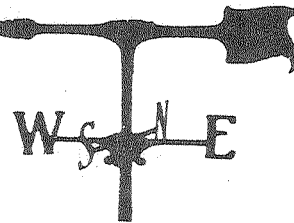




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REPORTER



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News from North, East, South, and West.

Dear Neil,

Are you aware that 1970 is the 25th anniversary of the California State Park Ranger classification?

It was on January 26, 1945 that the California State Personnel Board first established the title State Park Ranger, Grades I, II, and III. In a forthcoming issue of News and Views I have elaborated on this for posterity.

Wouldn't it be fitting for the March 1970 General Assembly of delegates from C.S.P.R.A. to dedicate their meeting to those who have served all 25 years in the classes or promotional positions therefrom? Since it is to be held in Sacramento, headquarters personnel might add to the one-time honor roll. The 1943 to 1945 News and Views is a good source of names of those who were serving in those years.

It is particularly fitting at this time, when some are contending that the "ranger image" has been impaired by transfer to other field classes from the ranger ranks. There was a similar feeling on the part of the Assistant and District Superintendent Classes when they technically were classed as Rangers IV and V, respectfully. Few ever consider the "Supe" classes as rangers, though all rangers aspired to the promotional opportunities the titles implied. Administrative titles have "falsefronted" technical titles in many classes. Remember when Ranger grades 1, 2, and 3 were badges labelled "Chief Ranger", "Assistant Ranger", and "Deputy Ranger", respectively. There were just no plain rangers in those days, only "classy" ones! (and anybody knows that a deputy is outranked by an assistant. Ask any deputy director!)

/s/ Earl P. Hanson

A one-time Deputy Chief who was always outranked by his assistants.

TO: All Officers and Regional Directors

Jan. 20, 1970

You will recall that several years ago, at the G.E.C. in Santa Barbara I believe, the Board of Directors voted to accept the State Board of Control recommendations for expenses. We have been paying this allotment - \$18.00 per day and \$.09 per mile. Recently this per diem was raised to \$22.00 and \$.11 per mile.

If the Association pays the new rate for attendance at G.E.C., our costs will go up approximately \$400.00.

I am recommending that we use the old rate (\$18.00 - \$.09 per mile) for the 1970 G.E.C. The Ways and Means Committee and the new Board can then review the matter and make a decision based on finances available and need.

Please indicate to me whether you approve or disapprove of maintaining the \$18.00 - \$.19 per mile rate.

Let me know your decisions by February 1. Thanks.

/s/ RICHARD L. BROCK, President, CSPRA

TO: All Officers and Regional Directors

Jan. 20, 1970

Subject: Resolutions for 1970 G.E.C.

After talking to CSPRA Secretary Doug Bryce, it appears that we will have very few resolutions to act on at G.E.C. I am wondering if you have talked to the members in your respective Regions? Have you asked for resolutions? Have you informed the membership that their resolutions are one method for establishing the policy and goals of this Association?

The deadline for normal submission of resolutions has passed, however, you may continue to submit resolutions to Doug Bryce PROVIDED they are signed by three or more Delegates and received by Doug before 12:00 noon, March 4, 1970.

You were elected to represent your Region. Please help with your active participation.

RICHARD L. BROCK, President, CSPRA.

1970 CSPRA General Council Resolution;

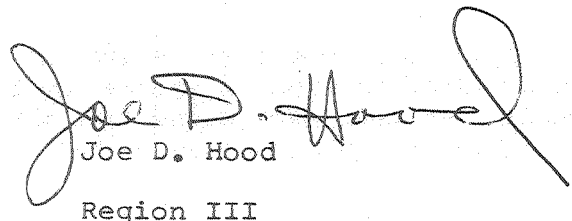
Whereas We the Field Rangers of the California State Park System are Professional Rangers.

Therefore We should be recognized as such and receive all the benefits and responsibilities of our professional position.

Be it resolved that; The Department of Parks and Recreation delete work week 4B for the field personnel and in its place use work week 4A.

Be it also resolved that: The Department of Parks and Recreation make sure that the field employees checks be in the hand of all the Area Managers no later than 1600 (4:00 pm) on the last day of the pay period.

