



.... THE OPEN ROAD WITH ITS TREES OF GOLD invites you to go with me to the heights and depths of INYO COUNTY, with its lofty Mt. Whitney and unforgettable Death Valley.

WE'LL FOLLOW THE SEASONS through this geologist's wonderland -- land of heat or cold, sand or snow -- to nature's experimental workshop.

SO LET US VIEW THE BEAUTY of this sportsman's paradise, enjoy its winter playground, live in its communities, visit its schools and industries, and meet its friendly people.....

Arthur E. Phelan

(Photography by A.E. Phelan)

June, 1946



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MORNING SUNRISE

The sun rises over the White Mountains and volcanic tableland just north of Bishop, California.



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INYO COUNTY LANDS

Map showing ownership of land in Inyo County, second largest county in California. About 13% (white area) is taxable, remainder being administered as indicated: (Total acreage: 6,499,840)

Orange	= Death Valley Natl. Monument	-- 1,907,840	Acres
Green	= Inyo Natl. Forest	-- 653,875	"
Red	= Withdrawn lands (Crail Bill)	-- 175,430	"
Purple	= Indian reservations	-- 2,500	"
Blue	= Lands administered under Taylor Grazing Act	-- 1,370,975	"

(From map on file in office of Mrs. Dorothy C. Cragen, County Superintendent of Schools, Independence, California.)



COURT HOUSE

Inyo County Court House,
Independence, California.

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(Exhibit)



SUNRISE

The sun rises over desert Joshua trees near the summit of Walker Pass, Kiavah Mts. (Southern Sierras), highway 178.

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DESERT VOLCANO

Cinder cone and lava flow just north of Little Lake on highway 395.

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PLATE 4



OLANCHA SAND DUNES

Ripple marks on sand dunes 2 miles east of Olancha at south end of Owen's Lake. Sierras and Olancha Peak (12,395') in background to west.

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CARTAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Children of the Cartago Elementary School (grades 1-3) pose during recess period. Mrs. Dorothea Baker, teacher. Cartago (Olancha School District) is approximately 20 miles south of Lone Pine on highway 395, bordering the west side of Owen's Lake.

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NATURAL SODA PRODUCTS COMPANY

Extraction and refining of mineral salts from the saline solution of Owen's Lake (dry) is a major industry in Inyo County. Photo shows NSP Company evaporating pond on east shore of Owen's Lake.

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SAND DUNES

Olancha sand dunes as seen looking west toward the High Sierras from the south end of Owen's Lake, Inyo County, California.

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TRAM

Old tramway at Keeler, California. Bucket trams such as this brought silver and lead ore from the famous Cerro Gordo, Union, and San Lucus mines in the Inyo Mountains east of Owen's Lake. Other trams were built to transport dry lake minerals over the 10,000-foot peaks from Saline Valley some 23 miles away.

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DIAZ LAKE

Diaz Lake, 2 miles south of Lone Pine, formed along fault bordering Alabama Hills. (Note "triangular facets") Sierras, with Lone Pine Peak (12,951') in background (rt) and Mt. Whitney (14,496') extreme right, far background.

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PLATE 6

Students at Keeler Elementary School (grades 1-6), 16 miles south-east of Lone Pine on east border of Owen's Lake. Teacher: Mrs. Katherine Walters.

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PUPILS AT KEELER SCHOOL



HOLLAND UNIT -- KEELER SCHOOL

Keeler elementary school interior. Social studies unit on Holland includes model exhibit and box movie entitled "Story of Holland". (One-room school)

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Pupils of the Keeler School built this Post Office to use in their social studies.

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f.4.5-16 secs.
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SOCIAL STUDIES



TEACHER'S DESK -- KEELER SCHOOL

One-room school Social Studies program. Holland Unit. Teacher: Mrs. Katherine Walters.

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LAVA BUTTE -- DARWIN PLATEAU

Desert butte capped by lava. An erosional remnant near junction of Darwin road and Death Valley highway 190.

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DARWIN SCHOOL CHILDREN

Pupils at the Darwin Elementary School try to behave while their picture is taken. Mary Roster, teacher.

Data: 4-12-46
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(Lunch hour)

PLATE 8



Students at work, Darwin Elementary School. Teacher: Mary Roster.

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DARWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Erosional canyon near highway 190 on Darwin Plateau, looking northwest. Argus Mountains.

