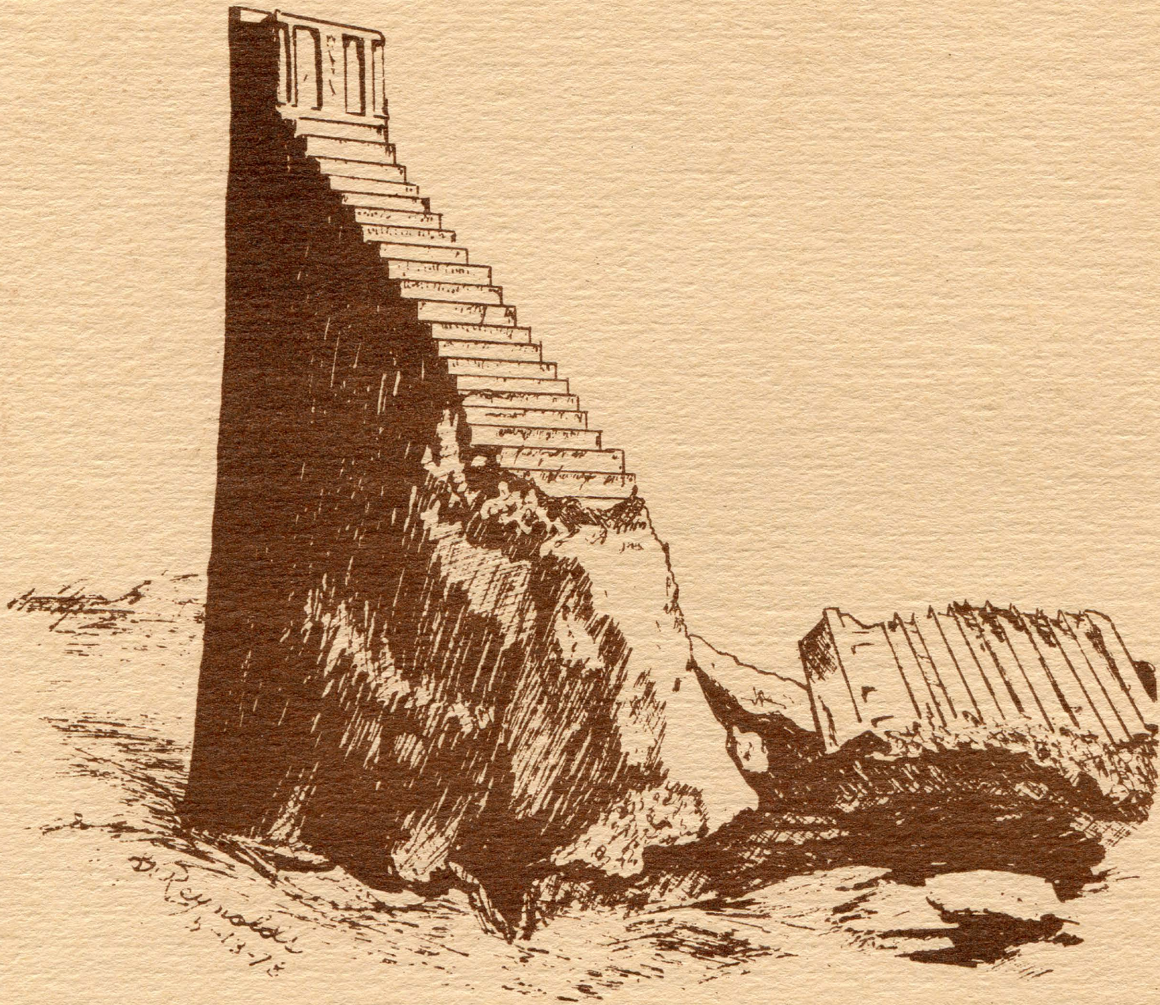


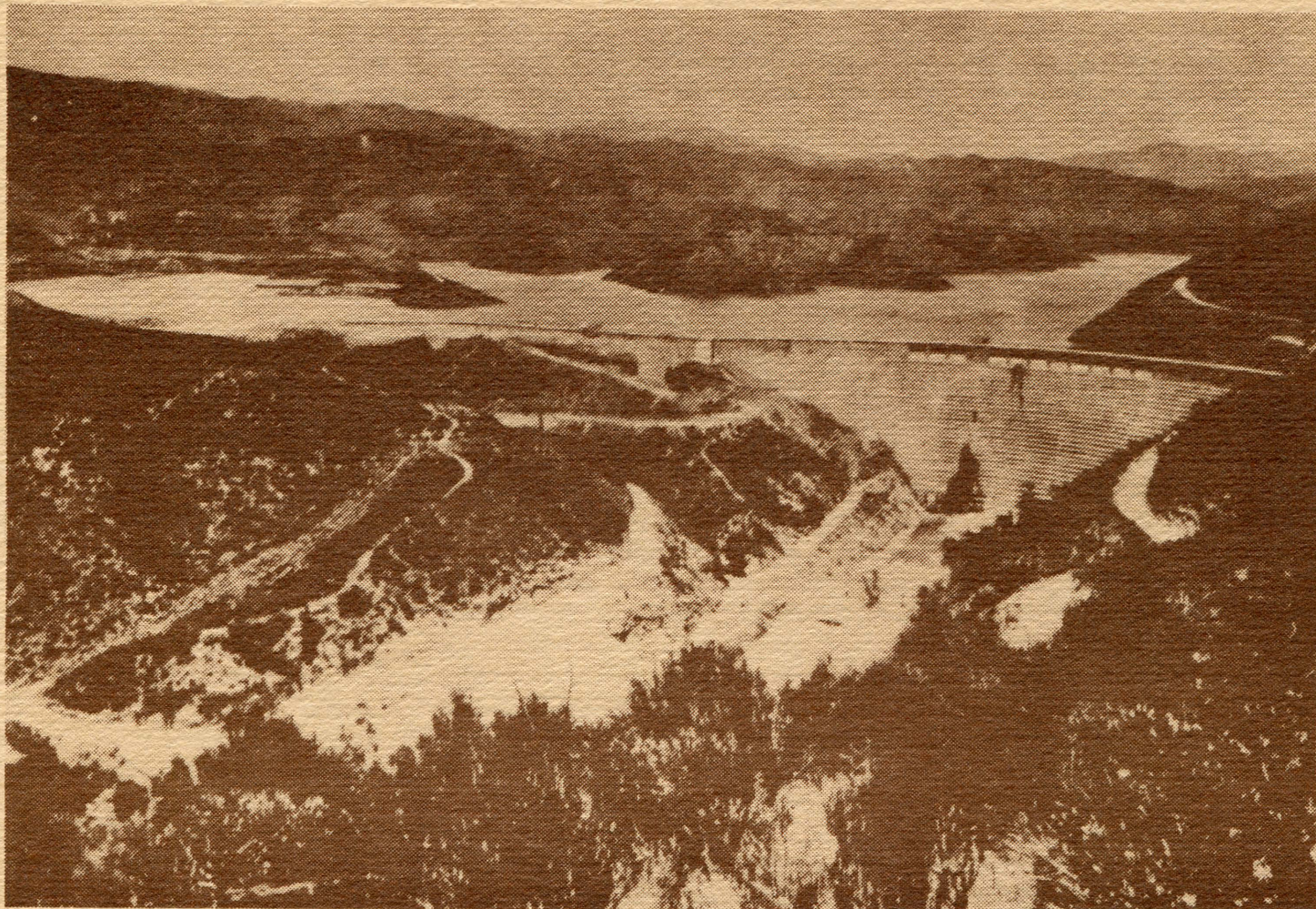
St. Francis Dam



California Registered Historical Landmark
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Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society



St. Francis Dam Site

On this site in August of 1924 construction started on the St. Francis Dam, a unit of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. When it was completed in May of 1926, this concrete Dam stood 185 feet above Streambed, impounding a 610 surface-acre lake.

At 11:57½ P.M., March 12, 1928, the Dam collapsed causing the second greatest disaster in the state of California. At least 425 lives were lost in the 5½ hours that it took the released water to travel 54 miles down the Santa Clara River Valley to the sea at Ventura.

PROGRAM

Arrival of Stagecoach

Denzil Cameron and six-horse Concord coach

Presentation of the colors

Bill Hart District, Boy Scouts of America by Troop 603

Welcome

Mimi White, President SCVHS

Introduction of special guests

Charles F. Outland, author of Man-Made Disaster

Gerald G. Reynolds, curator & historian

Background of disaster

Gerald G. Reynolds

Introduction of survivors and relatives

Linda Ruiz Cullen

Irene Ruiz McKibben

Rosemary Ruiz

Thornton Edwards, former member of California Highway Patrol, whose heroic action during the flood saved many lives

Recognition of supportive agencies

Representing the Los Angeles County Fire Dept.

Chief Engineer Clyde Bragdon, Jr.

Representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Captain William Fairchild, Santa Clarita Valley Station

Representing the California Highway Patrol

Lt. John O'Brien, Newhall Station

Representing the U.S. Forest Service

District Ranger David Kohut, Saugus District Angeles National Forest

Delivery of plaque

Paul Sloane, 2nd Vice President, SCVHS

Gerald G. Reynolds

Placement of plaque

Mimi White, SCVHS, Betty Pember, Landmark Chairman, Captain William Smith, Supt. of Camp Four, Los Angeles County Fire Dept., Raymond Guardad, Assistant District Fire Management Officer, Saugus District, U.S. Forest Service

Placerita Junior High School Band

Andy Downs, Director

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