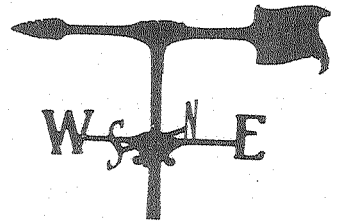




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REPORTER



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News from North, East, South, and West.

Dear Neil:

I thought that Kirby Morgan's article was very well done and hopefully, reflects the majority feeling of the field Ranger.

I have heard nothing further on the proposed salary increases. I believe a final meeting was held in the Southern part of the State last week to hear salary requests. I have been unable to contact Art Zimmerman CSEA, regarding the outcome of our hearings.

By the time you go to press Doug should have some idea of how the balloting has turned out; we may have a run-off.

You will also be interested in another happening in your Region which you may have already heard about, the Color Guard of CSEA's annual Legislative Dinner. We requested and were granted the privilege of presenting the Colors at this affair. Ros Henry has made some preliminary contacts with the Sacramento Chapter who hosts this affair and can give you further information, if he hasn't already done so. As Regional Director of Region 3 will you secure four Rangers who will perform this function in full dress uniform? The date is February 18, 1970 at the Hotel El Dorado in Sacramento. I know that Ross can give you further details. I had hoped to be able to discuss this with you personally but don't know if I will have the opportunity.

I am sending you a "Memo to All Officers and Members" for publication in the Reporter, I think that it will receive wider circulation that way.

About all for now. Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season

Dick Brock

TO: All Officers and Members C.S.P.R.A.

December 8, 1969

The Fifth Annual General Executive Council meeting will be held in March, 1970 in Sacramento, California.

During the past year we have been affected by various changes and there will be other happenings in the future. I think that if we are to survive as a professional organization we must develop a sound, acceptable and professional program which you, the membership, can support. This program is developed through committees and resolutions presented to General Council. This is your opportunity to actively participate. We sincerely urge that you do!!!!

Below are several items for your information:

1. RESOLUTIONS: Article 4, Section 8 of the By-Laws lists the procedure for preparing resolutions for consideration at GEC. The Regions should have their Resolutions in to the Executive Secretary, Doug Bryce, no later than January 13, 1970.
2. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Your attention is called to Article 4, Section 6 of the Constitution regarding honorary members. If you have a person in mind you wish to nominate for Honorary Membership, send his name and an outline of his background together with your reasons for the nomination to William Allison, Committee Chairman, P. O. Box 106, Mendocino, California 95460. These nominations must be in by the middle of February so that Bill's committee can review and make the appropriate selections.
3. OUR ASSOCIATION, represented by four uniformed Rangers, will have the privilege of presenting the colors at the annual legislative dinner held on February 18, 1970, at the El Dorado Hotel.

Please remember the 5th annual G.E.C. Plan to attend, plan to participate!

My sincerest Best Wishes to all of you for a Happy and Peaceful Holiday Season.

Richard L. Brock, President C.S.P.R.

To: Neil Power, Editor
CSPRA Reporter

November 18, 1969

During our recent interpretive training session at Asilomar, we held a panel discussion on "Can today's Ranger be both law enforcer and park interpreter". As you know, such discussions never really solve problems but only present different opinions so the listener may make up his own mind. Our panel presented their opinions and when finished, we open the discussion to the floor. So that we might derive some benefit from a group judgement, we asked for a show of hands on particular topics. You might think the results would be biased due to the nature of the training session, but I think you will recognize in the results the feelings of a great many of our Park Rangers. So here they are for your readers to evaluate.

