

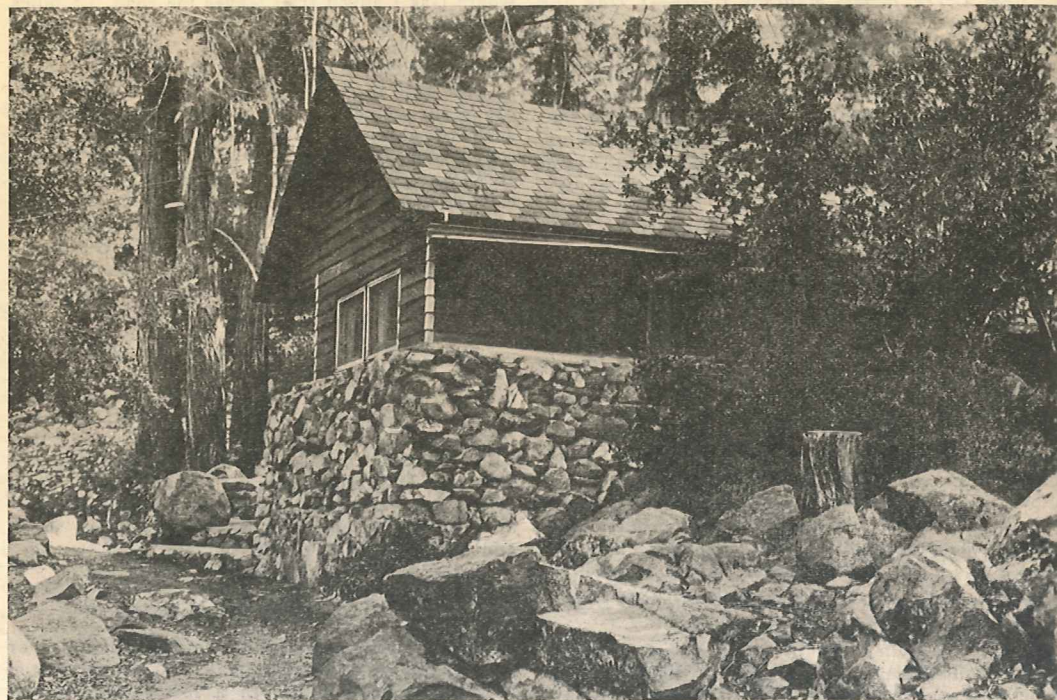
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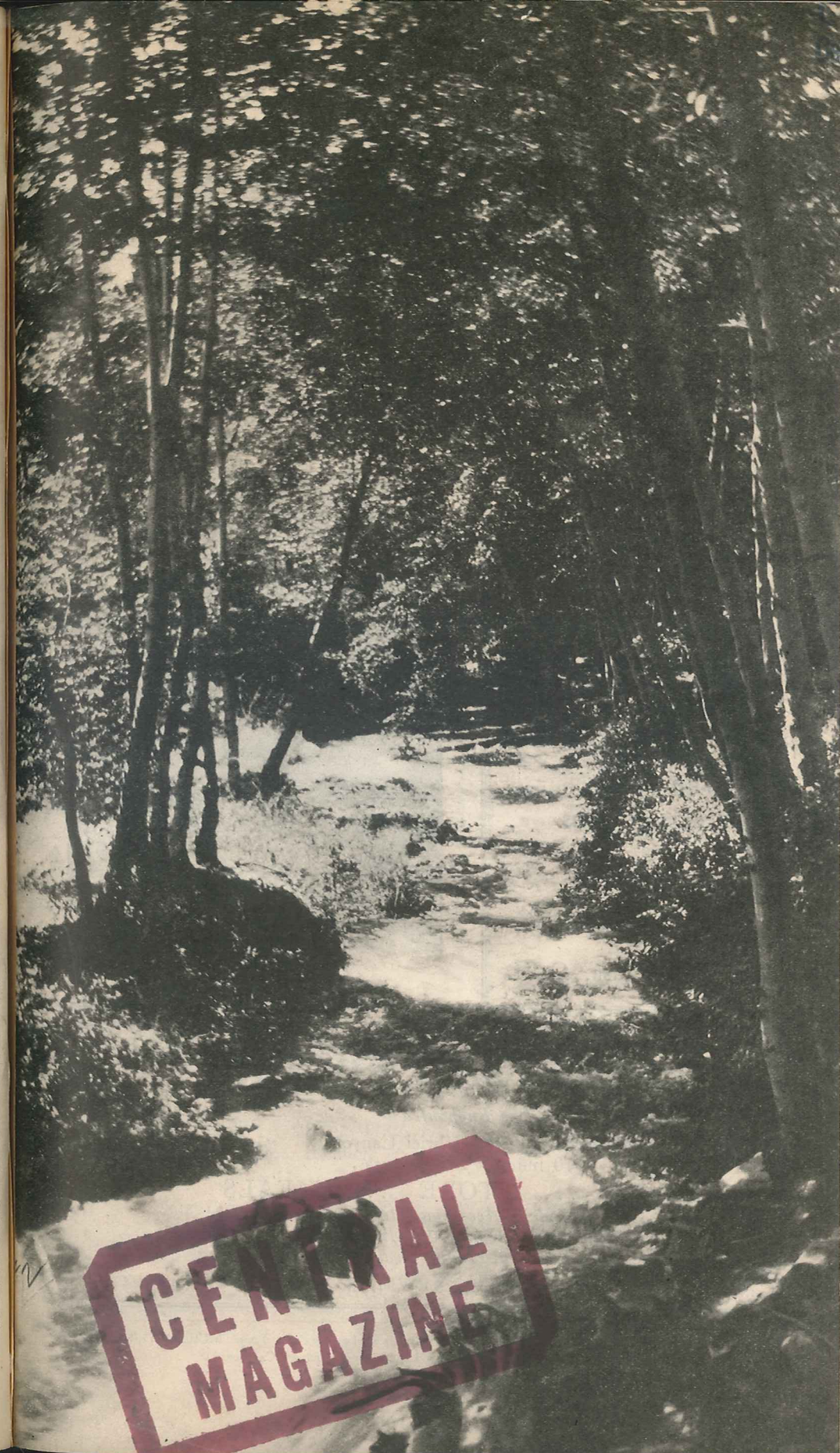
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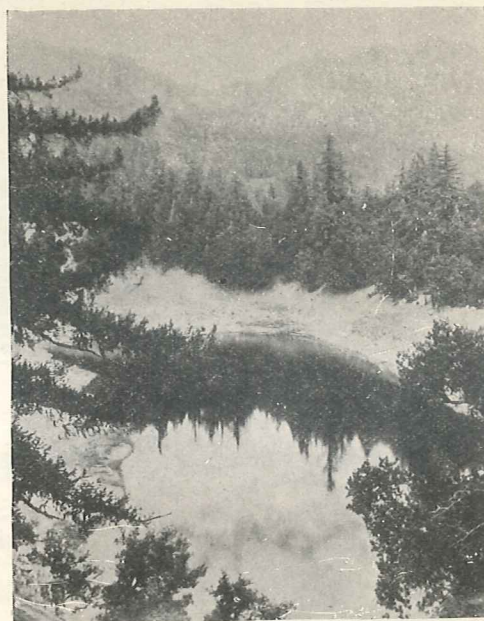
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LAUGHING SPRING

If ever before, this season was "Smiling Spring," this year it is surely hilarious. If ever Spring felt gay it must be now, with every crack and crevice filled with water from abundant rains over many months, with everything washed clean, every shrub and tree out in new ruffles of vivid green, every little canyon with a singing stream, every declivity a waterfall, every little seed bursting with joy at the bountiful moisture and a blooming season which will be double the usual length.

All through the Winter months the trails have carried hikers in numbers equal to a normal Summer and with new roads, trails and camp-grounds to make them the most accessible and attractive they have ever been, the mountains of Los Angeles County will have a record year.

