the purchase of Twin Lakes Beach.

San Diego County Master Plan

Approved negotiations to purchase Coronado Development Company property for Silver Strand.

La Purisima Mission

Approved a resolution to purchase the John DeCosta property.

Old State Capitol Building

Recent legislation provided for acquisition of the Benicia City Hall which was a former State Capitol Building. A survey of the condition of the building is to be made and an attempt made to determine the conditions of a lease to the City of Benecia for continued use.

Asilomar

Approved for purchase a section of beach 800 by 600 feet. Matching funds are to be

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By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

There are several species and groups of trees in California which, while not native, are so widely planted and well established that they are by now a familiar and almost traditional part of our surroundings. If they were suddenly removed from the scene, their absence might easily be more quickly and widely felt than would the disappearance of some of our native species; for these introduced trees have in most cases been planted in and about the more densely populated portions of the state. Much of our south coastal region would be almost treeless if it were not for the large number and wide variety of introduced species, from many parts of the world. Many are familiar in and near several of our state parks. A few of the most widely planted of these naturalized Californians are discussed here.

CALIFORNIA PEPPERTREE Schinus molle. The broad crowns of lacy light-green foliage and the rough brown trunks of these trees are familiar sights throughout the mild regions of California. The species is native to Peru, and was brought here by the early Spanish settlers, who planted it widely here during the period of the Franciscan Missions about 150 years ago. There are several species of peppertree, most of them native to South America. A few of the other species are occasionally planted in California, but only this one is common here. They are members of the Sumac family, the same as that to which the poison-oak group belongs. The graceful drooping evergreen leaves of California Peppertree are 1/2 to 1 foot long and composed of up to 60 narrow leaflets. The flowers are whitish but small and inconspicuous, borne in large clusters, the male and female flowers on different trees. Female trees bear clusters of rose-red dry berries about 1/8 inch in diameter. The foliage and especially the fruit have a very characteristic spicy odor when crushed. Because the branches are rather brittle, the trees are sometimes damaged by strong winds. They are injured by more than a few degrees of frost. One of the most famous and beautiful plantings of California Peppertree is along Euclid Ave. in Ontario and Upland.

EUCALYPTUS. The exact date when these Australian trees were first brought to California has never been definitely established, to the best of the writer's knowledge. It was probably in the 1850's, although the first large-scale plantings were made in 1870 on a ranch west of Santa Barbara. Eucalyptus is a large genus, with several hundred species, and it is rather difficult to understand botanically. Many of the species reach great size, and trees 300 ft. tall were once common in parts of Australia. One sometimes hears the statement that there are Eucalyptus trees in Australia taller than our Sequoias. This is not true now, and perhaps never has been true. The tallest known Eucalyptus now standing is 310 ft. high, while the tallest ever authentically recorded was 346 ft. Reports of trees 400 or more feet tall are not considered reliable.

Scores of different species of Eucalyptus have been tried in California with more or less success. In spite of individual differences between the species, most of them are recognizable to the layman as belonging to the Eucalyptus group. In general the evergreen leaves are thick and leathery (often looking the same on both sides), the clustered flowers are showy because of their many stamens, and the fruits are interesting woody capsules of various shapes and sizes. Most parts of the plant are oily and aromatic, with characteristic odor. The group belongs to the Myrtle family, which is tropical and semi-tropical; we have no native plants belonging to it.

By far the commonest species in California is the Blue Eucalyptus (E. globulus), often called "Blue Gum ", a native of Tasmania. Its tall rounded crowns, narrow sickle-shaped leaves, and smooth fawn-colored bark shedding in long rolls, are familiar to almost everyone. This tree is extensively planted along roads, as windbreads, and for woodlots and watershed cover. Its most outstanding quality is its growth rate, which is phenomenally rapid. The lumber has been used somewhat for interior trim and other purposes, but is not important because of its tendency to warp and check excessively while seasoning. An outstanding grove of Blue Eucalyptus may be seen on the campus of the University at Berkeley, opposite the new Forestry Building near the west gate. The trees are about 80 years old and approaching 200 feet in height. An Australian forester stated that this grove was one of the finest examples of the species that he knew of anywhere in the world.

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ACACIA (pronounced a-kay-sha). This is another large group native to Australia and other parts of the southern hemisphere, but with some species scattered in other parts of the world. (One is a prickly shrub native in our desert areas.) Most of the ornamental species introduced in the milder parts of California are Australian in origin. Many of them are relatively inconspicuous during most of the year, with simple or feathery evergreen foliage (sometimes grayish) and smooth gray-brown bark. But when they bloom, usually in February or March with us, they attract lots of attention and admiration. The blossoms are from yellowish-white to deep gold, usually with a mild sweet fragrance, and are so numerous that they may practically hide the foliage. The individual flower clusters appear to consist merely of a mass of stamens, and in form they are usually either spheres from 1/8 to 1/2 inch across, or long narrow cylinders; but nearly always these are in groups or masses. It is a striking sight to look down from an airplane on a California landscape when the acacias are in full bloom.

Probably the commonest ornamental species here is the Bailey Acacia (A. baileyana), with feathery (twice-divided) leaves about 2 inches long, gray or sometimes purplish tinged. Among the largest is the Silver-wattle Acacia (A. decurrens var. dealbata), sometimes reaching 50 feet in height. It also has feathery leaves, gray-green and about 6 inches long. Of the types which appear to have simple undivided leaves, one frequently seen is the Blackwood Acacia (A. melanoxylon). Its "leaves" are about 3 inches long and 1/2 inch wide, dark green, and very dense, while the flowers are pale yellow and more sparse than in most species. It is interesting to note that the true leaves of Acacia are always feathery in form, and the apparently simple leaves of some species are not true leaves at all but really broadened leaf-stems serving the plant in the capacity of leaves. On young plants or suckers one can frequently see these flat leaf-like organs with true feathery leaves growing from their outer end, thus demonstrating their true nature as leaf-stems. Species with this type of foliage are actually leafless during the greater portion of their lives. Acacias belong to the legume or pea family, and the fruit is a typical pod.

BRONZE PLAQUE PLACED AT FALLEN LEAF TO HONOR W.W. PRICE, LEADER IN NATURE GUIDING PROGRAM.

The start of the Nature Guiding program in the National Parks of our country is recalled by a bronze plaque which has been dedicated at Fallen Leaf Lake, California, in honor of W. W. Price, of Palo Alto, who launched this movement there in midsummer, 1919.

When W. W. Price, who was a biology graduate of Stanford University, learned of the nature guiding movement carried over from Europe by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goethe, of Sacramento, he induced a group of proprietors of Lake Tahoe resorts to participate in the interpretive program. Stephen T. Mather, at that time Director of the National Park Service, observed the value and popularity of the nature guiding at Fallen Leaf and requested its introduction into Yosemite in 1920.

This was the beginning of the National Parks Ranger-Naturalist program. Newton B. Drury, present Director of the National Park Service, says, "The nature interpretation program, of which W. W. Price was a pioneer with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goethe and Stephen T. Mather, has assumed great importance in the National Park System."

In the California State Parks, including the extensive Redwood Parks, nature guiding has been developed in recent years, along the lines set in 1919 at Fallen Leaf Lake by the original staff of scientists, Dr. Harold C. Bryant and Dr. Loye Miller.

The bronze plaque is set on a half-ton boulder facing Fallen Leaf Lake, with Cathedral Peak in the background.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gardner, Deputy Ranger, August 8th, a boy Stephen Irwin Gardner.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY

We and the Division of Beaches and Parks are an integral part of the Department of Natural Resources. So are four other Divisions: Forestry, Fish and Game, Mines, and Oil and Gas. In many respects each division is responsible for wise utilization of one or more natural resources. Collectively, therefore, this makes the Department of Natural Resources, the watch-dog for much Conservation in California! Every one of us is affected every day by some of the controls or developments exercised by one of the Divisions.

It is the plan in coming months to show our relation to the Department by describing the function of each Division. Because many men in our parks at this time of the year are concerned with fire hazards, it is fitting to commence with the Division of Forestry.

State Forestry in California dates back almost thirty years, and California was one of the first states to have a State Forester. DeWitt "Swede" Nelson now heads the Division as State Forester. Policies are made by an appointive body of seven members, the California Board of Forestry. Similar to the Division of Beaches and Parks, the Division of Forestry is divided into six districts with headquarters at Santa Rosa, Redding, North Sacramento, Fresno, Monterey, and Riverside. Each District is further subdivided into 4 to 7 ranger units, which frequently coincide with County boundaries. The organization has expanded to approximately 500 permanent personnel, and during the fire season from April 15 to December 1, nearly 2000 temporary personnel are added to this figure.

Fire Control is one of the main functions of the Division. Twenty-four million acres are under its responsibility for protection, 99% of which is privately owned. Thirty-one counties, rather than formulate their own fire protection system, have entered into contract with the Division and pay for protection of rural agricultural areas. Within the boundaries of National Forests are about five million acres of private land which are protected by the U. S. Forest Service. For this protection the State pays the Federal Government. In addition, there are six independent counties: Los Angeles, Kern, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Mateo and Marin. Lands of State responsibility are protected by the county under contract.

In recent years an average of 275,000 acres of timber, range and watershed land under the jurisdiction of the Division has burned per year. It was encouraging last year that only 154,000 acres were burned by 4,364 fires (not including structural fires).

The field personnel manning 220 fire stations of the Division is made up largely of Forest Firefighter Foremen, Forest Fire Truck Drivers, and Forest Firefighters. These crews are supervised by Assistant State Forest Rangers who in turn are guided by the Ranger headquarters. The stations are composed of four, nine, or thirteen men each. An array of modern mechanical fire-fighting equipment is used. Even though considerable scientific study has gone into development of equipment, little has been done to remove the "back-breaking" element which is so common in firefighting. At least a "mop-up" is needed which requires the use of familiar tools such as the pulaski, double-bit, McCloud, and back-pack pump. A new tool was developed by Earl Barron of the Division. This tool now widely used is known as the Barron Tool and resembles a combination hoe and rake.

The year 1945 truly marks a new era with the Division of Forestry. After an extensive Interim Committee investigation, there was recommended to the Legislature many new forest conservation measures.

This gave the Division new responsibility for insect and disease control, and provided for range improvement principally by brush burning through permits. The Forest Practice Act was passed which provides control of lumbering practices on lands other than National Forests. Under this act the state is divided into four California Forest Districts: Redwood, North Sierra Pine, South Sierra Pine, and Coast Range Pine and Fir. For each of these districts the Division has published a neat pocket handbook describing the rules which were drawn up and approved by the forest land owners and the State Board of Forestry. These booklets prescribe practices under

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the headings of cutting, logging, fire prevention, fire suppression, insect and disease control. Also given are diagrams of tree classifications by age, volume tables by species, maps and photographs. For those of our staff interested in forest practices, the editor will send these booklets upon request.

In 1945 the State Forest Act was passed which permitted the Division to purchase forest areas. Several of these to be developed as forest management demonstrational areas. Areas owned by the Division include the Jackson State Forest of 47,500 acres of Redwood and Douglasfir and Mendocino Woodlands in Mendocino Co. The La Tour Forest in Shasta Co. is at higher altitudes where Red Fir Christmas trees are harvested. The Mountain Home Forest is in Tulare Co. and contains a magnificent forest of Sequoia Big Trees.

There are technical foresters in administrative posts, and about 18 Forest Technicians are employed to handle the more technical work of the Division.

Other technical activities of the Division included the payment of $24,000 this year to the San Dimas Experimental Forest, a unit of the California Forest and Range Experiment Station of the U. S. Forest Service. This money helped watershed research and published results. One of these pamphlets which may also be of interest to Beaches and Parks personnel is, "Influence of Woodland Chaparral on Water and Soil in Central California". This describes the relation of fire, snow, animals, and thinning to run-off and erosion. A limited number of copies are available upon your request.

The Division this year is also augmenting the U. S. Forest Service to the tune of $77,000 for forest surveys of areas under State jurisdiction. This is for charting maps of the location and volume of timber in California.

The counterpart to fire control is fire prevention. New emphasis on fire prevention began in 1946 with the appointment of a Fire Prevention Officer. A state wide program is underway, and many fire prevention committees are formed. Cooperation is solicited from organizations and industry to publish fire prevention literature and posters. State-Federal funds are used to produce these materials, many of which have been distributed in our State Parks and along highways.

As to the direct relation between the Division of Beaches and Parks and Forestry, we refer you to Section D8 of the Field Manual which states that our Park areas shall be protected by the Division of Forestry. We won't go into the details, because we know that you have all memorized the manual word-for-word!

Many people feel the policies represented by natural park agencies are not compatible with policies of agencies representing the harvesting of forest and range. Frequently when such an argument results, it shows that one or the other side is ignorant of the entire natural resources picture.

It is true that both policies cannot prevail on the same land. There is a definite place for both, however. It is not realistic to assume we can curtail extensively the use of forest, and range land for our growing economy. Better yet, conservationists should drive for sustained yield of forest and range products. This involves wise utilization and regeneration of native elements. True, even this can be done with an eye toward preservation of the natural aspect, thus providing outdoor recreation as a by-product.

Park policy is also wise utilization with emphasis on preservation and recreation in as natural a state as possible. Activities represented by forestry and parks are similar in many respects - both essential.

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ANTS ????????

We hope that on receipt of your last copy of News and Views, you were not deluged by ants from the Capitol--Ants that is.

It seems that in publishing the paper a horde of ants enveloped the packages and some of them were undoubtedly delivered with copies of News and Views. It was noted that page 2 carrying information relative to increased park attendance was receiving the most of them.

THE BETTER RANGER

BY

EARL P. HANSON, DEPUTY CHIEF, B.&P.

As reported last month, this series is intended to keep the Ranger force better informed as to how they may improve services to the public and perhaps, thereby, their own professional standing.

From time to time, we will request information from you, as individuals, concerning subjects incident to Park operation, which you may consider sufficiently revealing to have published here for the information of all Rangers.

For this month, we have requested Chief Ranger Gordon Kishbaugh of Calaveras Big Trees State Park to submit information regarding lacquer process sign letter painting. This method did not originate with this Division, but was borrowed from the National Parks, particularly Yosemite, may furnish any information that could be missing. EPH

LACQUER PROCESS SIGN PAINTING

We claim no credit for developing this method, only credit for attempting to adapt to State Park use. We are still in the experimental stage and have a few bugs to remove before the process is near perfect. It is recommended that any Ranger having the opportunity visit the sign shop at Yosemite National Park where the lacquer process is used extensively.

The Lacquer Process of coloring incised letters is simply filling each letter level with lacquer and allowing to dry.

Type of paint used is Fuller's Piper Cub yellow #3175 Exterior Lacquer. Also required is thinner for this type of paint.

Only tool required is a pump type oil can or converted hand operated grease gun with an oil can nozzle soldered to end.

The signs are prepared the same as our Standard Routed signs. Only do not stain or paint until after the lacquer is applied. The Vee type letter can be used although on larger letters a square cut is better.

After routing, the sign is placed on a table in a level position, cleaned. Be sure the sign is level. A thin mixture of lacquer and thinner is poured into the oil can. The sign painter then carefully fills each letter full and allows to dry overnight. It is important to remember that any drips or overflows are not to be touched or cleaned until the lacquer is thoroughly dry. They can then be removed easily and quickly with a sanding block without showing.

After the lacquer is dry the sign can be oiled or stained to suit individual requirements. With a little practice any Ranger (Deputy or Chief) can paint a sign in one tenth the time normally required with brush and oil paints.

As we have further experiments will inform you of any improvements made. Also would be glad to show any visiting Rangers all we know of the process.

I hope this gives you enough information on the subject for a section in the News and Views. But do I have to read it?

Anyhow we made a heck of a lot of signs for Columbia in one heck of a short time.

Gordon T. Kishbaugh
Chief Ranger

Flowers from Park Followers

It is a pleasure to read the many letters that come in monthly from satisfied visitors to park and monument areas. All letters have a different angle of approach, but when it's all summed up, they all mean one thing, "Satisfying Service". We are sure that we could not handle the volume of mail if everyone who enjoyed a stay in parks, decided to write about it.

The following are excerpts from some of the letters received:

Big Sur: "We recently spent a week in your camp and we want to commend all of the staff. Above all, we want you to know that Sandy Snodgrass and Frank Shaw made our trip really enjoyable. Sandy has a fine personality, and the evening programs are excellent. Frank Shaw's nature walks are fine and we enjoy his sense of humor. We are lucky in California to have such nice places to camp."

Patrick's Point: "We have just returned from our second vacation spent at Patrick's Point, which is the most beautiful, and certainly the cleanest State Park which we have ever seen. We want to thank all of you who have made this Park available to the public. We heard many favorable comments from others, but no doubt many of them will not bother to write in. Thanks again--we intend to visit Patrick's Point many times, although we live nearly three hundred miles away."

Prairie Creek: "On a recent trip I had an opportunity to spend several days at the Prairie Creek Park and I should like to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown by the staff to myself and my family. The condition of the park facilities was splendid and we enjoyed our visit very much. Our stay was rendered even more pleasant by the efforts of Chief Ranger Milne and his staff."

Big Basin: "This is the nicest place my wife and I have ever camped. We appreciate the unfailing courtesy of the rangers and others whose duty it is to care for the public, the bowl programs, restroom facilities and the good condition in which they are kept, hot showers, etc."

New Brighton Beach: "We visited New Brighton Beach State Park yesterday and were very favorably impressed by the excellent accommodation, evidences of careful planning, and the courtesy of the park rangers. Congratulations!"

Doheny Beach: " It has recently been the good fortune for us to spend two week-ends at Doheny State Park, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you how very thoughtful and courteous Chief Ranger Knoefler and his men were. The park is extremely well kept and cared for and the men are alert and always ready to lend a helping hand. If this is a sample of the type men you choose for these parks, you are to be congratulated."

Northwest District: "This letter is to commend you for the excellence of California State Parks. My family has just completed a camping trip in the parks along the Redwood Highway in the northern part of our state. We found that the state campgrounds were far superior to any others along the way. In fact, we have decided that it is almost impossible for the tourist to see and appreciate the beauty of the redwood forests without visiting the state parks in that area."

Stephen's Grove and Patrick's Point: "I do want to tell you what a good job you are doing in making our parks and beaches such wonderful spots for vacations. We had two days at Stephens Grove, 7 days at Forest Glen on Trinity River, and two wonderful days at Patrick's Point. That is such a thrilling spot. We do want to commend the fine rangers and your whole department."

McArthur-Burney Falls: Several very commendable letters were received complimenting Elmer Pool and his staff.

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GRAND OPENING - District Superintendent E. P. French announces that Edward R. Hickey State Park was officially opened to the public on August 4. This park has 50 beautiful camp units and 6 picnic units. In charge of the park is Ernest G. Gray, Asst. Ranger, who has labored for many months to produce a very desirable campground area.

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TID-BITS FROM THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR - BITS

The following are interesting excerpts noted in weekly reports. Reading tid-bits such as these take the boredom out of reading the weekly reports, just as the writing of these tid-bits must take the boredom out of the writing of weekly reports.

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST THEATRE, Isabel Hartigan, Curator. "Little boy looking at the Mountain goat head over the fireplace; 'Look mama at the Bow-wow.' Mama replies, 'No! No! dear that's not a Bow-wow, that's a bear'."

SUNSET BEACH STATE PARK, A. W. Parvin, Asst. Ranger. "Have noticed two things campers look for when they come to the beach. They prefer to camp as close to the beach as possible, just far enough to keep the waves from washing in the tent and the like to camp under trees."

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE STATE PARK, Roland G. Geyer, Asst. Ranger. "Would like to know if any other State Park Offices have trees growing or trying to grow beneath their floors? Office at Gold Discovery Site has the Ailanthus altissima (commonly called 'Tree of Heaven') growing or trying to grow beneath the floor and forcing its way up between the floor boards. We're modest of course and wonder if this is a 'Heavenly' place to work. (On the other hand it is sometimes called a 'Stink' tree, and ------ now look fellows - - - That's not so.)"

DYERVILLE HEADQUARTERS, Brooking Tatum, Park Naturalist. "Lady visitor, after being told that the river has been known to come up to the railroad bridge: 'My! and how far over does it come?' Naturalist: (in despair) 'Only as far as the middle of the river, lady'. Lady visitor, after viewing the section of the oldest known Coast Redwood: 'And now, where can I see it standing?'"

D. L. BLISS STATE PARK, Robert Hatch, Chief Ranger. "In organizing public volunteers to respond to a dump fire, Naturalist Pratt dispatched several groups to collect tools from the fire caches scattered throughout the area. He described these as 'small green buildings'. Imagine the chagrine of one eager volunteer, who after fighting with a tempered hasp, finally breaking it off and throwing open the door was confronted with the gloomy interior of an ancient pit toilet building which was put out of summer service many years ago."

STEVENSON HOUSE STATE PARK, Henry B. Collins, Curator. "All we need here is a 'Swoon Room' for dear old ladies, who are almost on the point of swooning as they come in and ask 'Where did the poor dear stay?' - We are in great danger here of maintaining another 'Valentino House'. We are not being quite fair to Stevenson himself in this - Isn't it true that the man abhored this kind of adoration? That he begged his biographer 'Not to make an angel of me'?"

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK, Harriett E. Weaver, Recreation Leader. "A man asked me in quick succession, "What is the average Temperature at the heart of one of these big redwoods? How tall cam a tree finally get to be at its tallest? Any tree. What I want to know is, why is a lemon?"

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK, James B. Chaffee, Asst. Ranger. "On Friday, Aug. 12, the dance was secured at 10:10 P.M. due to the fact that a large group of teenage boys ganged up in the middle of the floor ready to do battle. The dance was secured to prevent a possible young riot. Boys were not camping in Park. One group was from Santa Cruz; one group from Los Gatos."

COLUMBIA HISTORIC STATE PARK, A. A. Beck, Asst. Ranger. "Six shots were fired from within State property, King's Grocery. Bullets pierced wall and ceiling of Wright's Restaurant(banquet room section). No one injured and damage slight. Complaint signed by George Wright, restaurant operator. Maurice King held in county jail awaiting court hearing."

SUTTER'S FORT HISTORICAL MONUMENT, C. D. Hall, Curator. "Curator went to city zoo and got some genuine buffalo chips for exhibit. (Most of the people who came out in covered wagons depended on this 'prairie wood' for their campfires.)"

