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GEOLOGY 1 30
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

Final examination

11 June 54

Write on 10 only and please indicate which you left out. Leave postcard for grade

- ✓(1) Describe the origin of the features of Puget Sound including both the major and minor forms such as the shoreline.
- ✓(2) Describe not less than three lines of evidence which indicate that faulting and other earth movement is still in progress on the Pacific coast.
- ✓(3) Compare two theories of origin of the gorge of Columbia River through Cascades
- ✓(4) Give two arguments for and three against the importance of wind erosion in Basin and Range province
- (5) Give three evidences of the ability of Colorado River to erode the Grand Canyon and ~~two~~ two alternative ideas some suggest for its origin.
- ✓(6) What three different types of mountains occur in Columbia Plateau giving and locating examples of each
- ✓(7) Show with diagram-cross section the relation of the upland surface of Southern Rockies to Colorado Piedmont and High Plains
- ✓(8) Compare three different hypotheses of crossing of Uninta Mountains by Green River.
- ✓(9) Give two possible explanations of the topography of mountains of central Idaho.
- (10) Describe the terraces along the rivers of Missouri Plateau and two possible explanations of their cause.
- (11) Explain with diagram the bearing of Boston Mountains of erosional history of Ozark Plateau giving at least two hypotheses
- (12) Outline in proper order the events of history of topography of Ouachita Mountains
- ✓(13) Give in proper order the major steps in development of topography of Sierras in vicinity of Yosemite Valley
- ✓(14) ^{briefly} Locate as definitely as possible and tell ORIGIN of: (a) Break of the Plains, (b) Devils Tower, (c) White River Badlands, (d) Bitterroot Mountains, (e) Mt. Shasta, (f) Dominguez Hill, (g) Henry Mountains, (h) Lewis Range, (i) St. Francis Mountains, (j) Olympic Mountains.

Harvey Valley



Laurentian upland of low hills and many lakes

Map of the
LANDFORMS OF THE UNITED STATES

to accompany Atwoods "Physiographic Provinces of North America"
Prepared at the Institute of Geographical Exploration
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

by **ERWIN RAISZ**
1939

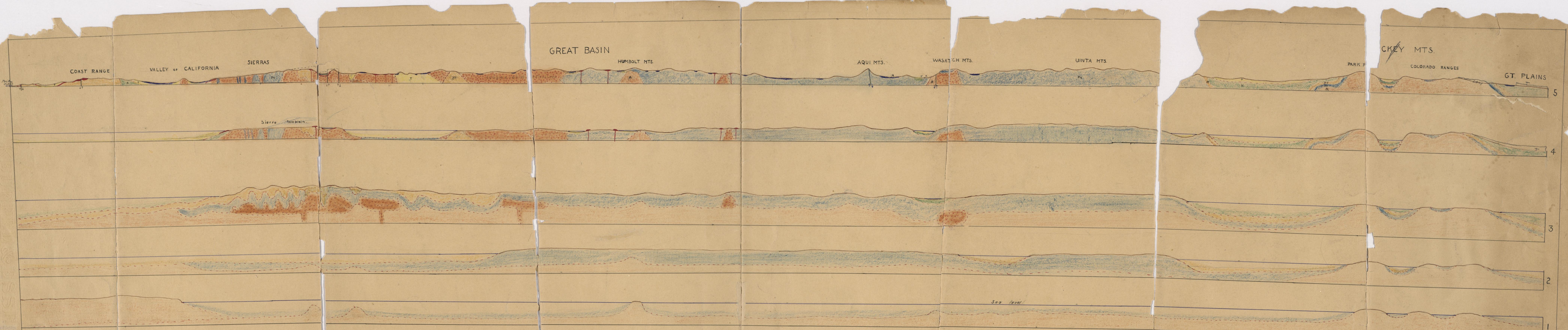
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LANDFORMS OF THE UNITED STATES

WALTON

1910



During 1, Paleozoic. 2, Jura-Trias. 3, Cretaceous. 4, Tertiary. 5, Recent.

GENERALIZED GEOLOGICAL SECTIONS
SHOWING
GROWTH OF CORDILLERAN RANGES
CHEYENNE TO PACIFIC OCEAN
Scales { Horizontal, 1" = ±23m
Vertical, 1" = ±20,000'

LEGEND

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|------------|--|------------|---|------------|---|----------|---|------------|---|
| Pre-Cambrian | A | Paleozoic | Pa | Jura-Trias | J-T | Cretaceous | K | Tertiary | T | Quaternary | |
| Intrusives | | Extrusives | | | | | | | | | |

Thwaites

Ozarks 631-647

Definition:

Plateau rising above adjacent lower country and composed of nearly horizontal sedimentary rocks

Boundaries:

- E. Mississippi alluvial plain with small area E. of Miss R. of Devonian rocks in Little Egypt; to N. Miss. River *larger under Lincoln Hills*
- N. Missouri River which is approximately at border of thick drift *& steps* except follow drift border SW of St. Louis
- W. Edge of Mississippian rocks little topographic contrast except to the SW in Oklahoma where there is a distinct rise
- S. S. edge of Boston Mts. topographic and not geologic line

Geology

Mainly carbonate rocks, dolomite + limestone

Structure: dips average only 10 f/m to west but up to 75 f/m to E. dome steeper to E. Rocks nearly level but faulted, few local folds

Boston mts

Pennsylvanian (mainly in Boston Mts.)

