



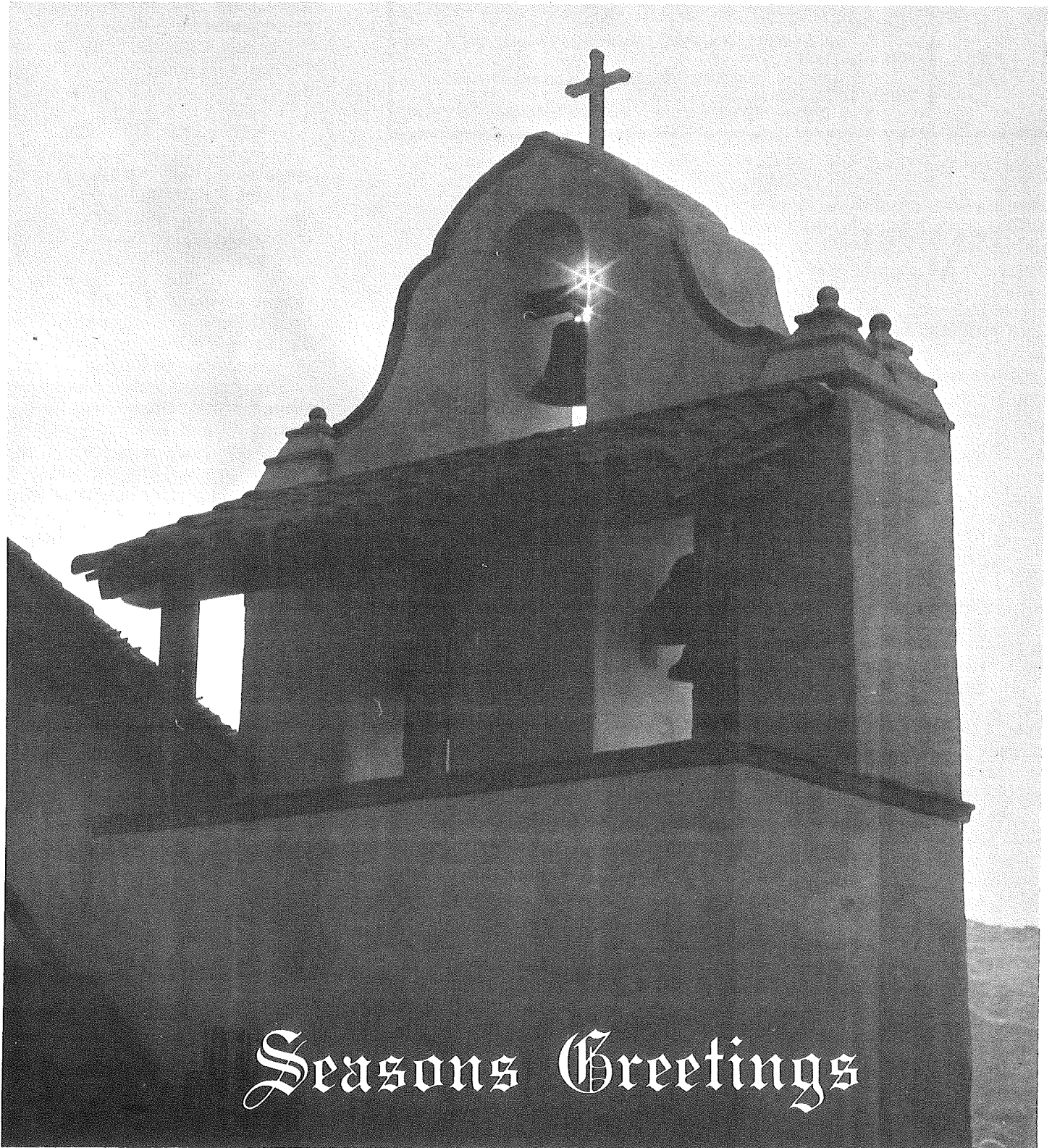
REPORTER



VOLUME VI - NUMBER 20

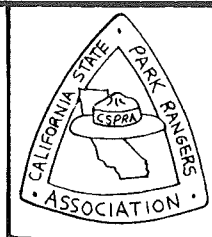
OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER, 1975



california state park rangers association REPORTER

VOLUME VI - NUMBER 20
DECEMBER, 1975



PRESIDENT:

