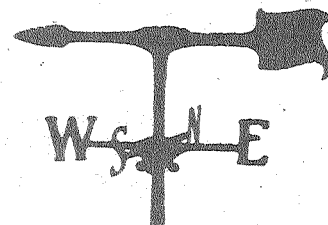


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REPORTER



News from North, East, South, and West.

May 5, 1970

President's Message

I would like to express my appreciation to those of you who worked so hard in making the 1970 G.E.C. a success. Many of the wives pitched in too, helping with registration and hosting guests that were invited, and I want to thank them too.

The total attendance was not as large as it could have been but those that did attend were active and participated in the various committee meetings, particularly the Resolutions Committee.

As you noted in the G.E.C. minutes the Reporter is now a permanent publication of our Association and Neil Power was appointed as Editor and Publisher. Please send Neil any and all information you may have that would be of interest and value to other readers of the Reporter.

I, also, request that you send to Ed Earl newspaper clippings of C.S.P.R.A. Activities, photos, and information of retirement from the Department. Ed is going to collect and catalog all data of the Association and it's members. If you have a good photo of yourself please send it to Ed along with a short history of yourself and your career in the Department.

Plans are already under way for the 1971 G.E.C., which will be held in the Santa Barbara Area in mid-March. Jack Welch has accepted the Chairmanship and will appreciate your comments and suggestions as to how to best serve you at the annual G.E.C. meeting.

I met with Don Cardno of C.S.E.A. last week and we discussed among other things what our chances were of obtaining a salary increase above the 5% general increase that is being proposed. Don said that he did not believe that the State Park Rangers would receive any salary increase for inequities that may exist. As you know the Personnel Board was recommending a 10% increase for Park Rangers.

I would also like to express my sympathy to Ranger George Leetch and Ranger Harold Habel. Dorothy Leetch and Gladys Habel will be missed by all of us that have known them for so many years.

Wesley E. Cater
President

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance 1/1/70	\$3,565.37
Dues	2,184.35
Exhibits & Raffle	1,739.23
G E C	3,183.97
Board of Directors	86.82
Newsletter	265.89
Exec. Secretary	250.00
Staff Services	390.43
Contingency	15.00
Committees	117.60
Balance 5/10/70	3,179.24

G E C EXPENSES

G E C Committee	\$280.28
Printing	339.82
Orchestra	140.00
Honored Guests	64.60
Cal. ST. Pk. Foundation	100.00
Recording Secretary	105.00
Sac. Transit Authority	32.00
Travel & Per Diem	2,122.27
Grand Total	3,183.97
Received- Exhibits & Raffle	1,739.23
Net Cost	\$1,444.74

A RANGER'S IMAGE

There has been concern expressed, since the Department of Parks and Recreation began law enforcement training, that the California State Park Ranger was going to lose his good public image and become, in the public's eye, a "cop".

Whatever that Ranger's image, it is the product of many men's effort over a sizable period of years. We like to think of it as portraying a man of patience, capability, personality, poise, good will and many other things that are essential to a really professional performance of the Ranger's duties. Every man that wears the Ranger uniform either enhances that image or "tarnishes" it.

The fact that he has had training in the proper methods of enforcing the law does not reflect in his attitude toward his responsibilities unless he permits himself to become badge happy or lets the enforcement part of his duties take on unwarranted importance.

Today's California State Park Ranger faces responsibilities that few professions can equal in diversified skills. He must manage public funds, he must acquaint all who will listen with the facts of life on ecology, environment and their importance to the survival of the human race, he must maintain public facilities in safe and usable condition, and provide security for the park visitor. In a large park area the Ranger in charge is virtually the Mayor, Chief of Police, Captain of the Fire Department, and public relations expert of a small city. One of the most important charges we face today is to make the California State Parks safe for the public to use. Here is where the professional, well-trained Ranger functions. He must know what to do in situations that arise, but more important what not to do.