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RAINBOW CANYON



An anticline shows in a road cut along the Darwin-Death Valley highway 5 miles west of Panamint Springs. Conglomerates and red-beds of Argus Range.

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ROADCUT -- DARWIN PLATEAU



PANAMINT VALLEY

Looking East across Panamint Valley to Telescope Peak in the Panamint Mountains. From highway 190 traversing Darwin Plateau.

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(Exhibit)



TOWNE'S PASS ROAD

Nearing the top of Towne's Pass (5260') east of Panamint Valley on west slope of Panamint Range, highway 190. Sedimentary beds (dip slope) capped by lava.

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DEATH VALLEY SAND DUNES

Sand dunes below Stovepipe Wells, Death Valley National Monument. Looking East to Funeral Range.

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Old steam engine ("chugger") Borax wagon used to haul minerals across the desert. Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley.

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BORAX WAGON
FURNACE CREEK RANCH.



OLD "WHEELS OF PROGRESS"

Set of wheels from one of the famous Twenty Mule Team borax wagons. Entrance to Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Monument.

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FURNACE CREEK INN

Famous Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley National Monument, California. Funeral Range in background.

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DEATH VALLEY COLORS

Sedimentary steep-dipping sandstone and conglomerate. Furnace Creek Canyon, ½ mile east of Furnace Creek Inn on highway 190 through Death Valley.

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ZABRISKIE POINT

Shadows deepen over the sandstones and colorful clays which make up Zabriskie Point. (Art Phelan)

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CREEK BED

Highway 190 along Furnace Creek Canyon seen from Zabriskie Point turnoff, Death Valley. Typical arid erosional pattern. Funeral Range in background.

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Scene at Zabriskie Point on highway 190, Death Valley National Monument. Note typical arid-type erosional pattern.

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ZABRISKIE POINT



FUNERAL RANGE

Sedimentary strata of the Funeral Range near highway 190 about 8 miles northwest of Death Valley Junction.

Transverse section looking North.

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D.V.U.H.S.

Death Valley Union High School is the old Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad Station at Death Valley Junction. Originally established in Shoshone by the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, this high school is now a Union High within the Lone Pine High School District. Fourteen students attended in 1946.

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O.V.H.S.-D.V.H.S. PLAYDAY

Delegates of Owens Vally Unified High School visit the high school at Death Valley Junction for a special playday event, sponsored by Mrs. Dorothy C. Cragen, County Superintendent; Mrs. Helen Ogston and Mrs. V. Dotterrer of D.V.H.S.; Matt Weightman and Margaret James of O.V.U.H.S; and Art Phelan, County School Supervisor.

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Death Valley Elementary school, Death Valley Junction.
1945: Mrs. Helen Ogston, teacher
17 students.
1946: Mrs. Florence Elkins,
24 students.

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DEATH VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Yellow desert wild flowers line highway 127 between Death Valley Junction and Shoshone. Eagle Mountain and its steep-dipping strata in background.

Data: 4-11-45
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DESERT WILD FLOWERS



RHYOLITE GHOST TOWN (NEV.)

Old mining town of Rhyolite, in Bull Frog Hills, near highway U.S. 95 across the Nevada line.

(When you visit there stop at the old RR station to see Mr. Westmoreland; he'll tell you how you can cure all your ills by eating ants!)

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BOTTLE HOUSE

The famous Bottle House of Rhyolite ghost town, Nevada.

Data: 10-4-45
f.4.5-1/50
No. 4718



ALKALI COUNTRY

Amargosa Valley between Shoshone and Tecopa, looking East toward Nopah Mountains.

Data: 1-31-45
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DESERT SAGE

Mustard Sage is one of the typical desert plants.

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f.5.6-1/50
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Tecopa Elementary School, Tecopa, California.

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f.9-1/50
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TECOPA SCHOOL

Residual sedimentary sandstone outcrop, monument type. Junction of south Tecopa road with main Amargosa Valley highway No. 127. Looking West toward Salisbury Pass, Black Mountains (Southern Funerals).

Data: 1-31-45
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SANDSTONE MONUMENT

High Sierras and Mt. Whitney (center), elevation 14,496 ft. above sea level. Alabama Hills in foreground. Lone Pine Peak on left (S). Viewed from highway 395, 2 miles north of Lone Pine.

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Mt. Whitney



DESERT CACTUS

California desert Cactus growing at 8000' elevation. Lone Pine Portals on trail to Tulainyo Lake.

