

S. D. Union

San Diego, Cal. July 11, 1908.

A delightful automobile trip, covering a distance of nearly Two hundred miles has just been completed by a party of prominent San Diegans including, Mr. and Mrs. G. Aubrey Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Kendall, Miss Kate Sessions, Mr. George Cook, Dr. Adolph Kramer, Colonel and Mrs. Ed Fletcher, Mrs. F. T. Nason, Mrs. J. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. A. C. Riorden, Miss Riorden, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Oatman and Harold E. Marshall, who left the city the early party of the week in five automobiles.

The destination was Palomar Mountain and the trip from San Diego included a visit to Escondido, Valley Center, San Luis Rey Valley and Palomar Mountain. Leaving San Diego at 9:30 Monday morning the party spent a few moments at Escondido and then continued on to the foot of Palomar Mountain, where on the bank of the San Luis Rey River, under beautiful oak trees, a delightful lunch was served.

After a rest of an hour and a half, the entire party climbed the grade to Hotel Palomar, at Azalea Park, arriving there at about 7:00 P.M. The climb up the grade will long be remembered by the entire party. The timber line was reached at about sunset and one and all felt that the magnificent panorama secured at that time, alone repaid one for the trip.

After a delightful dinner at the hotel, served by Mrs. Penny, it was certainly a change from San Diego conditions to be able to wander around by moonlight through the heavy timber, a mile above the sea or gaze Westward from the promontory and see the search-lights of the cruisers off San Diego. The atmospheric conditions were

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perfect on Tuesday and one could sit on the porch of the hotel and see the entire country from the Table Mountains of Mexico to the San Clemente and Catalina Islands, as well as the intervening valleys and coast line.

Numerous trails have been made by the Fletcher-Salmons Investment Company through Azalea Park and all the party enjoyed a tramp down Tiger Lily Creek through the timber and among the acres of Azaleas. It was a rare treat to the ladies to be able to pick wild strawberries, wild roses and tiger lilies.

There were three, Mr. George Cook, Miss Kate Sessions and Dr. Adolph Kramer who absented themselves from the party most of the time while on Palomar. This is easily explained owing to the fact that they are noted for their interest in botany and horticulture and as lovers of nature, have done much to beautify San Diego. About noon, they appeared at the hotel, each with a collection of interesting specimens of flowers and shrubs from the woods, while Miss Sessions had a sack of leaf-mole on her back. One incident happened while on Palomar that caused considerable worry and excitement. Mr. G. Aubrey Davidson, our genial President of the Southern Trust & Savings Bank, while wandering through the woods, lost his way and a searching party with considerable difficulty located him in a dense clump of fir trees a mile from the hotel, picking and consuming wild straw-berries and thimble-berries.

The entire party took an automobile ride to the East end of the mountain. This was the most beautiful ride on the trip as a gorgeous view of practically the entire San Diego County was secured at different points, while ever now and then the road leads through

the most beautiful section of heavy timber that palomar can boast of.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Miss Kate Sessions, Messrs. George Cook, H. E. Marshall and Colonel Ed Fletcher made the run to Julian, coming down the next day, via Eagle peak road to San Diego, while the rest of the party came back via the San Luis Rey Valley and the coast. One and all agreed that Palomar mountain furnishes a resort in Summer that is unexcelled in any section of Southern California.

San Diego Union

San Diego, Cal. July 13, 1909.

A jolly party of San diegans made merry last week on Palomar Mountain, having made the trip by automobile from San Diego going by way of Oceanside and up the San Luis Rey Valley to Hotel Palomar. Miss Kate Sessions, one of the party was interviewed and from her the following information was received by a Union reporter, regarding the trip.

I cannot tell you how beautiful Palomar Mountain is at this time. Along the coast everything is so dry, while on the mountain five or six thousand feet above the sea, everything is so green and beautiful. Running brooks, wild Azaleas, ferns, lilies of different kinds and beautiful fir, cedar, pine and oak trees make a delightful change.

The road is good up the mountain and all of those from San Diego who can, should certainly make the trip. I was on the mountain for a week and never had a more enjoyable time. I have purchased a lot in Azalea Park and most of the time was on the property in the heavy timber, superintending the construction of my shack. I had a man fell a large cedar tree and the shakes for the structure were made on the ground as well as the beams and frame. I believe that everyone who can afford it, and there are few who cannot, should own a lot and build a little cabin on it so as to have some place to go to have a breathing spell during the summer months, if only for a week or two.

On Saturday night the corner stone of my cabin was laid with proper ceremony. We had a large fire burning all the evening on my property and all gathered around for an enjoyable time. Col. Ed Fletcher was master of ceremonies and Judge Sloane made the opening address. There were a number of recitations including the telling of many stories, singing of songs, which all joyed in and last but not least the refreshments, served on cedar shingles. The party broke up at 10:30 in the evening and I am sure no one will ever forget the pleasant time spent in the heart of the heavy timber on Palomar.

