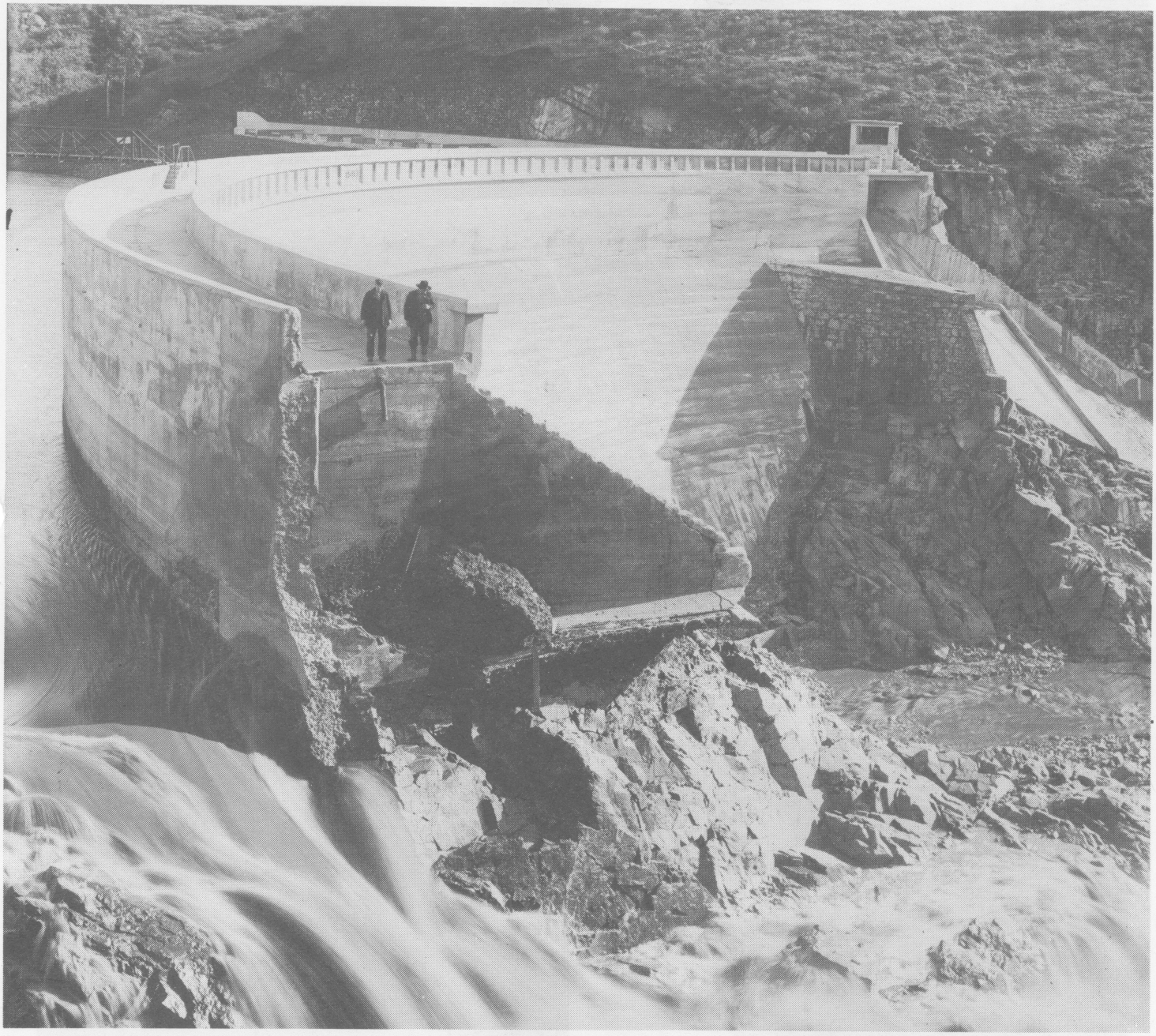
Pacific Beach Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

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FLOODS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY is the topic for the February slide presentation by member George Silvani. None was more notable that the 1916 flood, partly because it brought more rain than San Diego had ever seen, and partly because of the controversy surrounding the Hatfield Brothers. They claimed they could make it rain, and were hired by the city fathers. It rained, but they were never paid. In the photo above two gentlemen inspect the ruptured Sweetwater Dam. (Photo courtesy of the San Diego Historical Society/Title Insurance Collection.



(Above) A flooded Mission Valley in 1916. This photo looks northwest across the area where the Stadium is today. The ancestor of Interstate 8 can be seen in the foreground. (Photo courtesy of the San Diego Historical Society/Title Insurance Collection)
(Below) Combinations of rain and high tides have frequently flooded Mission Blvd. The intersection of Mission Blvd and Ventura is shown in this 1939 photo.







The stormy high tides of January 1983 flooded much of the Southern California coast, extensively damaging many structures. Crystal Pier lost nearly a third of its length.

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NEXT MEETING

The February meeting will be a twin feature. Member George Silvani will show slides of San Diego floods, and John Fry will show more current slides of what's been happening around the beach.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM at Wesley Palms, 2404 Loring Street.

IN MEMORIAM

Col. Richard Rash, USMC (RET), featured in our newsletter February of 1988, passed away December 31, 1988, and was buried at Arlington Cemetary. Our thoughts are with his wife Oline, her mother Agnes Hansen, and the family.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewing their memberships since the publication of the last newsletter were the following: Eduarda Ericson, Bill Kammer, Susan Rae Johns, Elizabeth Ravenscroft Struthers, Oline Rash, Greg & Kristi Giddings, J. H. & Nellie Stromberg, Steve & Rene Morton, and CRYSTAL PIER MOTEL.

Joining the society was Elmer Gingrich. Welcome aboard -- we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Society will celebrate its 10th Anniversary next month. If you would like to join us for lunch at the China Inn following the meeting please contact Jackie LeMay (270-0609) or Dee Scherrer (483-1136).

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