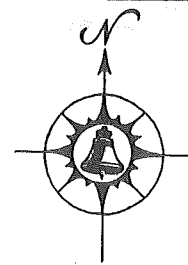


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Dunshee Trail

Commemorated

On June 30 the California State Park Rangers Assoc., in memory of the Association's first Honorary Ranger, commemorated the "Verna Dunshee Memorial Trail".

Wes Cater, Jr. Past President of CSPRA presented the plaque at the old "Twenty Minute Trail" on Mount Tamalpais.

Mr. Dunshee and Mel Whittaker unveiled the plaque. It reads, "Verna Dunshee Memorial Trail: The First Lady of The State Park System: She did so much for so many: Dedicated by the California State Park Rangers Association: June 30, 1973".

Among those present at the dedication were; Earl Hanson, Former Chief of Beaches and Parks; Everett Powell, Former Deputy Chief of Beaches and Parks; Bob Hatch, Chuck Lyden, George Collins, John Michael, and Leo Crawford.



VERNA DUNSHEE MEMORIAL TRAIL

UNVEILED.

From left: Wes Cater, Mr. Dunshee, Mel Whittaker unveil the plaque during the ceremony.

From the Editor

At the May deadline I found myself thumbing through some old copies of Borad Meeting and GEC Minutes, scratch pad notes, and news clippings trying desperately to solve the same old summer dilemma of not enough articles for the monthly printing of the REPORTER.

I decided to forgo the May issue and combine a May-June edition. An important consideration was, at this time, the two page May edition would have consisted mostly of only filler material, and that it is uneconomical to mail only two pages when the 8¢ postage requirement will mail twelve pages. I also had exceeded the 1972-73 budget, due to the mailing cost increases from 3rd Class non-profit to 1st Class.

Then more things began to happen. Late in June, the night before press day, a wee visitor to the editor's desk spilled honey on the final layout. Luckily the masthead was not ruined, but new mats had to be cut and lined.

Then word came of the planned commemoration of the Verna Dunshee Memorial Trail and the press date had to be slipped again. Still there was no news and articles coming in on the postal service, by carrier pigeon, pony express or CSPRA wire service.

Concurrently, I became involved in an eleven day holiday week of heavy 4th of July dune buggy traffic at Pismo and trying to keep an exceptionally talented summer campground management crew properly scheduled in order to effectively complete a unique interpretive program they have initiated this season. A feature story is planned at the close of summer.

To add more exasperation to this timely chain of events, I was trying to complete some grander plans to incorporate a host of fresh ideas in the REPORTER during this

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President's Message

By Jack Welch, President

On Saturday, June 30, 1973, we are scheduled to dedicate a memorial plaque to Honorary Ranger Verna K. Dunshee at the head of the "Twenty Minute Trail" on Mt. Tamalpais State Park.

The memorial is the result of the work of members John Michael and Doug Bryce, your contributions to the plaque fund, the approval by Director Mott, and the cooperation of Superintendent Bob Hatch and Golden Gate Area Manager Bill Allison. Doug is now engaged in pulling together a dedication ceremony. I thank everyone for supporting this tribute to Mrs. Dunshee, a grand lady whose lifelong efforts in conservation have made this old world a better place for us all. We hope some of you, at least, can be with us on this day.

Our Board meeting in Sacramento last May concerned itself mainly to setting directions for several committees and allotting operating budgets for the accomplishment of their programs. In addition, an insurance program for members was discussed and member Gerry Johnson has kindly consented to investigate this in detail. The directors have also chosen to formulate an employee relations program. Our next board meeting in Santa Cruz in September will hear continuing reports from standing committees and first reports from the new ones. Minutes will appear in the REPORTER to keep you up to date.

Jerry Henderson is Chairman of our Bond Act Committee. Jerry plans a concentrated campaign for the Association to promote proposition 1 between now and June 4, 1974. The success of this proposition at the polls is vital to keeping our State recreational systems in step with the public heed. I ask all of you to lend your efforts in the name



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FROM THE EDITOR, from Page 1

expected slow period. The purpose is to help stimulate some new viewpoints. I didn't get them all done, but here is the general drift.

The past months of editorship have been intentionally operated in a pretty strict advisory type capacity of following your leads. All new ideas from my desk, and/or brainstormed overheard from others have been referred to the Board of Directors to wait for them to act. Now I am going to print them as soon as they come to my attention.

