

## "Country of Varying Moods"



With all features of a small community, this is one of four camps built by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to house workers employed on its Mono Basin water development program.



**L**OS ANGELES vacationists who seek tonic effects of stream and forest in a setting of rugged beauty that is easily accessible find a mecca in the eastern slopes of the Sierra-Nevada. Speeding along smooth highways residents of Los Angeles find that they are paralleling the route of the aqueduct that brings them water whose sources lie 340 miles away.

Owens River, which winds its way through Mono and Inyo counties, receives the flow of countless sparkling streams and icy lakes. Between the towns of Independence and Big Pine the river is turned into the aqueduct, 238 miles in length.

A trip to this northern playground is rewarded by a vista of unmatched grandeur and diversified scenery. For Los Angeles residents it emphasizes the magnitude of the City's municipal systems supplying water and electric power.

As a source of water supply the southern end of Mono county is divided by the range which includes extinct volcanic cones of Mono Craters.

In this region is the narrow chasm of Owens River Gorge, where the River is turned through pipes and harnessed to generating machinery in power plants to produce electricity. At the mouth of this steep, rocky gorge, the Department of Water and Power is building a dam that will store a quantity of water sufficient to cover 163,000 acres to a depth of one foot, at a cost of \$1,500,000. The impounded waters in Long Valley will create a new scenic feature along the State Highway.

Through a construction program amounting to approximately \$10,000,000 the rocky barrier separating the lower watersheds is being pierced by a tunnel more than 11 miles in length. The tunnel will add the combined flow of five important creeks—Mill, Rush, Leevining, Walker and Parker—to the present cargo of Owens River. These streams now empty into Mono Lake, a large body of water that has no outlet. In connection with the huge project a dam is being built at Grant Lake.

This extensive water development program will not disturb the natural beauties of the myriad fresh streams of this picturesque region. The City urges Los Angeles residents to see for themselves the playground that has been mentioned by world travelers in the same breath with the Alps.