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Looking west to Sierras across Owen's Valley from Inyo Mountains. Alabama Hills (fault block) in foreground. Owen's Lake (dry) extreme south (left). Owen's River flows south through valley. Note even skyline of Sierras.

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HIGH SIERRAS and ALABAMA HILLS



LO-INYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carla Spencer and Mary Milner enter the Lo-Inyo Elementary School, Lone Pine, California. Miss Arlene Roster, Principal.

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FARM UNIT -- SECOND GRADE

Second grade students (Rodney Ellis and Mary Milner) demonstrate part of "Farm Unit" for social studies. Lo-Inyo School, Mrs. Lovett, teacher.

Data: 3-17-46
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CALIFORNIA MISSIONS -- 4th GRADE

Students of Lo-Inyo (Lone Pine) Elementary School construct models of California missions during social studies period. Fourth grade, Mrs. Ruby Branson, teacher. (Mary Corbiel, Manuel Castro, Luella Christianson, Virginia Fox, Louis Jobin)

Data: 3-17-46
f.6.3-Flash
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PLATE 18



PLAYDAY

Fifth and sixth grade students run the 100-yard dash. Inyo County Playday, Independence, May 10, 1946.

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Lone Pine Union High School Band entertains on the grounds of the Inyo County Court House, Independence, California.

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MT. WILLIAMSON

Mt. Williamson (center) elevation 14,384', tops the Sierras just west of Manzanar after a Spring snowstorm.

Data: 4-8-46
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INYO RANGE

Inyo Mountains and Mazourka Canyon as seen from highway 395 about 6 miles south of Independence (near Manzanar). Tree is said to have been planted by W. A. Chalfant, Inyo County pioneer.

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(Exhibit)

Thin-bedded series of steep-dipping shale layers outcrop along the N-S striking Mazourka Canyon wall. Willow Springs area east of Independence Station, Inyo Mts.

Data: 2-17-45
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SHALE OUTCROP



INYO'S GRANITE BOULDERS

Granite boulders of the Inyo Range silhuette themselves against the blue sky of the Owens Valley area. (Squaw Flats, El. 7590')

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Snow blankets the granite summit of the Inyo Range at head of Mazourka Canyon. El. 10,262'.

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SNOW TIME



Art Phelan, Worth Noyes Jr., Doug Elliott and Worth Noyes pause to admire the view on the trail to Winnedumah Paiute Monument. Sierras in background.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON HIKERS



Approaching Winnedumah monument from the north side. Granite boulder: width 56', height 80'.

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WINNEDUMAH -- PAIUTE MONUMENT



ON THE TRAIL TO WINNEDUMAH

Dave Florell, Worth Noyes, Mary & Paul DeDecker and Art Phelan take a group of O.V.H.S. students on a hike to Winnedumah Monument, Inyo Mountains.

Data: 4-28-45
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The Legend Of Winnedumah———

Long, long ago, there lived in what the White Man calls Owens River Valley, two tribes—one, the Piutes, occupying the eastern side and the slopes of the Inyo Range; the other, the Waucobas on the western side and the slopes of the Sierras, and in particular the region about Mt. Williamson and extending westerly to the valley now called San Joaquin.

The roaring ocean backed up its waters and flooded the wonderful valley, so that the Indians had to signal to each other by fires. But the Great Spirit sent a terrrible earthquake which shook the mountains for many days and the pale waters fled away and the green grass came again.

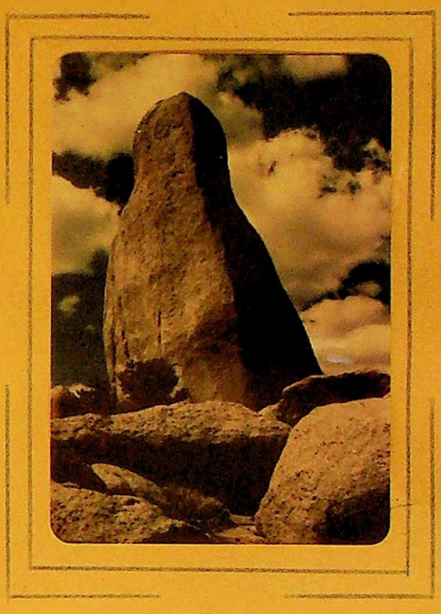
The tribes were at war.

