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After the business meeting, Ranger Ross led interested docents on a walk on Broken Hills Trail, showing us where new trails will be. It was a great walk!

Our December meeting will be a pot-luck breakfast. Joan Neumann and Elsa Evans are organizing it. Please contact one of them about what you will bring.

ELLEN B. SCRIPPS-by Jane Falvey-Along with many visitors to our reserve, many new docents are interested in information about Ellen B. Scripps. I hope this reprint from the July 1977 issue of "The Torreyana" will help.

The following is from the framed biography in the museum and also the San Diego Union obituary of Margaret Hawkins. Many of us will find this a good review for future talks!

Ellen Browning Scripps was born in London on October 18, 1836. Among her ancestors were the philosopher, John Locke, and the introducer of vaccination, Dr. Edward Jenner. Her father, twice a widower, emigrated to America with his 6 surviving children to Rushville, Illinois, in 1844. He married a third wife who bore him 5 children. The youngest was Edward Willis Scripps, almost 18 years younger than Ellen. From childhood Ellen had shown unusual intelligence and character.

After graduating from high school she taught school, saving her money to attend Knox College, from which she graduated in 1859. She resumed teaching until 1866 when she joined her oldest brother James on the Detroit Tribune. In 1873, she joined James who was establishing the Detroit News. Later she joined E.W., as her half-brother Edward Willis was called, on the newly founded Cleveland Penny Press. She introduced to journalism the modern newspaper "feature", writing under the by-line "Miss Ellen's Miscellany."

She continued her simple frugal life, devoting her growing income to personal and public benefactions. Schools, colleges, hospitals, parks, welfare organizations, zoos, museums and research institutions were among her beneficiaries.

In 1890, she and E.W. bought a ranch (Scripps Ranch) at Miramar where she lived until she bought a home in La Jolla. In 1900 she bought Torrey Pines Point, and in 1922 built the Lodge which was used as a refectory, and presented them to San Diego.

E.W. Scripps was founder of the newspaper chain and United Press, now United Press International. His son, Robert Payne Scripps, was principal stockholder of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers until his death in 1938. There is an Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation administered by members of her family. She died on August 3, 1932.

From San Diego Union, September 11, 1978 (more about Ellen B. Scripps)

Ellen Scripps made her contributions to San Diego's beauty after her retirement as a newspaperwoman. She had 30 years ahead of her when she retired to La Jolla. She and her brother, E.W. Scripps, made possible the development of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Miss Scripps donated a number of buildings for various uses and gave the commissions to Irving Gill, a talented architect of the time. He also designed her home, which is now the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Arts.

## CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK PLANNED

Joan Neumann and Elsa Evans are planning a XMAS Pot-Luck Breakfast. They will prepare the main course of eggs and fruitcup. Everyone else should bring some type of XMAS goodies. Please talk to Elsa or Joan at the November meeting for more information as to what you should bring.

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Green spring,  
Long heat of summer,  
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-R.N.H.-

A FOND FAREWELL

Upon behalf of the Torrey Pines Docent Society, I would like to wish a fond farewell and best wishes to Sue Karcher who will be leaving San Diego in December. Sue, a graduate student at the University of California, San Diego, will soon be receiving her Ph.D. in Chemistry. She will be going to the University of Washington in Seattle to do Post Doctorate Research in molecular biology. She will be joining her husband at the University of Washington who is doing Post Doctorate Research in microbiology. Sue, who became a docent in November 1976, is currently on the board of directors serving as Executive Secretary.

THE PAST IN THE PINES-by Grace Claire

Margaret (Mrs. Eldon) Allen, daughter of the first Torrey Pines custodian, Guy Fleming, has many fascinating remembrances of early days in the Reserve when she, her brother, and their parents lived for many years in the house just north of the lodge.

The house was built by her grandfather, the late James Fleming of La Jolla, who was a carpenter. He made all the tables for the Lodge which opened in 1923 as a restaurant. These square tables are still used in the Lodge for many other purposes.

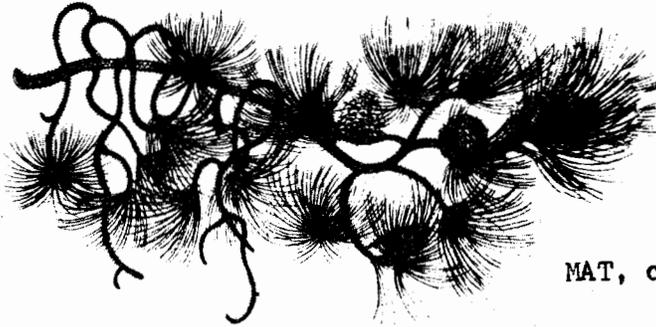
The restaurant, on the main highway between Los Angeles and San Diego, was leased to Mr. and Mrs. John Burkholder, whose cooking was legendary. Tanner Tour Line buses made it a regular stop. So did Sunday drivers from La Jolla who often had to back their Model T's up the steep grade so that gasoline would run into the engine. Ladies from La Jolla regularly drove up for afternoon tea and delicious tea cakes.

In those days, the exhibit room and terrace formed the restaurant, the slide room and the docent lounge were the Burkholder's living quarters, and the waitresses lived in the YCC office. The ranger's office was the kitchen and behind it was the large workroom and pantry.

Gypsies sometimes camped on Torrey Pines Mesa and came at tea time to tell fortunes, but guests had to be careful that the gypsies didn't pinch their pocketbooks. One group of gypsies even held up a bank in La Jolla!

Something was always going on at the Lodge. Once one of the waitresses was sprayed by a pet skunk and then she ran through the restaurant causing much consternation. Birds and lizards also passed through the dining room, but guests seemed to enjoy it.

Although life so far from other children was sometimes lonely, Mrs. Allen would never trade her childhood in the park for another environment. She knew every area in the Reserve and her favorite was called Owl Cave. When she and her girl-friend wanted to hide from her brother, they descended into the cave by rope and, of course, had to exit by climbing back up the rope.



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