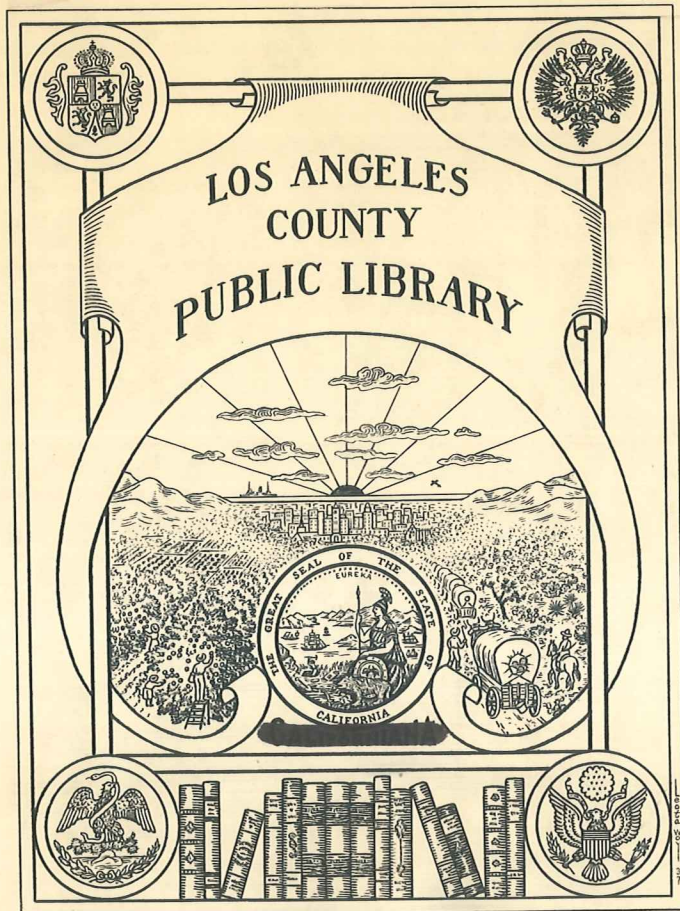


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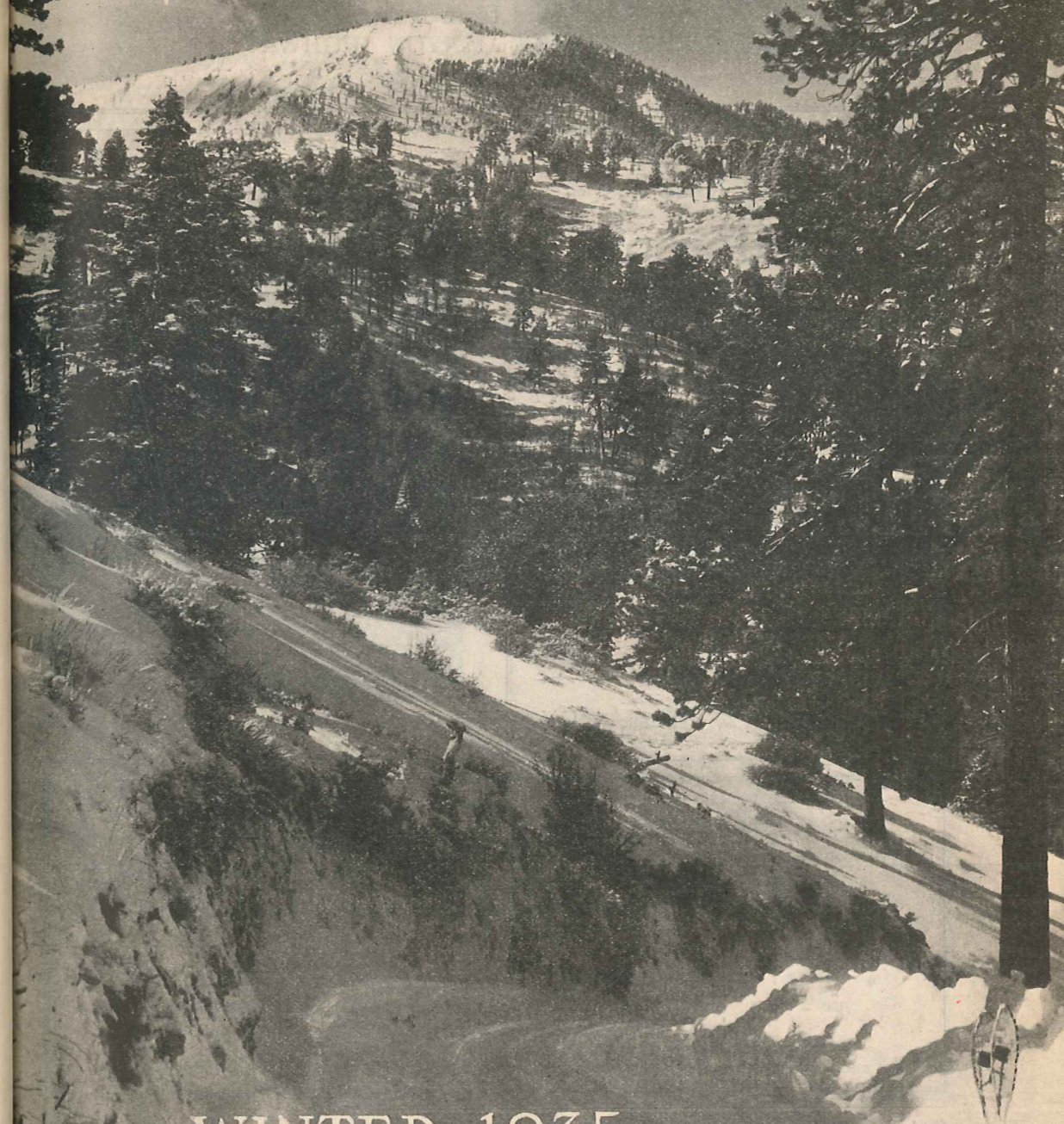
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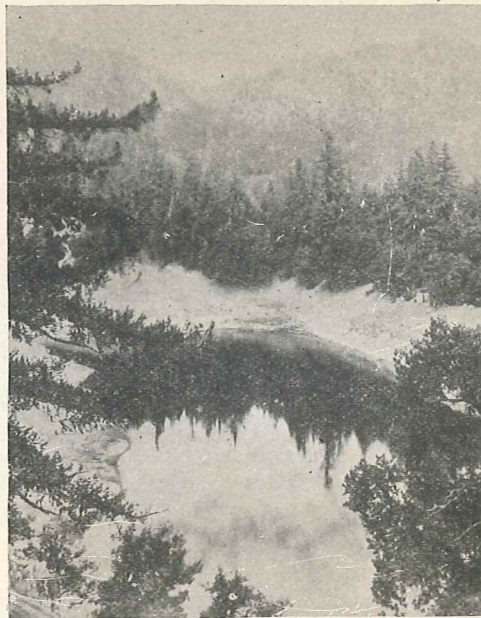
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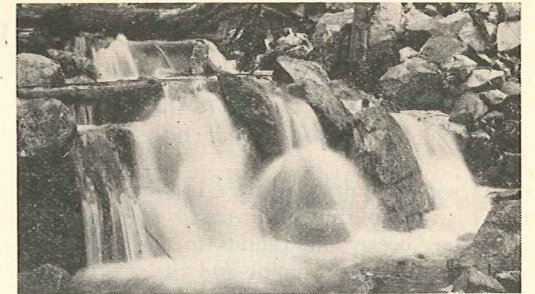
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A Day Around Mt. Lowe

