...it has been definitely decided that The Kaweah Kiddie Kamp, near Hammond, will not be opened this year until July 1 instead of June 1, as had been expected. The Kaweah River waters will not recede sufficiently by June 1 in the opinion of those interested to permit opening on that date.

...The Kamp will run two months—one group of kiddies being taken up on July 1 and one bunch on August 1.

Throughout the county there is a growing pleasure in the announcement that the Kamp will be open again this season and those in charge feel that the money necessary to carry on the work will be subscribed by the communities of the county interested.

THREE RIVERS

The site selected some six miles above Three Rivers, on the bank of the Kaweah, lent itself ideally to the purpose in view, the children having the run of about eight acres of sand flat with here and there a group of magnificent sycamores and at the upper end the natural swimming pool. The greatest asset of all.

The very simple equipment installed for this first experiment consisted of a single building, 50x18 feet which served the purpose of mess hall and kitchen. Tents generously loaned by the Southern California Edison company, formed the dress rooms.

The children, organized in squads of about fifteen, each group having a leader skilled in the handling of boys and girls, selected the shade of sycamores or willows in which to set up their cots with military neatness. And great was the rivalry amongst them for possession of the pennant presented weekly to the squad having the best sleeping quarters. Here, too, many of the children congregated for the rest hours, from 1-2 daily, and many of them acquired the habit of getting a good nap during this period.

As is so often the case with children suffering from malnutrition, few of them had the milk or mush habit when they came to the camp, but exertion in the swimming pool morning and afternoon soon developed such a hearty appetite that whatever was set before them vanished like magic and milk disappeared at the rate of over a quart day per child.

Dr. Nice will examine each member of the camp on their entrance will keep an accurate record of the gain made by the children while they are here. He will also be on hand to care for any member who has any case of sickness. In this way the children will be kept in the best of health at all times.

The one main attraction of the youngsters, the one to which they look forward to with a great deal of interest is the meals, and the Tuberculosis Association is seeing to it that they will have the proper variety and amount of food Mrs. Parker, who cared for the culinary needs last year will be on hand again this season and will satisfy the hunger of the campers.

A regular schedule has been worked out by the authorities, starting at 7:00am when the children arise and do sitting-up exercises for a few minutes, which is followed by breakfast. A play period lasts till 10:00am and then everyone takes a dip in the river. This latter number of the daily program will not be carried out until the weather is warmer. A milk lunch follows the swim and during the remaining few minutes till noon another play period is enjoyed. Immediately after lunch a rest period is taken, during which the children lie down and sometimes sleep for a short time. Another swim is held in mid-afternoon and supper is served at 5:30pm, with taps being sounded at 7:30pm.

The sleeping porches are constructed of screen and fresh air is enjoyed the entire night.

(Ed. Note: Kiddie Kamp was operated in Three Rivers for eight years,, until the Tuberculosis Association set up a more complete operation in Springville for the County and Kidde Kamp was closed.)
Things are moving fast around the museum. Additional exhibits, added space and so much more.

We have been talking about the Mineral King Preservation Society joining forces to give them a home. The sea-train for them is in place along with a sea-train for the museum. They are both located on the Bequette Park property and will provide much needed storage areas for both associations.

Next comes the addition of 750 square feet of display space to the main building of the museum. Construction should start in late May. This addition will provide display space for MKPS with some additional space for the museum artifacts. The funding for this project and sea-train for MKPS has been provided by MKPS. This is a big addition to the museum and we are looking forward to having MKPS as part of our museum family.

The Sequoia Shuttle will be starting May 21st for travel from Visalia to Giant Forest with a new stop in Three Rivers at the museum, which replaces the Memorial Building stop. There will be signage for special parking at the west end of the Bequette Park property.

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**GIFT SHOP UPDATE**

The Historical Society is financially supported by donations from individuals and sales from the Museum’s Gift Shop. We try to stock items that are of interest to persons of all ages and background. There are fiction and nonfiction books, including books about Native Americans, wildflowers, nature, science, history, survival, weather, and pioneers, many of them by local authors. There are puzzles and games, earrings, note cards, photos, and prints, small flashlights and Junior Ranger flashlight with extra survival items (i.e. compass, whistle, Morse Code, etc.), rocks, field guides, trail maps, shopping tote bags, and much more.

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**NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES BY DODY MARSHALL**

Over the past six months TRHS Museum has received some very unusual and special donations. Last month Carla Treuting donated a beautiful 1920’s sideboard, a very large (Paul Bunyan size) bowl her husband, Frank Treuting, carved from the burl of an oak tree, and an old starboard light. Clancy Barlow donated a beautiful 1947 silk jacket with dragon, flags and “City of Tientsin, China” embroidered on it. Richard Blakemore donated his grandfather’s scythe from the 1860’s; Rick Fraser donated a display cabinet; and Donald Thompson donated his homemade Ferris wheel.

Many people have sat and used the reference library we have put together from the many books and news article albums donated to the museum. There are history books about the local area and California; many different types of cookbooks; Native American history and culture; wildlife and wildflower or gardening books; novels; documentary books regarding World Wars I and II. There are even arithmetic, English, and geography school books from the late 1800’s – for exhibiting only.

Stop by anytime you see our “Open” sign in the window, normally 9am-5pm from April through September and 9am-3pm during the winter. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated.
Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6th 8am-4pm, at the Museum
We want to give you plenty of time to clean out that garage, attic or whatever you have.
$10.00 will hold your space

Who is Sequoia Natural History Association, (or SNHA)?
And why is the Museum interested in them?

Sequoia Natural History Association (SNHA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education, interpretation, research and the natural and historic preservation of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Devils Postpile National Monument and Lake Kaweah.

The Sequoia Natural History Association was created to assist the National Park Service in supporting educational endeavors, research, and preservation efforts in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. When first established 75 years ago, the organization had just a couple of employees and sold $530 in books in one visitor center.

Today, SNHA boasts a membership of over 2,000 and the operation of eight visitor center bookstores, Crystal Cave, the Sequoia Field Institute, and much more. Income from these operations allows SNHA to purchase supplies for interpretative programs including hikes and campfire talks by park rangers; fund research projects; and publish the official park newspaper. Over 50 employees now dedicate themselves to enhancing the experience in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and surrounding communities. In the past decade, SNHA has given over 14 million dollars of aid to support education, research and natural & cultural preservation to the parks.

The Sequoia Field Institute (SFI) is the educational branch of the Sequoia Natural History Association. Each year, SFI presents opportunities for park visitors to enjoy the parks. The educational adventures, or EdVentures, range from living history, astronomy, extensive backpacking trips, natural history walks, kids’ programs and winter sports to name a few.

SNHA, SFI, and the Three Rivers Historical Society have joined forces and will be collaborating on several projects and events this year:

- Living History Day, October 10, will feature SNHA/SFI naturalists who will portray historical characters from our Park’s history in performances that will take place throughout the day. As well, SNHA will host a booth with information about Sequoia and Kings Canyon, the Dark Sky Festival and more.

- In September the Historical Society will be a featured Three Rivers location during the parks’ second annual Dark Sky Festival with activities for kids and families and at the end of the month will team up with SNHA for National Public Lands Day.

These are just a few of the adventures we are embarking on together and this is just the beginning of a wonderful partnership.
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Artifact of the Month, May 2015

Early Transportation

Stage Coach Visalia to Kaweah,
Mule and Cart Three Rivers,
Early Car in Mineral King,
Family Picnic in Cherokee Flats,
1923 School Bus,
Bill Swanson Stage to Mineral King.

Artifact of the Month June 2015

Children's School Books

Yard Sale, June 6th
Hold your space NOW