

# Palomar Mountain Vintage Photographs

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## 1911 photograph set

These Palomar Mountain photographs are dated 1911 and came from a photograph album dating 1903 – 1915. The sequence of photos in this album are unknown, but they comprise a trip to Palomar Mountain. Judging from the number and subject of other photos in this album, the original owner probably lived in Ramona, and was associated with a Valley Hardware store there.



**Climbing Palomar Mountain via East Grade and looking east towards the San Luis Rey River and Warner Valley. This picture was taken before Henshaw Dam was built.**





**At higher elevation on Palomar Mountain**



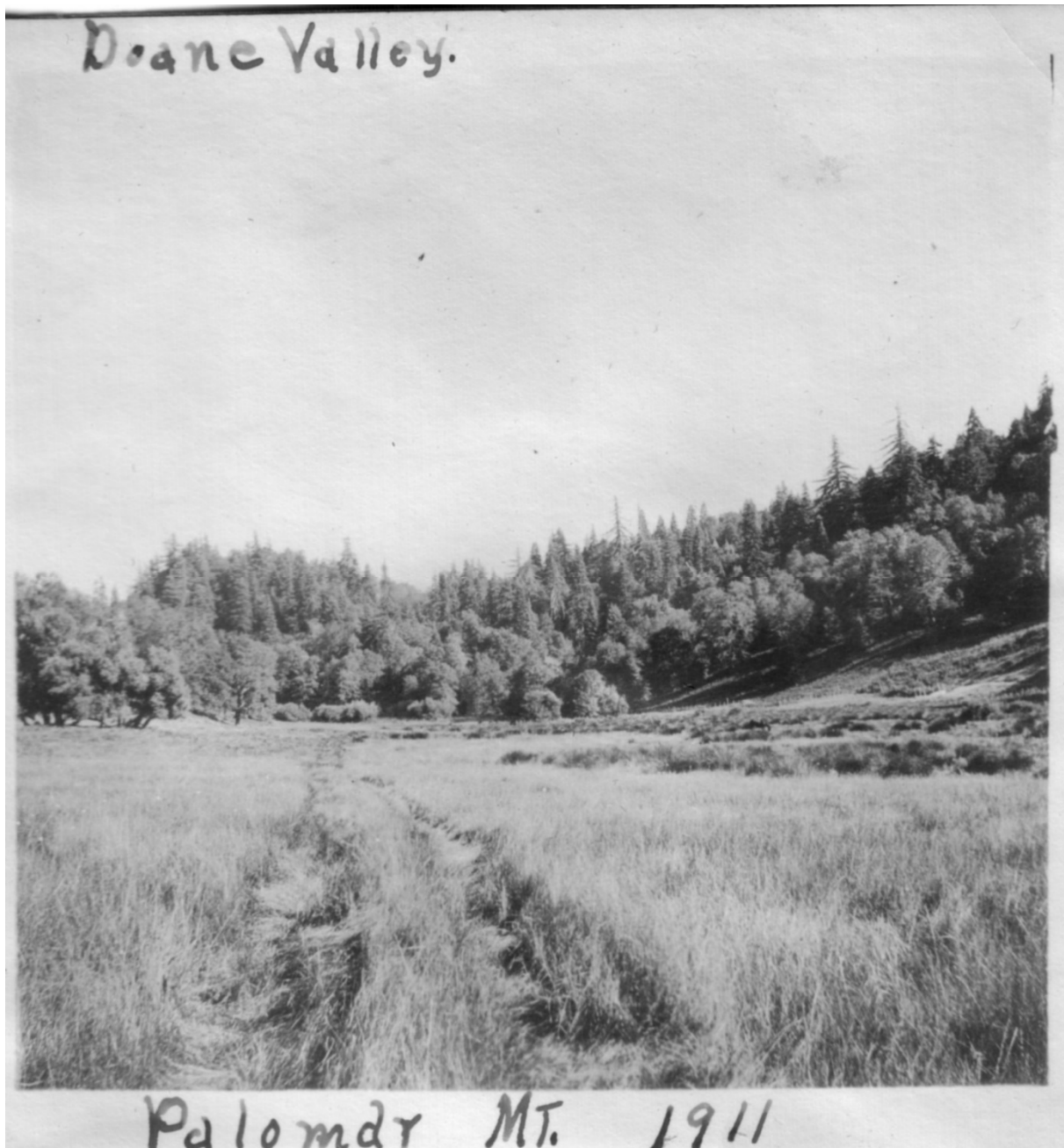
**Palomar Mountain scene**



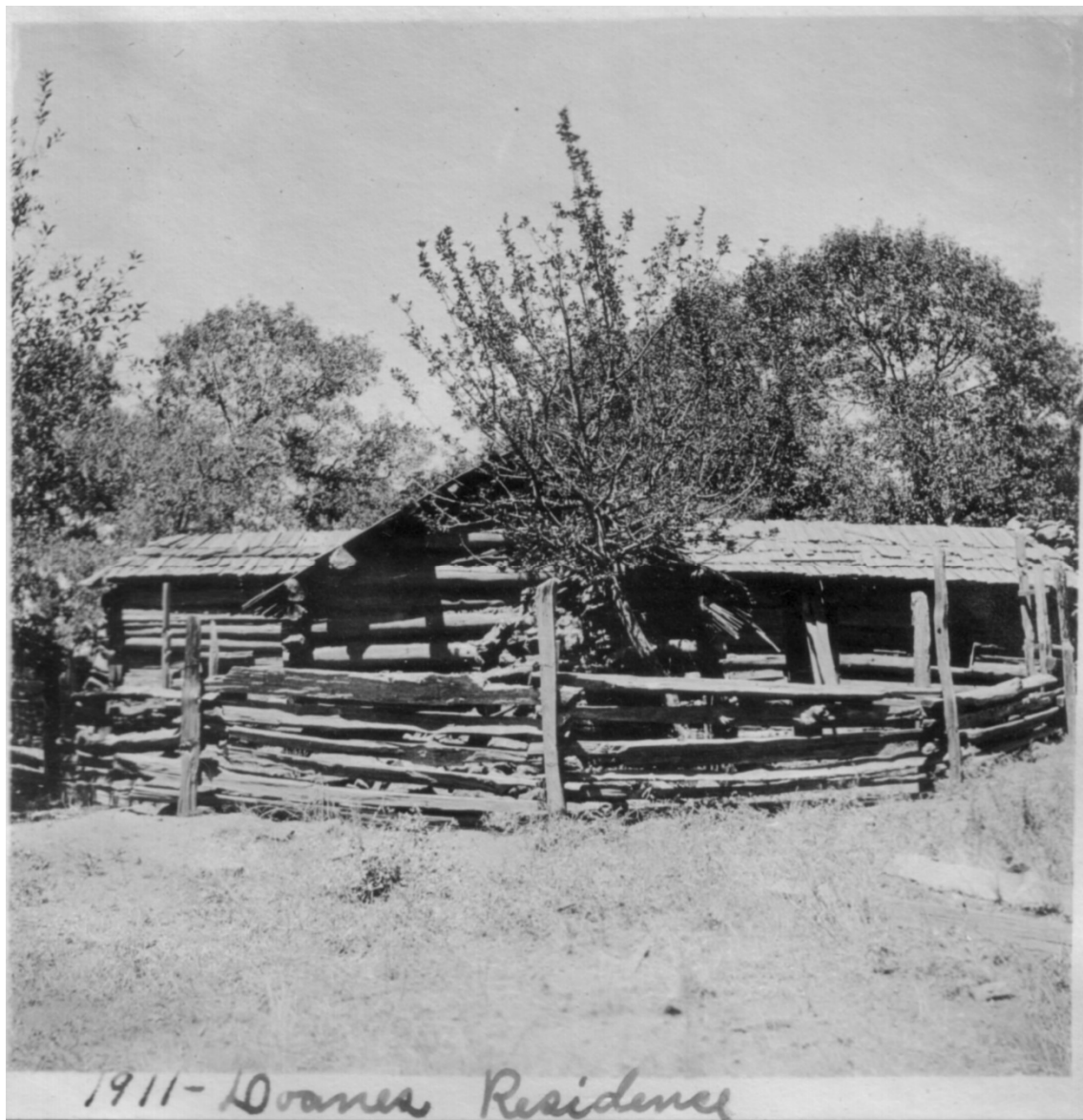
**Palomar Mountain**



**Doane Valley**



Doane Valley



**George Doane's residence.**

George Doane had moved away some six years earlier.





*Palomar. Near the Iron Springs 1911*

**Camping near Iron Springs**



**West side of Palomar Mountain**

This photo has Smith Mountain written on its back, which was the earlier name for Palomar Mountain



*Scene along San Luis Rey River. Near Palomar.*

**Along San Luis Rey River near Palomar Mountain**



**Unidentified location**

## Palomar, July 1909 photograph set



Palomar tourist teepee... not made by Native Americans







Marion Beckler photos



Summer 62

Summer 1962 - ✓

Adeline Bailey & M. Beckler

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Mr. Bowleys "Lake"

One of the lakes, dammed to conserve  
diminishing Water supply - This lake  
has dwindled sadly,

Undated



Old Post Office on Mail Camp.  
People came and visited until  
Mrs. Bailey called "Come and get it."

