100 PEAKS

Lookout

"THE LOVE OF NATURE IS THE ONE REASONABLE PASSION
FOR IT NEVER GETS EXPENDED AND EVERY DAY IT GETS
RENEWED."

POPE

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Our venerable leader has been in and out of sick beds in between climbs from strenuous
to very strenuous. It is difficult to keep Paul Lipsohn down but I didn't have the heart
to press for a Chairman's report so will expect a double report in the next Lookout from
a hale and hearty mountaineer. Get well, Paul - We need you!

EDITOR'S CORNER

1. Ken Ferrell wishes to thank those who donated to the Robert E. Brough Fund at the
recent Hundred Peaks Section Meeting. This money was given to the Sierra Club
Foundation for the purpose of conservation and preservation of the wilderness areas.
2. The Angelus Chapter Sierra Club is please to announce the chapter is moving to
more spacious premises located at 2410 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90057
Phone (213) 387-6482.
Move will be made July 1, 1971. Chapter leaders should check for current entry pro-
cedures, meeting availability, etc. The night custodian at the old location will probably
be the most pleased with this move.
3. Although we are an activity section, those of you who are desirous of participating in
a specific conservation area should be given the opportunity. As I have never seen the
following published, now is the time and here is the place:

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All the above meetings are scheduled for Headquarters at 7:30 pm.

The May plea for help in the Southern Sierran brought forth Mr. Warren Kessler (340-1964) to lead the Off-Road Vehicle subcommittee. Call him to determine meeting plans. This subcommittee needs priority attention.

Ron Allin (477-4377) plans to call coastal subcommittee meetings on the last Wednesday of each month; June 30, July 28. If AB 1471/SB 1555 are to pass, your help is needed. Call Ron for meeting place.

Members interested in joining visits to legislators in their area should contact their group or section Conservation Committee chairman.

LYLE TAYLOR

4. The new club motto is "Not blind opposition to progress but opposition to blind progress".

5. During a visit to the Grand Canyon shortly before he proclaimed it a national monument in 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt articulated what has since emerged as the underlying purpose of the area as a national park:

"In the Grand Canyon, Arizona has a natural wonder which, as far as I know, is in kind absolutely unparalleled throughout the rest of the world. I want to ask you to do one thing in connection with it in your own interest and in the interest of the rest of the country - to keep this great wonder of nature as it now is .... Leave it as it is. You can not improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it."

The above comment does not only apply to the Grand Canyon. Remember we have a similar responsibility to our own local mountains. Let's preserve and enjoy!

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

"TRAILS OF THE ANGELES"

100 Hikes in the San Gabriels

John Robinson (Our "Profile in Mountain History" contributor) has added another fine volume to his list of writing credits. Of particular interest to the HPS, the author's comprehensive coverage of 100 trail climbs also include detailed directions to 25 peaks in the area. Well written, with many references to the historical, whimsical and humorous, John has even included a trip showing what flooding erosion and man caused fires can result in. I was completely fascinated by the human interest accounts, particularly in the naming of the peaks. This is one of the Trail Guide Series of the Wilderness Press. At $4.95, this volume is well illustrated and is that handy size to be carried in your pack or pocket.

(Ye-Ed. LES STOCKTON)

RUTH SMITH CORNER

"The handsome manzanita whose invariably crooked branches inspired early Californians to say that it was harder to find straight manzanita than a perfect woman."

THE FOREST AND THE PEOPLE

(W.W. Robinson)
CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

200 PEAK BAR

David Welbourn #46

100 EMBLEM

Ann Wianecki #250
Tom VanAllen #251
John A. Magnuson #252

NEW MEMBERS

None

NEW MASCOTS

None

WHY WE CLIMB CORNER

After The Climb: Think of the moment in which are concentrated for the climber such things as these: the relaxation after arduous toil, the cool refreshment that succeeds excessive heat, the quenching of a burning thirst, the satisfying of a keener appetite than that of every day; add to all this a mind at peace with all the world, pleasantly conscious of the presence and the talk of friends, and you cannot fail to see that in such a moment the height of bliss is reached.