Herman Schlerf, 201 Valley Avenue, Fortuna, Ca. 95540

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ron McCall, 7210 Langley Canyon, Salinas, Ca. 93901

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Doug Bryce, 8665 Florin Rd. #45, Sacramento, Ca. 95820

President's Message ..

... Plus December Board Action

If I don't hold up REPORTER Editor Lloyd Geissinger too long in getting this column to him perhaps it will reach you before Christmas. If so, a very Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for a happy holiday. If we miss Christmas delivery then at least I can still wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

The new year will be bringing many things. GEC is just around the corner and with it will bring a new group of Association Officers, Regional Directors and Delegates. I hope you all remembered to mail your ballot to Executive Secretary Doug Bryce before December 10th.

Speaking of GEC, Chairman Dick Troy presented an excellent outline of the plans and preparation his GEC committee has completed so far. The program being put together for the Saturday workshops and meetings will bring together some of the most interesting people we have ever had a chance to meet with. In addition to Director Rhodes, Resource Agency Claire Dedrick may be available to speak and engage in a question and answer style panel. We should have a firm commitment after the first of the year.

I have written Governor Brown



and requested that he open our business meeting on Friday morning with an address. While his scheduling director could not make commitments so far in advance, the reply received sounded promising with a note of sincere interest.

One last note on GEC. Executive Secretary Doug Bryce indicated at Board Meeting that advertising sales have been coming in very slow. Your Regional Director has all the material available. If each member would sell only one business card size advertisement the entire cost of GEC would be covered.

RUMORS AND INNUENDOS!

I thought the subject of the State Park Technician Class had been resolved for the time being. However, reports of the Regional Directors at Board Meeting indicated otherwise. A number of concerns were raised regarding reported inequities and/or abuses which have or will occur in the implementation of the State Park Technician program. Your Board passed a motion that CSPRA Board Members investigate information about such reports when

documented or substantiated information is received.

I think this action on the part of your Board is good because of two reasons. First, if there is an abuse or inequity perpetrated then the matter should be corrected. Second, if the charge or report is false then the truth should be communicated to stop rumors and innuendos that can only damage the esprit de corps of field personnel.

COVETED AWARDS

A number of changes have been made to the Association Constitution and Bylaws which will streamline activities and make things more efficient (and less costly). An addition to the Bylaws will also spell out the commemorative plaque program of CSPRA including the hows and whys and detailing those persons responsible for preparing and presenting plaques.

The commemorative plaque program has been in progress for one year now and has been well received by both members of this Association and the recipients of the plaques. These commemorative plaques are a coveted award, especially for our retiring members. Lets all participate in the program to be sure that no one is left out who truly deserves this fine memento.

A copy of the new section of the Bylaws concerning the commemorative plaque program will be printed and sent to each member as soon as the final draft is approved by your Board and printed.

It is hoped that the final tally will be available on the recent election in time to be included in this edition of the REPORTER. I'm sure you are all interested in the results as I am. Having looked the ballot over carefully, I'm sure you will agree with me that some very fine people have been placed in nomination for the various offices. Those members elected can only do a top-notch job if they have the full support of the membership. I hope you will all lend your support to your officers-elect as you have to those who have served in the past.

CREATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Stephen Johnson

Continued From Last Month

The citation must be used with caution, for it solves only the symptom and not the problem. The symptom is the lack of compliance, and the problem is the lack of understanding by the park visitor. Issuing a citation effects the visitors pocket book or time, but it has no relationship whatsoever to his understanding of the natural environment.