Whether we like it or not a certain amount of "enforcement" is specified in the California State Park Ranger's qualifications. Since we are leaders in the field of State Park operations let us regard enforcement training as just one more part of our responsibility and determine to carry out that obligation in a truly professional manner. That can only be done with sufficient training.

You can approach a difficult problem with a great deal more confidence if you know how to react in that particular situation.

Let us not be too concerned about the public thinking we are "cops" when we are only trying to increase our capability to do the things we are required to do when we accept a pay check for protecting the California State Park System and making that system safe for public use and enjoyment.

The law enforcement agencies on a local and State level are ready to help us with our problems, but there will be times when we must take action by ourselves. We need to be capable when those conditions arise.

We have pressed for more training in the enforcement field for many years. Now that we have that training let's put it to good use in a way that fits our philosophy of State Parks and their relationship to the public. The only way the Ranger image can be hurt by training in law enforcement is by the Ranger using that training improperly. Now that you have had training in law enforcement why don't you just go on being the good Rangers you always have been with some additional expertise to help you if you get in a pinch. Your image will not suffer by trained capability in all phases of your work.

Lloyd Lively

NEW MEMBERS

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Stinson Beach, Calif.		

Ecology Column
CSPRA Reporter

We have all read and know something about environmental pollution. But what can we as individuals do about it? Recycling is part of the solution. If we compare the resources on our planet with the resources inside a space satellite we can see that our resources are finite. There is a complete cycle involved in this satellite and we as consumers are breaking the cycle by using more resources than can be reproduced and creating more waste than we can handle.

NATURAL RESOURCES → INDUSTRY → PRODUCTS → CONSUMER → WASTE

By adding recycling to this chain we can conserve our natural resources and reduce our waste.

NATURAL RESOURCES → INDUSTRY → PRODUCTS → CONSUMER → WASTE
↑ ↑ ↓
RECYCLING

Reduce the amount of waste you produce by considering what will happen to each item you purchase. Things like cellophane, waxed paper, styro-foam, and plastics are not bio-degradable. They are also unsuitable for recycling, and will be on our planet for many years. Avoid them whenever possible.

Recycle all things you do not need. When considering recycling, first re-use the item in its original form (cardboard box as a box). If this is not possible, utilize it for its material content (cardboard used by waste paper industry).

Try to find new ways of recycling common household items and send the ideas to this column.

Give usable clothing to one of the charity organizations operating a second hand store and purchase some of your clothes in a second hand store.

Keep a bucket in your kitchen for your food scraps. Bury them in the back yard about 6" deep so they don't attract flies or dogs. They will decompose and fertilize the soil.

Make a compost heap with your leaves, lawn clippings, and vegetable scraps. Mix 1/2 leaves, etc., 1/4 manure, and 1/4 topsoil with some limestone and bone meal. The resulting mixture will decompose into a fertile soil additive usefull in organic gardening. By growing your own food you can reduce packaging waste and get good nutritious food.

The greater part of metals used around the house will be in the form of cans. The present day tin can is actually a steel can with a tin plate. These cans will decompose after about 25 years of exposure to the elements. The new aluminum pull tops will take 100 years. Save the aluminum pull tops to be recycled with the aluminum cans.

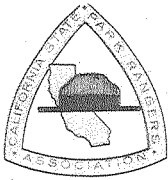
Aluminum drink cans are recognized by the seamless molded bottoms. Coca-cola, Fanta, Busch Bavarian, Hamm's, Coors, Budweiser and Buckhorn are in all aluminum containers. If you purchase these containers it is your responsibility to recycle them. Flatten by stepping in the center and then stepping on each end.

Reynolds Aluminum company, Coors Beer distributors and other companies with distributors in small towns will pay about 1/2 cent per can or 10 cents per pound. Generally all cans must be flattened. If there is a choice, boycott all items that are in "one way containers". Use returnable bottles or aluminum cans.

We are in a position to think large and small. We can think about home where we use an occasional aluminum can, but what about the garbage collection in our park unit. We can think about our backyard compost pile, but what about a park scale compost pile, which can be used on grounds work.