Undated





**Bailey Lodge, undated**

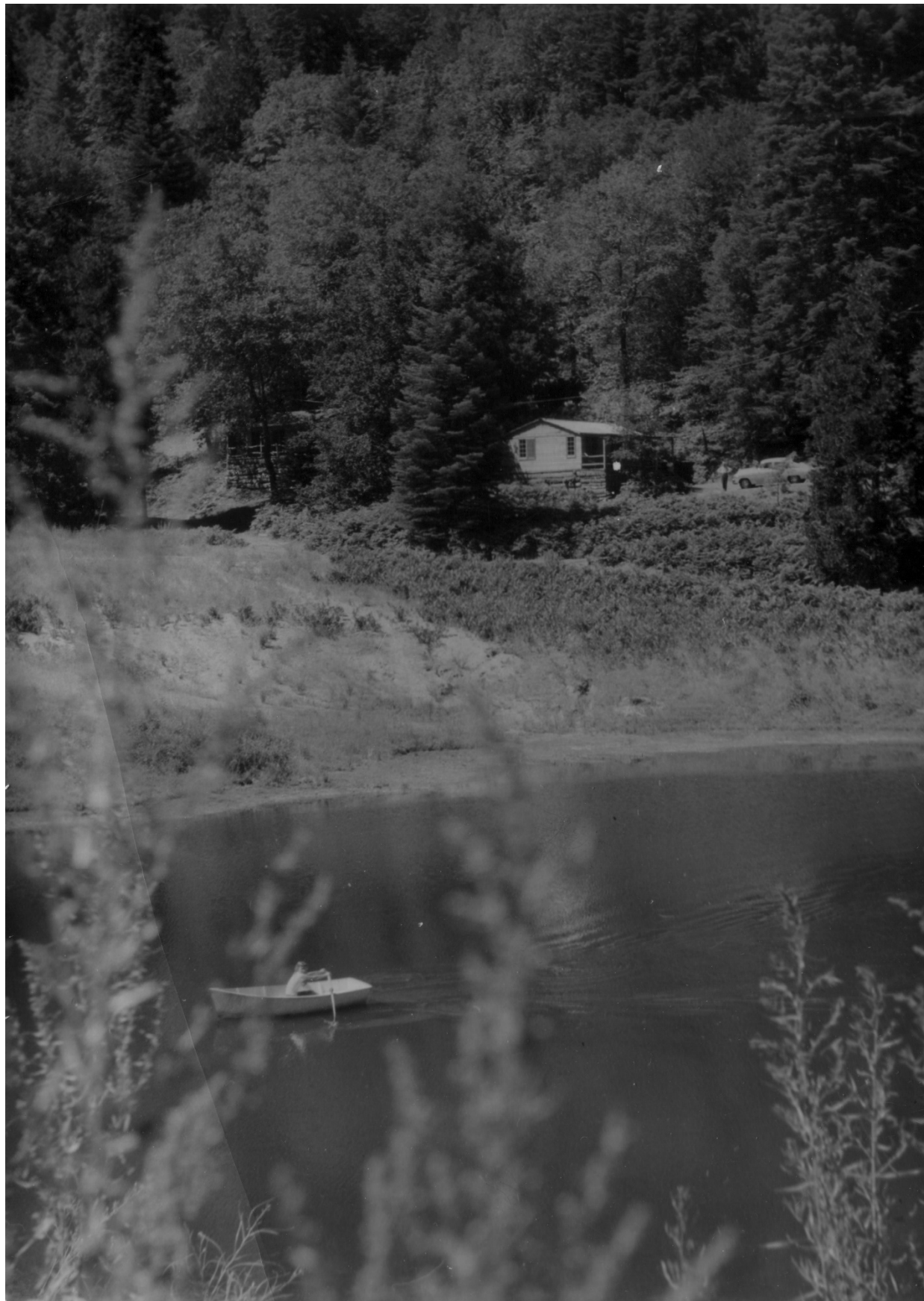
Beckler cabin  
Birch Hill



L to R: Uncle Carl Floyd & his wife Anna; Marion Beckler; Grandma Floyd; Mr.  
Beckler; boy is Kenny Floyd



Undated



**Darby's Resort, Bull Pasture, undated**





**Mendenhall Valley, undated**



**Boucher Lookout, undated**



**High Point Lookout, undated**





**Summit Grove, undated**



## Percy Smith Cox photos



Bottom of Trujillo Road, coming down from Palomar, approaching Cuca



Palomar grade [Trujillo Road], "Camping is not what it is cracked up to be – it's better- Aug 1896

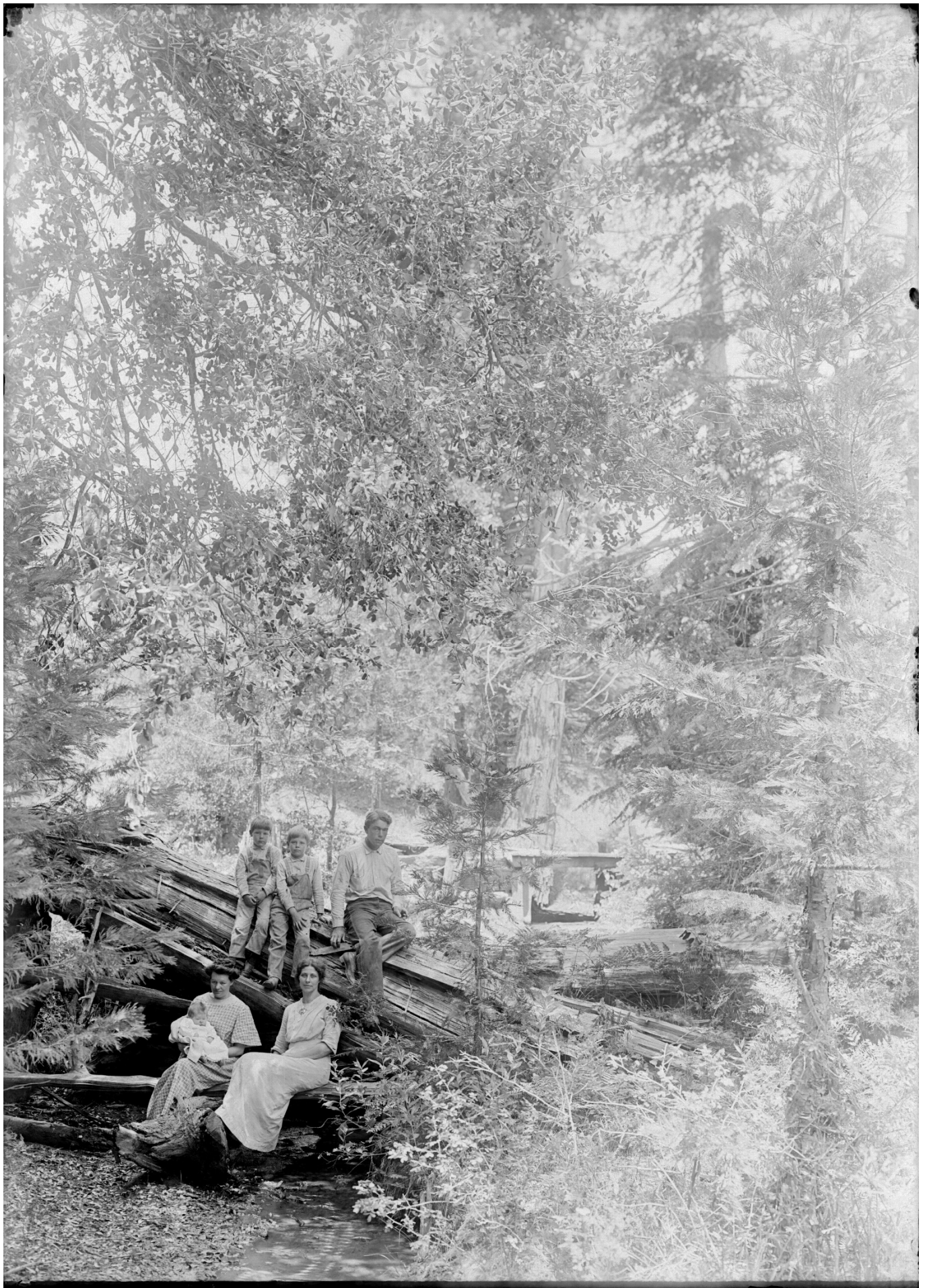


## John Marcy Garrison glass plate negative photos



1913 (Cropped from following image): above, George Bancroft Charnock (1875-1947); below him, wife Katherine Mabel Garrison Charnock (1876-1946); above, their sons William Herman Charnock (born 1906) and Edward Bancroft Charnock (born 1907); below Sadie N. Freeman Garrison (1881-1974), wife of photographer John Marcy Garrison, holding their daughter April Garrison (born April 14, 1913)





Palomar, 1913



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**Lower French Valley, 1913**



**hand colored version of above Lower French Valley photo... found via Google searching**



## Miscellaneous Photos



THIS AIRPLANE VIEW SHOWS THE SITE NEAR PALOMAR PEAK  
AND 45 MILES AIRLINE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF., WHICH HAS BEEN  
OBTAINED FOR THE PROJECTED 200-INCH TELESCOPE OF THE  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. ASTRONOMERS  
ESTIMATE THIS POWERFUL REFLECTOR WILL "BRING" THE MOON  
TO WITHIN 25 MILES OF THE EARTH AND BRING INTO VIEW  
MILLIONS OF STARS WHICH CANNOT NOW BE SEEN WITH THE  
100 INCH MOUNT WILSON TELESCOPE. GLASS FOR THE NEW  
MIRROR IS NOW BEING CAST AT CORNING, N.Y.