CONRAD GESNER

From a letter, translated from the Latin, 16th Century

Note. - Conrad Gesner, a naturalist from Zurich, has a good claim to be considered the first true mountaineer. He resolved "to climb mountains for the delight of the mind and the proper exercise of the body." He made an early ascent of Pilatus.

SAFETY CORNER

"A man who is not afraid of the sea will be drowned for he will be going out on a day he shouldn't. But we do be afraid of the sea and we do only be drowned now and again."

ARAN ISLANDER (Ireland)

THE FAST CLIMBERS CORNER

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

THOREAU

The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.

PLUTARCH
FLASH CORNER

If Stony Point is to be preserved as an area for local Sierra Club Rock Climbers, we must help clean it up. It is on private property and only by the preservation of the area will we be allowed to use it - a fence would eliminate an outstanding training area. So - let's clean up Stony Point on June 26th at 9:00 a.m. Call Dick Hilton (851-0157) for further details - This may be our only chance to save Stony Point.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER
Point Reyes Car Camp - Labor Day Week-end
Arrangements have been made for members of HPS to camp on the Pierce Ranch over Labor Day week-end. Reservations are from Friday morning, September 3rd to Thursday, September 9th - in case anyone wishes to stay a few days after the week-end. The ranch occupies the northern tip of Point Reyes Peninsula. It is now privately owned but eventually will be part of the National Seashore. The ranch has about 10 miles of waterfront - half on the ocean and half on Tomales Bay.
The lower Pierce Ranch house will be available for our use. It has a large living room, fireplace, piano, toilet and shower. We may car camp in the fields near the ranch house or north of the house, or possibly carry our gear to the beach. Each person will be responsible for his own meals. Few group activities, if any, will be planned. Everyone will be free to explore on their own the cliffs, beaches, and tide pools north of the ranch house, or swim at Avalis Beach. Also, we may hike the Bear Valley trail or climb Mt. Wittenberg at the southern end of the peninsula and within the present boundaries of the National Seashore.
Please make reservations if you wish to go since the number of persons we can take will be limited. We would like to know when you expect to arrive at the ranch and how long you wish to stay. We will send out a flyer giving more details towards the end of July. A self-addressed envelope would be helpful. Phone 790-7651
CHARLES JONES

ECONOMY CORNER

Due to the passage of the dues increases and By-law amendments in the April 1971 election and subsequent decisions by the Board of Directors, the dues structure and rates will be as follows, effective July 1, 1971.

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***$5.00 admission fee covers all members of an immediate family joining at the same time.

Admission fee is waived for junior members and full-time students through age 23.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE $400.00 PER PERSON.

The above dues rates will be applicable to all membership renewals which becomes payable on or after July 1, 1971. Renewals for members previously billed but not yet delinquent will be accepted at either the new or old rates. Members delinquent on or before July 1, 1971 will not be able to reinstate for either the student or senior rates, as these were not in effect when their renewal was payable.

(ED. - Fred Bode and Sam Fink - Note discriminatory rate marked*)
Mount Wilson - The Early Years

The proprietor of the Lake Vineyard Ranch (where San Marino stands today) gazed upward. The peak on the skyline, above the green-carpeted ridges in the foreground, possessed plentiful stands of sugar pine and cedar - so he had been told. The man was Benjamin D. Wilson; the year 1864. Wilson wanted that timber for his fences and wine barrels. To get it, he was soon to build the first modern trail into the front range of the San Gabriels.

Benjamin Wilson, born 1811 in Tennessee, was a wide-ranging fur trapper by trade when he arrived in California in 1841, intent upon continuing to China. He never went on. Instead he bought some land near Riverside and tried his hand at cattle ranching. In 1846, during the Mexican War, he joined up with the Yankees, was captured, and spent the remainder of the conflict as a prisoner. After the war, he entered business in Los Angeles, became involved in local politics, and was elected mayor of the thriving pueblo in 1851. Three years later he bought the 128-acre Rancho La Huerta del Cuati and renamed it Lake Vineyard. Here Don Benito, as he was known to his many Spanish-speaking friends, lived out the rest of his years until his death in 1878.