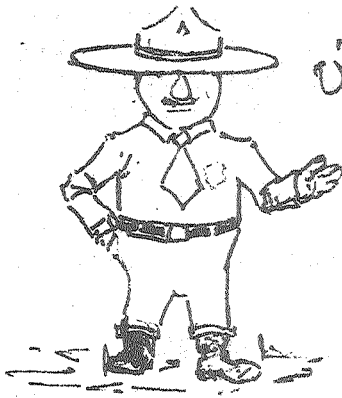
Remember! An empty garbage can is a sign of ecological living.
Let's keep ours empty.

Garlad Salzgeber
Salton Sea SRA



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WHY SHOULD I JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION ?

WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT ?

You and I have heard these questions so many times. My answer is belligerent. I reply "not a damn thing more than you put into it." Unless the abruptness of that answer terminates the conversation, and it usually does not, there is opened an opportunity for some down-to-earth discussion of the whys and wherefores of any civil service employees organization. I express my conviction that membership in an organization such as ours is an opportunity to advance and promote the interests and standards of our chosen profession as California State Park Rangers and the services we offer the public. As the discussion proceeds, agreement is usually reached that the individual owes a great deal more to his opportunity to work in the State Park Service than the Service owes to him.

Having won that round, the next one begins with a feint by my opponent who advances the statement:

"YES, BUT I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY DUES IN MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION."

I come back in this fashion, "My friend, your income and your disposition of it are none of my business, but have you ever stopped to figure out what percentage of your income you return in the form of dues to the California State Park Rangers Association and have you ever contrasted that with the annual cost of whatever pleasures you indulge in?"

In the meagerness of the dues we pay to the CSPRA, do we not ourselves set our own value on our employees organization? If we do not value it any higher, why should we be surprised if the public places no higher value on our public service?

The final obstacle raised by many sincere persons may be stated in this manner, "Yes, I agree with all you say, but I have a great many irons in the fire and I do not like to belong to any organization in whose affairs I cannot actively participate."

That statement deserves a softer answer. I say, "My friend, I understand and sympathize with that point of view, but I think it is fallacious. True, you and I cannot participate actively in every organization, we cannot spread ourselves too thin and still be effective, but some of us should support by our dues and by our votes the constructive programs of every organization striving to improve the public service of which you are a part.

If you cannot give your time and effort, you can give your name and your money to this work, and perhaps when you know more of what we are trying to do and see more clearly its importance, you will find time to actively give us a hand."

It is important that each and every member be fully aware of the purpose and objectives of the organization. We must understand the difference between C.S.E.A. and C.S.P.R.A. so that there can be no trespass on the responsibilities of each organization.

I would certainly encourage a more active part on the membership in general, in holding meetings in their individual regions, as the officers alone cannot assume the entire responsibility of making decisions that could effect the entire membership.

C.S.P.R.A. can only provide the State of California the professional services and recommendations of an organized body of public employees dedicated to the highest principles of public service with the full support of its membership.

Wes Cater

From : Department of Parks and Recreation
District 3

On March 15, 1970, during the night, Calaveras Big Trees' office and entrance station were broken into with a State flag, a U.S. flag, a speaker, and a hand-talkie taken; total value approximately \$1000.

The burglary was found at 0815 and the Calaveras Sheriff was immediately notified. They came in and were able to lift some latent prints, however, had no suspects.

Ranger Eugene Schaal, who completed the 80 hour enforcement training on 3/6/70, came up with information that three suspicious boys had been in the Park the prior evening. In discussing the matter with Park-Aide Glenda Newton, the license number of this car was found in the records, and this information was passed on to the Sheriff's Department. After the normal checks, the responsible subjects were located in the Bay Area. They readily admitted the crime.

As a result of Ranger Schaal's investigation and Miss Newton's recollections, all of the stolen property was recovered within 24 hours of the time it was taken.

