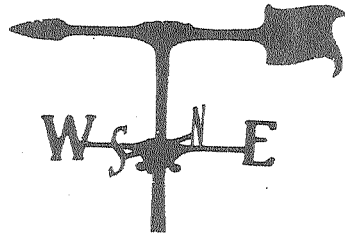




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News from North, East, South, and West.

TO: All Officers and Members

At the 1968 G. E. C., held in Fresno, we were directed, by Resolution, to review and rewrite, where necessary, the Association Constitution and By-Laws. The CBL Committee has completed this task.

Will you please review the copy mailed with this issue of the "Reporter". We are also asking that you approve or disapprove the new Constitution by marking the enclosed ballot and returning it to Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary.

Please note that Associate and Honorary Members cannot vote.

Richard L. Brock
Richard L. Brock
President

xxxxxxxxxx Ballot xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Mail to: Doug Bryce

1640 Willow Dr.

Fortuna, CA. 95540

Return before Oct. 25, 1969

I approve _____ the new Constitution. Check one.
I disapprove _____ the new Constitution.

Submitted by, _____ . Must be signed.

I had a dream the other night. I dreamt our seasonal allotment had been cut 25% and we terminated all our temporary employees and Rangers (Intermittent) on Labor Day. A week-end in September was clear and warm here on the Southern California Coast. Our two Rangers covering a 12 hour period in the 3 units comprising our Area couldn't handle the crowds. Picnickers began to flock into the day use area but there was no one at the entrance station because the one Ranger had two campgrounds with a capacity of 374 families to take care of. Someone called one of our ex-park aids and asked him if he would like to work and take a chance on collecting enough to pay his wages. He came in and sold 100 day use tickets in 5 hours. We deducted his pay from the \$75.00 collected and sent the rest to Sacramento. Two days later two men arrived at the Area Office to investigate a shortage in the Report of Collections which happened to equal a park aids wages for 5 hours. I woke up just as I saw them lead a Ranger away who was protesting the State had still benefited from the balance of the revenue turned in. I wonder what happened. I had a hard time going back to sleep that night.

ALLAN E. HIBSCH

Assessments Said High, Board Weighs Protests

County supervisors met yesterday as a board of equalization to hear protests from six county taxpayers.

The taxpayers came to request a reduction in the assessed valuation of their property on grounds county appraisals had over estimated the property's true value.

Neil Power of Columbia came before the board on behalf of June Laughlin and Lloyd Geissinger who are taxed for a possessory interest in homes rented from Columbia State park. Power suggested that in both cases the tax be reduced to \$1 as a token payment because of inequities in the possessory interest law.

He pointed out that renters of property owned by private individuals pay no tax.

Supervisor Robert Ingalls said, "The inequities in the possessory interest law should be taken care of in the state Assembly, not here. The law is on the books, and must be upheld."

Supervisor Ralph Thiel added, "There have been numerous attempts to

pass an "in lieu" tax to straighten this thing out, but so far none have been successful. Perhaps your complaint will give us more ammunition to get this changed in Sacramento."

Supervisors upheld the possessory interest value set for Mrs. Laughlin, but in the case of Geissinger the value was eliminated. He had moved from the county June 30 of this year and was being taxed for an interest which he no longer held.

75 Years Ago

AN EASTERN minister announced from his pulpit there were no women in heaven, and at once lost his entire congregation. The women said they "did not think much of a heaven that was all men," and the men said "it would be a hell of a heaven without any women."

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From Herb Caen, S.F. Examiner

Various and Sunday Things

GREAT SUNDAY outing in Mainly Marvelous Marin: Up through Inverness to the Northern end of Point Reyes National Seashore — miles and miles of the cleanest (and most deserted) beach I've ever seen in California. The surf is dangerous: no wading, let alone swimming, and the waves boil in with overpowering grandeur, the sea birds shrieking and wheeling in the spray. This will sound silly, but I've never found a beach that seemed so CLOSE to the ocean.

... Entering the Sam Taylor State Park, I was amused at a sign for the "Irving Picnic Area." Hello there, Sam and Irving! How's by you?

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Around the West

In San Francisco, the Planning Commission unexpectedly voted unanimously to demolish the prison on Alcatraz, retain the old lighthouse and 19th century fortifications, landscape the area and leave it to the wildlife and as open space.

In San Rafael, the Marin County Parks and Recreation Commission set about locating a beach, free from prying eyes, where devotees of nude bathing could do their thing without interference from voyeurs or authorities.

Scottsdale Teaches Camping

Scottsdale, Arizona's park and recreation commission has launched a new program, utilizing an undeveloped 100-acre park site as a new adventure camp.

The area's desert terrain is being used to teach youngsters to set up camp sites, and learn natural sciences, camp crafts using natural material, outdoor cooking, and desert survival. Overnight camping is also available. Only boys and girls eight through 13 years of age are eligible, and only 200 campers can be accommodated during the five two week sessions. The cost is \$12.50 for each child for two weeks.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Do You Remember?

Editor—Do you remember when:

Attending college was a privilege rather than a right?

A farmer could plant what he wished?

The Supreme Court protected society rather than the criminals?

The aged were cared for by their children?

Foreign officials visited the White House without asking for money?

