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### **Park Posts**

From News and Views, the monthly publication of the Division of Beaches and Parks, we learn that Gov. Edmund G Brown has named Will Rogers Jr. and Joseph Houghteling to the State Parks Commission. Here is the text of the release on each new member from the governor's office.

"Governor Edmund G. Brown today (March 11, 1959) nominated Will Rogers Jr. for a four-year term on the Park Commission. Rogers will replace Charles Kasch of Ukiah, whose term expired Jan. 15, 1959.

"The son of the famed actor-humorist, Will Rogers, was born in New York City in 1911 and has had a long acting career in his own right in radio and TV. He is a graduate of Stanford University. For the past 18 years Rogers has been an editor and publisher. He also served one term as a United States congressman

"In 1943 Rogers was co-chairman of the emergency Committee to save Jewish People of Europe. He lives with his wife, Collier, at 27854 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu They have three adopted children."

Joseph C. Houghteling the second member appointed to the commission, is the publisher of the Sunnyvale Standard. He will also serve four years. He will replace Dr. Robert E Burns, president of the College of the Pacific at Stockton, whose term has expired. Both appointments require Senate confirmation.

Houghteling is also publisher of the Mountain View Register-Leader, president of the Los Gatos Times-Saratoga Observer and Gilroy Evening Dispatch publishing companies, and vice president of the firm that publishes the Pleasanton-Times. He is a member of both county and state Democratic central committees.

Houghteling was born in San Francisco, is a graduate of Yale University and holds a reserve commission as lieutenant in the Navy. He is married and has three children. His home is at 5 Fernwood Dr , Atherton. He is a director of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. and a member of the Citizens Legislative Advisory Commission to the California Legislature

California State Park attendance figures indicate that at least 20,058,774 persons used state-administered facilities during 1958, an increase of 23.79 per cent over

the previous year. Estimated use of state park facilities operated by county and city jurisdictions, including the Los Angeles beach area, is 42,000,000 - or a grand total of at least 82,000,000 persons using state parks.

Interesting figures for the State Historical Monuments attendance in Monterey appear in News and Views, as follows: the Old Custom House, 120,815; First Theater, 54,450; Pacific Building, 10,376; Stevenson House, 23,818, and the Larkin House, 8,008. Point Lobos had an attendance of 142,954, an increase over 1957 of 2,579 persons.