

A Gem in a Setting Rare



THREE FLAGS HIGHWAY

Three Flags Highway, which traverses Mono county on its way from Mexico to Canada, is now known as U. S. 395. This great mountain highway is a year-round route between Los Angeles and Reno.

ONE of the widely known areas of the county is that containing Silver, June, Gull, Gem and Grant lakes, which are familiar to sportsmen visiting this district. These lakes are known both for the quantity and size of their fish. June, Gull and Gem lakes are noted for their large fish, and Silver Lake, nestled between high peaks, is well stocked with Rainbow trout. The Fern Creek State Fish Hatchery is located between June and Silver lakes.

Numerous camping places may be found here and many pack trips are available. Rush Creek is another stream along which are many campsites.

The interest and admiration of the traveler always is attracted by the weird and unusual beauty and color of Mono Lake, skirted on the west by the Three Flags Highway. Mono Lake covers approximately 100,000 acres. Its waters are so highly mineralized no fish may live in it. Added to its scenic beauty are two islands in the center of the lake, known as Paoha and Negit Islands. Upon the larger of these are boiling hot springs, steam vents and pools.

NEAR the lake are Mono Craters, rising to an elevation of 9,000 feet, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power construction camps for the Mono Basin water project. On the edge of the lake are several resorts and the town of Leevinging.

Twenty-five miles north of Mono Lake, over Conway Summit, is Bridgeport, Mono County seat, center for those who tap the beauties and sporting paradise of northern Mono County. Within a short distance of town are many good fishing lakes, such as Virginia Lakes, Twin Lakes, Green Lakes, as well as several streams, principal one being Walker River.

Bridgeport also is the center of the county's cattle and sheep-raising industries.

Just north of Bridgeport are located Fales Hot Springs, the junction of Sonora Pass road to the San Joaquin Valley, and Antelope Valley, a prosperous agricultural region, with Coleville as the principal community in the valley. Here Topaz Lake beckons the fisherman, being on the California-Nevada line.

Many back country trips may be taken out of Antelope Valley points, as well as at scores of other points in Mono county. Full information can be secured at any resort, store or gasoline station.

Truly, you have not seen California until you have visited this mountain empire of forest-fringed peaks; dashing, sporting streams; hidden, inviting lakes and beautiful Sierra panoramas.