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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SEQUOIA AND GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL PARKS

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.

March 5, 1932.

OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT

1/11/32 ~~Mr. Albright~~
~~Mr. DeMare~~
~~Dr. Brewster~~
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The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

I am enclosing minutes of the last meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Council of the State Chamber of Commerce at Fresno February 26, inviting attention to page 2, and the recommendation of the Conservation Committee, of which I am a member, on the subject of the Yosemite Elk herd, and Boyden Caves. I wrote to the Director recently about the Yosemite Herd, telling of this recommendation of the Committee.

With regard to the Boyden Caves, I think that the Park Service has an interest in this matter because of the fact that the Boyden Caves are located between Grant Park and the proposed Kings Canyon Park. Although not embraced within the latest proposed boundary for the Kings Canyon Park, it will be the greatest contiguous attraction, and will be ruined by vandalism unless sufficient funds are available for its development and protection. We have found that where not properly developed and protected, caves are irreparably ruined by vandalism if left open to the public. In the case of Crystal Cave in Sequoia, we closed it a number of years ago. The Clough Cave on the South Fork Entrance trail of the Sequoia National Park is entirely ruined by vandalism, and this was done many years ago.

I suggest that the Director take this matter up with the Forest Service, and also inquire again into the matter of making Boyden Caves a National Monument. Apparently Supervisor Cunningham took this matter up some time ago without success, and now thinks it would be difficult or impossible to create a monument there, but I think it is worth further investigation. I have not visited Boyden Caves, but understand that they are extensive and as fine as any of the limestone caves in California. The new State Highway to the Kings Canyon passes, so I am told, within a few hundred feet of the mouth of the cave, and will be travelable to that point within a year or so.

This should be an excellent Kings Canyon Park

Very truly yours,

John W. Brown
Superintendent.



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COUNCIL

OF THE

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FRESNO

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Sequoia National Park

Hotel Californian, Fresno

Friday, February 26, 1932

The regular committees met from 10:00 A. M. until noon, when a combined luncheon session was held in the Ball Room. The Executive Committee met at 8:45 A. M. Chairman S. Parker Frisselle presided.

Visitors and Guests. Chairman Frisselle welcomed the many visitors and new committee members, and expressed the pleasure of the Council at again having Regional Vice-President A. Emory Wishon present.

Statewide Aeronautical Committee Meeting. Mr. Frisselle called attention to the fact that the San Joaquin Valley's leading part in aviation development was being recognized by the Statewide Aeronautical Committee of the State Chamber, which was to hold a meeting in Fresno on the following day, with leaders in the aviation industry flying in from all parts of the state to attend.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AERONAUTICAL COMMITTEE

Chairman A. A. Clark reported for the Aeronautical Committee.

Minute-Man Organization. The Committee will create a "minute-man" organization of flyers and related officials, to function in time of disasters and emergencies. This organization will be a widespread network, so linked together that it can be gotten into operation within a few minutes, in case of either aviation disasters or other emergencies, such as floods, fires, etc.

Statewide Meeting. Mr. Clark invited those present to attend the Statewide Committee meeting. The San Joaquin Valley Committee, acting as hosts, had adjourned early to meet those who were arriving at the airport during the day.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Past Chairman A. D. Stevenot reported for the Conservation Committee, in the absence of Chairman E. G. Dudley, who had been detained by illness in his family.

Roadside Cleaning. Due to the unusual rainfall this year, this district is certain to have an abnormal annual growth along the roadsides. The Committee feels that one of the prime functions of this Council is to anticipate emergencies and, if possible, prevent them. A large percentage of destructive fires occurring in this district in the past have started from roadsides. The Committee recommended that a letter go over the signature of the Regional Director on behalf of the Council to the several boards of supervisors, calling their attention to this situation and urging that full consideration be given in connection with their road programs to the removal of inflammable vegetation from the roadsides. Recommendation approved.

Wild Pigeon Control. For the past several years this district has been confronted with periodical serious invasions of wild pigeons on agricultural lands. Because these birds are under federal regulation, the state is virtually powerless to control them. The Committee, feeling that reasonable open season, under proper regulations, should be developed, recommended that this Council request the Statewide Fish and Game Committee of the State Chamber to make a study of this problem and prepare suitable recommendations for the State Chamber of Commerce to transmit to the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey to the end that well-regulated open seasons be established throughout the State in keeping with local conditions. Recommendation approved.

Yosemite Elk. The herd of Tule Elk now existing in Yosemite National Park each year suffer extreme hardship, due to the fact that they are out of their natural habitat, and climatic conditions are not satisfactory. The Conservation Committee, a number of years ago, sponsored the establishment of the Tule Elk Refuge at Buttonwillow, and now recommends that this Council urge the National Park Service to move this herd of elk to the Buttonwillow refuge, merging it with the original herd. Recommendation approved.

Boyden Caves. Following up the recommendation made by this Council at its last meeting, the Committee finds that it is practically impossible to make the Boyden Caves a national monument, but recommends that in the interest of safeguarding the Boyden Caves from vandalism, pending proper and suitable arrangements, the U. S. Forest Service be requested to close the caves until such time as they can be opened and adequately protected. Recommendation approved.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Chairman Al C. Joy reported for the Publicity Committee.

Welcome Committee. Plans are already in operation for the welcoming of visitors to California during this year. Names and itineraries of writers and other prominent travelers are being secured and placed in the hands of local committees. Letters are going to railroads, hotels, etc., urging that every possible courtesy and hospitality be extended to visitors. Arrangements are being made for these visitors to be guests in California homes, reviving the tradition of California hospitality.

Another feature of the campaign will be to circulate invitations to former Californians to return to the State for a visit this year. It has also been suggested that a welcome card be prepared, to be signed by Governor Rolph, and placed in the hands of incoming tourists.

Points of Interest Album. Chairman Joy reported that the ten large albums of photographs of points of interest are now being assembled. These are to be available to visiting and resident writers, to assist in the selection of striking views of California scenery and industry. A board of editors has been appointed to pass judgment on the suitability of pictures for inclusion in the album. Mr. Joy explained the standards by which they are being judged, and showed a finished sample of one unique picture. San Joaquin Valley communities desiring to be represented were urged to submit their photographs at once.

Fiesta Leaflet. The Fiesta Leaflet is just off the press, listing over 300 fiestas and celebrations to be held in California this year, warranting the use of the slogan "See All of California--The Fiesta State". In order to secure adequate distribution, San Joaquin Valley communities are urged to place orders for these pamphlets, at actual cost, \$7.50 per thousand. Mr. Guy Hopping, chief

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WASHINGTON


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Mr. John R. White,
Superintendent,
Sequoia National Park,
California.

Dear Colonel White:

We have your letter of March 5 referring to the Boyer 
Caves as a possible national monument, and also the minutes
of the San Joaquin Valley Council of the State Chamber of
Commerce.

I do not believe that this is the proper time to take
this project up with the Forest Service. We have made a record
of your suggestion and will take it up with them at a later
date. The proper classification for this area, I believe,
would be a separate isolated part of the proposed Kings River
Canyon National Park.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) A. E. DEMARAY

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Acting Director.

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