1. Are things generally worse now in our parks than they were 10 years ago?
Yes - 15 No - 9 Same - 4
2. Should we hire police to enforce rules and regulations?
Yes - 0 No - 6 21 said we should handle problems to the limit of our abilities and then call in outside enforcement people.
3. If any of our State Park Rangers assume the image of a policeman, will the remaining Rangers lose their present image as Rangers?
Yes - 25 No - 2
4. Can today's Ranger be both law enforcer and park interpreter?
Yes - 24 No - 3

James E. Neider
Interpretive Specialist, Dist. 2

ELECTION RESULTS

President

Cater 136 elected
Welch 67
Henry 43

Vice-President

Pugh 101 (runoff)
Wade 72 (runoff)
Felty 70

Region I Delegate

Perkins 24 (elected)
Hartman 4

Region II Director

Neal 26 (director)
Engler 6 (alternate director)

Region IV Director

Geissinger 14 (alternate)
Long 18 (director)

Region VI Director

Menefee 24 (director)
Miller 21 (alternate)

Region IV Delegates (2)

Dennis 17 (elected)
Erickson 5
Hinkle 5
Marshall 13 (elected)
McCall 12
Robles 12

Ballots were counted by Charlie Cline, Herman Schlerf and Doug Bryce on 12/12/69. Ballot for runoff between Pugh and Wade for Vice-President will be sent out shortly.

s/Doug Bryce, Exec. Secty

"We've developed in this country a silly fear of being called 'negative'. We've forgotten that 9 of the 10 Commandments are negative. 'Thou shalt not' said the Lord 9 times. And today we need more men with the guts to holler 'no' when their conscience tells them an answer should be 'No'".

Jack Moffitt, American Opinion 1966 (Oct.)

The "Stetson Hats Off" Department

The past few weeks I have observed many commendable actions by our State Park Ranger members that are deserving of mention. These are actions that are over and above the call of duty, and while only a few that I have personally observed, I am certain there are many more that many of you could also give mention to. So, how about it, if you know of such an action, why not let our Editor of the Reporter, Neil Power, hear about it.

The top award goes to more than one individual, for it involves many starting at the top in our Department, Director Mott, and his team composed of Deputy Directors, Chiefs, and their team members. I have reference to the recently organized Asilomar State Park Ranger Training Academy. I couldn't begin to give mention to all the individuals responsible for organizing and carrying out this fine program, but it is one of the most important steps our Department has taken forward to prepare all State Park Rangers to be "Better Rangers" and Managers. I'm sure we can all appreciate the immeasurable amount of time involved in preparing for this program with a very limited budget. I have heard nothing but compliments for the program from those Rangers that have attended. So, I'm sure you will agree, all persons responsible for preparing and carrying out the State Park Ranger Training Academy deserve the top award for the month, our "Stetson Hats Off" to each of you.

Recently District 5 staff members, accompanied State Park Rangers from the Morro Bay Area and the Pismo Area to the Montana De Oro State Park Advisory Committee meeting held at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. The main topic to be discussed was the pro and cons concerning the possibility of a Marine Reserve being included in that portion of coastline fronting the park. We had requested that Rangers Milt Frincke and Chuck Mehler of the District 4 Headquarters be present if possible since Milt was involved in the initial groundwork for establishing the Point Lobos Reserve as a Marine Reserve and Chuck works closely with the Underwater Parks Committee. Milt and Chuck showed up for the meeting just as it started, having hurriedly driven south after the normal work day. The meeting continued to nearly midnight, Milt and Chuck gave the Committee some valuable background information relative to a Marine Reserve, and after a short night's rest, they had to head north again at 5:00 A.M. since they were both going to be involved in the dedication of the State Park and Recreation Commission Redwood Grove at Big Basin. Yes, we know, par for the course, just State Park Rangers in action, but worthy of a "Stetson Hats Off". Thanks Milt and Chuck.