Perhaps some of you have also hesitated to write up your proposals thinking it isn't worthy of printing. You might be surprised to learn others are thinking along the same line.

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Why So Tired ?

The next time people ask you why you are tired, tell them. Your exhaustion is fully justified and you can prove it by a few simple statistics: The U.S. has a population of 200 million. Of these, 72 million are over 65, leaving 128 million people to do the work. When you subtract from this the 75 million people under 21, you get 53 million. There are also 27,471,022 employed by the Federal Government in one capacity or another which leaves 25,528,998 to do the work. The 8 million in the Armed Forces leaves only 17,528,998 to do the work and when you subtract from this the 15 million on state and city government payrolls, and the 1,520,000 in hospitals, mental institutions, and similar places, the work force is reduced to 1,008,998.

Fine—but there are an estimated 800,500 bums, vagrants, and others with a pathological fear of work. That leaves 208,498 people to carry the national workload, 208,496 of whom are presently behind bars. Which, brother, leaves you and me. And I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired.

From Quote

Commendation Given

Rodger Kellogg has received a "Resolution of Heroism" from the state.

Assemblyman Don McGillivray presented the commendation for Rodger's "exceptional courage and stamina" when he went into the sea last April to save the life of an Arroyo Grande man.

The REPORTER covered the story in the April edition. All of us at Pismo State Beach are proud to be an associate of Rodger.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, from page 1

of our Association to pass this issue. It's important and if you have any helpful suggestions for Jerry, send them to him.

While I'm about it, let me mention again this is election year for several Association positions and you should start thinking now whether you want to put just a little bit of yourself and your time into the organization. I'll tell you now, you won't make any money and you'll never have time to do all the things you want to do but, above all that, you'll find total involvement in what you believe in and satisfaction in doing whatever you can to move the mountain an inch at a time. And a group of great and damn competent guys to work with! Try it, you may just like it!

At our last meeting, I tried an idea on for size with the other officers and directors. Now I'd like to have your reaction. The idea is this. Do you believe we could promote and strengthen our Association if we opened the membership to the U.S. National Park Service Rangers? At present they have no organization as such and I have it from a source within NPS that these rangers would welcome such an opportunity. I believe it would work to everyone's advantage and would truly carry out our objective of "Exchange of professional thought." Think about it and let me know through your Regional Director.

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Editorial

President Jack Welch has inquired in this edition about membership being opened to members of the National Park Service. In his President's Message this month he asks, if we could promote and strengthen our Association by admitting NPS Rangers. He says that there are some NPS rangers who would join.

I have also had inquiries from some private and county park operators who are interested in joining the CSPRA.

This subject has been discussed repeatedly at Board meetings and Regional meetings. There are many differences of opinions. Suppose we concentrated our energy and time spent in this never ending argument of adding to the membership roles towards a more explicit definition and accomplishment of our goals.

It seems to me that regardless of the classes of membership you have, their active interest cannot be purchased by just a long membership list. By all means, let's continue to study the requirements for our membership classes, because we could use the talents of every person interested in our cause.

But again, just exactly what is our cause and when and how are we going to accomplish it?

Please note the change of address for your news and letters to the REPORTER. I can keep better control of the incoming mail if I get it here at home. It also saves the yearly rental of a P.O. Box.

The "EVENTS CALENDAR" on page 4 can be used by you to indicate events that are closely associated with your units as well as announcing meetings, etc. Let's show what is happening over the state. Here are some examples that you should put in.

Mission Days at LaPurisama
Mission

Pismo Clam Festival
Annual Fire Muster at Columbia

Be sure to include the time, date and place.

These are examples of what you should put in the Calendar. You must let me know way ahead. Regional Directors, please let me know when your meetings are.

MINUTES

California State Park Rangers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sacramento, California
May 12, 1973

President, Jack Welch called meeting to order at 0915.

