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AFTER THE STORM, DONNER SUMMIT

Haven Jorgensen

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An important step

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Miscellany

The Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee has announced winter rates for the 1952-1953 season. Despite rising costs and improving services, the basic rate stands at \$4 per day or \$1 per unit, any meal or night's lodging constituting one unit. For a stay shorter than eight consecutive units (Friday lodging to Sunday dinner), the following rates will apply for members and nonmembers:

Seven consecutive units.....	\$7.50 and \$9.00
Six " " "	7.00 and 8.00
Five " " "	6.00 and 7.00
Four " " "	5.00 and 6.00

The flat rate for a full week's stay will be \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. For information on partial day rates and touring provisions, call the Sierra Club (Reservation) Office in the Mills Tower.

Reservations will be accepted at the Sierra Club Office no earlier than one month before the requested week-end, with the exception of Washington's Birthday. Reservations will

be accepted for February 21 through 23 after January 1 with a minimum of \$12 to cover Friday night's lodging through Monday dinner.

Members may deposit a sum of money at the office and draw against it as the season progresses. Any unused portion will be refunded immediately upon request at any time.

Reservations for the proposed chartered bus service from the bay area to the Lodge every week-end will be made at the Sierra Club office at the rate of about \$5.50 round trip.

Cancellation charges will be as follows: \$.50 if reservation cancelled by 5 p.m. Tuesday before the week-end; \$1 by 5 p.m. Wednesday, \$2 by 5 p.m. Thursday, no refund after Thursday. If the highway is actually closed by storm conditions, these charges may be revised.

Plan now to ski soon, as reliable forecasts predict an early, rather short ski season!

THE SIERRA CLUB,* founded in 1892, has devoted itself to the study and protection of national scenic resources, particularly those of the mountain regions of the Pacific Coast. Since these resources receive best protection from those who know them well, the club has long conducted educational activities, under the committees listed below, to make them known. Participation is invited in the program to enjoy and to preserve wilderness, wildlife, forests, and streams.

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...TO EXPLORE, ENJOY, AND PROTECT THE NATURAL MOUNTAIN SCENE...

For the November Record

Resources for the Future

A citizens' conference on the conservation and development of natural resources to be held in Washington in cooperation with the White House next March—the first of its scope since 1908—has been announced in New York by Mr. Horace M. Albright, president of Resources for the Future, Inc., a new nonprofit corporation established to support education and research in this field.

President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower has declared his intention to join in the call for the citizens' conference, and President Harry S. Truman has offered his cooperation and that of the Government in the interval before the new administration takes office.

"It is high time," Mr. Eisenhower stated, "that the conservation conference of 1908 should be reborn in a mid-century setting. I shall be glad to issue or join in an appropriate call of a conference to consider the subject of resources for the future, and to ask the cooperation of governmental and private agencies in the preparations for and conduct of the conference meetings."

In pledging White House support in preparing for the conference, Mr. Truman stated, "Your organization will indeed be rendering a public service in the finest tradition by providing a forum for the discussion of issues in the resources field . . ."

The corporation which will organize and conduct the conference, Mr. Albright said, will undertake "long-range programs of research and education to assure the resources essential to the progress, vigor, and security of the Nation."

Mr. Albright pointed to the recent report of the Paley Materials Commission, and to the earlier report of the Water Policy Commission, and related studies by the Hoover Commission, as illuminating the materials and resource problems and giving timeliness to steps by private citizen groups to meet it.

"The report on materials policy," Mr. Albright said, "points out that, with less than 10 per cent of the free world's population and 8 per cent of its land area, the United States consumed half the free world volume of materials; that we have completed the transition from a raw materials surplus nation to a raw materials deficit nation and from a net exporter to a net importer of many of our vital materials. We have been "mining out" our renewable resources—soil, forests, and underground water—and restoration, where possible at all, is slow and costly."

Resources for the Future, Inc., was established by a committee of citizens which accepted an invitation from The Ford Foundation to serve as an advisory group on resources, and to assist the officers of the Foundation in planning a program and to work in the field of research and education for resources development and conservation. After considering the projected citizens' conference as one method of assisting the education of citizens on the resources problem, the committee approached both candidates for the presidency, as well as the White House, and were assured of their support for the project. Since the election, this report has been reaffirmed by the President and the President-elect.

