

SPECIAL ADVANCE ISSUE

Set No. 1

# GYPSY JAUNTS



**FREE**  
**FUN and ADVENTURE**  
..... in Southern California

for **FAMILIES - GROUPS**  
**VISITORS - TEENAGERS**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS**

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

In the months ahead you will be accumulating a valuable collection of places-to-go and things-to-do that will add much enjoyment to your leisure hours. This collection will become one of the most prized possessions in your home.....if you use it!

The fun and adventure experiences featured in "GYPSY JAUNTS" are, with a few exceptions, absolutely free of any costs except the cost of gasoline for your car.

The method of presenting these attractions is unique. For ease of reading we have used 'bite-sized' bits of information in paragraph form instead of in columns. Almost fifty per cent of the space is filled with photographs. The "Talking" Maps are made to look 'as if' we were face to face, and we were giving you directions. We have tried to give detailed information on the maps rather than an accurate scale of miles. Use them in conjunction with your road map.

It has been our particular desire to report each detail accurately. However, we cannot be responsible for occasional changes in "hours open," "road conditions," "changes in policy" and other possible discrepancies beyond our control. Whenever possible we have given you phone numbers to call if you wish to check on the latest information.

### IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The expense of researching and preparing the material for "GYPSY JAUNTS" has amounted to many thousands of dollars. The funds to meet these expenses have been provided by seven leading independent dairies in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties, including,

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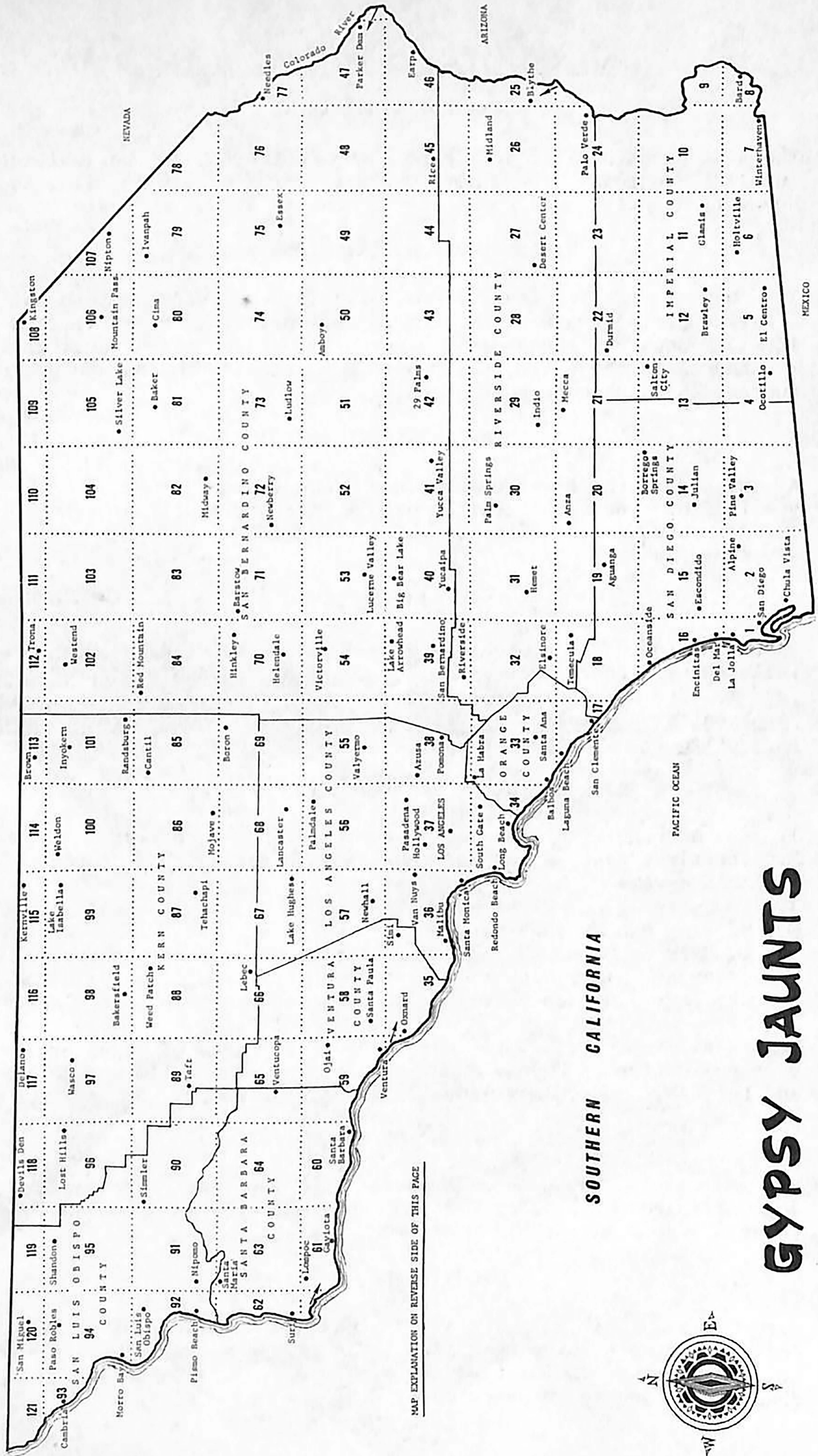
May you and your loved ones have a thousand carefree  
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MAP EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE