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS, Glenn Waldner, Park Naturalist. "Fishing was very good on the Klamath on Aug. 14 so the owners of Dad's Camp at the mouth invited all of the campers to a fish barbecue. Camfire was conducted under the direction of Mr. Milne. The fish were prepared under the direction of 'Ma' Williams, a Klamath Indian. The fish were boned and placed on sticks around the fire to roast."

OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, M. L. Greene, Curator. "Greene on Duty. One lower plate of false teeth found--no claimants yet."

POINT LOBOS RESERVE, R. A. Wilson, Chief Ranger. "A ranger saw a possum on the park road one night this last week. Visitors

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WEATHER NOT AS USUAL?

From J. W. Calvert, Chief Ranger, Anza Desert State Park brings these reports. "The weather still continues to stay hot. If we had a cool night that would really be a news item. Several times last summer, according to the weather reports, it was cooler here than in Los Angeles but not this summer so far. It has been the hottest summer the oldtimers in Imperial Valley can remember, and is even getting them down. Some who have been in the Valley for over 20 years say that they just have to get out for four of five days to cool off. Maybe I had better take a vacation before the weather changes and it snows."

From nearby Cuyamaca Rancho, covering the same time as the reports from Anza Desert, we learn that Cuyamaca had the dubious distinction of being the coldest spot in the nation on Wednesday night, August 10. The U. S. Forest Ranger Station at Descanso, near the south border of the Park reported a low temperature of 28° which according to the San Diego Tribune Sun was low for the nation and an all time August low for San Diego County.

Another startling report from Mount San Jacinto State Park mentions that trail crews working on primitive trails reported ice 1/16 inch thick on their water pail and icicles 3 inches long.

Weather is where you find it, apparently Beaches and Parks are in a position to find it.

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FOOLS GOLD FOR FOOLING FOOLS

There is a great deal of truth to the old adage that, "All that glitters in not gold", and at the Gold Discovery Site the park personnel are more aware of that than the visiting public.

One day as I happened along on patrol near the edge of the South Fork of the American River, I stopped to enjoy a little shade from the willows. Several ladies were gathered in excited conversation and although I wasn't exactly eavesdropping, enough of the story was overheard to realize that I was part of it.

"There's millions of dollars worth of it in the river right here in the park," one lady stated, "And the only reason they have these ranger fellers in here is to stop us from taking it away. The rangers wade out there at night with a flashlight in hand and pick up pieces as big as your fist, and they're all filthy rich."

"I've got a bottle here almost filled with the stuff," another one fairly shouted, "and I'm going to get a lot more before the day is over. I watch for that ranger and when he goes away I take my tweezers and pick it out of the sand."

As I slowly turned and continued my patrol I couldn't help but think - - - .

Roland Geyer, Asst. Ranger
Gold Discovery Site.

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"MOVING EXPENSES"

When employees hiring a common carrier for the moving of their personal effects when they are transferred from one park to another, they should request the moving company not to collect Federal Transportation Tax. To justify this, on the invoice it should be stated that the billing is involved in a State Administrative matter and, therefore, no tax is collectable.

If the mover refuses, please pay the tax and submit the claim with a complete explanation giving names, dates, and all necessary information. Your Sacramento office will then present you Expense Voucher Claim for collection, including tax if necessary.

When moving expenses for an administrative transfer are to be incurred by an employee, the authorization of this office must be secured previous to the incurring of any expense.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPS NEW CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Under the chairmanship of Edward Dolder, Chief, Conservation Education, for the Department of Natural Resources, there has been established a new conservation committee.

This committee is part of Mr. Dolder's program to coordinate conservation activities within the Department, and to further a program with the Department of Education to bring conservation into the curriculum of public schools. Representatives at the meeting were from the Division of Fish and Game, Forestry, and Beaches and Parks. General problems discussed were as follows: 1.) Conservation Education objectives for

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nearby such as a municipal golf course directly opposite the park for those that want it.

Personnel on Chief Ranger Anderson's staff are: Jack Lemley and Alan Philbrook, Asst. Rangers; Carmen Coffey, Robert Frenzel, Donald Gardner, Lyle Keith, and Charles Knight, Deputy Rangers; and Edward Kerch, Janitor.

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Salton Sea

Adopted a resolution memorializing and petitioning Congress to make available federal land for park purposes.

Scientific Research

Adopted a policy to have all requests for scientific research and the collecting of specimens submitted to the Supervisor of Conservation Education. He will investigate the requests and submit them for approval to the State Park Commission. Control will be exercised over these operations, which will require formal reports from researchers. Such a program allows for solicitation of research by recognized agencies to assist us in getting needed information on park areas.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 16, in San Francisco.

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reported seeing a school of killer whale this week. This is the first of these animals seen for some time."

RUSSIAN GULCH STATE PARK, Bob E. Stewart, Asst. Ranger. "On Thursday evening Deputy Ranger Marion Single checked up on a disturbance in the campground and fell while walking on a slippery log walkway. The fall resulted in a dislocation of the left shoulder and Mr. Single was hospitalized at the Redwood Coast Hospital in Fort Bragg. Ranger Single will probably be disabled about a week or ten days."

HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK, Frank Davies, Asst. Ranger. "Having unusual amounts of Hell Diver's and Sea Gulls washing in with high tides. Collected same and burying.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Published in the last week of each month for personnel of the Division of Beaches and Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State of California.

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Editorial note - Hell Divers, known also as Grebes and Cormorants are excellent diving and swimming birds.

State Park Naturalist, Leonard Penhale, reports taking a "Postman's holiday" while camping at Big Sur, where he recorded observation on the fauna.

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the Department of Natural Resources.
2.) Criticisms of manuscripts for school textbooks in the field of conservation.
3.) General plans of the Department of Education in conservation education.
4.) Production of films for public use to portray conservation in the Department of Natural Resources and,
5.) Fire prevention methods.

The formulation of this committee marks one of the first major attempts to coordinate activities of all divisions, and to present a united conservation policy for public use.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF BEACHES & PARKS

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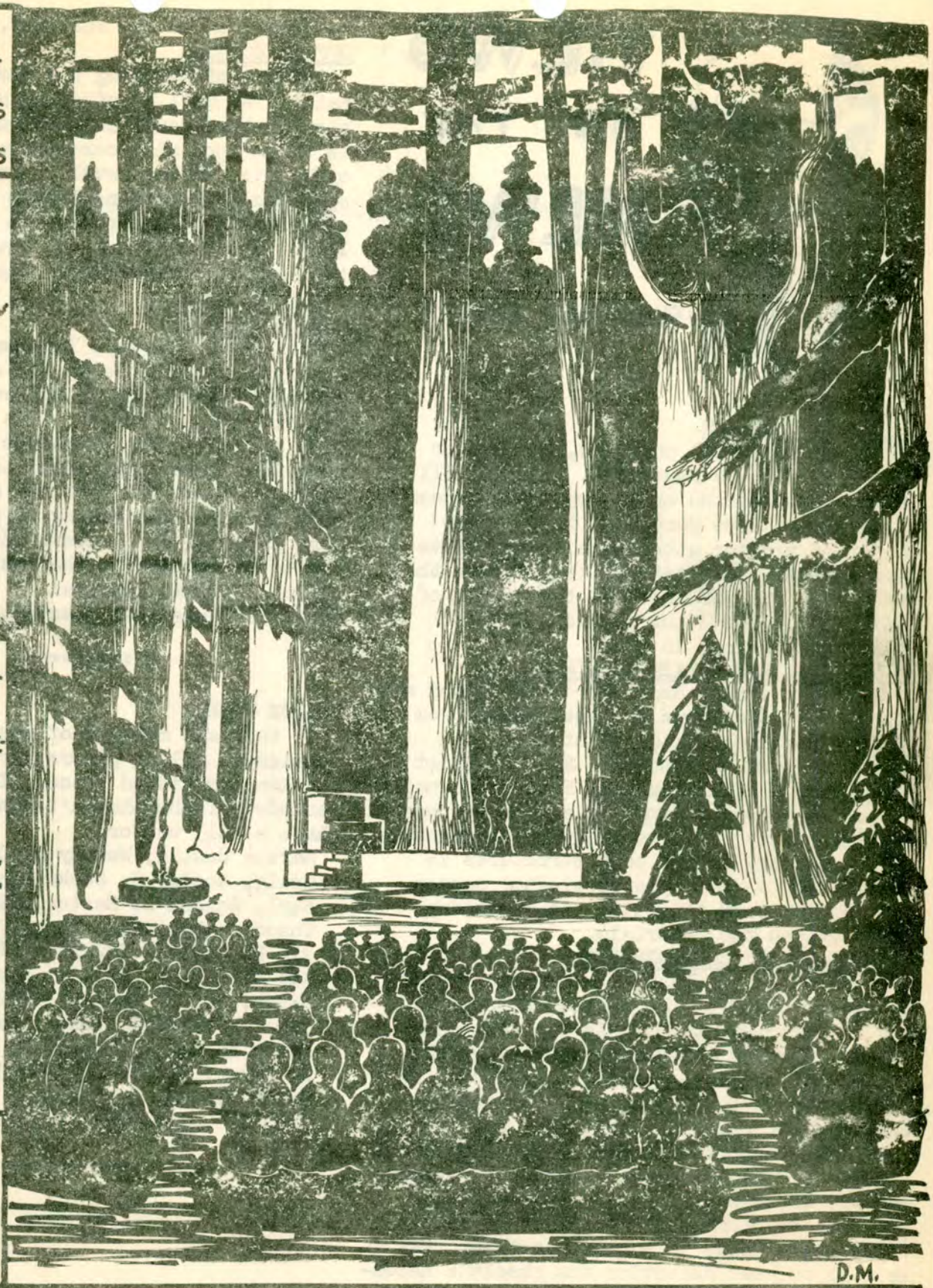

NEWS AND VIEWS

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

FAREWELL TO SUMMER

For all practical purposes, the summer visitor season is now ended. You are all to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which you have conducted this banner season of visitor attendance in the State Park System. Reports seem to indicate that attendance was 30% ahead of the summer of 1948 and 20% above the previous high of visitor attendance in 1947.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TO STRUCTURES

Vacations are in order for some period of time. Our attentions are now turned from visitor services to the maintenance and repair of park structures. Each district has a fund for this purpose from which maintenance and repair supplies may be purchased. You are hereby urged to analyse the maintenance necessary to put park structures in good shape for next year's visitor season and to submit at this time the necessary requisitions for materials.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT REPORTS

It is essential that all periodic reports be made promptly. The degree of promptness has improved greatly within the last year, and we know you all have benefited by the experience of making periodic reports. We might be able to say the same for reports that are not required regularly, but largely on the basis of occurrence, such as Automobile and Visitor Accident Reports. Perhaps because these are not required regularly, they are overlooked to the point of causing undesirable delay in submitting them. May we call to your attention the absolute necessity for submitting reports involving State-owned automotive equipment within 24 hours after the occurrence of an accident. All employees must be trained in the preparation of this report and blanks should be carried in each vehicle at all times so that one copy, at least, may be made out in pencil at the location of the accident.

OFFICE ECONOMY

One way of reducing the number of parcels mailed, as well as offering a minor reduction in the amount of stationery necessary, is to enclose all correspondence directed to one office in one envelope, unless you have specific instructions to the contrary or the nature of the correspondence is confidential. While this method may not save mailing costs, it does save considerable time in the handling of mail.

MOVING CHARGES

Last month you were informed of a method of avoiding the Federal tax on moving of personal belongings in the event of an Administrative Transfer. We wish to call to your attention the statement included in the memo that no moving expenditures may be incurred without the previous approval of this office. All moving of personal belongings involved in an Administrative Transfer are to be handled in the customary manner unless specific approval of this office previously has been granted.

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POLICE POWERS

At the last meeting of the State Park Commission police powers were granted to the Rangers listed below. These men are reminded if they haven't done so, to purchase a full uniform.

Martin Castle, Wesley E. Cater, Homer C. Craig, Wesley H. Duckworth, Edward A. Earl, Roland L. Easton, Charles C. French, Theodore Hallifax, Ernest R. Harvey, Calvin H. Hazley, Edward A. Hutchison, Donald E. Lawyer, Otis G. Lyons, Morley J. Mason, Roy E. Mealey, Charles Mehlert, John H. Michael, Tony V. Michalak, Louis E. Powers, Verle R. Price, Donald D. Royer, Melvin E. Schneider, Laurie C. Smith, Thomas D. Spencer, Vera D. Stewart, Carl G. Whitefield, Hugh Wilson.

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KNOW YOUR PARKS

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

By Gordon Kishbaugh, Chief Ranger

Calaveras Big Trees State Park - a most descriptive title! To this park go many superlatives which are unique, not only in our State Park System, but within the State of California.

The park is composed of 1,951 acres which is, except for the Sequoia trees, a typical segment of the central Sierra Nevada Range at medium levels. It is located about 24 miles east of Angel's Camp on the Ebbetts Pass Highway.

In the past, credit for discovery of the Big Trees has been a debatable point. Of the 54 recognized groves of Big Trees, it was thought for many years that the North Calaveras Grove was the first to be discovered by white man.

It is now generally conceded that the Big Trees were first discovered in the Merced or Tuolumne Groves farther south in 1833 by the party headed by Joseph R. Walker. Records show that the Calaveras Grove probably was first seen in 1841 when John Bidwell passed through. Another early visit is exemplified by a carving on the fallen Hercules Tree with the name of "J.M. Wooster, 1850". Two years later in 1852, A. T. Dowd, a hunter from Murphy's Camp "rediscovered" this grove. In memoirs written by a member of his party, new impetus was given to the fragmentary publicity accorded earlier discoveries. Dowd felled a large tree 24 feet in diameter, which now is known as the Old Stump, and a popular spot. Another tree was stripped of its bark and sent to New York to be exhibited in competition with Barnum's wonders. Steadily Big Trees have become more famous, until now most of the groves are preserved as public parks.

Ownership of the property which is now Calaveras Big Trees, changed hands several times in the attempt to preserve it for a State recreational area. In 1874, Mr. Sperry, one of the owners of the grove, and the Marquis de Briges, who owned an interest became unfriendly. A suit followed which was decided in favor of Mr. Sperry who then became the sole owner until 1900. He reduced vandalism to the trees and gave them reasonable care. During a period of nearly fifty years, Mr. Sperry had repeatedly tried to sell the area to the Federal Government as a National Park. In the latter part of 1899 he bonded his entire forest of 2320 acres including the present South Grove of Big Trees to Mr. R. P. Whiteside, a lumber capitalist. After this deal became public, the San Joaquin Valley Commercial Association, the Sierra Club, and other conservation organizations sent petitions to Congress to save these trees. As a result a bill was passed in March of 1900 and signed by President McKinley authorizing acquisition of the North Grove (known as "Mammoth Tree Grove") and the South Grove. Mr. Whiteside who bought the land in April then declined to sell except for ten times his purchase price. After considerable correspondence the Secretary of the Department of the Interior reported as unsuccessful his efforts to buy. Congress then authorized exchange for timber lands of equal value, but the owner still refused.

In 1908 President Theodore Roosevelt signed a bill calling for its development as a national forest. This was to be done on an exchange basis of timber for timber for 960 acres of the North Grove and 3,040 acres of the South Grove.

After the bill became effective, a long period of negotiations for exchange land took place. Several times the trees would have been logged were it not for the efforts of the Save-the-Redwoods League, the Calaveras Grove Association, and Mr. Sperry, the former owner. After working on acquisition by exchange of properties, it became evident that the groves would have to be purchased: the Federal Government was willing to pay half if the people of California could raise the other half. Senator Hiram Johnson, and Congressman Harry Englebright in 1928 introduced in Congress bills which passed, making it possible for the State to acquire 1200 acres of national forest land between the north and south groves, if the State would also buy one of the groves. The price of the North Grove was set at $275,000 and about $450,000 for the South Grove. The California Legislature in 1928 passed a bill for a bond issue of six million dollars to purchase State Parks. Under this issue developed our present matching policy whereby

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CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

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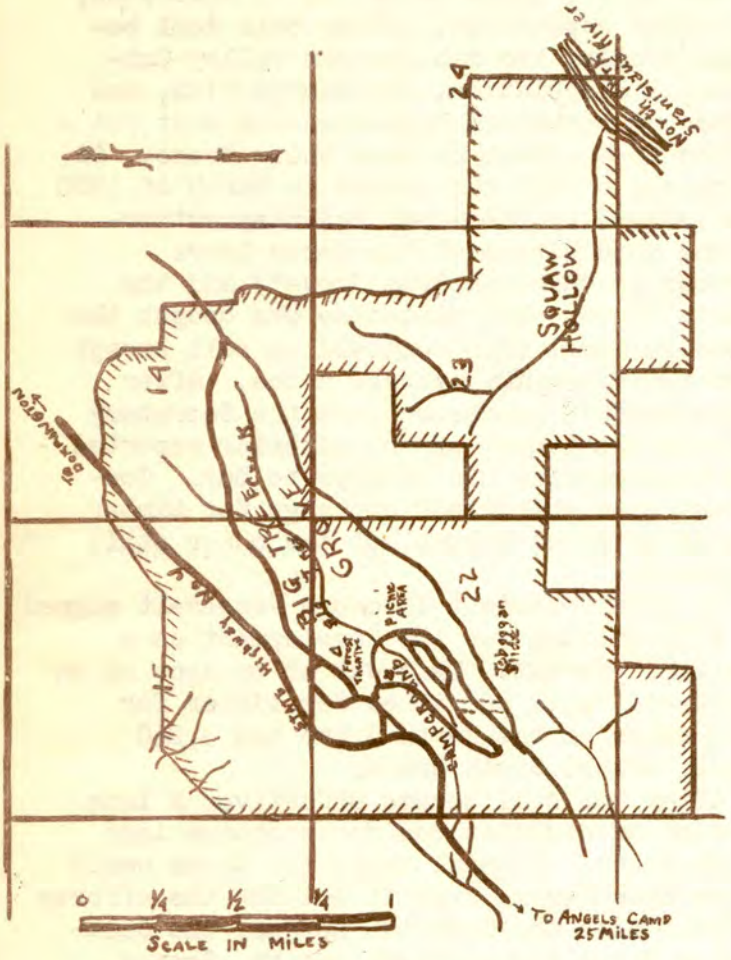

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half of the purchase funds would be paid by the State and half from private donations. After several years the conservation societies were able to raise the matching money. The present North Grove was purchased in 1931, and on Sunday July 5, Governor James Rolf participated in the official dedication.

Thus temporarily ended a long history of acquisition efforts for parks in this area. We are now in the middle of a new and similar battle, which is being waged by conservation organizations to acquire the South Grove. As in the previous campaign, assistance is being asked of the Federal Government.

The present ranger staff is very proud to be the guardians of Calaveras Big Trees for which so many prominant organizations fought to preserve. It is one of our few State Park areas that provides both ideal winter sports and ideal summer camping conditions.

The following excerpts from a letter sent to Sacramento by a visitor to the Big Trees illustrates a typical reaction to facilities offered. "Two things impressed me. One was the evidence of thoughtful planning to assure maximum enjoyment of the camps with least damage to the environment. The other was the excellence of facilities and good upkeep. In talking it over with other visitors, we think that the absence of artificial attractions accounts for the appreciative attitude of most campers."

There are available 73 camp sites, one large group camp site, a large group picnic area with a new barbecue pit, and picnic sites for another 125 people. Other new facilities added during the past two years are two combination buildings, one comfort station, an entrance checking station, a new water system, four residences, and an office-contact station.

Calaveras Big Trees is easily accessible to the motorist and therefore a Mecca for the picnickers who wish to get out of the hot valley to the cool mountains.

Winter sports are attractive with an excellent toboggan slide, a free towback, a good beginner's slope for skiers, and a warming hut.

Highway traffic counts reveal that 50% of the cars traveling the Ebbett's Pass Highway are park visitors. During the entire year visitors from all over the United States and many foreign countries come to marvel at the Big Trees. The park contains trees over thirty feet in diameter at the base. Six feet above the base, however, measurements of over twenty feet in diameter have been taken.

Probably some of the greatest attractions of the forest are the fallen giants, which in combination with the towering living specimens, present to the layman a quiet atmosphere of tangible geological time. There is a huge fallen tree which has been hollowed by fire, and permits a man to walk inside its full length. These and many other major attractions make "believing by seeing" the only method to comprehend their magnificence. The largest tree in the group is the Empire State which is 19.5 feet in diameter, six feet above the ground, and more than 250 feet high.

Other than the Grove Trail, which is by far the most popular, the Dardanelles View and Nature Trails offer opportunities for

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close and distant studies of natural history and geology.

Associated trees with Sequoias which are typical of the Sierran transition Life Zone are the Ponderosa and Sugar Pines, Incense Cedar, White Fir, Black Oak, Goldencup Oak, and Pacific Dogwood. In the canyons and on the north-facing slopes, forest situations predominate in a dense to semi-open condition. Atop some of the ridges and on south facing-slopes small oaks combined with brush characterize the landscape. It is along some of these open ridges that large majestic single specimens of Sugar Pine stand above the lower cover, and their characteristic horizontal branches and pendent cones can be seen for miles.

Varieties in forest conditions together with meadow and streamsides support an interesting animal life. The obvious mammals are the Brown Bear and both the Columbian Black-tailed and California Male Deer which are difficult to distinguish. A variety of rodents such as the Porcupine, Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel, several kinds of Chipmunks, Pocket Gophers, Gray Squirrels and Chickarees or Douglas Squirrels are frequently commented upon by visitors. The Gray Squirrels and Chickarees characteristically use the soft spongy bark of young Sequoias for building their nests. Thus, some of the trees, though not injured have a shaved appearance!

A wide variety of bird life exists which is very similar to that of Yosemite valley. A White-headed Woodpecker nested in a hole of a huge fallen Sugar Pine log only a few yards from the entrance station. An occasional extra loud hammering on a tree will reveal the very large and rather rare Pileated Woodpecker which has a wingspread of two feet four inches. The noisy Steller Jay, and brilliant red and yellow Western Tanager frequent camping areas. The clear, liquid tones of the song of the Hermit Thrush echoing through the giant trees is frequently heard in summer.

Summer Nature-Recreation activities include conducted nature walks and evening campfire programs under the guidance of a Park Naturalist. A rustic recreation hall is available for some of these programs.