In addition to Mr. Albright, who is Presi-

dent of the United States Potash Company, Inc. and former Director of the National Park Service, members of the Board of Directors are: Edward J. Condon, Vice-President of Sears, Roebuck and Co., President of Sears-Roebuck Foundation and former President, Friends of the Land; Dr. Reuben G. Gustavson, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska and former member of Board of Governors of the Argonne National Laboratory for Atomic Energy; E. B. MacNaughton, formerly President of Reed College and of First National Bank of Portland, Ore.; Leslie A. Miller, former Governor of Wyoming and Chairman of Resources Task Force of the Hoover Commission; Fairfield Osborn, President of the Conservation Foundation; William S. Paley, Chairman of the Columbia Broadcasting System and Chairman of the President's Materials Policy Commission; Beardsley Ruml, Consultant and former Advisor of National Resources Planning Board; Stanley Ruttenberg, Director of Education and Research, Congress of Industrial Organizations; M. L. Wilson, Director of United States Extension Service, Department of Agriculture; Charles W. Eliot, Planning Consultant and former Director of the National Resources Planning Board.

Officers of Resources for the Future, Inc. are: Mr. Albright, President; Mr. Eliot, Executive Director, and Elmer A. Hennig, Secretary-Treasurer. Offices of the new organization will be at the Cafritz Building, 1625 Eye Street, Washington, D.C.

"... Easy Day for a Lady"

On October 19 rock climbers Royal Robbins and Don Wilson of Los Angeles, and Barbara Lilley of San Diego made the fourth ascent of the Lost Arrow, in Yosemite Valley. They reached the valley early Saturday morning, to be greeted by a heavy downpour. The storm cleared up about mid-morning, however, and the climbers back-packed the four miles to the top of Yosemite Falls, where camp was made Saturday night. Saturday afternoon they fixed the rope for rappelling down to the notch which separates the Lost Arrow from the main rim of Yosemite Valley

Arising at dawn Sunday, in a cold wind, the climbers ate breakfast and then rappelled the 260 feet into the notch, where it was surprisingly warm. From there began the climb of the Lost Arrow, which was accomplished in eight and a half hours. There were four pitches, almost entirely sixth-class, or direct aid climbing. The third pitch involved an interesting traverse where one could look down about 3000 feet and see the spectators watching from Government Center. The summit was reached just at sunset, and the rappel from there brought them back to the notch at dusk. From there it was necessary to climb up the 260 feet of rope to reach the valley rim again, and it was well after midnight when the climbers reached the valley floor. On the return trip an auto accident necessitated leaving the car in Fresno for major repairs [proving where the hazard lies].

—From *Hi Sierrans*, November, 1952

Preston to Yosemite

Superintendent John C. Preston, of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has been promoted to the superintendency of Yosemite National Park, California, a position left vacant by the acceptance by Dr. Carl P. Russell, Yosemite superintendent since 1947, of a grant-in-aid from the Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Preston, a native of Fort Collins, Colo., joined the National Park Service as a temporary ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., immediately following his graduation from the University of Montana in 1926 with a B.S. in forestry. He had previously attended the Colorado A. & M. College. In less than three years he rose through the ranks of permanent park ranger and chief ranger to that of assistant superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park. In 1937, he became superintendent of Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif., and in 1941 was promoted to the superintendency of Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. In 1951, he again was transferred, to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Dr. Russell is on leave of absence and is expected to return to the Park Service following work under his Guggenheim award.

Extract of Directors' Actions, November Meeting

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club, held November 8, 1952, in Los Angeles, the Board* took the following action:

¶ Elected Dr. Olaus J. Murie an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his outstanding services to the purposes of the Sierra Club. He is President of the Wilderness Society, one of the leading national organizations working effectively with the Sierra Club. In recognition of his scientific work he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in 1949 by Reed College. In 1952 he received the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award, given by the Wildlife Society and considered the "most prized of all awards in this field." At the same time he was given the annual award for the outstanding book on terrestrial wildlife of North America, based on his work upon the elk. He has been a member of the Sierra Club since 1947, and took an active part in the first Wilderness Conference in 1949, just before he left for New Zealand to carry out special research at the request of the New Zealand government. He has many times discussed wilderness-preservation problems with officers of the Sierra Club.