Be it also resolved that: The Department work unceasingly toward keeping the salaries of the field personnel ahead of the prevailing rates. This would help insure that the California State Park System will be able to recruit and keep the best possible Park people in the nation.


Joe D. Hood
Region III

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Out of the mouths of
babes come words we
shouldn't have said in
the first place.
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When a man brings his
wife flowers for no rea-
son---there's a rea-
son.
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Suppose you're driving along the freeway at a steady 65 m.p.h. when suddenly your left front tire blows out. As in any emergency, the first rule is: DON'T PANIC. You'll feel the car pulling left, and there will be a strong shake in the whole front end. Keep the wheels pointing straight ahead. With power steering, that's easy. Without it, get a good grip on the wheel and hold it steady. Don't brake. Wait until you have recovered full control of the car, then brake gently. Make a turn signal and park on the shoulder. If it's a rear tire that blows, it's even more important to keep the car straight and avoid touching the brakes until the car is stabilized. Tests have shown that the most dangerous speed for a blowout is about 50 m.p.h. At lower speeds, the car is easily slowed; at higher speeds, the force of the blowout is small in relation to the energy of the moving vehicle, and the car tends to stay in balance.

View From Mt. Diablo Vanishing

When Bob Stewart, the head ranger at Mt. Diablo, looks down into the valleys below, the view is "appalling."

And what's even more appalling, he says, is that on some days there isn't even a view — just a thick layer of brown smog.

This worries 54-year-old Stewart who has spent most of his life working in California's state parks.

"Eventually the smog level will rise and destroy the parks as it does the valleys below," Stewart commented.

Stewart added that the smog level is creeping up the mountain.

"A few years ago, it was restricted to the lower levels of the valleys, now it is at the 1,500 foot level," he said.

That's quite a sad fate for mountain that's estimated to be 300 million years old, Stewart noted.

His living and working on top of Mt. Diablo for 13 years has given Stewart an appre-

ciation of relatively clean air and open spaces.

Stewart frequently makes trips down the mountain to the cities in the central county, but he said he doesn't often look forward to these trips.

"I feel uncomfortable when I go into town. When you spend years in a park and then you're suddenly thrust into a city, the atmosphere there seems hostile. Whenever I go to town, I look forward to getting back to the park," Stewart said.

Stewart's job at the park is "mainly administrative." He is in charge of 15 employees and is also the head of the state park district for this area. The district includes Mt. Diablo State Park, Henry Coe State Park near Morgan Hill, and the Contra Costa Riding and Hiking trails which wind their way from Martinez through five central county cities to Mt. Diablo.

Life on the mountain never gets lonely, Stewart said.

"How can you be lonely with over half a million visitors a year coming to the

mountain?" Stewart asked.

He added that this reflects quite an increase over the past few years. Not long ago the mountain was visited by only 125,000 persons a year.

The increase in the visitors to Mt. Diablo is reflected directly in growth of the residential communities in the valleys below, he pointed out.

Stewart said the park system is keeping an eye on the residential growth around the base of the mountain.

"We are constantly in a race between residential and growth and open lands. The encroachment of subdivisions on primitive lands is a hazard.

He explained that he has met with State Sen. John Nejedly and has asked him to recommend that the legislature approve the acquisition of 13,000 acres to be added to the 7,000 acres now occupied by Mt. Diablo State Park. This would bring the total acreage of the park to 20,000. The entire mountain consists of 100,000 acres.

"I am concerned that the population threat is so great

that soon we will have to turn to now-protected parklands for agricultural expansion," Stewart said. "Our entire efforts may be turned to just feeding the vast populace."

"It's a frightening thought to think that all our land may be used to grow food to feed the people of the nation," he emphasized.

Stewart commented that perhaps money, such as that spent by the government in the space program, could have been more wisely spent trying to solve the social ills of the country.

"The irony of it is that our problems grow with lack of attention, and it takes more money to solve them when we get around to it," he said.

"I'm concerned about the future more than I used to be," Stewart said.

"Nature has a way of assimilating to different sets of environments. Any creature that can't adapt disappears," Stewart noted.

"That's what happened to the dinosaur, and that could be the destiny of man," he said somberly.