Earlier this month a meeting was called by the CSPRA Nominations Committee. Each Regional Director was requested to send in their Nominations to the Chairman, and then at the meeting the Nominations Committee would consider additional nominations from the floor. Special recognition goes to State Park Ranger John Anderson of Tule Elk Reserve. John has never missed a CSPRA Regional meeting, although he must travel over 110 miles from the Reserve to any of the coastal areas where our meetings are generally held. Our meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M. at which time John had to head inland since he had to be back in time for an early A.M. meeting and then go to Fort Tejon to do an assignment there while Area Manager Lou Wakefield attended the sessions at the Academy. A truly dedicated member of our Association, worthy of a "Stetson Hats Off". Thanks John.

On November 17 - 18 the Governor's Conference on California's Changing Environment was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. The Department's new mobile exhibit trailer was one of the exhibits showing. We have all at one time or another been involved in assisting as State Park Ranger uniformed personnel for an occasion such as this. A special commendation goes to Ranger Carl Anderson, team Captain Frank Fairchild and his crew composed of Rangers Dick Menefee, Dick Johnson, Phil Van Duesen, Carl Chavez and Cliff Wade. Among the many complimentary remarks heard, the most indicative was, "How do you attract and hold men of such obviously high caliber?" Dedication? There's no question about it. As Carl Anderson says, "guess we're prejudice Al, but we do know we have the best dressed, mannered, and poised Rangers in the business". So a "Stetson Hats Off" to each of you.

Incidentally, our mobile exhibit trailer drew the praises of many visitors. I'm sure you will agree with that when you see it. I had an opportunity to sit in on the final plenary session presided over by Lt. Governor Ed Reinecke. The students were given the opportunity to participate in all the sessions, and some strongly worded resolutions that will be passed on to the Governor. I'm certain you are all aware, Man, His Environment, and Ecology are the number one issues coming to the front now, and we as professional State Park Rangers must all take a roll in this very important issue. I have suggested before, subscribe to "Cry California", support the various conservation groups, the Planning Conservation League, the Ecology Action group. There are many others, we should all be involved in one way or another to improve "California's Changing Environment."

Oh yes, about the coming CSPRA G.E.C.....

The date is final - March 13, 14, 15, 1970. The Senator Hotel, Sacramento, California. Cliff Wade has been appointed the Exhibits Chairman. He is now contacting those companies that have indicated interest in renting exhibit space. We have room for about 30 exhibits so hope that any member that has a lead will forward the information to Cliff Wade at Pismo State Beach, Oceano, California 93445.

Chuck Lyden, Dick Felty, and Ross Henry, all of Region VII have agreed to give assistance in preparation to the G.E.C. in any way. We will soon be mailing out the brochure and registration cards for G.E.C. In the meantime, we hope all members will mark the dates on their calendar and plan to attend. Remember, it's March 13, 14, 15, 1970 - The Senator Hotel - Sacramento. The legislature will be in session at that time which will give all members an opportunity to observe them in action if they have never before had that opportunity. We will also plan a tour for all members and their families to our Headquarters Office...

Sorry for the haste on this Neil, will send more later... But wanted to get this in so you can include it in your next issue. One thing more, I did appreciate your sending out the postal card giving us some warning as to date you planned as deadline for your next issue. It gave me an additional spurt to get going. Thanks again Neil for the fine job you are doing. We all look forward to reading The Reporter.

Would you add an additional comment to what I had already said concerning the coming G.E.C. to the effect I would like to hear from any CSPRA member that wishes to offer his services for the G.E.C. in one way or another. We'll need someone to get the program printed (asking Ross to check with the Convention Bureau). Someone for the registration table, arrangements for dance, banquet, printing of tickets for banquet and dance, etc.

More Conservation Notes:

Hope our members aren't confused into thinking that the Santa Barbara oil leak is stopped. It's the 307th day of leaking, and the powers that be don't seem too concerned. The Santa Barbara GOO (Get-Oil-Out) organization are still waging a courageous fight against oil drilling in the Channel. They also participated in the recent "fish-in" to block as long as possible the setting up of Sun Oil Co's platform "Hillhouse". GOO managed to capture the attention of the entire nation with their "fish-in" maneuver. They deserve a lot of credit for all the work involved in these efforts. There are still oil slicks between shore and the oil platforms stretching downcoast about five miles according to observations made recently by a Santa Barbara News Press reporters flying over the platform area. Just two weeks ago the intertidal zone at Ventura State Beach and McGrath State Beach suffered the heaviest intrusion of oil since the January 28th blowout.