From Mt. Lowe Tavern to the West Fork of the San Gabriel is a wonderfully interesting hike.

As we gain altitude after leaving the Tavern it is easy to grow enthusiastic over the view of valley, ocean and islands to the south and west. We round a point and the great gorge of Eaton Canyon stretches almost from our feet, and on the left the beautifully forested southern slope of the Mt. Wilson range ending on the eastern skyline with the peaks of Mt. Wilson and Mt. Harvard.

We soon pass between Mt. Lowe and Mt. Markham, and as we cross the west slope of Markham, on an almost level trail, Bear Canyon lies before us like a great crater. Cutting across the distant ridges, Angeles Crest Highway and the Switzer Trail are plainly visible, while beyond is the towering Mt. Lukens.

Farther on we shift again to the east side, passing between Mt. Markham and Mt. San Gabriel, through a little forest of ancient Spruce trees, on to the Cliff trail across the south face of Mt. San Gabriel and look down that gorge between the mighty cliffs of upper Eaton Canyon.

A few minutes and we are out on the divide at the west end of the Mt. Wilson Range and before us one of the grandest sights to be found in Southern California. The great bowl of the San Gabriel watershed, 220 square miles in area, extending 30 miles on an air line, to Mt. San Antonio on the east and the entire northern rim from 7,000 to 10,000 feet high.

Going west on the road with this magnificent view at all times before us, we turn down the slope of upper West Fork, through a beautiful forest of pine, incense cedar and fir to Opid's Camp, on to the stream in West Fork, or follow that stream to Valley Forge Lodge as we choose.

If the return trip is made in late afternoon when the shadows are lengthening and the

ranges turn blue, over the summit of Mt. Lowe to watch the sunset and back to the Tavern by the West trail, it will leave the impression of an entirely different route and an even more wonderfully beautiful one.

A good dinner at the Tavern and then out to Inspiration Point where we watch the lights of the valley break out in groups here and there until the whole area below us and for miles to the east, south and west is ablaze with the



Above—Mt. Lowe Incline; the easy way to climb the mountains. Left—Night view from Inspiration Point; the valley ablaze with light.

grandest illumination to be seen from any spot on the globe.

After an hour or so we return to the Tavern and before a glowing fire in the great stone fireplace live over again the experiences of a most thrilling day.

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This number starts the second year of TRAILS MAGAZINE, and we wish to thank each and all of you for your splendid support and for the many fine messages of encouragement and appreciation. We wish to particularly thank you who are subscribers and advertisers, for without your financial support what has been accomplished could not have been and any future additions to size or attractiveness will necessarily depend on that financial support, as every dime received goes to engraving, printing and distribution.

We have tried to make the past year a year of service,—service to the Southern California we love, to her mountains, her forests, her water supply, to all of those fine things of nature which make her so attractive to us who are here and so powerful a magnet to the peoples of the world,—service to every one of you who scrupulously obey the rules and to those also who break them all.

In the past year 8800 copies of TRAILS MAGAZINE have gone out to you, carrying a service which we believe to be unique in character and without precedent,—an information service on the mountain trails and campgrounds, forest areas, scenic features and trail mileage, covering the 1587 square miles of

mountains in Los Angeles County, more completely than has ever before been attempted. In the four numbers of 1934 we have given detailed information on 52 trail trips,—one for each week in the year. Those who carefully save the numbers of TRAILS MAGAZINE will have the most complete record history that has ever been put in print of any similar area in this country.

As the population of this area grows to perhaps many times the present number, we see the necessity of the San Gabriel mountains being one great playground, contributing tremendously to the health, happiness and well being of the community, and we realize that if its beauty is to be preserved, and before it can be used to its fullest, there must be a change of attitude and feeling towards its protection and preservation. We feel that laws and fire guards, though doing a big part, will not alone save this forest playground and that we must build a public consciousness of the need to preserve and of those things which must be done to accomplish it. We must arouse in those who use the mountains a feeling of individual responsibility for their own personal playground, a realization of what the forest cover means to the valley areas, and a will to guard it as they would their own personal safety or that of their children.

In our editorials we have tried to make these thoughts impressive without the appearance of scolding, in fact our whole plan is to keep as far as possible from the appearance of scolding or fault-finding and, while leading thought in the right direction, give something of sufficient interest and value to secure and hold cooperation.

We have ambitious plans for the future of TRAILS MAGAZINE and hopes of making it of far greater service to the citizens of Los Angeles County and the whole southwest.

"A great return to nature and the simple life." In year forecast for 1935. By Louise Johnson, noted Los Angeles Astrologer.

On foot or on horseback, in Summer's heat or Winter's Snows, the trails of the Angeles Forest will furnish you recreation, health, happiness, the most economical outing in the world and right at your door.

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Ski Touring Around Los Angeles

By DR. WALTER MOSAUER, University of California at Los Angeles

A few years ago our mountain ranges were virtually deserted after the first heavy snowfall of the year, and all their shimmering snowclad beauty remained untouched and unseen but by a very few. Recently, however, the interest in winter sports has grown rapidly — our mountain climbers and hikers have learned that they need not forsake their peaks and canyons during the winter, but that they can still reach them, gliding swiftly and smoothly on a pair of supple skis. And in



THE AUTHOR

addition to the splendor of the snowscape they enjoy a new thrill, a swishing, effortless run downhill, when they return of a clear winter day from the summit and its farflung panorama.