My lot is only a five minutes walk from Hotel Palomar, where a complete change is found. From the front porch of the hotel one can look down nearly a mile, a sheer drop into the San Luis Rey Valley as well as seeing nearly all of San Diego County, the ocean and at night the lights of San Diego. I feel that Palomar has a wonderful future and sincerely urge everyone in the city to get out into the mountains if only for a short time during the summer months, for a change will mean everything. Among those who made the trip to Palomar with me were Mrs. Amy Strong, Mr. A. L. Valentine, Miss M. Thompson and Wallace Andrews. Those gathered around the camp fire on Saturday evening were Judge and Mrs. W. A. Sloane, Miss Sloane, Mr. Lawrence Sloane, Mr. A. Bailey, Miss Bailey, Miss Sonden, Miss Ellen Sonden, Col. and Mrs. Ed Fletcher and others.

San Diego Union:-

It having been stated in the papers that the Volcan Water Company paid from 5¢ on the dollar up for the Linda Vista bonds and compromised with the land owners of Linda Vista on the basis of 50¢ on the dollar.

We, the undersigned, in justice to all parties in interest, desire to state that Ed Fletcher on February 9, 1911, contracted to pay and did pay \$159,440.00 to the Live Oak Corporation which owned the judgment under foreclosure of the Linda Vista bonds. In other words, the actual cost to Ed Fletcher of the Linda Vista bonds brought to judgment was 50¢ on the dollar with interest.

We also wish to state that nearly two years later, the Volcan Water Company made a settlement with the land owners in the Linda Vista district and accepted 50¢ on the dollar for all assessments in full payment of their indebtedness as evidenced by said bonds above referred to.

Respectfully submitted.

San Diego, Cal.,

September 15, 1914.

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Washington, D.C. February 4, 1918

San Diego Union

San Diego California.

San Diego Counties application for aid from the Federal Government thru the State Highway Commission of California for the Building of a pathed ~~highway~~ highway from San Diego to El Centro stands a fair chance of success ^{strenuous} Colonel Fletcher is making ~~every~~ effort Having had two conferences ^{U.S.} each with ~~the~~ department of roads and the solicitors office Both departments have now reported the appropriations of three hundred and seventy three thousand dollars favorably and Colonel Fletcher presents the case to Secretary of Agriculture Mr. ~~Houston~~ Houston Tuesday morning for his final approval There are eight other road projects from the State of California now under consideration but by telegraph Colonel Fletcher secured the State Highway Commissioner of California consent to place the

January 12th, 1929.

Mr. C. E. Orcutt
c/o San Diego Union
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Orcutt:

I am enclosing copy of letter from the secretary of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce for your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:CMF
Encl.

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San Deigo El Centro project first on the ~~list~~ list Colonel Fletcher and William R. Wheeler of Washington and Alpine have been very much interested in this project and only a few weeks ago made the trip San Diego to El Centro to get the necessary signatures of indorsement from the Postmasters along the ~~entire~~ entire route .

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February 27th,
1929

Mr. Wm. V. O'Farrell,
Circulation Mgr.,
San Diego Union,
San Diego, Calif.

Friend O'Farrell:

I had to kick but I have my breakfast at seven o'clock and leave at 7:30 every morning. The Union did not come until ten minutes to seven this morning. The average is about six thirty or six forty-five.

We used to have the paper delivered regularly between half past five and six.

Is there no way in which we can have an early delivery around our section.

One day out of three I never see the Union.

The joke of it is the papers are all delivered in El Cajon and La Mes a earlier than they are in San Diego, according to the information I have received.

Please look the matter up and see what you can do for us, and oblige.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

June Third,
1929

San Diego Union,
San Diego,
California.

Gentlemen:

I only ordered the advertisement in for the month of April for "Magic Street" and am not responsible for any obligations in relation thereto except with my written approval.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

August 8th, 1923.

San Diego Union
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of letter that has gone forward
to the Board of Supervisors today.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF
Encl.

December Second,
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San Diego Union,
San Diego,
Calif.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for \$50 toward the Dirigible
base expenses.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

October 17th, 1929.

San Diego Union
San Diego, California.

Attention Mr. Perry:

Dear Mr. Perry:

No one could have done better than you and your organization in helping the Community Chest Campaign, but as you know we are behind.

Conditions financially are much worse than last year.

The following is not for publication, but the records show that 188 business and establishment divisions in this city have given either **nothing** or greatly reduced their donations to the Community Chest, which has caused practically all the shortage. In the city employees, the fact that the firemen and policemen did not get their raise in salary has cut down their subscriptions 50%. We have lost several thousand dollars by death, as compared to last year, but we are bound to go over the top.

I have never seen such spirit in an organization in my life. We need your help now more than ever before in the matter of publicity and for the good name of San Diego. Please go the limit and help us.

There is nothing that will help to make a failure in this campaign like taking the Community Chest news off the front page. There is nothing that will help the town more than to succeed. Today you are more a vital part of our organization for success or failure than any other instrumentality in this city. Please support us.

Sincerely yours,

October Twenty-ninth,
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Mr. E. E. Perry,
Asst. City Editor,
San Diego Union,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Perry:

I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful cooperation received from you in putting over the Community Chest campaign for the largest amount of money that has ever been raised in this community. No single thing has done so much to attain success.

Without your support in any campaign the Chest plea, will fail, in my opinion.

I am through taking the leadership, feeling that I have done all that the city has any right to demand of me. It has been hard work, an awful strain but the marvelous backing I received not alone from the papers but from the individual workers has been an inspiration that I will never forget.

Please accept my grateful thanks both personally and on behalf of the campaign workers.

Sincerely yours,

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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