I think this is a graphic example of the benefits of the Police Training program. It points out how our people can assist the local jurisdictions in carrying out their investigations. Congratulations to Gene on a job well done.

Don
DON BRAUCHAMP
Safety & Enforcement Specialist
District 3

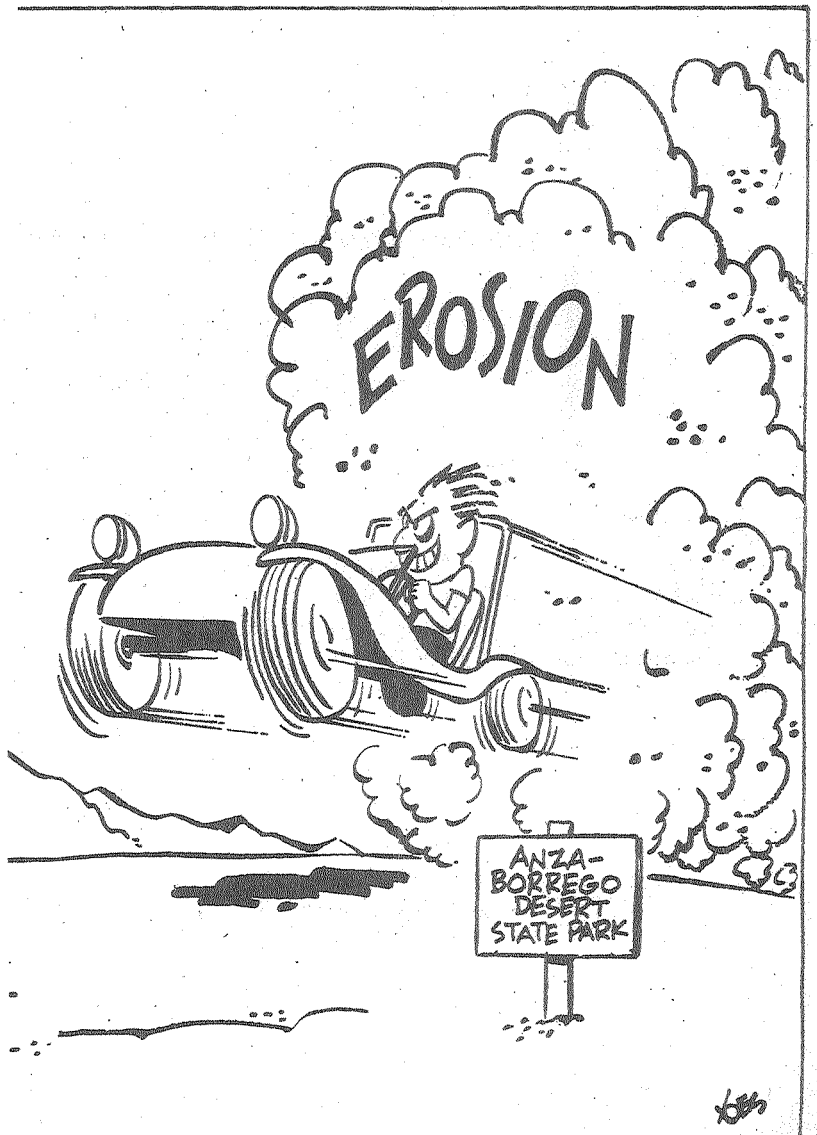
COMMENT

With the trial of the "Chicago 7" over, many of us think back to the part parks played in the Democratic Convention riots. As you recall, much of the mob mobilization, staging and action took place in Chicago Parks. Again, mobs in Berkeley rallied 'round a park which students "built" from land which was vacant, but designated for other use. It is unfortunate that the violence in many parts of the country has seen parks used as a base of operations.

