

MAL LOCKWOOD: Wild Swans, Alaska

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President's Message - Alaska

When Secretary of State William H. Seward purchased Alaska from Russia one hundred years ago-for less than 2 cents an acre-he brought off one of the most fantastic real estate deals in history: more than 365,000,000 acres of land with nearly 34,000 miles of coastline; the highest mountain on the North American continent and the third largest river; a fabulous supply of natural resources, minerals, timber, fish, and wildlife. And on our increasingly crowded planet, a magnificent supply of open space and some of the most gorgeous scenery in the world.

Because Alaska was remote, inaccessible, largely unexplored and unmapped, until fairly recently only a few adventurous souls have ventured into this vast unknown territory. Today, about 250,000 people occupy our 49th state. Nearly all were attracted by Alaska's rich mineral, timber, and fishery resources, and by the lure and promise of our last "last frontier."

But as early as 1904, Henry Gannett, member of the Alaska Harriman Expedition and long-time Chief Geographer of the United States Geological Survey, recognized that Alaska's scenery was one of its greatest assets, if not the greatest. "There are glaciers, mountains, fiords elsewhere," he wrote in a report of the expedition, "but nowhere else on earth is there such abundance and magnificence of mountain, fiord and glacier scenery. For thousands of miles the coast is a continuous panorama. For one Yosemite of California, Alaska has a hundred. The mountains and glaciers of the Cascade Range are duplicated and a thousandfold exceeded in Alaska. The Alaska coast is to become the showplace of the entire earth. . . . Its grandeur is more valuable than the gold or the fish, or the timber, for it will never be exhausted. This value measured by direct returns in money from tourists will be enormous; measured in health and pleasure it will be incalculable."

With air travel becoming cheaper and easier, with the opening up of the fabled "Inside Passage" by comfortable state-run ferries, and with the promised completion of a paved Al-Can Highway within a few years, Henry Gannett's prediction sounds as though it could come true. But Alaska, just eight years a state, faces complex land management problems, financial problems, and conservation problems of staggering magnitude. With a pioneer philosophy and tools for development-or destruction-undreamed of by Gannett, Alaska could "exhaust its grandeur."

At stake are Alaska's beautiful national parks and monuments, totaling 31 per cent of our national park lands, none of which is completely protected. Seventy per cent of our fish and wildlife lands lie in Alaska, and many of these are threatened. Some of our most magnificent national forests are in southeastern Alaska, and to date, no real protection of adequate forest wilderness has been developed. Also at stake in the near future are millions of acres of uncommitted land-a good percentage of which equals, or surpasses in beauty, the finest scenery in the "lower 48" states.

The Sierra Club has long been interested in Alaska, scheduling various outings there, devoting an outstanding publication to it, and recommending protection of various areas as it seemed necessary. This summer, however, my wife Peggy and I returned from Alaska with a sense of greater urgency-in fact, of emergency. We felt that Alaska, like too many other parts of America, must be protected now or not at all. The Board of Directors has agreed, and Alaska was made the club's sixth major project at the September 9 Directors' meeting. The time has come to look north.

— EDGAR WAYBURN



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THE SIERRA CLUB,* founded in 1892, has devoted itself to the study and protection of national scenic resources, particularly those of mountain regions. Participation is invited in the program to enjoy and preserve wilderness, wildlife, forests, and streams.

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NEWS OF CONSERVATION AND THE CLUB

Redwood national park bill proposed as compromise by Senate Interior Committee in hopes of attracting support of the entire conservation movement; major acquisitions would be in Redwood Creek drainage as favored by the club, by most of the nation's conservation organizations, and by 60 Congressional sponsors of the Cohelan-Metcalf bill

The stalemate that has blocked progress toward the establishment of a redwood national park may be broken. On October 10, the Senate Interior Committee approved a compromise bill, S. 2515, co-sponsored by Senator Henry Jackson, Senator Thomas Kuchel, and Senator Alan Bible. The bill is designed to incorporate the best features of the Administration's bill (for a 43,000-acre park at Mill Creek in the Smith River drainage, Del Norte County, California) and the Cohelan-Metcalf bill (for a 90,000-acre park in the watershed of Redwood Creek, Humboldt County). The Cohelan-Metcalf bill embodies the Sierra Club's proposal, based on the comprehensive 1964 study of the entire redwood region by the National Park Service, and is co-sponsored by 60 Senators and Representatives. As detailed in the August Bulletin, the main points at issue have been the size of the proposed park and its location. The compromise bill calls for a park of 64,000 acresabout one-third larger than the Administration's plan and one-third smaller than the Cohelan-Metcalf proposal-with a cost ceiling of \$100 million. The bill would provide for major acquisitions at Redwood Creek, as favored by the club and most other conservation organizations. The park would include Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and about 22,000 acres of private land in the lower reaches of Redwood Creek and in the Lost Man, Little Lost Man, and Skunk Cabbage Creek tributary drainages. Also included would be a northern unit in the Mill Creek area, with about 10,600 acres of largely-cutover private land connecting Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. The club has favored federal aid in the acquisition of private lands to round out these two state parks, but has maintained that regardless of the amount of money that Congress felt it could spend, it could buy more park values per dollar in Redwood Creek than anywhere else. The bill's emphasis on Redwood Creek—and particularly on the acquisition of unprotected virgin timberlands now in private ownership, representing a net gain for redwoods conservation—is encouraging. Senator Kuchel's sponsorship of S. 2515 is doubly significant: he is California's Senior Senator, and was the principal sponsor of the Administration bill. The Interior Committee expects S. 2515 to pass the Senate with united conservationist backing. The Sierra Club's final position can only be stated by its Board of Directors or Executive Committee, which have not yet had an opportunity to study the compromise bill. But Dr. Edgar Wayburn, club president and coördinator of its redwoods campaign, said he would favor support of S. 2515, coupled with continuing efforts to secure additional park acreage in the Redwood Creek watershed.

Diamond Jubilee celebration in San Francisco December 9

The club's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated in San Francisco December 9. Members who might attend are urged to reserve the date. Program to be announced. Memorabilia of the club's first 75 years will be displayed.

William Zimmerman, Jr., is dead

As the *Bulletin* was going to press, the editors learned of the death of William Zimmerman, Jr., for five years the club's Washington Representative. An appreciation of Bill's great services to the club, and to the cause of conservation, will be printed in a forthcoming issue.

Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd considers freeway rebellions to be "a healthy thing," and says his department will be sensitive to environmental factors in the location and design of federal-aid highways

Alan S. Boyd, cabinet-level Secretary of Transportation, said in September that "We are developing methods for measuring the resource values that go beyond the standard cost-benefit analyses. We intend to require that the state highway departments get the view of all interested departments in the city, state, and federal governments before highway routings are submitted to the Bureau of Public Roads for approval. If there are objections to a proposed route, we will want to know what they are in detail. We will want a well-documented case from the highway department when it requests that a route be approved despite the objections." Calling citizens' revolts against highway routings "a healthy thing," Boyd said the act creating his department gives it a "strong directive to improve on the performance of its constituent agencies in taking environmental factors into account. . . . The time is no longer with us when we can move ahead in locating transportation facilities and in designing them without being concerned with and aware of the impact on the environment. . . . I interpret the sections of the Act as an indication that we have not done well enough and must do better."

Alaska conservationists report illegal hunting in Mt. McKinley National Park, logging devastation along the scenic Inside Passage As noted in the last *Bulletin*, the Board of Directors made conservation of Alaska's scenic and wilderness resources a priority objective of the club. Members may be interested to know that the Alaska Conservation Society has a non-voting class of membership for non-residents that includes, for only \$2 per year, four issues of the *News Bulletin*. Recent issues discussed many problems of interest, such as destructive logging practices along the scenic Inside Passage and illegal hunting from airplanes within one of the nation's finest wildlife sanctuaries, Mt. McKinley National Park. Address the Society at Box 192, College, Alaska 99735.