The excellent cover print was made by Artist Don Marty of the Sacramento Office for this issue. It illustrates the new outdoor forest theater which approaches completion for next summer's outdoor programs. It is located in a little natural amphitheater surrounded principally by Sugar Pine and Ponderosa Pine and Incense Cedar. A large mature specimen of Sequoia was symbolically drawn in by the artist. After all, a Big Trees issue wouldn't be right without one!

Included in the activities of the Naturalist is a long range research study of the progress of reproduction of the Big Trees in the park. During the summer season this year 3,502 persons attended nature walks and organized trips, and 2,745 visitors were recorded at evening campfire programs.

At this writing more than 88,000 people have visited the park this year, and probably 100,000 will be recorded by the end of the year.

The ranger staff consists of the following: Gordon Kishbaugh, Chief Ranger; Lewis P. Griffith, Assistant Ranger; and Deputy Rangers William H. Ferry, Donald D. Royer, Ronald C. McCullough, and Robert G. Carlson.

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Baby Hands at the Window

Some of these notes should have been placed in the last issue.

Deputy Ranger H. J. Albert of Mount Tamalpais brought his wife, Dana, and their new son Larry Michael home from the hospital on Friday, July 22. They are all getting along well including the father.

Clyde C. Coons, Ranger Grade I, TAU, of Big Basin became the proud father of a baby boy just the other day, about August 18, we believe.

Mrs Curt Lewis, Inter. Accountant Clerk, of the Sacramento Office has now returned to work after a brief sojourn to make certain of the entry into the world of "Laura Loreen", 6 lbs. 11 oz., July 9.

Born to Mrs. Lynn (Bud) Murrill, a girl, "Sandra Lynn", 6 lbs. 9 oz., August 9. Bud is a Junior Civil Engineer in the Sacramento Office.

TID-BITS FROM THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR-BITS

The following are interesting excerpts noted in weekly reports.

Mill Creek Redwoods State Park - "The deer hunters and wild pigeon hunters have been giving me a bad time of it, it seems I can hear shooting from every direction, lots of hunters park their cars in the park and hike through to the other side, none of them will admit that they ever hunt in the State Park, however, I warn them to keep their gun unloaded while in the Park." Asst. Ranger Carl C. Schmauer.

Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park - "Skunk left a little token behind the Toll House on Friday night August 26, 1949. Almost caused complete evacuation of Ranger Staff.

Light under bridge attracts insects who in turn attract many bats. Some of the insects fall into the river which attracts the fish. The next day the fishermen are attracted to the fish, but the fish know where their bread and butter comes from and consequently pay no attention to any lures of the fishermen." Asst. Ranger George R. Hagens.

Old Custom House.- "Something new in Garden Activities. We have been noticing a lady and gentleman who sit in the garden every day. The lady is seen closely examining the flowers. She reaches in but does not seem to pick the flowers so finally the gardener, Umbarger asked here if she was hunting for seeds. She said, 'Oh, No, I am catching bees. My husband has rheumatism and we were told that bee stings would cure so every day we come here and I catch the bees to sting my husband.' Does this come under the head of disturbing the Wild Life?" M. L. Greene, Curator.

San Buenaventura State Beach - "We would appreciate suggestions on 'How to clean a beach of Seaweed' when the seaweed covers an area 40 feet wide by 100 yds. long and 8 foot in depth. Also how to dispose of over ripe Porpoise weighing more than 200 pounds. Demonstrations would be appreciated." A. F. Whittington, Asst. Ranger.

Huntington Beach State Park - "We had one parachute with man land on our Beach. Their wasn't any room for cars along highway and it looked so clean from the air that he just jumped. What next?" Frank Davin, Asst. Ranger.

Anza Desert State Park -"A lion came into the yard the other night. It came within 10 feet of the headquarters house after water. It must have been a large one judging by its tracts. As there isn't much for them to eat, it must have been only passing through." J. W. Calvert, Chief Ranger.

Morro Bay State Park - "The County man was poisoning ground squirrels in this area and in the park except where it was near the camping area. He said this is one area where the plague still exists. They are getting to be quite numerous in the camp area." Fred C. Canham, Chief Ranger

Marshall Monument & Gold Disc. Site - "This was a bad week for park signs. The large directional sign at the outskirts of Coloma was hit by a vehicle and broken from the 6" X 6" cradle. The cradle was broken beyond repair. The No Smoking signs were stolen from the trails to the Mill Marker, and one "Dogs Must Be Kept on Leash" was stolen. We're working up an idea on "Burglar Proofing" our signs, and not having the lag screws show." Roland G. Geyer, Asst. Ranger.

Williams Grove State Park - "While on a trip through the Children's Forest recently with a friend, we came across a Chic Sale in a burned out Redwood tree. The tree was still healthy and apparently did not suffer from the intrusion. In addition to the 'goose pen' where the Chick Sale was, there was a vent which had been burned out probably by the same fire.

Recently a camper in Williams Grove who has the hobby of looking for flourescent and phosphorescent rocks asked if I would like to accompany him on a short trip down to the banks of the river after campfire to look for these rocks. The highlight of the evening came when upon investigating the banks of the river we found a bright yellow object of unusual size and shape. I immediatly reached for the specimen but just as I was about to touch the object its peculiar shape suddenly made me realize that it was a scorpion that had flouresced so beautifully. Apparently the hard body covering the scorpion is the material that flouresces under ultra-violet light. This should be a lesson to all persons interested in these types of rocks, be-ware of the scorpions." Milton Frincke, Nature Guide.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park - "During the recent thunder storm on Mr. San Jacinto there was enough hail to cover the ground like snow. After the rain had stopped, hail could be found in patches six inches deep and ten to twenty feet wide. Three days later the hail was still there." W. A. Weatherbee, Chief Ranger.

By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

SUGAR PINE (Pinus lambertiana)

This is the largest species of pine in the world. It is the most picturesque and magnificent tree in the regions where it grows, excepting only in those localities where the Giant Sequoia occurs also. Sugar Pine attains a maximum height of 235 feet and diameter breast high of 11 feet. Somewhat larger trees have been reported in the past. Average mature trees are 3 to 7 feet in diameter and 150 to 180 feet tall. It occurs in the mountains from central Oregon to Lower Califoring, growing in our state throughout the Sierra Nevada (west slope) at middle elevations in the main timber belt, and in the higher parts of the Coast Ranges and mountains of Southern California.

Sugar Pine gets its name from the beads or crystals of pine-sugar (pinite) that exude from any wounds in the trunk.

Young trees have beautiful silvery-green folia e, on very straight branches that ascend rather sharply from the trunk. As a tree becomes mature, several branches develop very greatly in proportion to the rest, so that the tree comes to have a broad open crown of relatively few long irregular branches. This gives each tree a great deal of character and individuality of appearance, - factors not found in many native trees except the Giant Sequoia, with which this species frequently grows.

Sugar Pine bark is deeply broken into nearly parallel furrows and ridges forming a neat pattern. In color it varies from bright reddish-brown through gray-brown to almost pure gray, sometimes with a purplish cast. The great trunks of mature trees are very impressive, since they taper little and often attain great heights before reaching the lowest branches.

Cones of this species are longer than those of any other pine, although they are exceeded in weight by those of Coulter Pine. Ordinarily they are from 12 to 18 inches long, and about 4 to 6 inches in diameter when open. Occasionally even larger ones may be found; John Muir, the great naturalist, claimed to have measured one 26 inches in length. Cones produced by trees in the southern part of the range of the species are generally less than average size. These great cones are produced singly or in groups at the very ends of the long branches, where they hang down, thus enhancing the already striking appearance of the tree. The cone scales are rather thin, rounded, smooth and without hooks or prickles, but with plenty of sticky resin.

Sugar Pine is a typical member of the white- or soft-pine group. Its needles are about 3 inches long, and 5 in a cluster. The wood is extremely valuable as lumber, being light, soft and smooth, and straight-grained.

Calaveras Big Trees State Park is one of the best places to see Sugar Pine growing to perfection. There are scores of magnificent specimens, not only in the grove among the Sequoias, but on most of the surrounding slopes. One of the largest known specimens is at Dorrington, on the state highway 3 miles east of the park; it is 200 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter, breast high. Ponderosa Pine and White Fir also attain splendid development in and about the park.

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GIANT SEQUOIA or SIERRA REDWOOD
(Sequoia gigantea)

The writer finds it difficult to proceed with his task without at least a comment upon the dilemma with which he finds himself confronted. In an issue of NEWS & VIEWS featuring Calaveras Big Trees State Park it would be unthinkable for this column to omit consideration of the Giant Sequoia. And yet, who can do even the most elementary kind of justice to these great trees in the space available here? Several quite substantial non-technical books have been written about this species alone, or on the two species of Sequoia together, so great is the general interest and the amount of specialized information available. Therefore no attempt will be made here to touch on more than a few of the phases of this interesting subject.

In addition to the names given above, several others are sometimes used for this species. Big Tree (or Bigtree) is probably the commonest. Older literature sometimes contains the term Mammoth-tree; and the unqualified word Sequoia occasionally appears as a popular name. Many local residents in the mountains call the trees simply Redwoods. Giant Sequoia is now the approved common name, although Sierra Redwood (as opposed to Coast Redwood for Sequoia sempervirens) is perhaps increasing in usage. Practically all authorities now use Sequoia gigantea as the scientific name for this species, although until very recently publications of the U. S. Forest Service referred to it as S. washingtoniana, and in some older publications (especially British) one may find S. wellingtonia.

Unlike its brother the Coast Redwood, which is widely represented in our State Park System from Mill Creek to Big Sur, the Giant Sequoia is now included in a state park only at Calaveras Big Trees. A movement is under way to raise matching funds for acquiring the nearby (and much larger) Stanislaus or South Calaveras Grove from the private owners for state park purposes. The State Division of Forestry now administers a sizeable area of Giant Sequoia, and the University of California a smaller one, both in Tulare County. Many of the finest trees are now protected in national parks, and an additional number are on national forest land.

Whereas most tree species occurring in a given region have a fairly regular distribution throughout the zone of elevation and climate in which they thrive, the Giant Sequoia occurs in a very broken and discontinuous pattern on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada. The individual areas of occurrence, usually called "groves", vary extremely in size and spacing, being generally smaller and farther apart (up to 50 miles) at the north, and much more extensive southward, especially in Tulare County. The individual trees, however, show no marked difference in character or average size between the various groves.

Fossil records indicate that in earlier geologic ages numerous species of Sequoia grew widely over the northern hemisphere, including some regions now too cold to support any tree growth.

However, with the recent discovery of the Dawn-redwood or Metasequoia growing in central China, it appears that some of the fossil species heretofore considered to be Sequoia were actually Metasequoia. Metasequoia is deciduous rather than evergreen. Several of our parks now have small living specimens of the Dawn-redwood of China, the name of which is Metasequoia glyptostroboides.

Although our two species of Redwood are often said to be last survivors of a dying race, this is true in a geologic sense only, for in growth characteristics they are extremely vigorous. The Sierran species, which does not sprout from the stump, reproduces itself only when conditions are right for the establishment of seedlings. The groves vary considerably in the amount of young growth present; the South Calaveras grove has quite a bit, and there is relatively little in the North grove, where the present park is located. Once the young trees are established, they often crowd out and overtop the young of all other species with which they are associated. Studies made by the University of California indicate that Sequoia gigantea may hold good possibilities for artificial reforestation, including management of the planted trees for certain forms of timber production. Wood from second-growth trees appears to lack some of the objectionable features of that obtained from the mature giants.

Many writers have stressed the differences between the two species of Sequoia, and have given relatively little space to the similarities. Besides those technical characteristics in common which place the two trees in the same group, a person who becomes familiar with both species can see

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several qualities and habits in each one which suggest the other. Where Coast Redwoods have been cut and the young growth is coming in vigorously, one not infrequently sees saplings which from a little distance resemble Giant Sequoia specimens of comparable age. The leaves of the two species normally are quite dissimilar; yet in mature Coast Redwood forests one can usually find on the ground branches broken by wind from the tops of the trees, on which the foliage is strikingly like that of the mountain species. In the Sierra groves, among the cinnamon-brown trunks with their large basal buttresses, one sometimes comes upon a tree or group having dull brown bark and with its base only slightly broadened, reminding him at once of columns of trees he saw in the Coast Range.

When one spends more time among the Giant Sequoias than merely an occasional casual visit, unless he is of a most insensitive nature they cease to seem to him simply like another species of tree, but take on a quality that is almost akin to personality. It is this somewhat spiritual element that makes the tree difficult to tell or write about, yet at the same time tempts one to say a great deal in attempting to convey the impression they create.

Everyone with more than a passing interest in California trees will want to obtain a copy of the 30 - page pamphlet entitled "The Giant Sequoias of California", by Lawrence F. Cook of the National Park Service (1942). It is obtainable for 15 cents from the Government Printing Office.

Every Redwood park should have a copy of James Clifford Shirley's excellent book, "The Redwoods of Coast and Sierra". University of California Press (revised 1947) 84 pages, $2.00.

The most exhaustive treatment of the Giant Sequoia may be found in the book "Big Trees", by Walter Fry and John R. White. Stanford University Press (revised 1938) 126 pages, $2.00. This book is temporarily out of print, but some bookstores may still have it. It has been reprinted numerous times in the past, and will doubtless appear again soon.

All the above publications are fully illustrated with fine photographs.

SACRAMENTO OFFICE NEWS

Ward Marshall, Junior Real Property Agent for the Lands Section transfered to the Division of Highways as Assistant Real Property Agent in Marysville, September 12.

Colonel Edwin C. Kelton, Beach Erosion Control Engineer, is vacationing in the East and stopped in Detroit to purchase a new De Soto. He will be back in the office on October 3.

Beverly Domitrovich, a new typist, came to work for the Engineering Section on August 15.

Orman Haenggi has taken Ray Steinreich's place in the Engineering Section as Inter. Accountant Clerk on August 11. Ray has returned to his former position with the Southern Pacific.

Ernie Camper has recently returned from a stay in the hospital where he underwent an operation. It evidently was quite a "Military Operation".

John Hennessey, Supervising State Lands Purchasing Officer, after an illness, is now back on the job.

Miles Allen of the Lands Section, according to the latest report, is recuperating at his home. He tells us it will still be a while before he is able to return to work. (note: Miles doesn't sound particularly excited about leading a life of leisure.)

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WEDDING BELLS

Charles C. French, Deputy Ranger, Edward R. Hickey State Park, took Julianne Tyson in marriage on Saturday, August 20, 1949, at four p.m. in the Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, California.

Henry Carder, Junior Engineering Aid, of the Engineering Section, Sacramento Office, married Rosita Philips from Pismo Beach on September 17, in church services at Pismo Beach. Reception followed at the Philip's home.

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COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO SEPT. 16, 1949

The regular session of the Park Commission was held in the State Building. Commissioners present were J. R. Knowland, Chairman; Charles Kasch, George Waldner, and George A. Scott.

Actions taken on the agenda were as follows:

Humboldt Redwoods State Park - A communication was read protesting approval of road use permits through dedicated memorial groves. Director Hannum reported that the Division of Forestry had selected a site for a fire suppression station adjacent to the park boundry at Weott. Also approved was the staff's recommendation to permit the widening of the road through Whittemore Grove after a survey, the amount covering the cost will be placed in the budget.

Morro Bay State Park - Approved an application by San Luis Obispo County for the extension of the agreement to a 25 year period for operation of the golf course. An additional area was included in the agreement to increase the course from 9 to 18 holes.

La Purisima Historical Mission - Approved that the Supervisor of the fourth District of Santa Barbara County automatically be made a member of the La Purisima Advisory Committee on Restoration.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - The amount of $50,000 was approved to be placed in the budget to take care of the development of a new location for the San Diego City - County camp which will be selected based on reports concerning the critical water supply.

Anza Desert State Park - Referred to the staff an application to establish a concession which would involve new buildings to be built by the concessionaire.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park - Attorney Harry Falk presented a request for the G. L. Speier, Big Trees, and California Barrel Companies to continue use of the so called Barrel Company road in the park. After a long discussion the request was denied.

Columbia Historic State Park - Chief was instructed to obtain permission for the laying of pipes for water and sewers in the streets.

Mount Diablo State Park - The renewal of the telescope concession was established from September 7 to August 1950.

San Diego County Master Plan - Approved the subletting of Moonlight Beach Dressing room facilities for one year.

Del Norte Coast Redwoods - The California - Oregon Power Company requested an easement through the park in order to supply the town of Klamath. The request was granted, and a committee from the staff was ordered to determine the amount of the service charge. Director Hannum will serve as Committee Chairman.

South Calaveras Grove - Charlotte Mauk, Assistant to the Secretary of the Sierra Club of California appeared to urge the acquisition of all units of the South Grove area as outlined in the Olmstead report. P. A. Thompson, RegionalForester of the National Forest Service stated that he felt the Secretary of Agriculture will not be in position to act or assist in acquisition until the official desires of the Park Commission are known. The Commission went on record as favoring acquisition of all proposed units, but that initial first step be made to obtain for a park. Unit One, which contains most of the Sequoias, with a corridor to connect it to the present Calaveras Grove.

Benecia Capitol Building - The Lands Section reported that $75,000 would be necessary to restore the building when acquired. The staff was requested to negotiate for the acquisition, and that the above amount be placed in the budget for restoration.

Placerita Canyon State and County Park -

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Flowers from Park Followers

The following are excerpts from complimentary letters received during the past month.

Big Sur -"We wish to compliment the very fine personnel, they were so courteous and considerate. Please continue to have your excellent recreation programs in the State Park System."

Another reads, "We wish to commend the Division upon a hard job well-done. The unfailing courtesy and helpfulness of the Rangers and others in charge adds immeasurably to the native charm of the place."

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - "This summer we spent one of our grandest vacations at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The camp grounds are beautiful, the facilities excellent and the Ranger staff is tops. We found the Rangers from the Chief to the lowest Deputy to be considerate, helpful and a credit to the Park System. Again we say, thank you, and we only hope we can come back soon."

A second letter states, "We have just had a lovely vacation at Green Valley. You are responsible for it we are told so we want to thank you. I also wish you could have heard the comments of pleasure that I heard about the natural beauty, the arrangement and construction in the camps and the pleasure expressed at the rest rooms and their up keep. Again many thanks for a lovely place to get away and really enjoy nature and rest."

New Brighton Beach State Park - "My family and I enjoyed the 3 day holiday, Sept. 2 - 5 camping at New Brighton Beach State Park. The men in charge had their hands full with such a large crowd but certainly did a splendid job. We intend going back again and again."

Another reads - "A pleasant vacation experienced by myself and family at New Brighton State Park certainly merits a note of acknowledgement and also an expression of appreciation to the staff of the park for their efforts to make our stay enjoyable. Your staff Mr. Rheinhardt, Dixon, and Finch are deserving of recognition for their interest and efforts to make our stay at the park a pleasant one."

Mill Creek Redwoods State Park - "We recently camped for four nights in the Mill Creek Redwoods State Park and wish to especially commend the courteous and thoughtful service of Deputy Ranger Ralph Hollingsworth in charge of the camp."

Williams Grove State Park - "In this letter I wish to state that I camped out during my three weeks vacation in the State Parks. I found that of all of them, Williams Grove stands out. Head Ranger M. Banfill and his staff are the most wonderful group of Rangers we have ever met. When a stranger drives in there, Ranger Banfill goes out of his way to make you stay a pleasant one . He is friendly, thoughtful and does things on his own to give more comfort to the camper or picnicker."

La Purisima Mission - "On a recent trip into the Santa Ynez Valley it was my pleasure to visit the resotred La Purissima Mission with several friends. We herein wish to take this opportunity to commend you for the wonderful work you are doing at this mission and for the exceptionally fine conducted tour throughout the mission which was conducted by Frank Gutierrez. His lecture on the botanical and anthropological background of the mission was enjoyed by all."

Morro Bay State Park - "I wish to give a word of appreciation for the pleasure my family and I have derived from our two visits to the Morro Bay State Park. Also, the young men who make up the staff at that Park are more than courteous and are exceptionally polite, well-informed and obliging. It is indeed a pleasure to find such accomodations and personnel."

McArthur-Burney Falls - "I would like to compliment your division on the courtesies extended to my wife and I while staying at the park--also on the manner in which this park is kept clean and orderly."

A second letter reads "This summer my wife and self have spent about seven weeks visiting numerous Federal and State Parks, I think that our visit to Burney Falls was about the most restful and enjoyable of all of them. "

From South to North - "I have just returned from my vacation during which I took my family from Riverside to Richardson Grove, stopping at State Camps all the way. I want to tell you of our appreciation of those camps and the way they are maintained, and to compliment you on your courteous and efficient personnel."

COMMISSION MEMOIRS
by
Gladys Joslin

This column has an accidental but interesting origin. One day Gladys Joslin came into the office of the Conservation Supervisor with a, "Listen to what I fished out of the moth balls!"

She had a fist-full of ancient papers which turned out to be old minutes of what is now known as the State Park Commission. She laughingly went on, "Golly, this must be our first purchase of mobile equipment for Parks!"

Reading from the minutes she said, ----, "1911, Commissioner Middleton reported that he had purchased a span of mules which would be delivered to the Commission as soon as they were in proper training, at the price of $500. Mr. Middleton was further authorized to purchase a wagon and harness."

Then and there it was decided to print bits of old minutes to give you a "then and now" picture. This column will give you a little bit of "then" - you can make your own comparison.

As you know, Gladys assists Jack Covington in writing the minutes of Commission meetings, and preserving them for posterity so some future editor can also publish a column such as this many years hence! -editor-

Prehistoric - 1911

Since about 1901 there have been several changes in the type of administrative body responsible for the operation of state park areas. In most cases administrations were headed by Commissions appointed by Governors. A brief outline of the origin and growth of the present day Park System is interesting and brings home the realization that "we have grown up".

In the middle eighties long before there was a State Park System, the lumbermen had made extensive inroads into the virgin redwood stands in the area between the Pajaro River and the sand dunes of San Francisco. The idea of conserving portions of this forest for posterity found expression through Mr. Ralph S. Smith, of Redwood City, editor of the "Times and Gazette". He was aided in his efforts by the "San Francisco Chronicle". He appealed to the Legislature to make an appropriation for the acquisition of 20,000 acres of Redwoods at $15.00 per acre. The original acreage proposed for acquisition extended over what is now the Butano Forest. Like many such proposals, a long period of time elapsed before results were attained. A Redwood park was not heard from again until 1889.