I don't know your feelings in the matter, but I feel CSPRA should get more involved in the Conservation issues concerning our State and Country. It is my opinion that awareness of environmental conservation must spread from our Association to our acquaintances, friends, and relatives across the Country. Only with more people becoming aware of what is happening to our environment can we expect support if and when legislation is proposed that will conserve our environment. With the holiday season rapidly approaching we'll all be writing Christmas cards, or traveling to visit loved ones and reaching great numbers of people. The least we can do as individuals is to "drop a line" about environmental conservation, what's happening in our immediate areas, let the people hear about these problems, and even add three words next to a Christmas Seal when sending letters or cards, "SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT".

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season,

Al Salzgeber, Jr. Past President

Several days ago Doug Bryce and I had the pleasure of presenting Hank Saddler with a citation. Through this citation our Association expressed its appreciation to Hank for his time and personal concern that he freely gave as Director of Region I. Although Hank has retired on paper, I know we can expect him to pop up now and again. He plans to continue his interest in the Save-the Redwoods League, Rangers Association, and Parks. Again, Hank, a hearty thanks.

Rangers John Fehling, Dan Goswick, and Wilbert Rose have received Basic Police Academy certificates from the College of the Redwoods (200 hour P.O.S.T.) Competition for the various trophies and awards was keen and our Rangers were shoulder-to-shoulder with experienced Peace Officers. In a class of 28 they captured First Place Speaker, Fourth Place Marksman, and Third Place Scholar. Not all results are in but I have heard that all three are in the top one-fourth of this class. Also, the class as a whole, broke college records. Again, we see the Ranger adapting to increased responsibilities of law enforcement to aid the visitor in a pleasant experience. Give us the training and tools, we will do the rest.

WARREN E. BEERS
Director, Region I

NOTICE: The printer of The Reporter now has available, the services of a typist. For a small charge, your material for publication will now be typed from your hand written notes. So, don't hesitate because you don't have a typewriter. Send in your views, ideas, and comments hand written, or typed, but send them.

NEIL

A run off election for Vice President between Robert Pugh and Cliff Wade is necessary. Please send your vote to Mr. Doug Bryce, 1640 Willow Drive, Fortuna, Ca. 95540 before January 10, 1970. Write the name of your candidate on a postcard and sign your name.

November 3, 1969

Dear Director Mott:

In reply to your letter of September 29, 1969 in which you said you could not find a general consensus of opinion in regards to the use of defensive weapons by the State Park Peace Officers, I would point out that this refers to fire arms specifically.

I have reviewed the minutes of the last Board Meeting of C.S.P.R.A. Directors and there were two motions made and passed pertaining to defensive weapons. The first motion asks the Department to budget for defensive weapons, exclusive of fire arms, in the earliest budget year possible. Also included was a request for Mace or its equivalent. The defensive devices requested were: handcuffs, police baton (20-26 inches), judo stick, flat sap.

The second motion requested authorization for immediate use of the listed defensive devices.

The first motion carried unanimously and the second had one opposed vote. During the discussion on these motions it appeared that the field forces were in agreement as to the need for some defensive devices in many of our areas, exclusive of fire arms.

In view of the above, we would recommend:

1. Defensive devices as listed be authorized immediately for those areas determined to have a need for them in protecting the Ranger and the visiting public.
2. No fire arms be authorized until:
 - a. An in-depth review of individual situations has been conducted by the District Enforcement and Safety Specialist.
 - b. It has been determined by the Enforcement Specialist, the District Superintendent and the Area Manager that a condition warranting the issue of fire arms does in fact exist.
 - c. Employees authorized to be armed are thoroughly trained and are competent in the use of weapons.
 - d. An effective and official weapons policy has been approved and adopted by the Department (we have previously forwarded a draft for your review).
3. The Department continue to move as rapidly as possible in equipping all of our areas with radio communications.