The speed of descent fills the skier with an exhilaration which summer hiking could never afford him; no wonder then, that many of us impatiently wait for the first snowclouds, and treat our skis with loving care, pine tar or linseed oil well in advance of the ski season. Better be prepared—some of us had our first skiing in October this year, and veritable crowds of skiers enjoyed the year's second snowfall, in November, on or near the summit of Baldy. It was an early start of skiing season which we all hope will last well into the spring.

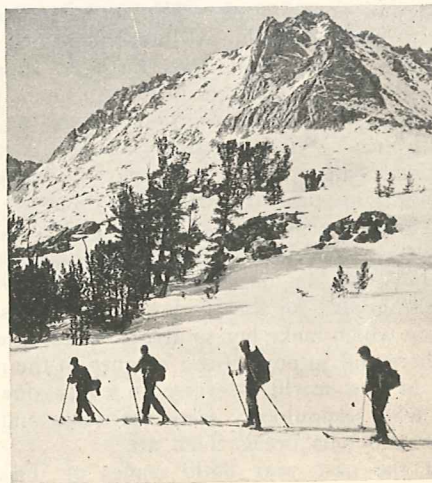
In a normal snow year, deep layers of the beloved white stuff cover the mountain sides above 8,000 or 9,000 feet elevation as late as May, and among our most popular ski tours are those on Mt. San Antonio (Baldy) and Mt. San Geronio (Greyback). Even last year, with its exceptionally scanty snowfall, we zoomed down over miles and miles of unbroken snow slopes late in March, on the north side of San Geronio.

People who just think halfheartedly of taking up skiing often sigh: If it only weren't so far to go to the snow! Their complaint is unjustified—Los Angeles is as close to its skiing grounds as any other metropolitan center. People from San Francisco must go all

the way to the Sierra for their skiing; Seattle, possibly the greatest winter sports center of the United States, is a long way from the snow slopes of Mt. Rainier; Denver is no closer to the Rockies; and in the East, the thousands of ski enthusiasts from Boston and New York travel hundreds of miles to the mountains.

In the *Bulletin* of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a skier from New York reports, under the title "Stalking the Snow King," that he had traveled in one winter 2,300 miles by private auto, 1,300 miles by railroad, and 500 miles by bus—or 164 miles per skiing day. And a good deal of "the driving was frightful, through pea soup fog and slashing rain" or on icy roads with danger of skidding. Compare with that our delightful rides through a summery landscape, through orange groves along Foothill Boulevard or the Joshua trees of the Mohave, driving on safe, dry pavement until we get right up to our skiing grounds!

There is a great variety of good skiing territory in the vicinity of Los Angeles. Big Pines and Wrightwood in the San Gabriel mountains offer fine slopes on Blue Ridge and Table Mountain, while on the south slope of the range San Antonio Canyon and Ice House Canyon give access to some major ski tours on



Over a High Pass

Baldy, Telegraph Peak and Ontario Peak. In the San Bernardino, the Crest Forest communities, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear provide pleasant shelter amidst beautiful wintry scenery. A ski tour to Southern California's

highest peak, San Geronio, be it from Forest Home or from Barton Flats, is an experience no local skier ought to miss; the north slopes compare favorably with the famous ski runs of the Alps. Good slopes can also be found on Mt. San Jacinto, accessible from Idylwild. The open, rounded hills along the ridge route near Sandberg's are a ski paradise after a fresh, heavy snowfall.

Quite a number of organizations now offer the novice instruction in skiing and comradeship on ski tours. The Big Pines Ski Club, the Lake Arrowhead Ski Club, the Wrightwood Ski Club and the Vikings, although originally organized for ski jumping in competition and exhibition, can now boast of an ever-increasing number of members who are mainly interested in ski touring. Our outstanding mountaineering organization, the Sierra Club, has a large and very active skiing section which is exclusively devoted to ski touring. A number of experienced skiers have recently organized the "Ski Mountaineers of California," with the definite aim of ski trips to high altitudes. The members, among them the boys of my ski team at the University of California at Los Angeles and others from Pomona College, have already a long list of ski trips to 11,000 and 12,000 foot peaks to their credit.

The increased demand for skiing equipment has brought about a beneficial change in the quantity and especially quality of the goods offered by our local stores. Fine hickory skis, good bindings, ski boots and poles, imported ski waxes and seal skins for climbing, wind-proof gabardine ski suits, parkas, and canvas mittens are now available at downtown stores.

With snow and mountains close at hand and good equipment available, all the novice needs to become a good skier is a spirit of enterprise, the good will to learn, and somebody to teach him the intricacies of the sport. In any of the clubs mentioned there are experienced skiers who are glad to hand on their knowledge to the beginner and show him the tricks called stem turns and christies. Such practical instruction, out on the snow, is the ideal; the task of the instructor is greatly facilitated, however, if the pupil has a certain knowledge of the fundamentals, of skiing terms, etc., to start with. Such knowledge can be gained from books on skiing which give many helpful hints to beginners as well as to the more skilled, on climbing and gliding, turning and stopping, falling and getting up. A list of such books is appended.

The coming years will undoubtedly see an evergrowing stream of skiers going into the mountains every week-end. They will also see, we hope, shelter cabins nestled on the mountain sides high up, to harbor the skiers on long overnight trips over the glorious snow-clad ranges.



The Author—Off a Cornice

MODERN BOOKS ON SKIING

Fanck and Schneider, *The Wonders of Skiing*.

Lunn, Arnold, *The Complete Ski-runner*.

Lunn, Arnold, *A History of Skiing*.

Mosauer, Walter, *On Skis Over the Mountains*.

Proctor, Charles N., *The Art of Skiing*.

Schneibs and McCrillis, *Modern Ski Technique*.

Our Cover Picture

Beautiful open forest, gentle slopes deep in snow, background a towering peak. Wonderful skiing country. Might be anywhere on the high country of Los Angeles County in winter.

This is Mt. Baden-Powell taken across the Blue Ridge and the photo is by Harlow A. R. Dormer, Official Photographer for TRAILS.

That Spirit of Adventure

By CLAUDE C. DOWNING
Representative of L. A. County Dept. of Recreation at National Recreation Congress.