One day from his lookout on Mt. Williamson, a Waucoba Brave, espying two Piute brothers ascending to the crest of the Inyo Range, sent to the sinewy bow-string of his mighty bow, an arrow made from a tree growing only in the western mountains. The arrow, released from the twanging bow, winged its way fifteen miles across the valley and pierced the back of one of the Piutes, who fell dead, his body turning to stone and lying face down across the crest, head to the east and feet to the west. Terrified, his brother started to run, but the Waucoba warrior in a voice of thunder shouted to him the command:

"WINNEDUMAH!" which means, "STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!"

And lo, the Piute instantly became the shaft of granite and has never since moved, awaiting his release by the Great Spirit.

Marvelous to tell, the fatal arrow took root in the stone body of its victim and grew into a tree still living like that from which the arrow was made—and the only one of its kind in the Inyo Range.



WINNEDUMAH

Winnedumah Pauite Monument (el. 8354'), an 80-foot spire of residual granite at the crest of the Inyo Range just east of Independence. Indian legend describes this monument in colorful description as at left. (From: Chalfant, W.A. "Story of Inyo", p. 64.)

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(Exhibit)



INYO MOUNTAIN SCENE

Summit of Mazourka Canyon road, el. 8750', just west of Waucoba Mountain in Inyo Range (East of Aberdeen). Peaks are volcanic and join Tinnemaha lava flow. Shale outcrops along upper canyon walls.

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"RAVAGES OF TIME"

Aged trees stand along the trail to Golden Trout Lakes above Onion Valley.

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O.V.H.S.

Students of Owens Valley Unified High School "get their picture took" on the last day of school. Dave Florell, District Superintendent.

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MAIN STREET - INDEPENDENCE

Looking south down highway 395,
Independence, Inyo County seat.

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INYO COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Court House
Independence, California

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SNOW STORM

Kearsarge Mt. (13,824') receives a coat of Winter snow. Cumulo-stratus cloud layer below Sierra crest as seen from Judge Dehy's chambers, Inyo County Court House. Winnedumah hotel in foreground.

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SPRING COLORS

Residence of Carl Walters, near
Court House, Independence.

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WINTER BLANKET

Lawn and trees from Phelan's
office window, Inyo County
Court House, Independence.

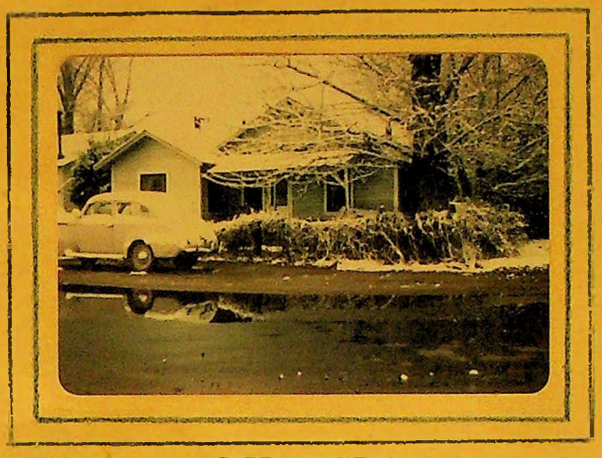
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"HOME"

Residence of A. E. Phelan and D. M. Florell, Independence, Calif. Sierras (W) in background with Mt. Kearsarge on right, Kearsarge Pass and Onion Valley, center.

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COLD MORNING

Brr! Tonight we go ice skating!

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CLOUD OVER INYOS

View East from Phelan mansion (!) in Independence to Inyo Range. Late afternoon.

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PLATE 26



SIERRAS FROM INYOS

Looking west to Sierra range from Winnedumah Paiute Monument in Inyos.

Data: 4-28-45
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"THE WIND-UP"

Inyo County Schools Playday event at Independence. Baseball throw for distance. (Bobby Milner of Lone Pine)

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Inyo County Schools Playday. Picnic lunch on lawn, Owens Valley Elementary School. (Lone Pine Students)

Data: 5-10-46
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LAWN PICNIC



SIERRA SKYLINE (1)

Owens Valley and Sierras looking SW from Inyo Range. Owens River in valley center flows S (left). Manzanar at extreme right. Alabama Hills (left center) are fault block mountains. Mt. Whitney (14,496') right of center. Note glaciated topography of crest.

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SIERRA SKYLINE (2)

Looking west across Owens Valley from the Inyos. Sierra skyline takes in area south of Mt. Whitney (left) to Mt. Bradley on north.