We entered a war to win it? A life sentence didn't mean parole in 10 years?

Our flag was respected at home and abroad?

Menace of the Machines

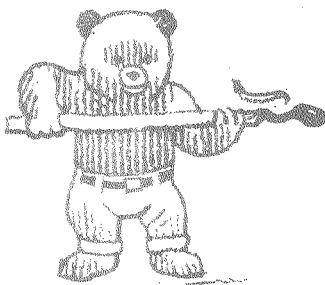
Sir: Frankly, your article "Bathtub on Wheels" [Aug. 22] depressed me greatly. There seems to be an ever-growing group of American young men who simply regard our remaining wildlands as obstacle courses for their machines. Anyone hoping to escape the filth and din of cities for the quiet beauty of our woods, mountains or deserts is in for a rude shock. He is greeted by the rattling snarl of trail bikes, dune buggies and the like.

Hundreds of rugged American "sportsmen" are blazing a trail of gouged hillsides, crushed and broken vegetation, and discarded beer cans. As with racing cars and dragsters, I would like to see certain less aesthetic areas set aside for the exclusive use of such machinery. The remaining wildlands should be closed to such off-the-road vehicles before what is left of their solitude, scenic beauty and scientific value is forever lost.

TIMOTHY W. BROWN

Los Angeles

*Prevent Forest Fires,
Register Matches.*



Please help. If you can't write an article for the RETORTER, won't you please send a clipping about interesting, timely, and appropriate articles from your local paper. Thanks.

County of San Bernardino, Regional Parks
316 Mt. View Avenue
San Bernardino, Ca.
Sept. 15, 1969

Dear Mr. Brock:

This department is currently recruiting for park rangers, Assistant Park Superintendents and Park Superintendents for several new parks. We have eight positions open at Glen Helen Regional Park and one position open at Calico Ghost Town. Next spring we will have about six additional positions open for other new parks now under construction. During the next three years, staff needs will increase about twenty to twenty-five men.

I would like you to include this information in the Park Ranger's Newsletter. Copies of the job specifications for current openings are attached.

For general information, I may mention that the newly formed department has funds available and is presently planning ten new desert, mountain, urban and river parks to be developed during the next three years. We are especially interested in recruiting experienced State Park Rangers, for the department's operating staff will double in the next three years; and we must have employees that are experienced and qualified for promotion.

Sincerely,

Smith Falconer, Jr.
Director, Regional Parks

Dear Neil:

Thanks for printing my letter to Eugene Velzy in the Volume 2, No. 5 issue of the Reporter. I had expected that a letter from a seventy-five year old ex-ranger, retired fifteen years, would be cut down to a very small resume of my park work.

Because all of it was used, Area Manager Morgan, after reading it, sent me a full explanation of the cause of the incident at South Carlsbad State Beach. To me, and to the three other members of our club who were with me, this incident seemed to be a breach of courtesy by a park employee. I was very glad to learn what really happened.

The seasonal reservation clerk took my card into the inner office. Seeing Mr. Morgan on the telephone, she did not contact him. She returned and informed me that he was too busy to see me.

I am very sorry for this breakdown in communications, and commend Mr. Morgan for his restraint and very courteous letter.

I commend you too, Neil, for your excellent editorial work. There should be a place in what has been termed, "A professional organization house organ" for articles on Ranger Courtesy and especially for what seemed to be legitimate complaints. I thank Earl Hanson and Eric Leffingwell, and others who have written to me, for their comments. They prove that the Old Ranger Spirit still lives.

Sincerely,

C. L. Milne

C. L. (Ted) Milne

P. O. Box 118
Friant, California
September 8, 1969

CSPRA
Neil Power, Publisher?

It is gratifying to see so much response to the many important issues of our Department and fellow professional Rangers in your production.

Actually, to achieve our goals and objectives, we must also get seriously involved in our parent representative organization, CSEA. It would appear we do not actively work at this. At the L. A. GEC 1967, we set up a hospitality room and could only muster 6 employees, 4 in the Ranger class, 2 in other classes. This is not a very auspicious representation.

I would strongly urge our fellow Rangers to seek out delegate positions to represent our issues, work with Chapter Officers and promote cooperation.

Last, but not least, we have to stand more solidly to achieve our goals. Some benefits can be achieved even though today they may not benefit you. In your next area they might. Example: Are you living in a State house today? No, maybe next month or next year. Then the "Possessory Interest Issue" will effect you.

As I see it, the two main issues at CSEA GEC Sacramento, October 10, 11, & 13 will be:

1. The No Strike Pledge.
2. OASDI issue.

These are important issues, every Park and Recreation employee should be grossly interested. Frankly, I'm too dedicated to serving public to think of striking. You know every now and then when time permits, I take a boat out on patrol to inspect, review and see what's going on. Especially passing under the beautiful, rugged basalt capped mesas upstream, that blend the low foothills into the Sierras and I say to myself: This is the life, by far the best job in the World; I wipe the shoreline dust off my shoes, straighten my sagging shoulders, straighten shirt and trousers, pull down tighter my fading straw Stetson, attempt to resolve the problems of the day, yes, even on occasion give the badge a little polish.

Didn't mean to be so long winded, please delete at will, or toss out, the whole article. I get carried away in my enthusiasm.

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