

SUMMER FUN—It's the time of year when surfers head for the seashore and Scouts head for the hills—and South Bay Scouts are no exception. You'll find them tenting tonight near Lake Arrowhead—four to a tent in a 1,400-acre wilderness they love to call home for a week or more. And what's better after a night under the stars than your knees under the breakfast table. From left are Chris Cagnetti, Howard Heine, Hank Merrill, Jeff Marsee and Alan Jordan. Of course, there's always KP and, from left, Brian Roach, Jack Pelton and Mike Dupree take turns.

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OUT FOR A STROLL—Rex Scott, left, of the South Bay training staff leads the boys on a hike. They'll study the wonders of nature as they roam the woods.

Area Facing Threat of Water Shortage

Inglewood, Hawthorne Wells Dip

BY DOUG MAULDIN

INGLEWOOD — The Centinela Valley area may be facing a shortage of water, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has warned.

Commenting on a rainfall report by the Flood Control District, Chace said levels in county water basins are expected to be lower this fall because of meager rainfall.

Ground water wells are expected to be at about the same level in Torrance and other South Bay areas, he said, but they will be about three feet lower in the Inglewood and Hawthorne areas.

"The 1962-63 water year will be the fourth in the past five seasons in which rainfall has been half of normal," Chace said.

Dry Years

"This marks resumption of a trend of predominantly dry years and will result in a continuation of ground water overdraft," Chace pointed out.

"Importance of the ground water wells to Los Angeles County is pointed up by the fact that more than 50% of the county's daily supply is pumped from these sources," Chace said.

Twenty basins are expected to be lower this fall compared to 1962 when only nine area basins showed lower totals.

Chace said the one bright spot in the picture is in the Central Basin where pumping was reduced beginning in October, 1962 under a court-approved interim agreement.

Well Recovery

The resulting recovery of wells between the spring of 1962 and spring of 1963 ranged from 10 to 30 feet, the supervisor said.

Areas showing the greatest rise were north of Signal Hill and near Vernon, while the northwestern area of the basin was not noticeably affected by reduced pumping, it was reported.

Under the interim agreement, Chace said, levels north of Signal Hill are expected to be some 45 feet higher this fall than in 1962, while in the Vernon-Huntington Park area they are expected to recover about 25 feet.

Lower Levels

Elsewhere in the county, water levels are expected to be lower. Included are San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Basin, Antelope Valley and San Gabriel tributary basins in the Monk Hill, Raymond, Puente, Way Hill, Pomona, Upper Claremont Heights and Chino areas.