# GYPSY JAUNTS

## MAP EXPLANATIONS AND FILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 121 ADVENTURE AREAS

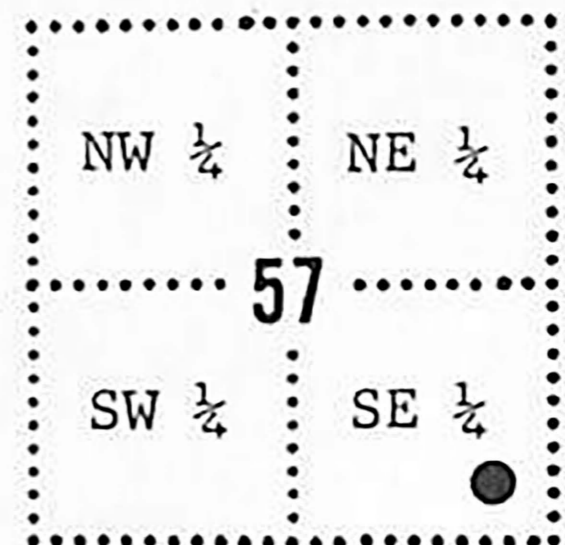
The map on the back of this page shows Southern California divided into 121 sections. These sections are approximately 24 miles square. However, no effort has been made to make an accurate 'scale of miles.'

### DIVIDE SECTIONS INTO FOUR PARTS

If you will draw imaginary lines, dividing each section into four separate parts, you will be creating 484 adventure areas...each about 12 miles square. These newly created areas are called 'quarters.' You have a northeastern, northwestern, southeastern and southwestern quarter in each numbered section.

### THE LITTLE BLACK DOT

At the top of the first page of each "Gypsy Jaunt" you'll find a numbered section with a black dot in it. The dot shows what quarter of the section the adventure is in.



### THE CODE

On the bottom of each page you'll see the title of each adventure, followed by a code. For example: Gypsy Jaunt/"Beale's Cut," 57 SE - Page 1. The simple interpretation of this code is that the Gypsy Jaunt entitled "Beale's Cut" is located in the southeastern quarter of section 57. You will be using this code in your filing system.

### NOW, WE'RE READY TO START FILING

1. Buy a three-ring looseleaf notebook, 7 X 9 inch size.
2. The first page in the notebook will be the map on the back of this page.
3. Now start putting the pages in your notebook. Imagine yourself putting a book together.  
...Each numbered section is a chapter. Keep each chapter in its proper place..in order from 'chapter' 1 to 'chapter' 121.  
The pages in each section ('chapter') begin with a new 'Page 1.'

That's all there is to it! Keep adding new pages of adventure to your collection of "Gypsy Jaunts." Your notebook will get thicker and thicker, and you may want to get more notebooks.