Board members present:

Jack Welch, President
Herman Schlerf, Vice President
Wes Cater, Jr. Past President
Joe Hood, Region I Director
Mel Badger, Region II Director
Caleb Smith, Region III Director
Ron McCall, Region IV Director
Lou Wakefield, Region V Director
Dick Brock, Region VII Director
Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary
Pat Cloney, Recording Secretary

Committee Chairman present:

John Kolb, Interpretive Needs Committee
Don Patton, 1974 GEC Committee
Ray Patton, Education & Training Committee
Oren Welch, REPORTER Editor

Guests present:

Earl Hanson
Mel Whittaker

President Welch announced that Region VI Director Loren Dietz had resigned. Jerry Henderson, Alternate Regional Director, will assume the Regional Director's duties but was unable to be present at this meeting.

The current proposal for re-districting will affect the Regional Director position in Region V. New mailing lists will be out after July 1st when re-districting and the current series of moves are accomplished.

President Welch stated the purpose of this meeting was to set directives and allot funds to the new committees and programs. We have \$5,000 in the budget for these new programs.

Per Diem Allowance

Discussion on raising the per diem allowance from the present \$18 per day and 7¢ per mile to \$22 per day and 9¢ per mile. Doug Bryce said if the per diem were raised, it would take approximately \$1,000 additional out of the new program money or the reserve money to augment the present allotment for travel expense. Herman Schlerf asked for comments on how everyone was getting along on the existing rate of \$18. Wes Cater said the present amount is not enough for the average member due to increases in motels, meals and gas. Wes Cater felt \$22 and 9¢ were an absolute minimum. Lou Wakefield agreed. Wes Cater said otherwise the Board members were subsidizing CSPRA. Mel Whittaker pointed out when the original travel allowances were set it was at prevailing state rates and it was intended to be that way. It is time to up-grade them since the dues have been up-graded also. Dick Brock was in favor of raising the allowance. Caleb Smith felt we should be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses and was in favor. John Kolb asked if the Committees received travel expenses and was this included. Doug Bryce replied it was included. Ron McCall said a minimum of \$22 is certainly in line.

MOTION: Wes Cater, increase the per diem allowance to \$22 per day and 9¢ per mile, effective July 1, 1973.

SECONDED: Mel Badger

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

\$1,000 will be taken from the new programs money to cover the increase.

1974 GEC REPORT

Committee consists of: Don Patton, Chairman
Bill Krumbein
Curt Mitchell
Denzil Verardo

The committee has discussed the activities and times for events. Saturday morning would be for the business meeting and the afternoon for other programs. Eastman-Kodak may put on two programs on photography similar to those they use to train the National Park Service people at Grand Canyon and Harper's Ferry, "How to Take Pictures" and "How to Present an Effective Visual Program". Josh Barkin, a naturalist with East Bay Regional Park District could present a program. Someone from the Department could speak on the new sign program. We could have panels on Urban Park Problems and the Coastline Commissions. People from the University of California at Santa Cruz are available. Fish and Game people could provide information on wildlife management. We could have talks on controlled burning and environmental management. The theme could be, "Total Involvement in the Parks". Don Patton will ask for suggestions and help through the REPORTER.

Ron McCall said the Santa Cruz Convention Bureau will help with the work and will provide covers for the program and help with the typing and advertising.

Jack Welch asked the Chairman to obtain the same room each day for the meeting and that there be an adequate communications system.

Doug Bryce and Herman Schlerf said \$1,500 has been allotted to the 1974 GEC plus whatever comes in for advertising.

Jack Welch set December 15th as the deadline for advertising and the program information to be completed so it can be printed and go out to the members by January 1st. The program is to include the names of the newly elected officials since the election results should be known by that time.

Oren Welch will make out a form for handling advertising. Checks are to be made payable to CSPRA.

Doug Bryce pointed out we will be installing officers and may be presenting Honorary Ranger Awards and they should have some time to speak. The evening should be considered as entertainment and does not need a guest speaker. Jack Welch thought we could start hearing the Resolutions at 10 or 11 A.M. on Friday, finish the business portion Saturday morning and leave the afternoon for other activities like a guest speaker, panels, etc. In the past Division Chiefs have been well received in panel discussions and perhaps should be considered.

Herman Schlerf said approximately \$3,000 is needed in advertising; \$1500 will come from the budget. Oren Welch needs the names of vendors to contact for advertising. Mel Whittaker suggested contacting Zone Management for the major car manufacturers and contacting the gasoline companies.

Don Patton will contact Jack Welch directly in arranging the program.