We also recommend that any enforcement training conform to or exceed the requirements of P.O.S.T.

I am confident that given the training and necessary tools, our field forces can cope with most of the enforcement problems facing us in many areas of the Park System.

Respectfully yours,

Richard L. Brock
President CSPRA

TRAINING INSTITUTE - DPR
Asilomar Conference Grounds
P.O. Box 537

Dear Neil:

Pacific Grove, Calif. 93950

December 3, 1969

Thanks for your invitation and the opportunity to contribute to the REPORTER.



It should be, anyway.

And thanks, too, for calling the above "Peanuts" cartoon strip to my attention. Its message is appropriate, and I couldn't agree more with your added note, for learning should be an exciting adventure. Karl Menninger, noted American psychiatrist and educator, has said "Attitudes are more important than facts". And Franklin's little classmate, in her youth, still possesses that basic ingredient for effective learning - an open and positive attitude.

District 6 Superintendent Jim Whitehead, who has kicked off the first three PARK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM sessions for Area Managers, has most appropriately called his presentation "The Times, They Are A'Changin'". Whether we like it or not, and regardless of how many times we've heard it and from whom, the times are indeed changing. And if we, as individuals, are to "survive" in these changing times, we have to maintain that sometimes elusive, yet open and positive attitude. What was fact yesterday may very well be history tomorrow, and the person who lives in yesterday's world won't cut it very well in today's, let alone tomorrow's.

Yet, to imply that we can discard the experience gained in yesterday's world would be folly. In the covering letter included in the package of information sent to each participant in our present program, I said "...background and experience serve as a key factor in the success and quality of the ... program. The contributions you are equipped to make and the degree in which you participate will aid immeasurably to the final program product".

Many Rangers, and others, have wanted and waited for this program for over 20 years. Approximately 80 Area Managers, or their back-ups, will attend the program this fiscal year. We have looked forward to each group's arrival here at Asilomar and while each group has an inherently different nature, our expectations have been more than met by the general attitude of the participants. The number of individual differences, and the very few minor incidents, have been insignificant and reflect that general attitude.

All things considered, a program that has been wanted and waited for, for over 20 years, is somewhat difficult to get off the ground in a period of approximately six weeks. The training itself is bound to include some "old" material that many have heard before, yet some have not. But it will also include some "new material that has not been heard before, that's where our open and positive attitude pays off.

I consider it to be an unique opportunity and a distinct privilege to have a role in the development of the Ranger training program. The challenge to meet the training needs of the Ranger trainee in changing times is great, and our efforts will be more than worth it in the years ahead. Best wishes,

Jim Kruger

November 20, 1969

Dear Dick:

A meeting of the C.S.E.A. Law Enforcement Council was held November 18, 1969, in Sacramento to discuss the answer to the question of "Where to from here?" in reference to the Specialized Law Enforcement Certification Program. As you are probably aware, P.O.S.T. passed this program by a vote of five to one.

The main theme of the meeting was the who, how, and when of implementing the program. It was pointed out by Jim Pinnell of C.S.E.A. that any action to make use of this opportunity would have to come from the Departments as P.O.S.T. will not take the initial action. It was made clear that P.O.S.T. would issue certifications to those receiving appropriate training, and that no reimbursement for training costs would be borne by them.

In view of what we were told, it is up to the Department of Parks and Recreation to take the initial action to get P.O.S.T. recognition for the park personnel who receive the training. It will probably do no harm for the Rangers' Association to bring this to the attention of our Department for prompt action. It is quite possible that the Department has already started procedures, but in case it hasn't it wouldn't hurt to let the Associations desires be known. As this certification won't cost the Department any money and will be valuable to the Rangers, I can see no reason for not taking advantage of the opportunity presented.

