CONSERVATION NOTES

Years ago President Theodore Roosevelt admonished: "In the Grand Canyon, Arizona has a natural wonder which, so far as I know, is in kind absolutely unparalleled throughout the rest of the world... Leave it as it is. You cannot improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and men can only mar it."

At the present time the defense of the Grand Canyon is a top-priority of the Sierra Club. This beautiful scenic resource is being threatened by the proposed Marble Gorge and Bridge Canyon Dams. This may well prove to be one of the most bitter conservation fights in many decades. Francois Leydet is the author of the Sierra Club publication "THE AND THE RIVER FLOWING: GRAND CANYON" David Broder edited the book and wrote the foreword to it. The following is an excerpt from this foreword: "Most of the exquisite beauty of Glen Canyon was destroyed early in 1963 when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation closed a dam that was not necessary for this century and perhaps would never have been necessary. Now the same bureau has proposed to build dams in Grand Canyon itself—to end the living river's flowing for all this civilization's time."

"The dams the bureau plans to build in Marble Gorge and at Bridge Canyon, within the Grand Canyon proper, would destroy not only the living river but also the life forms that through the ages have come to depend upon the river's life. The major part of the canyon walls would still be there, but the pulsing heart of the place would be stopped. A chain of destructive forces would be begun in what by law was set apart as part of the National Park System, to be preserved unimpaired for all America's future."

The campaign still goes on to limit destruction of the world's tallest trees, the redwoods. In the last few weeks it was noted that the latest condor count was only 90. In order to preserve an unspoiled preserve for these rare birds, the Sierra Club is asking the Forest Service to refrain from building any more roads near the Segue Condor Rd. and the Peak-Incherson Ridge. These are peaks on the Hundred Peaks list so the area is of personal interest to all Section members.

Horro Rock in Morro Bay has sometimes been called the "Gibraltar of the Pacific". Many who have enjoyed vacations near Morro Bay and savored the beauty of the "mountain in the surf" are not aware that the Army Corps of Engineers has long used this historic landmark as a quarry, feeling that this easy source of rock is the cheapest and handiest method of breakwater construction and other harbor repairs. However, the army engineers have noted that the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)
Thursday evening, January 21, is fast approaching! Do you have your reservation in yet for the BIG BANQUET which will be held in honor of long-time members and emblems holders? There are reservations still to be had, but Chairman Steve Holnar is looking forward to a "full house".

Jane Hayley has been hard at work obtaining a number of exciting and worthwhile prizes. Does a $35.00 gift certificate from Kolsky sound like fun? Or interesting publications from Darvos'? Maybe merchandise certificates of $15.00 and $5.00 (2 of these) from Berry's and Sport Center respectively will spur you on to writing out that reservation check of $8.00 each!

Bob Hawthorne will have a weeks-crossing game that will really puzzle you during social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Ben Romero is Program Chairman and this aura of success, have you heard any of his latest jokes yet? This banquet is open only for Section members, but all our fellow Sierra Club members who are interested in honoring these the who have been active in Club activities.

See you on the 21st! Let's make this endeavor a big success.

SUICIDE RANK DEC. 12

Thirty-one Sierrans and friends met at Idyllwild Village Square and then caravanned to the starting point of a very scenic 3-mile hike to Suicide Peak. Across the valley from the peak, Idyll Rock looked very imposing. All fond the peak and enjoyed lunch on a very cool and windy summit.

Gene Androsook led this enjoyable hike assisted by Steve Holnar. Six of the group made a circular tour by descending the rock to Hummer Park Trail for their return to the Village Square.

Steve Holnar.

HEL'S OF AN OLD FRIEND OF THE SECTION

When Paul Schoony of Riverside returned his questionnaire, he included the following information: "Have been doing plenty of hiking and busking, looking for waterfalls, mountain sheep (have seen plenty) and climbing rough side canyons. Let us hear from you again!"

Chairman's Corner

The 100th Section Committee is eager to have a program of the greatest good for the Sierra Club and for you, the members of our Section. We believe that by promoting activities that our members enjoy, newcomers will hear about us, then hike with us, and finally stay with us. We enjoy hiking up and down peaks through canyons, over ridges, trails and exploring trail-less areas. We may have little thought of conservation on the first few hikes we attend, but it is not long before we get the "bug" and enjoy our "scenic resources of the United States and its forests, water, wildlife and wilderness." We are anxious to enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting them. We think that a good way to do this is to encourage more people to hike with us. The way we can do this is to have more fun on hikes.

I realize that you just filled in one questionnaire; could we bother you for another? The information you give us will help us have more fun on our hikes.