Pottsville ss, sh
Morrow sh

Springfield

Mississippian

Lime, shale, ss to east
Boone chert *upland*
Lime and shale

Devonian

Lime and black shale

Silurian

Lime

Ordovician *magnesian shale*

Lime-Platin = Galena etc. *upland*

St. Peter ss *crystal escarpment*

cherty dol. = our Shakopee *Jefferson city*

Sandstone, Roubidoux = our New Richmond?

Cherty dolomite = Lower Magnesian or Oneota *(Potomac)*

Salem upland

Cambrian

Dolomite and shale = our Trempealeau/Franconia, Dresbach, Eau Claire *Pennsylvanian*

Sandstone = our Mt. Simon *La Motte*

Pre-Cambrian

granite, porphyry in St. Francis Mts. and Spavinaw, Okla.

Topography

General; dome form up to 1700 ft except Boston Mts. about 2400

Radiating drainage except Osage

2 story valleys, many of them meandering. Gentle on uplands, gorge-like below

1952

Karst and springs, natural bridges

2 types of meanders, ingrown and entrenched = record of rejuvenation

hills

Cherty soils

St. Francis Mts = exhumed pre-Cambrian mts like Baraboo

Superimposed stream valleys leaving "shut ins."

Salem platform or plateau
= Ordovician upland including some younger rocks

Cambrianto Mississippian with some outliers of Pennsylvanian

Topography

Upland broken by low sandstone cuestas

Highest hills = Boone chert

Solution features

Valleys 300 - 500 ft more abundant to S. in White River basin

Escarpmnts

Avon where Bonterre dolomite overlies Lamotte ss in St. Francis area

Potosi where lowest chert dolomite overlies Cambrian shales

Crystal where dolomite overlies St. Peter ss

Burlington = edge of area at border of Mississippian

Springfield platform or plateau

= top of Boone chert

least prominent toward north because formation thins
to S forms a platform along N. side of Boston Mts.

small outliers of Pennsylvanian
solution topography

Boston Mts.

Pennsylvanian strata including sandstones
Elevation to 2250

Level summits slope to S down to Arkansas Valley dip slope
with local fault or monocline

Summit level not all same formation dissection submature

History

- 2 Dep of bed rocks with erosion intervals
- 3 Doming prior to erosion after Mississippian
- 4 Dep. of Pennsylvanian across eroded dome
- 5 Erosion *Reming + sum*

6 Is the Salem-Springfield surface an uplifted peneplain?

If so what relation has it to summit of Boston Mts. ?

How could the Boston survive peneplaination? *became insel wch, ? base*

7 Is this surface the ressurected pre-Pennsylvanian surface?

8 ~~Do~~ the entrenched meanders indicate recent uplift?

9 Dakes view that two surfaces coincide

Ouachita (pronounced Washita)

Definition= belt of folded sedimentary rocks similar to Ridge and Valley but west of Mississippi embayment

Boundaries

- N. includes Arkansas Valley to foot of Boston Mts.
- W- straight line from Muskogee-Atoka
- S = border of Coastal Plain
- E = border of Coastal Plain

Subdivided into Arkansas Valley and mountains proper
boundary along Poteau R and Petit Jean Cr.

Geology

Cambrian through Pennsylvanian sediments

Pennsylvanian

Shale with resistant Savanna ss
Hartshorne ss
Jackfork ss very thick and important
Hot Springs ss

Devonian

Arkansas novaculite important

Silurian

late with Baylock ss

Ordovician

Shale and chert with Crystal Mt. ss

Cambrian shale

Intrusions of syenite of Cretaceous age. Magnet Cove*

Structure very complex with much overturning of folds. Thrusts recognized more commonly in Oklahoma than in Arkansas

Topography

Arkansas Valley

Synclinal mts or mesas, flat tops, 1800-2800 elev.
monoclinical ridges like R and V in miniature
streams in alluvial valleys

Ouachitas proper

Curved ridges with subuniform elevations of crests elev. ~~ranked~~
related to thickness of resistant rock Highest in middle of district
decreasing to about 250 ft. at margins

Ouachitas, final

Novaculite = major ridge-former of central area lies close to Hot Springs ss;
Also Crystal Mt. ss

Basin of Magnet Cover on intrusion

Athens Plateau on Stanley shale and Jackfork ss

Relatively low with even skyline

Valleys to 350 ft. deep have entrenched meanders

Average slope only 20 ft/m compared to 80 ft/m of buried extension beneath Coastal Plain

History

Relation to Appalachian folding

Time of deformation late Pennsylvanian later than the disturbance of Arbuckles

Erosion to lowland surface - evidence the relief of the buried portion

Time prior to Upper Cretaceous (although much was done prior to Lower Cret.)

Jurassic concealed and disturbed with Lower K.

What relation has projection of base of Upper K to mountain tops?

Projection of base of Lower not justified - too much earth movement since

See A. A. P. G. Bull. 22: 953-982, 1938 and 27: 1407-1583

Relation of peneplain to deposition of limestones

Is conclusion that tops of mts = peneplain justified? Alternatives:

(a) Is the subequality of level normal result with this type of geology?

(b) Were the ridges one evened up and then lower parallel?

Deposition of Coastal Plain - former extent, why no outliers?

Explanations of drainage

3 Radial from uplifted superpeneplain

4 Radial from uplift of Coastal Plain

2 Capture ?

1 Antecedent from prior to folding?

Erosion to Hot Springs level or lower story = Athens Plateau

Does this represent a halt?

Or does it show parallel lowering of an older peneplain on softer rocks?

Or is it natural divide level on weaker rocks?

