Improved Pioneer Pass Road Opens Wonderful Scenic Areas to Public

By L. BURR BELDEN

Thanks primarily to the impetus of Yucca Valley civic leaders, construction is now sufficiently advanced on the Pioneer Pass Road, east from Baldwin Lake to the high desert, so it may be traversed with passenger automobiles, thus opening to e general public some of the most scenic country in the hinterland of the San Bernardino National Forest.

This route, which drops off a bit sharply beyond the historic Rose Mine, has existed for 30 years or more and has been traversed by hundreds who knew of its existence and were equipped with high center vehicles but prior to the work by Yucca Valley residents this spring, ', has been far from a safe road for the low center cars of recent vintage.

1928 TRIP RECALLED

Back around 1928 when the author of this article first traversed the route in company with the late William H. Campbell of Twentynine Palms, an old road of mining days was yet partially intact along the canyon sides, but it had been all but obliterated in spots, so the trip, in Campbell's air-cooled Franklin, was a seemingly endless succession of detours from the old trail down into the canyon bed and back to the road. Then, in the 1930s, the U.S. Forestry Service rebuilt the old road and shortened it by eliminating a former summit that wound crazily over a hogback to descend into Pipes Canyon above the former onyx mine.

The road, as improved by the forestry service, descended Rattlesnake Canyon from the Rose Mine, then wound past the Estlow Ranch over to Burns Canyon. That was far more direct than the old route to Pipes Canyon. The realignment passed Burns Spring and then turned north to The Windmill. Soon a cutoff was made east to the Pipes and on to Yucca Valley past what later became Pioneertown.

HAD THREE CHOICES

There are three routes to Rose Mine from Big Bear and Baldwin lakes. The two better ones start down Cushenbury Grade, then turn either via the quarry road or Horsethief Flats. The Horsethief Flats way is a bit longer but it is a firm road over decomposed granite and offers excellent scenery including that of a lush upland mesa where juniper and joshua trees grow side by side with pinyon pines.

The shortest route from Big Bear to Rose Mine is south of Baldwin Lake to Erwin Lake and then on to Round Valley. None is paved but all are in passable condition. The Round Valley entry can be a bit on the dusty side, however.

It is between Rose Mine and Pioneertown that the Yucca Valley boosters have done their work. The community sensed the need of improving the route, much of which is not officially a part of the county road system. Funds were raised by the sale of buttons while scores f volunteer workers donated weekends to construction. The result is a road wide enough for passing in almost all places. It is still a bit soft but is firming rapidly with the increased traffic induced by the improvement.

The Yucca Valley boosters reasoned that a road, even a partially improved one, from the Rim of the World resort region to the high desert would prove popular. Also it would traverse considerable scenic country heretofore known but to few.

The short time the route has been open to travel seems to more than justify the theory. Needless to say it is most popular with the mountain ranchers and with some of the tucked away resorts such as the Rim Rock Motel.

The Rose Mine, incidentally, offers one of the best ghost town areas in the entire county with numerous rustic structures and a wealth of old mine workings. Ghost towns have become a favorite mecca with thousands of Californians in recent years. Oftep the mecca proves disappointing because a few foundation stones and old shafts re the only visible remains of onetime roaring camps. Not so at Rose Mine. There are several buildings in fair repair and others sufficiently canted and caved to delight both sketcher and photographer.

The Pioneer Pass route also offers numerous side trips for the rugged explorers who want to follow side trails in their jeeps and pickups. The old route up Pipes Canyon is still open to a public camp some 8 or 9 miles above the junction.

Between Rattlesnake and Burns canyons another side road turns north to Mound Spring. It formerly continued via Rattlesnake Creek and Two Hole Springs to Old Woman Springs, but could not be recommended for travel now.

There is, however, plenty to see and enjoy along the main route without attempting any de trips. It should be noted that no gasoline or supplies can be regularly expected between Yucca Valley and Big Bear. If the trip is made from the desert side it involves a climb from 3,200 to 6,700 feet and a dirt road takes more gasoline.