HAPPY HIKING IN '65!

Chairman Bob Hawthorne

EDITOR'S NOTE: The questionnaire that Bob wants answered is on page 4. If you haven't mailed in the one the secretary (Miriam Wyro) wants, you could mail both of the requests together and Miriam will forward Bob's to him immediately.

MEETING WITH RALPH AND ROBBY

When Ralph Conn and his nine-year old son Robby climbed their 25th peak, they were elated and wanted to share their experience with us. "Bob and I climbed our 25th peak under interesting circumstances. We went to Idyll Saddle on Dec. 20th to participate in an East San Gabriel Trail climb of Mt. Williamson. It was raining at the saddle and quite windy. When the leader showed up, he didn't have a poncho so because of this and the (Cont'd on p. 4.)
rock is not of sufficient density, weight or hardness to use for breakwater rehabilitation alone because it will not withstand for long the heavy wave action and winter storms. If continued blasting of Yermo Rock is done its beauty will be lost and can never be restored.

It is important that proper legislation be enacted to prohibit further devastation of this beautiful national landmark and for its legal return to the State of California. HR 9672, introduced by Burt Talcott, R-Calif., is designed to do this. Anyone who is interested in saving this rock should write: The Hon. George Murphy or the Hon. Thomas Kuchel, both at the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., or to the Hon. Burt Talcott, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

It is to be hoped that all Section members will take personal interest in the efforts that are being made to save our scenic resources and that they will get busy and write letters regarding one or all of the above mentioned conservation projects. It is to be remembered that it is our mutual purpose to "Explore, enjoy, and preserve scenic resources of the United States and its forests, waters, wildlife and wilderness; and to enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting them."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. EMBLEM HOLDERS!!!

Our 90th Emblem holder is Ralph Morton, 91st-Janis Hanley, 92nd-Bruce Collier, 93rd-Deborah Coberly, 91st-Miriam Hyre.

That represents a lot of hiking and climbing—and a lot of fun, too. Deborah is the daughter of Dr. David Coberly and Mrs. Coberly of the famous hiking and climbing Coberly's. Bruce is to be commended on his emblem because not only does he find time to be very active in 100-Pks. work, but he is active in other sections as well, leading and scouting hikes, acting on committees, etc. Jan and Miriam climbed their 100 in 9 mos.

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers to help run the Sierra Club Booth and Exhibit at the Sportsmen's Show are needed. The 100-Peaks Section is going to work on this project the afternoon of Jan. 30th. We could use two people each day to help set up and take down the booth. If you can spare an hour or two please contact Miriam Hyre, phone # 935-3536 as soon as possible.

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"BERG HEIL"
"A LA IDENTIQUE"
"HAPPY CLIMBING"

SPRING SCHEDULE 100-PEAKS SECTION

March: 7        Iron 3, Rabbit Pl.
13, 14        Martinez Pl., Sheep Linn.
21        Closer LN.
28        Chaparral, Eureka
April 3, 4        Eagle Cr, Jorgensen Hill
10, 11        Bear Linn., Cuming's Pt.
24        Chief Pl.
May: 1, 2        Old Jan Linn., Monte
Aride
15, 16        Keller Hut, Craft Pl.
29, 30, 31       Slide, Keller Pl.
June: 5        Mt. Pacifico, Rare Linn.
12, 13        Lake Pl.
20        Will Tuttle Dedication
27        Baden-Powell, Burnham

Just think how much closer you will be to that Emblem b the end of June!

WELCOME TO NEW SECTION MEMBERS

Since October we have had four new members in the 100-Peaks Section. A hearty welcome to: Bob Van Allen and his son James, George Gorgone and to Ralph Conn. Our membership has reached 221 and thus we continue our steady growth. Ralph Conn's son, Robby, age nine, climbed the 25 peaks with his Dad and we think that's a fine accomplishment and welcome Robby as another of our young "mascots."

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee met on Dec. 10, 1964 at Bob Hantherne's home. All Committee members were present.

There was a discussion of smoking on hikes arising from the fact that it had been noticed there was laxity on the part of some hikers in this regard. It was decided that leaders were responsible for seeing that all Forest Service and County and Club rules were observed.

Janis Hanley gave to the Rec. Records Committee a list of peaks which she felt should be removed from the list. These to be evaluated are: Mt. Gleason, Mt. Sally, Garnet Mtn., Barley Flats, Owy, and Ortega Hill.

Due to the many matters which had to be decided about the Banquet, a special meeting would be held to handle Banquet business.

Discussion followed regarding feasibility of purchasing a duplicating machine for the Section.