Relation to sediments of Coastal Plain? *to Ozark uplift?*

Uplift and subsequent erosion in part supported by entrenched meanders

Great Plains 1-16

Definition High area of relatively low relief, monotonous landscape, short grass

Boundaries

West, foot of mountains
North, international boundary
South, same
East-various lines suggested.

Rainfall

Soil change from accumulating carbonate to decreasing carbonate
Pedocals vs pedalfers Long term average. Cuts across obvious
Coastal Plain in S, and in N. extends to E side of Lake Agassiz

Elevation lines

Escarpmnts, works well except in Nebraska where use border of
glacial drift North part = E edge of plateau or Coteau du
Missouri S Dakota = west slope of James valley
from N. line Kansas on escarpments prominent, especially where
coincident with a bed rock escarpment

Subdivisions

High Plains or area of outwash from the mountains
Plains border= transitional rough country just E of High Plains
Colorado Piedmont= area where High Plains have been eroded away at foot of
mountains
Raton Section= high mesas and canyoned plateaus often confused with moun-
tains
Missouri Plateau = high area N. of High Plains divided into
glaciated Missouri Plateau
unglaciated Missouri Plateau
Black Hills
Pecos Valley similar to Colorado Piedmont
Edwards Plateau = high limestone plateau faulted against Coastal Plain
Central Texas area similar to Plains Border

1954
High Plains

Definition= area of slightly eroded outwash flats or alluvial fans

Boundaries

W= foot of mountains etc
E = E facing escarpment, Break of the Plains
N= Pine Ridge escarpment
S = edge of the outwash deposits

Geology

452 Late Tertiary clay, sand, gravel resting on irregular surface of
consolidated rock, up to 500 ft? thick
Some Pleistocene dunes and river terraces caliche or limestone top
loess mantle

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Topography

Extensive interstream flats with minor hollows or buffalo wallows
some lakes mirage problem dune topography dunes mainly fixed.

High Plains, cont.

Topography

flat, surface of accumulation altered by settling, wind erosion,
water erosion along gullies and through streams ^{width of gullies -}
buffalo wallows ^{are streams aggrading?}
sand dunes now mainly fixed,
lakes, potash, mirage problem
loess plains ¹⁰⁰⁺ source of dust - *gang Plains* - residual area of H.P.
erosional surfaces in N.; part
Goshen Hole=spring sapping

Plains border

Definition, rough area of hills and cuestras from which Tertiary has been eroded

Boundaries= E. = province border along Dakota ss Smoky Hills,
W. = eroded margin of High Plains Tertiary
N= N. edge Republican Valley in Nebraska
S = tapers to point S of Red Hills area

Geology

Cretaceous and Permian sedimentary rocks
Pleistocene sand of Great Bend region ^{some Tertiary}

Topography *Break of the Plains*

Rough with cuestas on Cretaceous lss and Dakota ss ^(Raton) Smoky Hills, Blue ^(Benton)
Very rough on Permian red beds Hills, etc.
Sink holes due to salt solution
Red Hills- gypsum
Great Bend lowland 50 m across with no escarpment Arkansas R held up by
Flint Hills to E.

1954
Colorado Piedmont

Definition= area from which latest Tertiary is absent locally lower than High Plains farther E.

Boundaries

W = foothills
N = edge of late Tertiary along Col-Wyoming border Neb.
E. = edge of late Tertiary
S. = border of higher rocky Raton section

Geology

Cretaceous and early Tertiary sediments
shale and limestone (some ss) and Eocene conglomerate

Topography = *valleys of S Plate + Arkansas*

erosional with many lake basins ascribed to wind
Tepee buttes due to lime concretions in shale
Some dunes

Problem: what caused the erosion of Tertiary mantle here?
Uplift? vegetational difference? original slope? Climatic change?

Raton section

Definition= high mesas + volcanic peaks. Area of high relief often confused with true mountains

Boundaries mainly fixed by elevation, also by lack of Tertiary cover

Geology

Pleistocene and Recent lavas
 Tertiary gravel (under lavas in part)
 Eocene sediments, coal bearing
 Tertiary intrusives
 Cretaceous sediments including resistant Dakota ss
 Jurassic red beds
 Permian red beds (New Mexico map calls some of this Triassic)

Topography

Mesas, buttes and volcanic cones, not true mountains
 Dissected plateaus
 Unroofed intrusion of Spanish Peaks with radiating dikes
 Las Vegas
Las Vegas ~~xxxx~~ and Chaquaqua plateaus = stripped Dakota ss.
 Park Plateau = Eocene formations
 Higher mesas including Ocate lava-capped
 Deeper valleys reach red beds

History

Erosion of the sedimentary rocks
 Surface = level of High Plains, combined erosion and deposition now called a pediment instead of peneplain *pediplan*
 Subsequent erosion with continued vulcanism
 Lower pediment terraces
 Diversion of head of Cimmaron to Canadian

Pecos section

Definition= valley of Pecos River at foot of highlands to W.
 + Canadian Valley at N.