Gyro-stabilized vehicle for forest trails

The Forest Service and the Summers Gyro Car Company have developed "a new kind of forest trail cargo carrier." The three-wheel-in-line vehicle is kept upright by an 180-pound gyroscope that spins at 5,500 rpm. It travels at up to 5 mph, carries 800 pounds of payload, and can "negotiate narrow, rough forest trails and climb a 60 per cent grade." (Maximum grade for mountain highways: 9 per cent.) If the carrier makes it easier for the USFS to resist building roads where no roads ought to be, we can be grateful. But as experience with trail bikes, four-wheel-drive vehicles, and helicopters proves, there is an apparently irresistible temptation to take any kind of vehicle anywhere it can possibly go. It is to be hoped that the Forest Service will exercise discretion in the use of its mechanical mules.





The Forest That Was

Weldon F. Heald

Climax forest of western hemlocks along the White River Road to Mount Rainier National Park, photographed 39 years ago, in 1928, by author Weldon Heald. "Try to find it now!" he challenged, writing in 1967.

A PERCEPTIVE VISITOR to the Pacific Northwest cannot help but be dumbfounded that the people of Oregon and Washington apparently put no value on their magnificent original forests except a monetary one. Of the vast, almost continuous cover of giant firs, hemlocks, and cedars that once swept from the slopes of the Cascade Range to the Pacific coast, all that remains are isolated remnants in the national parks, remote mountain valleys, and piddling groves in state and municipal parks. The rest has been ruthlessly eradicated as if it had been a noisome growth of noxious weeds. But even some

of the finest Olympic National Park "rain forests" are now threatened, and conservationists wage a continuing battle to preserve virgin stands of trees in the Cascades. As a result of this century old campaign of destruction, you can drive U. S. Highway 99 from California to the Canadian border and look in vain for one sizable veteran tree.

In recent years, the process of elimination has been accelerated by the slide-rule manipulations of the saw-log forester. Under the twin multiple-use banners of "sustained yield" and "an ever-renewable resource," a crash program has been

inaugurated to harvest the remaining virgin timber within the two states as rapidly as possible. A tree's worth is judged solely by the number of board feet, yards of plywood, or pounds of pulp it contains. Those who advocate preserving representative samples of Oregon and Washington's unique, irreplaceable original forests while there is yet time are accused of selfishness and attempting to wreck the regional economy. The esthetic, recreational, educational, scientific, and inspirational values of old-growth timber are considered visionary, while its ecological, biological, watershed protection, flood control, and soil-building qualities are brushed aside to await future studies—after old-growth timber is gone.

Practically all of Washington State's remaining virgin forests are on the Olympic Peninsula or in the Cascades, a large part of which is federally owned in national forests. The Forest Service is strongly timber-oriented, and is coöperating wholeheartedly with the lumber industry in eliminating oldgrowth within its jurisdiction. Thousands of acres on the west slope of the Cascade Range of Washington and Oregon have been clear-cut both on private and national forest land, in some places extending from the valley floors to alpine meadows. Some entire mountains have been logged and stand barren, brown, and completely treeless. In spite of expert official assurance to the contrary, considerable damaging erosion has resulted, especially from the network of logging roads bull-dozed into the mountainsides.

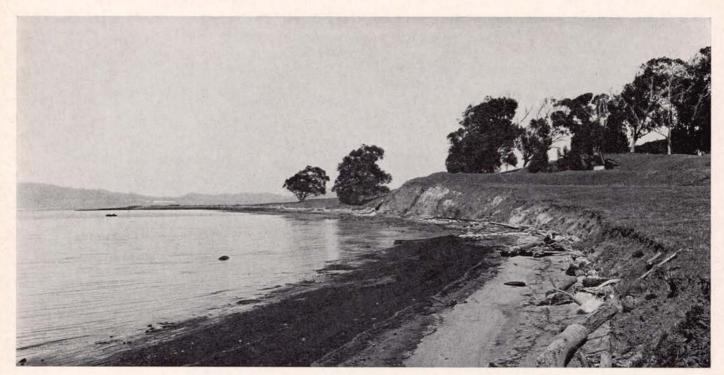
Patch cutting is proceeding at a fast rate up both east- and

west-side Cascade valleys, and the existence of exploitable timber is the principal reason why so much of the climax region of the northern Cascades has been excluded from any future national park plans. The pressures put upon the Forest Service by lumber and business interests are tremendous. In fact, wherever there are two sticks of commercial timber to rub together, they presumably kindle sparks of lustful desire in the breasts of local loggers. To accommodate them, the Forest Service embraces lumbering and recreation as compatible uses within its policy of "the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run." Even wildlife is said to prefer cut-over land.

But these grand forests are not owned locally, regionally, or even exclusively by the states of Oregon and Washington. They belong to all of us, and the Forest Service is simply our hired administrator. Thousands of Americans from coast to coast are convinced that stripping the Cascade Range of its entire natural forest cover is a short-term benefit for a relatively small number of people. But as a major attraction of our greatest and most spectacular mountain wilderness, the original vegetation would be of inestimable value to the nation and of increasing benefit to millions in the crowded generations to come.

A North Cascade National Park enthusiast expressed this thinking succinctly in a letter to the Seattle *Times*: "Let's not let 'em log off the prettiest doggone mountain playground on this whole troubled planet."

In 1940, the Bulletin published "Sierras of the South," the first of 754 pieces by Weldon Heald accepted by 146 different publications. Later, the Bulletin published Heald's "High and Dry - 1940" (1941), "The Colorado Is Still Wild" (1942), "Telescope and Charleston Peaks" (1942), "The Battle of the Land" (1945), "Sierra Snows - Past and Future" (1949), "Who Discovered Rainbow Bridge?" (1955). and "The Proposed Great Basin Range National Park" (1956). "The Forest That Was" is the 754th of Heald's articles. There will be no more. At its September 9 meeting, the Board of Directors issued this statement: "The Sierra Club notes with sorrow the death of Weldon F. Heald, who was a member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors 1945-46 and 1947-49, and was a prolific writer on conservation subjects and an active conservationist over many years; it expresses its appreciation of his many fine services, and expresses its sympathy to his family."



RONDAL PARTRIDGE: Point Pinole.

Point Pinole: Park or Plant Site?

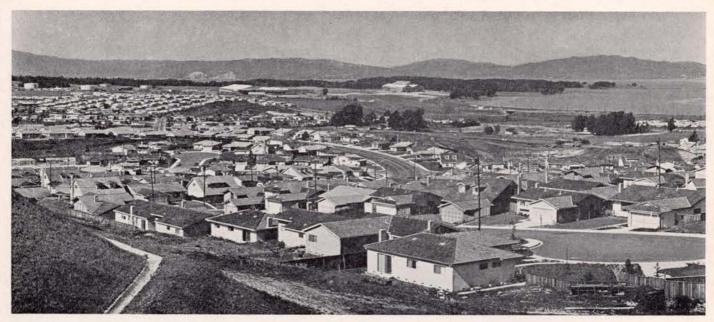
Barbara Vincent

Mrs. Vincent was born and raised in Richmond, California, and for ten years, she has served on the Richmond Planning Commission.

It was 1775, and the first Spanish sailors had just passed through the Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay. Veering hard to port, the first tiny ships found safe anchorage in the shelter of Angel Island—in Hospital Cove as it is known today. And the first spell was cast. Ever since, San Francisco Bay and the hills and headlands around it have charmed visitors and residents alike.

North from Angel Island, jutting out from the northwest shore of Richmond, is a dramatic promontory. This is Point Pinole, a wooded headland that is the center of a controversy between conservationists and the point's new owner, the Bethlehem Steel Company. Conservationists know it to be one of the finest natural park sites on the Bay. Bethlehem intends to level it, scraping excess dirt into the Bay, to create a barren platform for a steel manufacturing complex.

That Point Pinole is one of the most scenically diverse park sites along the entire shoreline of the Bay is widely acknowledged. The park values of Point Pinole have been recognized by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. And in a 1964 election, many thousands of Contra Costa County voters believed that by voting to join the East Bay Regional Park District, they were taking a step toward acquisition of a waterfront park at the point. The General Plan of Contra Costa County has long shown a park at this location. Richmond's General Plan, as adopted by the Planning Commission in 1963, also called for a park at Point Pinole. The park designation was withdrawn by the Richmond City Council in 1964, after Bethlehem purchased the property. Several months later, however, the Park and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission recommended that the site be returned to the General Plan as a park. In January 1966, the Planning Commission again asked that the park site be returned to the General Planbut its recommendation was rejected by the City Council, which spoke of its "commitment" to the giant steel producer. Any commitment that was made was made in private; there



Housing development in Richmond, wooded Point Pinole (in middle distance), San Pablo Bay (northern arm of San Francisco

Bay), and hills of Marin County beyond. Park at Point Pinole would be accessible to East Bay population centers.

were no public discussions of Point Pinole land use prior to Bethlehem's purchase of the site. Point Pinole's designation as a park site was known, of course, to the City Council and to Bethlehem when the purchase was negotiated.