Jack Welch asked that the President's Hospitality Hour be included again on the program.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Doug Bryce announced he will resign July 1 if someone wants to take over his job or if the Board wants to appoint someone. The Board felt Doug was doing a tremendous job and many recommended he be reappointed for another five years. Doug asked that the REPORTER carry an announcement asking if anyone is interested in the job.

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Richard Keleske of Common Remitter System of Sacramento spoke to the Board about setting up special insurance programs for CSPRA, such as medical, dental, life, car and disability. Since Mr. Keleske works in Sacramento, Jack Welch asked Doug Bryce to find a committee chairman to work with Mr. Keleske on an insurance program. Doug Bryce will select a chairman from the Sacramento Area. The Committee will report to the Board on the possibilities. Caleb Smith suggested fidelity insurance to cover such things as employees having to pay the difference over \$500 if the money is stolen and other such things along this line. Several members seemed unaware of employees having to pay the difference. Jack Welch appointed Dick Brock a committee of one to check into this matter. It may be necessary to then appoint a committee to protect the rights of the employee. This item will be discussed at the next meeting. Mel Whittaker pointed out that CSPRA should be working on all phases of employee welfare.

INTERPRETIVE NEEDS COMMITTEE

Some time back CSPRA wrote the Director regarding Ranger participation in State and County Fairs. The Director said no. CSPRA decided to help by buying interpretive equipment for the Department. The Interpretive Equipment Needs Committee was formed with John Kolb as Chairman to study the interpretive needs of each Area within the State. From this list we would develop a list of priorities and within the money we have, fulfill the needs.

Committee members are: John Kolb, Chairman
John Knott, Region I
Pat Weise, Region II
Don Hoyle, Region IV
Mike Bartoo, Region V
Russ Lavenson, Region V
Phil Claud, Region VI

Doug Bryce suggested appointing Bud Heacox as the member from Region VII.

John Kolb said the committee would have to form a set of guidelines for establishing priorities.

1. Purchasing that would be beneficial to more than one Area within the State.
2. Regional or District allotment could be used throughout the region or district such as buying a movie, etc.

Doug Bryce suggested buying copies of the film being prepared for the 1974 Bond Issue as the film is to be suitable for showing after the Bond Issue. We could put a leader on the start of the film saying contributed by CSPRA. Doug also pointed out that the State Park Foundation will be buying up to \$22,000 worth of interpretive equipment and maybe we should wait until that equipment has been bought and then go from there. John Kolb said he would check on the legal aspects of putting a leader on a film and then

wait for the outcome of the \$22,000 worth of interpretive equipment provided by the State Park Foundation.

Herman Schlerf asked if John Kolb checked on what the Rangers are doing on their own. The Rangers are providing many low cost items of interpretation. Maybe we should be looking into that phase. Not just equipment.

It was decided that the name for the committee should be the Interpretive Needs Committee. \$1500 of the New Programs money was set aside for interpretive needs.

PURPOSE OF CSPRA

Mel Whittaker reminded the Board the purpose of CSPRA was to support and improve working conditions and suggested an Employee Relations Committee with a Regional Director as Chairman. Jack Welch asked the Directors what they thought about the idea of opening the membership to other states, etc. Dick Brock said at one time CSPRA considered inviting counties and other states to participate.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Committee members are: Ray Patton, Chairman
Bob Bird
George Cook
Dick Sly
John Knott
Wes Chapin
Roger Werts

Jack Welch said the committee was to use the dues money in a training program that would benefit the members and offer them the opportunity of education and training. The committee is to explore the present training program put on by the Department and explore cross over training at a lower level. Doug Bryce reminded that of the \$1500 budgeted for Education and Training, \$450 is committed to two Audubon Scholarships. This is done once a year when the Regional Directors contact their membership and interested members submit their names. The Regional Director puts the names in a hat and selects one, then the name is submitted to the Board and put in a hat and two names are drawn at a Board meeting. Doug Bryce suggested limiting these other scholarships to \$50-\$75 so more members have a chance to participate. Ray Patton is to check on what the Department training program will cover and what we can do to promote training.

Ray Patton mentioned the sources of training available to members such as extension courses through the University of California, correspondence courses and local community college programs. Ray reported he had contacted a local community college and they would set up a course to our specifications. Jack Welch directed the committee to set up a course to our specifications. Jack Welch directed the committee to also set up some guidelines for the Board of Directors to review and approve at the next Board meeting.

