NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

TRAILS IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

It is with satisfaction that the Sierra Club notes the splendid progress made during 1930 in constructing the High Sierra Trail. This easily graded trail will make the Kern River region of Sequoia National Park readily accessible from Giant Forest. Walter L. Huber, who made a special trip of inspection in behalf of the Sierra Club at the close of the field season, reports the trail completed from Giant Forest beyond Bearpaw Meadow to the crossing of the upper Middle Fork of the Kaweah below Lone Pine Meadow. When completed this will be one of the finest high-mountain trails in the United States, both in standard of construction and in magnitude of scenery traversed. Plans are now being prepared under the direction of Colonel John R. White, Superintendent of Sequoia National Park, for the 1931 construction. These include surveying difficulties of the first magnitude in crossing Kaweah Gap to reach the headwaters of Big Arroyo. The new pass, Kaweah Gap, will be over 1000 feet lower than the present rough trail over Black Rock Pass, will have a better exposure, and will pass through the true Yosemite scenery of the Hamilton Lake and River Valley country. The location has been carefully studied by Engineer John H. Dible, whose enthusiasm and hard work have been largely instrumental in pushing the project over the Great Western Divide. Completion of construction to the Big Arroyo will make possible a new and very wonderful itinerary for the 1932 outing of the Sierra Club.

It is also expected that the season of 1931 will show completion of the relocation of the John Muir Trail over Foresters Pass, near Junction Peak. The Forest Service is planning to bring the trail work up to the crest of the pass on the north side, where it will connect with the work being done by the National Park Service on the Kern River side.

During 1930 the trail to the summit of Mount Whitney was completed from both east and west sides.

These trail projects in Sequoia National Park have been under the general direction of Chief Engineer Frank Kittredge, of the San Francisco office of the National Park Service, who has done so much to forward the engineering projects throughout the national parks of the West.

JOHN MUIR MEMORIAL SHELTER

Through the generosity of the late George Frederick Schwarz, the Sierra Club was enabled during the season of 1930 to construct a shelter hut on the summit of Muir Pass. This unique structure is built entirely of stone, including the conical roof. The design, by Henry H. Guerterson, San Francisco architect, follows a type of construction much used in the province of Apulia in the heel