History shows us that man has ever been possessed of a restless spirit which prompts him to seek adventure in far and strange places. As explorers Columbus, Magellan and Cabarillo sailed the Seven Seas. Daniel Boone, George Washington and George Rogers Clark were western adventurers of an early American period. The gold seekers of California were driven by the same urge that sent Byrd to the Antarctic.

We all feel this spirit of adventure. Too many parents fail to recognize its existence, often expressed in restlessness and discontent, fail to realize that every boy and girl will somehow, somewhere find satisfaction for this urge, and left to their own devices it may likely as not take an undesirable form. Adults who fail to understand why boys want to roam at night with the gang are failing to recognize the outcropping of the ever-present urge for adventure.

Recreation leaders and teachers have always understood this urge and are constantly offering ways to satisfy it. Games calling for daring and courage accompanied by a certain amount of danger give many boys and girls a chance to find the adventure they crave.

Only a few may sail the seas; the pioneer days are gone; not all may engage in competitive athletics. How else is the spirit of adventure to be satisfied? 'Thousands find a thrill in books and in fancy, travel by sea and air, meet and slay dragons ancient and modern or brave the heat of the desert sands, while others express themselves in art, drama, music or the crafts. There are always those, however, to whom these activities offer no solution. Some will turn to criminal activities, receive their thrill from the danger involved and give no thought to the final outcome. Others, too smart to be lured by a false god, are looking for some other way.

For each and all there is adventure and thrill almost at our door and yes, danger too if you will, beside which the adventures of the city become colorless and tame. There are beautiful forests, canyon gorges, rushing streams, waterfalls, and hundreds of miles of trails, many leading into almost unexplored wilds. Plenty of opportunity to prove your sportsmanship or the stuff of which you are made.

So when that old urge gets too strong, just throw on the pack and "Hit the Grit" and as you go along think of this quotation from the world's best seller: "I lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my strength."

We are sure the writer of this little gem loved the mountains, woods and streams as we, and that her verses will touch a responsive chord in every reader of TRAILS:

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Where drink the brown bear and the deer;
A hill that shoulders out the sky,
A cabin neath a fir tree high,
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I shall with courage resolute
Throw in my golden harp to boot.

—MABLE I. CLAPP.

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The editor of TRAILS MAGAZINE treasures fond memories of the forested hills of old Connecticut, where he formed the hiking for recreation habit, over fifty years ago, and it has continued to be his principal recreation through forty-seven years in the mountains and hills of Southern California.

Walking is a good magazine doing a good work, and we wish it every success.

News Briefs of Mountain Resorts

OPID'S CAMP

In beautiful forest at the head of West Fork and just a mile, by a good road, from Angeles Crest Highway, this popular resort is making many new friends. During the past year several new cabins, both artistic and comfortable, have been added and construction is to start soon on a new main building to occupy a knoll which commands a magnificent view of the San Gabriel Canyon and the surrounding forested ranges.

STEELE'S FIRST WATER CAMP

Located on the shore of a big pool and almost over the tumbling waters of Big Santa Anita, it would be difficult to find a more beautiful spot for a mountain camp. Here are sparkling streams, waterfalls, crystal pools, beautiful trees and for those who enjoy a hike, wonderful trips of any distance desired.

NEWMAN'S EL ENCANTO

(The Enchanted)

Nestled in a little wooded cove just off the highway as it enters San Gabriel Canyon, this resort is deservedly popular. The beautiful Main Lodge and spacious patio, with lawn, rustic seats and fountain, may be had for parties, and the little cabins scattered over the hillside among the trees make a few days in the hills comfortable and attractive.

COLD BROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill are popular hosts and dispensing at Cold Brook Camp that same famous hospitality which made this one of the most favored Mountain Resorts of the early days. Only a short distance over a paved road from County's Park at Crystal Lake, Cold Brook Camp is prepared to welcome those who wish resort accommodations in this beautiful environment.

CAMP LA CIENEGA

Those who visit this little mountain meadow remembering the Little Cienega of a few years ago, will view with surprise a beautiful resort with comfortable cabins and all modern conveniences, all so well planned that the natural charm is retained. La Cienega is on the bank of Soldier Creek, near Anthem and Triple Falls, and close to the border of Crystal Lake Park.

ELEVEN OAKS

Located in a grove of beautiful oaks on the bank of Bear Canyon's tumbling stream where it joins the San Antonio, this resort is easily reached by the San Antonio Canyon highway.

It has a large main Lodge with beautiful fireplace and many cozy and comfortable cabins.

BEAR CANYON RESORT

That always popular resort on San Antonio Creek at the junction of Bear Canyon is proudly displaying to its host of friends the new Coffee Shop, an attractive re-arrangement of the main building, which is sure to be popular with mountain visitors.

Clown of the Desert

The Joshua or Tree Yucca, with its grotesque shape and tufts of dagger shaped leaves, apparently a relic of the vegetation of past ages, which covered with dense forest parts of our semi-desert areas, is doomed to extinction unless it soon receives protection.

These strange forests are fast giving place to pear orchards and alfalfa fields and public organizations are now petitioning the Federal Government to set aside a grove of the finest specimens as a Joshua Tree Park.

Some of the best remaining Joshua forest is located in West Antelope Valley in the northwest corner of Los Angeles County.

Devil's Punch Bowl

Through the efforts of the County Department of Recreation and with the cooperation of the Federal Forestry Department, we have a new scenic trail into the Devil's Punch Bowl.

That wonderfully interesting area of gigantic rock shapes lying along the edge of the Mojave Desert and just west of Big Rock Creek is now easily accessible to hikers, and we predict will soon be known as one of the scenic wonders of Southern California. Trail starts from Holcomb Camp of the Federal Forestry Department on Big Rock Creek road.

"On Skis Over the Mountains"

Dr. Walter Mosauer, author of "Ski Touring Around Los Angeles" in this issue of TRAILS, is President of the Ski Mountaineers of California and Chairman of the Skiing Section of the Sierra Club, a master of skiing technique and instructor of unusual ability.

Dr. Mosauer has lately published "On Skis Over the Mountains," an illustrated primer on modern Alpine skiing, and this little book, which may be conveniently carried in the pocket, teaches briefly and most completely this enjoyable art. The crisp description supplemented by many drawings taken from motion pictures of the author himself, portray well the rhythm of body action. Price, 50c.