¶ Endorsed the project of acquiring an area approved by the State Park Commission for a state park in the Providence Mountains of Riverside County, with Riverside Chapter to represent the interests of the club.

¶ Discussed various proposals to provide additional memorials for John Muir. The

Board learned that the Muir home in Alhambra Valley was up for sale and that the State Park Commission was favorably considering acquisition. A letter from William E. Colby on the matter was read and was much appreciated. The Board felt that the club should make every effort to cooperate in working out a suitable memorial and that careful study was well justified. The President appointed a special committee most of whose members knew Muir personally, and who could take an effective interest in studying and recommending appropriate action: Dr. H. Stewart Kimball (chairman), Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Marion Randall Parsons, Walter A. Starr, and Mrs. George C. Thompson. The Directors voted the following resolution: "Provided that appropriate plans for public use and upkeep can be worked out, the Sierra Club endorses acquisition of the John Muir home and adjoining acreage as a part of the state park system; the Sierra Club in such event contemplates making a financial contribution towards the capital cost of acquisition."

¶ Considered the opportunity to obtain a bust of John Muir prepared during his lifetime by the late sculptress, Gertrude Boyle; authorized the Muir Committee to study the desirability of placing the bust or a reproduction in the Muir home if that were included in a state park.

¶ Learned that as part of the program of conversion of Primitive Areas to Wilderness Area status under the greater protection af-

* Directors Bernays, Bradley, Bröwer, Clark, Crowe, Farquhar, Hildebrand, Johnson, Kehrein, Kimball, Leonard, Mauk, Nilsson and Robinson were present. Director Adams was excused because of travel in New York.

The following Sierra Club advisors were present at the invitation of the Board: Gerald Ganopole, Temporary Chairman of the new Kern-Kaweah Chapter; Preston Webster, Chairman, Los Padres Chapter; Gene A. Wallar, Chairman, Loma Prieta Chapter; Marvin G. Billings, representative, Riverside Chapter; Lucius V. Johnson, Jr., Chairman, San Diego Chapter; Bill Henderson, Chairman, Southern

California Chapter; Cicely Christy, Chairman, Membership Committee.

The following visitors attended the meeting at the invitation of the Board: Lawrence C. Merriam, Regional Director, Region 4, National Park Service, representing Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the Park Service; Harthorn L. Bill, Assistant Superintendent, Yosemite National Park; Earl E. Bachman, Assistant Chief of Recreation and Lands, California Region, Forest Service, representing Clare Hendee, Regional Forester, and Richard L. McArdle, Chief Forester, Forest Service; Olaus Murie, President of The Wilderness Society, and Mrs. Murie.

fording by regulation U1 of the Department of Agriculture, a field study of the Marble Mountain boundary problem had been made with Sierra Club representation. Club members participated in the discussion of policies and approved in principle the purposes and the methods which the Forest Service used in attempting a sound boundary revision. The study has gone on for three years in the Regional Office of the Forest Service, and the final boundary has been published and has been studied by club officers. If there is no significant opposition during the 90-day publication period, the area will be given Wilderness status. The Board resolved that the Sierra Club appreciates the care with which the final boundary of the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area has been defined; it approves the boundary and the U1 classification which has been given to it by the Forest Service.

¶ Voted the following resolution: The Sierra Club has made a study of the proposed Middle Eel-Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area and the proposed land exchanges and boundary revisions. While regretting the decrease in any of our forest wilderness reserves, we approve in principle the program of timberland exchanges by which the private holdings are to be eliminated, and the immediate threat of an access road across the area thereby removed. It is believed that the new boundary will help in permanent preservation of the area in its natural state. It is understood that Wilderness classification under regulation U1 will be given to the revised area.