Many rangers with new found authority in peace officers status, and having no guidelines for action other than traditional sheriff's office law enforcement, have adopted an attitude towards enforcement reminiscent of LAPD. Quite often in both state and federal service, I have observed rangers viewing the visiting public as suspicious and criminal. An attitude of disdain towards the public with the use of such derogatory terms as "pukes" or "turkeys" is not uncommon. Some rangers act as though they were enforcing primarily felony cases. One ranger of my acquaintance in Grand Teton National Park maintained a list of social security numbers of all park service and concessions employees, for ready reference with the National Criminal Investigation Computer. On routine illegal camping contacts, he made it a habit to run the campers through wants and warrants. Another ranger who treated most visitors with all the deference due convicted felons, regularly made vehicle searches of dubious legality for narcotics. One ranger made the statement that all off road vehicle violations should be cited, no exceptions. Even worse, I have seen the citation used as a means to obtain ego satisfaction. If the visitor is humble and gives the ranger obvious deference, he is let off with a verbal warning. However, if he is defiant or abusive, or even questioning, he receives a citation. In most cases, it must be said, the rangers are not aware

(Continued on page . . . 7)

Expressly for Wives



During the 1974 G.E.C. some of the wives talked about a few of the problems of park life that effect every family. Several of us in District 6 got together and made a list of some of the problems and possible solutions. Superintendent Whitehead encouraged us to present these ideas at the area managers meeting. The following is a brief explanation of key areas of concern to park spouses.

There is a need for an orientation and training program for park spouses. Some basic orientation for spouses about life in the park system should lead to a happier park experience. Steps toward a program of spouse orientation have been taken at the Center For Continuous Learning. At the area level a program can be developed to welcome each new family and help them adjust to their new home.

The word training refers to areas such as first aid, public relations and maintenance of park housing. Many wives have expressed a desire to participate in a first aid class. The advantage of such a class would be evident to all. Also, it has been our experience that in many cases the spouse is often the first person to make contact with the public when they knock on the door for aid or information. Since we all represent the department in the eyes of the public, there is a need to keep spouses informed of current park policy. The maintenance question is the most controversial but also the one raised most in discussions. Many feel the need for clearer guidelines on residence maintenance. This also refers to what is

expected when a family vacates a residence.

The most important idea which came from our discussions is that many of the spouses want to become involved. They have great potential. Many of the wives have degrees enabling them to offer specialized assistance. Many are talented artistically. Many are just plain willing to work. Perhaps they could become docents or contribute to the interpretive programs. And this is where our program becomes a little misunderstood. We are *not* a group of women agitating to take over the parks. We are asking for an opportunity to offer our abilities to help make the park experience a better one for everyone. We desire to work within the park system to achieve our goals. Many of the proposals are programs "by us-for us". All we need is an occasional "okay" from the right source. We hope to eventually form an auxiliary to C.S.P.R.A. so that spouses who wish may join together to achieve some of these goals.

This then is a brief sketch of some of the ideas we feel are important. Certainly there are others equally important that haven't been mentioned. We hope to stimulate dialogue in other parks and provide some ideas for the next G.E.C. We look forward to hearing suggestions from anyone. Let us all help make park life a more meaningful experience!

Shirley Engel
Salton Sea S.R.A.
Kathy Jones
Anza-Borrego S.P.
Nancy Geary
Cuyamaca Rancho S.P.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

YES 351 NO 9

PRESIDENT

RONALD MC CALL 277 * JAMES HART 152

VICE PRESIDENT

LLOYD GEISSINGER 95 EUGENE VELZY 103
DENZIL VERARDO 117 WILLIAM BEAT 71
DONALD HOYLE 35

* Indicates Elected

RUNOFF - VELZY & VERARDO

REGION I DELEGATE

Patrick "Len" Algeri	35 *
Michael Garguilo	30 *
William Monahan	28
Kenneth Morse	18
Stephen O'brien	22
Dan Weyand	12
Robert Anderson	36 *