REACHES GOAL — Mitchell Garrison, chosen "Goodwill Worker of the Year" by his handicapped fellow workers at Goodwill Industries, has reached his goal of a place in industry. Picture and story in The Sun-Telegram on May 8, which he keeps at hand as symbol of his good fortune, was responsible for calling him to the attention of his present employers.

Goodwill 'Worker of Year' Finds He Does Have Place in Industry

By RUTH ROSS

"Goodwill Worker of the Year," Mitchell Garrison, did "find a place in industry," or rather, a place in industry found him.

"It's great," he smiled as he looked up from his bench at Mel Dennett Electric in San Bernardino. "It's really great," he emphasized, "having a job in private industry. It's a long time ambition come true, you know!"

On May 8, The Sun-Telegram ran a picture and the story announcing Mitchell Garrison had been chosen by his handicapped fellow workers at Goodwill Industries as "Goodwill Worker of the Year." It caught the attention of Hubert H. Finch of the local firm.

Finch read the award presentation remarks of Harold Francis, Goodwill executive vice president, in which he characterized Garrison as the typical handicapped worker. Francis said, "To my knowledge 'Mitch' has never been late to work, has never been absent because of illness. He is a steady, conscientious, cooperative worker."

Over the weekend Finch's thoughts kept returning to this handicapped worker whose "hope was a place in industry." On Monday morning he called the Goodwill personnel office and arranged for an on-the-job interview.

Garrison went to work in private industry June 1. "We are as happy with 'Mitch' as they were with him at Goodwill Industries," Finch says.

To appreciate the fortitude that has brought Mitchell Garrison through two major misfortunes to his present job, he must be seen first as a lad of four years, striving to overcome the partial paralysis caused by polio.

By the time he reached the 2nd grade in school he had learned to walk again — without his braces. The 8th grade completed, Garrison had to erase all thought of the fall term. His father needed him on the farm. He later farmed independently.

Farmers must often be self-reliant, and as the young man worked to "keep up" the farm machinery a natural mechanical aptitude became apparent.

Things were going well with Garrison when misfortune came again. A car accident caused serious neck and spinal injuries, which deprived him of five active years, and took most of his savings. With unflinching effort during his year of recuperation he built a small electrical repair business.

In late 1955 professional advice brought Garrison to California and San Bernardino. Although he earnestly sought a bench job, even a day's work was denied him.

"It isn't often the same newspaper is the cause of two important steps in one man's life," Garrison suggested. "It was a story about Goodwill Industries in The Sun-Telegram at this point that caused me to apply there," he said.

Garrison was hired part time, in the electrical repair department, and later became a full time employe.

"The happiest part of my life started when I was given a chance at Goodwill Industries to fight back again to become a useful citizen," Garrison said. "I'm happily married to a former Goodwill employe," he smiled. "And now," he indicated his bench and the workshop, "I have the chance to really build a future. I'm very grateful to everyone."

TAKES SAFETY POST

Ferry Command Vet at Norton

Colonel Carlos J. Cochrane, one of the five founders of the World War II Ferry Command now known as the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), has been named Deputy Director of Flight Safety Research, Office of the Inspector General, at Norton Air Force Base.

He was selected as a result of his outstanding safety record with the Strategic Air Command, an announcement said.

He succeeds Col. J. C. Bailey, who is being transferred to Izmir, Turkey to become assistant to the chief of staff of the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force.

EUROPEAN SERVICE

Prior to his assignment to Norton, Col. Cochrane served 18 months with the Seventh Air Division in England as European field representative for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From September 1956 to July 1957 when he commanded the 4060th Air Refueling Wing (SAC) at Dow Air Force Base, Bangor, Me., not a single major or minor accident was registered by the tanker unit.

Equally impressive was his record as Chief of the Safety Division of the Strategic Air Command. In 1953, when he took over the post, SAC's aircraft accident rate declined to a record low 18 major accidents per 100,000 flying hours. The rate was further reduced to all-time lows of 13 in 1954 and 11 in 1955 for which he received the Air Force Commendation Ribbon.