Background: A substantial acreage of private land is scattered within the present primitive-area boundaries. The land contains heavy stands of timber sufficient in value to justify construction of access roads by the owners from lumber mills just outside the boundaries of the present primitive area, which was established many years ago. The Forest Service has worked out boundary revisions and an exchange of land which result in a good-sized Wilderness Area free from the threat of private holdings and containing the valuable recreational area of the Cottonwood Basin, together with defensible boundaries. Consolidation will require the

elimination of the much less valuable dry basin of Cold Fork, in which the lumber company also owns a block of timberland which would shortly be cut and to which an access road can be constructed. The part of the northeast corner of the present primitive area that is not required for exchange purposes will be cut under sustained-yield procedures, removing 40 per cent of the timber instead of clear-cutting as is the present plan on private holdings. Thus the club is compelled to choose between (a) relinquishing a substantial area already marked out for destruction because of its private lands, in order to achieve a homogeneous and defensible area containing the best of the primitive area for recreational purposes, or (b) having the entire area opened up by an easy access road that would thus destroy the wilderness character of the entire area.

It was pointed out that long ago the Bureau of Reclamation obtained a withdrawal for certain reservoir sites on the Middle Eel. The Forest Service proposed that the boundary of the new Wilderness Area should be one-quarter mile from the high-water mark of the proposed reservoirs where they cross the general exterior boundary of the Wilderness Area. After some discussion of the advisability of setting the Wilderness Area boundary at high-water level so as to eliminate any possibility of nonwilderness use of the area, Brower's motion that the southwest boundary of the Middle Eel-Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area be set at high-water level of the proposed reclamation reservoirs was defeated 10 to 4, Directors Brower, Clark, Kimball, and Mauk voting for the motion.

¶ Adopted the following resolution: The Sierra Club is concerned lest the long delay in establishing Primitive Area boundaries in final defensible form as Wild or Wilderness Areas will inevitably result in loss of valuable recreational areas, as commercial exploitation and access roads push closer to the areas in question. We therefore respectfully urge the Forest Service to make every effort to fix these boundaries as rapidly as possible, before such pressures have developed. We further request a list of the Primitive Areas of the California Region whose

boundaries are not yet finally established, together with a schedule of proposed surveys and revisions, in order that Sierra Club members may become familiar with them in advance of the final surveys.

¶ Took the following steps relating to the San Jacinto tramway, after thorough discussion with the leaders of the fight to preserve the San Jacinto Primitive Area and San Jacinto State Park, participated in by Marvin Billings, of the Riverside Chapter; Guy Fleming, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the San Diego Chapter; Al Gustus, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Southern California Chapter; Harry James, President of the Trailfinders; and Joe Momyer, Chairman of the Southern California section of the Conservation Committee:

1. Authorized the officers to protest to Richard L. McArdle, the new Chief of the Forest Service, against the proposed exchange of the controversial south half of Section 12 to the Winter Park Authority. They were further authorized to file briefs with the Bureau of Land Management in protest should the exchange be approved by the Chief of the Forest Service at Washington.
2. Endorsed the principle that Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority be confined in its use of State Park Lands to the minimum land required for right of way and for needed terminal facilities, both as determined by the State Park Commission.
3. Further, endorsed the principle that the proposed bonds of the Winter Park Authority *must* be certified by the Districts Securities Commission before being eligible for issuance and sale to any party whatsoever.
4. Favored the requirement of a bond for removal of the tramway and other structures and debris and restoration of the State Park and approaches to natural condition on failure of the tramway.

¶ Expressed admiration for the initiative and energy of Weldon Heald, a resident of Portal, Arizona, in the Chiricahua Mountains, in his efforts to protect the recreational and wilderness values of that region. Most of the Board members were well acquainted with the high qualities of this rather remote

area through Heald's series of articles in many publications. The Board confirmed the appointment of Heald as club representative to participate in studies to develop the best solution to the problem of preservation of recreation and wilderness values in the Chiricahua Mountains.

¶ Set up a special committee for the purpose of making club's previous recommendations on standards of roads in national parks more specific. The President named Alex Hildebrand chairman and authorized him to appoint additional members.