Data: 2-17-45
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SIERRA SKYLINE (3)

West across Owens Valley to Sierras. Oak Creek and Fort Independence in foreground. Kearsarge Peak (12,650'), Diamond Peak (13,105'), Mt. Baxter (13,118'), etc. along Sierra crest. Note "hanging" valleys due to glaciation.

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FORT INDEPENDENCE

Fort Independence road. Sierras in background with Mt. Williamson (14,384') on left, Mt. Bradley, University Peak, Kearsarge Mt. along crest. Fort Independence was established July 4, 1862.

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ONION VALLEY

Looking north to waterfall above Onion Valley from Kearsarge Pass trail. Golden Trout Lakes trail passes over falls from right (E) to left.

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Falls NE of Onion Valley, behind Kearsarge Peak.

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WATERFALL



RESTING ON THE TRAIL

Art Phelan (rt) and Dave Florell on trail to Golden Trout Lakes. Owens Valley and Inyo Range in background.

Data: 7-23-45
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Looking S to Robinson lake valley from north side of Onion Valley in Sierras east of Independence. Note U-shape glaciated valley. University Peak ridge (13,588') in background.

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ROBINSON LAKE VALLEY

Lower Golden Trout Lake, North Group, behind Kearsarge Peak, at elevation of 11,000 feet. University Peak (S) background.

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Early AM
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GOLDEN TROUT LAKE



"THREE MEN WITHOUT A HORSE"

Hikers on trail to Golden Trout Lakes above Onion Valley (Kearsarge). Dave Florell (rt), Art Phelan, Paul Passage.

Data: 7-23-45
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Self-timer
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AH!

Here's what we came for! Paul Passage "caught" fishing at upper (N group) Golden Trout Lake (11,500') at base of Dragon Peak & Mt. Rixford.

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Exhibit

Inyo Mountains looking east from Symmes Creek (Sierras) across floor of Owens Valley. Town of Independence in center, Fort Independence to north (left). Note level valley floor in contrast to abrupt, faulted base of Inyos. Mazourka Canyon strata run right to left. Waucoba Mt. = 11,127'.

Data: 5-5-46
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late afternoon
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INYO RANGE



SIERRA CLOUDS

Cumulus clouds cross the Sierras into Owens Valley near Goodale Mt. and Division Creek. Lava flows along base of Sierras show in foreground.

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SAWMILL CREEK

Poplar trees line Sawmill Creek near Eight Mile Ranch north of Independence. Diamond Peak 13,105' (rt), Kearsarge Peak, University Peak & Mt. Williamson form prominent peaks along Sierras looking to the SW.

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ABERDEEN LAVA FLOWS

West toward Sierras from Aberdeen, 14 miles N of Independence on highway 395. Goodale Creek & Striped Mt. (center), with Goodale Mt. on right. Lava flows issued from fissures and cones along base of Sierras.

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SIERRA WINTER SKYLINE

Sierra skyline looking S from Poverty Hills toward Independence along highway 395. Note even skyline dominated by Mt. Williamson, elevation 14,384'.

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DESERT BLOSSOMS

A desert plant blossoms in the shadow of the Alabama Hills and the towering Sierras (Tunnabora Peak, elevation 13,593').

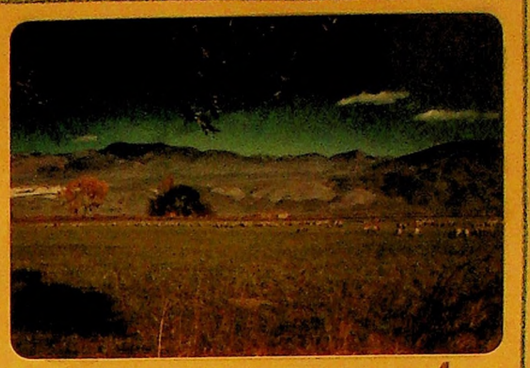
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Old volcanic cinder cone 4 miles south of Big Pine along highway 395. Sierras in background.

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FISH SPRINGS CINDER CONE



PASTORAL

Big Pine Ranch (Smith's) on Highway 395 looking east toward Inyo Range and Westgarde Pass.

Data: 11-1-45
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(exhibit)



BIG PINE LAKES

Snow surrounds embayment at Third Lake, Big Pine Lakes trail. North Fork of Big Pine Creek.