One reason Point Pinole is still such a splendid natural area is that it has never been open to the public. Few people have had the opportunity to enjoy (or to desecrate) its beauty. The point, a portion of the Rancho San Pablo, was taken over by the Safety Nitro Powder Company in 1880 as an isolated area in which to manufacture dynamite. Twelve years later, Safety Nitro merged with the Giant Powder Company and the area became known as Giant. Atlas Powder Company purchased the plant in 1915, and continued to operate it until modern explosives made the old dynamite plant obsolete after World War II. During all these years, Point Pinole retained its charm. Long, sloping beaches to the north attracted fishermen, and a fishing village grew up along water's edge beyond the point. The villagers have been relocated now, and the village has been reduced to rubble by bulldozers. Only sticks and stones, and here and there a forlorn toy, are left to mark the spot.

Many a boy with fishing pole in hand has scooted up the beach while watchmen, bent on keeping youngsters out, fired blanks to frighten him off. But the beaches were made for romping, for young adventurers. Children from nearby suburban tracts still walk in along the beaches, skirting Bethlehem's heavy fence, to find frogs in the marsh grass and look for shells, starfish, or driftwood treasures in the sand.

ECOLOGICALLY, A VITAL AREA

Every Bay fisherman knows that the fishing is great off Point Pinole. Look from the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge any day when the bass are running; you'll see a multitude of small boats anchored or trolling offshore. Not only are fish bred, nurtured, and caught in this area, but a map prepared by the State Department of Fish and Game shows it to be one of the best feeding and breeding grounds for waterfowl on the Bay. Tiny, one-celled organisms that breed here feed larger species. Important not only to hunters and fishermen, these shallows are vital to the oxygenation of the Bay's waters. Plant life provides oxygen to support fish and to help assimilate waste and pollutants. To disturb the mud-flats and marshes would be to disrupt the ecology of the entire Bay.

INDUSTRY AND RECREATION TOO?

Bethlehem's plans call for beaches, marshes, and tidelands to be covered with earth scraped from Point Pinole in a leveling operation. At least 700 acres of tidelands would be filled. A natural playground would be demolished, and a significant portion of the life-sustaining Bay would be blotted out. And this proposal is sanctioned by the same City Council that supported establishment of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The Richmond City Council voted on April 26, 1965, for Resolution Number 8627 favoring BCDC and region-wide regulation of Bay fill—at the same time making pious statements about its private, personal commitment to Bethlehem Steel. Many citizens assert that the steel company bought their park, and argue that in 2,300 acres, there should be room enough for industry and recreation too. It has also been suggested that Bethlehem could expand into industrially zoned land to the east, if expansion is necessary, leaving room for a park on Point Pinole with its tidelands undisturbed.

While Bethlehem campaigns for the removal of all im-

Point Pinole is one of the few points on the shore of San Francisco Bay that are still natural and relatively undisturbed. Photo by Rondal Partridge.



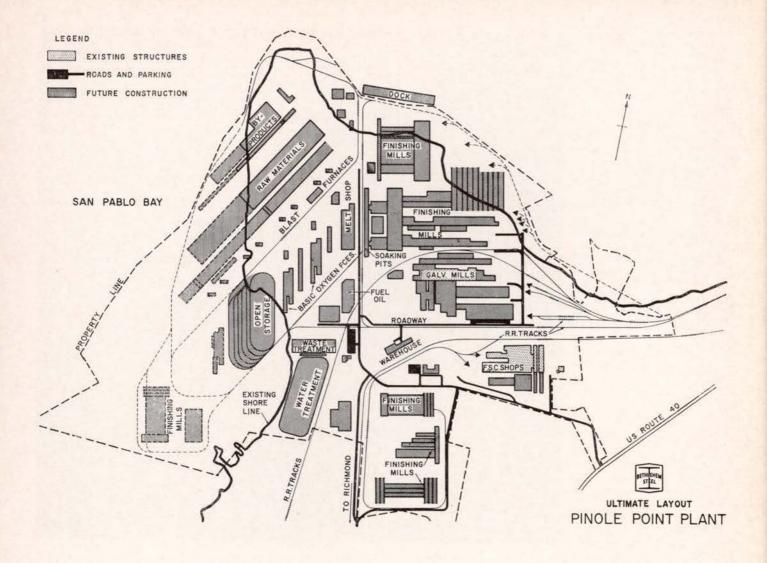
pediments to its use of the entire point, conservation groups are energetically making the case for a Point Pinole park. The Save the Bay Association has a vital interest in the disposition of Point Pinole, of course. The Sierra Club has urged the establishment of a park, and the Contra Costa Conservation League has been particularly active. Fearful of the destruction of wildlife habitat, the Associated Sportsmen of California have taken a keen interest in the matter. California's Department of Fish and Game has also urged that Bay waters in this area be kept in their natural state, and that public access be provided.

THE "WALK-IN" PROTEST MARCH

To dramatize its concern, the Contra Costa Conservation League staged a "Walk-In to the Point" one golden day in October 1966. Men, women, and children, with babies riding piggyback, walked in to picnic in the lee of Point Pinole. Others arrived by small boat and kayak. Mrs. William Siri, spokesman for the "Walk-In," told the press that "Point Pinole is the choicest and most beautiful park site in the Bay Area. All we ask for is a lease—for ten years, or until the land is actually needed for a steel plant."

Bethlehem's existing structures lie to the east of the point itself. The company has consistently refused to consider releasing any part of its large holdings for park use, however, even on a temporary lease basis. The company's "ultimate layout" map of the site shows it fully utilized, including filled land far beyond the existing shoreline. Among the structures indicated on the "ultimate layout" are blast furnaces, horrible polluters of the air.

The company has announced no timetable for construction, and when questioned by stockholders about purchase of the site, Bethlehem executive Edmund F. Martin described it as "a hedge for the future." He called Point Pinole "the last available site on San Francisco Bay." Great claims are made to the effect that the plant will employ 30,000 persons. (When? By 1975? By 2000? Corporation president Stewart S. Cort says only that this will depend on market conditions.) The 30,000 employment figure is hard to swallow. Publicity released by Bethlehem describes its rolling mill at Burns Harbor, Indiana, where a single man at a push-button console operates giant machines that fill a hall the size of several football fields. Modern steel plants, in general, operate at low employment density. Many industries with higher em-



ployment potential also require much less land. Such industries would be more likely to provide stable employment, free from the lengthy layoffs for which the steel industry is notorious. Many Richmond residents feel that Bethlehem's employment claims are merely a sweetener, intended to reconcile the community to the loss of park values at Point Pinole.

Inevitably, anticipated tax benefits to the city are also cited as justification for the sacrifice of other community values. So far, Bethlehem's land has been assessed at a very low figure. Sherman L. Crary, assistant secretary-treasurer of the company, told Richmond officials that "in 1964–65, Bethlehem paid the city \$7,800 in taxes, and this year [1965–66] the bill is \$52,900." The company held title to approximately 1,800 acres at that time, so the city realized \$4.33 per acre in 1964–65 and \$29.30 per acre in 1965–66. Residential land is assessed at many times this figure. In a pleasant middle-class neighborhood where most houses are 20 to 30 years old, bare land is assessed at about \$15,820 per acre. The tax rate is \$2.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which nets the city about \$385 per acre on bare-land assessments alone.

The employment and tax-generating potential of a steel

plant on the point is hard to determine, and in any case, should not necessarily be the determining factor. Another factor is at least equally important: that Point Pinole is a natural parkland where parklands are needed most, in the midst of a sprawling megalopolis.