OUR COVER PICTURE

If this doesn't give you Spring Fever you're hopeless. Sparkling, tumbling water, grassy banks, dancing sunbeams, dense new foliage overhead, and the trail is there if you cannot see it. This is the North Fork of Lytle Creek where the Great Pacific Crest Trail leaves the San Gabriel Range for Cajon Pass and the San Bernardino.

IF

How often we hear it said, "IF nothing happens, Los Angeles is destined to be the greatest city in the world." IF Los Angeles doesn't look well to her foundations, she can never be that, for no city can build greater than their foundation.

We have a climate unequaled by any great city; we have a location which could hardly be improved; we are both an inland city with plenty of room, and a sea-port of almost unlimited possibilities; we are a natural trading post for half the United States and half the population of the world. We have already 2½ million people in the Metropolitan area, and are now bringing in a great water supply for 7½ million more. But, in all our planning, we have been overlooking a most important part of that foundation.

Without the San Gabriel mountains, that wonderful city we vision could not be. No other great city has a 10,000 foot mountain range so close,—a 600,000-acre playground in their back yard. This must be the playground at our door and may easily be the greatest in the world if we plan now and wisely, not only for the 10-year present, but for the 100-year future.

Mountain roads must be built, but not some roads. The whole area should be carefully planned, so that roads may best serve the double purpose of fire protection and recreation. More wilderness area should be immediately set aside for hiking and bridle trails, where those who wish may spend a time with primitive nature and beyond the reach of the auto.

We who hike must not be selfish, for there will always be those who cannot see the mountains except they ride and this is their mountain too. In areas where we must have roads, there are also places where only trails can go and many times the travelers of both trail and road may share the same camp ground.

What is done now, this year, the next ten years, in the mountains of Los Angeles County, is going to have a tremendous effect on the health and happiness of her people and on the physical, mental and moral well-being of a multitude yet unborn.

This is a big IF in the future of Los Angeles County. *Let's have a plan.*

How Came The San Gabriels

By WILL H. THRALL

If I knew the geology of the San Gabriel Range as well as I know its canyons and trails I could perhaps make this story more interesting. I have one advantage over the geologist, however, as I have no professional reputation at stake, and so I may tell you things he would not, but don't ask me to prove them. If you are interested you will have to hunt for your own proofs, and I can assure you it will be a fascinating quest.

As long as this earth lives there will be movements of its crust, cracks and vents, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. When such things cease entirely then the earth is dying and will not for long sustain life. So here in Southern California where living is perhaps most worth while of any spot on the globe, we have in the past had some of the most tremendous changes.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago what is now the San Gabriel Mountains was an uneven or rolling plain, this uneven terrain, all that was left of a former mountain range which had weathered and washed away through the ages. Then in a series of those great movements which helped to build the Southern California we know today, a great wedge-shaped mass, perhaps 5 miles wide at its eastern end near Cajon Pass, 20 miles wide at the west near Newhall, and 50 miles long, was forced upward and westward between two great cracks or fault systems.

The fault on the south is represented on the surface today by the middle fork of Lytle Creek, Ice House Canyon, Cow and Cattle Canyons, the east and west forks of San Gabriel Canyon, parts of Arroyo Seco, Big Tujunga, Little Tujunga, Pacoima and Placerita Canyons, a great trough across the mountains. That of the north side, the north fork of Lytle Creek, Prairie Fork, Vincent Gulch, part of Big Rock Creek and crossing the Devil's Punch Bowl makes the north face of Pleasant View Ridge and so on through to Una Lake on the Mint Canyon Highway. The area lying between these two we call today the Main Range.

Now parallel to these and joining them at either end are two other major faults, that on the south making the valley face of what we call the front range, or the Cucamonga and Mt. Wilson ranges, and passing in back of Mt. Lukens probably joins the San Gabriel

fault where the Big Tujunga runs for four miles northwest on the only straight stretch of its tortuous course.

The second fault on the north side is that great live fault about which we are hearing so much, the San Andreas Rift, which here runs along the base of the San Bernardino just east of Cajon Pass, up Lone Pine Canyon, passing through Wrightwood and Big Pines Park by Swartout Valley and on to join the Pleasant View fault near Una Lake west of Palmdale. This great moving crack extends two-thirds of the length of California, perhaps 1000 miles north under the Pacific Ocean and south across Mexico into the Caribbean Sea. It was the cause of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 and who knows, perhaps it was on it that Atlantis broke from Central America and sank beneath the sea many thousands of years ago.

We do not know if the central wedge and those narrow parallel blocks on the north and south went up together, possibly they did not. We do know that both were pushed the highest at the east or narrow end, gradually losing elevation towards the west, as the faults spread farther apart and the block grew wider and heavier.

This gradual change in elevation is indicated by Pine Mountain, Mt. Dawson, Mt. San Antonio and Telegraph Peak, 9600 to 10,000 feet high across the narrow east end, and going west we find Mt. Baden Powell, 9389; Mt. Hawkins, 8418; Mt. Islip, 8240; Mt. Waterman, 8020; Mt. Pacifico, 7078; Mt. Gleason, 6503; and at the Newhall end, Mt. Layne, 4856.

The south block drops in the same ratio from the 8911 foot summit of Cucamonga Peak to 4500 feet at Mt. Washburn west of Switzer's Camp and the block on the north side falls quickly away from the 8500 foot summit of Wright Mountain to the 4000 foot level at the west end of Pleasant View Mesa.

This uplift movement covered thousands of years of Pliocene time and while going on, thousands of feet in elevation of the original surface was eroded by wind and storm, washed away by winter floods into the valleys and into the ocean and the entire block, peaks and saddles, ridges and canyons, sculptured by the elements into its present contour.

In the crushing, lifting movement to which these old strata of the earth, the Miocene,

Eocene, Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic layers, for miles beneath, were being subjected as they were pushed upward and westward, there were many cross faults being developed. San Antonio Canyon, San Dimas and the main San Gabriel where it turns north at Camp Bonita, and the biggest one of all, the San Gabriel north from Azusa, which extends across under the San Gabriel valley, through the gap in the hills near Whittier, across the coastal plain, under Lynwood and Torrance, forms the abrupt north end of the Palos Verdes Hills and the deep ocean canyon off Redondo.

Los Angeles County's beautiful park at Crystal Lake is on the north end of that fault. The entire park area, North Flat, East Flat, Crystal Lake, Wawona Basin and West Flat are a series of step faults or fault terraces lying in the head of this great crack where Mt. Islip bars its northern extension, and the long ridge of Mt. Hawkins forms its east wall.

I told you on the start that this great inner wedge was not only pinched up but westward, and the difference of two miles on West Fork in the alignment of this north and south break represents the greater movement westward of this inner block.

Though apparently all lateral movement south of the main divide has ceased, the movement of the San Andreas continues, so slowly that it is only perceptible to the most delicate instruments, but steadily and surely, and who can say how many hundred thousand years it has taken to move those enormous blocks of sandstone and conglomerate, now on the Cajon and once part of the Devil's Punch Bowl, 24 miles to their present position.

There is a strong indication that the whole San Bernardino Range has drifted east along the north side of this rift a distance equal to the movement of the Punch Bowl formation, and if this is true the original location of Table Mountain was between where Little Rock and Palmdale now are, the area around Camp Seely was opposite Big Pines and Big Bear Lake in the present location of Hesperia.

The movement of the San Andreas has cut and dammed up many water channels both on the surface and underneath and in places where there were sags or depressions along the fault, this has made little lakes.

Jackson Lake at the west end of Big Pines Park; Una Lake, now Palmdale's water supply; Elizabeth Lake, Lake Hughes, Tweedy Lake and Quail Lake, where the Ridge Route meets and follows the fault from Sanbergs to Lebec, though some have been artificially en-

larged, were all started in sags along the fault.

You would ask, "Is this movement now going on?" We know that the San Andreas still moves and we have indisputable visible evidence in the course of Little Rock Creek where it crosses the fault and its channel, as it leads north into the desert, has been carried two miles to the east in relatively recent time. In Big Pines Park the north side of the San Andreas Fault has moved east 37½ feet in 50 years. This continuous steady movement is a safety valve and as long as not interrupted we need have no fears of trouble from that source. I believe there is also movement in other parts of the block and it seems to me canyons are gradually growing deeper without any appreciable change in grade.

