



SCALING MT. WHITNEY during a recent camping trip sponsored by the YMCA were 48 boys and leaders from Torrance. Appalled at the sight of bottles, tin cans and paper left by previous campers, the hikers gathered litter on their return to Whitney Portal, filling five sacks with paper and collecting 40 pounds of cans.

## Torrance Participants in YMCA Outings Approach the 2,000 Mark

When the frantic pace of summer camping had subsided, it was discovered that 546 boys, 321 girls and 200 adult volunteers and staff had participated in either resident, caravan, back pack river or week long family camps. Another 840 attended weekend outings for families and father-son camp groups.

The 1870 Torrance YMCA boys, girls, men, and women either hiked, swam, boated, rafted, camped, trucked, water, skied, or bussed in California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon and set up camps at numerous spots in six of the eight major National Parks west of the Rockies to include: Yosemite, Kings Canyon, Sequoia, Lassen, Grand Canyon and mesa Verde in Colorado.

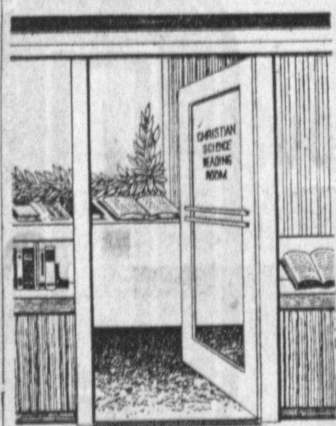
The summer was to begin with a group of nearly eighty teenage boys, girls and leaders traveling to the Mammoth area to back pack and explore the Sierra country east of the peaks. A week before departure snow conditions were grave, but the rather large delegation routed to Yosemite and struck out on trails in the lower elevations near the swift flowing Merced River. One humorous incident occurred when one of the boys climbed in his sleeping bag and was abruptly awakened by a nudging and series of shrill grunts. A young bear cub was trying to climb into his sleeping bag. Fortunately mama bear was busy rummaging through garbage not too close by.

Some of the highlights included one of the largest climbing groups to reach the top of Mt. Whitney (14,465 ft.) 48 boys and leaders. Coming down the hikers

Men go with women, and men, in the hope that they shall find a kindredship that both can share with each other.

were appalled at the careless litter of bottles, tin cans and paper left by previous campers. So for the stretch of four miles back to Whitney Portals the group collected nearly forty pounds of cans and five large sacks full of paper. On another back pack experience this summer the hikers struggled passes in the high country above Yosemite and were to the top of one of the many confronted with a huge snow field. It took nearly two hours to discover the trail below so they could continue the trip. The effort was well spent because at the next lake where they camped, boys were catching trout all 10 to 14 inches.

A large number of boys, girls and leaders ventured no farther than the San Bernardino and San Geronimo mountains at Camp Big Pines and Round Meadow. Many exciting moments were in store for them swimming, camping, hunting for dinosaur eggs (hidden watermelons), pioneer and indian wars, with flour and toilet paper for bullets, and roaring campfires with songs, skits and inspirational stories.



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G. M. Babbe, division manager of the utility's Southwest Division, reported that 100,000 Balanced Power homes were sold during this period, representing an investment of more than \$2 billion by homebuyers.

Another 125,000 apartments were completed and rented during the same period, Babbe said.

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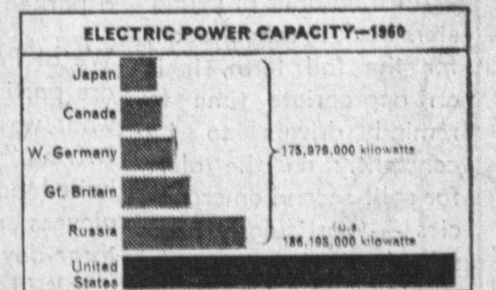
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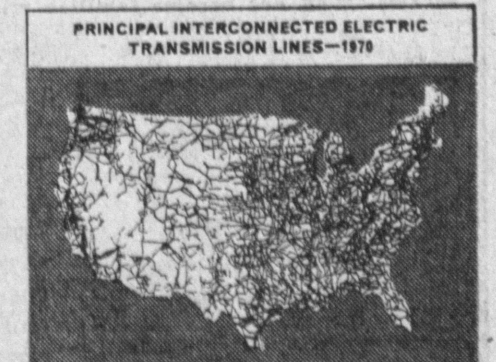
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