In the spring of 1864, Don Benito set his Mexican and Indian help to revamping an old Indian path up Little Santa Anita Canyon. The canyon slopes were steep, the work slow and painstaking. By April the trail had reached a wooded glen half way up. Here Wilson constructed his "Halfway House" - a three-room cabin, stable, blacksmith shop, and chicken house - a well-supplied construction camp for the steep work ahead.

One clear April day Don Benito and William McKee, his children's tutor, decided to go on to the summit without benefit of trail. With horses, food, and camping gear, they scrambled all afternoon up unstable slopes and through thorny chaparral. Just before sunset they reached the stands of a big cone spruce near the top. They looked down over an inspiring panorama. Far below sprawled the green ranchos of the San Gabriel Valley; beyond, the small towns of the Los Angeles basin; and on the horizon, floating in a crimson and gold carpet of the sinking sun, the glimmering Pacific. They followed bear tracks over to a bubbling spring just west of the summit, where they spent the night. Next morning they explored the mountain-top. They were surprised to discover the crumbling remains of two log cabins, evidence that someone (other than Indians) had preceded them to the summit. Who these original pioneers were only Providence knows. Some speculate that the mountain-top was once a hideout for horse thieves.

Work continued on the trail, tougher now as it switchbacked up the precipitous upper slopes of the mountain. By late summer the crude but passable pathway was completed. Wilson then built a small log cabin near the summit and commenced logging the rich stands of pine and cedar. Several weeks later his stepson, S.S. Hereford, brought down the first pack train totting lumber.

Wilson soon gave up his mountain-top timbering, but the trail he gouged out of the steep slopes remained for others to follow. As the valley and foothill towns grew, Wilson's Peak became a favorite target of energetic hikers and horsemen. Some holiday weekends in the 1880's saw as many as seventy persons camping on the summit or at the small spring just below the top. In those early days, it was customary for those making the trip to build a huge bonfire after sunset on Signal Point (where the parking lot now stands) to let friends below know they had arrived without mishap. Those watching for the signal down below sometimes responded with a bonfire of their own.

Next Profile: The beginning of the Mt. Wilson Observatory.

JOHN ROBINSON
At the summit of which of the following peaks would you be the most likely to see the following?

(1) A lookout tower
   ( ) Lookout Mtn. #2
   ( ) Cuyamaca Pk.
   ( ) Liebre Mtn.

(2) An abandoned stone house
   ( ) Mt. Islip
   ( ) Stonewall Pk.
   ( ) Monrovia Pk.

(3) A water tank
   ( ) Waterman Mtn.
   ( ) Barley Flats
   ( ) Black Mtn. #4

(4) A wrought iron park bench
   ( ) Iron Mtn. #2
   ( ) Mt. Lowe
   ( ) Iron Springs Mtn.

(5) Fresh condor droppings
   ( ) Condor Pk.
   ( ) Mt. Pinos
   ( ) Pallet Mtn.

(6) Two registers
   ( ) Twin Peaks
   ( ) Rabbit Mtn.
   ( ) San Rafael Pk.

(7) A forest of antennas
   ( ) Telegraph Pk.
   ( ) Mt. Lukens
   ( ) Iron Mtn. #3

(8) Tire tracks
   ( ) Keller Pk.
   ( ) Oakzanitas Pk.
   ( ) Inspiration Mtn.

(9) A steel shell casing register
   ( ) Three Sisters
   ( ) Dobbs Pk.
   ( ) Thunder Mtn.

(10) A cemented staircase
     ( ) Stonewall Pk.
     ( ) Mt. Deception
     ( ) Cobblestone Mtn.

10 Correct - Outstanding
9 Correct - Good
8 Correct - You are not thinking! (or you haven't been there)
Submitted by: W.R.C. SHEDENHHELM
### CALENDAR CORNER

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### MOUNTAIN RECORDS CORNER

The committee is currently pursuing our established policy of completing our HPS "Hiking Guide". The latest additions to our completed list is as follows:

- **7-G**  - Alamo Mtn.
- **7-H**  - McDonald Pk.
- **7-I**  - Sewart Mtn.
- **7-J**  - Snowy Pk.
- **7-K**  - Black Mtn. #2
- **7-L**  - White Mtn. #2
- **7-M**  - Cobblestone Mtn.
- **21-D** - Little Bear Pk.