The Los Angeles-San Bernardino County Line crosses the highest point of Mt. San Antonio and the survey of 1928 found the peak 62 feet higher than the mark placed there in 1900. It is not reasonable to suppose that either made such a mistake and I believe this peak has actually grown 62 feet in 28 years. I doubt very much if Wright Mountain has today the 8500 feet which the maps of 1900 give it, and believe that some unseen but irresistible force is slowly crushing it to powder and crowding it north over the cliffs of Sheep Creek to be carried in the winters' storms a long blue line far out on the Mojave Desert. But these things cover ages and the Indians of hundreds, perhaps a thousand years ago, found this much as we find it today.

Now the first thing I told you was that as long as there was life on this earth there would be movement and there is nothing in that to be alarmed about. We are whirling at the rate of 1,000 miles an hour, 24,000 miles in 24 hours, and if this were suddenly stopped for only an instant, we would, with the fragments of this earth's crust, go flying into space, but we live and work, build homes and raise families to continue our work with assurance that this cannot happen.

Please don't regard the faults of Southern California as sources of danger or destruction, for every part of this earth has its faults, structural or otherwise, but rather, I want you to think of them as the agencies which have made our present pleasing contours and the major conditions of our delightful environment, our wonderful mountains and beautiful valleys. It is because of her faults that the whole world knows of Southern California and millions of its population hope some day to live here.

WHEN NATURE SPLASHES COLOR

Gorgeous Wild Flower Displays of the Southwest

Before the Summer number of this little magazine goes to press most of our wild flowers will have come and gone and we urge that you do not miss the truly wonderful displays to be seen in many parts of our Southern California. Though the great displays of the West San Joaquin Valley are magnificent and all that is claimed for them, there are many fine displays in Los Angeles County which may be more easily reached. It is, of course, impossible to forecast exactly when these will be at their best as this depends on rainfall and temperature, but the time can be approximately given.

Our big displays in the South in a normal year start about April 1 with the blooms of the western slope of the hills along the ocean and the best of this, though outside of Los Angeles County, is only 50 miles away along the hills between Balboa and Dana Point. The queen of this early display and one of the most beautiful wild flowers of the Southwest is the *Brodiaea*, which early in the Spring covers those warm west slopes along the ocean with great patches of violet and lavender, often interspersed with the gold of early poppies, the Blue and Gold of California. Then by May 1 the great poppy fields of West Antelope Valley should be in their prime and as a mass are seen to best advantage from the summit of Portal Range south of Fairmont reservoir.

Between April 15 and June 1 the Malibu Hills from Topanga Canyon to Russel Valley should furnish a gorgeous display of a great variety of flowers, particularly along that network of roads west of Topanga Ranger Station to the summit of Saddle Peak and through beautiful Tuna Canyon, along the Las Virgenes Canyon road to The Craggs, Monte Nido and Crater Camp and the surrounding rim of the old volcanic crater, around Lake Sherwood and along the Decker Ranch road which runs from Ventura Highway at Triunfo through to the coast above Point Dume.

The first two weeks in June the little valleys and surrounding hill slopes in upper San Francisquito Canyon and about the little town of La Joya should be ablaze with the blue of purple lupine and the flaming red of scarlet bugler and I doubt if that wonderful display

of color can be equaled anywhere else in the Southwest.

Then last but by no means least, that queen of blooms, the Yucca or Lords Candle. Starting about June 1 with the giant blooms of the canyon washes, some of which reach a height of 25 feet with a flower head 12 to 15 feet long, these wonderful flowers carry on through June, with the smaller variety in hundreds of thousands covering the mountain slopes to the middle of July, then late into the Summer in the higher canyons some of the largest and finest blooms of the season.

Last year's finest display of giant yucca was along the Big Tujunga Canyon near Foothill Boulevard the first week in June, when thousands of mammoth blooms covered the boulder wash and along the North Fork of the San Gabriel between Cold Brook Camp and Crystal Lake Park, where the first week of July, though not so plentiful, some of the finest of the season were in bloom. Then along Mint Canyon Highway west of Vincent the first week of July, where hundreds of thousands of the smaller ones covered the whole south slope of the Sierra Pelona from the highway to the crest of the range.

The yucca blooms in Lone Pine Canyon, along the highway to Wrightwood and Big Pines Park, are always among the best and the first week of June 1932 furnished perhaps the finest display ever seen in the Southwest.

Editor's Note: Though the wild flowers of Southern California started, this season, about six weeks ahead of normal, the cold weather of March has checked development until it now seems that the later displays will be about normal time and this year's blooming season lengthened by several weeks.

A FRAGMENT OF JUNE

A stretch of blending tints of green,
Of sward and trees, and blooming sheen;
The mingling blue of sapphire skies,
And fleecy clouds and purple dyes;
While over all lies fold on fold
Of Summer sunshine's shimmering gold.
Sweet-scented breezes, lingering, play
Where regal roses bow and sway.
The wine of life in loam and air;
The whirl of winged life everywhere;
While Heaven leans low and spills soft gleams
Of glory, while Earth thrills and dreams
Beneath the touch, and wakes to swoon
Again in joy. 'Tis Mystic June.

—MARGARET DRAKE DEGROOT.

'HANDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY' GESTURE BENEFICIAL TO ORGANIZED HIKING

By ERNEST A. DENCH

There are approximately 150 opportunities for long-distance fraternal overtures among hiking clubs. Were each club secretary willing to maintain frequent correspondence contacts with these 150 clubs, it would leave hardly any time for her *own* club work—usually heavy.

There is, of course, the alternative plan of placing these clubs on the bulletin mailing list. To small clubs this might prove a prohibitive expense. Then, too, what club paper has space—mainly reserved for its own activities—to review the highlights of 150 exchanges? Who, too, would find time to read them all? Little wonder that these fraternal gestures are generally confined to a few nearby clubs.

Why do I advocate this national clannishness of hiking clubs? Easily first is the helpful exchange of ideas. Practically every club has a better way of doing a certain thing—bulletin presentation, schedule of hikes, conduct of camping trips, recruiting methods, to mention but a few possibilities.

Let us suppose a hiker from the East visits the Pacific coast. It would make his stay much more pleasant were he able to hike with friendly groups there. Last summer a Prairie Club member attended summer school at Columbia University, New York City. I casually heard of the lady's arrival and promptly extended the hospitality of my club, the Interstate of N. J.-N. Y. Guest restrictions were waived. My club's rule up to that time allowed three visits, after which the guest was expected to apply for membership. This was intended to apply only to local residents. The I. H. C. has since revised the rule to extend guest privileges for an indefinite period to out-of-town club hikers.

Every summer some clubs conduct vacation expeditions in far-away mountain ranges. They are complicated to organize so far away from the home base, for essential information may be lacking. Here you have the sterling worth of being able to approach a club in the distant terrain.

When some major conservation issue arises, hikers are ill-prepared to take aggressive action. A national organization or medium could speak on behalf of thousands of hikers.

The East has the Appalachian Trail Conference, while the West is served by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Both are doing commendable work in their respective spheres, but there are more clubs *outside* these organizations than *in* them. The Middle-West groups lack a central spokesman, and there are scattered clubs elsewhere. No nationalization movement would be a success unless it had the wholehearted cooperation of these indispensable regional associations. And cooperation here does not mean amalgamation.

Nobody knows how many hikers there are in this country. The number outside club ranks will always be a matter of guess-work, since such hikers are difficult, if not impossible, to locate, but with the kind help of club secretaries, I hope shortly to be in a position to accurately determine the numerical strength of organized hiking.

Since last September the American Nature Association has given hikers a national voice and clearing house in its monthly *Nature Magazine*. As editor of this Hiking and Camping Forum, I keenly appreciate the cooperation which clubs and individuals are extending. The department is already proving its worth to hikers and hiking, and matters crowded off the printed page are handled by correspondence.