Outing Club News

Caravan Trips

By H. BENJAMIN ROBISON

Field Executive, Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

Caravan trips provide the incentive and opportunity for many to make a desert trip, who perhaps would never go otherwise. Recently three hundred Scouts and Scouters caravanned to Great Falls, a desert canyon near Trona.

At Randsburg the "Yellow Aster" provided an interesting pause enroute. Everyone thrills to the hunt for gold, and this old mine has a real past as well as future. The American Potash and Chemical Company were hosts to the group upon arrival at Trona. Their huge thirty million dollar plant amazed and interested everyone during the three hours required to inspect it. Borax, potash and soda ash are the principal products.

A typical desert trip was made through Searles Canyon to the summit of the Slate range, where an inspiring view of Panamint Valley could be had. Ballarat and Panamint City, with snowcapped Telescope Peak guarding these old mining camps' secrets, indeed stirred our imagination. Nights on the desert are wonderful and varied. One night it rained, the next a cold wind reduced the temperature to 20 degrees. Campers must learn to prepare for these changes, as well as to conserve wood and water. Many splendid short or long hikes can be made from points along the caravan route, to points impossible to reach by cars. Caravan vehicles must be safe and reliable, traffic laws obeyed and the principle of *Safety First* always kept in mind.

Scouts on the Trail

By TALLMAN H. TRASK

Scout Executive, Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The Angelus Forest offers an unlimited opportunity for Scouts of Southern California to put the "OUT" in ScOUTing. There are so many points of interest, fine trails and an excellent opportunity to study nature and pass Scout tests.

"A Scout cannot accept a tip." Well as far as money goes that is true, but here are a few "tips" that any Scout or Scouter may accept without criticism.

Never make a trip anywhere without first

going over the plans with your Scoutmaster.

Don't go into the mountains alone.

Always tell someone where you plan to go.

Keep on the trail. Never take "short cuts."

Secure a fire permit before you start.

Build fire only when necessary and then only in a place you know is "within the law."

Scouts, in uniform, going outside their own Council Territory, are required to secure a *special permit* from the National Department of Camping of the Boy Scouts, through the local Council Office.

Memo to County, State and Federal Rangers: Scouting appreciates your problems and desires to cooperate. It is well to remember, however, that not every boy or man in a uniform or wearing Khaki is connected with Scouting. In case of any question please get names, Troop number and town, and notify the nearest Boy Scout office.

Rock Climbing with the Sierra Club

By ARTHUR B. JOHNSON

Chairman Rock Climbing Committee

A new activity of the Sierra Club is rock climbing. Our Rock Climbers Section is the result of a feeling that many of our members and friends would enjoy safe climbing under able guidance and that there were many with undeveloped talent which only needed a chance for practice to prove itself. The results of our efforts of the last few months has not only justified that feeling but give promise of many excellent climbers.

We are going ahead with plans for intensive practice and training in all phases of mountaineering technique. As one delves deeper into the art of rock climbing he becomes more impressed with the element of safety and learns to demand safety in all he does. He soon learns his personal limit of safe accomplishments and will not attempt a problem that might exceed that limit. Of course with practice and experience his ability and technique will increase, in some cases to an amazing degree.

Our plans for the next few months include biweekly climbs on Saturday afternoons with occasional climbs on Sundays. It also includes a few week-end trips. The most notable is a climb of San Jacinto through Snow Creek Canyon late in April. This will be a limited

trip for practice in advanced Alpine mountaineering.

We extend a cordial invitation to those interested to be our guests on any of our scheduled climbs. For information apply to the club offices at 445 Wilcox Bldg., Second and Spring, Los Angeles, phone VAndike 9851.

Sierra Club, Skiing Section of the Southern Chapter

By DR. WALTER MOSAUER, *Chairman*

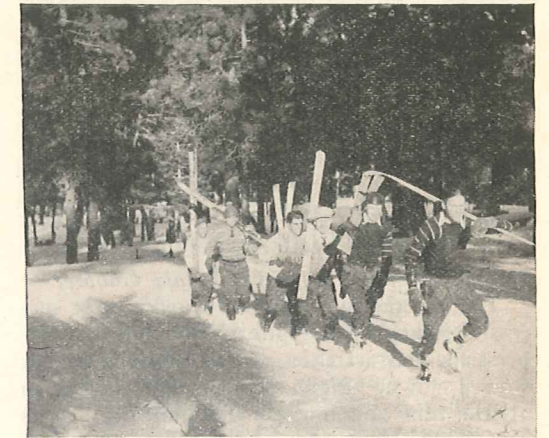
With the erection of beautiful Claire Tappan Lodge, the just completed ski lodge near Donner Pass, the Sierra Club has manifested its great interest in skiing. Our Southern Chapter is most fortunate in owning Harwood Lodge in San Antonio Canyon in the heart of excellent ski country. Our beginners receive class and individual instruction in alpine skiing technique on the slopes near Harwood Lodge, on Table Mountain at Big Pines and elsewhere. When they have reached certain degrees of proficiency, they pass ski tests corresponding to those of the Ski Club of Great Britain and then are given a certificate and a handsome felt badge. Ski tours to higher altitudes are conducted regularly, but only skiers with some experience are admitted to these, in order to prevent unnecessary accidents. For ski trips to the summit of San Antonio or San Geronio, the participants must have passed our fourth class ski test, which shows them to be able to control their speed safely and to execute turns and stops with a certain steadiness. This winter will undoubtedly see a great percentage of the Club's membership on skis every Sunday, reveling in sparkling snow and crisp mountain air.

The Ski Mountaineers of California

By FRANK RICHARDSON, *Sec'y-Treas.*

Some fourteen of Southern California's most enthusiastic and accomplished skiers gathered last fall to form the *Ski Mountaineers of California*. As the name implies, the main purpose of the club will be that of ski mountaineering in the Sierra as well as the mountains of the south. However, the purpose shall not concern the enjoyment of its members alone, for the club plans to foster the interest in skiing on many fronts by instructing beginners, constructing ski shelters near our peaks, and sponsoring downhill and slalom ski races. The club will maintain a high technical stand-

ard, requiring its members to pass rigid tests and to have taken major ski trips over 10,000 feet. Among the charter members are noted mountaineers and skiers—Glen Dawson, Wolfgang Lert, Louis Turner. Dr. Walter Mosauer is president and Leland Curtis, noted Sierra artist, is vice-president of the group. With no lack of interest and a sincere desire to further ski mountaineering, the club should grow in size and reputation.