Ray Patton would like to see more professional articles in NEWS AND VIEWS and the REPORTER. Maybe a professor from University of California, Davis could submit an article.

Ray Patton asked what the Department's policy was on cross over training. Dick Brock replied a training assignment is for two years and must be a

benefit to the Department. One of Jack Welch's goals for the year, as expressed in his Presidential Message at GEC, is to investigate the possibility of cross-over training at the lower levels, such as Maintenance Man and Ranger I exchanging positions. ✓ Dick Brock repoied that this would cause physical work problems because a Ranger I might not possess the skills necessary to accomplish a maintenance job. This could not be done formally, but could be done informally in each Area on a day-to-day basis.

Jack Welch asked the committee to investigate the criteria for Departmental training assignments, the needs and opportunities and make recommendations on how the present system can be changed or improved and find out the type of positions and how they are selected and why.

AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIPS

Herman Schlerf suggested naming the Audubon Scholarships for Verna Dunshee.

MOTION: Herman Schlerf, that the two Audubon Scholarships be named "The Verna Dunshee Memorial Audubon Scholarship Fund".

SECONDED: Wes Cater

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1974 BOND ACT

Jerry Henderson submitted a report on his plans for the 1974 Bond Issue. July, August, and September articles will appear in the REPORTER asking for commitments of help. October—start writing to clubs and groups asking for speaking dates for the months of April to June. Prepare handout. January—prepare a kit for members to work from. March—GEC presentation April—speeches to clubs, etc. Shortly before election we should start handing out literature to the public. We will be doing this as an Association, on our own time and not in uniform. \$1500 has been allotted to the Bond Act Committee.

CSPRA CORRESPONDENCE

Jack Welch will try to get more CSPRA items to NEWS AND VIEWS fro publishing.

FIREARMS

Ron McCall discussed the need for more authorized Areas to carry firearms, and said some want to arm all Trainees after they finish their 200 hours of law enforcement training. Some want potential problem Areas armed because of isolation, etc., and the time required to get help. Ron Asked if the Association would make a suggestion on this. Wes Cater replied CSPRA supported the original idea of firearms. Lou Wakefield said we should take a stand on letting the Rangers buy their own equipment. Ron McCall said the Rangers should be allowed to buy their own equipment because we are getting such inferior equipment and nothing can be done. Several members present suggested stronger specifications. Jack Welch asked Ron McCall to make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting on area authorization and type of equipment.

Discussion followed on POST certificated. Anyone completing 200 hours is eligible for the certificate. Application can be made individually for certificates but the reason the Department doesn't issue them is that if POST increases its requirements the Rangers would have to comply or lose their certificates. Weapon concealment was also discussed.

POST certificates and weapon concealment will also be made a part of Ron McCall's report to the Board.

VERNA DUNSHEE MEMORIAL

Earl Hanson and Mel Whittaker reported on the Verna Dunshee Memorial. Near the summit at Mt. Tamalpais or at Samuel P. Taylor State Parks were thought to be the best places for a memorial as these were Mrs. Dunshee's favorite spots. A redwood grove would be too expensive and would take a long time. It was agreed a memorial should be placed where she spent her time. The memorial is to be completed by the 1974 GEC, so a ceremony can be held. Earl Hanson and John Michael will work on this. Contributions may be sent to Doug Bryce.

RANGER-MANAGER SERIES

✓ Dick Brock discussed the letters that have gone out on the Ranger-Manager series and how it came about.

The next meeting will be held on a weekday in Santa Cruz in either August or September.

MOTION. Herman Schlerf, adjournment.

SECONDED: Ron McCall

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjourned 1600

Keeping Sane in Remote Areas

LADIES VIEWPOINT

By Sharon Jones, Russian Gulch SP
"How to Get Along in a Remote Area and Keep Your Sanity" [Remote meaning; you are quite a long distance from any real big city.]

Getting through the day while your husband is at work ranges in a variety of creations you can think up in your head. From watching the park aides and maintenance aides go by your house as they do their duties for the day, to rearranging the furniture (then deciding after you have moved it, you don't like it any better than way so you put it back the way it was.)