A SPLENDID SERVICE

Nature Magazine, with its hiking and camping Forum, is doing hikers and hiking in the United States a splendid service, and Ernest A. Dench, editor of this new department, whose article "Hands Across the Country" appears in this number of TRAILS, seems to be the man for the job.

The editor of TRAILS MAGAZINE welcomes the opportunity for closer association among hikers of the Nation and believes that the outing organizations of the Southwest should extend their assistance and cooperation.

GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT

There are thousands of residents of Southern California who would give themselves an unexpected treat if they would heed the slogan "See Southern California First," and very particularly does that apply to the mountain and semi-desert areas of Los Angeles County. Secure detailed information at County Department of Recreation, Room 300, 240 South Broadway.

NEW WILDERNESS AREA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Plans are now going forward for a new Wilderness Area of 33,000 acres in the San Gabriel mountains, making the third in this range with a total area of 83,000 acres.

This new area will be bounded on the east by that group of towering peaks, Pine Mountain, Mt. Dawson and Mt. San Antonio, on the north by Prairie Fork and Mt. Baden-Powell, on the west by the summit divide from Mt. Baden-Powell to Rattlesnake Peak and on the south by a line from Rattlesnake, crossing Coldwater Canyon just above Weber's Camp, to Lookout Peak, northwest from Camp Baldy.

Included in this area, which comprises nearly the whole of the watershed of the San Gabriel River above Allison Gulch, are the highest mountain peaks of the San Gabriel range and four of the highest in Southern California, 9,400 to over 10,000 feet elevation, the most magnificent canyon gorge in the southwest, twenty-five miles of the finest fishing waters in the county, thousands of acres of beautiful forest and a hiking and camping area with few equals.

Los Angeles County may count itself fortunate indeed that it has the opportunity to preserve, in its primitive state, for future generations, a park of such exceptional beauty.

THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

After considerable discussion and much argument among Outing Clubs, State Committees and National Park and Forestry Departments, it has been decided that the name of that great naturalist and mountaineer, John Muir, is not a suitable name for this master trail of the Pacific Coast, and "Pacific Crest Trail," which name seems to be agreeable to all interested organizations, has been selected.

Clinton C. Clarke, to whose efforts and persistence is due much of what has been accomplished, has just published a little forty-eight page booklet descriptive of this magnificent wilderness path between Canada and Mexico.

Though necessarily brief, the information is very complete and easily followed. By using a code of his own for shortening descriptions and directions, Mr. Clarke has condensed within the covers of this little pocket sized guide a most complete and comprehensive description of the entire 2300 miles.

The "Pacific Crest Trail" is attracting

much attention and publicity on the Atlantic Coast and there have been several short articles in *Nature Magazine*, stories in some of the New York papers, a splendid condensed description of the entire route in the *Bulletin* of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and now the complete story of the trail from Tehachapi to Cajon Pass, reprinted from *TRAILS MAGAZINE*, appearing in *Walking*, a monthly magazine for hikers published in New York City.

Pacific Coast periodicals seem to be overlooking something very much worth while. We have let the Atlantic Coast beat us so badly in hiking interest, are we now to learn of our greatest recreation projects only through Eastern publications?

The guide book of the Pacific Crest Trail is priced at twenty cents, or twenty-five cents mailed, and may be obtained at the office of *TRAILS MAGAZINE* or from Mr. Clinton C. Clarke, Hotel Vista Del Arroyo, Pasadena.

PARADE OF THE CLOUDS

Today the clouds went marching by
On dress parade across the sky,
Majestic minions in array,
With uniforms of gold and gray,
In time and tune to whistling wind.

They marched with stately, rapid tread
Above the treetops overhead,
As though a master did review,
Manoeuvres old yet ever new,
With faultless eye and perfect mind.

—BERT MOREHOUSE.

WE GET HEADLINES IN NEW YORK

Los Angeles County receives six pages of splendid publicity in *Walking*, a monthly magazine for walkers, published at 110 East Forty-second Street, New York City, C. E. Rauch, Editor.

The March number carried a four-page feature story of the Pacific Crest Trail across Los Angeles County, and a two-page map picture of the Angeles Forest, showing 140 miles of this great trail route. The April number will carry an equal amount, completing the story. (This is a reprint by permission, from *TRAILS MAGAZINE*.)

THE PRE-HISTORIC MAMMALS OF THE TAR PITS

By WILL H. THRALL

I am going to tell you a fairy tale—believe it or not—about the great pre-historic mammals of the La Brea tar pits.

Way back in past ages before there was a San Gabriel or San Bernardino range, for a thousand miles east and northeast, out across the desert, across the Colorado and all of those terribly eroded bad lands beyond, was covered with a dense semi-tropical vegetation among which those animals, great and small, roamed and multiplied into a mighty horde similar to the pictures we have all seen of the animal herds of South Africa and India of today.

Then came the great changes in the contour of Southern California; the San Gabriel and San Bernardino ranges were boosted to a height that the moisture-laden clouds could not cross; the water supply became short and food scarce; that great area gradually changed to desert, and where could they go. Well, they headed, like the horde of humans are doing today, for beautiful Southern California, on the wet side of the mountains, where everything was lovely, where there was food and water, and almost perpetual sunshine. But there came more than could live here, just as humans were doing, and just as we would be doing today if it were not for the foresight of some of our best citizens, they fought each other for what was here and eventually most of them died in trying to live.

A great deal of our underground today is made up of their disintegrated remains, and it is only in the tar that they were preserved.

This tale is only given you as my version and to give you an interesting line of thought. So far as I know there is no definitely established version of this fascinating story.

Those of you who haven't visited the exhibit of pre-historic mammals in the museum at Exposition Park, or the pits from which they were taken in Hancock Park on Wilshire boulevard, are missing a rare treat. Don't put it off a day longer than is necessary.

WE LOSE SOME OLD FRIENDS Many Changes Are Made in Angeles Forest Personnel

Guerdon Ellis, for several years Assistant Supervisor of Angeles Forest, a trained and daring leader in forest fire work, has been given well-earned advancement to the position

of Supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest with headquarters at San Diego. Supervisor Ellis has been of very great assistance to the Department of Recreation and to the Editor of *TRAILS* and we wish to express our appreciation and congratulate him on his new job.

Ranger Bruce Coulter, popular guardian of the Arroyo Seco district since 1925, has been advanced to the very important Bear Valley district in the San Bernardino National Forest. To him also we say congratulations and best wishes.

M. W. Dunham, who leaves a host of friends at Newhall, where he has been stationed since 1931, has taken over the Arroyo Seco Station, one of the most important in the county.

John P. Kay, from Valyermo Station, Big Rock Creek and the Devil's Punch Bowl, has moved into the new station at Sierra Madre, where he takes charge of one of the most beautiful areas in the Southwest and, in Santa Anita Canyon, the biggest all-trail town in Southern California.

These Rangers are all old in the service and well known to many who hike the trails.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL CONFERENCE AT YOSEMITE

The Pacific Coast Conservation Forum, June 6 to 9, at Yosemite National Park, will bring together in a four-day meeting, State and National Forestry and Park officials and leading conservationists of the Pacific Coast for the discussion of plans for the conservation of wild life and natural resources. At this meeting it is also planned to organize the Pacific Crest Trail Conference for development and administration of that great trail from Canada to Mexico, discuss any changes that may be necessary in the route and select a suitable trail marker.

Tentative plans call for the division of this 2,300-mile trail into five main sections to be known as the Cascade Crest Trail, 440 miles across the State of Washington, and Oregon Skyline Trail, 410 miles across Oregon. In California it is the Lava Crest from the northern boundary to Yuba Gap, 330 miles; Sierra Crest from Yuba Gap to Tehachapi, 630 miles, this to include the John Muir Memorial Trail from Tuolumne Meadows to Mt. Whitney, and the Desert Crest Trail from Tehachapi around the west rim of the Mojave Desert

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NEWS BRIEFS OF MOUNTAIN RESORTS

Pacific Electric to Mt. Lowe

A wonderful convenience today, for those hikers heading most any place into the mountain area back of Pasadena and Sierra Madre, is the Pacific Electric service to Mt. Lowe Tavern. They do the climbing for you at a price which you cannot possibly do it yourself and the mileage and energy saved will take you far into the back country to interesting and beautiful places. This is not an advertisement but information on a splendid convenience to those who hike.