In process are several peaks/mountains located in the San Bernardino Mtn’s., which we hopefully will complete this summer, they are as follows:

- **19-B**  - Cajon Mtn.
- **19-C**  - Sugarpine Mtn.
- **19-D**  - Monument Pk. #2

It will probably be a month or so before these later are ready for distribution.

WARREN VON PERTZ
On Friday, April 16th, I went to scout the area for the planned, 6-peak weekend. I climbed Constance and then went to Sugarloaf and cleared all the rocks off the road, leading into WildHorse Meadows, so that standard cars would have no trouble getting in. Later in the afternoon, I went to Running Springs and found myself in the clouds, no visibility, almost rain. Also found that the road to Keller Peak was locked off. With the very kind assistance of one of the "locals", I found a by-pass which would enable us to get onto the Keller Road about a mile above the gate. Went back to Barton Flats to the planned Saturday night camp and slept amidst the stars. Saturday morning met 18 slightly-damp but eager beavers who were ready to go. We got over the by-pass road and onto the Keller Road and then it started to hail. We drove up to Keller in the combined rain, hail and white-out. By the time we got back to the Slide Peak starting point, there was quite a bit of snow on the ground. We were still in quite a cloud with low visibility and had a bit of difficulty recognizing Slide. The chaparral was all burned off the top which, of course, makes the peak easy to climb but the fire destruction is saddening. When we got back down to the cars, the Keller Road was almost obliterated with wall to wall snow. At that point, we decided to call off the rest of the trip. With a little difficulty, we got over the by-pass and back to Highway 18. By this time, the snow plows were quite active clearing the highway. Everybody took off and down the hill. As a sequel, I had to go back up through Mentone and Barton Flats to pick up my camping equipment. Very light snow was encountered, but I got everything out safely. In view of the weather, I went back home. I apologize to anyone who showed up Sunday morning as I did not go back to tell them that this part of the trip was cancelled. Will try it again sometime later.

MT. LUKENS
April 10, 1971
Leader: AL CAMPBELL
Asst.: MARY FORBES
VIC GLEASON

This is not the easiest way to climb Mt. Lukens so I was both surprised and amazed when the mostly "old" experienced hands turned up. As this was the first peak I had ever led, I was glad to see I had lots of help if I needed it. When I scouted the trail two weeks before many areas had been almost totally washed out by the rains and bad enough to require some fixed ropes over the dangerous spots. But as I approached these areas with trepidation, I found my fears were unfounded. Someones had spent many, many hours preparing the trail. As Sam Fink was with us, I knew who had provided us with a complete safe trail climb. As Sam has done so often, he without fanfare, prior to our climbing date, cut down the bushwack and prepared the trail. My deepest thanks to you, Sam. This was a warm, beautiful day. The river was low so we crossed it without incident and without removing shoes. The 3300' of gain and 3 mi. was negotiated successfully by all despite Bob VanAllen's incessant punning! We passed three upset climbers on the way up who stated they expected to have the peak to themselves. They didn't have to worry. Even though we spent an hour on the summit, we were on the way down while they were approaching the summit. Two of our group who decided to stay on the summit, signed out and descending later missed the trail and descending directly lost a battle with the poison oak prevalent in the area. We arrived at the cars early in the afternoon and many scattered to do more peaks. Bob VanAllen was given a box of chocolate Easter eggs to celebrate his 300th peak at the start of the climb. Needless to say they were devoured on the summit by the multitude.
I enjoyed leading such an enjoyable group, and hope I can do so again.

MARY FORBES
A moderately early meeting time of 7:30 a.m. was surprisingly adhered to by most of the 41 participants of this trip (including even the leaders). Of the 41, all but two were members of the HPS. We did sight one unfamiliar big camper among the group of cars and upon inspection, we discovered it belonged to the familiar Van Allen! (It has every convenience you could ask for in a camper so we naturally called them "softies", etc.).