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# SITE FOR NEW 200 INCH TELESCOPE

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, CALIF. Secrets if the  
 skies that have been withheld from Man's vision  
 since the dawn of time will be revealed, famed  
 scientists assert, with the commissioning of the  
 \$12,000,000 astronomical observatory of the California  
 Institute of Technology on Palomar Mountain, near  
 San Diego, California. The observatory is expected  
 to be ~~expended~~ completed with its 200 inch mirror  
 midsummer of 1936. For more than three years  
 representatives of California ~~Inst~~ Institute of  
 Technology conducted painstaking investigations  
 on Palomar and other mountain peaks in Southern  
 California. They found Palomar eminently suited  
 for the proposed observatory and its 200 inch  
 teleopic lens. The Palomar site is 55 miles  
 northeast of San Diego. It is at an altitude of  
 6125 feet. Chief among the reasons for selection  
 were that it is far removed from any ~~major~~ major  
 earthquake fault, lake of interference with glare  
 from city lights, exceptionally equable climate and  
 accessibility. An interesting and illuminative  
 commentary on the modern trend of science is that  
 the astronomers sought and secured in the immediate  
 vicinity of the observatory site an area for an  
 airport.

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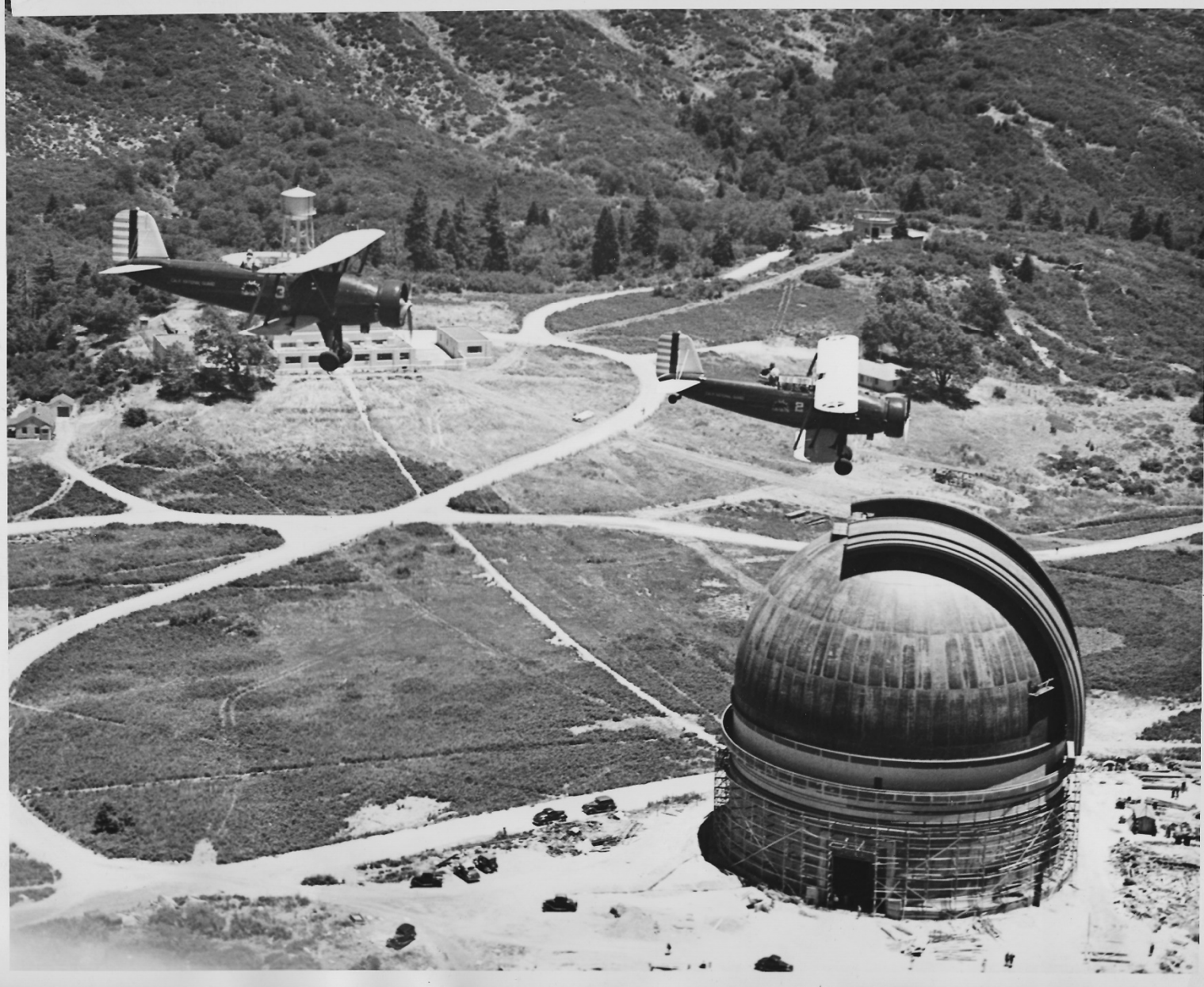
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# ASTRONOMY'S GREATEST TEMPLE OF THE STARS SEEN FROM THE AIR

MOUNT PALOMAR, CALIF.- AN EXCLUSIVE AERIAL VIEW OF THE OBSERVATORY DOME ON THE 6,000-FOOT SUMMIT OF MOUNT PALOMAR, MADE BY A WIDE WORLD CAMERAMAN FLYING WITH THE 115TH OBSERVATION SQUADRON OF THE 40TH DIVISION AVIATION OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD, DURING A TRAINING FLIGHT JULY 4, IN WHICH THE OBSERVATORY FIGURED IN THE TRAINING PROBLEM. TWO PLANES OF THE SQUADRON ARE SEEN FLYING OVER THE DOME. THE 1000-TON STEEL HELMET OF THIS "STAR TEMPLE" THAT WILL HOUSE CALTECH'S 200-INCH TELESCOPE AND ITS GEM-LIKE GLASS "EYE" IS FOURTEEN STORIES HIGH AND ALMOST A CITY BLOCK IN CIRCUMFERENCE, THE DOME BEING 137 FEET IN DIAMETER. THE OBSERVATORY WAS COMPLETED JULY 4.