Opids Camp

Among the many improvements at this popular resort, guests will perhaps appreciate most the new 20-foot road from Angeles Crest Highway, making a two-way drive all the way into camp.

Steel's First Water Camp

Abundance of water makes the stream, falls and cascades at First Water Camp the finest in many years and the easy trail to camp, only three-fourths of a mile from the extension of Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, all the way, through beautiful Spring flowers and flowering shrubs.

El Encanto

With every oak tree in vivid new green and the hillsides around this little cove covered with flowers, El Encanto is living up to its name, "The Enchanted." The beautiful Main Lodge is becoming a popular place for evening and week-end parties. It is difficult to imagine so charming a spot so close to the valley—just go and see.

Cold Brook Camp

With many improvements at the Main Lodge, new refrigeration, new cabins and all the Spring beauty which nature lavishes on this favored spot, early season visitors will find much to please. Cold Brook is preparing for the biggest season in many years.

La Cienega

Every shrub, tree and fern looking its best, every one of its many little streams singing, Soldier Creek higher than for many years and Anthem and Triple Falls putting on a show of their own, La Cienega, this year, takes on added charm.

Camp Baldy

Camp Baldy and its little village of attractive cabins clustered along the banks of San Antonio Creek, now swelled to tumbling cascades by the melting snows of Old Baldy, its alders, maples and sycamores bright with new foliage, is looking fresh and inviting for the Spring season.

Bear Canyon Resort

• The new coffee shop at this popular resort, an attractive improvement of the main building, is proving a popular gathering place for both cabin residents and transients. The big front porch is being made still bigger and other improvements will add to outside attractiveness.

Eleven Oaks Resort

Spring cleaning seems to be the order of the day in San Antonio Canyon and Eleven Oaks, too, is getting ready to make comfortable the many guests who make those attractive cabins their vacation home.

Tally's Glenn Ranch

Guests at Glenn Ranch are thoroughly enjoying the new office and lounge. Of Spanish California architecture, walls of brown adobe, deep window seats and red tiled roof, the interior is all in keeping, from the spacious fireplace of natural flagstone to the center lighting fixtures, massive yokes of the days when slow moving cattle set the pace of transportation. The new coffee shop is also proving very popular and there are now, within the grounds, four places to dance.

Swartout Lodge

It is difficult to find a more beautiful spot than Big Pines in Spring, and this Forest Hotel with its comfortable cabins, attractive dining room and setting of towering pines is central to all of the best drives and trails.

Mountain and canyon resorts in the back country have a vital part in our forest protection system as they supplement our fire lookout stations with many vitally interested observers, furnish canyon telephone stations, and have a general restraining and beneficial effect on those who travel their way. They are the front line emergency stations in case of fire or accident and the base of many a searching party.

You will eliminate the hardship and add greatly to the pleasure of many a hiking trip if you patronize the Trail Resorts.

Outing Club News

NATURE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By FRANK C. DAVIS

The 1935 convention of the Federation of Natural Sciences, sponsored by the Club and under direction of Dr. H. J. Andrews, vice-president, will this year be held in July and probably at the Ambassador Hotel.

The purpose is combine, in one convention, all the Natural Science organizations in Southern California. This remarkable program will fill daytime and evening sessions for an entire week and will cover a wide range of unusually interesting subjects. The papers, lectures and pictures to be presented will be of interest not only to scientists, but to thousands who may not be classified as scientists and still are intensely interested in these subjects.

The largest Universities, the staffs of our Museums and government departments will contribute outstanding speakers and every branch of Natural Science will be explained, discussed and pictured. Many great scientists are contributing their services to this wonderful program, not only for their colleagues, but as a gift to the public, that those who have had little or no scientific education may learn of and become interested in the many wonderful discoveries of the age.

The full program and date of the convention will be available by the middle of June at the Universities, Scientific Clubs, and the office of the County Department of Recreation, Room 300, 240 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

Perhaps next in importance is our Hi-Sierra trip, which this year will be to Mt. Whitney and the surrounding area, going in via Mineral King. Two weeks of hiking in the finest scenery in the world, with pack-train, packers and cooks, under guidance of Norman Sisson, a former nature guide in Sequoia National Park. The party is limited to fifteen.

BIG PINES TO AZUSA

By H. P. STEWART

Scoutmaster Troop 9, Alhambra

We had planned, six Older Scouts, Scoutmaster and Assistant, to hike from Blue Ridge at Big Pines Park to Camp Huntington in Rubio Canyon, but on contacting the Forest Rangers for maps, trail information, etc., we were advised that the high trail was very dan-

gerous, due to ice, snow and storm, so with permission from the Local Council we chose a route by Vincent Gulch, the San Gabriel Gorge, Iron Fork, Bichota Canyon and North Fork through Camp Rincon to Azusa.

We spent Thursday night at Camp Blue Ridge, getting an early start Friday, and with our bedding and three days' grub on our backs, hit the trail over the Blue Ridge and down Vincent Gulch to the junction with Prairie Fork, reaching the Ranger Station by noon. Ranger Wissendorf offered the use of his kitchen and made us a big pot of coffee, which was greatly appreciated because of the rain and snow.

It was raining when we reached Fish Fork for our first night's camp, but we soon had our shelters up and everything snug for the night. The next morning broke bright and clear and we were early on our way down through the beautiful gorge of the San Gabriel to Iron Fork, then over the ridge to Bichota Canyon and down to North Fork, where we stopped for the second night at the camp ground near the forks. This was the only hard day of the trip.

The following day we hiked out to Azusa, stopping for a short time at the Fish Hatchery, Camp Rincon and the old San Gabriel dam site. This was a wonderful trip. We found the maps and information received from the Rangers to be complete and accurate, the trails wide and safe and well kept.

Troop 9 has made many fine trips through the San Gabriel Range and has never been disappointed in the scenery nor have we had any difficulty in following the trails. We owe a great deal to the County Department of Recreation, who are always generous with information and assistance.

WOODCRAFT RANGERS

By HAROLD L. BOYNTON, Executive Sec'y.

The Woodcraft Rangers are again operating their Camps this coming Summer. If you are out on a mountain hike and are in the neighborhood of Opid's Camp, on the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, just drop down a mile and a half further (via Valley Forge) and you will see the Woodcraft Boys in full swing at Camp Ah-Da-Hi from July 1st to about August 20th. You may even want to share your grub with them and theirs with you, and gather around the campfire in

the evening and enjoy the Woodcraft songs and games. The boys will be glad to see you.

Or if you are in the vicinity of Lake Arrowhead, you will find it worth while to drop in on the Woodcraft Ranger Camp at Lake Arrowhead, which is just one-half mile beyond the village on the road that goes past Raven Hotel. This Camp is located up a canyon some one-quarter mile from the paved highway. Just look for a sign marked "Woodcraft Ranger Camp" and go on up the canyon for a visit with the Woodcraft boys. This camp will be open from June 29 to August 24.

THE SKI MOUNTAINEERS OF CALIFORNIA

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

Our activities have been by no means few: up San Antonio several times, up San Geronio, up San Jacinto, to Sequoia, and even as far north as Mammoth Lakes and Bridgeport. Just a list, but each trip represents a happy and thrilling time with no end of sport and beautiful surroundings.

Our longest trip, from February 5th to 15th, took us to Fales Hot Springs, far north in the Sierras. Adverse weather kept members from conquering Mount Emma and Donderberg Peak, but we had only to step from our cabin door to be at the bottom of the most exciting mile run possible (now named the "Choc Malt Run"). What's more, we could jump from a snow bank into a hot water swimming pool! Mammoth Lakes, scene of the last half of our trip, was buried deep in fresh powder snow. Luckily Tex Cushion's dog teams carried most of our supplies to the lakes. We all skied up Mammoth Mountain. We had a hard time going back to school.