Col. Cochrane was a member of the crews that accepted the third B17 Flying Fortress and the first B24 Liberator bombers delivered to the Air Corps before World War II. Flying with Gen. (then Maj.) Curtis LeMay in a specially fitted B24, he helped to inaugurate the military's first regularly scheduled trans-Atlantic air passenger service in 1941.

COMMAND PILOT

A command pilot with more than 5,200 flying hours, including 32 combat missions over Europe and the Atlantic during World War II, Col. Cochrane began his military career in 1933 as a Kansas national guardsman.

Now 51, he was born in Franklin, Neb., and graduated from Washburn College, Topeka, Kan., where he was a star athlete. He also was a member of the first class to graduate from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1947.

Col. Cochrane resides at 734 Esther Way, Redlands, with his wife, Mildred, and son, Tommy, 15. Another son, Carlos J. III, 20, is a cadet at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

His predecessor, Col. Bailey, has been assigned to the Directorate of Flight Safety Research since August 1955 and has been deputy director since May 1957. He previously commanded the Iceland Air Defense Force.

Col. Bailey, a native of Dumont, Tex., lives at 1711 Garden St., Redlands, with his wife, Margery, daughter Patricia, 4, and son, James Arthur, 2. He will assume his new post on Sept. 1.

COL. C. J. COCHRANE
. . . deputy director

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more sizzling civil wars fought in the state for many a year.

Elected officials at all levels of government in the county have to watch their step from now on when it comes to holding any star or executive sessions under the guise that they are discussing personal matters.

Assemblyman Ralph M. Brown's little amendment tacked to one of the bills recently signed into law takes care of this. It says, simply enough, that executive sessions may be held only "during a regular or special session."

The assemblyman has been a strong fighter to bring conduct of the public's business out in the open. His theory and one which is reflected in the Brown Act of 1953 plainly declares that no elected officials should transact or discuss any governmental matters — except personal — behind closed doors.

So fluid is the wording of the act that presence of a couple of councilmen on a street corner could be interpreted as a business session and what transpires open to the public.

There's just no end to the Earp family stories.

Here's another:

Workmen razing an old wooden dwelling on G St., Colton, at the rear of the Squires Lumber Co., 379 N. 9th St., came across an 1888 tax bill, issued to A. S. Porter in the amount of $3.10 to cover the taxes on the house for 1887.

Who collected the taxes?

V. W. Earp, then Colton's town marshal. He acknowledged payment.

Romance Rumored

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Mail reported a budding romance between Ava Astaire, pretty 17-year-old daughter of Fred Astaire, and a handsome young Oxford law student. The student was identified as 20-year-old Britisher John Parker Rees.

FALL TO FREEWAY — A Banning motorist escaped serious injury yesterday morning despite 70-foot plunge from the Etiwanda Ave. overpass onto the San Bernardino Freeway. Dotted line in top photo shows presumed path of auto. Crushed auto of Thomas L. Santo, the driver, is shown below. (Photos by DeBert)

Methodist Conference Issue

REDLANDS PASTOR FAVORS U.N. SEAT FOR RED CHINA

A proposed resolution urging United Nations membership for the Peoples Republic of China is likely to draw heavy debate at the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference of the Methodist meeting this week at the University of Redlands. It comes up for consideration on Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Frank M. Toothaker, pastor of the Redlands First Methodist Church, favors the recommendation.

"Regardless of the good or evil character of the current regime," he states, "its inclusion inside the U. N. offers more hope for developing working agreements and avoiding hot war than the opposite police which has obtained until now."

The Rev. Dr. Toothaker adds, "I cannot agree that the above view carries with it approval of giving the Peoples Republic of China the permanent Security Council seat now occupied by the Republic of China."

The Redlands pastor was for nine years a missionary in China. During his term of service, Communists came briefly into control of part of Fukien Province. He reports that they liquidated a number of persons he had known there before they were driven out.