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*Astronomy*

3 - Atop Mt. Palomar the great observatory dome is complete. The smaller observatory at the left houses a smaller "scope" telescope, and in the woods below the water tower is a complete community.

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Credit: RALPH CHANE from BLACK STAR GUNBAR BUILDING, NEW YORK

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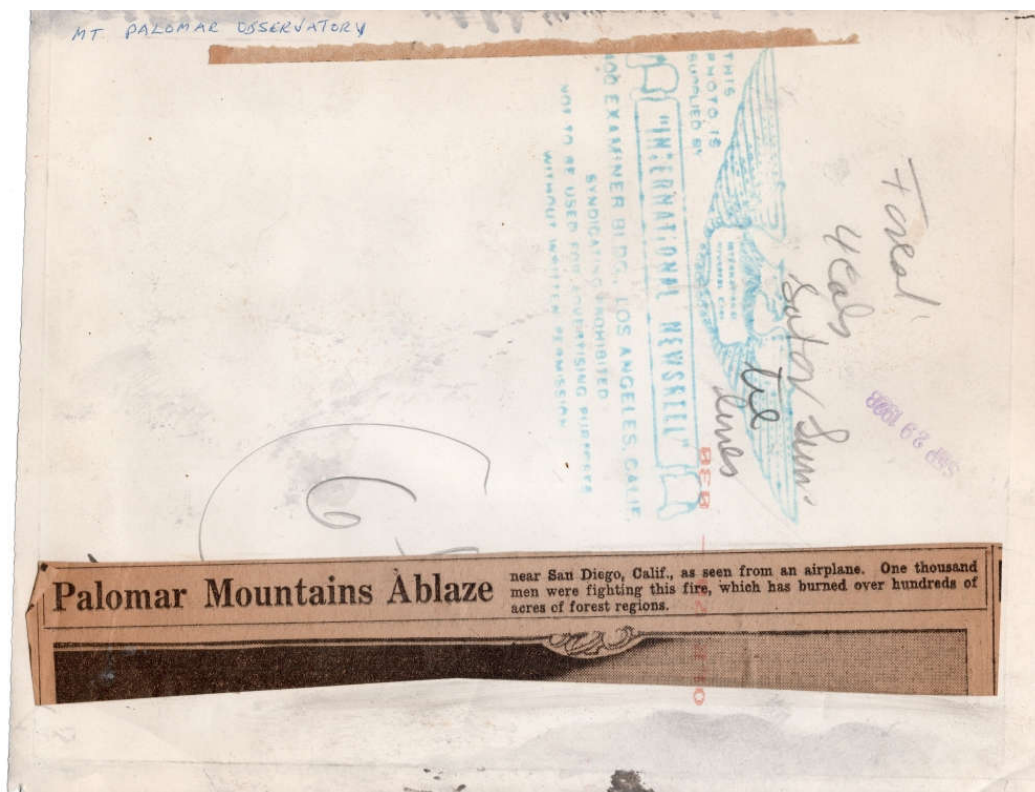
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September 29, 1928







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# SITE FOR GREAT 200-INCH TELESCOPE

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., DEC. 17--THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE NORTH PORTION OF THE SITE FOR PALOMAR OBSERVATORY ON PALOMAR MOUNTAIN 50 MILES NORTHEAST OF HERE. AT LEFT IS THE TANK TO STORE WATER SUPPLIED BY SPRINGS. AT RIGHT NEAR THE BIG TREES IS THE "HOSPITALITY HOUSE" WHERE GUEST SCIENTISTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED. THE 200 INCH DISK SOON WILL BE SHIPPED FROM CORNING, N. Y., WHERE IT WAS CAST, TO CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, PASADENA, TO BE GROUND AND POLISHED BEFORE IT IS TAKEN TO THE OBSERVATORY SITE.