March 16th marked the first downhill race ever held from the top of San Antonio to the bottom of the southern rock slope, covering a distance of nearly two miles. Otto Steiner, noted German skier, raced the course in the almost incredible time of 2:51; Wolfgang Lert and Glen Dawson skied extremely well to take the next two places. This race, sponsored by our Ski Mountaineers Club, should prove of more and more interest in future years.

Our Club is primarily for the furthering of the sport of skiing. Consequently we are more than willing to give any possible encouragement to anyone really interested.

Address Dr. Walter Mosauer, Biology Department, U.C.L.A.

SIERRA CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By MARY A. FRITZ

Chairman Membership Committee

Each year the Sierra Club adds to its roster many more devotees of the great out-of-doors. In the Club they have found that happy combination of an organization founded upon the serious objectives of John Muir, offering many recreational opportunities also.

The activities include skiing, ice-skating, moonlight hikes, rock climbing, camping, as well as a number of social affairs. The Southern California Chapter is fortunate in having two lodges of its own. Muir Lodge in Santa Anita Canyon, and Harwood Lodge in San Antonio Canyon, both of which are available at all times for members and their guests. Increasing interest is being shown in rock climbing, a special section having been organized for that activity. Skiing is popular as a winter sport. A group climbed Mt. San Geronio on skis over the week-end of March 30 and 31. Mt. San Antonio has likewise been negotiated by ambitious skiers on several occasions during the present winter.

Approaching swiftly is the vacation time when the Northern and Southern Chapters join in the annual Hi-Trip—a trek of two to four weeks (as one desires) into the High Sierras. This year it will be through the picturesque King's River Canyon and on to Beach and Rae Lakes. The thrill of packing back into this glorious country is one never to be forgotten. Gathering around the big campfire each night, the impromptu stunts, stories and songs furnish relaxation after the day's hike.

"Up in the mountains, free as air
High, high, high.

We're Sierra Club hikers out for the fun
Of hiking from dawn to the set of sun,
With a song in our hearts
Till the day is done,
High, high, high."

The Sierra Club cordially invites anyone interested in its purposes and activities to attend some of the local events. The Membership Committee stands ready to furnish information to anyone desiring to join. Club headquarters, 445 Wilcox Building.

THE SAN ANTONIO CLUB

Though membership in this Club is for men only, any trip to Big Spruce Cabin, the Club's mountain headquarters, is open to the ladies

also, and, there are always trips during the year when the ladies are invited to go. A new plan of membership and dues, voted at a special meeting in March, is proving popular and is expected to add many new members.

The Annual Boys' Hike will this year be Sunday, May 12th, through Trail Canyon from Big Tujunga road to Camp Las Cienegas. Each member on the hike must take at least one boy under 16 years of age. The night of June 8th we will camp on the South Fork of Big Rock, and the following day hike through that wonderland of rocks, the Devil's Punch Bowl.

July 7th is the Mystery Hike. The ladies are invited and they are taking a great deal of interest. It will be a beautiful trip and is guaranteed by the Big Chief to be up to the best Club traditions. Drivers of autos will be given a meeting place on a mountain road, and from there to the noon lunch; only the leader will know the destination.

For information, write or phone to Will H. Thrall, President, 400 S. Garfield, Alhambra, California.

ROAMER HIKING CLUB

The new schedule of the Roamers starts Spring off as a hiker's dream. Many hikes in this new folder, our 35th, reach places never before visited by the club.

Briefly the schedule has such hikes listed as Palm Springs, April 13-14; Big Tujunga Narrows, May 5th; a mystery hike, May 19th; Mothers' and Fathers' Day, May 26th, at our Clubhouse in Dark Canyon; Cucamonga Peak, June 2nd; Strawberry Peak, June 16th; San Dimas Lookout, June 30th; and a moonlight hike Wednesday evening, July 3rd. Our social calendar covers an old-time Minstrel Show and Barn Dance, April 27th; Bridge Party, May 14th; Dinner-dance, June 22nd; Weinie Bake, July 13th; and a bridge party July 23rd.

Many inquiries are received by our membership committee regarding Roamer activities, and as they are received a schedule is sent interested persons, that they may become better acquainted with the Club. All inquiries should be addressed to K. V. Peterson, care Y.M.C.A., Los Angeles. "Pete" can also be reached by phone—TRinity 4751.

We have found it to the best interests of all concerned to ask that interested persons accompany us on at least three events, to be-

come acquainted with us, and we with them. After that requirement is fulfilled and the party applies for membership, they usually value the affiliation more and remain in the Club for many years. Write or phone for a schedule—we shall be glad to have you on our mailing list.

A. A. S. C.

By HERMAN DAVIDSON, *Director*

The purpose of this club is to develop an interest in hiking. There has been a number of beautiful trips that this club has taken in the past months. Activities have been suspended for the summer and will be resumed in the early Fall. Watch for our notice in the Fall issue of TRAILS MAGAZINE. Information may be had by calling Angelus 11609.

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ROCK CLIMBING WITH THE SIERRA CLUB

By ARTHUR B. JOHNSON, *Chairman*
Rock Climbing Committee

The Rock Climbing Section of the local Chapter of the Sierra Club are out for a fine Spring season of sport and fun, looking towards Summer vacations in the Sublime Sierra with weeks of wonderful climbing. Our interest and technique are improving by leaps and bounds. We are becoming proud of our accomplishments, yes, so proud we are starting to take movies of ourselves.

We are all looking forward to a showing of our efforts along with pictures of the better climbing from other sections of the country. The showing will be June 14th, at the Sierra Club dinner hour at Clifton's Cafeteria, 620 South Olive. Information concerning our schedule will be cheerfully given at Room 445, Wilcox Bldg., Los Angeles; phone VA 9851.

SKIING SECTION OF THE SIERRA CLUB—SOUTHERN CHAPTER

By DR. WALTER MOSAUER, *Chairman*

Our section can look back to a very successful season, thanks to the fine snow conditions and to the enthusiasm of our members. Besides numerous practicing trips to the divide at Mt. San Antonio, to Big Pines, and Big Bear, several longer trips were popular with our skiers. In the course of the winter, several groups went to Claire Tappaan Lodge, the recently completed ski lodge of the Sierra Club near Donner Pass. The High Sierra Ski trip described under "Ski Mountaineers" might almost be counted as a Sierra Club tour, since a good many of the participants are members of the Sierra Club also. The same is true of the Mt. San Antonio summit trip on March 3, and the Mt. San Antonio downhill race on March 16.

The summit of our highest peak, Mt. San Gorgonio (11,485 feet) saw the largest group of skiers ever to climb it at one time during the week-end of our scheduled Sierra Club Ski tour, March 30 and 31. Practically every ski enthusiast of Southern California was up there, and enjoyed the glorious view over the sea of clouds and the perfect alpine ski slopes. A special feature was the presence, as my guest, of Hannes Schroll, ski champion from Austria and one of the fastest skiers of the world, whose beautiful style and tremendous speed were an inspiration to all of us.

An Easter trip to Sequoia is being planned, and then possibly another trip to San Gorgonio will climax a splendid skiing season.

THE U.C.L.A. HIKING CLUB

By ALLAN CAMERON, *President*

A hiking club, with aims to interest university people in hiking and camping in our nearby mountains and deserts, has been recently formed at U.C.L.A. Two successful trips have been made to Strawberry Peak and Temescal Canyon. Plans have been made for trips to Sespe Canyon and the Mojave Desert. Mr. Cunningham of the U.C.L.A. Geography Department, spoke on "Mountain Climbing in Central America" at the last meeting. According to our policy at our monthly meetings a speaker is asked to talk on some interesting outdoor subject and the plans for further trips announced.

