The Pipe Vine

April, 1985

APRIL MEETING

1 April 1985, Monday

Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Refreshments 7:30 p.m. General Meeting 7:45 p.m.
Program 8:00 p.m.

All Mount Lassen Chapter members are welcome to attend the Executive Board Meeting at 6:00, for your ideas and support are needed. Please note the slight change in our meeting format.

Now here is something different! Marjorie McNairn will speak on "Nature's Nutrients." This will be a registered dietitian's look at food values of edible parts of some native and non-native plants, and will deal with the significance of these nutrients in plants and in people. Marjorie, who presently teaches at Butte College, has an impressive list of credits and memberships with national, state and local dietetic associations. Her love of plants began early, and was fostered by her mother, who was a student of the great botanist W.L. Jepson.

FIELDTRIPS

23 March. Vina Plains Preserve. Meet at 10 a.m. at Baskin-Robbins parking lot on Mangrove Ave. in Chico, or around 10:30 at the preserve gate. Bring water, snacks and warm clothes for this 1–2 mile leisurely walk to view some of the early bloomers on the preserve, including Valley Goldfields and Fremont's Goldfields. Return around 1:00.
Leader Carol Bordin, phone 342–8822.
Fieldtrips

24 March. Limestone Formation at Lake Oroville. Meet at 9 a.m. at BEC (7th and Cherry Streets, Chico). Bring lunch and water for this moderate, one mile hike to the limestone outcrop for lunch, view, and botany. We'll see Cheilanthes cooperi, other ferns, pipevines and manroot, poison oak and buckbrush. Leader Mike Foster.


21 April. Pulga to Mayaro. Meet at BEC at 9 a.m. or Pulga at 10 a.m. Hike is five miles with some uphill spots. See the old Southern Pacific Resort site and many flowering plants. Return at 5 p.m. Leader Wes Dempsey, phone 895-6362.

14 April. Table Mountain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BEC or 9:15 on top of the mesa. Bring water and lunch for a moderately strenuous tour of Butte County's gen, with the botanist who wrote the Table Mountain Flora. Return around 4:00 P.M. Leader Jim Jokerst, phone 534-9029.

5 May. Butte Creek B.L.M. Trail. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at BEC or 10:15 at DeSabla Lake. Bring water and lunch for this two mile walk along the beautiful Butte Creek Canyon to view several plant communities and riparian areas. Return around 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Leaders Ruth and Glenn Cunningham, phone 872-4320.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mike Foster

As our chapter president, I am privileged to serve on the State Board of Directors of CNPS. In this capacity, I travelled south the first weekend of March to attend the state meeting at San Luis Obispo. Overcast skies and thundershowers failed to dampen the spirits of those who attended, as we were warmed instead by camaraderie and inspired by reports of battles won, or at least well-fought.

Some of the topics, decisions, and announcements were: (1) Assemblyman Robert Campbell from Contra Costa County, has approached CNPS and indicated a willingness to sponsor legislation to establish policies and guidelines concerning the use of native and exotic plants on state revegetation and landscape projects. He is asking CNPS to help him draw up those guidelines. (2) The Board voted to donate $3000 to the Nature Conservancy to help pay for the purchase of the King Clone Preserve. (3) The Board decided to join the Planning and Conservation League, and the Wilderness Society, enabling CNPS to be represented in Sacramento and Washington by their respective lobbyists. (4) Announced that Jim Jokerst has been named to replace Sue Smith as our statewide Forest Service Coordinator. His job is to help insure the timely exchange of information and opinion between CNPS and the Forest Service,
at both the state and local level. (5) Announced that the Coastal Shrubs Poster may be available in April. Hopefully we can obtain some for our May meeting.

The next State Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for the first weekend of June in the new CNPS office in Sacramento. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

One last closing note. I have what I enjoy calling "an office hour." This hour is one Thursdays, 11-12 a.m., in the herbarium at C.S.U. Chico. Other officers and board members are often present during this time and we are at your service. So drop on by to say hello, to lend a hand, or to find some help.

GENERAL NEWS

Endangered Species Faire will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Chico Creek Nature Center. Volunteers are needed to sit at the booth and acquire a suntan. Sign up at our April meeting, or call Mary Meyer at 893-8999.

We will be offering plants for sale at our booth during the Endangered Species Faire. Anyone having plants they wish to donate, please bring them to the booth the morning of the faire. We will offer both native and non-native plants that are suitable for landscape, garden, or house plant use. Money earned will be used to buy materials need to landscape the Chico Creek Nature Center. If you have any questions please call Tim at 345-8444. (T.D.)

CNPS Membership Dues will be raised beginning April 1, 1985. Renewals postmarked by March 30, 1985 will be accepted at the old rates. The new rates are as follows:

- Student or Retired... $12
- Retired Couple... $15
- Individual or Library... $18
- Couple or Group... $30
- Supporting... $50
- Life(individual/couple)...$450/500

Mount Lassen Chapter welcomes the following new members:
Jack R. Alderson, Harriet Feeney, Patricia Gallagher, Genevieve Jezler, Erik Johnson, Dave A. Koenig, Lisa J. Newsom, Roseann Otterson, Paul L. Rowell, David Samuels, Ralph H. Silva, Clara Smith, and Howard and Jean Snyder. (S.C.M.)

Conservation begins at home, by Pat Kelly, Conservation Chair

The California Native Plant Society got its start when a small group of botanists rallied together to protect the East Bay Regional Parks' Botanical Garden in Tilden Park, Berkeley California. The Garden was threatened with closure. This was a purely local matter. We all know the extent the Society has grown from such a modest beginning. This has occurred because each chapter has taken care of its own back yard. In so doing, they have attracted members and support which then enabled the
Society to operate as a strong and viable organization on the state level. The most significant local issue which demands the participation of our local membership is the proposed project to riprap 90,000 linear feet of the Sacramento River Bank between Chico Landing and Red Bluff. (P.K.) LETTERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FROM OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. We have been provided with the opportunity to make a difference on our river that could last for generations. Assemblyman Richard Campbell has introduced AB 722 in the State legislature, calling for a two year moratorium on riprapping this section of the river. If approved, it would halt riprapping in that stretch until January 1, 1987; or until a report to the legislature is prepared by state Fish and Game and Dept. of Water Resources concerning the real impacts of the project upon fisheries, particularly salmon spawning, on Bay/Delta fisheries, and a full economic analysis. The report will compare both the proposed riprap alternative, and the meanderbelt alternative. Conservation organizations are convinced that the meanderbelt alternative, currently a dead issue, is the only real long term solution to this perceived problem, and ultimately the most cost effective.

The support of State Senator Jim Nielsen is essential to the passage of AB 722. AN OUTPOURING OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IN LETTERS FROM HIS DISTRICT will convince Nielsen that a moratorium is necessary while critical studies are completed. WRITE NOW to Senator Nielsen (letters to Assembly Members Stan Statham and Wally Herger as well). Express your concern, as an individual, about the preservation of the rivers fisheries, wildlife, riparian vegetation and recreational resources and the need to study how riprapping will really affect these values. WRITE to each legislator at the State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal. 95814. For more information call Mary Meyer at 893-8999.

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