About the only stores to do clothes shopping is the Sers Roebuck Catalog Store. When the newest catalog comes out you go through and see something you just have to have. You order it. When you get it home you decide to wear it over to your neighbor's to see how she likes it. She comes to the door wearing the same article you are wearing; that's just frustrating! You laugh it off later; as if it hasn't happened enough already! From then on you call and ask your neighbor if she is going to be ordering the same article from the catalog you are. We really could not laugh about it if we weren't friends. My neighbor by the way is Pat Neeley; another Gulch Dweller.

Another exciting thing to do is; accidentally find your two year old child climbing down from the medicine cabinet with a mouth full of phenobarbital tablets; which happened to me March 28th. We rushed him to the hospital emergency (Tom Miller, Fred Parson and I). He would be fine, just keep an eye on him the rest of the day, the Doctor said.

On the way down; going as fast as we could go, we passed my husband in a park truck with Joe Hood going the opposite way. I can't tell you on paper the expression John had on his face when he saw me with the area manager, maintenance supervisor and out son sitting on my lap with me trying to gag those pills out of him.

On May 3, another incident took place at the Jones' home.

I was preparing steaks under the oven broiler and the whole oven went up in flames. I turned off

the gas, called the area office, threw a box of baking soda inside the oven (Actually not the box, but the contents.) By the time two Rangers on duty had come I luckily, had it almost out. The only thing left in flames was our dinner. The steak had been narrowed down to a mere fraction by that time.

Meanwhile the Mendocino Fire Department was on its way up the highway, they turned into Russian Gulch but weren't sure where we lived. (There were four volunteer trucks and men here already plus one rescue.) They sprayed the house with a concentrated room spray to get rid of the smokey smell.

I coughed a few times and one nice gentleman said to come over to the truck and he would give me some oxygen. I told him, "No thank you", that I was high enough already from the smoke I had inhaled.

Now the people in the area office kid me about how I just wanted to show off that we were having steaks for dinner.

They also call me "Once-a-month Sharon". They're all waiting patiently until next-month to see what else I can come up with.

These things are all facts that have actually taken place. Including, May 15 when our cat came through our mobile home vent, and had five baby kittens under the bed at 2:30 in the morning. I give up" I'm going on vacation next month.

LEGISLATURE WORKINGS

Wildlife Protection

AB 2405. Boatwright. Makes it unlawful for any person — including state, federal, county and city officials — to authorize, offer or pay a bounty for any bird or mammal

AB 2406. Boatwright. Outlaws the taking, for profitmaking purposes, of any gray fox, cross fox, silver fox or red fox.

SB 502. Behr. Places a moratorium on the taking of herring for commercial purposes in San Francisco and Tomales Bays.

SB 633. Behr. Wildlife Protection Act of 1973. Prohibits the use of certain chemicals for predator control; the sale or use of saw-toothed or spiked jaw traps; and the offer of a bounty for any bird or mammal.

LEGISLATURE WORKINGS

Parks and Open Space

AB 317. Priolo. Appropriates \$200,000 for acquisition of certain lands in the Santa Monica mountains Signed by the Governor.

AB 332. Dunlap. Appropriates \$50 million from state surplus for acquisition of lands within coastal zone.

AB 688. Z'berg. Transfers \$50 million from general fund to the Bagley Conservation Fund for park acquisition. Passed Assembly.

AB 781. Priolo. Appropriates \$4,250,000 from the Bagley Conservation Fund to acquire 3,100 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains. Passed Assembly.

AB 920. Dunlap. Creates an annual \$100 million state fund for the exclusive purpose of purchasing open space and parklands.

AB 922. Bagley. Requires that all state park fees be placed in a park acquisition fund, rather than the general fund.

AB 1284. Dunlap. Requires Department of Parks and Recreation to establish accommodations for non-motorized travelers.

AB 1944. Z'berg. Creates Tahoe Conservancy Agency and appropriates \$20 million for land acquisition within the Tahoe basin.

AB 2252. Hayden. Creates the Park and Open Space Loan Fund for loans to cities, counties and public districts for acquisition of park and open space lands.

SB 1089. Nejedly. Transfers \$250 million to a Parks and Open Space Revolving Fund, for the preservation of irreplaceable natural areas.

Wildlife

AB 2209. Karabian. Outlaws open oil sumps, which kill thousands of birds and mammals each year.

AB 2289. Keene. Adds the brown pelican and golden eagle to the list of fully protected birds.