THE BATTLE FOR THE BAY

The point's fate is of more than local interest, for its defense is part of the battle to save San Francisco Bay. The hills and headlands that border the Bay lend depth, character, and excitement to the scene, providing an elegant setting for one of the most strikingly beautiful bodies of water in the world. But commercial developers have designs on every one of them: Point Pinole, San Bruno Mountain, Point San Pablo, Red Rock. . . . Should these landforms that define and enhance the Bay be pushed around and plundered for the benefit of the few, or should they be preserved intact for the lasting benefit of all? The decision, as it always does, rests ultimately with you and me. If enough of us care enough—and do enough to show we care—the remnants of natural beauty around the Bay, and the Bay itself, can be saved.

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THE EXHIBIT FORMAT SERIES

During the past year the Sierra Club made four exciting new additions to its world acclaimed Exhibit Format Series. BAJA CALIFORNIA and the Geography of Hope, the latest addition, is described on the inside wrap of this Bulletin. On this page are the other three newest additions. And Remember: Until December 1 they are available at \$22.50 for perfect Christmas gift giving.

GLACIER BAY The Land and the Silence

Photographs and text by Dave Bohn. Foreword by L. J. Mitchell. Edited by David Brower.



"Every now and then a man steps onto a landscape and stubs his toe, violently, on the wonder of it all. Not all people can share such wonder or will want to. But Dave Bohn fortunately wanted to and could, and has brought back alive the awesome landscape that Glacier Bay National Monument is. His is an extraordinary one-man show, in which the photographer also selects the cast and directs the play. The photographs - five years of them, from a tent, in the snow and the gales and floating ice, that meant numb feet, frigid hands, sometimes-wet cameras - were not made to illus-#16 in the Exhibit Format Series, 83 photographs, 16 in color

trate the text. They were all taken for themselves. Nor was the text written for the photographs. But when the elements are brought together, the Glacier Bay country comes through - a combination of man, camera, notebook, and empathy that is not going to happen again soon." - David Brower in the Preface to Glacier Bay.

No single adjective or phrase can do justice to this huge land. With the publication of Glacier Bay: The Land and the Silence, the Sierra Club attempts to come as close as possible.

(Special price for Sierra Club Members only until December 1, \$22.50)

KAUAI and the Park Country of Hawaii

Text and Photographs by Robert Wenkam. Edited by Kenneth Brower.



Kauai and the Park Country of Hawaii has long deserved inclusion in the Sierra Club's Exhibit Format Series of books. Its deep green canyons, waterfalls, pounding surf and jagged mountains are perfectly photogenic subjects for a book on the beauty of its wilderness.

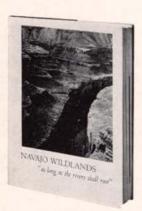
In his foreword, David Brower, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, tells of his trip with the author to Kauai: "Here we glimpsed the magnificence of what a Kauai National Park could encompass. We drove along a scenic highway, splendidly free of billboards and telephone wires. over to the windward side of that island and out to the road's end at Na Pali, to feel the sea wind there and be amazed at the surf. With the car safely behind, we walked the first part of what must surely be one of the most spectacular trails on earth."

In 72 color plates Robert Wenkam catches, as well as the finest photography can, the beauty of this superb scenic area. The text captures much of the dramatic history of the land itself.

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NAVAJO WILDLANDS As Long As the Rivers Shall Run

Photographs by Philip Hyde. Text by Stephen C. Jett.



The Navajo tribal lands are spread over some of America's most striking wilderness areas. The landscape in the Southwest is hardly believable. In Navajo Wildlands Philip Hyde presents a camera portrait of this complex area that has long fascinated man. In 72 color photographs Mr. Hyde captures the gothic mood of this wilderness and its basic element - stone. For although at times it may be thinly veneered with sandy soil or somewhat disguised by sparse struggling shrubs, stone is dominant in this land. With Navajo Wildlands you can return again and again to the strange fascination of the sculptured formations of stone which tower over the vast barrenness.

But this majestic land is now threatened by

a fate similar to that which befell Glen Canyon. The life-blood of the land - the still-living and free-flowing rivers, the rivers that should run forever - may be shut off by dams. In an attempt to preserve their lands, the Navajos created a Tribal Park Commission to help identify areas of scenic importance and to strive for their incorporation into a Navajo Park.

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SUMMER ISLAND: Penobscot Country



By Eliot Porter. Foreword by Carl Buchheister. Edited by David Brower.

One of America's most renowned color photographers, for half a century a summer resident of Great Spruce Head Island in Penobscot Bay, shares his years of discovering the beauty of the Maine coast. Mr. Porter's photographs in his two previous Exhibit Format books have made book history. His genius is here focused on the water, rocks, forests, and wildlife in a region that for generations has

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THE WILD CASCADES: Forgotten Parkland



By Harvey Manning with lines from Theodore Roethke. Foreword by Justice William O. Douglas. Edited by David Brower.

"The wilderness of the North Cascades is a national resource of the future, not merely a local commodity, and we need it all, as a nation." — Justice William O. Douglas.

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NOT MAN APART



Lines from Robinson Jeffers. With photographs of the Big Sur Coast by Ansel Adams, Morley Baer, Wynn Bullock, Steve Crouch, William Garnett, Philip Hyde, Eliot Porter, Cole Weston, Edward Weston, Don Worth, Cedric Wright, and others. Foreword by Loren Eiseley. Introduction by Margaret Owings. Edited by David Brower.

The Big Sur Coast of California is often called "The Jeffers Country." The poet and his environment were one. "The sea-beaten coast, the fierce freedom of its hunting hawks, possessed and spoke through him. It was one of the most uncanny and complete relationships between a man and his

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Text from John Muir. Photographs by Richard Kauffman.

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TIME AND THE RIVER FLOWING: Grand Canyon



By François Leydet. Foreword by David Brower. Edited by David Brower.

Most of the exquisite beauty of Glen Canyon was destroyed in 1963 by the building of a dam not necessary in this century and perhaps never necessary. Now the Grand Canyon itself faces the same fate. Yet in 1903 Theodore Roosevelt said of the Grand Canyon: ". . . I want to ask you to do one thing in connection with it in your own interest and in the interest of the country . . . Leave it as it is."

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By Eliot Porter. Edited by David Brower.

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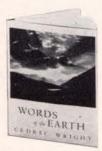
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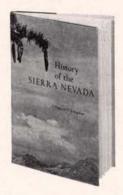
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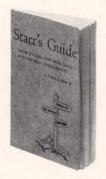
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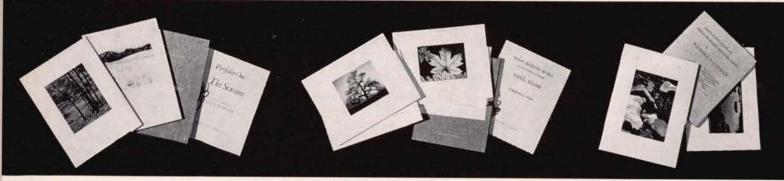
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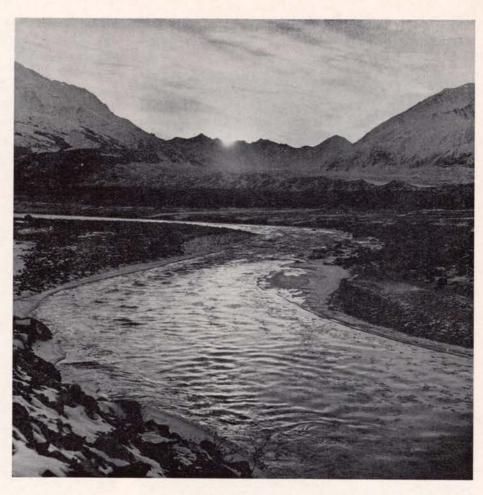
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Black Rapids Glacier, near Richardson Highway, Alaska, photographed by Mal Lockwood. Other photographs accompanying this article are from color transparencies by the author, Patricia Armstrong. Color is an important element in these glacial scenes. We regret the absence of color in our presentation, and the loss of picture quality that almost inevitably occurs when color transparencies are translated into black-andwhite prints.