Boundaries

Highlands to west
 Las Vegas Plateau to N.
 High Plains to E. (Llano Estacado)
 Stockton Plateau to S. narrow gorge outlet through limestone

Geology

1949
 Sedimentary rocks, ss, sh, gypsum, almost horizontal
 mainly Triassic red beds some older including limestone on W. (Permian)
~~Wxxxixxxxx~~ Outliers of Cretaceous
 Some outliers of Tertiary sediments
 Much Pleistocene alluvium and sand dunes

Topography

Uneven, terraces, mesas, canyons except flat on alluvial fill
 Extensive dune areas on E.

name change in lab due to date

Edwards Plateau

Definition= high limestone plateau S of High Plains

Boundaries: N. edge of mountain outwash + escarpment on Edwards line
 W highlands W of Stockton Plateau
 S Rio Grande Valley
 E. Balcones escarpment "mountains"

Geology

Lower Cretaceous -mainly limestone, nearly horizontal
 series of faults along Balcones zone

Topography

Outfacing escarpment except W and NW.
 "lev. 4000 down to 1000 ft.
 Edges dissected
 Some plateau upland even near Austin
 1000 ft canyon of Pecos
 Upland shallow draws or grass valleys- sink holes
 Marginal valleys tap springs Narrow V shape at heads,
 flat bottoms below springs of Balcones zone

Central Texas

Definition+ area including much rough land, high mesas, etc. N of
 Edwards Plateau, S of typical Central Lowland

Boundaries

S escarpment of Edwards line
 W same
 E Balcones escarpment
 N border of high mesas of Callahan Divide, Brazos R.

Geology

pre-Cambrian granite, gneiss, schist
 Paleozoic sediments include some resistant Pennsylvanian ss
 some Cambrian ss and ls
 Permian of Colorado valley
 outliers of Lower Cretaceous limestone

Topography

Comanche Plateau submaturely dissected
 Balcones escarpment on E.
 Elev top 1800 -800 ft.
 W side deeply eroded
 Merges on N. into Grand Prairie where altitude is less
 S. margin = Colorado R.
 Outcrop of Trinity sand on W. = Western Cross Timbers
 Callahan Divide
 between Colorado and Brazos Rs.
 Cross timbers at base of mesas
 Colorado Valley
 rolling prairie included because of hills to N.
 Llano or Central Mineral District
 Basin with isolated mountain remnants mainly Paleozoic
 pre-Cambrian less resistant than sediments
 pre-Cambrian faulted up then worn lower than sediments

Central Texas, cont.

Palo Pinto district

area of Pennsylvanian rocks W of Comanche Plateau
mesas and canyons

General-many entrenched meanders which date from formation of upland
surface now uplifted.

Missouri Plateau

Definition+ area N. of Pine Ridge escarpment

Boundaries

- N. Canadian line
- E. province boundary
- W. same
- S Pine Ridge

Geology

Everything from pre-Cambrian to Pleistocene including volcanics
pre-Cambrian granite, etc.
Paleozoic sediments includes Madison lime, Mississippian
ls and ss of ~~Missi~~ Permian
Triassic red beds
Dakota ss and overlying shale and ss *selena*
Early Tertiary ss and clay, lignite bearing
Tertiary intrusives and volcanics
Glacial drift

→ Topography-general

Erosional topography including isolated mountains
Diastropic= Black Hills
(~~Little Rockies~~) *check this* *except general topography*
Big Snowy
Volcanic= Highwood
Bearpaw + *intrusions*
Intrusives Judith
Sweetgrass *Moccasin Little Rockies*

Crazy = part of Rockies and are intrusions!

Unglaciaded section

Defintion= area s of drift

Geology see above

Topography

Series of terraces and a lluvial areas

Aldens series-Cypress highest, oldest

Flaxville or No. 1

No. 2

No. 3

Terraces converge eastward *1954*

1953 *1952* Erosional areas-slag capped buttes

badlands nature, location, cause

72-91

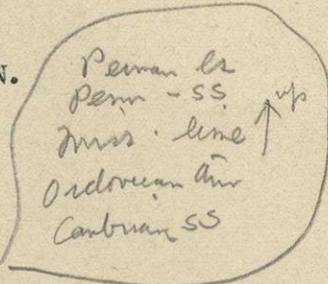
Missouri Plateau, glaciated
definition
boundaries

Geology

Age of drifts disputed. Effect of dry climate on criteria of age.
NE border at edge of Tertiary ss

Topography

Morainal area of the Coteau du Missouri
Ground moraine and other moraines to N.
Lake Souri basin



Black Hills

Definition

Boundary

Geology

Pre-Cambrian granite, gneiss
Cambrian ss
Permian ls, ss Tertiary red beds
Dakota ss - *Crete*
Tertiary intrusives
Pleistocene gravels
Some structure, steeper dips to E.



Topography

2 major hogback ridges Limestone Plateau *rd limestone ridge - Dakota-Lakota ridge*
Race track
central area granite peaks
Radial drainage evidence of capture
Laccolithic mountains
Gravel fans

History

- 1 Dep. of marine strata *to correlation perfectly*
- 2 Uplift and erosion to low but not peneplained surface
- 3 Deposition of earlier Tertiary evidence of climate, streams could no longer carry material to sea
Age of Cypress Hills surface? Eocene coals, lignites *intrusions*
Causes of successive alternations, climate vs uplifts *interrelation*
Relation of terraces to glacials or interglacials
Problems of correlation
Relation to inwash-outwash of Nebraska
- 4 Ages of glaciation
Formation of Missouri River
Glacial stream diversions - Honkin Sag. etc.

1952
1954
1950

Cypress Hills - preglacial ???
Flaxville - Aftonian
No. 2 - Sangamon Yarmouth
No. 3 - Sangamon

parent aggradation?

*Volcanism
Lower
changes of dunes
W-NW to
W of S*

Southern Rockies

General division of system into
Southern-Wyoming Basin- Middle-Northern

Southern Rocky Mts.