Bob Stewart worries about smog and population threat.

Calif. Poly Aims For Qualified Park Maintenance Training

California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg-Voorhis, Pomona is one of the colleges doing something about the shortage of high caliber park maintenance men. This suburban, Los Angeles County college offers a major in park administration through its ornamental horticulture department.

Only a handful of colleges offer a land-oriented major in park administration. As a result, most new professionals entering the parks and recreation field are more thoroughly trained in recreation programming than in maintenance and development. This makes it difficult for agencies to fill supervisory level maintenance positions with educated men who are capable of advancing further.

Further information can be obtained by writing to O. A. Batcheller, Chairman, Ornamental Horticulture Department, California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg-Voorhis, Pomona, Calif. 91766. ●

EDITORIAL POLICY. To promote the Association's objectives and the professional interests of the membership of the California State Park Rangers Association. Letters from members (and others) of interest to professional rangers are encouraged. Reports from officers, regions, and committees will be printed. All information relative to the professional interests of rangers is welcome and solicited.

Due to the geographical location of members, the REPORTER hopes to be the means of communication of ideas, thoughts, problems, solutions and professional matters between members.

Neil E. Pover



(AP Wirephoto)

There's No Way Out

A park ranger demonstrates the use of a special bear trap used to capture animals who make pests of them-

selves in Glacier National Park. The rangers met last week to review the entire bear control program.

Problems

Man vs. Bear in U.S. Parks

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — How to keep man and wild beast separated is one of the big problems of the men who run the nation's parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

For those at Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks the job is to reduce—if not eliminate completely—encounters between grizzly and black bears and human beings and thus make campgrounds safer.

Officials at the two parks say research and intensification of control programs will continue through the winter hibernation months in anticipation of 3.2 million visitors during the next tourist season.

Happy Ground

"We're looking at the entire bear management program," said William Briggie, superintendent of Glacier. "We are taking increasing precautions to see bears and people don't become involved with each other—trying to find a happy ground so to speak. All we need is help from the public."

Briggie explained tourists must be constantly informed of the dangers of

bears. "They are wild animals and when persons go into the back country they do it under backcountry terms."

The estimated combined grizzly populations at both parks totals nearly 450 animals. There are about 800 black bears.

Four Injured

During the just-ended tourist season there were three grizzly-human collisions resulting in injury to four persons at Yellowstone and Glacier.

Only one serious black bear encounter occurred at the parks. It happened recently at Yellowstone when the animal jumped into a car through a window and extensively injured two park employees from Gardiner, Mont.

"But there were a few other minor bites and scratches, some caused by feeding bears, and we're sure many other minor injuries were not reported," said Vern Hennessey, assistant superintendent at Yellowstone.

Citations

He noted 29 persons were cited for feeding bears in the park before it closed Oct. 31 after hosting nearly 2.2 million visitors. Feeding bears, Hennessey said, is a misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail, up to \$500 fine or both.

Although there was only one bear-caused injury in Glacier, Briggie said there were six reports of persons meeting the animals on backcountry trails or in campgrounds. He also said there were 23 separate cases of property damage

in Glacier involving black bears and grizzlies.

One grizzly and three

black bears were immobilized and transported away from congested areas,

while 16 other black bears were snared and released on fringe areas.

Don't Adopt 'Lost' Fawns!

Each year at this time a number of well meaning but misguided people can be expected to adopt fawns, according to the Department of Fish and Game.

People who pick up these and other young animals in the belief they need assistance almost always are creating problems for themselves and for the deer, the DFG says.

Here are three things to remember if you should come across a fawn on your outdoor travels:

1. Young deer require special care and feeding which the average person cannot provide.

2. If the animal should survive, it can become a bothersome and at times a dangerous pet. Each year the Department learns of persons injured or killed by "pet" deer.

3. And last but not least, it's against the law to possess a deer, even a young one.

Remember, the DFG says, even if a fawn appears to have been abandoned by its mother, the chances are that she is close by and will return to resume her maternal duties if the young animal is not disturbed.

Persons finding fawns whose mothers have been killed should notify the Department of Fish and Game.