REGION II DIRECTOR

Robert Walker	35 *
William Krumbein	23

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Broc Stenman	31 *
Edward Strouse	24

DELEGATE (vote for 3)

Robert Macomber	41 *
Clark Dooley	30 *
Roy Flatt	30 *
Darryl Crawford	27
Steven Kahn	29

REGION III DELEGATE

Michael Callen	27
Louis Wakefield	25
Jerry Beauchamp	8
William Reinhardt	31 *
Michael Lynch	25
Dan Murley	30 *
Curtis Kraft	25
Raymond Spicer	42 *
Thomas Lindsey	28
Gary Walter	17
John Bollinger	28
Robert Stewart	41 *

ELECTION

RESULTS

REGION IV DIRECTOR

Paul Hladik	35 *
Fred Soderlund	32

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Chris Stokes	37 *
Robert Culbertson	32

DELEGATE

James Schmus	40
Daniel Friend	49 *
John Kolb	60 *
David Donahue	45 *
Larry Cermak	36
Mary Doody	49 *

REGION V DELEGATE

James Mac Dougall	16
Kirk Wallace	27 *
Harvey Lively	31 *
Jimmie Phillips	23
Patrick Armitage	24 *

REGION VI DIRECTOR

Ronald Hanshew	67 *
----------------	------

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Larry Ferri	53 *
John Melvin	24

DELEGATE

David Craigen	48 *
George Cook	39
Ronald Brean	45 *
Ray Patton	44
Ron Sanches	52 *
Donald La Katos	21
Linda Engel	51 *

REGION VII DELEGATE

Daniel Preece	5
Fred Parson	10 *
Jack Stowe	7

SLIDE CONTEST FOR ANNUAL G.E.D. OR C.S.P.R.A.

Who may enter? Any member of CSPRA or their spouse, or either as long as total entries do not exceed "family total". Slides which received honorable mention or prizes last year will not be accepted.

How many entries? Maximum number of slides is five, either for an individual or family (if member and spouse both contribute slides).

The entry: Must be a color or black and white positige transparency carried in a 2 x 2 slide mount. To qualify, an entry must have been photographed by the entrant in a unit of the California State Park System or within a National Park in California.

Judging Criteria: All entries will be judged by a panel of three. The judging will be based on composition, technical excellence, and most of all IMPACT. The idea to consider in selecting your entries is: How well would this slide succeed in a campfire program?

Prizes: The \$200 worth of prizes are furnished by McCurry's Camera Stores (see attached ad). The top three contestants will win 8 x 10 framed enlargements of their winning slides and gift certificates amounting to \$35, \$30 and \$20 respectively. Three runner-ups will receive \$25.00 gift certificates.

Identifying Information: Each slide submitted to the contest must contain the following: (1) Photographer's name; (2) Name of the unit where slide was taken; (3) Photographer's current unit number; (4) (optional) Title of slide e.g.: Tallest Redwood, or Western Cull, etc. Additionally, each slide must contain a conspicuous dot in the lower left corner of the non-emulsion side (the shiny side) so that when the slide is loaded in a carousel tray prior to judging the

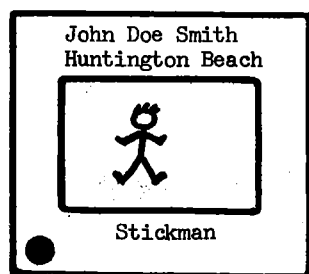
G. E. C. PAGE

dot will appear in the upper right and all entries will be viewed right side up. See diagram below. It is the photographer's responsibility for the proper application of this orientation dot.

Where to send slides: All entries should be submitted no later than *February 10, 1976, to Mr. Kenneth Lybeck, 7364 Willow Lake Way, Sacramento, Ca.* Mr. Lybeck is an instructor of photography for the County of Sacramento's Office of Education. In addition he has experience in the retail sales of photographic equipment. He alone will handle the slides prior to the judging.