### ADDED HINTS

You may want to buy a set of index guides for your collection. If so, you will need one divider for each section. For added durability, reinforcements on the holes of each page can be used.

### YOUR "TALKING" MAPS

Each "Gypsy Jaunt" features a "talking" map. These maps are not scaled, but notes have been made in an effort to make the map more helpful to you. You'll also see a note telling you how you can use roadmaps to locate the area covered by the "talking" map.



## BEALE'S CUT

A ten-minute look at history.....or an exploring adventure of an hour or more in Fremont Pass.....soak yourself with imagination about the transportation problems of the Old West and the amazing spirit of the men who solved them.... chances are, Los Angeles would never have become the great trade center of Southern California if General Beale's men had not conquered this mountain pass.

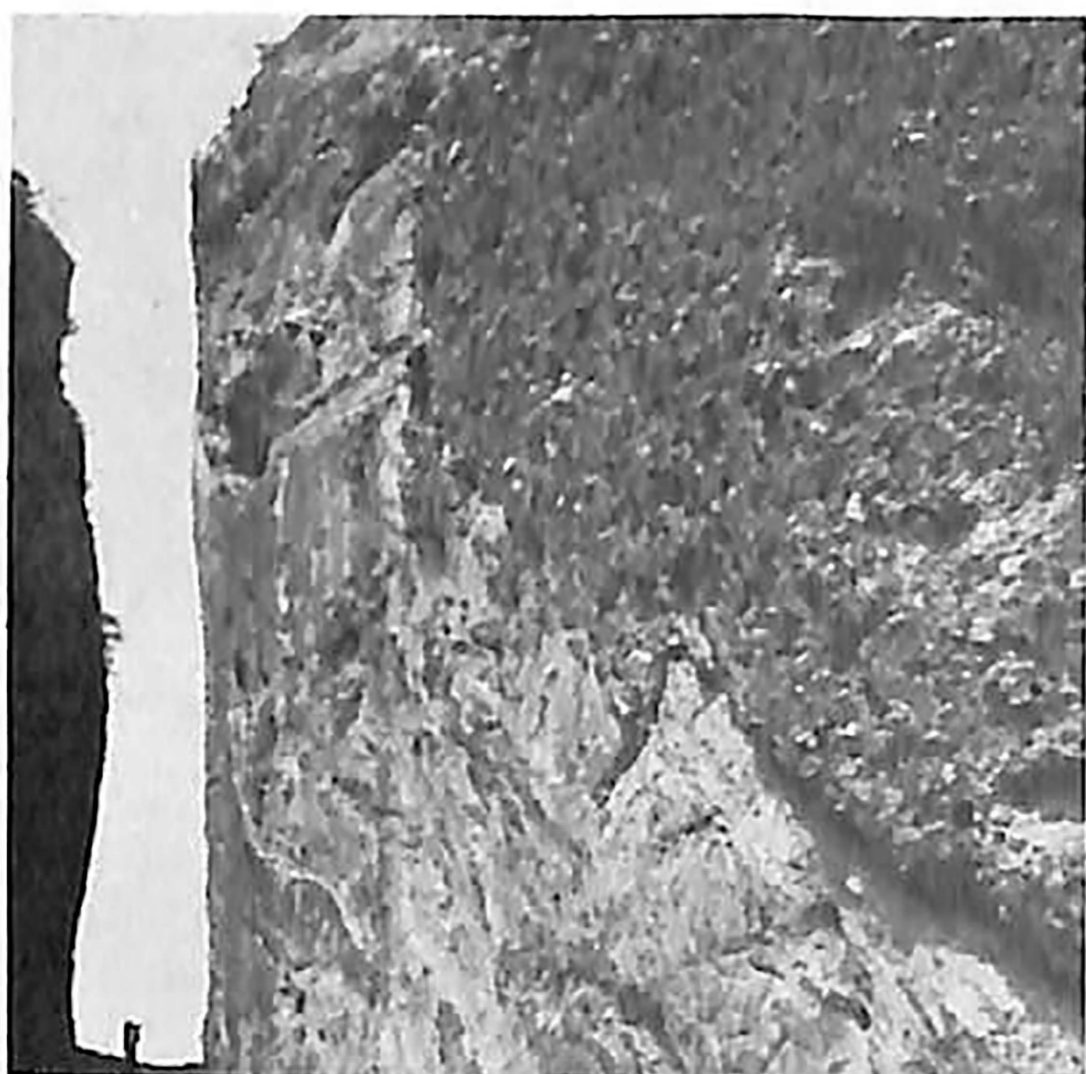
### IT HAPPENED OVER A CENTURY AGO

The road was too steep for the stage coaches traveling between Los Angeles and Northern California. Passengers and drivers pushed and tugged at the wooden wheels. Bandits might show up at any moment!