The recognition by P.O.S.T. will also be one of the first steps toward a better retirement. Better fringe benefits such as this could well be a strong factor in recruiting and keeping Park Rangers.

A resolution was passed by the Law Enforcement Council that the Alcoholic Beverage Control agents be given favorable consideration for inclusion under section 4800 of the Government Code. This section keeps a man, who has been injured on the job, at his full pay for twelve months without going on sick leave and State Compensation. Police and Highway Patrol are already covered by the section. Food for thought.

The foregoing are the main points covered at the meeting. Oh yes, the 10% pay raise was mentioned. C.S.E.A. proposed a 16.4% raise for Park Rangers, but as you probably know, the Personnel Board came up with the 10% figure.

That's about it, Dick. If you want any details, let me know.

Very truly yours,



D. A. Knoefler

The State Park Rangers Association has suffered the loss of a beloved charter member with the passing of Llewellyn P. Griffith, known to all his friends as "Griff".

His never failing sense of humor and eagerness to help on all occasions endeared him to all who knew him. Dedication to his job and loyalty to the State Park System served as inspiration and guidance to all who had the privilege of working with him.

Griff's wife, Margaret, still resides at 153 Marion Avenue, Apartment 4, Pasadena 91106.

Death resulted from a heart attack suffered after dinner Friday, September 19. He passed away in the hospital at about 2300 hours.

It is shocking to realize that such tremendous vitality can be so suddenly stilled, but comforting to know there was no prolonged suffering.

TWILIGHT OF THE RANGER

As one who sits with memories of a special time of life
And shares the pleasant pictures with an understanding wife,
A weather-beaten figure looms through the mist of years
Who played so many roles that bring some smiles and even tears.
The man who did his daily stint and never knew a stranger.
A man who lived to do his job and proud to be a Ranger.

His many tasks he knew them all, he did them for the park.
Which sometimes made him miss a meal and worked him after dark.
He'd build a road, a campground too, and maybe drop a tree,
Or clean a "head", a sewer too, and then collect a fee.
He'd hunt all night for a misplaced boy who really wasn't lost,
Or help a stranded visitor without a thought of cost.

The plans he made, that worked out well, to make the park attractive.
His days of work, and night-times too, were filled and very active.
He scrounged and saved materials, he even hoarded string
For boards and bolts were hard to get. He wasted not a thing.
He knew his park and what it held and tramped around a bit.
He had not time for luxury or in its lap to sit.

The camper called him by his name and knew his family too.
He called him when he needed help. He knew what he could do.
The visitor who came to camp was given just the spot.
The Ranger told which camps were right and which of them were not.
And when he made his rounds each day and with his cheerful greeting,
The camper knew his friend was here. It made a pleasant meeting.

He told the people where to fish or see a wondrous sight.
The visitor was shown the park, and much to his delight,
The deer were tame, the racoons too, which added more to being
Within the beauty of the parks and all God's work for seeing.
Perhaps it was the seashore that the visitor was wanting
To see the waves, the breaking surf, the ocean's power flaunting.

The mountains too, had someone who could tell of their great splendor.
The mighty trees through which the breeze a joyful song would render.
The murmuring stream, the crashing falls, made music to the ears
That heard the undertones of life and linger through the years.
The clean crisp air that smelled so good and made a heady wine
And made one want to breathe so deep to catch the scent of pine.

The visitor in days now gone took time to look and see,
To watch what nature had to show and give him company.
But most who come this modern day and have much time to spare,
Just take a look and rush right through without a thought or care
That nature's troves, a need of man, are disappearing fast.
He doesn't seem to understand that they may never last.