Alaska's Glacial Beauty



Patricia Armstrong

On the Morning of December 3, 1936, the owner of the Black Rapids Roadhouse along the Richardson Highway in Alaska looked out of her window to see the Black Rapids Glacier tumbling down the valley toward her. The jumbled mass of blue ice blocks rumbled forward at the unbelievable speed of over 100 feet a day. In just six months it advanced four miles and finally came to rest a scant half mile from the Roadhouse.

In the summer of 1966 the Steele Glacier, near Kluane Lake in the Yukon Territory, began a similar rampage. What caused these sudden glacial advances? The climate is supposed to be warming up. Most of the glaciers are retreating like the Mendenhall near Juneau, which has melted back two miles in the last 200 years. And most phenomenal, the glaciers of Glacier Bay have opened up over 60 miles of fiord in the same time span.

Why is the Steele surging forward now? Why is the Taku, only a few miles from the Mendenhall, advancing slowly? It has moved over 7600 feet in the last 27 years, while other glaciers fed from the same ice field have retreated.

This is what the glaciologist comes to Alaska to find out, for here are the world's largest glaciers outside of Greenland and Antarctica. Mountains rise right out of the sea and tower over 13,000 feet within a few miles of the coast in the wet, maritime climate. With over 100 inches of precipitation a year—Juneau gets 180 inches, Valdez and Sitka 200 inches—it is no wonder there is such an accumulation of glaciers. And because these glaciers are especially sensitive to changes in climate, they are the object of world study.

Glaciers have been defined as rivers of ice, and indeed, there are similarities. The glaciers of southeast Alaska are born in the high mountain areas where the annual snowfall does not melt over the summer and is thus accumulated over the years until the very weight of the snow compacts it into ice and the ice begins to deform and flow down the valleys and into the sea.

There are two main zones of a glacier: the accumulation zone, which is snow covered all year long, and the ablation zone, which is bare ice. The dividing line between the two areas is called the névé-line or the firn-limit and it fluctuates from year to year and season to season. It can be measured only once a year—just after the summer ablation is over and before the new winter accumulation begins.



Terminus, Mendenhall Glacier

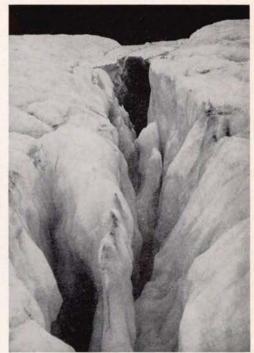
The terminus of the Mendenhall Glacier is probably the most photographed glacier attraction in Alaska. It is located well below the névé-line only a few miles from the sea. Its bare ice is criss-crossed by crevasses formed during its journey down valley. The terminus rests in a lake of its own melt water and icebergs frequently calve from the front and plunge into the water.



Ablation zone and thermokarst

Some of the most violent calving of bergs takes place where the river flows out from under the glacier. The tunnel melted by the thermal effect of the water is called a thermokarst and it reveals the lovely blue color of the pure glacial ice.

The ablation zone is where the ice and snow of the glacier are lost due to calving and melting. The sun and flowing melt water help to remove the ice. Crevasses originate in areas where the ice is compressed or extended as it flows along its valley bed. The effect of the sun causes the scalloping of the walls and the melt water flowing into the crevasses helps to carve them deeper.



Cremasse

During the winter, crevasses fill with snow and snow bridges often develop over the top of them. Some of these bridges last well into the summer in the ablation zone.

One of the best sources of crevasses is an ice fall. And here at the Vaughn Lewis Ice Fall, the differential flow over the fall has caused the convex wave-ogives to be formed along



Vaughn Lewis Ice Fall and medial moraines

the foliation planes of the ice. The ice fall here is about a mile long and drops 1600 feet. The waves are 80 feet from crest to crest, and the crests rise 35 feet above the troughs.

Also visible in this picture are the many medial moraines formed when feeder glaciers join (Gilkey from the right and the Vaughn Lewis from the left). These moraines are accumulations of rocks that were along the sides of the glaciers (lateral moraines) until the two streams joined. Each black stripe witnesses a junction between two glaciers.

Above the névé-line or firn-limit the ice is hidden by the accumulation of snow from year to year. This material looks like tiny ice balls and is called firn. The accumulation area is called névé, hence the terms névé-line and firn-limit to designate the boundary between the accumulation and ablation zones.

On the Juneau Ice Field, 60 to 100 feet of snow falls in an average year. This blankets the whole glacier, but it soon melts in the warmer, lower altitudes until the ice is exposed. In the colder, higher altitudes the melting rate is nearly balanced by the accumulation rate of rare summer snow storms, thus the middle altitudes where no new snow falls ablate the most during the summer.

One of the characteristics of the middle altitude névé is the presence of suncups, here seen at dawn with rims of ice.



Suncups in firn

These concave polygons are caused by the melting action of the sun, and do not occur at higher altitudes where the temperature is lower and the wind velocity higher.

Another characteristic of the large névé of the Juneau Ice Field is the many nunataks which poke their jagged mountain tops out of the firn.

Alongside these buried mountains are cirques and bergschrunds where the ice is pulling away from the rock wall and

Bergschrund



moving down valley. Bergschrunds are similar to crevasses except that they occur along the side and parallel to the wall, while crevasses often occur in mid-glacier and are always perpendicular to the stresses that create them. Both may be several yards wide and up to 200 feet deep. The strata exposed in the walls of crevasses and bergschrunds are caused by the layers of snow deposited through the years, and are the object of study for those interested in past climates.

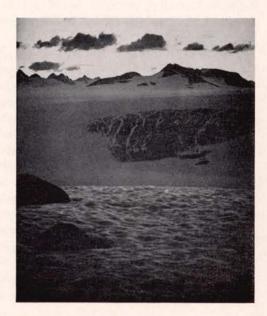
Most difficult to explain are the frequent lakes trapped between the nunatak and glacier. They are jewel-like in color



Lake between nunatak and glacier

due to the glacier-ground rock flour suspended in them. For months they sparkle in the summer sunlight as melt water makes them deeper and ice bergs float serenely on their surface. Then mysteriously they vanish, leaving strange shapes that tower eight or ten feet high in the empty lake basin.

A typical sunset on the glacier reveals nunataks silhouetted against the sky, suncups etched in the firn, and an ice fall just beginning to show. These beauties are everyday fare for the glaciologist in Alaska.



James B. Clifford, 1900-1967

Jim Clifford, a devoted club member since 1941 and a club leader for many years, passed away on July 21, 1967, while on a fishing trip near Boulder, Colorado.

Born in Athens, Ohio, on October 27, 1900, Jim served as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of Alameda County for 30 years until his retirement in 1960. From his professional experience and competence, as well as from his enthusiasm and drive, the club benefited immeasurably.

Long an active skier and outdoorsman, he served for many years on our Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee. He was Chairman during the years 1948–50, and was Treasurer during 1951–55 and from 1960 until his untimely death. Especially after his retirement, his seemingly unbounded energies were devoted to club activities and service.

Among the trophies displayed at C.T.L., Jim's name is engraved on many cups and plaques as evidence of his skiing interest and ability. Throughout the year, whether it was "work party" season or otherwise, even after a hard day's skiing, he was often at work with hammer and wrench in hand, making his special contributions to Lodge construction and maintenance. He played a key role in the remodeling of the north wing, and in the recent reconstruction of the cubicles. In addition, Jim and his wife Virginia shared the duties of Treasurer for C.T.L., keeping close watch on proposed expenditures, analyzing the inward and outward flow of funds, maintaining effective services to our members, and planning ahead for future improvements in the Lodge that has meant so much to so many members of the club.

Jim participated in other community affairs and projects. As a 32nd degree Mason, he was a member of the Diamond Lodge and of the Shriner's Drill Team of Aahmes Temple. In recent years, he was an active leader in junior baseball, serving as League Commissioner of the Lion's Junior Baseball Program in the Peninsula area.

Jim will be missed on work parties and on Sunday slaloms, missed for his warm laugh and infectious enthusiasm, missed for his deep dedication to the work behind the scenes that is so necessary to the success of Clair Tappaan Lodge. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Virginia, and to their son Jimmy.—Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee

Lawrence M. Douglas, 1923-1967

Meeting Larry Douglas, you knew that here was a man of the West and of the mountains. His strength, endurance, patience, and ingenuity were proverbial among the hundreds he led to new country and new self-knowledge. Every one of them has reason to remember his personal interest and courtesy, his stubborn concern for detail and the right way to do a thing.