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*Palomar Mountain Lodge*

**Bailey's, c1920s**



**Bailey's, undated**



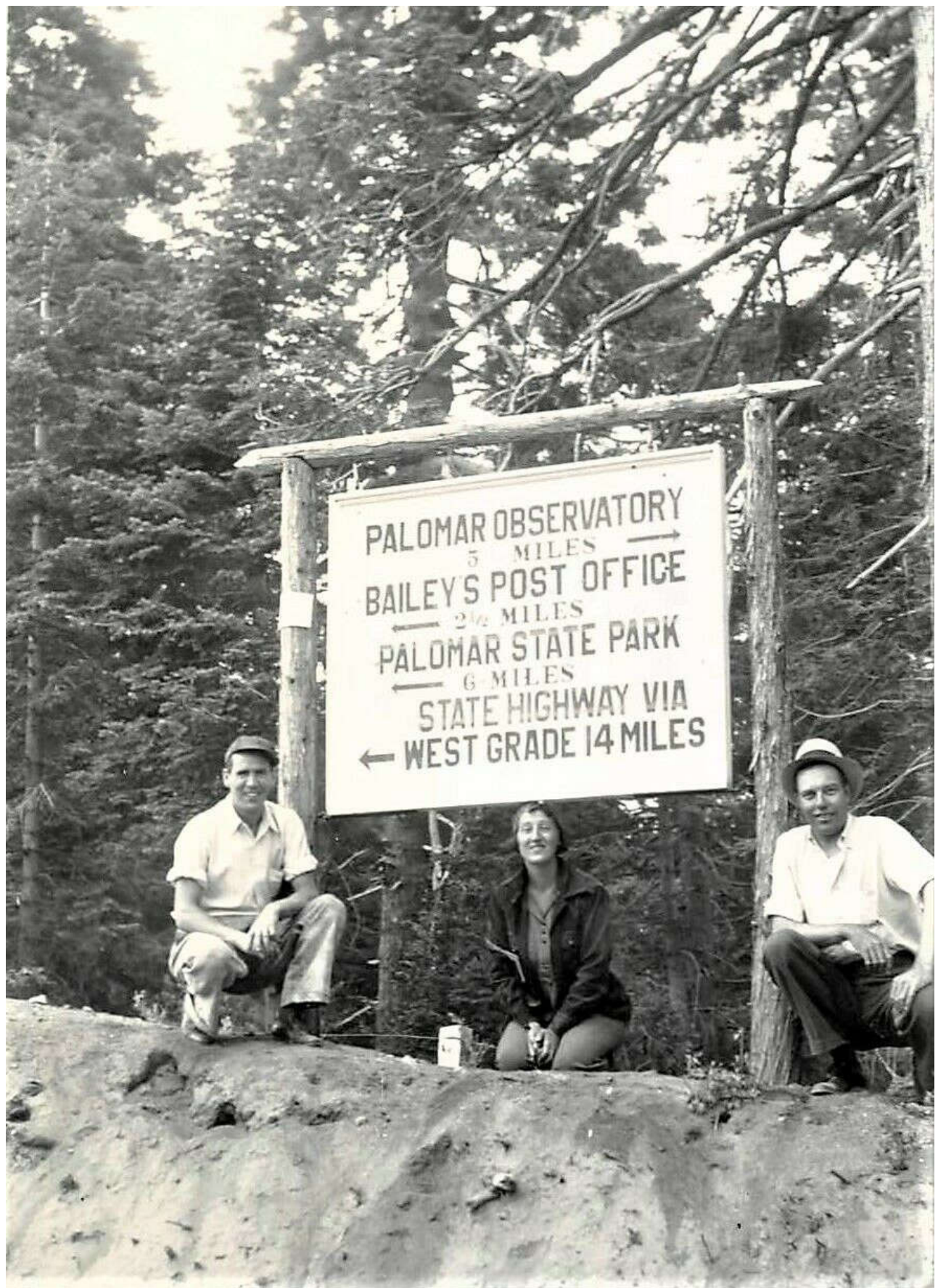
**Bailey's, undated**





#SDGE line crews from the Escondido Operating District headed toward a snowy Palomar Mountain to fix electric lines damaged by snow, ice and high winds. The picture, taken in February 1962 doesn't show our crew that had to hike up to two miles because trucks couldn't take them to the damaged lines.



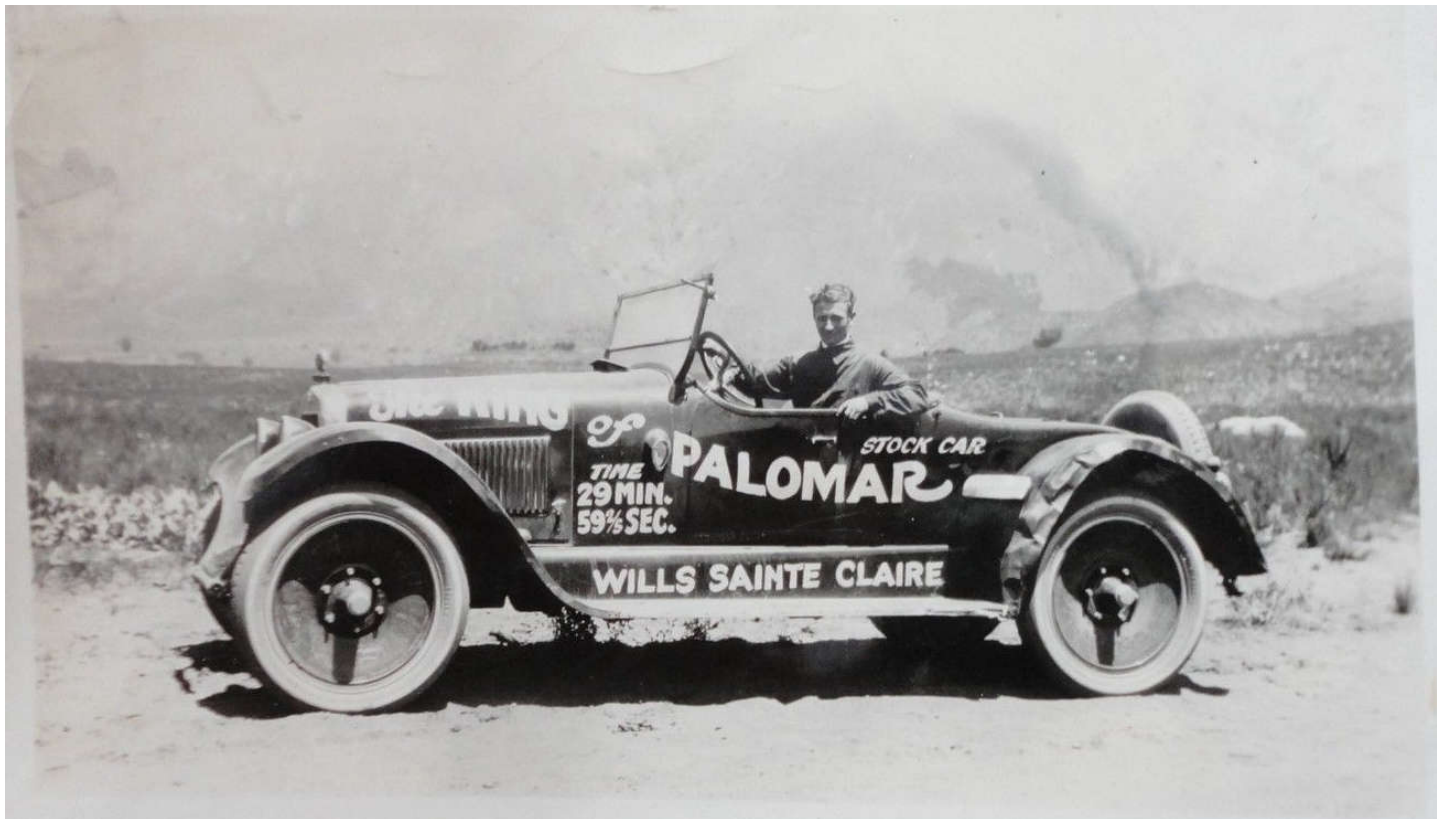


c1937



Palomar Mt.  
August, 1904.