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BIG PINE LAKES TRAIL

Dave Florell and Art Phelan pause above First Lake, North fork of Big Pine Creek. Inyo Range in extreme background.

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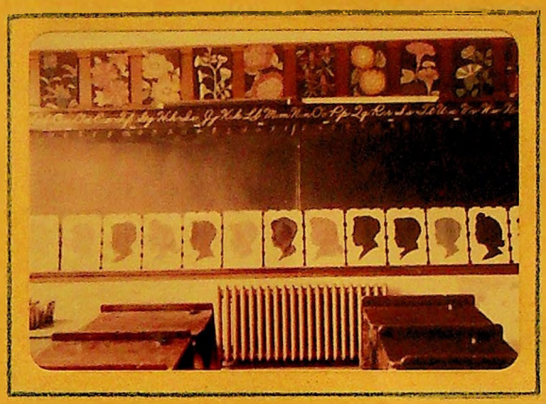
PLATE 34



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Exhibit of First and Second Grade work at Big Pine Unified School.

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No. 4727



BIG PINE SCHOOL

Silhouette cut-outs and art exhibit by 5th & 6th grades at Big Pine Unified, Miss Bessie Ray, teacher.

Data: 4-5-45
f.6.3-1sec.
No. 13627-C



"FALL COLORS"

Fall shows its colors along highway 395. Howdy Smith Ranch just south of Big Pine, California.

Data: 11-1-45
f.8-1/50
No. 4748-A
(Exhibit)



TEMPLE CRAG

Temple Crag Peak, elevation 13,016'. West of Big Pine on trail to Fourth Lake, Big Pine Lakes.

Data: 5-16-45
f.8-1/50
Phelan-Florell
No. 4735-A



TRAIL TO BIG PINE LAKES

Big Pine Lakes area looking west toward Palisade Glacier region. Temple Crag left background. (Art Phelan)

Data: 5-16-45
f.8-1/50 (DMF)
13631-A



ROUND VALLEY RANCH

Round Valley from highway 395 north of Bishop near Pine Creek turnoff. Tungsten Hills and Sierras in background.

Data: 10-10-45
f.6.3-1/50
late afternoon
No. 4738



ENTERING BISHOP

Fall colors on highway 395 just south of Bishop.

Data: 10-14-45
f.6.3-1/50
No. 4711



BISHOP UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Snow on the lawn at Bishop Union High School, Bishop, California. (Enrol. 210)

Data: 3-7-45
f.8-1/50
10:00 AM
No. 13617-C



HIGHWAY SCENE

Highway 395, 2 miles south of Bishop.

Data: 10-16-45
f.7-1/50
No. 4740-A



Mt. TOM

Mt. Tom (13,649') and Round Valley from Sherwin Grade 15 miles north of Bishop, California. Entrance to Pine Creek Canyon on right.

Data: 3-7-45
f.6.3-1/50
No. 4743-A



SNOW SPORTS

Three ski fans ready for action. Mammoth Lakes road. (Arlene Roster, Art Phelan, Dave Florell)

Data: 3-12-46
f.8-1/50 (E.F.)
No. 13620-C



ROUND VALLEY

View of Round Valley with Bishop Creek and Lake Sabrina region in background. Looking SW from highway 395 near Round Valley.

Data: 10-7-45
f.8-1/50
No. 13619-A

The little Round Valley Elementary School north of Bishop, California. (1915)

Data: 4-12-46
f.6.3-1/50
No. 4749



ROUND VALLEY SCHOOL



FALL COLORS -- PINE CREEK

Trees along stream at entrance to Pine Creek Canyon on road to U.S. Vanadium and Tungstar mines. Snow-capped White Mountains (White Mt. Peak, 14,242') in east background.

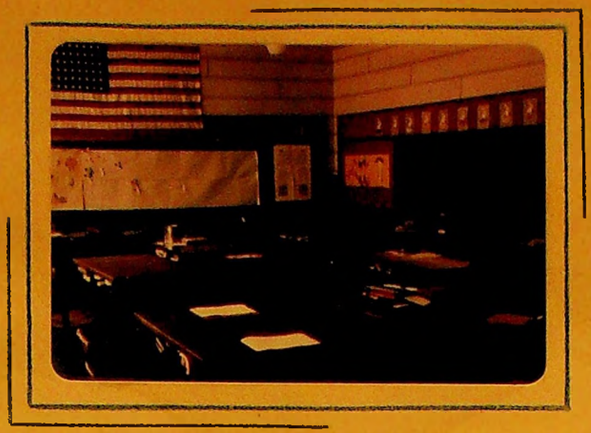
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Pine Creek Elementary School 18 miles NW of Bishop in Sierras. Looking east down Pine Creek Canyon toward Owens Valley and the White Mountains.