OWN MERITS

"But the pertinent question — must be answered on its own merits rather than by our rejection of Communism and our repugnance for many policies and practices of that government."

"I think we must begin with some simple facts," the Rev. Dr. Toothaker declares. "We live in one shrinking world. No vote can get us in or out. We live here or nowhere. The rules we work out for our relationships make a difference in the possible outcome of history. . . A policy of inclusion is likely to result in bringing to bear more effectively the power of world influence on China. If such nations as Spain and Russia are better approached within the U. N. then the same holds good for this powerful people living within the Peoples Republic of China."

Car Plunges Off Overpass

A 61-year-old Banning man escaped with only moderate injuries after his car plunged off the Etiwanda Ave. overpass and fell 70 feet to the San Bernardino Freeway early yesterday morning.

Thomas L. Santo, 1481 Ramsey St., Banning, was in fair condition at Fontana's Kaiser Foundation Hospital last night, according to authorities there.

A report from the California Highway Patrol stated that Santo was traveling south over the Etiwanda Overpass about 2 a.m. when he apparently lost control of his car, swerved to the left, and shot off the northeast edge of the roadway, landing on the freeway, 70 feet below.

His car was a total wreck. There were no other passengers.

Five persons escaped with their lives and suffered only mild to moderate injuries when their car and a loaded cement truck collided Saturday afternoon on the San Bernardino Freeway at Milliken Ave.

A passenger in the car, Charles A. Brown, 68, of Pekin, Ill., was treated at Kaiser Hospital for leg injuries and transferred to St. Bernardine's Hospital. His wife, Emma M., 55, and daughter Charlene, 15, were only shaken up.

The driver, Betty Ann Crotty, 23, of 1521 Sierra Way, was treated at Kaiser for moderate injuries.

Driver of the truck, Jean Paul Kline, 27, of La Puente, escaped injury.

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were in progress, wives of the Masons were entertained by Mrs. Lillian Aye, author of "Iran Caboose," who related World War II experiences while serving in the Women's Army Corps.

A set of crystal goblets was presented to Grand Master Phil N. Myers and his wife by members and officers of the 602nd Masonic District, represented by Joseph L. Ousley, district inspector.

Refreshments and dancing followed the dedication ceremony.

Gasoline Fire Burns Trucker

A sudden flash blaze badly burned a Colton man last night as he was handling gasoline near his tanker truck in a Richfield Oil Corp. yard near Rialto.

Charles A. Graser of 739 Kippy Dr. suffered first, second and third-degree burns of the hands and legs, according to California Highway Patrol officers. He was treated at Kaiser Hospital.

Graser was draining and carrying gas from one compartment to another of his 35-foot hauling rig at the Richfield tank farm on Riverside Ave., south of Slover Ave., when the fuel caught fire. Officers said the cause of the blaze was unknown.

Methodists...

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O God, have mercy upon us. . ."

"O God, forgive us our lack of faith and modest convictions" and "Help us to do what is right without regard for consequences" are parts of Saturday's prayers.

Next Sunday, the conference closes with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy reading the list of pastoral appointments for the coming year from the pulpit of Memorial Chapel. The last grace begins, "Father, now set our minds at rest and gird us for new tasks. . ."

The table graces were written at the request of and authorized for use by the Conference Committee on Worship.

3 Killed in Paris

PARIS (AP)—Violence involving members of rival Algerian nationalist groups resulted in the deaths of three persons yesterday and the wounding of two.

Goodwill Services

Four chapel services will be held this week in the Wilmot T. Smith Memorial Chapel at Goodwill Industries, 899 3rd St., beginning at 8 each morning.

The speaker tomorrow morning will be the Rev. Lloyd C. Schupbach, pastor of the Church of Christ, 1696 G St., whose subject will be "Absent but Accounted For."

The Wednesday morning speaker will be the Rev. Elwood E. Staff, assistant pastor of the Seventh day Adventist Church, 9th St. and Mountain View Ave.

Chaplain (Capt.) Robert B. Wilson of Norton Air Force Base chapel will speak Thursday morning on "Temptations of Jesus."