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The chief function of the Nature Club is to stimulate interest in all branches of Nature Study. To this end weekly dinner meetings are held every Tuesday evening at Boos Bros. Cafeteria, 748 South Broadway, Los Angeles. Green room, third floor, at 6 p.m. Minimum dinner charge, 25c.

A lecture on a nature-study subject or a travelogue follows the dinner and social hour. Outing trips are made twice each month by bus or otherwise for a hike or an observation trip, to mountains, shore or desert.

Program bulletins may be obtained by addressing a postal to F. C. Davis, 1011 North Louise Street, Glendale, California.

1934—Big Year for Sierra Club

By SAMUEL MERRIL

Chairman Southern California Chapter

The Sierra Club has just closed a most successful year and in spite of the business depression, the activities of the Club have not slowed down. New members are coming in all the time and few are dropping out. It is remarkable that two great achievements of the Sierra Club of recent years have taken place in these difficult times.

During this period, the Aurelia Harwood Memorial Lodge was built in the San Antonio Canyon and the Clair Tappaan Ski Lodge was constructed at Norden in the High Sierra country. Due to the self sacrifice, loyalty and devotion of the members, these splendid lodges were built when money alone could never have accomplished it.

In a Nature Club like ours, there is room for all—young and old. Our interests and

activities are as wide as the great out-of-doors. Week-end trips to mountains, desert or seashore are provided for every week throughout the year, with many events sandwiched in between such as ice skating, horseback riding, moonlight hikes, dances, dinners and card parties.

While many of our members are of the active, athletic type, as evidenced by their prowess as mountaineers, rock climbers, and skiers, yet it is by no means necessary that one engage in these strenuous activities to be a member of the Sierra Club. We welcome all who have a love of Nature in their hearts and a desire to assist in preserving the forests and the scenic beauty spots of our great state.

The San Antonio Club

Since the close of the 1934 schedule many club members and their friends have enjoyed week-ends at Big Spruce Cabin, the Club's mountain headquarters in Bear Canyon. Election of officers at the annual meeting in November resulted in re-election of all officers of 1934.

The Mystery Hike scheduled for December 9th was twice postponed on account of bad weather and high water and appears on July 7th of the 1935 schedule now out. The trips planned for this year are perhaps the most interesting series ever scheduled for this Club, and include a hike to Magic Mountain on February 17, a week-end at Big Spruce Cabin March 16-17, and on April 14 a hike through beautiful Bear Creek to the Falls.

For information of Club activities write or phone to Will H. Thrall, President, 400 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra; Edward Coughran, Secretary, 228 S. Putney Ave., San Gabriel.

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Glendale Community Hikers

We have just received the Winter schedule of this popular hiking club. The trips taken in January included a hike to Mt. Lowe, on the 13th. A moonlight hike in the Burbank hills the evening of the 17th and afternoon hike and picnic in Griffith Park the 27th.

The schedule for the next two months includes a hike to Hoegee's Camp on Winter Creek for Sunday, February 10th. A Moonlight hike in the San Rafael hills on Saturday, February 16th; an over-night Desert Trip February 23-24; an early morning hike for Sunday, March 3, with one of those famous breakfasts in the open.

On Sunday, March 10th, they plan a hike to that area of beautiful forest, grassy slopes and wonderful views, Barley Flat, with a steak dinner in the open; Tuesday, March 19th, a moonlight hike up Dark Canyon trail from the Angeles Crest highway; Saturday, March 30th, an afternoon on Verdugo Peak.

For information, address R. W. Haight, 420 So. Lincoln Ave., Glendale, Calif. Phone DOouglas 4872 or VAndike 8785.

Roamer Hiking Club

The week-end trip of December 8th and 9th, through Ice House Canyon to Kelly's Camp, that beautiful little Log Cabin Resort on Ontario Peak, and the annual snow trip of the club to Big Pines Park on January 13th were the high spots in Roamer Club activities of the past two months.

Coming events include the Mystery Trip under the leadership of Baron Munchausen on January 27th, a trip through Santa Anita Canyon to an old favorite of the early days, Sturtevant's Camp on February 2, and the Anniversary Dinner Dance the evening of February 9, a club event which is looked forward to throughout the year.

The Spring schedule will be out about February 1. For information of the club, write to W. Al Crossley, 3317 Hamilton Way, Los Angeles.

All-Around Sports Club

The purpose of the Club is to develop interest in hiking and other sports. Hikes will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month. Other Sundays will be devoted to other sports. Those interested in hiking, are especially invited to join in our activities. In-

formation can be obtained by communicating with Herman Davidson, Director, 418 North Breed Street. Phone, ANGelus 11609.



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Trail Trips

Saddle Peak—For a Wonderful View— 2 to 4 miles.

Drive Topango Road to Malibu Ranger Station at Fernwood. Here turn west on Fernwood-Pacific Division, past the junction with Tuna Canyon road to a point directly east of Saddle Peak. Here take trail to summit of Saddle Peak, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, or on to the West Summit, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile farther. If a longer hike is desired, there are several trails in this area leading down into canyons or interesting wooded areas. Carry water.

Returning by Tuna Canyon road to the Coast Highway will add some beautiful and unusual scenery.

Ellsmere Canyon—4 miles.

Drive San Fernando-Newhall highway, through the tunnel, passing the oil wells and turn right on the first road near the foot of the hill. Drive this road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to locked gate and park the auto. Hike road beyond the gate, keeping to the right at all intersections, to the summit of the divide, 2 miles. From there choose your own route back.

Rock formations, oak woods, grassy slopes and views all fine. Carry water.

Big Boulders of Soledad Canyon—3 to 4 miles.

North from Saugus on Mint Canyon highway, turning right on Soledad road near Nadeau Deer Farm and follow until you see three enormous boulders on top of ridge to left, north of road. These rocks rise over 300 feet above the supporting ridge. There is a trail up a canyon on either side of them. Can easily reach top of nearest one by east side trail. Very thrilling. Carry water.

The Gorge of Trail Canyon—4 miles.

Drive Big Tujunga Canyon road from Foothill Boulevard by Mt. Gleason Avenue, to Trail Canyon and park auto. Take trail canyon trail to mouth of the Gorge 1.8 miles and through the gorge to Trail Canyon Falls, .3 mile, or high trail around the gorge to canyon above the falls .5 mile. Plenty of water.