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GLENDALE COMMUNITY HIKERS

The Spring hiking schedule of this popular Club lists many interesting trips in the mountains and desert areas of Southern California. April activities started with an early morning hike and breakfast in the open in Griffith Park, and on the 13th and 14th a trip to Palm Springs, a hike through Palm Canyon and return over beautiful Pines-to-Palms highway.

April 28th will be a one-day hike through Pacoima Canyon; May 5th an afternoon hike in Kagel Canyon; May 18th and 19th a camp in the open and hike over interesting trails around Camp Tejon; Saturday, May 25th, a Pot-Luck Supper and Campfire.

Sunday, June 9th, Saddle Peak in the Santa Monica Mountains, with the return trip by Tuna Canyon and Roosevelt Highway; June 15th and 16th, Buckhorn Flat, elevation 6,600 feet, in the heart of the San Gabriel Range; June 23rd, an afternoon in Fish Canyon; June 30th, a hike to Mt. Wilson from the present terminus of the Angeles Crest Highway. For information, address R. W. Haight, 420 S. Lincoln Avenue, Glendale, California.

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and through the Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests to the Mexican border at Campo, 490 miles.

Boards of Managers for the several districts will be selected and arrangements made for the selection or election of a central group to co-ordinate the activities of all.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

(In *Appalachian Trail Bulletin*)

The anuary *Bulletin* of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club carries a two-page story by Raymond Torrey, of our Master Trail from Canada to Mexico, with mention of the work of the County Department of Recreation and the Editor of TRAILS MAGAZINE, all of which is appreciated.

Pacific Coast papers and periodicals are overlooking some mighty interesting news, to both our own residents and people east of the Rockies.

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Singing along o'er its rocky bed;
And the flickering sunbeams come and go,
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Trail Trips

Oak Spring by Gold Creek—4 miles

Turn from Foothill boulevard at Osborne avenue and up Little Tujunga Canyon to Gold Creek road, 3¼ miles. Turn here, crossing Little Tujunga and up Gold Creek through a beautiful little gorge to a ranch house above the gorge. Park auto here and take trail up slope on the south (right) to Oak Spring Camp, 2 miles. Return same route.

Josephine Falls—5 miles

Drive Big Tujunga Canyon to the dam. Take trail to right from parking place, around reservoir, dropping to canyon bottom again at Josephine Creek, 2½ miles. Turn right up Josephine Creek to Falls, 200 yards. Falls 150 feet sheer drop, backed by maidenhair ferns. Very little water during summer months.

Fish Canyon Falls—5½ miles

Drive Foothill boulevard to just east of Duarte and turn left road to mouth of Fish Canyon. Park on private land, charge 25c, as first mile of the trail is across private property. Hike trail up canyon to Falls, 200 feet high, distance 2¾ miles.

Big Tujunga Narrows from Angeles Crest Highway—1 Day

Drive Angeles Crest Highway to Clear Creek road and turn left down this road to Forestry School and park auto. Hike trail to the Big Tujunga Trail near the top of Flood Control Dam, 2½ miles, then turn north (right) around the reservoir to the canyon bottom at Josephine Creek, 2 miles, then up the canyon (right) to Big Tujunga Narrows, 2½ miles, and have lunch.

Returning to Edison road, 1 mile, turn left on the road around the east wall of the canyon to Clear Creek road and the auto, 5 miles.

Carry water from Big Tujunga on return trip. If planning to use fire secure permit before starting. Total hike, 13 miles.

West Fork and San Gabriel Peak—from Mt. Lowe Tavern—1 Day

Take Mt. Lowe railroad to Mt. Lowe Tavern. Hike trail around east side of Mt. Lowe, west side of Mt. Markham and east side of Mt. San Gabriel to West Fork at Opids Camp, 5 miles. Returning, take road to Red Box, 1 mile, then trail south (left) to San Gabriel Peak, 2½ miles, then trail over Mt. Lowe, 3 miles, and west trail back to Mt. Lowe Tavern, 1½ miles.

Some beautiful forest and magnificent views. Carry small canteen and cold lunch or lunch at Opids Camp and dine at Mt. Lowe Tavern. Total hike, 13 miles.

Mt. San Antonio—Elevation 10,080 Feet

By Bear Canyon, Bear Flat and The Narrows: Drive up San Antonio Canyon road to Bear Canyon Ranger Station near Camp Baldy and park auto. Hike Bear Canyon Trail, starting from the Ranger Station, up Bear Canyon to Bear Flat, 1½ miles, then north (right hand trail) across the Narrows to Mt. San Antonio, 6 miles, and have cold lunch. Magnificent view from here of all Southern California. Return by same route. Carry water from Bear Flat, as no fire permitted on this trail. Total hike, 15 miles.

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Cedar Spring and Little Rock—from Buckhorn Flat Camp—1 Day

Hike the trail through Cedar Spring Camp, 3½ miles, to trail which branches off to Little Rock Creek, ¾ mile, down Little Rock trail to Camp Rio at junction with Cooper Canyon, 3½ miles, and up Cooper Canyon to Buckhorn Flat, 2¼ miles.

Water all the way. This is one of the finest 10-mile hikes in the Angeles Forest.

Vasquez Rocks by Escondido Canyon—1 Day

Drive through Saugus and Soledad Canyon to Agua Dulce Canyon road, then north about 2 miles to Escondido Canyon and park auto. Hike Escondido Canyon east to main forks, 2 miles, and have lunch under overhanging cliff along the stream. After lunch, climb the canyon wall to the north into Vasquez Rocks and explore this stronghold of the famous bandit Tiburcio Vasquez, 1½ miles, returning along a rock walled canyon on the west, to Escondido Canyon and back to the auto, 2½ miles. This area is interesting for its romantic history and the beauty of its rock formation. Water along the canyon and at Vasquez Rocks. Total hike, 6 miles.

Big Santa Anita Canyon—from Mt. Lowe Tavern—2 Days

Hike the trail to Mt. Wilson, 6½ miles, and directly back of the 100-inch Observatory turn east on the Rim Trail to Newcomb Pass, 3 miles, then south (right) down the mountain to Sturtevant Camp in Santa Anita Canyon, 2½ miles, and stop for the night at the resort or at Forestry Campground ¼ mile below.

Second day: On down the canyon to Roberts' Camp, 3 miles, and turn west (right) up Winter Creek to Hoegee's Camp, 1½ miles; 200 yards out on the trail to Sierra Madre turn west (right) up the slope to the Mt. Wilson road, 2½ miles, then south (left) down this road to Eaton Canyon trail just below the Half-way House, 3 miles. Here turn west (right) to Eaton Canyon, 2 miles, up the stream ½ mile to trail leading west (left) up the mountain to the Tavern, 3½ miles.

Take small canteen, as at two places it is 6 miles between water. Secure camp fire permit before starting. First day, 12 miles; second day, 16 miles.

May be made much easier without equipment by stopping at resorts along the way.

West Fork and Spring Camp—by Big Santa Anita Canyon—2 Days

Drive up Santa Anita avenue, Arcadia, around new mountain road to parking place at end. Hike trail from dam passing Santa Anita Ranger Station, 1 mile, Fern Lodge and Sturtevant Falls, 1¼ miles, to Sturtevant Camp, 2¼ miles. Here turn east (right) on West Fork trail over Newcomb Pass, 2½ miles, to West Fork of the San Gabriel, 2½ miles, and camp at posted campground at junction of Short Cut Canyon.

Second Day: Hike same trail back to Newcomb Pass, 2½ miles, and turn east (left) along ridge trail to Spring Camp, 6 miles, and stop for lunch. From Spring Camp take nearly level trail around beautifully forested slope to Monrovia Peak trail, 1 mile, turn south (right) passing Madrone Flat,

2½ miles, to Sturtevant trail, 1½ miles, and back to auto by route followed coming in, 2 miles.

Carry water between Sturtevant and West Fork and between West Fork and Spring Camp. Plenty of water the balance of trip. Secure fire permit for night camp from Santa Anita Ranger on way in. This is a beautiful hike and may be made without equipment by stopping at resorts along way. First day, 9½ miles; second day, 15½ miles.