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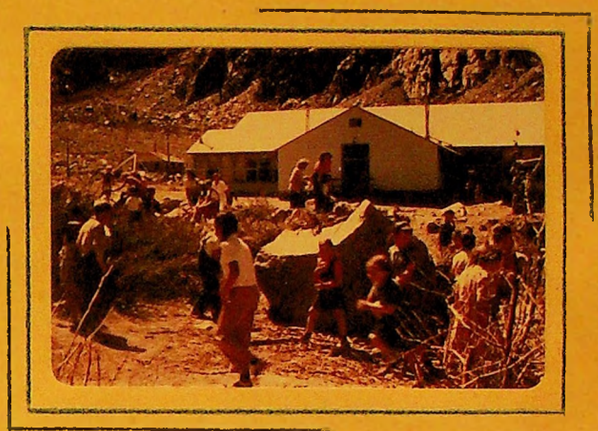
PINE CREEK SCHOOL



PINE CREEK INTERIOR

Interior of Pine Creek Elementary School, 3rd & 4th grade room, Mrs. Myrtle Walsh, teacher.

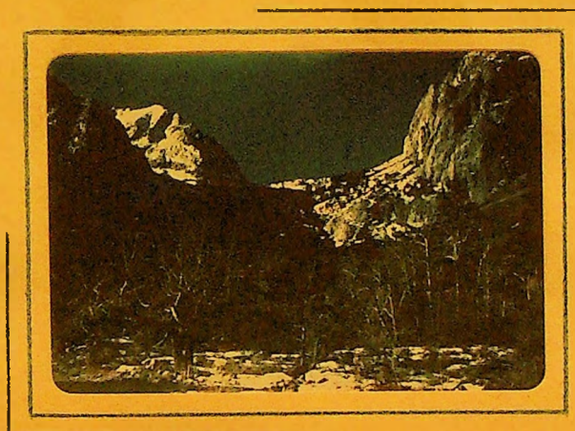
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PINE CREEK SCHOOL

Easter egg hunt, back yard of Pine Creek School, 18 miles NW of Bishop, California in Sierras. El. 7500'.

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No. 4721-A



PINE CREEK CANYON

Head of Pine Creek Canyon, from one mile above Village, looking toward Granite Park area.

Data: 1-16-45
f.6.3-1/50
No. 4738-A



PINE CREEK

Crag at head of Pine Creek, 23 miles NW of Bishop. From U.S. Vanadium mine.

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TWIN LAKES -- (FALL)

Twin Lakes, Mammoth Lakes District.

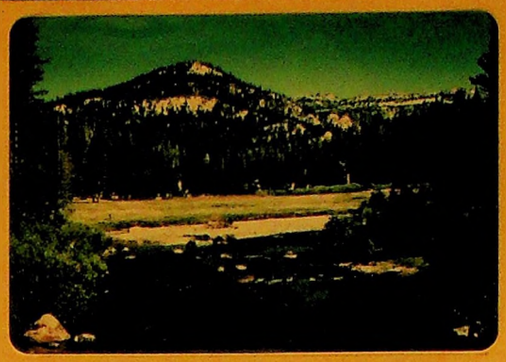
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TWIN LAKES -- (SPRING)

Spring comes to Twin Lakes, Mammoth Lakes area. Looking NE from highway bridge at Lake Mary, elevation 8931'.

Data: 6-22-45
f.8-1/50
No. 4726-A



SAN JUAQUIN RIVER

Mid-fork of San Juaquin River at Soda Springs, Devil's Post Pile National Monument, Mono County.

Data: 8-4-45
f.9-1/50 noon
No. 4736-A



RAINBOW FALLS

Rainbow Falls on Middle Fork of San Juaquin River. Trail 3 miles south of Reds Meadows, south boundary of Devil's Post Pile Nat'l Monument, Mono County. Elevation 7500'.

Data: 8-3-45
f.5.6-1/50
No. 4735



GOLDEN SUNSET

Sunset along highway 395 (U.S. 6).
Stratus and Cirro-stratus clouds.