Definition-ranges between southernmost distinct folded mts
and the much lower Wyoming Basin

Boundaries

- E= plains
- N= lower area largely covered by Tertiary strata
- W= Colorado Plateau, horizontal strata
- S= pass along Santa Fe Rr dividing folded rocks from mesas

Geology

- 1 P re-Cambrian core, granite, gneiss, etc.
- 2 Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata, sedimentary, all folded
several firm sandstone formations *through Cretaceous*
- 3 Cenozoic- largely unconsolidated, alluvial formations and glacial drift
- 4 Igneous rocks both intrusive and volcanic, Tertiary
mainly in San Juan Mts.

Structure, each range an anticline Many faults
folded at end of Cretaceous

Topography

Hogback foothills, Dakota, Fountain, etc. Some are gypsum ridges
Upland or peneplain- is there more than one surface? relation to Tertiary
Mountains above general upland
Gorges in edges of upland

Names of several ranges

*White R. plateau
W Edge mts. volcanoes + laccoliths*

History Front Ranges

Upheaval at end of Cretaceous=Laramide Revolution

Erosion-problem: are uplands true peneplains or are they pediments?

1951 What is age relation? What is relation to alluvial deposits?

What is cause of several fillings and erosion intervals? Uplift?

Climatic change?

Erosion of Pliocene fill during Pleistocene; erosion of gorges *canyon*

Glaciation, why mainly on east sides

younger alluvial fans in Piedmont

San Juan Mts region See Prof. Paper 166

Definition= ranges W of San Luis Valley and S of Gunnison valley

Boundaries= see above

Geology*

pre-Cambrian granite, schist, greenstone, quartzite
 Cambrian quartzite
 Mississippian, Devonian limestone
 Pennsylvania n, Permian sediments
 Triassic-Jurassic red beds
 Cretaceous Dakota ss and overlying shales etc.

Tertiary volcanics, rhyolite, andesite with interbedded gravels

Quaternary drifts and some volcanics

Topography-

Aside from the Needle Mts. which are like eastern ranges except more rugged= high dissected plateau of volcanics

Relief 2000-4000 feet
 Heavily glaciated
 Extensive recent landslides

History

late or post-Cretaceous folding
 Prolonged erosion to surface of low relief-peneplain vs pediment
 Cover of Tertiary conglomerate demonstrates latter Exhumed pene. in
 3 stages of vulcanism separated by erosion intervals Needle Mts.
 Erosion to subdued surface with many residuals-peneplain vs pediment
 Gravel cover of lower slopes demonstrates latter
 Erosion and glaciations. 3 stages known separated by erosion intervals
 Landslides and rock streams of present

Parks

Definition= treeless low areas
 North-Middle-South-San Luis Valley

Geology-pre-Cambrian to Quaternary or Recent

South Park older rocks
 North and Middle, Tertiary fill in syncline
 San Luis Quaternary and Recent alluvium and fans, dunes
 Volcanics

Topography

Drainage to outside through canyons-Middle to W. San Luis to Rio Grande
 Erosional topog in north including Rabbits Ears Range of volcanics
 San Luis = alluvial surface

Wyoming Basin

Definition= area between higher ranges to N and S where folded rocks are in large part concealed under Tertiary

Boundaries wholly topographic, two openings to Great Plains and to Colorado Plateau are crossed by distinct uplifts

Geology

Pre-Cambrian, granite, etc.

Paleozoic, Mesozoic sediments. Note red beds of Triassic, Jurassic

Mesa Verde and Dakota sss of Cretaceous Mississippian or Penn. ls

Tertiary- non-marine, clay and sandstone, youngest = Bishop conglomerate

local volcanics - *Lancefield Hills Elk Head mts*

pre-Tertiary is folded and axes trend toward NW

Topography

A basin which might in some ways be considered an embayment of Great Plains More disturbed than most of Plains.

Erosional topography. Not all basins are structural, some are eroded anticlines

Drainage disregards uplifts to very large extent.

Important uplifts: Rock Springs anticline eroded into Baxter Basin

Axial Basin

Structural basins Great Divide on red beds

Shoshone

Low escarpments on firmer rocks Many wind hollows including Big Hollow near Laramie

Hogbacks near uplifts

Badlands on clays

Part of area has interior ~~basin~~ drainage due to aridity
alkaline lakes, soapy water

History

Laramide folding

Erosion and concurrent filling of depressed areas ending in Bishop conglomerate-pedimentation of adjacent mountains Fill led to superposition of drainage over lower uplifts

defer problem of Green River which flows across high mountains.

post Bishop erosion in stages corresponding to glaciations of adjacent mountains

Middle Rockies 150-165

Definition: a ranges between Wyoming Basin and volcanic plateau of Y N.P.

- B oundaries-
- E= Great Plains include the Big Horn Basin
 - N= Yellowstone river valley N of Park, volcanic plateau included
 - W= Columiba Plateau lavas and enclosed basins of Basin and Range
Problem: should we exclude the N-S ranges from Tetons S with Great Basin even if drained to sea and free of alluvial fill in valleys?
 - U= lower ground of Wyoming Basin

Geology

- Pre-Cambrian granitic cores of ranges
- Folded sediments. Mississippian limestone important-phosphate rock
- Tertiary land deposits including lignitic rocks- slightly disturbed - up to 9000' extensive volcanics and intrusives
- Pleistocene glacial drift