1922



Baptist Camp Clubhouse, August 1957



**Undated**



**September 1947**





**Crestline Store and Palomar Lodge, October 25, 1945**

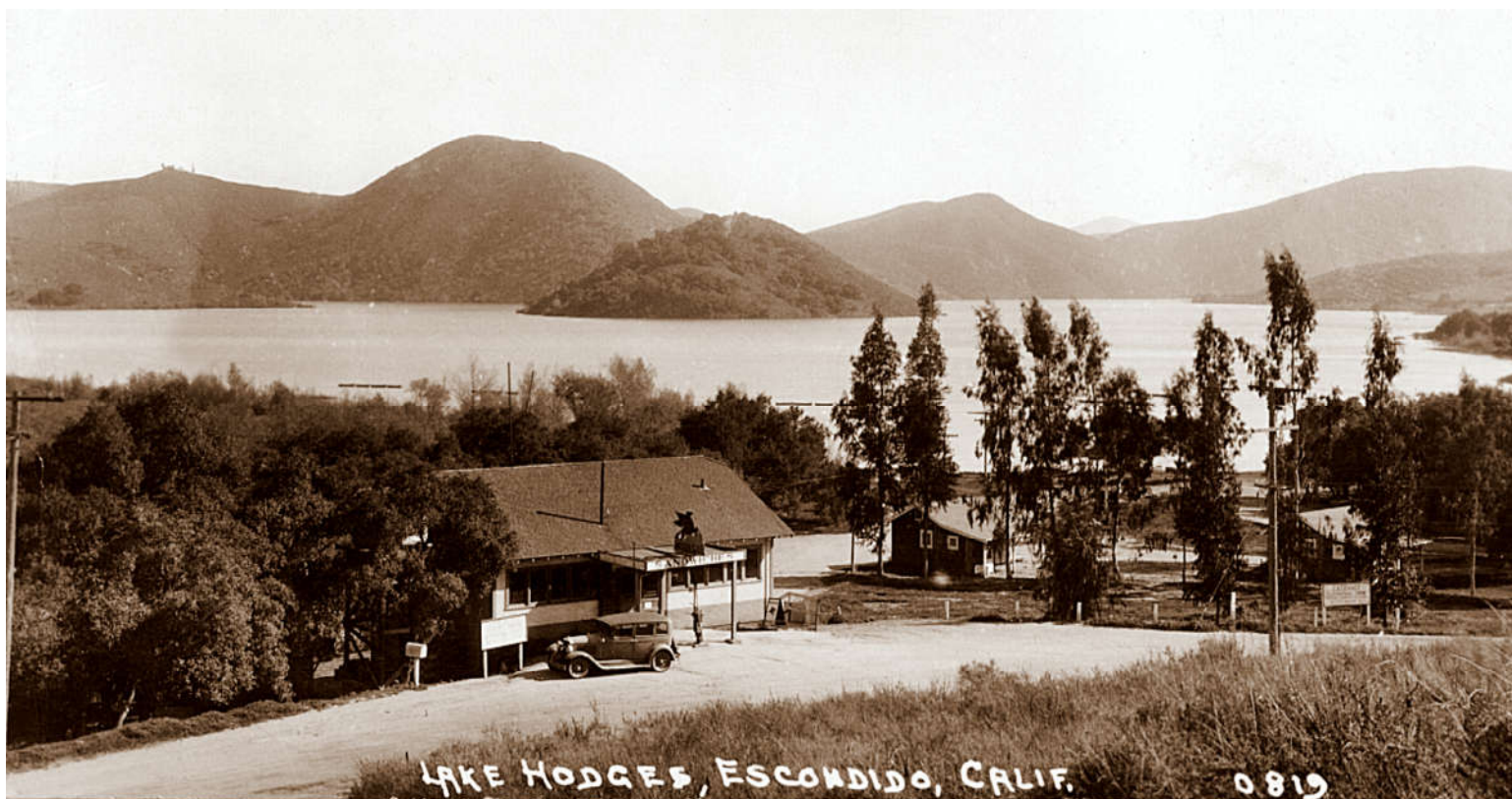


**Nate Harrison, photo says 'approx 1918' on its backside**



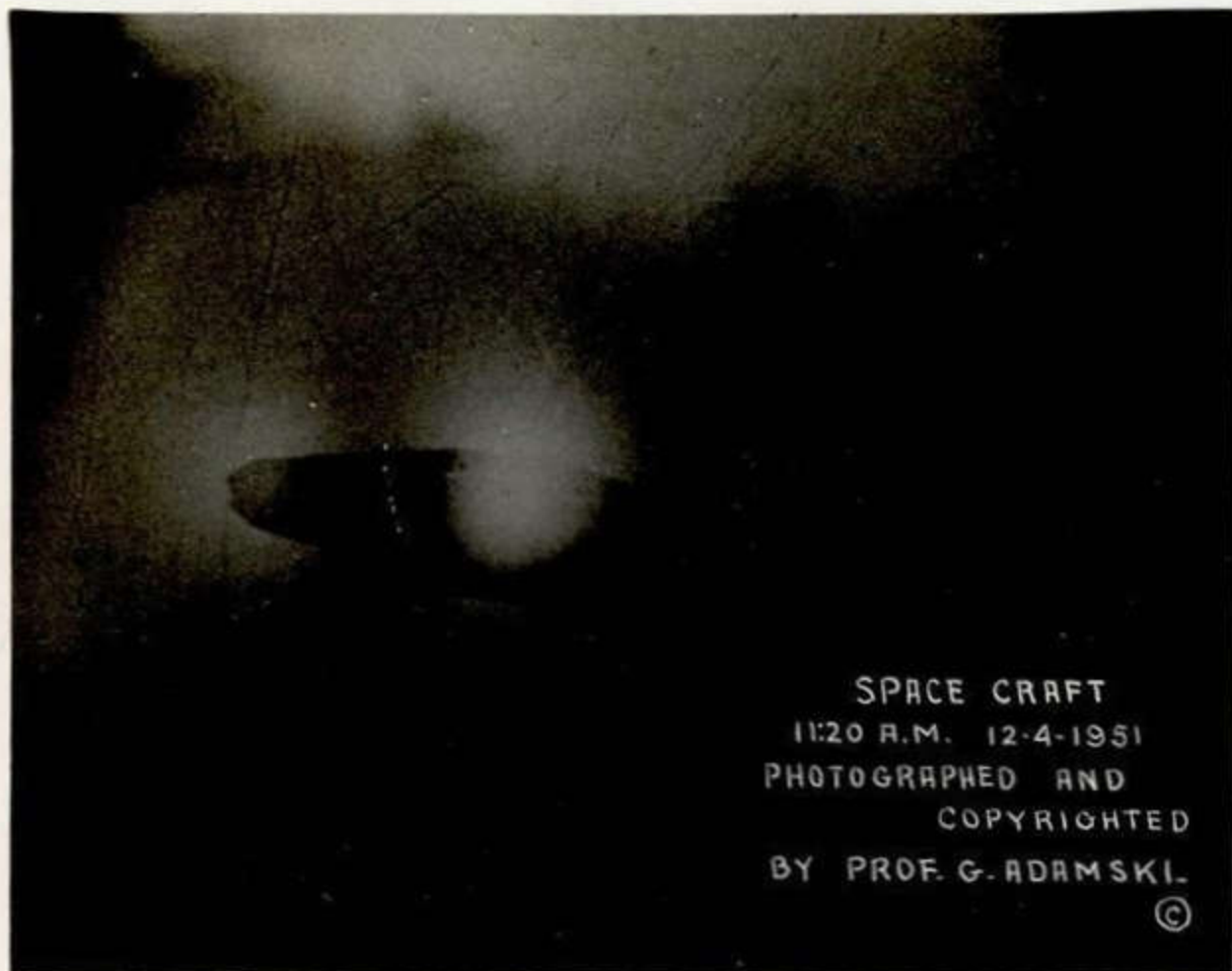


**Vacation – Snack Bar – Mt. Palomar – Ronie Suzie + Caroline, July 6, 1951**  
**Thompson's Summit Grove**



**Lake Hodges, c1930**  
**1930-1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Fordor