We were neighbors for many years, hiked and camped family-style before he and Helen developed the Wilderness Threshold Trips, and we scouted the Idaho Primitive Area together. Planning a route or commissary, or on foot in high terrain, Larry was himself: at ease, controlled, competent, and in charge.

He pushed himself hard, and others if he judged they could take it. With those not so strong or well prepared he was kind, relaxed, and helpful. As a member of the Outing Committee, heading the Wilderness Threshold and recently the High-Light programs, he had large responsibilities. But on the trail, he cared about and cared for every individual.

Twenty-two Sierra Club members, including his wife and two of his three children, were under Larry's leadership in Alaska when he fell to his death on July 7. Several of them have written of what he had done for them on this and previous trips: ". . . the tremendous energy he put into this encounter . . . feeling of strong comradeship . . . excited anticipation of all the beauties and challenges . . . a master at instilling confidence. . . ."

The weather had closed in on the party after eight varied and exciting days at Glacier Bay. Final camp was on a rocky nunatak of the Juneau Ice Cap, where rain, sleet, snow, and poor visibility canceled the scheduled hikes and climbs and held the people in their tents. Larry decided to end the trip a day early, and organized three parties for the five-mile hike down to Juneau. He went first with the six slowest and least experienced.

Safely across the glacier, Larry scouted the steep dirt slope ahead, returned to the group, and was helping one of them when the wet, shallow soil slipped under his feet and sent him tumbling far down the rocks. He slid and fell possibly 700 feet to the snow-covered glacier below. Help from the crew of a research station quickly brought a helicopter, but Larry died of head injuries before he could be moved.

Ted Grubb, another of the Sierra Club's most experienced outing leaders, who was present, has written of his great respect for Larry's field leadership. All reports emphasize his precautions for the safety of the group. Helen writes, "I know so well Larry's skill, his inborn talent for mountaineering, his love of sharing this with others, and his sensitivity to those he led, that if it were humanly possible for this accident to have been averted, he would have been able to."

Born in Meridian, Idaho, Larry fished and hiked his native hills with a grandfather who taught him about the woods. He was graduated from the University of Idaho in civil engineering, served in the Navy in World War II, and formed his own appraisal and valuation engineering firm, Lawrence Douglas and Associates, in Mill Valley, where he made his home in 1949. His children, Cheryl, Anita, and Craig, have often followed him into the mountains, like so many others who are in his debt for a worthy introduction to wilderness.

-FRED GUNSKY

Larry Williams, 1929-1967

"In a Sierra rainstorm," he advised, "hike in your shorts and store your clothes in your knapsack. Then you'll have them dry after the rain is over." So Larry Williams taught and acted, in his blithe and rugged way. This same joyous spirit made him a good companion on the mountain, and this rugged yet responsible leadership distinguished him and set him apart, respected and loved by those who knew him. Yet it may have been these same qualities that influenced him to disembark his passengers from an ailing plane and to take off alone to remedy the trouble.

Born in Berkeley on June 30, 1929, he progressed through the Berkeley and Oakland schools to enter the University of California. Here he was an active member of the University Hiking Club, met and married Laury, and went into the Oakland School System as a science teacher. The mountains meant more to him than teaching science, and he dreamed of spending as much time in them as he could and of teaching the craft of mountaineering to his pupils. As the children came along, this meant taking them there, too; and well I remember a knapsack trip where Laury carried their first-born on an Indian-type cradleboard at the age of six weeks.

It was a natural transition from the University Hiking Club to the Sierra Club. His interests soon brought him into Outing Committee activities where over the years he contributed much in policy formation, especially in the areas of technical climbing and later in the leadership of both domestic and foreign trips.

Since climbing was his specialty, he not only participated in the club's Mountain Rescue Service and Mountaineering Committee, but dreamed of forming a school for technical climbing—a type of facility numerous and well known in Europe, but undertaken by few here in the United States. Several years ago, he started the Mountaineering Guide Service in the Palisade region of the Sierra Nevada, and as the years passed, the school was building a reputation worthy of its founder. He was just beginning to see his way clear to make this his main vocation when he took off that Sunday afternoon in July in his ailing plane.—H. Stewart Kimball

Our Election Procedures - Are They Adequate?

Raymond J. Sherwin

The author is Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, Solano County. Judge Sherwin was Chairman of the Nominating Committee, 1965–66 and 1966–67, and a member of the Nominating and Election Procedures Advisory Committee (NEPAC). He is Chairman of the NEPAC Implementation Committee.

The Sierra Club's population explosion is entangling it in all kinds of problems, external and internal. Difficulties with outsiders, such as the Internal Revenue Service, may react to our advantage by cementing us together and by rousing widespread resentment against our adversaries. Internal disputes may have the opposite effect, can be debilitating, and cast the longer shadow.

An informed membership can work these problems out. If these comments do no more than stimulate others to write about phases with which they are particularly familiar, the club will benefit. At the very least, we should be able to appreciate which problems are real and which are imaginary.

The theme of this article is the election process, the manner in which we vote on propositions and select the men and women who are charged with the responsibility of running the club.

The Nominating and Election Procedures Advisory Com-

mittee (NEPAC) conducted studies that resulted in spelling out several important problem areas: (1) a suspicion that the Board of Directors was an irresponsive, self-perpetuating body; (2) a tendency for new board members to be persons of fame or prestige without regard to whether they had adequate background and experience to contribute substantially to the board's deliberations; (3) the difficulty of supplying adequate information about candidates to enable members to vote intelligently; and (4) need for revision of petition procedure.

SUSPICION OF THE BOARD

The experience of the Nominating Committee confirmed the existence of the suspicions reported by NEPAC, namely, the suspicion that members of the board were motivated primarily by the desire to remain in office and were not concerned with chapter or member problems. For instance, an excerpt from one letter to me read: "... I hope you will get some new blood on the board and stir up those fellows living in their ivory (Mills) tower. ..." Ultimately, we concluded that the suspicions were wholly unwarranted. Perhaps the writer had not observed that new faces have appeared on the board after each of the last five elections, and that seven of the present 15 directors are serving their first or second term. Certainly, there was not the slightest evidence of any

effort on the part of the board to influence nominations or to control the election. As with a number of other club problems, the suspicion results from a hiatus in communications.

The process of selecting board members consists of two parts, nomination and election. With respect to nominations, the first year after NEPAC's report was submitted, the President and the Board of Directors instructed the Nominating Committee to comply with the report insofar as it was consistent with existing bylaws. This meant that the committee was free to renominate incumbents or not, as we chose. We gave their performances the same scrutiny that we gave to the potential of other candidates. Major criteria were: the contributions the candidates had made to conservation; their record in the Sierra Club or other conservation organizations; their reputation for sound judgment; whether they might fairly represent the whole club or just a clique thereof, geographical or otherwise; whether they seemed to exhibit the energy and disposition to do the backbreaking homework necessary to participate effectively in board meetings; and especially, if they lived far from San Francisco, whether their situations were such that they could and would attend.

We sought the names of potential board members through announcements in the *Bulletin* and by mailings that went to all chapter chairmen and editors, among others. The response was disappointingly sterile; all but a handfull of the names we received had already been suggested by one or more members of the Nominating Committee. Only one suggestion came from a board member, and that person we happened not to nominate. For the 1966 election, we happened to renominate all incumbents who were willing to run, but only after considerable debate as to one or two of them. We also nominated four others. For the 1967 election, we nominated three incumbents and five others. In no case was board pressure a factor in any decision.

In summary, the judgments as to which candidates were the best qualified were the Nominating Committee's. We took pride in our slates. Whether our decisions were valid, only time will tell. There is convincing evidence that with rare exceptions, it takes the time and experience of at least one term of office for any director, however perceptive, to learn enough about the club's internal affairs to be able to make consistent contributions to the board's deliberations.

The second phase of the election process begins even before all the candidates have been selected, whether by committee nomination or by petition. Again, we encountered no evidence of any concert of action by board members to protect their fellows. At most, there was an attempt by the sponsors of a petition candidate to identify him with certain incumbents who were up for reëlection.