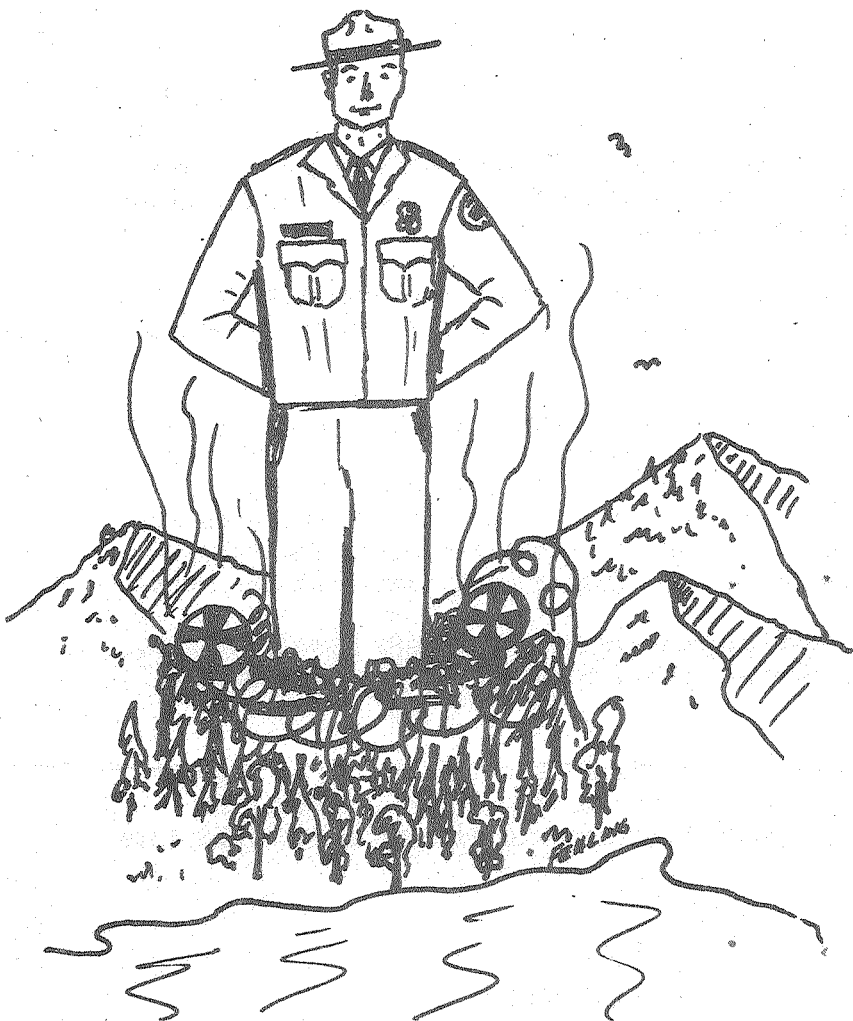
We think that park policy should certainly cover holding of gatherings or meetings in parks and that a permit should be required. The legality, rights, etc., can then be checked out with authorities when the permit is requested. We think administrators should take a positive stand toward the holding of authorized meetings in parks. In most cases the facilities are there, and proper controls of sound equipment, cleanup, etc., can be instituted. Labor, political and student rallies have their place in park settings. Whether we agree with what is said or not, this is a legitimate park use. The side effect is to point out to a lot of fervent people that these are their parks and that may help when the park department has a vested interest in land, facilities or budget and needs support.

Erik Madisen, Jr.
Editor

PARK MAINTENANCE, North America's leading magazine for administrators of parks, golf courses, campuses, and outdoor recreation areas, is published monthly to educate and inform persons who direct departments concerned with structures, equipment, supplies, and grounds maintenance.



Kent Hartwell



You may not believe this - but...
(a sequel)

JUST FOR TODAY I will live through the next 12 hours and not tackle my whole life problem at once.

JUST FOR TODAY I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.

JUST FOR TODAY I will not find fault with friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies--- hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

JUST FOR TODAY I will do two things I don't want to do, just for exercise.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially will I be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.--- O. CITY

"The best way to have friends is to be one"...

These familiar words by Ralph Waldo Emerson contain the key to man's most cherished possession... his friendships.

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