Return of slides: All entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. After the prizes have been awarded at the GEC, the entries will be mailed back to photographers.

GOOD LUCK!



- Name of Photographer
- Unit where Photo was taken
- Title of Subject (optional)
- Orientation Dot (as shown)



McCurry's

"the picture people"



**PICTURES
LAST FOREVER. . .**

Be sure you start
with the best. . .

**McCURRY'S
QUALITY
PHOTO FINISHING!!**

• MAIN STORE, 13th & K Sts.

BRANCH STORES

• Kat 12th • Country Club Centre
• Arden Fair • Florin Center • 8th and Eye
• Kamera Haus in the Crossroads
• Sunrise Mall

Phone 444-6080
Also Stores in Palo Alto and Reno

Attention Spouses!*

What do you want from G.E.C. '76? Do you want activities other than those planned for the Rangers? Do you want workshops and panels of your own? Do you want the same old things? By the way, I'm new at this, what are *the same old things*?

Here are a few of the suggestions that have been made - - tour of Old Sacramento with shopping and lunch, tour of Old Folsom, the Governor's Mansion, Sutter's Fort, the Capitol, Visit the Governor's Office, meet Mrs. Dedrick, meet Director Rhodes, meet some Legislators, lunch with the Women's Liberation forces, have lunch at Zorba's and see Wanda dance, Bicycle on the American River Bikeway (weather permitting).

Maybe some of you have some particular ideas on what to see or do while you are in Sacramento. If you have any suggestions send them to Roberta Rawlings, 4738 Espana Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. Be sure to mention the suggestions you don't like too.

*A Ranger's spouse may not always be a wife as we have many female rangers. If the Rangers like our program they, too, are welcome to join us.



Fieldnotes

INTERPRETATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

- excerpted from *In Touch*, the NPS interpreter's information exchange.

"The increased emphasis, of late, in designing facilities for the handicapped prompts the thoughtful interpreter to consider whether an appropriate shift in message and thematic approach is indicated. The prospect is engendered by the axiom that all interpretation should relate directly to the visitor's experience.

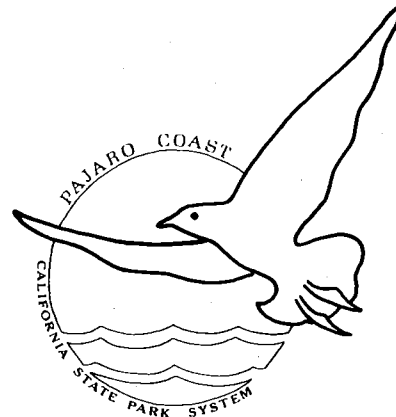
"Knowledgeable commentators on the subject state that the handicapped need to be a part of society rather than isolated; facilities should be useful to everyone. Carrying this concept into the sphere of interpretive themes, it might be said that we are all handicapped, in varying degrees, disassociation from the natural world. Our reliance on machinery and man-made information systems has dulled our senses to the cues of nature . . . Man has compensated . . . with a superlative ability to adapt to a variety of conditions, and to adapt the conditions to suit his needs.

"In view of this characteristic, a theme for facilities designed partly for use by the handicapped suggests itself: adaptation. Those who have experienced a reduced capacity in one form or another are aware of the necessity of adapting to it . . . It is not necessary, and would be in questionable taste, to make actual comparisons between plant and animal adaptations and human ones. The analogy is not an exact one, in any


case. It should be sufficient to develop the theme of adaptation in the usual manner of any theme-oriented interpretation, and leave the individual to make comparisons . . . Man's survival to date has been based on a balance between adapting himself to an environment and causing a change in the environment . . . In this regard the handicapped have something to teach the rest of us."

Clifford Soubier
Interpretive Planner, NPS
In Touch, No. 8; July, 1975; pp. 23-24

Express yourself as a creative interpreter! Send your thoughts on the subject to the REPORTER or to CSPRA's Interpretive Needs Committee c/o Mary Doody, 120 9th Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062.