General E. F. Beale, a prominent landowner of the area, made the trip many times. Often, the freight wagons carrying supplies to his ranches were unable to make the grade unless the cargo was unloaded. Sometimes, the cargo rolled down the mountainside and was a total loss.

Frustrated by the problems the road presented, General Beale gathered fifty of his men together to perform one of the greatest engineering tasks of his day..... They cut a 92-foot slot out of the middle of the mountain..... with hand tools! The stages and wagons rolled through with ease. The gateway from the North into Los Angeles was opened.

Today's busy highway, U. S. #6, passes within a few hundred feet of this masterpiece of yesteryear's efforts to conquer the obstacles that nature placed in the path of progress.



The giant chasm  
seems to beckon to you,  
"Come, stand between my walls.  
Look up.  
Imagine the hours of hard labor,  
with only hand tools, that fashioned me.  
Brush my sides  
you may still see the chisel marks  
made by the determined men  
who toiled here."





### ECHOES OF THE PAST

Standing in the center of Beale's Cut  
you can hear your echo.  
Listen, too, for the echoes  
of old wagons creaking past,  
stagecoach drivers urging the horses  
to strain harder,  
General Beale's voice,  
directing his crews of 'highway builders'  
and the ring  
of fifty hammers and chisels!  
Listen!....Hear them?



### MYSTERIOUS SILENCE

A strange thing happens  
just a short distance from the spot  
in this picture.  
The road leads around the corner  
of a small hill where.....  
suddenly, all sounds  
of the nearby highway fade....  
Silence everywhere,  
except for the soft, melodious songs  
of the birds  
who make their homes here.



### ACTIVITY FOR YOUNGSTERS

Numerous, almost overgrown, trails  
point the direction  
to the ends of miniature box canyons.  
You'll enjoy these nature jaunts.  
They're usually  
not more than five or ten-minute walks  
from the old road.

Children will find  
plenty of realistic scenery for  
"cowboys and Indians"  
or "stagecoach holdup" games.