¶ Congratulated all who worked so energetically on the most recent phase of the Butano Forest campaign on the overwhelming approval by San Francisco voters of an appropriation of \$100,000 toward acquisition of this fine area as a state park. San Francisco's contribution, when added to those of San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, will provide additional matching for funds already allocated by the State.

¶ Heard an excellent summary by Cicely M. Christy, Chairman of the Membership Committee, of membership procedures as followed in organizations similar to the Sierra Club and of recommendations of chapter membership committees; discussed the merits of seeking information on applicants' interests and skills from the applicants or from the sponsors; and expressed confidence in the progress of the club Membership Committee toward optimum uniformity in membership procedures.

¶ Appointed committees for the 1953 Election as follows: *Nominating Committee*: Joel H. Hildebrand (chairman), Herbert L. Breed, Laurence B. Burnley, August Frugé, Harriet T. Parsons; alternates: Ollo Baldauf, Keith Lummis. *Judges of Election*: Catherine S. Tubby (chairman), Kasson Avery, Ada Chaplin, Bessie Lawrence, Ida Logan, Frank Schoch, Marion Schoch, Rosa Selle, Neva Snell; alternates: Hazel Lummis, Lila McKinne.

¶ Encouraged the group of members in the Fresno area who wish to work for establishment of a new chapter there.

¶ Referred to the Committee on Place Names further suggestions for a peak to be named in honor of Duncan McDuffie.

¶ Authorized Sierra Club sponsorship of the third biennial Wilderness Conference, to be held in the Spring of 1953 in the San Francisco Bay area.

¶ Confirmed appointment of a committee to follow development of and study the possibility of Sierra Club participation in educational television broadcasts: Oliver Kehrein (chairman), E. A. Abeel, John A. Dunkel, Martin Litton, Dr. Robert C. Miller.

¶ Heard with regret the statement by Phil Bernays that he intends not to accept nomination as a Director at the end of the present term, and expressed deep appreciation of his long and fruitful years of service as a Director since 1919.

¶ Accepted the by-laws of the new Kern-Kaweah Chapter, subject to any necessary revisions to accord with uniform by-laws now being worked out by a committee under Marjory Parquhar.

¶ Recommended certain proposed changes in by-laws with respect to officers, to be submitted on the April 1953 ballot.

¶ Heard that there is little present prospect of revision of the mining laws to prevent current abuses.

¶ Requested further information and study on continuing protection of recreation values on Mount Shasta.

¶ Set the next meeting for February 28, in San Francisco.

The foregoing has been extracted from the detailed Minutes (on file in club and chapter headquarters) compiled by Richard M. Leonard, Secretary.

More Miscellany

An exhibition of watercolors of the High Sierra (first four weeks, 1952 High Trip) by Eric Schroeder, of Cambridge, will be held in the San Francisco clubrooms during January and February.

What's in a name? A copy of *Going Light* has just been purchased by a man by the name of Thomas W. Golightly.

Annual errata. The contents page, and not the first page of Alfred Baxter's article on St. Elias, gives the correct title. It was the printer's idea, not George Collins's, to have the Katmai bear walk down the sky. Joel Hildebrand's daughter is Louise, not Louis, Klein (*Going Light* ad). Not an error, but confusing: the opening list of officers and committees is for the year ending last April. Incidentally, if you look about now, you'll find your 1952 Annual in your mailbox.

Sierra Club Membership

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
San Francisco					
Bay	3301	3507	3589	3604	3588
Southern					
California ..	1750	1862	1890	1913	1900
Loma Prieta ..	410	444	462	472	520
Mother Lode ..	202	212	219	252	256
Riverside	84	78	90	98	100
San Diego	54	87	96	130	154
Atlantic .....	....	....	....	128	124
Los Padres ....	....	....	....	....	94
Kern-Kaweah .....	....	....	....	....	104
General	275	321	426	399	414
Total	6076	6511	6772	6996	7254

Note: All the figures are as of November 1. The total as of January 2, 1953, the next date of election of applicants, is 7,533.