Upon the death of Ralph Smith, Capt. Ferdinand Lee Clark took up the idea and carried on. This time in the newspaper, Santa Cruz "Surf". He was ably assisted by Arthur A. Taylor, later Secretary of the California Redwood Park Commission. Captain Clark and Mr. Taylor made many personal explorations of the area. In the following years the hope of a Redwood Reserve was never abandoned. It was about this time that the Sempervirens Club came into being. Explorations were made by Dr. Dudley and Professor Wing, of Stanford University. In the summer of 1901 a large party of Sempervirens people camped in the area now known as the Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Rev. Father Robert E. Kenna, S. J., a tireless worker for the conservation of the Redwoods, was one of the original members of the Sempervirens Club, and later a member of the first park commission, appointed by Governor Gage in about 1902. Members of this first commission, the California Redwood Park Commission, included William H. Mills, Southern Pacific Railroad Company; A. W. Foster, Northwestern Railway; Father Robert E. Kenna, S. J., Santa Clara College; Dr. William R. Dudley, Stanford University. The Governor, himself, was an ex officio member. After legislative action, negotiations were commenced. The result was the purchase of 3,800 acres for the sum of $250,000 , of what is now our Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

Complete records are not available, but apparently the new park and the new Commission got off to a flying start. On September 7, 1904, a bad fire, reared its ugly head and lasted twenty days, until it was extinguished by rain. It was here that a now famous and still standing redwood harbored fire in its heart for fourteen months. An old quotation states that, hot tears fell on the saddles of the Commissioners as they sighted these hundreds of coal black shafts which were once the glory of the forest.

Records are not available from that time until March 3, 1911, when a newly appointed Commission met in Governor Hiram W. Johnson's office for a meeting. Its first action was indicative of the enthusiastic and sometimes fiery administration to follow when "It was moved, seconded and carried that the Warden

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THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE DIVISION OF BEACHES & PARKS

Engineers love problems. In all their training they are brought up on problems, so that is their business. Engineers for our Division have plenty of them!

Nearly all types of engineering are represented in State service. Each department or division which engages in engineering has a different purpose in mind, even though they may use the same analytic methods. Take the Division of Highways for instance - their emphasis is on the building of broad, smooth, high-speed roads which present the least danger to the motorist. The Division of Water Resources approves dams, deals with water rights, flood control and analyzes water supply by such methods as snow surveys. The Division of Architecture designs and approves plans for public structures as well as buildings for other State agencies. The Division of Mines maps and provides information on the geology and mineral resources of the State. The Division of Oil and Gas enforces the law pertaining to the wise use of oil and gass and analyzes the supply. The Division of Fish and Game have engineers for construction of fish ladders and structures for other conservation projects. Other types of engineering are done under the Public Utilities and Aeronautics Commissions. A Division of Communication recently has been created in the Department of Finance. The Division of Forestry performs engineering work, some of which is similar to ours.

Claude Helm, Senior Civil Engineer for our Division has many occasions to discuss our plans with the Department of Public Works. He said one high engineer in that department summarized all our problems by stating, "The trouble with your Division is that you have the policy of acquiring parks and beaches in areas where it is difficult to obtain water, dispose of sewage, and get roads through. On top of that you want all these conveniences with no damage done to the natural appeal of the area."

The preservation of the primitive features of most park areas is the prime purpose - else the parks would not have been established. Therefore, this continual conflict of minimum development against preservation sets the pace for the difficult engineering task of the Engineering Section for the Division of Beaches & Parks.

Out of the recent tremendous growth in patronage of our parks, there has grown development difficulties that have in some cases exceeded the amount of money available to take care of them.

Approximately $1,356,500 is to be spent this fiscal year for construction purposes. During the 48-49 fiscal year about $3,806,000 was spent or allocated for the same type of work. Of that amount roughly 60% was referred to the Department of Public Works for the construction. Most of the projects referred to Public Works are for sewage, water, roads and buildings over $10,000. All projects more than $1,000 and less than $10,000 must be approved by them. Numerous negotiations and paper work are necessary for these contracts.

Water systems are many times a source of difficulty. In heavily populated parks it is difficult to divert enough water and still have enough left over to make the streams look like streams, and to provide fishing and swimming. At the present time adequate water supply is critical at Big Basin. After several years study by the Divisions of Architecture and the Division of Water Resources with consulting geologists, it has been determined that the best possible way to have sufficient water over the summer is to store it. It now appears evident a new dam nearly fifty feet high accross Sempervirens Creek will have to be made which will store 47 acre-feet of water. One has only to observe the crowds in this park on a summer Sunday afternoon to realize a lot of water is necessary. Other critical water areas are Palomar and Cuyamaca which are under study by the Division of Water Resources. Sometimes the type of water available is the problem rather than the amount. The water at Anza Desert is such that the pipes deteriorate rapidly. At Sonoma Coast the water has been so red and full of sediment that clothes could not be washed.

Sewage disposal systems in our parks are observed more closely by the State Department of Public Health. More strict enforcement of the health laws now prevent the pouring of any effluent into a stream in a park. Sanitary engineers say that the proposed sewage system for Columbia will be one of the most difficult to solve. This is because of the underlying layers of granite which do not permit percolation of waters. For this area a large, expensive, modern sewage disposal system will have to be built. Sewage disposal is also critical

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THE BETTER RANGER

EDITED BY

EARL P. HANSON, DEPUTY CHIEF, B.&P.

This month we are indebted to Southern District Park Superintendent William L. Kenyon for information relative to a pickup stick that he has had experience with over a period of 12 years. We offer Superintendent Kenyon's comments, specifications, and diagrams for your edification and adaptation, should you see fit. EPH

PICKUP STICK AND LITTER CAN

Permit me to say we have, over a period of 12 years, developed what we believe to be the finest pickup stick obtainable. This has been developed by the "cut & try" method from Big Basin to Richardson Grove, Big Sur, and the Southern District. We have made several dozen of these and they have been in use in this district for over a year with big success.

Our years of experimentation with various pickup sticks from the original shovel handle and 40 d spike, through the broom handle - ice pick stage, to this present development, tell us that the pickup stick shown in the literature sent us is not practical for a number of reasons. We have experimented with one, two, three, four, and five prong sticks and the two prong type is the one selected as the most practical.

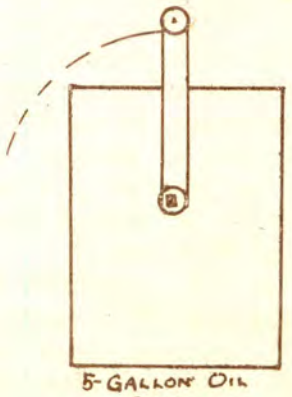
Our pickup stick in a practiced hand can easily take care of such litter as cigarette butts, cigarette and gum papers, newspapers, old socks, pieces of watermellon rind and bottle tops! This last item is very easy to pick up with the State Park pickup stick if the user is practiced. It does not require a JAB with the prongs, merely a touch on the cork liner. If upside down, a short flip usually turns them over.

The burlap sack idea has long been abandoned by expert "pickers up", except for a few special types of use. The 5 gallon oil can type is by far more useful and much, much quicker for campground and picnic ground cleaning, where there are garbage cans at intervals in which to dump the litter. In the selection of a can it was found that two things were vitally necessary: one, a square can, and two, a bail close to the edge of the can. Buckets are rather difficult to use, as little breezes and zephyrs tend to swirl the small papers out onto the ground again. If the bail is too far above the edge, the left hand cannot be used to "wipe" the papers off the stick prongs. Also any kind of a breeze whatever will blow them away and not permit them to drop into the bucket.

In the "perfection" of the pickup-stick litter-bucket idea, I have even gone so far as to study methods used by other park departments, one of which was Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Proper publicity in News and Views, and a willingness on the part of the rangers to learn the techniques of proper use, should help a great deal in cleaning up our parks. These pickup sticks will cost around 30¢ each, but can be made by any ranger.

William L. Kenyon
District Superintendent.

Litter can, 5 gal oil can with top out. Bail broom handle stock, w/1/8" X 1" galv. metal strip holders, with 1/4" bolts or loose rivets over washers.
Litter can handle: Swinging type, permits easy removal of litter.



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Specifications:

Handle: ½" X 30" hardwood dowel.

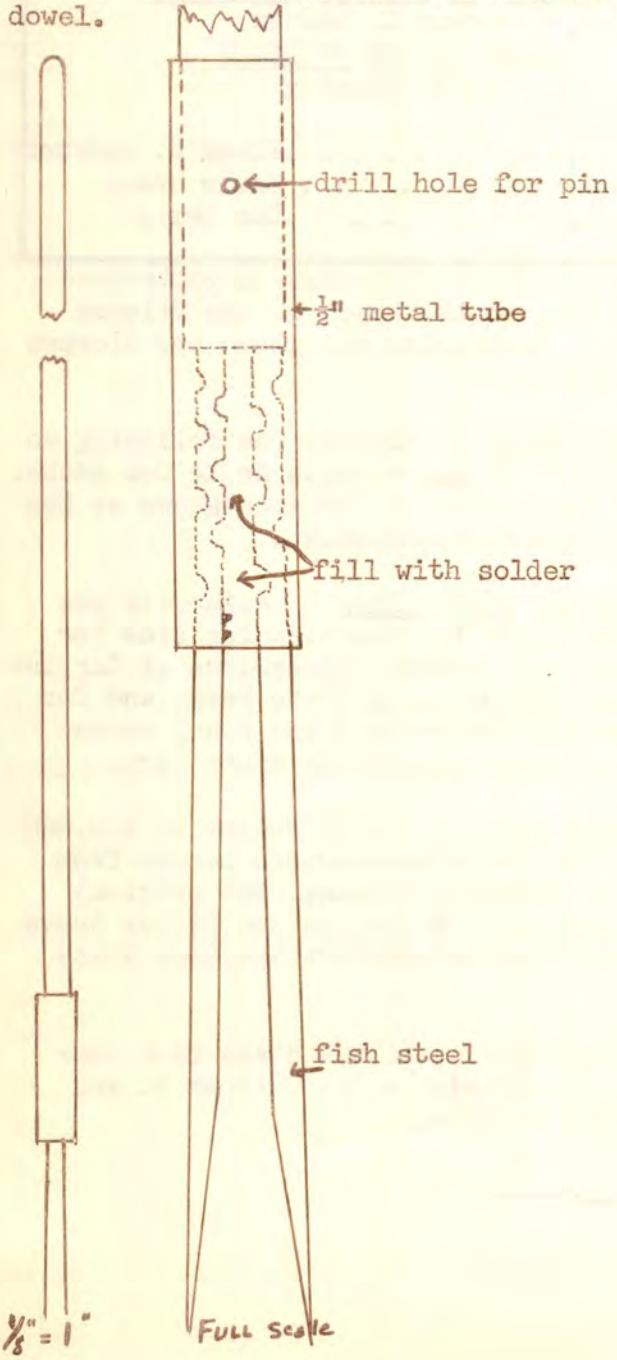
Prongs: 1/8" X 1/16" - 5" long, two prongs, electric fish steel. (easily sharpened and replaced - about $2 per 100.)

Prong holder: 3" length 1/2"copper tubing (or brass slip joint tubing)

Prong "cement" is ½ & ½ solder, or #1 common babit.

Prong holder rivet: finish nail.

Special note: Notch ends of fishwire before embedding in solder to prevent pulling out. Use a cork to hold prongs in proper relation while pouring metal. Use bench vise to hold dowel level. Use wet rag to hasten cooling to prevent burning end of dowel.



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at Doheny. A new ocean outfall system probably will be necessary.

The building of roads, bridges and parking areas are done mainly by the Division of Highways. The maintenance is likewise done mainly by Highways except for fire roads.

Proposed construction of shoreline facilities that may alter the condition of the beach are referred by the State Lands Commission to Colonel Edwin C. Kelton, Beach Erosion Control Engineer.

Field parties of Engineers are basic for gathering data. During the good weather several parties are usually in the field. They have been obtaining most of the preliminary data for water and sewage systems, park boundries, building sites, road alignments and topographic maps.

The riding and hiking trails program is continuing. This requires close cooperation with the Lands Section, because much of this is in the acquisition stage. Without the power of condemnation trail sites are obtained in the following manner: Local organized horseman select the route which is checked by our engineers. Maps are developed and finally submitted to the Park Commission for approval. The Lands Section then proceeds to negotiate for rights of way. Frequently because of difficulty in purchasing, the route must be changed which requires more field work. The Engineering Section supervises the building of the trail with temporary help, or enters into contracts with other agencies such as the U. S. Forest Service. For this program, the Division purchased a jeep, three power wagons, a small bulldozer, and three pickups. 3000 miles of trails are proposed from one end of the State to the other. To date 110 miles are completed which are under district responsibility for maintenance and patrol. New funds for the trail were not provided in the last Legislature. The work now is being supported by $140,000 unused from the last appropriation.

The Engineering Section is headed by Col. Edwin C. Kelton, Beach Erosion Control Engineer, who serves as Chief Engineer for the section. Assisting him is Claude Helm. There are three main subsections: Planning - This phase is extremely important, and bears the main responsibility in bridging the gap between development and preservation of the natural features. This group works closely with District Superintendents. Construction -

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TRANSFERS

Deputy Ranger Clifford A. Allen, from Dyerville to Pfeiffer Big Sur, 8/1.

Asst. Ranger William D. Markle, from La Purisima to Pismo Beach, 8/1.

Asst. Ranger Alvin F. Whittington, Jr., from Carpinteria to San Buenaventura 8/1.

Asst. Ranger Maurice Morgan, from Cuyamaca to Anza Desert 9/1.

Asst. Ranger Alan Philbrook, from San Clemente to Cuyamaca Rancho, 9/1.

Asst. Ranger Kenneth Stanley, from Doheny to Silver Strand, 9/1.

Asst. Ranger Carl A. Anderson, from Cuyamaca Rancho to Doheny, 9/1.

Deputy Ranger Eldon L. Finch from Sunset, New Brighton, Capitola to Capitola 9/12.

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This group supervises mainly the construction work done by this Division. Riding and Hiking - this subsection deals entirely with the new trail system.

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and Deputy Warden be discharged and that Commissioner Middleton at once take possession of the Park and of the property of the State of California, and place in charge of said property and of the Park such men as he might select until a Warden should be duly selected by the Commission." "Commissioner Middleton was authorized and instructed to employ a man as foreman, who should secure the help necessary to remove obstructions from the roadway in the Park and open it for travel."

A debt of gratitude is due those early workers in the founding of the Park system - it was not easy!

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this name was officially adopted.

Corona Del Mar State and City Beach Park - this name was officially adopted.

San Buenaventura State Beach - Lands Section reported as complete negotiations for addition to the beach of the Wileman property. Permission was given for closure of negotiations.

Amestoy Adobe - Adopted the following as the official title, Vicente de la Osa Adobe. This is to be part of the area known as Los Encinos Historical Monument.

Concession Advertising - Authority was given the staff to advertise for bids for operations of general concessions at Carpinteria and Doheny Beach State Park, and for a concession for parking and beach accessories at Huntington Beach State Park.

Memorial Grove - Upon receipt of $10,000 through the Save-the-Redwoods League from Mr. R. K. Pitzer of Pomona, the original Glide Grove will be designated Pitzer Grove as an addition to Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

The next meeting of the State Park Commission was scheduled for October 21 and 22 in Palm Springs.

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

NEW TIME CARD PROCEDURE

At the present time, Section and District heads are struggling with the new time procedure which went into effect on October 1, 1949. This procedure requires an individual Time Card from each employee of the Division of Beaches and Parks, and does away with the Monthly Attendance Report in so far as permanent employees are concerned.

C.I.R.E. employees time will continue to be reported as formerly. As some of the "bugs" are worked out of the new time reporting procedure, a supplement to the Field Manual will carry the necessary instructions.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Accidents involving State-owned motor vehicles have occurred at an increased rate. May we call to your attention the need for thoughtful and courteous driving at all times, realizing that the number of vehicles and the amount of traffic has increased greatly in California during recent years.

Be sure that automotive equipment operates smoothly, and especially that the brakes and lights are in workable condition at all times. If an accident is unavoidable, however, remember that the report of that accident should be mailed to this office within 24 hours.

REMEMBER, "Take it easy, take it light" -- does not refer only to beverages.

REPAIRS OF AUTOS

Elsewhere in this same issue you will find a statement concerning procedure in obtaining bids for repairs to motor vehicles when such repairs cost $40.00 or more. As this procedure is in compliance with order from the Department of Finance, you are urged to comply with this to the best of your ability.

FIELD MANUAL AND OFFICIAL BADGES

Once again it appears necessary to inform the field that the supply of Field Manuals and Deputy Ranger Badges has become temporarily exhausted. We cannot supply Field Manuals until we are able to make revisions of sections for which there is a shortage of existing page material. Shortages exist in Sections A,B,G, and K of the Manual and it may be some time before we can make the revisions. As to Deputy Ranger Badges, these have been ordered and we will endeavor to get these to the proper persons when available.

RIGHTS OF WAY AND FEES FOR EASEMENTS

In accordance with legislation passed at the 1949 session of the Legislature relative to the granting of rights of way to public utility companies and to others seeking access across State Park lands, the staff in cooperation with the Attorney General's office and the Director of Natural Resources is drawing up procedures, application forms, and schedules of fees to be charged. When the State Park Commission has passed on these matters, the field will be notified and District offices provided with sufficient copies of the information necessary for those who would seek such rights of way or easements.

Should questions come up in this regard, you may inform applicants that such information may be available shortly after the November 18th meeting of the State Park Commission.

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CANCELLATION OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Legislation enacted by Chapter 255, Statutes of 1949, effective October 1, 1949, makes it unnecessary to require each individual employee to file a Power of Attorney in order for the Departmental Accounting Office to pay his travel claims from the revolving fund.

It will no longer be necessary for you to require employees to sign Powers of Attorney, Form #764, and those now on file are automatically cancelled.

KNOW YOUR PARKS

MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK

By William A. Weatherbee
Chief Ranger

Mount San Jacinto State Park - the land of contrasts! Only the most "city-fied" visitor could fail to be impressed when viewing Mount San Jacinto from the desert below.

In the vicinity of Palm Springs located in the western arm of the Colorado Desert, one can stand at near sea level and gaze up to the top of the mountain which is 10,831 feet high. This range is truly one of the greatest escarpments in the United States. The fact that it rises very abruptly out of the flats, lends to its magnificence. The Coachella Valley, famous for its desert resorts, date groves and other specialized products, would not exist were it not for the San Jacinto Range.

Moisture laden air rising to colder altitudes from the Pacific causes rain to fall principally on the more gradual southwest slope of the mountains leaving a desert beyond. Coachella Valley is insured further aridity by lying in a pocket and bordered by the San Bernardino and little San Bernardinos on the northeast and the Santa Rosas to the southwest.

With this great contrast in elevations there are corresponding varieties of plant and animal life. In the general desert areas of Southern California plants play an important part in locality names. One of the principal entries to Mount San Jacinto State Park is from the "Pines to Palms" road which runs from the town of Hemet to Indio. Another more tortuous route is the road from Banning to the Park.

The park is located within the San Bernardino National Forest and bordered by game refuges and by the San Jacinto Wild Area as designated by the U. S. Forest Service. Headquarters for the State Park camp and picnic sites are located at Idyllwild off of State Highway 74. The park was established as a primitive area in 1937, from land formerly belonging to the Southern Pacific Company and the U. S. Forest Service. The portion of the range occupied by the park is from 5400 to 10,831 feet in altitude and includes Jean Peak, 10,600, and Marion Mountain, 10,400. These tall peaks combined with such areas as Round Valley, Little Round Valley, Long Valley and Hidden Lake make this the State's only, and truly fine primitive-area park. Granitic rocks predominate. With the attractive sub-alpine flora and fauna, the park takes on a character very similar to that of the high Sierra Nevada. Prominant Tamarack or Lodgepole pine trees occur in excellent virgin stand. Other pines are the Ponderosa, Jeffrey, the stately Sugar Pine, and the hardy Limber Pine beginning at 9000 feet. Other common conifers are White Fir and Incense-Cedar.

There are many springs and streams, Lupins five feet tall, large areas of Azaleas, rank growths of grass in meadows, and a wide variety of flowering plants providing a permanent source of study for those interested in undisturbed plant associations.

Many facilities have been added to the park in the past two years: a new Ranger's residence, combination building, comfort station, shop and warehouse; food lockers in the campground, replacement of camp and picnic tables, stoves and camp number posts, a new well for irrigation, and a system of added fire protection. In the high country conveniences added are a seasonal Ranger's camp at Round Valley, a ladies rest-room, an improved water system with tank for watering stock, fire rings with grill, two pole corrals, garbage cans, new and improved trails and a telephone line from Round Valley to Idyllwild Headquarters. (maintenance was done the hard way, on the back!)

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MOUNT SAN JACINTO STATE PARK
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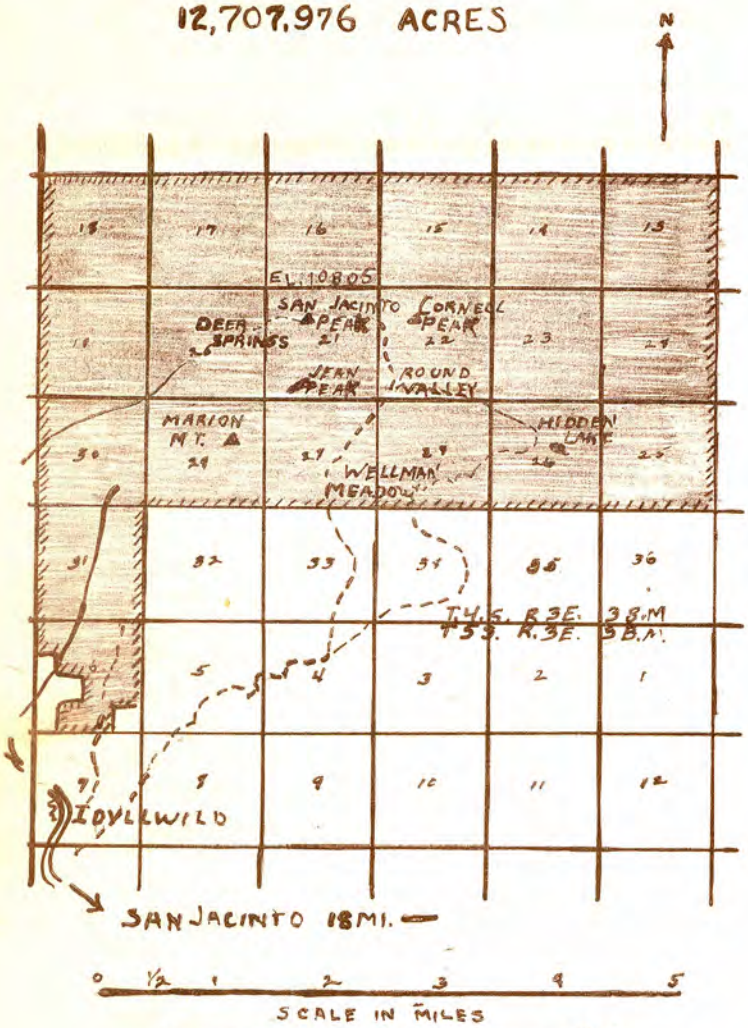

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The High-country is very popular with conservation groups, hiking clubs, boy scouts and the general public who are interested in the out of doors. Round Valley, 1700 feet below the peak, is the most patronized camping spot in the State Park primitive area. The water supply is spring fed, and a large grazing area covers the floor of the valley. The area is patrolled by Rangers on horse-back and is supplied by pack-train.