Topography

- Major ranges such as Big Horns, Wind R. Gros Ventre, Unita= anticlinal uplifts
- Tetons and many of the Wyoming-Idaho ranges= fault blocks
- Upland volcanic plateaus, Absarokas, Yellowstone (latter less eroded)
- Basins= synclinal areas, Big Horn, Jackson Hole, etc.
- Uplifts much like southern ranges with glaciated residual peaks
- Subsummit peneplain or pediments - summit plane? - some T. on lower ranges
- Canyons, foot hills, flatirons anticlinal valleys
- Plateau topography, flat summits, mesas, canyons - hot water effects, capture of Y.R.
- Bas in topography, flats, terraces, pediments, alluvial fans, capture of Greybull R by a smaller stream with less gradient because carrying finer debris
- capture of some rivers crossing Big Horns? - Pyro gaps - shoreline diverted by Big Horn
- Tatman level 1190= Cypress =preglacial
- Folecat-Mesa, 625, 450= Flaxville = Aftonian
- Roberts 200= No. 2 = Yarmouth
- ~~Red Lodge-Cody~~
- Emblem-Powell, 110-80= No. 2
- Red Lodge-Cody 20= No. 3=Sangamon

History Big Horn Basin, G. S. A. 48: 813-894

- Basins formed by Laramide revolution mts. too low to catch rain
- Change to aridity by late Eocene due to mountain uplift
- Fill led to superposition of streams -formation of subsummit pediments
- No mid-Tertiary low level of mts. possible because of climate, sediments
- Change to erosion, climatic change or uplift
- Conflict of paleontological evidence with that of southern Plains possibly fill completed earlier and erosion began sooner in N. development of pediments, weathering vs lateral planation
- relation of terraces to pluvials associated with glaciation to N.

1952/1951

Wasatch range

Evidence of faulting on west side tri. facets

Teton

Uintas

Geology-pre-Cambrian quartzite

Topography. Hogbacks - includes min. ggs.
gorge of Green R. - Canyon of Ladore
Browns Park -
Glacial cirques,

History

Laramide folding

Tertiary filling and pedimentation In Uintas Gilbert Peak and Bear Mt.

pediments. problem of age called peneplains in older reports
Green River problem - older students called antecedent, objection.

Superposition on fans, objection - ~~Capture~~ objection

Capture aided by Tertiary faulting - tilting of pediments - objection

2 later interglacial pediments See Prof. Paper 185, p. 163.

History of Wasatch see G. S. A. 55: 819-894

1 Laramide folding and thrusting *mtn still low*

2 Erosion

3 Deposition of Eocene Wasatch conglomerates etc. - *change to acidity*

4 Gentle folding late Eocene

5 Erosion initiated major top. features including cross valleys

6 Vulcanism, tuff, Oligocene (*Is tuff older than Herd mtn surface?*)

7 Gentle folding

8 Erosion of Herd Mt. Surface, possibly ~~not~~ pediments, 1000' relief

(Miocene) *mtn were higher - no time for erosion (slope to 16°)*

9 *Wright*

10 Erosion of Weber valley pedimented surface, Pliocene - *and erosion in E. (date) (climate?)*

11 Basin-Range faulting to 3000 ft. only slightly increased relief, tilted valleys, made hanging valleys

12 Erosion and burial of lower parts of pre-faulting surface *Salt L. formation*

13 Lake Bonneville + *blanation* - *in E. even of lower - date?*

14 Recent faulting, erosion

Correlation with Uintas fair but not with Idaho. *because of doubt of relation*

Teton problem

last favors a fault line sharp (presumed fault sharp) of upland to Teton

330 Friday

Northern Rocky Mountains 183-197

Definition=ranges and mountain groups north of Y. N. P.

Boundaries E= Plains mts. include Little Belt, Castle, Crazy
N, stop at 49th parallel
W= Okanoga n R and Columbia lava platea u exclude mts. W. of Snake R
S= lava plateau of Y. N. P. and valley of Yellowstone R

Geology

Pre-Cambrian

Archean crystalline, granite, schist, gneiss, qz.

Algonkian-Belt series to 60,000 ft, shale, 2 limestones, some ss

Paleozoic

sedimentary rocks, all folded Madison-ls (Miss.)

Permian volcanics phosphate rock

Mesozoic

Jurassic-Triassic, sediments, siltstone, ss, etc. folded

Jurassic intrusive granite

Cretaceous, shale, ss, folded

Great Unconformity

Genozoic Tertiary continental sediments with volcanic ash, intrusives,
lava flows, only slightly disturbed

Pleistocene drift and stream deposits

Topography

Uplifts from folding:

Columbia, Bitterroot, Lost River

Little and Big Belt -Gallatin-Madison-Jefferson-Lewis and Clark, etc
due to intrusion!

mountains of Idaho batholith -Castle-Crazy

narrow valley

Poverty Flat

Basins, mainly contain Tertiary and Pleistocene deposits

Idaho, South Prairie, Lemhi, Rocky Mt. Trench, Purcell Trench,

Seilkirk valley, Deer Lodge, Townsend

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Bitterroot Range. evidence of faulting, normal or thrust, border of batholith

Mountains of Canadian border

trenches

structure

glacial erosion features

Lewis and Clark ranges. thrust fault, age of Daly's Rocky Mts.

Rocky Mt. Trench 800 m long= ¹lathead, Bitterroot

Purcell Mt s.

Purcell Trench intersects Rocky Mt. 200 M. N.

Selkirk Mts.

Selkirk Valley = Columba valley

Columba Mts = Okanogan Highlands

Okanogan Trench or Valley

Problem of Rocky Mt. Frank in Saypo quad. Mont.

History of Rockies
Atwood and Atwood, G. S. A. 49: 957-980

Applies to southern and Middle Rockies

Mountain growth between Mesozoic and Cenozoic - *Laramide Revolution*

Eocene-mild climate but mountains glaciated, later a subdued surface, the Flattop ^{Telluride} peneplain was formed [now preserved under volcanics of San Juan and Absarokas (question- are these not pediments?)]