Recycling

AB 594. Dixon and Boatwright. Bans the flip-top can and places a nickel deposit on all beverage containers.

Whittaker Retires

Department employees throughout the state gathered to honor Mel Whittaker at the Waterloo Gun and Bocci Club in Stockton at his retirement dinner June 29. There was an evening meal, festivities and reminiscing to help celebrate Mel's 30 years with State Parks.

Mel started at Big Basin in 1942. After a year's military leave of absence, he returned to Big Basin until his promotion to Ranger III at Mt. Tamalpais. He served as Park Supervisor at Columbia from 1952-55. During his service in Columbia, he helped restore many of the buildings in the town of Columbia including the Wells Fargo, Native Sons, Soderer Marshall and Duchow buildings. In 1955 he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the parks in District 3.

Mel's outstanding ability to get Herculean tasks accomplished through the many publicly active people in local, county and state institutions and governments resulted in many outstanding additions to the park system. The beautiful and historic Malakoof Diggins State Historic Park is only one outstanding example. Through his efforts, our Department will soon be seeing the Empire Mine and the Christie Home projects.

Ray Hunter, Director, California Department of Conservation was Master of Ceremonies. Guest Speakers were: Former State Senator Teale. William P. Mott, Jr., Director of Parks and Recreation; Jack Knight, Chief of Operations; Clyde Newlin, District 3 Superintendent; Wes Cater, Jr. Past President California State Park Rangers Assoc.

Over 200 people attended.

Events Calendar

NOW THRU AUGUST—Nautical Fair at the San Francisco Maritime State Historic Park, San Francisco. A pilot program, adding a living environment, interpreting the late 19th Century waterfront activity.

SEPT 8—Board of Directors Meeting at Santa Cruz, Holiday Inn.

LATE OCTOBER—Tentative date for dedicating the new ranger training center at Asilomar.

To The California Poppy

By Ernest Jansma
Sutter's Fort

Where are they the poppies so bright
In golden dress an awesome sight?
In vain I look, they are not there
In the sunshine; the earth is bare
And is scarred deep by tractor

tread,
And the poppies their lives have
bled

Trampled to death by a man's greed
To prosper beyond barest need.
Where are they?

They are gone, gone, gone!

Where are they delight to the eye
Who rested beneath azure sky,
On hilside, in the greenest vale,
Abandoned on the hidden trail?
Magnificent and once so rife,
Beautiful the essence of life,
Winter's cold fingers had defied,
Hailing in the spring's warm flood
tide.

Where are they?

They are gone, gone, gone!

Where are they the poppies so gay
Atop the hills of Frisco Bay,
And up the heights of golden gate,
Where are those flowers of our
state?

I look in vain o'er grapevine's
crest,

I look to east, north, south and
west,

The golden wonder is not there,
Its glorious sweep I now despair.

Where are they?

They are gone, gone, gone!

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EXEC SEC JOB OPENS

Know anyone with Executive Secretary talents? Doug Bryce has expressed his desire to turn the CSPRA Exec. Sec. Job over to someone else. If you have any nominations please contact President Jack Welch.

Not A Can In Sight

The following article was clipped by Neil Power from the Sonoma Daily Union Democrat. Neil reports that there were 10,000 people at the fire muster in May.

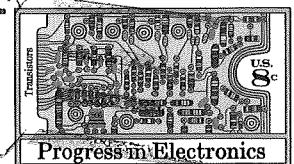
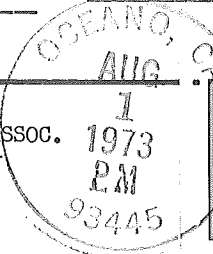
Tired of having anti-pollution commercials pollute your livingroom? Bored with a landscape plastered with litter cleanup pleas? Or simply frustrated by being jammed between bumpers emblazoned with population crisis warnings.

If so, there's good news from Neil Power, Columbia Historical Park: That landscape is looking cleaner.

When the last ancient pumper had rolled away after the weekend fire muster, Power surveyed the scene. There wasn't a can in sight. The park grounds had been picked clean of aluminum, and persistent youngsters were diving into trash barrels in search of any cans that might have been over-looked.

But, Powers figures, it was the beer companies, not the commercials, billboards and bumper strips, that made the difference. All it took was an economic incentive.

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