Dry Lake of Disappointment Ridge—5 miles.

Drive Angeles Crest Highway to Red Box and take San Gabriel Peak trail, 1 mile to first trail forks, turn right on trail to top of ridge, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and right along top of ridge to Dry Lake, 1 mile. An interesting trip and fine views. Some interesting rock formations. Carry water.

Upper San Dimas Canyon—5 miles.

Drive San Dimas Canyon road to trail turning left from road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile below Wolfskill Camp, follow up this trail to forks of trail 2 miles, and take left-hand trail to canyon bottom, turning down stream to narrows. Water at canyon but none on the way.

Cedar Canyon—5 miles.

Drive to Ice House Canyon and park car. Take Ice House Canyon trail to Cedar Canyon trail, 1 mile, turn left through Cedar Flat to Cedar Spring, 1 mile, and over ridge to right $\frac{1}{2}$ mile through beautiful forested flat. Plenty of water.

Fox Creek—By Big Tujunga Canyon—1 Day.

Tujunga Canyon road to parking place near dam and park auto. Hike trail up east (right) slope around the dam and reservoir, dropping to the stream level at Josephine Creek, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, then follow trail up canyon to Edison Road crossing, 2 miles, then follow road west (left) around mountain, across Fall Creek and around again to point where high power line crosses road, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, here take a marked trail west (left) to Fox Creek $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to good camp ground 100 yards above where trail meets stream and have cold lunch. No fire allowed. After lunch go up stream $\frac{3}{8}$ mile to beautiful 200 foot falls. Return same route. Water all the way. Two camp grounds between reservoir and Edison crossing where fires are allowed. Secure fire permit at Tujunga Ranger Station on road in. Total hiking distance, 14 miles.

Mt. Lowe Tavern to Oakwilde—by Bear Canyon—1 Day.

Park auto in Pasadena and take Pacific Electric to Mt. Lowe Tavern. Two hundred yards above Tavern take Bear Canyon trail leading around mountain to west (left) to stream in Bear Canyon, 3 miles, and stop for lunch at one of two picnic grounds in canyon. First down $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, second 1 mile. After lunch follow trail down to junction with Arroyo Seco, 2 miles, and up Arroyo Seco through Royal Gorge, passing the upper falls by ladders, to Switzer's Camp, 1 mile. Then by Switzer trail to Oakwilde, 4 miles, and take stage back to Pasadena. Lunch at Switzerland if preferred. Water most of the way. Secure fire permit at Federal Forestry Office before starting, as there is no Ranger Station on way in. A beautiful, and an easy hike. Total hiking distance, 10 miles.

Upper Big Tujunga—by Colby's Ranch—1 Day. from Angeles Crest Highway at Red Box.

Drive Angeles Crest Highway to Red Box and park auto. Hike Barley Flat road north (left) to trail turning west (left), $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Follow this trail around the slope, passing east of Strawberry Peak, then down through a mile of forest to Colby's Ranch, 4 miles, and passing the buildings, on to camp No. 15 on the stream in Upper Tujunga, 1.3 miles. Return by same route. Water at frequent intervals. If planning to use fire, secure permit before starting. Total hiking distance, 12 miles.

Upper Fish Canyon—1 Day.

Drive Foothill Boulevard to Fish Canyon road, signed, first west of San Gabriel River, and this road to mouth of Fish Canyon. Parking place and first mile of trail on private ground. Hike trail to the Falls, 200 feet high, 2.8 miles, then return .3 mile to trail leading around the falls to the upper canyon and a Forestry Camp Ground, 2 miles. Return by same route or can continue on to Monrovia Canyon and meet transportation at the forks of Monrovia and Sawpit canyons, 7 miles, all trails signed. Water most of the way. If planning to use fire, secure permit before starting. Total hiking distance, 10 to 12 miles.

Bear Creek from Coldbrook Camp—1 Day.

Hike the trail starting from the road a short distance below Coldbrook Ranger Station, west to summit of divide north of Smith Mountain, 2.5 miles, and down into Bear Creek, 2.5 miles, and up the stream to the falls or down stream as far as desired. Carry lunch and small canteen as no water until Bear Creek is reached. Return by same route. No fires allowed. Total hiking distance, 10 to 14 miles.

Crystal Lake Park by Soldier Creek—1 Day—from Camp La Cienega.

San Gabriel Canyon Highway from Azusa to Camp La Cienega. From here hike the Soldier Creek trail into the County Park at Crystal Lake and turn east, skirting the base of Mt. Hawkins, passing the Alexander Cabin, Spring Camp, Big Cienega, through the length of Upper Flat to the miner's cabin, on west to the lake, around the north shore to Wawona Basin, back around the south shore and over the ridge to the head of Cedar Canyon. Here take Cedar Canyon trail down to Soldier Creek and back to starting point. Water at frequent intervals. No fire permitted except in the park camp grounds. This is a beautiful hike. Total hiking distance, about 10 miles.

San Dimas Lookout and Sycamore Flat—1 Day—from Big Dalton Canyon.

Drive from Glendora to the forks of Big and Little Dalton Canyons, up Big Dalton road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and park auto near trail. Turn east (right) up mountain to San Dimas Lookout, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. East lunch here or at Sycamore Flat near by and return by same route. Or if transportation can meet you on San Dimas Canyon there is a choice of two routes, one leading to the San Dimas Ranger Station at the dam, the other to the County Park and Picnic Ground near the mouth of the canyon. The distance on all routes is approximately the same. Total hiking distance, 7 miles.

Brown's Flat—1 Day—from San Antonio Canyon Road Below Hogsback.

This trail is a continuation of the trail from Spring Hill. Starts west from road about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below the Hogsback, up the slope to the Divide Trail, 3 miles, then turn south (left) 1 mile, then west (right) 2 miles, to Brown's Flat. Return by same route. Carry cold lunch and water as there is no water on this trip. Total hiking distance, 12 miles.

There is a choice of several other routes returning, two of them leading to San Dimas Canyon, but all of them add to the mileage.

Lookout Peak—1 Day—from Camp Baldy.