Sedan**





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**with 6 inch telescope**

**at Palomar Gardens**

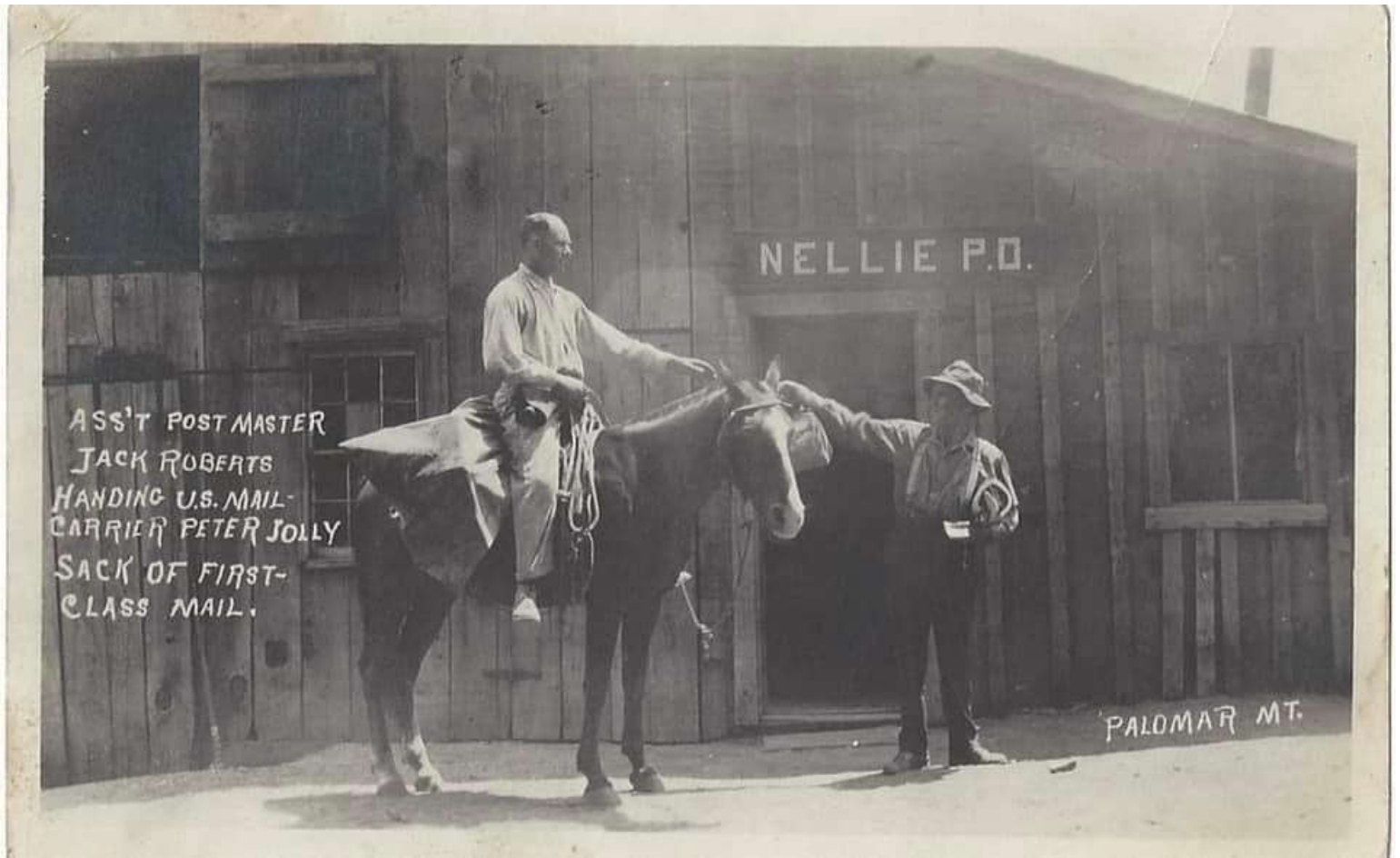
**MOUNT PALOMAR, CALIFORNIA**

 Vintage San Diego



**Lake Henshaw, July 1938, from Vintage San Diego on Facebook**





ASS'T POSTMASTER  
JACK ROBERTS  
HANDING U.S. MAIL-  
CARRIER PETER JOLLY  
SACK OF FIRST-  
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PALOMAR MT.

1918-1920