But times do change for everyone, the Ranger and his wife.
And the days of yore they are no more, this ever changing life.
The plans we make must change today for different operation
As trends of time do indicate that we have automation.
The Ranger's lot has also changed. No room for dedication.
The dollar sign now has the field for its manipulation.

The concessionaire, the contractor too, also the mighty dollar -
Where once the Park was rated high, these others now stand taller.
Headquarter's staff, so large today, has grown and growing greater
To make the plans that studies show to what it's best to cater.
The studies prove that all it needs is just a Seasonal Ranger,
Because the visitor friend we knew is really just a stranger.

You Rangers old, just pack your gear, your day of work is done,
And join the ranks of the pioneer, it's the setting of your sun.
You did your job and you did it well, but now your day is past.
The hope of parks lies with the new, and we trust that it will last
For as long as parks are needed as planned by the Great Arranger.
So down the road, good bye old man, it's the twilight of the Ranger.



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURY REPORT

Balance 6/12/69	\$1,789.02
Receipts	2,568.71
Expenditures	
Board meetings	554.34
Board of Directors	126.50
Executive Secretary	300.00
Staff Services	717.39
Total expenditures	1,698.23
Balance 11/16/69	\$2,928.50

CONSTITUTION

The revised constitution was adopted by a vote of 60 - 2. Late votes brought the total to 73 to 2 in favor of the new constitution.

RESOLUTIONS Now is the time to be thinking of resolutions for G E C in March.

Park Rangers Get New Police Power

Oakland's 14 park rangers will get more official muscle under a new ordinance given initial approval by the city council last night.

At present, rangers have the trappings of a police officer — even to wearing side-arms — but nearly no authority. They even have to call a regular police officer to issue a traffic ticket in a park.

Under the new measure, rangers will be authorized to

issue traffic tickets and "keep the peace" within park boundaries.

But, City Manager Jerome Keithley explained to councilmen, the rangers will have no such authority outside of the parks.

He said increasing rangers' authority also will free regular police officers from routine calls to parks. Regular police still would be called for

"felonious" incidents, he added.

Although they are trained at the regular Police Academy, park rangers neither have the authority nor the pay scale of policemen.

The increase in authority was enabled by a new state

law which permits cities to designate park rangers as "peace officers" within park areas.

42 Oakland ~~Star~~ Tribune
F★ Wed., Dec. 3, 1969

D.B. Long

ASSURANCE VS. INSURANCE

In last night's paper I read another article about a California Highway Patrol officer being shot and killed while make a "routine" traffic stop. A couple of weeks ago, right here in town, on another "routine" stop two C.H.P. stopped to talk to a hitchhiker, the hitchhiker opened fire with an automatic pistol and a submachine gun. While I was attending the C.H.P. Academy last spring both the C.H.P. and F.B.I. instructors showed us article after article about peace officers being shot or injured while making this so called "routine" stop. These "routine" stops are not the kind that happen when the officer is pursuing the known felon, but the everyday stops for such things as, speeding, burned out lights, or failure to stop. These are also the same type routine stops that the Ranger makes when he stops a speeder for going too fast in a campground; the same stops he makes to tell the man sleeping in the car along the road that he can't stay all night; the same stops he makes while trying to close up a day use area. The question that now comes to my mind is, how long is it before one of our California State Park Rangers is shot while making a "routine" stop? In most of the areas the Rangers are not even allowed to carry any type protective devices. The only assurance I have gotten so far, when I have asked this question is, well it hasn't happened yet so why worry. The question I now would like to ask this type of thinker is, do you carry any kind of life insurance? Very few people today don't have some type of life insurance, but I don't think anyone has bought the insurance because he thought he was going to need it the next day. In 1968, 16 out of every 100 peace officers were assaulted, and 64 were killed in the line of duty. I think the same thing applies to protecting ourselves as it does to insurance, we don't plan on using it every day but it is sure nice to have when you need it. A peace officer's best insurance is good training and good equipment.