Long Valley and Desert View afford outstanding views of the desert some 8000 feet below. Even more amazing sights are in store for the energetic person who climbs Mt. San Jacinto itself. Here from the observation platform on a clear day he may see as far as Death Valley 160 airline miles to the north, Salton Sea 45 miles southeast, Mexico 85 miles south, Palomar Mountain 30 miles southwest, much of the Los Angeles area 85 miles west, the 11,485 ft. Mount San Gorgonio 20 miles northwest, and the Sierra Nevada about 120 miles northwest. With such long-range vistas as these many visitors have stated they feel they are "on top of the world"!

A tramway concession is being negotiated which if completed will run from near Palm Springs to Round Valley near Hidden Lake. This would open to thousands of people the back country which is now only accessible by trail for hikers or riders. These 24 miles of trail in the primitive area this past season were improved and maintained by a six-man crew under the supervision of State Park Rangers. Duty at Mt. San Jacinto is the envy of many State Park Rangers in the system who enjoy working with horses and pack stock, and like high altitude back country.

Personnel at the park this year were the following: Chief Ranger W. A. (Bill) Weatherbee who entered the State Park Service in 1941. He was in the Army in January 1943, served with the Engineers, and returned to Parks in 1946. He formerly worked at Big Basin and Mt. Diablo.

Deputy Ranger Floyd Lemley - entered our service in October 1947 at San Jacinto. Formerly served in CCC's and spent six years in Army with 20th Fighter Group and 509th Atomic Bomb Group in Japan. He has one son and expects another son (?) this month.

Deputy Ranger Laurie C. Smith - began with State Parks in April 1949 in Anza Desert State Park. Former employment was in aircraft factories. He has two children, a boy and a girl. His hobby is color photography.

Deputy Ranger Hugh T. Wilson - entered Park work in March 1949. He worked for many years in building trades including motion picture studios in Hollywood. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to July 1943. He formerly worked at San Clemente Beach State Park and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

TID-BITS FROM THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR-BITS

The following are interesting excerpts noted in weekly reports. If you enjoy reading these - write more of them on your weekly sheets. Lets don't stretch them too far, though!

Richardson Grove State Park - Chief Ranger Henry Saddler, after a hard summer at Richardson Grove, decided that what he needed was a good days work, (Physical that is).

He accepted the invitation of Supt. French to go apple picking on his ranch. Everything was going fine until Henry, in his quest for the choice fruit let the ladder throw him and the apples toward terra firma.

Results: One broken wrist for Henry.

Moral: Don't take last year's Cider with you to pick this years crop. George W. Lynn, Asst. Ranger.

Mt. Diablo State Park - Last Sunday a car was reported on fire. Upon checking found a car above Buckeye that the battery cable had burned off causing smoke. Passersby reported it as fire from here to Danville and Walnut Creek. The Fire Departments of Danville, Walnut Creek and Concord, Clayton called to find out about the car that had exploded on the Mt. The next A.M. the Oakland Tribune called for more information. Franklyn Brown, Asst. Ranger.

Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park - As Ranger Hagens was raking leaves near the Toll House, he was approached by a rather seedy looking aged woman who wanted to know if he was the caretaker and upon being informed that he was a State Park Ranger declared, "I shore always wanted to meet one of them thar Rangers. They shore fix up things fine fer you," looking at the State trailer. Continuing the one sided conversation she happened to look up and saw Ranger Hagens wife hanging clothes on the line, and remarked; "Lands Sakes! What kind of a contraption is that?" Upon being told that it was a simple clothes line with wheels on both ends she declared; "Lands Sake! I do declare! Never saw anything like that in Missouri. They shore fix up things fine fer you."

Ranger Hagens noticed that the pump was operating quite a bit and investigated for leaks in the water line and faucets. After checking the lines, faucets, shower, laundry tub, he finally worked down to the mens rest rooms where he found a boy sitting on the toilet while the water was roaring beneath him. The valve had been temporarily stuck. The boy was asked why he didn't turn off the flush valve and replied that he didn't know he should. Upon being asked if he had a toilet at home his simple reply was NO. The boy had evidently figured that the water should be roaring beneath him at all times, and liked the sound of it.

GOLD at Curry-Bidwell Bar! Its where you find it, all right, but this time it was at the bottom of the drain box hole recently dug by Rangers Hagens and Pritchard. However don't get excited as only a few specks of that yellow stuff were extracted. Many years ago after the white men had left the diggings, the Chinamen took over, and what was found was probably left is not worth a Chinaman's chance. They went over the area with mercury and don't ask me who he is! George R. Hagens, Asst. Ranger.

Sunset Beach State Park - The Division of Fish and Game is very active, spotting clammers who think the laws were made for some one else. A. W. Parvin, Asst. Ranger.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park - Dist. Supt. Kenyon and Chief Ranger Weatherbee made a official two day trip into the high country and were almost snowed in by the first snow storm of the year. An estimated 3 inches fell in Round Valley. W. A. Weatherbee, Chief Ranger.

Palomar Mountain State Park - In the Palomar Area there are many varities of trees, plants, shrubs, flowers, and soforth throughout the year that the Public finds make wonderful decoration for their homes. Of all these different varieties, the most beautiful is Poison Oak (Rhus diversiloba) in the fall time when it is a beautiful pink, or a fiery red, depending on its location. On contacting the public at the checking station Sunday we found many cars

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that had bouquets of this Poison Oak in their possesion, and when we told time what it was they disposed of it rather hurriedly without any argument. Edward A. Griggs, Deputy Ranger.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - On Sunday, Oct. 2, at Green Valley campground, 2½ year old Jimmy Nettles of San Diego was reported lost by his father at 2:00 p.m. Assistant Ranger Mosteller joined the search. By 2:30 p.m. a very happy Jimmy was restored safe and sound to his even happier parents, who immediately left for home where they could keep better track of the intrepid yound explorer. A. D. Philbrook, Asst. Ranger.

Williams Grove State Park - A late season camper reported to us that about four or five "seals" were disturbing their fishing. In checking on this report the personnel of this park found them to be River Otter. The otter is a very amusing animal to watch. They can be observed almost any morning sliding down a muddy bank into the water, pushing and biting each other in play. Who said people were funny????? William A. Meyer, Deputy Ranger.

Anza Desert State Park - Campers reported that skunks not only raided their camps, but actually came to the tables and begged for food, needless to say that the little visitors do not have to beg too much. Maurice Morgan, Asst. Ranger.

Prairie Creek State Park - Prairie Creek has finally used up one whole Refund Receipt Book. It took 13 years (1936 - 49) to find 50 people to leave this park ahead of time. 1936 -47 ten refunds. 1948-49 forty refunds. C. L. Milne, Chief Ranger.

Samuel P. Taylor State Park - On October 18th at 12:40 P.M. a fire of undetermined origin broke out on the east side of Deadman's Gulch. A wind of 45 miles per hour was blowing and the fire spread rapidly up the slope toward Barnabee Peak Lookout. The Marin County Fire Dept. arrived at the fire ten minutes after it was reported to their Headquarters, and only their prompt arrival kept this fire from being much larger. Only grass and a few small bushes were burned. Eleven tank trucks and one D-7 "cat" were used in controlling the fire, along with numerous volunteers and the park crew. The fire was brought under control at 3:30 p.m. and declared officially out at noon the following day. The estimated loss was set at 150 acres. Tom Drew, Deputy Ranger.

Mt. Tamalpais State Park - A camper at Bootjack Camp reported the presence of an unwelcome visitor Saturday night, a large mountain lion -- what next? M. M. Whittaker, Chief Ranger

Point Lobos Reserve State Park - Killer whales observed in area on September 17, apparently quite a school, stayed in the vicinity of Seal Rocks most of the day. R. A. Wilson, Chief Ranger

California's First Theatre - Memo by Mrs. Kneass; Elderly visitor stated she had kept notes of stories Fred Smith told her years ago when she visited the Theatre. He said, "One evening, alone before the fireplace--in the dark and dozing he dreamed that if he would dig out by the old stable, south end of building, he would find weapons used by two men who killed each other. Dream was so real he dug next morning, all he found was two pick axes. So he brought them in and fashioned andirons from them." Andirons are still in the old fireplace. Fred Smith was one of the first caretakers of the building, living in the bar-room end of building and making souvenirs of whale bone and abalone shells to sell to visitors. Isabel Hartigan, Curator.

Marshall Monument & Gold Disc. Site - Is this buck fever? We went out hunting and watched a fellow from the low lands with a "honey" of a 30/30 Winchester raise his rifle to his shoulder, aim at a three point buck, yell "Bang" five times and eject the shells as he kept singing out his bangs. He insisted that he hit the buck twice until we picked up the five rounds of UN- fired ammunition which were laying at his feet. (To set you right, this wasn't a Park System employee, nor was he hunting with our group.) Roland G. Geyer, Asst. Ranger.

San Juan Bautista Hist. Mon. - Wagon wheels rolled through San Juan again. We towed in the running gear

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COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT PALM SPRINGS Oct. 21, 1949

The regular session of the State Park Commission was held at the Desert Inn at Palm Springs, October 21, 1949. Commissioners present were J. R. Knowland, Chairman; George A. Scott; and Leo Carrillo.

The actions taken on the agenda were as follows:

Mill Creek Redwoods State Park - Approved a request of the Save-the-Redwoods League that Unit 9 be designated as the Daughters of American Revolution unit of the National Tribute Grove.

Palomar Mountain State Park - Approved a renewal of a grazing concession for the period April 1, 1950 to November 30, 1950.

Anza Desert State Park - Approved the renewal of two grazing concessions.

Also denied an application for a new grazing concession of 52,940 acres.

Policy - Grazing Concession Agreement - General Warren T. Hannum, Director of the Department of Natural Resources expressed disapproval of the granting of grazing permits in the State Park System. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, it was decided to refer the problem to the staff and to report back to the Commission at a future date. A policy will then be adopted in the granting of future applications for grazing concessions.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park - The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was authorized to install additional electrical lines on the poles in Big Ba: Park. This will serve additional facilities in the park.

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park - Approved an equestrian concession for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1950.

Columbia Historic State Park - Authorized the Lands Section to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of Lot 9 in Block 9 of the Townsite.

The Commission was informed that the County Supervisors of Tuolumne County desired to convey to the city the site of the jail at Columbia. They expressed reluctance, however, to pass extra resolutions for this unless they had assurance that the County could continue to use the building as an overnight lock-up pending the obtaining of additional jail facilities. Permission for this was given.

San Buenaventura State Park - Authorized the Lands Section to initiate condemnation proceedings for seven new parcels of land. The titles for these properties are very hazy and these proceedings will serve as test cases for clearing titles in negotiations of this sort in the future.

Proposed Acquisition - Marin County Master Plan - Adopted a resolution accepting the County of Marin deed for matching property at Stinson's Beach.

Tahoe Campground State Park - Authorized the transfer of .18 of an acre from the Division of Highways to the Division of Beaches and Parks.

Also authorized negotiation for the purchase of the Levitt property consisting of approximately 265 feet of beach frontage.

Orange County Master Plan - Officially accepted matching deed from the City of Newport Beach.

Proposed Acquisition Petaluma Adobe - This adobe was originally to have been a gift to the State by the Native Sons of the Golden West. It was approved, however, to reimburse them at a cost of $1,000 for settling legal matters that had arisen in connection with turning the property over to the State.

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Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - Authorized the extension to 20 years the lease for the San Diego Girl Scout Council Camp.

Renewed until 1975 the agreement with the San Diego City-County Camp Commission.

Morro Strand State Park - Approved the application of the Southern Counties Gas Company for an easement to run a pipeline across a portion of the park.

Policy - Establishment of Fees for Public Utilities Easement - Director Hannum reported on his investigation of fees to be granted on State Park property. His recommendation that fees be charged was approved in which separate rates were established for pole lines and underground lines, with provisions for charging when removal of timber is necessary. Additional differentials were established if benefits would or would not be received by the Division of Beaches and Parks in the granting of these easements.

Policy - Granting of Easements under Section 5003.5, Public Resources Code - As a result of recent legislation, an opinion was read from the Attorney General's Office stating the effect on policies of the State Park Commission in granting easements for roads across park property. A copy of this Attorney General's opinion is to be sent to all parties who have applications for road rights-of-way now pending. Further policies will be made at a future date after more detailed study is made of the legislation and the opinion rendered.

Silver Strand Beach State Park - It was reported that the Navy has recently operated on this beach and has not adhered to the rules and regulations, causing damage to property. Chief Henning was instructed to request the Navy to clean it up and put it in shape.

Santa Barbara County Master Plan - Approved request from the Santa Barbara County Master Plan of Beach Acquisition that Refugio Beach be changed from priority A-2 to A-1 and that the priority of El Capitan Beach be changed from A-2 to A-1.

Alamitos Beach State Park - Granted permission to the City of Long Beach to place 150,000 cubic yards of dredged material on this park. This will be an advantage to the State Park System.

The next meeting of the State Park Commission was scheduled for November 18 and 19, in San Francisco.

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OH FOR THE POWER
OF CONDAMNATION!

Colonel Kelton, during a recent inspection trip over some of the construction along the Riding and Hiking Trails Project, was confronted by a rancher who indicated that he would agree to an easement for the purposes of Riding and Hiking Trails across his property if the State would construct a fence horse high, bull strong, and hog tight. We acknowledge his reference to the horses, but trust his reference to the bull and the hog referred to stock on the rancher's side of the fence.

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SACRAMENTO OFFICE NEWS

The following new personnel will shoulder considerable responsibility in the work of the Engineering Section.

Richard C. Malone, was appointed October 17 as an Associate Civil Engineer to replace Chet Witherell. Mr. Malone formerly worked for the City of Newport Beach, The Division of Highways and in private industry. He will review plans and specifications for C.I.R.E. projects sent in by the districts. He and the men under him will be responsible for general field inspection of these projects.

Emmet V. Blanchfield was appointed August 15 as Associate Landscape Architect. He comes to us with a background which is especially adaptable to the work of this Division. He is a graduate of Oregon State College. He has had three years with

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By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

Starting in the high mountains of northwestern California and curving northward and eastward, then southward along the Sierra Nevada, and recurring locally in Southern California, is a narrow strip of territory that is above timberline. It describes a shape somewhat like a huge question mark, even including the dot, on the map of the state. "Timberline" is an interesting and exceedingly complex phenomenon, resulting from the interaction of a considerable number of factors. But just as some species of trees grow only in the lowlands, or on the hot dry foothills, while others prefer the moist coastal regions, there are still other kinds which choose only the high and forbidding slopes where lack of soil and extremes of climate may keep them reduced to twisted masses or shrub-like thickets.

Although such alpine conditions occur in California almost entirely north of the Tehachapi, yet they are represented in the State Park System only at Mt. San Jacinto, which forms a portion of the dot of our geographic question mark. This peak is the second highest in southern California, being a few hundred feet shorter than Mt. San Gorgonio, which rises some 20 miles to the northward of it but across the tremendous rift of San Gorgonio Pass. Although attaining 10,805 feet in altitude, Mt. San Jacinto does not exhibit timberline in the usual sense; for while it has great treeless slopes on its steep northern and eastern faces, the subalpine trees grow all the way to the summit in the more protected places.

LIMBER PINE (Pinus flexilis). This is typically a tree of the Rocky Mountains and of the higher desert ranges of the Great Basin; but it extends southwestward to the southern Sierra Nevada and the highest peaks of Southern California. Limber Pine gets its name from the extreme flexibility of its twigs and branchlets, although this feature is also found to some extent in other subalpine trees. The tree is ordinarily 20 to 50 feet tall, with exceptionally long branches which often extend nearly or quite to the ground. The yellowish-green foliage is more or less bunched or clustered near the ends of the branchlets. Limber Pine belongs to the white or soft pine group; its leaves occur 5 in a bundle, and are 1 to 2½ inches long. The cones are 3 to 5 inches in length, tapering, and with scales much thickened near the ends. The dark brown bark is broken into blocks or plates. On Mt. San Jacinto, Limber Pine occurs on benches and slopes in the highest parts of the mountain.

Other subalpine species, although not at present occurring in any of our State Parks, may be briefly mentioned. WHITEBARK PINE (Pinus albicaulis) is the principal timberline species in California from the Kern River region northward. It also extends north to Canada and east to the Rockies. Its short, dark 5-needle foliage forms dense masses on broken rocky slopes. Cones are purplish black, and slightly larger than a hen's egg, growing in tight clusters near the ends of the branches. FOXTAIL PINE (Pinus balfouriana), confined entirely to California, is peculiar because of its occurrence in two widely separated areas, - the high North Coast Ranges, and the southern Sierra Nevada. Its conical cones, about 4 inches long, are furnished with a short stem. The deep green leaves are short and 5 in a bundle, as in both the preceding species; while the bark is reddish brown and shallowly grooved. BRISTLECONE PINE (Pinus aristata) is a Great Basin tree that enters California only on the high ranges of eastern Inyo County. It is unusual in that while being a 5-needled pine, its cones have prickles on their scales, - a feature much more characteristic of species in the yellow-pine group.

LODGEPOLE PINE, which grows at Mt. San Jacinto to some extent, occurs as a subalpine tree in some places but

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THE BETTER RANGER

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ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

A. Legislation

Section 11005.1 of the Government Code as amended by the Statutes of 1949 specifically provides that the Director of Finance may accept on behalf of the State any gift of real or personal property whenever he deems such gift and the terms and conditions thereof to be in the best interest of the State.

B. Background

Since the establishment of the State Park System, it has been a prerogative of the State Park Commission and other State authorities to accept all gifts of personal property in connection with historical monuments or natural history exhibits. Some of these gifts involve complete collection of artifacts, or other Californiana for which storage and display facilities had to be provided, occasionally at considerable cost to the State. Some of these collections were donated with the provision that if adequate housing and display space were not provided for the collection, the owner could reclaim it. Numerous gifts have been given to the State which, while they might be considered applicable to a historical period or a natural history area, could not necessarily be considered to be suitable for inclusion in a well-planned interpretative display. In a number of instances, collection or individual museum pieces were loaned or given to the State which had no bearing at all upon the historic or natural background of the area and would not fit in any administrative plan for the proper interpretation of the area involved. One such collection included an assortment of Mickey Mouse clocks and world war I cans of "Tinned Willie".

C. Delegation of Authority

When the above legislation was passed, it was felt that the interpretative program of this Division might be seriously impaired if every gift of personal property to the State had to be approved by the Director of Finance before it could be accepted. The Division of Beaches and Parks requested the Department of Finance that a policy be adopted for the guidance of the State Park Commission in the acceptance of gifts of personal property for museum or other interpretative purposes. On October 10, 1949, the Department of Finance granted to the Division of Beaches and Parks blanket authority to accept the following types of personal property under the circumstances herein set forth:

All historic, natural history objects, or other personal property that evidence indicates were part of the original furnishings, appurtenances, or site of any of the properties under jurisdiction of the State Park Commission, or that apply to the particular historical period which the individual property represents in accordance with an approved administrative policy regarding the same, and which does not involve the expenditure of State funds for their acquisition, packaging, or transportation, may be accepted by the State Park Commission on behalf of the State of California, provided that such objects can be housed in existing facilities furnished for such purposes and will not require additional services or expenditures on the part of the State.

This provides the State Park Commission with a certain degree of latitude in the acceptance of personal property in connection with the furnishing of the State historical monuments and museums included in the

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State Park System. The State Park Commission at their meeting on October 21, 1949 approved of the foregoing policy which henceforth is to be followed without exception.

D. Comment

May we call to your attention, and particularly to Curators or any other employees who may be in attendance upon the museums in the State Park System, that all such gifts of personal property must "apply to the particular historical period which the individual property represents in accordance with an approved administrative policy regarding the same".

Thus, no gifts of personal property are to be accepted for museum or display purposes without first receiving approval of the District Park Superintendent to determine if such objects are in accordance with an approved administrative policy.

E. Forms

A new form for the acknowledgment of the acceptance of gifts of personal property is being developed and will eventually be mailed to the field for use. A copy of this form along with the information presented herein will be included in the Field Manual at a later date. Questions relative to this new legislation and policy should be referred to your District Superintendent, who in the event he is unable to answer, will refer it to this office.

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AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Effective immediately, bids are to be obtained on all repairs to motor vehicles costing forty dollars or more.

Three bids are to be obtained as presently required. One of these bids must be from an authorized dealer. At the time an estimate of repair is solicited from the authorized dealer, he should be requested to bid factory flat rate for labor and net price on parts. As a fleet operator, the State is entitled to the discount on parts and flat labor rates. If dealers refuse to quote on the basis stated above, this office should be informed of such circumstances, including the name and address of the dealer, so we may inform the Department of Finance.

If there is no authorized dealer within a reasonable distance of the location of the car to be repaired, the job should be awarded to the low bidder. Justification for not obtaining a bid from a dealer should accompany the invoice, sub-purchase order or A.O.-117. Awards for the repair work should always be made to the low bidder regardless of whether or not he is an authorized dealer.

Repairs under one hundred dollars can be awarded by you to the low bidders. Retain the bids in your files to support your action. Requests for repairs to motor vehicle, costing over one hundred dollars must be forwarded to the Sacramento Office for approval. The request is prepared on Form AO-194, Equipment Repair, and must be accompanied by three estimates from responsible firms, one of which may be the Division of Highways; however, one estimate must be from an authorized dealer for the particular make of car being repaired.