The Committee met on Dec. 29, 1964, to discuss Banquet matters. Meeting was held at Club headquarters. All members were present.

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THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SECTION FEBRUARY 1, 1965, AT 8:00 P.M. AT BOB HANTHERNE'S HOME, 1580 Silverwood Terrace, La. This meeting was originally scheduled for Club headquarters, but another group is also meeting that evening, hence the change of meeting place. We hope that many Section members will be there for the meeting. Among matters on the agenda will be the subject of club peaks, peaks to be added or deleted from the list, proposed bylaw changes. The latter matter will be necessary to discuss because although the Executive Committee approved our bylaw changes as they read, we were strongly recommended to clarify and change the section on membership. This meeting will give all Section members an opportunity to make his ideas known—and the Committee needs your help and attendance.

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Ralph Conn, Cont'd from P. 2.
limited attendance (only 2 other people) be designated as leader. One of the remaining two went home, so Robby, Wally from Antelope Valley, and I slugged our way to the peak...it slooted all the way to the top. Rob got hit by a falling piece of ice that gashed his pecs, but didn't go any deeper. All in all it made an interesting hike.

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Below is the questionnaire which Bob Hantherne has asked that you return. This may be mailed with the one in last month's paper to Marian Novrce.

Which peaks would you like to see scheduled?
Which peaks would you load or assist a hike?
Which kinds of hikes do you prefer? Easy one-day hikes Stramong one-day hikes 2 or 3 day car camps Backpacking Other ideas for trips or hikes

Would you like to see groups split up into sections for slower and faster hikers?
Would you like to see some kind of classification of hikes as to degree of difficulty?

Other comments:

Note: On the new peak list, there was an omission of one peak; Kittling Pk. on the Yucaipa Ridge in the San Bernardino Range, 6,607'. It should be listed under Psgah Pk.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DOLLAR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE NEWSLETTER?
Ralph Horton's grin of joy and success was a thing to behold as he stood on the top of Pine Mtn.

The next big giant step is 200 peaks so we'll be keeping an eye on those gung-ho climbers!  

* *** *** *** WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

The Ninth Biennial Wilderness Conference, one of the major events sponsored by the Sierra Club, is scheduled for April 23, 4 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. Conservationists, 1,000 of whom in 1963, from all over the country attend. All Section members are invited to attend this conference. Details may be obtained by writing to Mr. Guny Schuremacher, Wilderness Conference, 2140 Taylor Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94113. If any of our 100-Peaks Section members do happen to attend this conference, write us about it and we will share it in the Lookout.  

* *** *** *** QUESTION NAIRE REMINDER

The response to the questionnaire in the last issue of the LOOKOUT regarding correct addresses, phone numbers, date of entry into the Section, etc. was very poor—only 31 responses out of some 220 members. However, it was perhaps not a good time to have put this questionnaire in the paper because of the myriad duties which confront us all at Christmas. It is to be hoped that you will be generous with your cooperation in this matter, and send in this questionnaire within the next few weeks.

Sincere thanks to all those who sent in their questionnaires so promptly. A large number of the 31 persons returned expressed a willingness to serve the Section in some capacity and this is heartening for the Committee.  

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FACTS FROM LE DANIEL'S FILE

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LETTLE-KNOWN AND COMPLETELY USELESS INFORMATION

25 Highest Peaks on the List:

- Mt. San Gorgonio
- Mt. Jorson
- Mt. Anderson
- Mt. San Jacinto
- Mt. Charlton
- Shields Mt.
- San Bernardino East Pt.
- Mt. San Bernardino
- Mt. Jefferson
- Mt. Grinnell
- Teles Pk.
- Mt. San Antonio
- Sugarloaf Mt.
- Cornell Pk.
- Pine Mtn., #1
- Mt. Dawson
- Mt. Baden-Powell
- Galena Pk.
- Little San Gorgonio Mtn.
- Thousand Pk.
- Onyx Pk.
- Mt. Burnham

25 Lowest peaks:

- Wildcat
- Little Cottonwood Mtn.
- Fox Mtn., #2
- Iron Mtn., #3
- Mt. Lukens
- Old Mt. Loma
- Eagle Crag
- Ranger Pk.
- Oakmanita Mtn.
- Smith Mtn.
- Caliente Mtn.
- Sheep Mtn.
- Rouge Mtn.
- Fox Mtn., #1
- Sawtooth Pk.
- Lost Horse
- Mt. McBill
- San Sevaine
- Asbestos
- Mt. Brin
- Round Mtn.
- Monument Pt.
- Rock Point
- Rabbit Pk.
- #1
- Coghorn

Frank McDaniel