Make a mark in the world with your area or park logo on an inexpensive rubber stamp. Pajaro Coast personalizes all their interpretive announcements and recycles used forms with the area logo stamped as a letterhead on the back. You will find lots more uses!



**RCBS[®]
SPORTSMAN'S
STORE**

ROBERT S. POST
STORE MANAGER

601 ORO DAM BOULEVARD • P. O. BOX 1919
OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95965 • PHONE (916) 834-8000

Creative Law Enforcement

(Continued from page . . . 3)

that they are demanding this ego satisfaction; but to the sensitive visitor who refuses to submit to humiliation, a citation or poor treatment will most certainly follow.

I fear that some of us have lost contact with the purpose of the park service and its goals. We are to protect the environment and provide a place for our generation and future generations to replenish their souls, to return to the basics of nature, and to gain knowledge of the natural world of which we are all part. It may be true that if all suspicious vehicles were searched for marijuana, a number of criminals might be discovered and brought to justice; but in the doing, a world of understanding would be lost. To adopt an authoritarian attitude defiles our rank and casts a shadow upon the credibility of the title "Ranger." Certainly, when penal code violations occur in the park, it is to our credit that we can handle them quickly and professionally. But as rangers, our job requires much more flexibility and adaptability than that necessary to make a simple arrest. We must have the objectivity necessary to communicate adequately with both Hells Angels and Winnabago owners. We must have the humor and presence of mind necessary to entertain 150 visitors at a one hour campfire, and we must have that knowledge necessary to communicate the needs of the environment to the park visitor.

We are rangers, and with that title comes the responsibility for our parks as natural sanctuaries from the mechanized city. Our parks must be peaceful places to come. For rangers to gain the reputation of "smokey the pig" or "green fuzz" can only be destructive to both the goals of the park and the needs of the environment.

I feel that it is imperative that each of us make an effort to define our attitude towards law enforcement in proper perspective with our goals as rangers. Our mission is unique. Our definition should not be mediocre.

FEATURED OPINION

"MAKINGS OF A WATERSHED"

With what is hoped is a fair degree of certainty, the month of October, 1975, has all the makings of a watershed for the California State Park System. *What*, you ask, happened in October?

S.B. 834, calling for the transfer of several Marin Area parks (most notably Angel Is., Mt. Tamalpais, and Stinson SB) plus San Francisco Maritime SHP to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, passed both the senate and assembly unanimously. In a move not wholly anticipated - to say the least - the Governor vetoed the legislation citing "technical difficulties."

Until the drop of the hat, however, the proposed transfer seemed to have a bright future indeed. The fledgling GGNRA is a very 'neat' concept and a popular one. Enclaves of state parks appeared at times as little more than headaches for cartographers. Senator Moscone, Assemblyman Wornam, and the SF Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, claiming improved economies and more efficient centralized administration, articulated a very positive platform for the proposal.

With this sort of support, opposition to the measure was nonexistent - at least for many months. Only after it appeared to be a shoe-in did questioning arguments begin to surface and coalesce

After visiting those units in the proposed transfer in September, members of the California Park and Recreation Commission passed a resolution opposing approval of S.B. 834. As major concerns they pointed out that (1) no master plan of development has been presented by the federal government (2) Californians have, through taxes and gifts, invested millions of dollars in these lands (3) these units are now being operated in an exemplary manner by the DPR (4) and there is therefore "no need to interject a more remote layer of

government between the public and their parks."

Around the same time, the Tamalpais Conservation Club, a group instrumental in the creation of Mt. Tamalpais SP, began to express grave reservations and outright opposition to the plan. The Sempervirens Fund likewise voiced concern. As the curtain began to fall, sentiment mounted within our own Department, both at the field and staff level, to at least delay the proposed transfer until more thorough research could be conducted.