Bob Allen

ANNOUNCING A NEW SERVICE

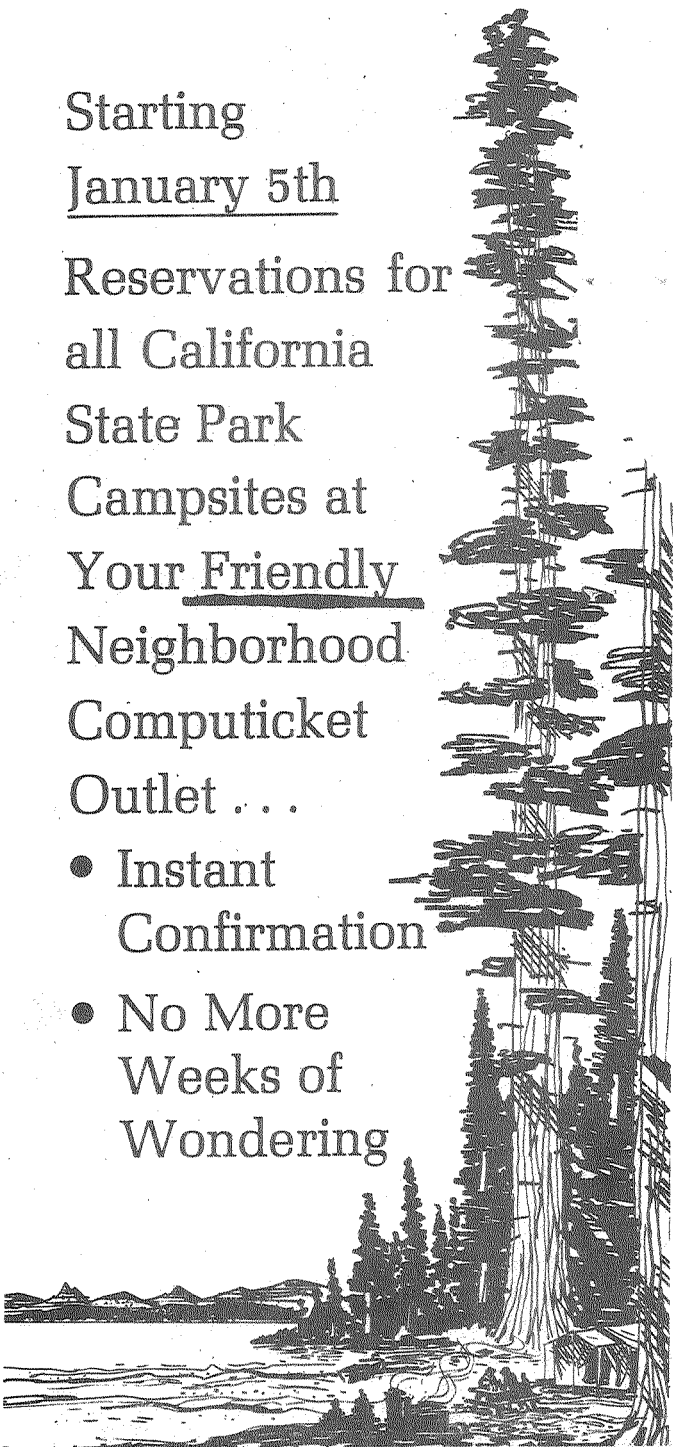
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To: Neil Power

Starting
January 5th

Reservations for
all California
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Campsites at
Your Friendly
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- Instant Confirmation
- No More Weeks of Wondering



Park Commission meeting dates
and places.

December, 1969 - no meeting

January, 1970 - One day meeting
January 7th at Newport Beach.

February, 1970 - Probably the 13th
but no place has been selected.

PENINSULA PARADE

*Never invest your money
in anything that eats
something or needs re-
pairing.*

—By **PROF. TORO**—



"I'd sure hate to be in our creditors' shoes *this* month!"

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