Renewal of mountain growth accompanied by vulcanism of San Juan, Absarokas, Spanish Peaks, Y. N. P. etc.

Mountains high again and early fans were eroded. Basins filled with Oligocene, Miocene, Pliocene sediments (*volcanics of Columbia Plateau*)

Denudation of the mountains at same time as valley filling leading to Rocky Mountain or South Park level, "peneplains" and pediments including those of Uintas and San Juans

{ Uplift and erosion by superimposed streams=Canyon cycle

{ Formation of lower or Pleistocene pediments-glaciation in several stages separated by erosion intervals

Postglacial canyon cutting

will this apply to northern Rockies?

here we have to say volcanics of Col. Plat middle and late T

211-224 and summary of Northern Rockies

Penplain problem-"first catch the rabbit"

Evidence for

Summits blend in distance as viewed from high points
Poverty flat near Challis on Paleozoic sedimentary rocks is 25 m²
Some of the divides are nearly level although narrow
Smooth subdued surfaces extend or slope under some of the Tertiary deposits and possibly the lavas of Columbia Plateau

x other view about level

Evidence against

Stream valleys do not seem to be adjusted to structure as they should have been after penplaination *pediments??*

193-) Instrumental measurements show that skyline is far from level
Petrologists conclude that the subequal elevations of Idaho mountains are roughly at the original top of the batholith

Since erosion seems to proceed faster above timberline than below this should bring about subequality of divides

Isostatic balance may possibly prevent the occurrence of mountains much above a certain height although in Cascades there are such

1557) Even distribution of drainage lines and development of similar slopes of stability on both sides of divides should cause subequal summit elevations

The surfaces which extend below the Tertiary are in many places clearly pediments because they are covered with gravel; could Poverty Flat be a remnant of a local pediment formed long ago? If it is the significance is changed and it would not demonstrate a regional penplain

1951) If the existence of a penplain (or other subdued surface) be accepted then what is its age in respect to the Tertiary sediments below this level?

1953) For Eocene age

Tertiary is all post Eocene
Tertiary deposits found only below "upland"
Upland is apparently undeformed
Tertiary rests on subdued surfaces
Miocene lavas enter valleys below the upland

o Telluride level is below lavas

For Pliocene age

Tertiary may readily have been below base level
Tertiary beds are locally disturbed more than upland appears to be
Southern Rockies are known to have been mainly buried by Pliocene fans
Not all the lavas are Miocene, some are much younger
Valleys containing Tertiary are not erosional but structural
Mountains could not supply the sediments in the valleys and still keep remnants of penplain.
Nature of Tertiary demonstrates both high mountains and aridity
Change from Eocene erosion to Oligocene-Miocene dep. might be *vol ash*
lavas, earth movement, or change to aridity

Pleistocene-evidence of more than one age of drift
evidence of terraces No. 1= Flaxville? pediments of interglacial age
Lake Missoula

Columbia Plateau

Definition - ^{basalt} a plateau, varying degrees of dissection

Boundaries- topographic except on south where leave out Basin Ranges so far as possible; includes mts. W. of Snake River

Sections: list them but defer discussion in detail-explain reasons for such marked differences

- Snake R. Plain= young lava plain
- Blue Mts.= outlier of Northern Rockies
- Payette= mainly lake deposits
- Walla Walla= eroded plateau on older flows
- Harney = arid section without the mts. of Basin and Range

Geology (data mainly from Flint)

- Dunes and later loess
- Touchet lake beds + alluvial terraces
- Scabland glacial outwash deposits
- Glacial drift-Wisconsin age + Quaternary flows Qv
- Palouse loess and Ringold lake beds
- Younger flows of Snake River Plain= QPv (geol. map of U. S.)
- Columbia River basalts PMv
- Sediments interbedded with flows-Ellensburg, Latah, John Day etc, mainly lake and stream deposits which date the flows Mc + Ec + Oc
- Eocene flows Ev lighter color than later flows
- Cretaceous sediments, K, small areas
- Jurassic and Triassic sediments + Jurassic intrusive
- Carboniferous sediments and flows

- Manner of eruption-fissures vs low cones around vents
- fluidity of lavas
- Local deformation of flows and sediments

Topography-

- features due to hard and soft beds in flows and interbedded sediments- effect of columnar jointing in flows - loess covered areas, scablands, cones, falls, lakes, terraces
- anticlinal ridges in flows
- canyons - falls
- Outlying mountains, part volcanic, others of pre-flow rocks

History, general, details of sections later.

- (1) Old erosion surface beneath Miocene flows. Its nature
- (2) Eruptions. obstruction of drainage. Intervals between eruptions probable sinking of surface beneath flows-cause Nature of original surface of flows and sediments
- Effect on drainage- why edge of flows where lavas cooled in water was weak- why streams were largely forced to edge of flows. Examples
- Why many streams disregard present slope of upland
- Effect of folding of flows on stream courses

~~Class roll: Colbert, Colman, Finnegan, Frey, Fulkearth, Prucha~~

Snake River Plain

Definition= area of little dissected young basalt flows in valley of Snake R.