Bear Creek by Cold Brook Camp—from the West Fork Bridge—1½ Days

Drive to parking place near West Fork bridge on the Crystal Lake road and leave auto. Hike by trail and road up North Fork of the San Gabriel to Cold Brook Ranger Station, 6½ miles, and make camp, or stop at Cold Brook Camp Resort as preferred.

Second Day: Hike trail from near the Ranger Station over Smith Mountain to Bear Creek, 6 miles, then south (left) down stream to West Fork of Bear, 2 miles, and stop for lunch. After lunch continue on down to West Fork of San Gabriel, 5 miles, and turn east (left) to auto, 1 mile. No water between Cold Brook Camp and Bear Creek; plenty of water the rest of the way. Secure fire permit at Rincon Ranger Station on road in.

Bear Creek cuts through interesting rock formation and the stream is blocked by many enormous boulders. First day, 6½ miles; second day, 14 miles.

Jackson Lake—Big Pines Park—from Crystal Lake Park—2 Days

From East Flat, Crystal Lake Park, hike to summit of divide, 3½ miles, then turn east (right) on a trail which follows near the summits, around Mt. Hawkins, 2 miles, North Baldy, 1½ miles, and Mt. Baden-Powell, 2 miles, to Big Rock-Vincent Gulch Divide, 4 miles. From here follow road north up slope of Blue Ridge, 1 mile, and at north end of big loop take trail starting north around slope to Jackson Lake and Ranger Station at West Gate, Big Pines Park, 3 miles, and camp here.

Second day return to Crystal Lake Park by same route.

Though this may be too hard for some, it is one of the grandest 2-day hikes in the Angeles Forest. No water between Little Jimmy Springs and Vincent Gulch. Total distance, 34 miles.

Camp Baldy to Big Pines Park—by North Fork of Lytle Creek—2 Days

Hike road and trail, passing Ice House Canyon, 1.5 miles, and Snow Crest Camp, 2 miles, to where the road leaves Manker Flat, ½ mile. Here take trail to right over San Antonio-Lytle Creek Divide, 2 miles, and down to Stockton Flat camp ground, 5 miles, and stop for the night.

Second Day: Take trail up North Fork of Lytle Creek to the Prairie Fork Divide, 5 miles, turn north (right) over Wright Mountain to the Blue Ridge trail and west (left) along the summit to Nature Trail, 4.5 miles, then north (right) down to Big Pines, 2.5 miles.

Carry water from Snow Crest to Stockton Flat and from last water on Lytle Creek to Big Pines. Secure fire permit at Bear Canyon Ranger Station. First day, 11 miles; second day, 12 miles.

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Gorge of the San Gabriel—from Big Pines Park—3 Days

First Day: Hike the Nature Trail to East Blue Ridge road, 2½ miles, turn east (left) a short distance to Prairie Fork trail, then south (right) down the slope of Blue Ridge to Prairie Fork Ranger Station, 2½ miles, and down Prairie Fork to Vincent Gulch, 3 miles. Here turn south (left) down the main San Gabriel, passing Alder Gulch, 2 miles, to Fish Fork, 2 miles, and make camp at camp grounds at the forks or a better one a short distance up Fish.

Second Day: Leave all equipment in camp except that needed for noon lunch and just above the forks on the main stream take high trail up the west slope and on down to Iron Fork and down Iron Fork, passing Trogden's, to the main stream, 2 miles. Here cross the stream to the east (left) bank and a short distance below take the cliff trail on the east (left), crossing back to the west (right) side 1 mile below, and again around the cliff, dropping to the stream below the Narrows (impassable) and down to Devil Gulch, a side stream entering on the west (right) at the lower end of the gorge. Have lunch here, then retrace to the stream, crossing above the Narrows, 1 mile, and from there follow the trail along the stream, passing Iron Fork, 1 mile, to Fish Fork, 1½ miles, and passing Camp, up Fish Fork to the Falls and return, 3 miles.

Third Day: Take equipment and retrace to the junction of Prairie Fork and Vincent Gulch trails, 4 miles. Here take the trail up Vincent Gulch to Big Rock divide, 4 miles, and trail east (right) up south slope to Blue Ridge and road and trail back to Big Pines, 4½ miles.

Water on all of this trip except the first and last 5 miles. Secure fire permit before starting. First day, 12 miles; second day, 11 miles; third day, 13 miles; total, 36 miles.

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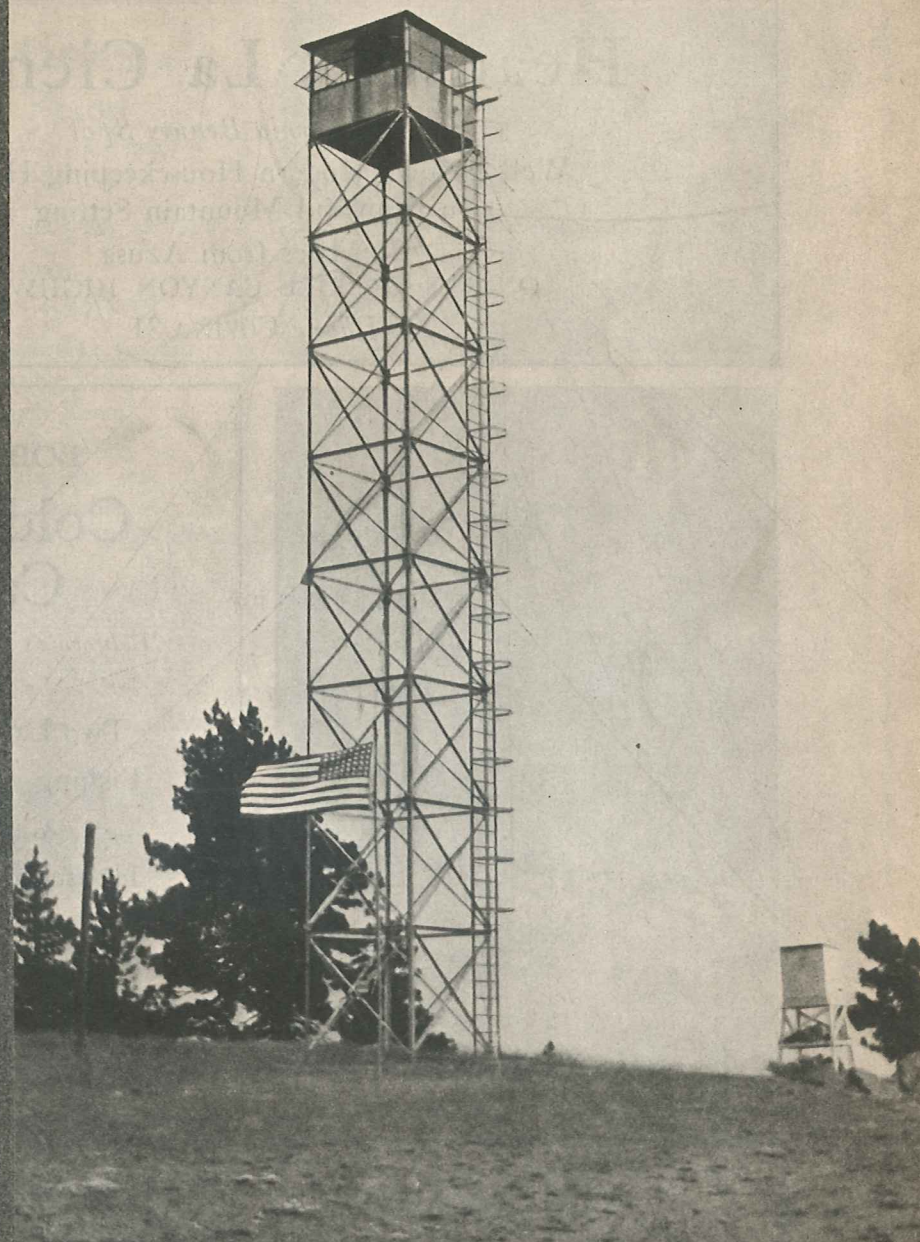
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