These new instructions are in compliance with orders from the Department of Finance and must be complied with to the best of our ability.

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is not characteristically such, and will be discussed in a forthcoming article. MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK, certainly the most beautiful of our subalpine trees, and thought by some to be the prettiest of all our mountain species, will also be described in a later issue.

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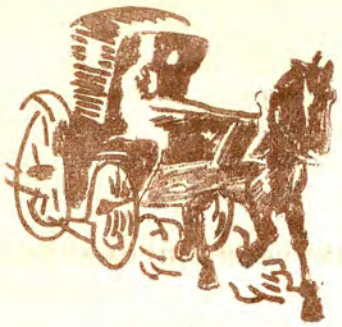
COVER PICTURE - Mount San Jacinto drawn from an aerial photo by Don Marty.



COMMISSION MEMOIRS
by
Gladys Joslin

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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of the California Redwood Park Commission, held at Boulder Creek on Friday, May 12. (note - California Redwood Park is now known as Big Basin Redwoods State Park which was our first State Park.)

Mr. Wing and Mr. Taylor reported that they had conferred with Supt. Shebeley of the Santa Cruz County Fish Hatchery and that he would stock the streams in the Park with forty thousand fry at the proper season. Mr. Taylor reported that he had information that a sprinkling wagon could be obtained from the City of Riverside in good condition for $200. He was authorized by unanimous vote to make the purchase on behalf of the Commission. Applications for constructing an inn in the Park were received from Fred Otis; also from Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, and the matter was continued until the next meeting of the Commission. Mr. Wing submitted a plan for a barn, which was adopted. Mr. Middleton was authorized to secure proposals for running the stage and conducting the livery in the Park.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting held at Boulder Creek May 22.

Mr. Wing presented plans for a barn and for a combined dining room, kitchen and bath room. Total cost of erection estimated at $1600. Mr. Middleton objected to the erection of any buildings in the Park this year, and recommended that the entire State appropriation should be expended in building roads and trails. After some discussion, the plans were ordered accepted and filed without action.

Mr. Wing reported that he had made agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otis, in regard to the hotel concession in the Park. Report accepted and agreement confirmed. Mr. Wing also reported that he had made agreement with Moody & Cress in regard to the stage and livery stable concession in the Park. Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution, which after debating, was adopted: "RESOLVED that the Commission proceed at once to erect a building on the Northerly side of the Governor's Camp, suitable for dining room, kitchen and bath room, at a cost not to exceed $1,000." Warden Dool was authorized to make alterations to the barn and cabins, and to make arrangements for road sprinkling from the Park Gate to Sempervirens Camp three times a week for $30.00 per month.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of August 26, at Boulder Creek.- The extra expense of $200 incurred in the construction of the dining room, kitchen and bath rooms was endorsed on account of the enlargement of the buildings. Mr. Wing presented map of the proposed State Highway, extending from San Francisco southward, connecting Redwood City and San Jose with the present State Park Road. The plan was approved by the Commission and Messrs. Wing and Middleton were appointed to confer with the State Board of Highway Commissioners and to promote in every way possible construction of such a road. In the matter of the few remaining cattle roaming at large in the Park, it was decided that they must be removed at once, and the matter was referred to Mr. Middleton with power to act.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, at Boulder Creek.-Mr. Middleton reported that preemptory notice had been given in regard to the stray cattle in the Park and that the removal of the last head had been promised within the present week. The Warden was authorized to procure a lumber wagon for use in the Park.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FISH AND GAME

This is a second of a series of articles on the State Department of Natural Resources, designed to acquaint our field personnel with the workings of allied Divisions in the Department. Many of our men in the field doubtless know personally the Fish and Game Warden in their district or some of the research men. The Division of Beaches and Parks has several things in common with the Division of Fish and Game. We operate many areas which serve as excellent game refuges and are an important asset in maintaining game populations. The following article was written by Bill Bostwick, Supervisor of Conservation Education, for the Division of Fish and Game.

It is the purpose of the Division of Fish and Game to hold in trust the wildlife resources of the State for the citizens of the State. That principle was brought to this continent by our forefathers.

With the increase in population and the resulting formation of States, legislative bodies realized that the citizens, themselves, could not efficiently manage those wildlife resources and thus were established conservation agencies in one form or another whose duty it was to protect and to propagate the fish and game, at the same time permitting controlled use by its citizens.

When California was admitted to Statehood, fish and game were tremendously abundant - seemingly inexhaustible - but within a few years our Legislature realized that control was necessary and established a California Game Commission. Later, a separate Fish Commission was established. Finally, these two Commissions were merged into the present California Fish and Game Commission. This Commission is the official Board that administers the fish and game resources of the State of California through an operating agency, the Division of Fish and Game.

By a Constitutional amendment, the Commission is established with five members who are appointed by the Governor, whose appointments must be approved by the State Senate. These Commissioners serve six-year terms so staggered that only one term expires each year. Members are allowed a monthly compensation of $50.00 and payment of their necessary traveling expenses when carrying out the duties of their offices. This Board meets monthly, or oftener if necessary, to consider proposals for various types of projects, to hear reports of work previously accomplished, and to set such rules and regulations as they are permitted to prescribe under the laws of the State.

In order that the administration of fish and game be efficient, it is necessary that its various phases be entrusted to specialists in various lines. For the instructions and policies of the Commission to be transmitted to the proper persons, and that there be a follow-up on such instructions, the Commission selects an executive officer. This is the only position, other than the appointed Commissioners, in this State Agency which is not under civil service. The executive officer is, in reality, a "liaison" officer between the Commission and the personnel of the Division. At the same time, he is an "arbiter" between the various bureaus, and a "buffer" between the sportsmen and the Commission. In fact, there is no doubt but what this is the toughest job in connection with the management of fish and game.

The Head Office of the Division of Fish and Game is located in San Francisco, Ferry Building. Two other fairly large offices are in Sacramento and in Los Angeles, with smaller district offices located in Redding, Fresno, Monterey, San Diego and Terminal Island.

With the many species of fish and game in this State, and the varied problems connected with their management,

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the Division of Fish and Game is divided into six bureaus with approximately 600 employees.

Headquarters for five bureaus, Administration, Fish Conservation, Game Conservation, Marine Fisheries, and Patrol are located in the San Francisco office. The Bureau of Licenses is located in the Sacramento office.

General administration under the direct supervision of the executive officer covers many separate functions with the handling of the finances being the most important of those functions. This you could readily understand after looking over this year's budget of better than five and one-half million dollars. Within the Bureau of Administration, are functions relating to personnel, legislation, purchases, conservation education, public information, and the maintenance of our library.

The Bureau of Fish Conservation is concerned with the management and propagation of our fresh water fish such as trout, steelhead, black bass, the spiny-rayed fish and striped bass. Twenty-three hatcheries and rearing ponds are operated and maintained by this bureau which, during 1947, produced and planted over 21 million trout in the lakes and streams of this State. They also rescued from drying-up streams or over-flow areas, over one million fish which were returned into "live" waters. One very important function of the Bureau of Fish Conservation is to watch for the pollution of our State waters and to take necessary steps to correct such dangerous practices. Research along biological lines is necessary in a good fish program to see that streams without proper food shall not be planted, and that the wrong species of fish is not planted in a stream unsuitable for its habitation.

The Bureau of Game Conservation is concerned with the preservation and administration of all the game mammals and birds, and also the fur bearers of this State. It is through the work of this bureau that hunting seasons are set at periods when proper so as not to disturb their natural reproduction cycles. Trapping of fur bearers in the State needs close supervision and control to prevent extermination of the most valuable species. The beaver is under very close supervision and management. Beaver habitat is carefully surveyed and excess beaver are live-trapped and removed to new areas where they soon establish their homes and increase their families. At present, there is no open season on the taking of beaver in the mountain areas. The control of harmful predatory animals and birds is carried on by the Bureau of Game Conservation to increase game and aid the agriculturalists and livestock people. This Bureau operates two major game bird farms, one at Yountville, and one near Chino, and 8 auxiliary game bird farms scattered throughout the State in strategic locations.

With the largest commercial fishing industry in the Nation, we have a separate Bureau of Marine Fisheries to supervise the taking of ocean fish, mollusks or crustaceans, to see that such taking does not exceed normal reproduction. This Bureau also is concerned with the problem of our migrating salmon and is carrying on intense investigations along this line.

The Bureau of Licenses distributes licenses to some three thousand agents, and collects for the sales. In fact, we expect a revenue for the present fiscal year of approximately $5,000,000.00 so one can easily understand the tremendous importance of our Bureau of Licenses.

Last but not least, is our Bureau of Patrol and Law Enforcement. Let us consider for a moment the physical conditions with which our wardens are confronted. With approximately 155,000 square miles of territory within California, including some 10,000 lakes, and about 25,000 miles of inland streams, each warden has approximately 1,000 square miles under his supervision. With climatic conditions ranging from below sea level to 14,000 feet, his job is not an easy one. And what is still

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making it harder for good law enforcement is the lack of participation in obeying laws by many of our incoming citizenry. These residents from other States, in many instances, are not familiar with our laws and either lack the ability to learn such laws or have no desire to know that there are laws. However, with schools to increase the efficiency of our wardens, and by the use of cars, boats, and airplanes equipped with two-way radio sets, we are beginning to teach possible violators that crime does not pay even if it is done in the name of sport.

We have two airplanes in active operation at the present time which are used for mapping and photographing terrain, mammals, and for aiding in the apprehending of violators. We have also used the airplane for planting of trout in relatively inaccessible lakes in the high Sierra and even for transporting beavers for transplanting.

We, of the Division, classify our work as "big Business". It is big from the standpoint of money expended, but is considerably greater from the standpoint of the general public. While our own expenditures will exceed six million dollars this fiscal year, the expenditure of hunters and anglers for equipment, travel, housing, meals, and many incidentals will undoubtedly top the hundred million dollar mark, and that is no small sum to be spent in one State just for sport. Every community in this State will receive some benefit from the sportsman's expenditures.

America's strength must come through better conservation and better use of our resources both physical and human, and that all true citizens must aid in the work and must share those resources with each other.

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Flowers from Park Followers

The following are excerpts from complimentary letters received during the past month.

Richardson Grove State Park - "I just want to take this opportunity to compliment the State Park Department on the good work they are doing.

I had occasion to stop over night at the Richardson Groves State Park in northern California while on vacation this summer. I found that the camp had every convenience, and feel that the citizens won't mind paying for something like this."

Sonoma Mission and Vallejo Home - "Last week I spent a day in Sonoma and had the pleasure of visiting the many wonderful points of interest which you and those associated with you have developed so wonderfully.

Especially outstanding were the Mission de Solano and General Vallejo's Home and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Emparan were so very gracious in showing those beautiful spots in all their details.

Other visitors who were there at the time seemed equally delighted with the historical monuments which have been preserved for all to enjoy.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to all who have worked to give to the American public and to all who visit these lovely spots, many hours of delight."

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A BARGAIN AT TWICE THE PRICE!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has just published a monumental volume for their 1949 Yearbook, entitled TREES. It is a beautifully illustrated book of 944 pages, and contains articles and descriptions which should be of great interest to State Park Rangers.

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TRANSFERS

Hazley, Calvin H., Deputy Ranger,
from Van Duzen to Dyerville 9/8/49
Powell, Alonzo E., Deputy Ranger
D.L.Bliss to Donner 9/8/49
Knight, Charles L., Deputy Ranger,
San Clemente to Doheny Beach 9/8/49
Avant, James R., Deputy Ranger
Cuyamaca to San Clemente 10/1/49
Coffey, Carmen V., Deputy Ranger
San Clemente to Cuyamaca 10/1/49
Perrin, John B., Deputy Ranger
Anza to Silver Strand 10/1/49

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Curtis, Frank B., Deputy Ranger
Van Duzen 9/8/49
Walser, Thomas G., Deputy Ranger
Williams and Stephens Groves 9/17/49
Marcia L. Stedman, Inter. Steno.
North East Hdqs. 10/17/49
Wilbur G. Matthews, Sr. Engr. Aid
Dyerville Headquarters 10/10/49
Robert E. Riley, Ground.& Flower Gard.
Sutter's Fort 10/3/49
Edward I. Gubernick Deputy Ranger
Doheny Beach 10/10/49

SEPARATIONS

Lawrence, Henry T., Deputy Ranger
Shasta Hist. Mon. 9/15/49
Wright, Calvin E., Deputy Ranger
McArthur-Burney Falls 9/2/49
Finch, Eldon L., Deputy Ranger
Capitola 10/14/49
Knight, Charles L., Deputy Ranger
Doheny Beach 10/7/49

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the National Park Service and 15 years with the U.S. Forest Service in the North Pacific Region where he attained the position of Regional Architect. His experience will pay dividends in planning developmental work with the Engineering Section.

J. C. Witherell, Associate Civil Engineer of this Division transfered to the Department of Finance on October 5, 1949.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Published in the last week of each month for personnel of the Division of Beaches & Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State of California.

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to two freight wagons and caused quite a commotion in town. Even a horse got scared at the wagons. Found out that the buggy with a wicker seat was the only one of its kind in Monterey county and was purchased in San Jose for $125.00 (We now have the buggy) Jack R. Dyson, Curator.

Seacliff Beach State Park - The fishermen are not bothered lately by the sealions driving the fish away from the vicinity of the pier. It is the sealion's mating season and they collect in large groups 30 or 40 yds. from shore, and entertain us by their barking. L. L. Moore, Asst. Ranger.

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This Book may be obtained for $2 at U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. If you are politically inclined, you may write your Congressman and get one free while the small supply lasts! On second thought, the book looks valuable for material for promotional Civil Service exams.

CHRISTMAS AT CUYAMACA

News & Views

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BY THE CHIEF

SEASON'S GREETINGS ..... As the time approaches for Santa Claus to take his annual sleigh ride, we are reminded that he must contact more field employees of this Division than ever before. We are assuming that Santa, as well as the employees of this Division, is loaded to the hilt with duties.

You can well realize what a task it would be for individuals from the Sacramento Office to send Christmas greetings to each and every one of our Park staff, which now numbers 306. We are asking that you accept wishes of the Chief of this Division and his entire staff for the most enjoyable of Christmas seasons and a progressive New Year too.

We wish we could shake each of you by the hand in extending these greetings, but can only hope that you will accept them as though we were giving them to you individually.

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !

WE ARE THANKFUL ..... Although you may be reading this much later, this is prepared during the Thanksgiving season.

The Chief and his staff wish to express thanks and appreciation to all of the employees of this Division for the patience, the initiative, and the cooperation shown during this rapid expansion period of the California State Park System. We realize that no one individual, alone, is responsible for the services we are able to render to the public, and all of us can feel proud that we have a part in the Parks organization.

We wish to express our thanks also to the State Legislature and to the office of the Governor of California, who, through the Governor's Council, which is composed of Department heads, aid and guide the activities of the Divisions, including the Division of Beaches and Parks.

Our thanks also to the public for their interest and cooperation in the expanding program of the Division and for their aid in preserving for posterity the outstanding native, recreational, and historical sites of the State of California.

Our deepest and most humble thanks to the GREAT PROVIDER.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE ..... By the time this issue reaches you, the annual conference of District and Assistant District Park Superintendents will be taking place, or has been just completed, being scheduled for December 8 and 9.

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The Districts are being assigned additional responsibilities, many of them specifically directed by the State Controller or by the Director of Finance.

The District Superintendents' conference has had to evolve slowly from an open forum to a well-organized and time-tabled training course with discussion being incidental to the training.

Beginning about 30 days after the District Superintendents' conference, the second round of supervising training conferences will begin in the field with Deputy Chief Earl P. Hanson, conducting.

The next training series is intended to aid supervisors in training employees under their direction. This should be a greater challenge to all concerned since methods as well as details are to be considered.

ASSISTANT RANGER FOR RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS ..... Recently, the field was canvassed to determine which State Park Rangers, Grade II, if any, were interested in appointments to two such positions available under Statewide Riding and Hiking Trails program. Most of those who have expressed an interest request additional information.

Under the Riding and Hiking Trails program, the State is unable to furnish housing facilities. Although the Grade II Ranger, assigned to patrolling and maintaining a definite portion of the Riding and Hiking Trails, would be in the charge of the Grade III Ranger, administering the nearest park to the Trail section, his duties would not include those of the park itself. Therefore, it would be desirable for him to seek residence in some community where horses and gear are readily available.

Opportunities for promotion, as yet, do not exist in the Riding and Hiking Trails program itself; but there is nothing in the typical tasks of the Riding and Hiking Trails' Ranger that would preclude him from qualifying for promotional examinations. It is preferable that Rangers who have a keen and understanding interest in horses be assigned to the Riding and Hiking Trails project.

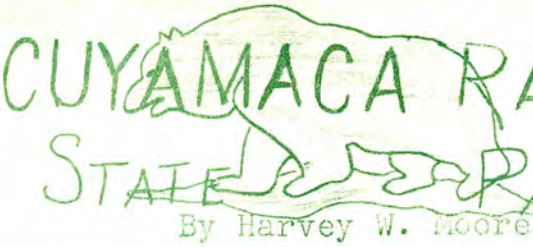
In view of the above, if there are any Grade II's who would like further to stress their desire for assignment to this project, please write immediately to Deputy Chief Earl P. Hanson.

NO CHRISTMAS TREES ..... You are reminded that Christmas tree cutting of any kind on State Park lands is prohibited and that the transporting of Christmas trees from private lands for the purpose of furnishing State employees with Christmas trees is not to be practiced.

Your strict observance of this will avoid any unnecessary criticism of the employees of this Division, especially since many forested parks may become besieged by Christmas tree hunters, either commercial or private individuals.

KNOW YOUR PARKS

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK



By Harvey W. Moore, Chief Ranger

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, known since about 1845 as "Rancho Cuyamaca", was originally a mexican grant comprising 35,501.32 acres. The park, contains 20, 819 acres of beautiful forested mountains and many fertile valley. The park, approximately 55 miles north east of San Diego.

The word Cuyamaca has several different translations by the local Indians. The older Indians translated it as "Water Above" or "Water Beyond". By water they meant rain, so the most popular translation seems to be "Rain Above", possibly so named because of the heavy thunder storms which seem to center over this range during summer months. It could be a spanish corruption of the Indian words "Ah-ha Kwe-ah-mac" (Water Beyond) a name used by the Indians, first to designate a location high on the middle mountain, but afterwards applied to this whole area.

Between the years 1837 and 1845 it was used as a great free range by coastal Rancheros. There were no fences, and rodeos or round-ups started at San Diego and worked south and east as far as Campo thence north through the Laguna and Cuyamaca mountains and back to San Diego. These rodeos lasted from six to eight months and were under the direction of one man chosen by the rancheros. He was known as "El Jues de los Llanos" (The judge of the plains).

In June 1845 a petition for the land at Cuyamaca was made to Governor Pio Pico by Agustin Olvera, whose wife was a niece of the Governor. Olvera was born in 1818, a native of the City of Mexico. Accompanying his uncle, Don Ignacio Coronel, he came to California in 1834 as a member of the historic Hi jar-Padres colonization project. He lived in Los Angeles and was active in the turbulent political affairs of the time. Olvera later served as a captain in Flores campaign against Fremont and was one of the commission of three that negotiated peace with the American forces at Cahuenga. After American jurisdiction was established he became the first county judge of Los Angeles, and later a superior court judge and school commissioner.

In his petition for the land at Cuyamaca Olvera stated "I have information that the land in question is wholly vacant and is inhabited by wild Indians." Olvera's claim was rejected by the land commission April 4, 1854, but confirmed by the district court March 15, 1858. Later, following the discovery of gold in the Julian district in 1870, a dispute as to the boundaries of the Rancho arose, and a long court case ensued. It was not until December 19, 1874 that the title was confirmed and a land patent was given to Olvera, signed by U. S. Grant, President. Olvera had become so in debt for court expenses that it became necessary to partition the grant and sell portions or give title to tracts for lawyer fees, etc.

Gold was discovered on one of these tracts in 1872 on the ridge between Cuyamaca Lake and the Indian village called Cuyamaca. Discovery was made by two ex-soldiers of the Southern Confederacy. They were brothers by the names of George and Edward Skidmore, and called their mine "Stonewall Jackson Mine." It later was acquired by California's Governor R. W. Waterman and renamed "Stonewall Mine." Through the years until it was closed during the panic of 1893, it produced $3,600 ,000. The boomtown of Cuyamaca grew to a population of over 500 people. It had a general

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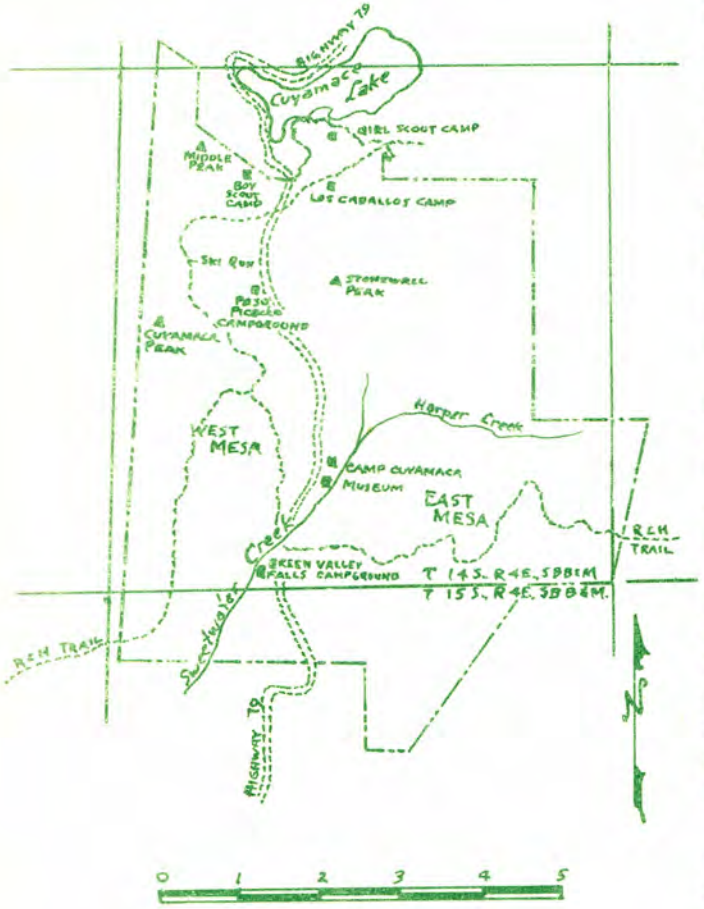

merchandise store, saloon, hotel, schoolhouse and a large livery stable with extensive corrals and pasture for oxen which were used for hauling wood to fire the furnaces for steam power. After the mine closed the town of Cuyamaca joined the long list of California's ghost towns until the year 1928, when all the buildings were sold and removed from the property. The state has since fenced an area around the shaft and assembled many pieces of mining equipment for an out-door museum.