What disturbed me, however, were the many questions addressed to us. Friends, even casual acquaintances, repeatedly asked my opinion about the candidates. This points up the next, double-barrelled problem.

It is scarcely necessary to name names to support the proposition that there has been a trend in recent years towards the election of persons of fame and prestige. This may be good, provided that these persons also possess the background or willingness to learn the infinite details that affect board decisions, especially on internal matters—or provided their presence is complemented by that of others who do have such knowledge. There are several fitting the latter description whose service as board members would profit the club.

I acknowledge part of the fault. In discussing nominations, we did consider the question of electability. We considered that there was little purpose in nominating persons who had run before and lost unless something had happened in the meantime to brighten their chances.

This question involved the larger one, viz., how could we inform the voters of the relative merits of potential candidates? We did not even know how best to state the qualifications of those who are nominated so as to give the members an intelligent basis for choice.

First the Sierra Club Council, then NEPAC wrestled with various possible remedies. The latter recommended that electioneering be avoided as incompatible with the spirit and traditions of the club. It also suggested that the ballot brochures be prepared by a competent professional writer who was sufficiently divorced from club disputes to be objective. Information for use in the brochures was to be obtained by the use of a standard questionnaire. We complied to the letter, but doubt that the result was satisfactory. What seems to have happened is that in attempting to maintain fairness and objectivity, we presented what appeared to be a slate of equally qualified candidates.

The Sierra Club Council and some individual members had proposed that it would be better to allow each candidate to prepare a two- or three-hundred-word statement to supplement other information in the brochure. NEPAC considered and rejected this on the grounds that a person's disposition and ability to extol his own merits had too little relevance to his potential as a director. Another objection was the danger that opportunistic candidates might affix themselves to a momentarily popular issue, and thereby distract attention from the question of whether they had sustained powers. I think the members of the Nominating Committee had similar reservations, though the primary reason we did not experiment was because of our instructions to follow NEPAC's recommendations. Perhaps it is time now to try another method with the brochures-but will this turn our elections into distasteful political campaigns?

However the brochures are handled, it is not likely to be enough. Only a consistent flow of information about the actions, inactions, and diverse points of view of the members of the directorate will enable members to judge whom they wish to represent them. The *Bulletin* has made a start in this direction by summarizing the actions of the board. Should not this policy be expanded, so as to reveal what the votes were on important and controversial issues and the reasons each director advanced for voting as he did?

Another problem of concern is the petition, which allows

50 members of the club to nominate anyone for director and to place any issue on the ballot. Conceived as a safety valve to allow members to have an effective way of insuring that meritorious candidates or propositions could be placed on the ballot, the petition can be misused. One example is the incident that occurred some years ago when one or two aspirants to office presented a petition with five nominees—themselves, and others who were either already nominated by the committee or were immensly popular, or both.

That particular gambit is no longer possible because, on NEPAC's recommendation, the board adopted the policy that only one nominee might be presented by each separate petition. But on another occasion, there was a petition that placed a proposed bylaw amendment on the ballot that would have required a loyalty-oath type of statement on applications for membership. The proposition was defeated 7,010 to 1,152.

No one, as far as I know, has suggested that the petition be eliminated altogether. But at the time of the origin of the procedure, there were less than 3,000 members in the Sierra Club. In other words, the signatures of at least 1.75 per cent of the membership were required at that time for a valid petition.* Our membership has now grown to almost 60,000, yet we have retained the 50-member provision for petitions. The percentage now required has shrunk to the ridiculous figure of less than nine-hundredths of 1 per cent.

Would it not be more reasonable to specify that the number of sponsors required for a petition ought to be proportionate to the membership? If a proposition is worthy of consideration by the entire membership, would it not support the arguments that might be necessary to persuade a more substantial number of members to sign it? The additional time involved to get more signatures should be an advantage, in that it would also involve more discussion and deliberation.

The growth in membership, prestige, and influence of the Sierra Club has its reasons. Among them is the unusual talent exhibited by its leaders and volunteer workers over the years. It is our responsibility to devise means of identifying new members of ability, and to bring them into positions of influence.

*Verbal communication from Francis P. Farquhar. To the best of his recollection, the relevant section of the bylaws was last amended in 1923, when the membership of the directorate was increased from nine to 15 and the petition procedure for nomination was added. He did not recollect when the petition procedure for placing policy measures on the ballot came into being. The chronology appended to the 1960 edition of the Sierra Club Handbook reveals that the club attained a membership of 1,000 in 1908, and of 10,000 in 1956. The graph on page 93 indicates 2,800 or 2,900 members in 1923.

Book Reviews

FREEWAYS. By Lawrence Halprin. Reinhold, New York. 1966. 160 pages. \$12.50.

"The most significant conclusion I have come to, I believe, is that freeways, as well as every other transportation mechanism, must be an integral part of the rebuilding of cities."

Lawrence Halprin's words sound almost uninspiring, a part of the conventional wisdom, but the many photographs and drawings in his book, Freeways, demonstrate forcefully that the words have validity. This book works most effectively as a text for freeway designers. It lists, for example, some "basic principles" for rural roads ("The flowing, mobile road alignment should result in long, sinuous, curvilinear patterns"); it attempts to list and define those "community values" in the cities for which our freeways should show more respect; it classifies freeways by types and evaluates these types according to stated criteria ("community impact of

at-grade freeways is extremely unsatisfactory particularly if enough space is not allowed for buffering").

The book even contains a description of Halprin's own system for "choreographing" the movement of a driver in his car through the urban landscape. This is a tool to help the freeway designer "visualize the highway experience."

In the last half of the book, Halprin uses a series of often-stunning illustrations to show new concepts of freeway design, incorporating his basic principle that the highway is an integral and potentially beneficient part of the city building. From around the world, he shows good interchanges and bad interchanges, old and new ones, good alignments and bad ones, the "traffic architecture" of Venice and Florence, and impressive modern examples of traffic architecture in Tokyo, New York, Chicago, Stockholm, and San Francisco.

As a text for freeway designers, *Freeways* is brilliant. One doubts, however, that it is being thoroughly studied in our

engineering schools or that its message has penetrated to the top of our highway bureaucracies. It is difficult, for example, to imagine an elegant picture book of this kind standing on the desk of a district engineer of the California Division of Highways, alongside the Streets and Highways Code. Perhaps the book would be in common usage today if it had been published in 1956 when the multi-billion dollar federal interstate highway program began to reshape postwar America with such monumental insensitivity.

The tone of the book is set early on, with several passages conveying the wonder of freeway travel. Here is one: "Disassociated, encased in speed, you have nowhere to go but forward, until, in an involved unbraiding, your freeway unwinds and passes under, over, and around a beautiful and complex series of geometric ramps and overpasses—under and over and again—away you go." This is not an anti-freeway book in any conventional sense. The bulk of it is dedicated to supporting one of Halprin's



SKY ISLAND

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This handsome book presents a rich display in both text and pictures of the authors' "escape to reality." It describes one of the last real "wilderness" areas in the U.S.-the Chiricahua Mountains in southeastern Arizona where the author and his wife livedand the remarkably large number of plant and animal ecologies all scrambled together in a range of conditions otherwise encountered only in a journey from northwestern Mexico to ada's Hudson Bay. Beautifully illustrated with more than 80 photographs and drawings.

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concluding contentions, that "what is required is a new urban form derived from the freeway in the city but not subservient to it." Whatever this statement means, it is difficult to accept. It is hard to believe that the civilization which produced Chartres Cathedral or the grand design of America's national capital must now accept exhaust-shrouded roadways as the basic condition of its existence.

Halprin does ask, "Is it possible to maintain beautiful cities and yet move traffic through them on freeways?" And later on he says, "We must come to the realization that cities have a built-in maximum capacity for cars which we cannot exceed. Once this limit is reached, the number of cars should be controlled within a city in order to preserve amenity as well as function"; furthermore, we are given a few photographs of other modes of transportation—hydrofoils, electric cars, monorails, elephant trains, skyrides, cable cars, rapid transit, moving sidewalks—together with the admon-

ition that "we need balanced transportation systems in cities, many and varied kinds of carriers at work, each serving different needs, different speeds, and a variety of purposes."

But somehow, none of this seems to carry much conviction in a book preponderantly dedicated to "a new urban form derived from the freeway."