THE POLITICS OF POLLUTION

One of the great issues of the 1970s will be the environment. For more than three centuries man has exploited this continent with little thought of the morrow. The days of the spoiler are numbered. An aroused public will not tolerate indiscriminate destruction of forests, desecration of the landscape, pollution of the air and streams and seas.

We have a mission in preparing leadership that can use constructive ways to achieve conservation of natural resources. The sanctions against wasters and polluters are not so strong as many of us would like. Citizens who lack patience will be tempted to by-pass the hard work of choosing conservation-minded officials or presenting a strong case to planning bodies and turn instead to direct action, possibly violence.

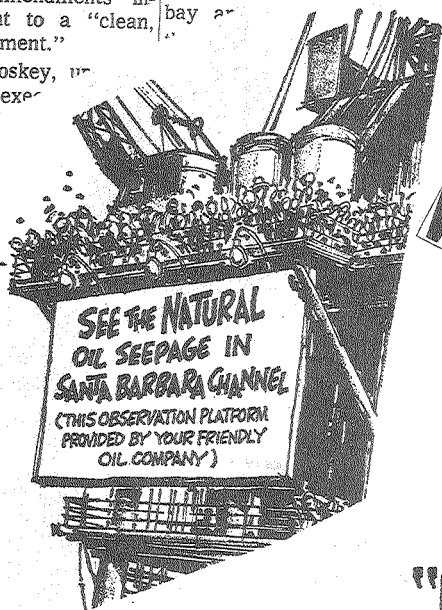
Water and Air: The Limiting Factors in Man's Existence

Sierra Club Adopts Plan For Cleaner Environment

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The Sierra Club has announced it will seek federal and state constitutional amendments insuring the right to a "clean, healthy environment."

Michael McCloskey, an appointment as executor at a national conservation directorate.

The directors also record opposed to planned by S-bay a



"Yes, sir-e-e, this'll get more votes than 'fight communism'!"

"One of the ugliest clouds overhanging America."

—David E. Lilienthal

"Once a bright hope shared by all mankind, including myself," writes the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, "the rash proliferation of atomic power plants has become one of the ugliest clouds overhanging America. Whether the pace can be slowed, it is difficult to say; but that this book will have to be answered by those responsible for this proliferation... seems to me clear." PERILS OF THE PEACEFUL ATOM is far and away the most comprehensive and sensible statement ever made about the hazards and the limitations of atomic power.

Deadline for Man's Survival

ISSUE: There is little time left to reclaim the environment from the mess we have made of it. Will we meet the challenge?

Return to a Polluted Planet

ISSUE: Has man become aware in time of the way in which he has allowed his environment to become polluted and made ugly?

There is a kind of grim irony in the elaborate precautions being taken to assure that returning Apollo 12 astronauts do not contaminate the earth. It would be difficult indeed to conceive of many other ways in which this planet could be polluted. We have managed to make the environment almost unbearable on our air.

If rhetoric could t would very soon be state. But much needed to thwart depredation. • Allhour Barbar wor

Thanks to

Paul W. Minton
1746 Pereira Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA

Hi Neil,

Have had quite a few comments about the run-off for V.P. -- on the page with the election results it stated that a ballot would be mailed out for the run-off. Several pages later it stated that a post card should be mailed. I wonder how many people saw this? This type of election could be contested if it were for a vital office or if the candidates desperately wanted the office.

This is just something to keep in mind for future elections.

/ S / Renie Laret /

Oops!! Sorry 'bout that. By now you should have received another ballot from Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary.

Neil Power

UNIFORM FOR SALE, complete, hat 7 1/8, with band and press; jacket 48 short; pants 26 inseam, 40 waist; belt like new; all for \$50.00

Contact Mrs. Francis Fisher, 630 34th Ave. Santa Cruz, CA. 95060

Editor
Neil Power:

Dec. 29, 1969

Ever since the beginning of law enforcement, armed peace officers have been killed in the line of duty.

According to Bob Allens statement, 64 peace officers were killed in the line of duty in 1968. All of these peace officers were armed with guns.

State Park Rangers have been ~~at~~ unarmed since the start of the state park system.

How many have been shot or killed?



Think about it: "Think small---big ideas upset everyone."

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