During the years 1900 to 1920 the major portion of Rancho Cuyamaca was brought under one ownership through purchase by Col. A. G. Gassen, who died in 1920 and left the property as an estate.

In 1923 Mr. Ralph M. Dyar of Cleveland, Ohio purchased this portion of Col. Gassen's estate, and during the next ten years, spent approximately $75,000 in improvements, buildings, water development , etc.

In March 1933 it was the good fortune of the State of California and especially the people of Southern California, that Mr. and Mrs. Dyar made their very generous offer to the State Park Commission, resulting in the creation of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Since acquisition by the state much money and labor has been expended for buildings, and for the proper administration of the park and for the convenience of park visitors. Two main areas have been established for camping and day picnicking. Over fifty miles of roads have been built to give fire equipment quick access to remote areas. Most of these roads are now designated riding and hiking trails. Except for these developments which were necessary to provide recreation, the major portion is as the first white men found it, in its natural state. A cattle grazing lease is maintained for fire hazard reduction which adds more to the atmosphere of the old Spanish rancho. There is over the entire forested area a mixed stand of evergreen oaks, Black Oak, Jeffrey Pine, Coulter Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Sugar Pine, White Fir, and Incense Cedar.

At Green Valley Falls campground, elevation 4,100' the state has provided 77 campsites and adequate picnic facilities, part of which are especially arranged for large groups. In this area there are two standard comfort stations, three combination buildings, one employee house, a duplex apartment, and also a checking station under construction. There is a clear

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stream flowing through this campground which is stocked with trout. Beaver were planted here several years ago and they have multiplied and are continually building more dams which furnish all depths of water for bathing and swimming. There are several main trails leading out of this camp to view-points, and all connect or cross over the statewide riding and hiking trail now under construction.

At Paso Picacho campground, elevation 4,900' facilities for camping and picnicking are approximately the same as at Green Valley Falls with the addition of a newly completed campfire circle with a seating capacity for 250 persons. In addition to regular campfire activities, educational films are shown and illustrated lectures with kodachrome slides are given by the Park Naturalist. In this area is a Nature Den which has proved very popular and is administered during summer months by a Park Naturalist. A standard checking station is under construction. There are two comfort stations and two combination buildings, two employee houses, and a duplex tent-apartment for seasonal employees. Adjacent is a Fire Station maintained by the State Division of Forestry. There are many miles of trails leading out of this camp, most of which cross the statewide riding and hiking trail. Two miles of trail lead east to the summit of Stonewall Peak, elevation 5,700'. As a safety measure, the State Division of Architecture has completed blasting a trail with steps and installing iron pipe guard rail up the face of the granite dome and landing. This furnishes a wonderful panorama of the park. A stone pedestal has been installed in the center of the landing on which it is planned to place a rotating finder, by which the public may identify the surrounding terrain. An exit trail may be taken from this point to the new horse camp two miles below. This camp is under construction and will be called "Los Caballos". Three miles of trail lead west to the summit of South Peak, elevation 6,515' where a U.S. Forest lookout station is located. Here a wonderful view of the Pacific Ocean and the Colorado Desert may be had, as well as views of many peaks in Baja California, Mexico.

Near the north boundary is a standard employee house, close to the boy's camp, now operated under concession by the Boy Scouts of America. On the south shore of Cuyamaca Lake and adjacent to the old Stonewall Mine is located a girl's camp which is now operated by the San Diego Girl Scouts Inc. At this camp there is a large swimming tank.

At the center of the park a two-story stone building which was formerly the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Dyar, used as park headquarters. It will be converted into a museum to house and display a large collection of Indian relics which the San Diego Museum of Man has collected in Cuyamaca and is holding for the State. A future curator will be quartered in the rear of this building. There is also a five-room stucco employee cottage nearby. In this area also is located the old Cuyamaca CCC camp now operated by the San Diego City-County Camp Commission where for the last year they have had an attendance of about 90 sixth-grade pupils for five days each week.

Many Indian legends or myths have been recorded of happenings long before the arrival of white men. On East Mesa there were five Indian planting grounds principally for corn and squash. The Indians were clever hunters and used many devices for trapping animals and birds. They made meal from acorns which took the place of flour, and spent the winter months in the desert foothills, or at the sea coast, where they fished and gathered salt.

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Most of the Indian villages at Cuyamaca had some legend telling of its origin. But there was one located high on the rim of the West Mesa overlooking upper Green Valley, that is so old, that even the oldest Indians do not remember the story of its origin. It is known to these Indians as the "Arrow Makers Camp". Here the ground is littered with chips of obsidian, crystal quartz and other materials from which they made arrow points. Many hundreds of perfect arrow points have been found at this camp.

The ancient village called "Cuyamaca" was the scene of the last skirmish between the Spaniards and the Indians in the year 1837. This skirmish started when the mountain Indians raided the Rancho Jamul and killed the "Majordomo" (foreman) named Levia. They captured three of his vaqueros and two of Levia's daughters, who were never heard of again, unless it was one of these girls that came to live at the village of "Samatayuma". She was described as a white goddess, white of skin and very long light hair, she seemed sad, with a broken heart, and one day the Indians found her at the foot of a precipice where she had thrown herself. Ever after the people of this village were afraid to venture out at night, for sure as they did, they would see her spirit floating through the night air, and some times the moonlight would glisten on her long light tresses, or they might hear her voice carried by the east wind.

Following the raid on Rancho Jamul, a company of Mexican cavalry was called out from their post at Descanso, Baja California and pursued the Indians. At "Ha Cum" (stinking water) now called Jacumba, by surprise the Mexican's arms were captured, and they had to retreat to Descanso. On returning, by a surprise attack they routed the Indians. Those that survived fled ahead to the north, the cavalrymen followed, burning villages as they came until they arrived at Cuyamaca Village. Here the Indians made a brave stand, but were finally surrounded and conquered by the Spaniards. A truce was held in which the Indians agreed never to raid the settlements again.

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Personnel at Cuyamaca consists of the following characters:

Harvey W. Moore - Chief Ranger, acquired with the Rancho, just an old "cowpoke" gone wrong.
Alan D. Philbrook - Assistant Ranger, affectionately called "Tiny", weight 270#, and we challenge any state park to produce a heavier ranger. Recently transferred here from San Clemente Beach. Hobby deep sea fishing, has to content himself now with trout fishing.
Charles S. Mosteller - Assistant Ranger, recently transferred here from San Clemente Beach. "Rain above" has removed all traces of salt and he is now a full fledged mountain boy.
Thomas L. McKnight - Deputy Ranger. You will pardon "Les" if he acts a little queer, but he is really fast becoming normal, especially since the stucco job was completed on his house. You see Les and his family have lived two years in the house known as "The Woodpecker's House". Before stuccoing many bushels of acorns were removed from the walls. 546 holes were counted in one square yard. Woodpeckers do not work after sundown, but are up and hard at it almost before daybreak, so in order to get enough sleep Les has had to go to bed with the chickens and get up with the woodpeckers. Les used to have several hobbies, but only has one now, that is up at daybreak watching disappointed woodpeckers nurse their sore beaks.
Wm. R. Allison - Deputy Ranger, old timer here, hobby, winter sports, being put to good use here on ski patrol of winter sports area.
Clyde E. Strickler - Deputy Ranger, formerly of Palomar Mt. State Park, hobbies, winter sports and horses.
James H. Richardson - Deputy Ranger, recently appointed here from his home in Laguna Beach, hobbies acrobatics and art.
Carmen Coffee - Deputy Ranger, recently transferred to position here but by arrangement will not move soon.

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On November 13 marked the Dedication in Monterey of a State Historical Monument to Robert Louis Stevenson. Over 300 persons turned out for the occasion in the white adobe place on Houston Street for the ceremony.

The building was purchased in 1925 by William Antwerp of Burlingame and was presented to the State for reconditioning in 1941. Negotiations for the gift were made through the Monterey History and Art Association, who also advised the restoration work.

In January 1948 work was begun to restore this French Hotel where Stevenson visited September to December, 1879. At the dedication Commissioner Knowland said, "In my opinion, we have not done as much as we should to honor the men and women whose prose described California to the world." In addition Mr. Knowland who is also Chairman of the California Centennials Commission, outlined a 1950 centennial program for literary recognition of authors.

By Frederick A. Meyer
Assistant Forestry Engineer

COULTER PINE Pinus coulteri ... One of the many conspicuous ways in which the mountains of Southern California differ from those in the central and northern parts of the state is in the absence of that very characteristic foothill species, the Digger Pine. (See NEWS & VIEWS for March 1949.) When one ascends any of the higher southern ranges, the first pine he is likely to see is a tree that at first glance may readily be taken for young Ponderosa Pine. But as greater elevation is attained and the actual Ponderosas begin to appear, it becomes evident to the observer that he has been looking at something quite different. The dense foliage, when compared, is darker and duller green; and the stiff sharp leaves are both longer and stouter than those of Ponderosa, although likewise in bundles of 3. This tree is the Coulter Pine, sometimes referred to as Big-cone pine.

Coulter pine is a medium-sized tree, attaining 60 to 80 feet in height and 2 to 3 feet in diameter. Mature specimens commonly have long lower branches that sweep downward and turn up at the ends; often this appears on only one side of the trees, which are usually unsymmetrical and sometimes leaning. The ultimate twigs are widely spaced and very stout, being nearly an inch in diameter; and consequently the entire scale and texture of the plant are quite coarse. The cones are enormous, being from 9 to 15 inches in length and about 2/3 as great in diameter when open. Although not as long as the cones of the Sugar Pine, they equal the latter in bulk and greatly exceed them in weight. Each cone-scale is armed with a formidable curved hook, that may exceed 2 inches in length on the basal scales. The cones grow singly or in small groups at the ends of the branches; the basal scales break away and remain on the tree when the cone falls.

The Coulter Pine is characteristic of drier sites at the lower part of the main timber belt. It occurs from Lower California northward through the principal mountain ranges of Southern California, the South Coast Ranges (except near the ocean), and reaches its northern limit in Contra Costa County as mentioned in our column of last March. State Parks within or near which the Coulter Pine may be seen include Cuyamaca Rancho, Palomar Mountain, Mount San Jacinto, Fremont Peak, and Mount Diablo.

The Digger and Coulter pines are closely related and have many characteristics in common. Although in general appearance they are very unlike and would never be mistaken, the cones of the two species are similar enough so that they are frequently confused, particularly when in the hand and away from the parent trees. One sure way to distinguish between these cones is to look at the enclosed seeds, or, if those have all dropped out, at the pits left by the seeds in the surfaces of the cone scales. The size and shape of the seeds and their attached wings can be readily told by looking at these pits or scars. Digger Pine has a seed about 3/4 inch long, with a wing about 1/4 inch long. The Coulter Pine seed is 1/3 inch long, with a large wing over 1 inch in length.

TORREY PINE (Pinus torreyana) is a third member of this closely-related group. It resembles the Digger in the gray-green color of its foliage, and the Coulter in the stiffness and stoutness of its leaves; but that about covers the evident similarities. Torrey Pine needles are in bundles of 5,--

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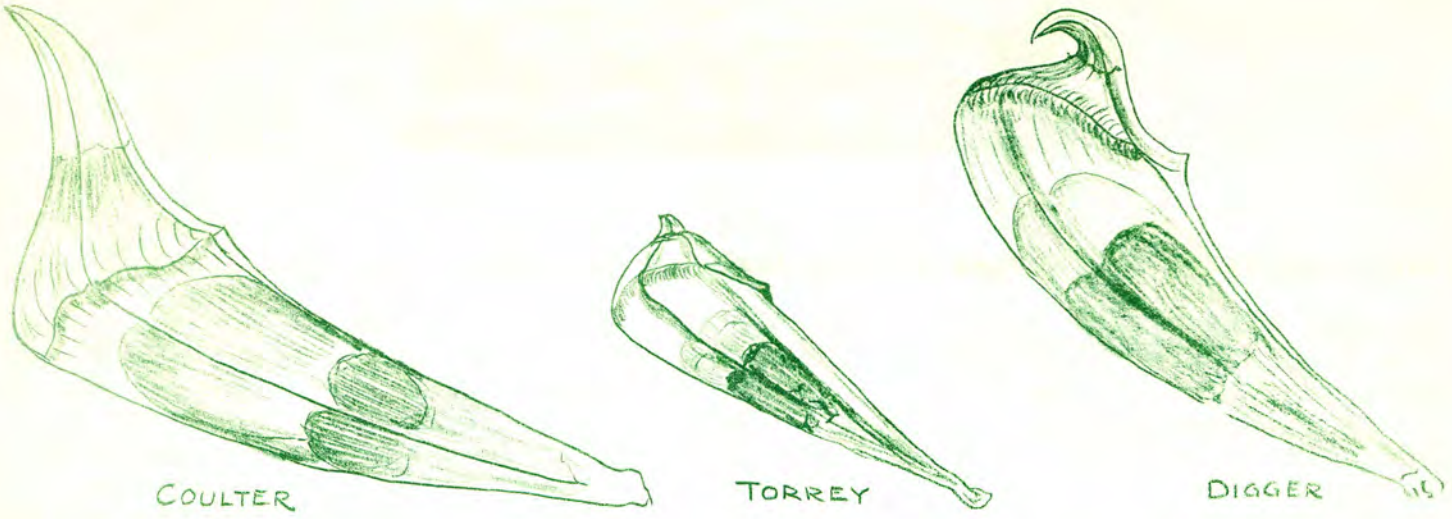

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a very unusual feature in members of the hard or pitch pine group, and for which reason alone it incorrectly appears listed with the white or soft pines in some older reference works. The cones are 4 to 6 inches long and about equally broad; their scales lack the large hooks which characterize the cones of the other species, and they terminate simply in low pointed pyramids. The proportion between seed and wing is like that found in the Digger Pine.

Torrey Pine is rather well known both because of its picturesque appearance and its very restricted natural range. It occurs only along the San Diego County coast for a few miles near Del Mar; and on the eastern end of Santa Rosa Island, off the Santa Barbara coast. In its native habitat it is small, and frequently distorted by ocean winds. A substantial part of its mainland range is now within the northern part of the city of San Diego, where some of the nicest stands are protected in Torrey Pines Park. The species is not infrequently seen in cultivation, under which conditions it attains much larger size than in the wild. The largest Torrey Pine known is along US 101 in Carpinteria, and is 5 ft. in diameter, slightly over 100 ft. tall, and still greater in breadth; periodic measurements show that it is still increasing steadily in all dimensions. It was planted in 1890.

FROM COVER TO COVER - To Artist Don Marty go orchids from the editor, and I am sure from the readers, for his part in making this issue a little out of the ordinary. His linoleum cover cut of Cuyamaca is excellent. The editor wishes also to extend his thanks for the efforts of the many who contributed regular columns or articles. Much credit is due Mavis Green, Assistant, who sandwiches in News and Views with her already heavy secretarial load for the Conservation Section. This new editor hopes to become acquainted with more of you in the field in the coming year. On behalf of the N & V staff - A Merry Christmas ! - Ed.

BIG RED BECOMES THE GREEN HORNET

Perhaps it is in keeping with the Christmas season, or it may be because a suitable color should be applied to certain of our Park vehicles, but the second administrative sedan recently underwent a change in coloration.

The familiar maroon-colored Buick usually assigned to the Deputy Chief and throughout its varied career known as "Big Red" became so faded and worn with frequent washings and polishings that a face-lifting was necessary. Those who have spoken fondly of "Big Red" were at a loss to recognize it in its new (you name it) green coating.

By those who follow the radio serials, it has been suggested that the Deputy Chief's Sedan now be affectionately referred to as the GREEN HORNET. Some of us thought the "Green Dragon" might be just as appropriate - it depends on what radio serial you listen to! Maybe there is going to be an argument, the famous ◈ 31196 should forever assume a dual role (especially since it is new on the outside, but has the same insides). We wouldn't ordinarily do this, but feel it is in keeping with the ever-present, but refreshing, Deputy Chief's punning wit. To wit:

"Big Red" has lost his blush,
for green is now the wagon.
It buzzes out Park's Green Hornet,
but comes back kinda Dragon.
Don Harty.

COMMISSION DIGEST

MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO NOV. 18, 1949

The regular session of the State Park Commission was held in the Marshall Square Building, November 18, at San Francisco. Commissioners present were J. R. Knowland, Chairman; Charles Kasch; George Waldner; and George A. Scott.

The actions taken on the agenda were as follows:

La Purisima Historical Monument - Authorized that a request be made to the Department of Finance for allocation of $675 in order to obtain a technical report from a consultant for further developmental restoration and improvement of the Mission.

Armstrong Redwoods State Park - A delegation of the Russian River Resort Owners Association requested the establishment of a new museum with a curator. The matter was referred to the staff to confer with the Association to determine the details and costs of such an interprise.

Castle Crags State Park - Adopted a resolution to claim from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company damages for $1800.50 for fires caused by burning the right of way.

San Buenaventura Beach State Park - Authorized negotiations for purchase of four individual lots and a larger parcel which are parts of the Ventura County Master Plan.

Columbia Historic State Park - Acquired the city jail property, and gave permission for the County to use the premises.

Donner Memorial State Park - Granted the Sierra Pacific Power Company any permission to install power lines across the park. This right was given without fee in as much as the electrical service is necessary and beneficial to the park.

Los Angeles State and County Arboretum - Granted the Southern California Edison Company permission to install a powerline over certain portions of the property. This grant was given without fee in as much as the service is necessary and beneficial to the operation of the Arboretum.

Proposed Acquisition - Kern River Park Site - Authorized the Lands Section to take necessary steps to acquire eleven parcels of land, for which the Hart Memorial and the Kern County Golf Course would serve as matching properties and allow for purchase of intervening private lands.

Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park - The prospects of the proposed Oroville Dam flooding the present State Park was discussed, and whether or not this should alter the Division's policy of furthering development of the area. Planning for the dam project would no doubt take place for many years before actual construction would start. It was, therefore, decided that the proposed dam should not alter present policies regarding the development of this area.

Mendocino County Master Plan - Authorized the Lands Section to proceed with the acquisition as requested by the Mendocino Board of Supervisors for the purchase of three parcels adjacent to the present Cleone Beach area.

Dry Lagoon Beach State Park - Renewed the grazing concession of Mr. K. G. Guy.

Seacliff Beach State Park - Approved the optional five-year renewal of the concession agreement of Mr. Ralph Creffield for a store, bait, etc.

Los Angeles County Master Plan - Agreed to instruct the Attorney General's office to abandon the condemnation proceedings in the proposed acquisition of the Abbott-Kinney property and pay the necessary costs.

Proposed Acquisition - Rohner - The much argued condemnation proceedings of the Rohner property in Humbolat County was discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Waldner that the Rohner price be acquired at the price set by the jury. No second was obtained. Mr. Duncan McDuffie, Mr. Arthur Connick and Mr. Aubrey Drury, of the Save-the-Redwoods League appeared in opposition to the acquisition. They objected that the payment of this unusually high price would set a precedent for paying high prices for redwood forested land. It was moved by Commissioner Scott that prior acquisition of this commission authorizing condemnation, should be rescinded. No second was obtained. The matter was carried over until the next regular meeting.

Anza Desert State Park - Referred to the staff was the matter of the development of the Indian Head Trail. Commissioner Scott asked that he be notified of the time of investigation of the trail in order that he might accompany the staff.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - Extended the lease between the State and the San Diego City-County Camp Commission for use of the site of Camp Cuyamaca.

MacKerricher Beach State Park - Approved the wording of the memorial plaque at the new park. "MacKerricher Beach State Park
Rancho de la Laguna
Wildlife Sanctuary
Dedicated to the Memory
of
Duncan MacKerricher
and
Jessie MacKerricher
Pioneer Settlers of 1864
by
Their Children".

Mcarthur-Burney Falls State Park - Officially designated this park as Mcarthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.

Clear Lake State Park - Officially designated this name for the park.

McConnell State Park - Chief Henning reported that the improvements would be completed by May 1st and that upon completion of development the County of Stanislaus will take over operation of the park.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park - A temporary permit was given the California Barrel Company and the G. L. Speier Company for use of a road known as the California Barrel Company Road. This temporary permit was given until May 1, 1950. It was stipulated that the road maintenance was the obligation of the permittees.

Policy - Use Permits under Section 5003.5, Public Resources Code - Decided to request from the Attorney General's office an opinion covering the recent legislation which makes it necessary to grant access roads and utilities through Park property under certain conditions. This opinion was requested for defining the Commission's authority for granting easements through lands acquired by the State Park Bonds Act 1927, and lands acquired for park purposes through matching.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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Engineering Addition - A new and well qualified man has been added to the Engineering Section to head up work on surveys. His name is Logan Muir. He is a graduate in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1941, and has a versatile background of governmental and private work experiences. Before the war he did administrative work with the U. S. Engineers in the building of airfield bases in British Guiana and St. Lucia of the Caribbean area. During the war for three years he served with a Sea Bee Batallion in Samoa and the Solomons with the rank of Lt. Sr. Grade.

Subsequent work was as chief engineer for the David Bohannon Co., residential home and apartment house developers in San Mateo.

Logan has two boys, and his wife, Ruth, who are still living in San Lorenzo.

Men in the field will be seeing much of him in connection with surveys.

GOLD -GOLD - GOLD ! A 128 page centennial supplement was issued with the October issue of the California Journal of Mines and Geology. The title of the Supplement is "The Elephant as They Saw It." The elephant in terminology of the gold rush days stood symbolically for the whole business of gold seeking. When a San Franciscan told a friend that he'd about decided to "see the elephant", he did not mean that he was going on a toot, but that he intended to take a flier at the mines.

The 128 pages are crammed full of old drawings, ancient photographs, and individual accounts of experiences in the Mother Lode. One colored plate is enclosed. The contents include the background of early explorations in California and the various processes used in mining.