In a way, this book is a reflection of public policy in this country. We ask some important questions about our urban transportation mess, we know what the solutions might be and pay lip service to "balanced transportation systems," but then we devote all of our time, imagination, love and money to building road beds for cars, to the permanent and increasing detriment of the American landscape. —Alfred Heller

THE LIFE OF THE CAVE. By Charles Mohr and Thomas Poulson. Illustrated. 232 pages. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York. 1966. \$4.95.

Civilization today lives with many time bombs. Not the least of these is man's relation and interaction with his environment—in other words, his ecology.

The study of these subtle relationships is highly complex and not easily followed. Only in a few instances can we isolate a closed system and investigate it in detail. A space capsule offers one such case, but prolonged and detailed studies are not cheaply bought. The study of lakes—limnology—offers another example, but here the isolation is somewhat destroyed by interaction with wind and shore.

On searching farther, we find that we have literally at our feet an outstanding example of a closed ecology, namely a cave.

With minor exceptions, all animal life is nourished by plants, and in turn the plant chlorophyll depends absolutely upon light. To restate and apply this principle, all cavern life rests ultimately upon sunlight and those products which walk, crawl, or are washed into the cave in a descending pyramid of life whose base rests in sunlight at the cave entrance and whose apex lies in darkness.

It is to the credit of Charles Mohr and Thomas Poulson that they have taken the complexities of this pyramid and translated the obscurity of biological treatises into a readable version for the layman.

Much of their description is in narrative form and describes visits at different seasons to a cave in the state of Kentucky. The blind and adapted forms inside the cave are contrasted with their better-fed more active counterparts on the outside. Gradually one begins to appreciate the economy of movement that governs the underground; the necessity to locate and capture food with minimal wasted effort, and the discarding of unnecessary functions and ability such as sight. Biological clocks that evolve in many species relate egg laying to the spring floods, the changes starting long before any indications of those floods. thus giving the fewer eggs that are laid a greater chance at food and life.

It would be difficult to visualize many of these unfamiliar animals, the blind crayfish, the salamanders, and the rhadinid beetles, but fortunately the book is profusely illustrated by good color plates, one or more to the page. I cannot claim that these plates meet the standards of the Sierra Club Format Series—few publications do—but for a field in which the popular literature is largely trash, this book, with or without color plates, offers a refreshing change.

California cavers will feel neglected. The authors of the book are unfamiliar with California cave ecology and many of their comments are inapplicable in this area. Both Shasta Caverns and Boyden's Cave were deleted from the condensed list of commercial caves while the failure to note the key paleontological caves of Samwel, Potter Creek, and Hawver reflects a preoccupation with eastern and Appalachian states that pervades the book. The text suffers in not clarifying that it discusses a restricted locality even though many of the broader principles are more universal. But this is a common error, indeed the most common to be found in the caving literature.

To call Carlsbad "the largest and most magnificent underground chambers known to man" is highly provincial and





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ignores many outstanding European caves among others. The map of major cave areas speaks for itself to those who have worked with western speleology, and the representation of California cave areas is far from accurate.

Next to provincialism, the greatest weakness of the book lies in the text captions. Photographs were collected from many sources to form a fine and interesting collection. At the same time, the authors may have depended too heavily on the original accompanying captions. I find it difficult to accept that persons of their experience would themselves refer to a carabiner as a "metal spool" as is the case on one photograph. This could have resulted from careless populariza-

tion, but throughout most of the book, a balanced blend is maintained between simplicity and technicality.

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All in all, I highly recommend the book as an outstanding and readable text for any nature library. I hardly need recommend it to cavers. Most of them have long since ordered their own copy.

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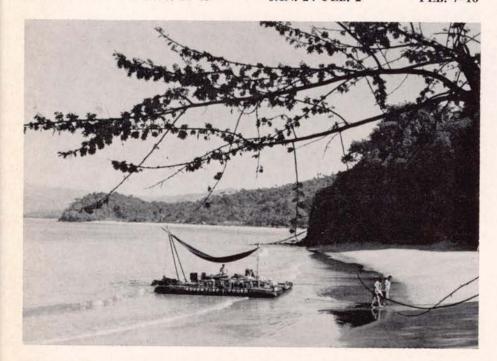
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"A little bit of pollution in the air may be good for all of us" A meeting of the American Academy of Occupational Medicine heard a claim that "a little bit of pollution in the air may be good for all of us." But other speakers reported that non-smoker death rates from lung cancer are several times higher in smoggy cities than in smog-free rural areas.

Tens of thousands visit Sierra Club exhibit at Time & Life Building in New York between August fifth and September fourth Time Inc. helped the club celebrate its 75th anniversary by making its exhibition center in the Time & Life Building available for a special show, America's Wilderness: A Heritage to Preserve. Features included color prints of Grand Canyon by Ernest Braun, of Glen Canyon by Eliot Porter, and of redwoods by various photographers; Ansel Adams and Nancy Newhall's exhibit, The Crucial Resource; transparencies by many club photographers, professional and amateur; the 25-minute movie, "The Grand Canyon" (shown hourly). Even after the center closed at night, the show went on; a huge rear-projection screen was set up in a window facing the Avenue of the America's, and passersby were treated to an automatic slide show until midnight. The exhibit, which opened August 5 and closed September 4, drew more than 45,000 visitors. (Receptionists counted that many while not otherwise occupied.) The club's New York staff reports that the show generated more phone inquiries and office visits than it could handle. Impressed, WOR-TV donated spot announcements, scheduled a broadcast of the Grand Canyon film, and planned a special program on the club. The American Association for the Advancement of Science asked for a Sierra Club exhibit at its annual convention in December, and similar requests came from a number of other organizations. To mount such an exhibit unaided would have been beyond the club's means, but in addition to providing the showplace, Time Inc. generously contributed production facilities and costs.

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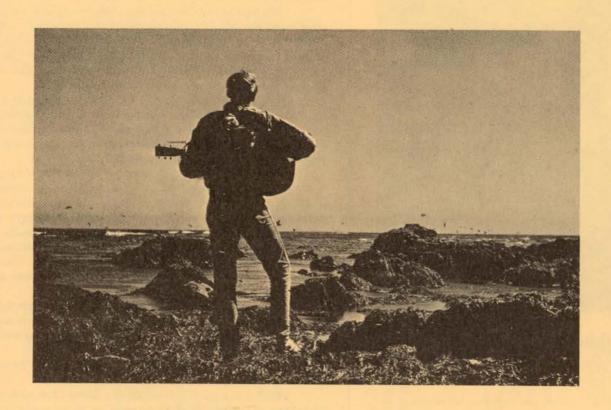
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(Signed) Hugh Nash



He was alone. He was unheeded, happy, and near to the wild heart of life. He was alone and young and willful and wild hearted, alone amidst a waste of wild air and brackish waters and the seahar vest of shells and tangle and veiled grey sunlight.—Imes Jayas

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Photographs and hand-lettered text by Terry and Renny Russell.

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Dear Member:

Sierra Club publications as Christmas gifts is an established tradition growing as fast as the club itself. For your convenience the Bulletin's editor has provided us with these special pages and an eight page center spread. Among the several new books featured on these pages is NAVAJO WILDLANDS which you may recognize as first announced last year at this same time. It was pre-ordered on a scale unprecedented even for a Sierra Club book. We have deeply regretted the circumstances that caused an eleventh hour cancellation of publication last year and forced us to keep so many of you waiting until now for delivery. But we find it deeply gratifying to be able to say that such faith and patience will be rewarded by one of the most spectacular books in the Exhibit Format series.

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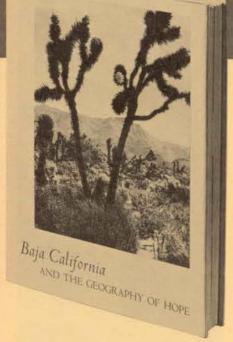
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Text selected from the writings of Joseph Wood Krutch
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"Baja California is a wonderful example of how much bad roads can do for a country.

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best anywhere in the world. All of this has remained very nearly inviolate just because very little of what we call progress has marred it. Baja has never needed protection because the land protects itself." Joseph Wood Krutch in his *Introduction* to BAJA CALIFORNIA And the Geography of Hope.

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