From Ranger Station hike Bear Canyon to Bear Flat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, then turn west (left) on trail to Lookout Peak, old location of the fire lookout, and over the summit to the road on the divide, 6 miles, and road back to Camp Baldy, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Carry cold lunch and small canteen as probably no water after leaving Bear Flat. Fine view and some nice forest. Total hiking distance, 9 miles.

Wright Mountain and Juniper Point—1 Day—from Wrightwood.

Hike up road passing the toboggan slide to point

where Oak Canyon trail leaves the road, 1.5 miles, then take trail east (left) up the slope to summit of Blue Ridge, 2 miles, then east (left) over summit of Wright Mountain, 1 mile, to Juniper Point at east end of Blue Ridge, 1 mile. On Wright Mountain see the earth faults and sliding terraces as this peak slowly breaks over the cliffs of Sheep Creek and at Juniper Point perhaps the largest Juniper tree in Southern California, $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet diameter of trunk and 40 feet high. From this point also one of the grandest views in the southwest. Carry water and cold lunch. This is a very beautiful hike. Total hiking distance, 11 miles.

Mt. Gleason, Elevation 6,503 Feet—1 Day—By Messenger Flat Trail.

From Soledad Canyon road; drive Mody Canyon road to end and hike trail through Messenger Flat, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, to Deer Spring Camp, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and have lunch there or on the summit of Mt. Gleason, 1 mile farther on. Return to auto by same route. Only water is at Deer Spring, 1 mile below the summit. If planning to use fires, secure permit before starting or at Russ Ranger Station on Soledad. Total hiking distance, 10 miles. Fine views and beautiful forest on the summit.

BE WISE IN LITTLE THINGS

When you start something in the mountains or on the trail, be it ever so small, you can never tell what it may amount to in a few feet or a few minutes.

Don't roll stones. A stone carelessly or purposely loosened may start a landslide or roll to the canyon bottom by itself; may endanger a party on the trail below or take a life. A good mountaineer is thoughtful of others.

Stay on the trail. Trails are kept up today almost exclusively for recreation, and short-cutting damages them. Besides, there's usually a good reason for going around and those who short-cut are often in danger, or place others in danger. A good mountaineer does not short-cut.

Leave a clean camp. Before starting on your way put it in the condition you would like to find it and set a standard for those who follow.

Be careful of fire. A fire in the mountains is not only burning YOUR playgrounds, but is damaging YOU in so many ways it would take a column to tell them. A careless spark may start a conflagration.

A good stunt or an act of daring,—it may look that way to you,—but if it causes annoyance, worry or danger to others of the party, you're wrong. A good mountaineer takes care that all of the party return safely.

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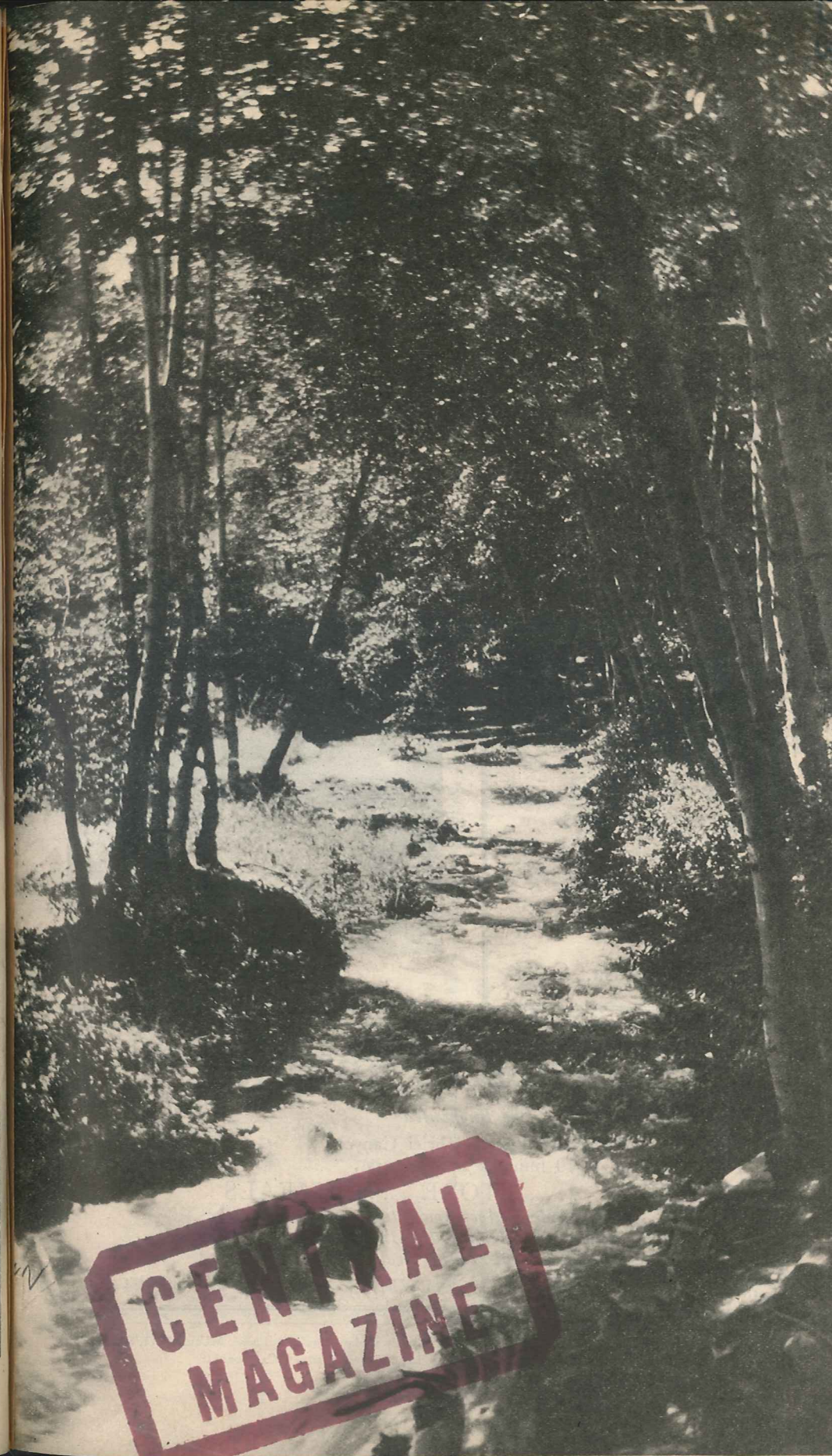
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