The day was warm and sunny and a delightful breeze kept the temperature at a nice moderate level. It was close to 11:00 when the front end of the group reached the summit of Pallett. Beth Henry was with us and carried her Tiffel (or?) son to this first Peak. As per her plans, she left us at this point. On Will Thrall a few photos were taken of the plaque furnished by the Native Sons of the Golden West in memory of Will Thrall. It was carried up and placed by this group and many of the HPS members. (An interesting account of the ceremony can be found in Vol. 11, Issue 5 Summer 1965 of the 100 Peaks Lookout).

On the summit of Pleasant View Ridge the entire group reunited (with the exception of two who turned back earlier) for a leisurely lunch. Our return trip was shorter as we ran a ridge down for quite a ways till we joined the trail again. It was a fun way down and we cut off a lot of switchback trail trudging. By 3:30 everyone was back to their cars with plenty of time to have an easy trip home.

THE PEAK BAGGER'S SPECIAL

22 PEAKS

May 8, 1971

Leaders:
LES STOCKTON
KEN FERRELL
HOW BAILEY

This year three people negotiated 22 peaks completed at the stroke of midnight atop the summit of Iron Mt. #2 with little gas remaining in either the cars or the climbers. At Red Box, fifty-four early (?) risers started one-half hour earlier then usual on this annual peak gathering trek. Some of the stalwarts of the other climbing sections were present. So generally we had a group that moved well right from the start. Bunching the group into few (?) cars, we drove to the saddle half way up the Mt. Wilson road and proceeded on foot to Markham Saddle. Mt. Lowe was easily and quickly negotiated with the time spent sighing the register. A scree run down and up the ridge to Markham and another scree run down to the saddle. Then a quick spur to the San Gabriel Pk. Saddle and another fast ascent - this time Disappointment. Running down the side of Disappointment, we practically ran up Deception. We were keeping well ahead of schedule and after returning to the San Gabriel Pk. Saddle, we whistled up San Gabriel (some direct and some by trail). Part of the group followed How Bailey down the Bailey Ridge, while others went by trail. The Buckthorn was so overgrown on the ridge that the ridge climbers bore the wounds of their victory. So back to the saddle and thence to the cars. A short drive to the base of the Occidental Trail. A hasty climb and on to Wilson by car. Down the road and onto the Harvard trail and Mt. Harvard bit the dust. Wilson is climbed from Harvard with How Bailey pioneering the route. So by 1:00 pm eight peaks were behind us.

Reassembling at Rex Box, with the group reduced to 36 we proceeded to negotiate (?) Barley Flats and shortly after shortly climbed short Sally, starting from the duck at the highway level. The cable was across the road to Vetter, so we saved some gas but lost some time to annex this peak. Then across the highway to Mooney and on to Cloudburst Summit where Buckhorn and Winston succumbed to the onslaught. A long ride to Lewis where the leaders jumped out and beat the tigers to the summit (with a 100 foot lead). We were down to the hardcore group of fifteen although some had not climbed all the former peaks. Another wild drive in the intermittent white-out to Dawson Saddle below Baden-Powell. We had to pry a VW door open and open it with a wire coat hanger and on to Pinyon Ridge. A fanout hunt for the register and we are now up to 16 peaks. We are in complete sunshine for the first time today with daylight running out. The long
44 "strenuous" peakbaggers showed up at 8:30 am at East Ford Guard Station to go "Rattlesnaking". Bernie had selected a beautiful route utilizing the road out of Heaton Flats and a new road under construction on the opposite side of San Gabriel River. After leaving the road, we followed a fire break and "trail" up to the top. Only one person didn't make the peak. You might say that, for most of the day, the peak was "out of sight". After a short lunch and rest at the top, headed back for the cars. We were alternately in rain, wind, snow, thunder and lightning. Got back to the cars slightly wet but in good shape about 4:00 pm. Very successful trip and very good route.