To all interested in California History, and we all should be, it is a good buy at $.75. Direct your request to Division of Mines, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco 11.

THE BETTER RANGER

Edited by Earl P. Hanson, Deputy Chief

This month's contribution comes from one of our older employees in time of service whose name and accomplishments seldom come to the attention of the organization as a whole. I am referring to Mr. Leslie (Lefty) Watson, Assistant Estimator of Building Construction, with the Engineering Section of this Division. Lefty has been associated with State Park work since the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and his services have lapped over into our own organization very effectively. Mr. Watson's earlier State Park services were with the Central District, and more recently he has served on projects at Columbia town, Shasta, and in the Northeast District.

When we first asked Mr. Watson for a contribution dealing with the safe use of mechanical tools, in his very shy and modest way he became enthusiastic. Those who are acquainted with Lefty's sly humor will not have to read portions of his article twice; those who aren't, will reread this many times, as his remarks improve with age as is the case of rare vintages. E.P.H.

During the past four years many of our parks have been equipped with a variety of kinds and sizes of power equipment. All are useful and have great potential for increasing the efficiency of the parks, provided they are efficiently handled, properly maintained and confined to the uses for which the several pieces of equipment were designed.

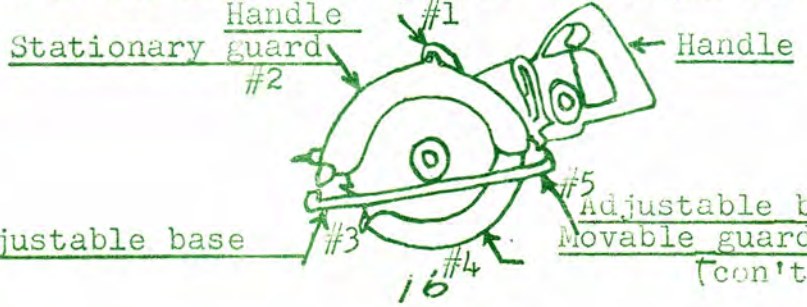
Judging from the continuous safety campaigns that industrial users of similar equipment carry on, it would seem obvious that prevention of injury to the equipment operator was a prime essential to its efficient operation.

No doubt the industrial user feels that we do that. Although we are interested in efficient machine operation we are even more interested in the preservation of all the operator's working parts.

The foregoing rambling preamble means that we are about to give out with a few suggestions of things to do and not to do with the various pieces of equipment, the principal concern being your own personal safety.

Now before you lie back and place this paper over your face to keep the Sun out of your eyes while you take a nap, let me hasten to add that we will only deal with one piece of equipment today - the skill saw.

Should you survive this we might at a later date risk discussion of safe operation of two additional pieces of equipment.



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(THE BETTER RANGER CON'T)

To guide saw use handle at #1. It was installed at that position by the manufacturer for your convenience and safety.

NEVER guide saw by placing hand on saw at 2 3 or 5. Many injuries have been caused by this practice.

NEVER lock #4, the movable guard, in the open position. There are many ways in which an operator may be seriously injured by this practice.

NEVER place one end of a piece of plywood or other material on a saw horse and attempt to hold the free end while manipulating the saw with one hand.

Always prepare a firm base for your material, wide enough and long enough to furnish bearing for both that part of the board you wish to use and the waste end or side of the board. This insures more accurate work, eliminates possibility of waste material splitting off and damaging material to be used, possibly binding and damaging saw.

Keep scrap and saw cord out from under foot. The danger here is obvious. The operator trips over cord or scrap. In effort to regain balance often drops saw, bends guards, cracks motor case, bumps noggin.

Between operations lay equipment well back on bench. Keep cord off the floor to eliminate possibility of workmen catching foot in cord and pulling saw from bench. (This is easier to do than appears likely. Even a little jerk can do it, but of course a big jerk can do it better.)

When through using the saw clean it up and put it away in the case furnished by the manufacturer and store it in a dry place.

To anyone wishing to talk with a man operating a power tool may I suggest that we wait until the operator has completed the cutting off of the board or whatever it is he is doing. Little time will be lost. Divided attention breeds accidents.

To the operator may I suggest that he not keep the saw in his hand (idly throwing the switch off and on) while he engages in conversation.

To Watson I would suggest he sign off and give everyone a rest!

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Harley D. Smith was recently killed November 29, while working as a forest equipment operator for the State Division of Forestry. He was unloading a caterpillar from a transport and the tractor slipped off of the side of the truck, crushing him. As many of our personnel know, Harley was a Deputy Ranger at Armstrong, Sonoma Coast, and Curry Bidwell Bar. He worked with our Division from June 17, 1947 to June 29, 1949, and then went to work with the Division of Forestry.

FLOWERS from PARK FOLLOWERS

Vallejo Home Historical Monument - The following is an excerpt from a complimentary letter:

"We visited General Vallejo's home at Sonoma and enjoyed it so much. My husband said that there shouldn't be curators as interesting as Mrs. Brown as we were so fascinated with her interesting descriptions and anecdotes that we spent far too much time there. We truly had to leave long before we had had enough and are looking forward to going back again next summer and spending several days in Sonoma."

McArthur-Burney Memorial State Park - The following is an excerpt from a message from a distinguished (within his own family-that is) gentleman who just can't get enough of our State Park System!

The message was received by a new type of equipment developed by our engineering staff to receive messages of progress from people doing construction work during the winter in parks where rare, but very cold and trying conditions are seldom incountered. The device is simple. When a Ranger in the field is shaking his premolars loose because of an unbearable but refreshing, icy but beautifully natural (of course), bit of the backside of "sunny" (Chamber of Commerce) California weather, he exhibits the most amazing phenomenon. His cold body vibrates (shakes if you will) at a speed directly proportional to the heat of the words he is thinking, but can't say, because of his smilingly frozen mouth which is still the same public relations expression he has learned to use (to keep his job) while talking to visitors during the summer! Our engineers find that with very careful tuning of this new receiving microphone they can record field personnel thought temperature gradients and shivvers down to a brittle cats-whisker-in fact sometimes we heat the entire Sacramento office from the temperatures we receive!

This brief description of this new instrument of course is merely background for the "meat" of this blurb which was found in the bottom of a frozen food locker.

Recently a jumbled message was received on this new receiver from a remote section of McArthur-Burney where no persons were reported to be. Amazingly enough, the messages when tuned in were a combination of the following: Everything praiseworthy of the State Park System (vis. - clean restrooms, white table cloths, immaculately spotless picnic grounds, well-managed attendance to prevent overcrowding and destruction of natural vegetation, etc.) Dissenting messages appeared to be mainly personal, that is in reference to an unhappy family situation, and a definite correlation with the divine. Quick to meet all emergencies the engineers superimposed a TV. receiver and recorded the image on the following page. (Thanks to Chuck Pool, son of Chief Ranger Elmer J. Pool for sending in the cartoon from McArthur-Burney. Too bad we couldn't have reproduced the original color.)

Because of the summer visitor season being over, complimentary letters appear to be nearly a thing of the past. (note drawing at head of column) We will be looking forward to the blooming of more flowers from park followers next summer!

DM from CHUCK POOL from Salo

ALL MY LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF HAVING A WHOLE PICNIC GROVE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY!

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

Colborn, Lester P.	Carpenter	Eastern Dist.	11/9/49
Coleman, Russell L.	Grndsman & Flwr Gard.	Sutter's Fort	11/14/49
McNoble, Hubert R.	Curator	Shasta Hist. Mon.	11/15/49
Keenan, Robert J.	Grndsman & Flwr Gard.	Sutter's Fort	11/21/49

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (TAU)

Hayford, Frank R.	St. Pk. Rgr., Gr. I	Capitola Beach	11/2/49

PROMOTIONS

Morgan, Maurice C.	Ranger Grade III	Columbia	11/1/49
Whitehead, James	Ranger Grade II	Mt. Tamalpais	10/15/49

SEPARATIONS

Selsor, James H.	Grndsman & Flwr Gdner	Sutter's Fort	11/10/49
Albert, Henry J.	Ranger Grade I	Mt. Tamalpais	10/31/49
Powell, Alonzo E.	Ranger Grade I	Donner Memorial	10/31/49

TRANSFERS

Craig, Homer C.	Deputy Ranger	McArthur-Burney to Van Damme	11/1/49
Single, Marion H.	"	Van Damme to McArthur-Burney	11/1/49
Wing, Robert W.	"	Stephens Grove to Prairie Creek	11/1/49
McConnell, Jack R.	Sr. Engr. Aid	Sacramento Engr. to Northeast Dist.	11/1/49
Foss, Werner C.	Asst. Ranger	Mt. Tamalpais to San Juan Bautista	10/15/49
Hatch, Robert	Chief Ranger	D. L. Bliss to Donner to Columbia	12/1/49
Rich, Donald I.	Asst. Ranger	Donner to D. L. Bliss	10/1/49
Al Beck	Asst. Ranger	Columbia to Mt. Diablo to Calaveras	12/1/49
Griffith, Lewis P.	Asst. Ranger	Calaveras to Anza	12/1/49
Collins, Harry B.	Curator	Stevenson House to Mt. Shasta	11/20/49
McNoble, Hubert R.	Curator	Shasta Mon. to Monterey Mon.	11/20/49
Kneass, Amelie	Curator	Monterey Mon. to Stevenson House	11/20/49
Hansen, Theodore M.	Deputy Ranger	Seacliff to Big Basin	10/15/49
Thornton, George E.	Deputy Ranger	Fremont Peak to Seacliff	10/15/49
Simmons, Robert	Deputy Ranger	Huntington to Anza	11/15/49
Knoefler, Darrell	Chief Ranger	Doheny to Donner	12/1/49
Morgan, Maurice	Chief Ranger	Columbia to Doheny	12/1/49

SEPARATIONS (Recent)

Riley, Robert E.	Grndsman & Flwr Gdner	Sutter's Fort	11/18/49
Bowman, John L.	Grndsman & Flwr Gdner	Pio Pico	11/30/49

TWO IN ONE

It is obvious this issue is "Two-in-One". It will have the advantage of making possible the January Issue near the first of the month rather than at the end, as has been the custom.

COMMISSION MEMOIRS
by
Gladys Joslin

1912 - 1914

Previous to the meeting of July 9, 1912, Father Kenna passed away. The Commission and the park development as a whole felt his death severely. Shortly after that time Commissioner Middleton resigned but later withdrew his resignation.

Father James P. Morrissey, President of Santa Clara College, was appointed by the Governor to replace Father Kenna and attended his first meeting on December 5, 1912. It was at this meeting that the Sempervirens Club presented a resolution of the Club, endorsing plans for improvement of the park. (The only park at that time was what is now Big Basin Redwoods State Park.) The report was accompanied by maps and included "a proposed road system exceeding twenty miles in length". The estimated cost of the improvements was fixed at $143,000.

A review of the following discussion would indicate that the California Redwood Park Commission serving in 1912 had certain problems having to do with money. This is easily understandable in the light of the information that the approved appropriation for the following year was only $30,000. (Present 49-50 budget is over 6 million.)

At the meeting of March 4, 1913, there was considerable discussion relative to the formulation of a policy concerning possible concessions to be made to owners of property adjacent to the Park for use of Park roads in return for grants to be made to the Park. (Even then as now!) Action was taken at this meeting to approve the moving of the water tanks to as high an elevation as possible for better fire protection. At a special meeting in Sacramento on May 15th of that year the State Board of Control issued an order for the sale of the California Redwood Park Booklet, a few copies of which are still in existence.

At the meeting of May 20th the Commission approved the purchase of a light wagon for the use of the Warden (no mention made of the mules).

At the meeting of October 4th Commissioner Wing reported that he had successfully negotiated with all property owners except the Cowell Estate for a right of way for the proposed road from Saratoga Summit to the park. This consisted of approximately 76 acres of land at a price of $200 per acre. "It was decided that before instituting proceedings for condemnation, a reasonable time should be taken for further negotiations, or for interested parties to provide for whatever payment might be deemed advisable. At a meeting in 1914 Isaiah Hartman appeared and tendered a deed to the Park for 160 acres of land adjoining the park, retaining the timber thereon. He also made known his desire to construct a trail across a section of the park, over which tanbark and split stuff could be hauled from another tract lying southwest of the Park. This tract of 160 acres, he offered to deed in consideration of this privilege after the timber had been removed. No action was taken on the part of the Commission.

TID-BITS FROM THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR-BITS

Thanks are due the many field people who have found an amusing or interesting incident in their jobs this month. Maybe its a case of looking for the bright side, or maybe just taking the "pains" to write about it - anyhow, the increased number of anecdotes appearing in weekly reports is appreciated.

Williams Grove State Park ... On Friday night of every week the rangers and family of Williams, Richardson, and Hickey Groves get together for square dancing. Also attending are Mr. and Mrs. French. Dist. Supt. French (who incidently "shakes a mean leg") never fails to bring along a jug of apple cider - (made from the apples which Chief Ranger H. Saddler of Richardson Grove was picking when he fell and broke his arm). The dancing is improving as the weeks go by - reason - the cider is getting HARD. William A. Meyer, Deputy Ranger.

Mt. Tamalpais State Park ... "Voice of the Coyote" at Mt. Tamalpais State Park makes nice effect with a full moon. James Whitehead, Ass't. Ranger.

Fort Ross State Hist. Mon. ... A new Russian map received at Fort Ross. This week we received a second very interesting photostatic copy of an original Russian Map of "Bodega Bay, San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay" made at the order of the Czar by the Governor of Alaska in 1848. This map was engraved under the direction of a Cap't. Tibenkoff and was a copy of a map of French origin with corrections as suggested by Russian Colonial Seafarrers. John C. McKenzie, Curator.

San Clemente Beach State Park ... Rangers Frenzel, Avant and myself last Wednesday were clearing weeds from trailer park islands when to my surprise I chopped out from along the edge of one of the trailer islands parking spurs a gold ring with a black onyx mounting of the Masonic Order. We were discussing the find when Chief Ranger Anderson drove up. I asked him if he was a Mason (a big deal going through my mind). His reply was, "Yes, did you find a ring?" (That was the end of my big business deal). I replied that I did and he proceeded to explain that in 1943, soon after he went to work at San Clemente, his wife presented him with this new ring but much to his sorrow the ring turned up missing one day (Anderson said his wife had plenty to say about this). He looked everywhere for the ring but could find no trace of it and finally gave up the search. Six years later I come along and chop it out of its hiding place with a garden hoe. Jack W. Lemley, Assistant Ranger.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park ... Ranger Nelson hates to admit such a statement came from a resident of his birthplace -- New England -- but ... One day recently when he and Ranger Stroup were hauling damp, moldy wood out of the woodshed to spread on the prairie to dry a lady visitor, stopping to look at the elk, remarked to Ranger Stroup: "Oh, you Westerners are truly conservationists. You've even trained your elk to eat wood. Now, back East ....." Raymond L. Nelson, Ass't. Ranger.

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Mt. San Jacinto State Park ... Nov. 13, a heavy fall of hail made Mt. San Jacinto white from the Peak down to the 5,000 ft. level for two days. Nov. 20 - Once again we were lucky here in Idyllwild; the wind was hot and dry, the humidity had dropped and fire weather was on once more. 2;30 a.m. Friday a large building caught fire about two blocks from the park; the wind stopped just as the fire started and we were able to control the fire. W. A. Weatherbee, Chief Ranger.

Carpinteria Beach State Park ... The following was noted in a local paper. "50 years ago, November 27, 1899, the asphaltum works which have stood at Carpinteria for so long will be moved in the near future to Peru. For some time past water has been rushing and the supply of mineral is gradually diminishing until it is now unprofitable to keep the plant in operation. The people of this city, as well as Carpinterians, will regret to see the old landmark leave." The place described is the present location of the Park Clubhouse. Charles P. Lyden, Ass't. Ranger.

San Buenaventura State Beach ...

The fog has been so heavy in this locality that it has been difficult to navigate. On Thursday night, Dec. 1, it was so heavy that an oil tanker dropped anchor in the service area, not realizing that he had left the water and was floating in the fog. Happily, he discovered his mistake before the fog lifted, and sailed back into the ocean. Ed note - where did you say the fog was? A. F. Whittington, Ass't Ranger.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park ... Deputy Ranger Clyde Strickler having installed a new television set at his residence is interested in the bean diet of the new car owners at Doheny Beach. Lo and behold! the set gets good clear pictures from most of the Los Angeles Stations. Charles S. Mosteller, Ass't. Ranger.

Anza Desert State Park ... Due to a 'report' written in the Los Angeles Examiner by the 'Sports Editor' and picked up by various 'sportsmen' magazines and papers; this area has been over run by parties of hunters and their dogs. The article described this area as 'primitive with lots of game', and the countryside is covered with men looking for it. Robert S. Simmons, Deputy Ranger.

Humboldt Redwoods State Park ... Rainfall still very low. Eel River is as low as it was during the summer months. Salmon fishermen are in evidence along the River. E. J. Nash, Chief Ranger.

San Juan Bautista State Hist. Mon... Notice to Curators: The American Association for State and Local History is now publishing a quarterly entitled "American Heritage" which should be of interest to all curators. Montpelier, Vermont. Subscription - $3.00 a year. Note two interesting articles in the Nov. 1, issue of Museum News. "Maintenance and Operation of Historic Houses", Ned J. Burns, Chief, Museums Branch, Natl. Park Service, and "Historic Houses Administered by the Nat. Park Service" J. Paul Hudson, Museum Administrator . N.P.S. Jack R. Dyson, Curator.

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(TID BITS CON'T)

Richardson Grove State Park ... Received telegram from Mrs. Hoy on Friday, October 28, that Hugo Hoy was in the Lincoln Hospital with Appendicitis. Letter to follow. Ed. note - Sacramento records indicate Hoy was on vacation! George W. Lynn, Ass't. Ranger.

Curry-Bidwell Bar State Park ... Two Rangers that should know better, were clearing brush when one of the rangers picked up a smooth barked piece of brush and studied it intently. The other ranger noticed the work stoppage and asked what the interesting piece of brush was. The first ranger said "I think this is poison oak, what do you say it is?" The second ranger reached for the brush and studied it closely, "I would say it is Barberry bush", he answered. "No" said the first, "yes" said the second. As they argued about it, the bush was passed back and forth several times. The result ? Rangers Hagens and Pritchard both have poison oak breaking out on their hands and faces.

Ranger Jack Pritchard drove 150 miles on the opening day of Pheasant season and had free access to eleven thousand acres bordering Colusa Game Reserve and returned with two crows, a jack rabbit, and a house cat. S.J. Pritchard Deputy Ranger.

Palomar Mountain State Park ... Received 4.31 inches of rain in an eight hour period last Thursday. Roads washed in several placed. Lots of small rocks including two boulders in the Doane Valley road and Boucher Lookout road had them temporarily blocked. Some of the culverts took a beating. One newly installed culvert on the nigger grade washed out. Edward A Griggs, Deputy Ranger.

Mt. Diablo State Park ... By removing three of the four heating coils inside the new incinerator and changing the piping on the hot water tank, and installing a pressure tank on the hot water line, and taking up the floor and filling with sand underneath and replacing the brick floor we now have the wrinkles ironed out of this animal. Works perfectly. R. G. Bassett, Chief Ranger.

(PARK COMMISSION MINUTES CON'T)

Policy - Administration - The Commission requested that budget requests be prepared and sent to the Commission for study before submission for legislative study.

Columbia Historic State Park - It was reported that $16,000 had been transferred for the employment of an architect to work on developmental plans in the restoration of this park.

The next meeting of the State Park Commission was scheduled for January 6, 1950, in Los Angeles.

RECENT DEPUTY RANGER EXAMINATION

The Civil Service Examination for the position of State Park Ranger, Grade I, has just been completed and the eligible list received. An idea as to the interest in this examination is shown by the fact that the eligible list contains 242 names!!!

Superintendent Blaisdell ably represented this Division on the Oral Board and has submitted a splendid summary to this office. He comments, "I was again impressed by the lack of knowledge displayed by individual candidates on the function and organization of the State Division of Beaches and Parks. Comparatively few have any specialized educational or vocational backgrounds directly connected with the Park administration and management." Superintendent Blaisdell also stated that comments he made after completing a similar assignment on November 1, 1946 were generally applicable to the more recent assignment. Candidates' interest in seeking employment as Rangers have been based generally upon the following:

The attractiveness of the title, "Park Ranger", and the wearing of a uniform.
Tenure of office.
The hunting and fishing aspects of the out-of-doors.
"What can I lose by trying this one?"

Although a number of complaints have been received concerning the inappropriateness of portions of the written examination, the final outcome seems to indicate that those best qualified placed highest on the list.

It is also remarkable that, of the 255 who qualified for the orals, only 13 failed to make the eligible list. The most concern may be caused by the fact that presently there are only 12 vacancies in the State Park Ranger, Grade I, classification. There may be a few more within the next year, but not sufficient to anywhere nearly exhaust the list.

Future applicants may not have the opportunity to apply for a State Park Ranger, Grade I, examination for some time. - E.P.H.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES!

Mt. San Jacinto ... Deputy Ranger Floyd Lemley and his wife Barbara became the proud parents of a six pound eight ounce baby girl on October 19, 1949.

Sacramento Office ... Jim Warren, Assist. Civil Engineer, Riding & Hiking Trails Project, is the father of a new boy John Rogers, 7lbs. 10 ozs. on November 17. He is now proud three times - the others are James Talfourd, and Melissa Padgett!

Prairie Creek ... December 2 the Stork came to Prairie Creek during the night bringing a seven and one half pound boy to Linda and Ray Nelson, Asst. Ranger.

We feel that the following Greeting from our Park Commission, which accompanied your recent pay checks, is worthy of recording for posterity in the annals of News and Views.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Meeting of the State Park Commission, held in San Francisco, California, on November 18, 1949.

COMMISSION MATTERS. It was moved by Commissioner Scott that this Commission express its gratitude and appreciation to each and every employee of the Division of Beaches and Parks. They have demonstrated their loyalty to the State Park service by untiring and efficient effort in fulfilling the reasonable wishes and needs of all park visitors, even to giving of time and effort beyond that required of them. The visiting public has expressed its appreciation through letters of commendation of their work, to this Commission. The year has been highly successful and all success is due to our personnel, a well-trained and efficient organization.

We of the Park Commission want to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks, together with all good wishes, happiness, cheer and a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year to all of our personnel.

Seconded by Commissioner Waldner and unanimously approved.