From a personnel standpoint, those park employees effected by the proposed transfer felt the tightrope of job security sway between transfer to the federal system or relocation within the state. The complexity and diversity of those units involved, from a managerial and operational standpoint, is difficult enough under normal conditions. The added dimension of a nebulous transfer timetable - ranging from 6 months to 5 years - does not help matters.

Conclusion: There will be future attempts to cede Mt. Tamalpais SP et al to the NPS, and not inconceivably other units within the state park system. Hopefully, however, never again will such a proposal reach near fruition without a thorough comprehension of all the consequences - both for the personnel involved and the state park system as a whole.

In this instance, field personnel and conservationists only very late in the game stood up and took notice. Units such as Mt. Tamalpais and Angel Is. are keystones of the state park system. It is questionable that parks such as these should be turned over to the federal government. There is no question that it is our collective responsibility to weigh their future diligently and judiciously.

Broc Stenman
State Park Ranger I
Mt. Tamalpais SP

Mailbox

Dear Lloyd:

During the past season we had a Canadian peace officer visit Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. He is a collector of shoulder "flashes". (see attachment) As you will note, I have already sent him one of our Department of Parks and Recreation patches.

I am not interested in collecting patches but I mentioned that there may be some rangers in our department that are interested in such collections and may do some trading or corresponding with him.

So this is my request. Could you run a little blurb in the Reporter: "Anyone interested in trading or acquiring shoulder patches, such as an "Ontario Lands and Forests" shoulder flash, contact Brian Denyer, 605 Whiteside Place, Apt. No. 604, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5A 1Y8. He would like "Forest Ranger flashes for display at Seneca College."

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Floyd A. Lemley
Chief Ranger

I would like to put together a handbook of Interpretive Methods That Really Work.

With over 250 Ranger I's statewide, plus all the other people involved in interpretation, surely each person has one or two interpretive techniques which really go over well.

— Maybe it's a coined word or phrase which gets the point across.

— A special introduction at campfire.

— Innovative songs or gimmicks.

— Getting across special points.

— Special topics or unusual slants.

— Handling rowdy persons.

— Revealing the insect world (animal world, plant world, mushroom world, etc.).

This list of categories is endless; but each interpreter knows his/her special method and hopefully will share it with us all.

Please send contributions to:

Bill Krumbein
6201 Channel Drive
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

The completion of such a booklet will be determined by the number of contributions I receive. We've tried things like this before without much response success. I hope for at least 500 interpretive ideas. Such a booklet would prove invaluable in broadening our interpretive skills.

In Stock Service:

ELM'S

CLOTHING AND SHOES

California State Park System Uniforms

1028 MISSION AVE.
OCEANSIDE, CA.
PHONE 722-4957

NOLAN RUST

EDITOR'S NOTES . . .

Robin Holmes, Supervisor Exhibit Preparation Section, is looking for photographs, artifacts, actual clothing articles, and written text that described the development of the State Park Ranger Uniform.

Please forward to Robin by January.



ALVORD AND FERGUSON

434 West 17th Street
P.O. Box 677
Merced, California 95340
Phone (209) 722-8854



EVENTS CALENDAR

January 10 - 1976 Resolution Submission Deadline.

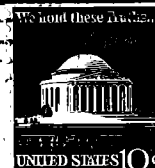
February 10 - Slide Submission Deadline.

March 11-14 - GEC 1976.

Association Membership: ACTIVE: current or retired, permanent or permanent intermittent employees of Dept. of Parks & Recreation of State Park Ranger or State Park Maintenance classes. ASSOCIATE: permanent or retired employees of the Dept. of Parks & Recreation in classes not eligible for active membership. SUPPORTING: any interested person not eligible for active or associate membership. HONORARY: distinguished person nominated by a member and approved by Board.

official publication for the 1975
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOC.
The REPORTER, published monthly
Lloyd Geissinger, Editor
90 Glen Circle Drive
Oroville, California 95965

DEC 27



First Class

Kirk Wallace V
12716 Tesuque
Apple Valley, Ca.
92307