Data: 1-2-43 (SF spec.)
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No. 13612-A



DESERT SUNSET

The sun sets over Walker Pass, Kiavah Mountains, Tehachapi Range. Highway 178 west of InyoKern.

Data: 2-19-45
f.3.5-1/5 sec.
No. 4739-A



.....SO WE LEAVE "SLEEPING BEAUTY" TO WATCH OVER

THE SMOOTH BUT EVER-SHIFTING SAND DUNES OF INYO COUNTY....



Interesting Points In Inyo County . . .

MT. WHITNEY — Due west of Lone Pine, highest mountain in the United States, 14,495 feet.

BAD WATER—In Death Valley, lowest point on North American continent, 280 feet below sea level. This point and Mt. Whitney are 90 miles apart, air line.

PALISADE GLACIER—Located at headwaters of Big Pine creek. Most southerly glacier in U. S.

FISHING AND HUNTING — Abound in this region. Scores of small streams flow from high lakes into Owens Valley. Many are hidden from the highway traveler by brush or trees, but all are well stocked with trout. Hunting, good in season. See Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Inquiry at any town will bring helpful information.

GHOST MINING TOWNS—Visit Ballarat, Rhyolite, Panamint City and other mining towns of area.

THE HIGH COUNTRY . . . is at its best throughout this area. Because of limited size of this map, several hundred sparkling lakes located high in the peaks from the county line west, could not be shown. Back country maps, however, may be obtained from U. S. Forest Service, automobile clubs, U. S. Geological Service, or from many local business establishments. These make a fine detailed addition to this map.

Snow or Sand

¶ In winter, Inyo-Mono area offers the greatest of contrasts. Death Valley is world renowned for its "summer" climate in winter. ¶ Up the slopes of nearly all canyons from Olancha north to Coleville, local ski clubs have constructed ski runs with lifts and warming shelters that accommodate skiers from before Christmas well into spring. ¶ Wildflowers of the desert begin to bloom in Death Valley as early as February. You may follow the season across the desert and foothills into the Sierra, blooms lasting well into September. Every season of the year offers a new vacation thrill. ¶ Accommodations within the area fit into every vacation budget. ¶ There are 27 pack outfits to take you into the "high country". Note symbols and locations on the maps. ¶Open range cattle grazing areas extend along the highways throughout the Inyo-Mono region. Drive carefully and be safe. Drive slowly and save tires. ¶ Stage service is available to most points via Inland Stages that operate from Los Angeles to Reno.

(Other Pertinent Information on Other Side)

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Quoth a Famous Passage, "...Sure It Was a Bear!"

It's a bear at the Paul Passage home this week in Independence. At least that's the story making the rounds.

It seems Mrs. Passage and Dorothy Gelhar were messing around on Pinon Creek with fishing poles and leaders and things. The men folk, comprised mainly of Paul Passage and Art Phelan were, wisely, down stream some.

Mrs. P. and Miss G., being old hands at this fishing, faced the west and barged on ahead up stream. Slowly, ever so slowly, Mrs. P. begins to be conscious of a most peculiar noise . . . a sort of grunting and snorting and chomp-chomping coming out of the bushes nearby. Alluva sudden she thinks . . . YOSEMITE! That same noise doesn't come out of a juke box, unless it's a black, furry, berry-chomping kind with no wires showing.

Well, the next few seconds are a bit confused, even in the bear's mind. Mrs. P. let out a squawk, the bear a squall, and, because of the geography of the moment, both decided with equal determination to cross the stream . . . only there was only one spot available.

Well, all three are doing swell heading east until they hit the creek. Miss G. has the misfortune to miss a stride in mid-air and lands face down, bridging the creek. With rs. P. going full throttle right behind her, it is only natural that Dorothy is still nursing a mean set of gal's footprints the length of her spine.

Both ladies admit blushingly that they got scratched from head to toe . . . and some unmentionable places in between . . . on their mad flight through the bushes. As Mrs. P. put it, "it was a race to see who would have the bear behind."

The men folk, what about them? Oh, being down stream some, they take it all very calmly, and just grin. "Sure it was a bear, didn't the gals see it and chase it, or visa versa?" is their only comment.

LONE PINE

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Nichols had as recent guests, Paul Nichols and Pete Peterson of Los Altos. Paul Nichols is Elton's brother.

INDEPENDENCE

Mrs. Frank Krater was brought home from the Mt. Whitney hospital last Monday, and is convalescing from the car accident she was