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Mr. Westfall was a weatherman on the San Joaquin Experimental Range from 1960 through 1978 and lived on the range from 1960-1972 (in the small house with the sign "Conejo" on it, next to the glass "Greenhouse". Mr. Westfall has numerous pictures on file, taken by Fred Renner and dated from 1933 on, in his Fresno offices. He also has several scrapbooks containing clippings about the range. These clippings and other scrapbook memorabilia are dated 1934 to about 1970. Of special interest are the following early-date items in the scrapbook ~~_____~~ ^{and are} included in this folder.

- (1) "A Visit to San Joaquin Experimental Station etc." from The Madera News, Sept. 26, 1935.
- (2) "Seeking Best Grasses for Range Cattle of San Joaquin Experimental Range, etc" (includes photos) from The Fresno Bee, Sunday, July 14, 1935 Section 4D.
- (3) "Experimental Range visited by Cattlemen etc.." from The Fresno Bee, May 10, 1936.
- (4) "Believe it or not--by Bob Ripley"--The "Moss Cross--Grown by Nature on a Hillside on the San Joaquin Range, Calif" from The San Francisco Examiner, Nov. 10, 1935 and accompanied by a sketch. (The photos by Renner show the moss cross to be growing on a granite boulder rather than on a hillside)



Mr. Westfall recommended checking through a Russell (The western artist and sculptor) by a Chas. McCracken (?) in which the photographer Renner is referred to a number of times.

The following information should be added to the Renner photographs in this report:

- #302826 The photo was taken from the main barn roof (now the Forest Service headquarters) and looking North. The swale can be seen on the Right side of the picture. Note the creek area. In the original photo Mt. Mercer is very distinctly seen in the background with Shut-eye dimly behind it, but they can not be seen in the photo-copies. Mr. Westfall has taken a similar picture from the roof of the range headquarters. He says that the only difference is that the grass-vegetation is deeper in his picture and that a cow rather than a horse enhances the foreground view.
- #300963 A swimming pool was made from the round reservoir (the roof removed and the area fenced when converted to a pool) The horse barn is to the Right of the reservoir.
- #280681 Looking North. Large apple orchard planted by Lisenby in front.

Mr. Westfall has given me permission to go through the oldest of the two scrapbooks this summer in order to copy any additional information which may be of interest or of historical value.