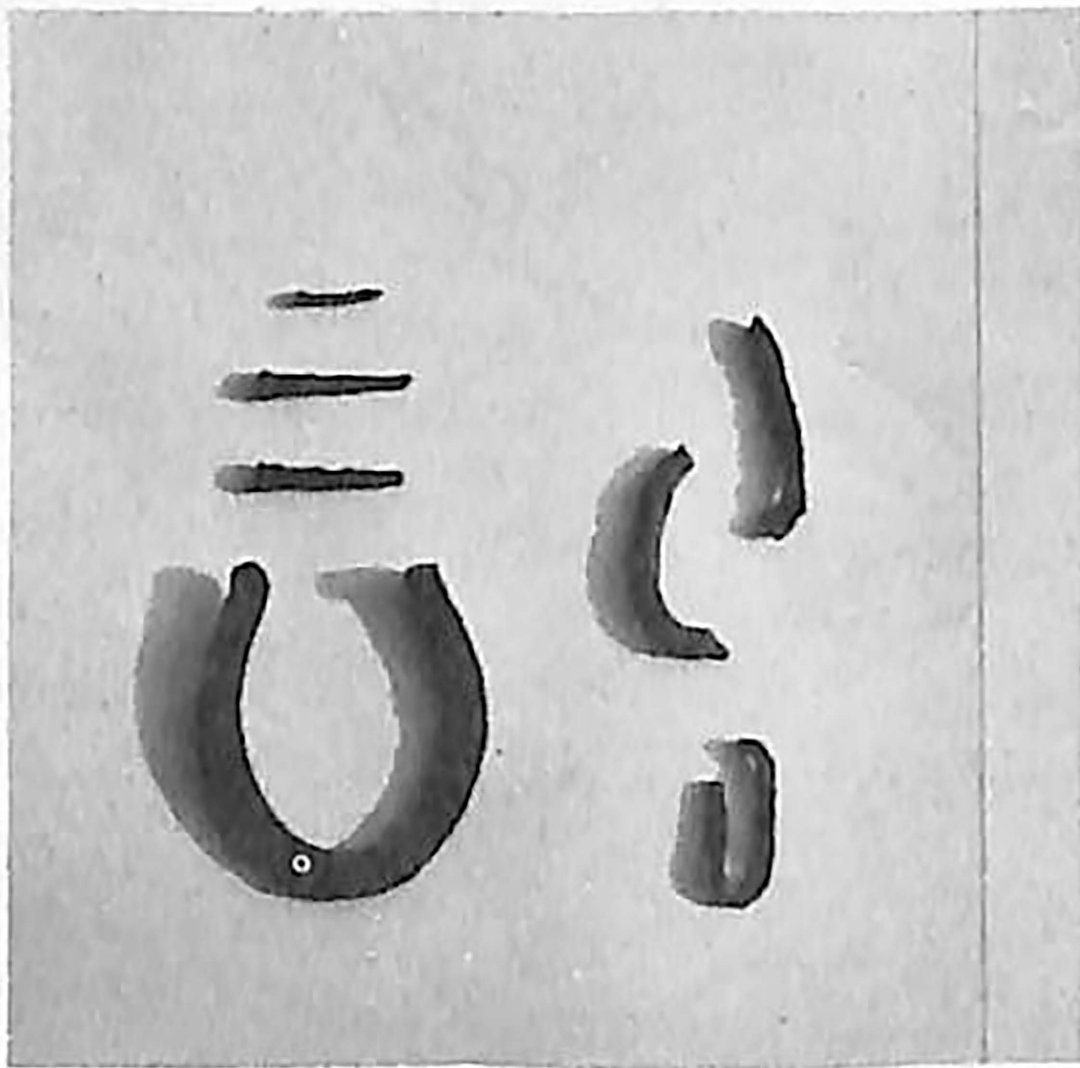
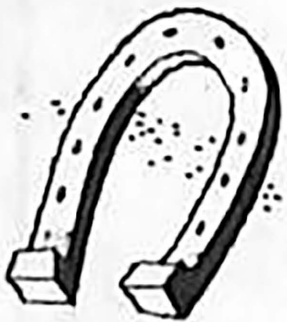


### GOOD PLACE TO "BREAK IN" HIKERS

All of the adventuresome spirit of a hike into remote areas is available on this jaunt. Yet, as this picture shows, you are never far from busy U.S. Highway #6 where you will park your car.

### EXPLORING

Visitors of all ages will have fun looking for relics of bygone days along this historic old road. The links of chain, horseshoe and old handmade nails, shown in the picture, were found as recently as April of 1964 (by eleven year old Patrick Saunders). Possibly, the remnants of one of the wagons that rolled down the side of the mountain before Beale's Cut was made.



### STRONG SURVIVED

Look closely at the black scar on the trunk of this old oak. Once gutted by fire, it has recovered from its great wound, and again struts its greenery for the folks who visit Beale's Cut. Let's hope that it is never hurt again. Remember that fire prevention in Nature's Wonderland begins with us. Say hello to the old tree as you pass by. It's close to the old road.

COMMENTS: Before taking this jaunt, adults should tell the youngsters some of the history that took place in the area. The footsteps of many famous people in California history passed this way.

This is an ideal "break-in" experience for those who haven't taken a hike during the past few years. It's an easy climb. Senior citizens with a minimum of hiking stamina may enjoy the walk if they "take it slow," or they can view the "Cut" from the highway with no walking.

Why not picnic in the floor of Beale's Cut. Look up the 92-foot walls. During lunch you might discuss the merits of the modern freeway system.

Have fun in the outdoors....with history,

YOUR GYPSY GUIDE