AL CAMPBELL

UNSCHEDULED - X-6834, TWIN PEAKS May 31, 1971 Leader: HOW BAILEY

Not having done anything this week-end (except borrow a rope from Les Stockton and repair some wind damage on a steep roof), I decided to explore the ridge SE from Twin Peaks. Don't let the topo fool you. This is a sharp ridge, steep on both sides most of the way, full of ups and downs, with lots of rock to be avoided (or climbed if you have time). There are two steep little notches, quite reminiscent of the ridge between Baldy and Iron, requiring a bit of 3rd class climbing. I got as far as X-6834, just a mile according to that famous flying crow but closer to a mile and a half by my feet, and this took me an hour and a half. There was no sign of a cairn, so I made one and left a small register. Unfortunately, there was a white-out. It was clear above, but this ridge dropped down into the soup. I had already used a compass twice; though usually, after waiting 5 minutes or so at crucial points, the clouds would lift enough to let me see 1/4 mile. There was no point in going on, and it was somewhat dangerous alone anyway, so I trudged back up to Twin Peaks -- 4 hours r.t. including lunch. As if to make up for the weather, I saw 3 bighorn sheep. One scampered away in the usual manner as soon as I came into view; but later a stately female followed by a bleating baby about 2 ft. long trotted by less than 100 ft. in front of me!

HOW BAILEY

(PEAK BAGGER'S CONTINUED)
ride back to Three Comers, a 3 mile drive to the Hillyer turnoff, leaving the VW's halfway up the motorcycle climbing area, we negotiated Hillyer in record time.
Our haste now was beginning to work against us. On the way to Pacifico we lost one car in the haze and darkness. Ken Ferrell negotiated the slippery summit block on Pacifico to make it official. After a time consuming delay, the "wayward bus" found us and it was onward and upward to Roundtop. We were in clouds but climbed Granite without flashlights. On the way back a turn was missed and we soon were far below the cars. Retracing our steps in the whiteout towards the summit we found our original tracks. We were within 100 feet of the cars. We drove down to the highway, but most of the cars had just enough gasoline to reach civilization. However, How Bailey, John Isaac and Fred Clements made the long drive to Gleason and thence to Iron #2 where they finally relaxed at midnight. These three now hold the record for peaks climbed. We will try for 25 peaks next year unless some are removed from the list!

LES STOCKTON (AND STAFF)
13 people assembled at the Colby Canyon parking lot for a leisurely hike to Strawberry Peak. About 1/2 mile up the trail a 14th member joined our ranks. A 15th person arrived while we were resting by a stream crossing.

For most of the participants this was their first HPS outing; as you can tell by the number of latecomers--13.3%.

Yours truly and a few followers reached the summit via the standard trail route at 10:41 am. Hal Paulson, our assistant leader, arrived around 11:10 am, minus 3 members. All told, 12 people signed the register. After allowing Hal 10 minutes to wolf down his lunch we departed for the return trip to our automobiles.

When we reached Josephine Saddle Hal suggested a side trip to Josephine Peak. Four people decided 2 peaks were better than one for a day and tagged along with Hal.

The main group headed out and arrived back at our cars at 1:45 pm.

RON BARNES

SO. HAWKINS, MIDDLE HAWKINS, MT. HAWKINS Leader: HOW BAILEY

May 22, 1971 Asst.: FRED BODE

Both Vic and Sue Gleason, the scheduled leaders, had conflicts, but the hike went just as planned by them. 32 started up the Pinyon Ridge nature trail out of Crystal Lake, and then straight up the ridge just north of Soldier Creek. At 6900 ft. we hit the road, which we followed to South Hawkins. Warren Sanchez, age 13, got his emblem peak here, with appropriate celebrations. Some returned to the cars, but most of the group continued north up the lovely, open pine covered ridge to Middle Hawkins. A few more waited here while 19 made it over to Mr. Hawkins for a late lunch. Six returned by trail via Windy Gap. The rest went back to Middle, then down the ridge to the saddle at 7900', picking up late arrivals along the way. From this saddle we zoomed straight down 1000 ft. -- a new experience for some -- to the spot where we had first hit the road in the morning, and then continued by the same route down to the cars by 4:00 p.m. It was a gorgeous day, with temperatures ideal for hiking, and a good time was had by all.

HOW BAILEY

(Ed- Vic Gleason, the scheduled leader, was held in San Francisco on this date and How Bailey agreed to lead these peaks. The calibre of the climbs of this section will always remain high as long as we have leaders of How Bailey's calibre who are enthusiastically available at short notice. Thank You, How!)
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