The week's concluding chapel service Friday morning will be conducted by The Rev. Fred F. Hayes, assistant pastor at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 785 Arrowhead Ave.

Employe Firing Before Council

Main item on tonight's San Bernardino City Council agenda is "the Ernest Rios case."

Rios has been suspended from his job as a jackhammer operator in the street department for using city equipment for pay on his own time.

John G. Center has asked the council to dismiss Rios.

Under the City Charter the council can dismiss an employe "for the good of the service" and if it is by four-fifths vote there is no appeal.

Labor Meetings

MONDAY, June 15
A.A., night, D.R.
Printing Pressmen 138, 5:30 p.m., B-Hall
Potters 226, night, A-Hall
Machinists 1047, night, B-Hall
TUESDAY, June 16
Central Labor Council, night, A-Hall
R. R. Shop Federation 115, night, C-Hall
FRIDAY, June 19
Carpenters 944, night, A-Hall
SATURDAY, June 20
Bakery Workers 37, 2 p.m., B-Hall
SUNDAY, June 21
Printing Specialties 388, 10 a.m., B-Hall

New Equipment, Techniques Shown

S.B. CARAVAN TOURS CITY OF HOPE FACILITIES

City of Hope Medical Center opened wide its doors Sunday. But this time it was welcoming members of the San Bernardino Valley Chapter of the City of Hope No. 434, 18 members of the San Bernardino Chapter of Gold Star Mothers and 37 members of the San Bernardino Senior Citizens on a guided tour of the world-famed "pilot-house of medical science" located at Duarte, Calif.

The caravan of San Bernardino citizens was escorted through every facility of City of Hope and received detailed commentaries on the tour by William Burke, director of hospital affairs, Murray Goldes, assistant director of hospital affairs; and Rose Waldem, City of Hope representative.

New addition to City of Hope's arsenal of weapons to battle catastrophic diseases is the new cesium-ring unit which offers definite advantages over the powerful cobalt unit, now completing its fourth year of operation. Unlike the cobalt machine, whose radiation ray is fixed, necessitating the rotation of the patient, the cesium unit permits the patient to remain in a stationary position while undergoing radiation treatment for deep-seated tumors and allied diseases.

Another interesting phase of City of Hope's latest in medical equipment is the new X-ray machine which is able to stop an X-ray in any specific area of the body. It can develop films in seven minutes.

An address by Dr. Melville L. Jacobs culminated a buffet luncheon which followed the tour. The famed radiologist, who is City of Hope's assistant medical director and chief of its department of radiology, briefly outlined the medical center's goals. He emphasized the close relationship maintained between City of Hope's basic research laboratories and its clinical areas.

Dr. Jacobs, a graduate of Stanford Medical School, told visiting San Bernardinans that medical science definitely is making gains in its relentless war on killer diseases.

He cited a major "breakthrough" which only has been announced in medical journals. City of Hope's Dr. Richard Schweet, biochemist, recently succeeded in synthesizing hemoglobin, one of the most essential components of blood, from ordinary inert chemicals.

Before Dr. Schweet's phenomenal discovery, hemoglobin's only source was from blood. Dr. Jacobs attributed the hemoglobin breakthrough to the tireless efforts of City of Hope's biochemists in the institution's basic research laboratories.

Dr. Jacobs spoke briefly on science's new attack on cancer. Presently there is a great research effort, he stated, in studies in cytology. Medical scientists are studying the chemical composition of individual human cells. If it is possible to relate this information regarding single cells to the millions of cells that make up the human body, scientists believe the mystery of the cause of cancer may be unraveled.

The distinguished radiologist stated the cure rate for cancer patients treated by radiation was increasing.

The tour — third sponsored by the San Bernardino chapter —was arranged by Mrs. P. T. Coleman, chapter president; Mrs. Harry G. Troxell, educational chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Streeter, co-chairman.

The Senior Citizens group's participation was arranged by Mervin Fillopino, San Bernardino YMCA.