Boundaries: N, S, E. against higher land but omit valleys indenting uplands
W. arbitrary in appearance but is edge of young lavas

Geology: Metamorphic and igneous of mountains See W. S. P. 774
Older lavas, light colored Miocene
Younger basalts with associated lake deposits, mud flows, tuff
Pliocene and Pleistocene
Glacial drift, local
Dune ~~sand~~ sand, alluvium

Topography

Lava plain locally very rough
Cones, Craters of the Moon. Spatter cones, ash cones (cinder cones),
lava domes, fissures, cinder crags, caves, Hells Half Acre, Wapi lava field
Underground loss of water, vanishing streams, lakes
Canyons and falls, springs, American Falls, Twin Falls etc. Cause
Buttes of older lavas

Payette section

Definition= area dominantly lake beds W of long. 115W

Boundary= Mts. north and NW including Blue Mts.
Basin Ranges to S. and SW
Interior drainage W

Geology

ocene volcanics. Jurassic intrusive of Owyhee Mts.
Miocene continental=lake beds
Younger basalts
alluvial and terrace deposits

Topography

Valley of Snake much wider than above and terraced
mesas, many capped by lava
Owyhee Mts. = a linear ridge of basin-range type with granite core.
older lavas uplifted near mts. and eroded

Blue Mt. Section

Definition= large outlier of Northern Rockies plus an uplifted lava area

Boundary fixed largely by topography. Separated from Nor. Rockies by Snake
Canyon

Geology

Carboniferous etc, metamorphic sediments and lavas
Jurassic-Triassic same
Jurassic granite
ocene lavas up to Pleistocene flows *disrupted*
Miocene and Pleistocene continental deposits

Topography

High enough for timber. Truly mountainous-Canyon of Snake, why little known
glenister

Walla Walla section

Definition-what is left of Columbia Plateau N of Blue Mts. Harney secs.

Geology

- Flows, ⁴ocene to Pliocene on pre-lava basement Locally folded
- Lake sediments and ash within basalt flows
- Ringold sand, gravel, clay, silt, early Paeistocene
- Palouse loess
- Scabland sediments plus glacial drift (Wisconsin)
- Touchet lake silts of same age as Scabland
- Dunes and later loess

Topography

- Palouse Hills loess belt, steep slopes but no soil erosion
- Island buttes of older rock
- Scabland bars
- Coulees, dry falls
- Western plateaus, dune areas, ridges

SCABLAND PROBLEM

- Facts:
- Scablands are due to erosion by glacial meltwaters on slope of ~~15 ft/m x 29 ft/m~~ ~~13 ft/m~~ ^{20 ft/m} ^{North, no}
 - Have a great vertical extent and appear to have been formed all at once (Allison, no)
 - Lower Columbia Valley carried lake waters to about 1100 elev. ^{of flooded}
 - Gravel bars have beds which dip into tributary valleys
 - ^{start at border of plateau}

Theories: Bretz, a super flood of unknown origin
 for: bars are constructional, to 300 ft high, water deep ponding in Columbia due simply to great volume great width of falls, some places several at same level gravel occurs on edge of Grand Coulee sidehill canyons, great horizontal extent of scabland scabland at entrance to Yakima Valley means reversed flow hanging tributary valleys, plucked basins in rock Yakima valley filled with present river in 4 1/2 days

1954

here 49
dip

Flint
 sediments too fine for a super-flood ^{13 ft/m}
 bars are erosional remnants of fill preserved because in mouths of tributaries upper limit of scabland not consistent
 destruction of Lake Lewis changed deposition to erosion ^{divides}
 slope of 20 ft/m with superimposed streams

GSA 1953/1952
 $\sqrt{20} = 4.45$
 $\sqrt{13} = 3.6$
 D 2 1/2 mi slope
 but not consider size

North
 collapsed large tunnel
 glacial

Allison
 holds that bars are really constructional L. Lewis not cause
 relation of coarse stream dep to lake sediments shows different age;
 suggests ice jams in Columbia R which grew upstream
 finds evidence of lake and sidehill scabland below Wallula gateway
 formation presumably progressive
 objects to simultaneous erosion of so large an area.

COULEE problem - sidehill valley

Supher. GSA. 55:1431-1462, 1944 ^{suppose Allison - 2 ages of fill}
 Allison J. G. 49: 54-73, 1941, GSA 44: 675-722, 1933 - ice jams
 Flint GSA 49: 461-524, 1938

Yakima district.

anticlinal ridges- ash deposits left only in valleys but folded with lavas
smooth sides of ridges truncating structure
steams flow in entrenched meanders

alternative explanations

Early folding
peneplain with superposition of streams
later folding of ridges
erosion of entrenched meanders

or Folding which caused only temporary ponding followed by entrenched
meanders of essentially antecedent streams. Some case of diversion
now being studied. Evidence of pebbles.
formation of pediments on flanks of ridges.

Comparison-pediments more in line with climate east of Cascades,
also a simpler view

Deschutes district. ash mounds, origin??

Harney Section

Alluvial cover rather thin unlike typical basin country
Lakes due to lava flows

History, entire province

- 1 Older folded mountains like northern Rockies, deeply eroded but not peneplained
 - 2 Early light colored lavas with associated lake and stream deposits
Eocene to Miocene
 - 3 Later basaltic lavas, Miocene to Recent + associated sediments
 - 4 } Diversion of streams to borders of flows with entrenchment-folding
 - 5 } Settling of center of basin and folding at time of Cascades
 - 6 } Glaciation-formation of loess-scabland and associated lakes -dry falls,
Grand Coulee lasted as long as Ontonagon ice dam, later than scablands
 - 7 } Postglacial abandonment of Grand Coulee but one gorge above was kept. (Pent)
- Later dunes and loess

294-306

@@x Meteor Crater problem.

Facts:

Crater 570' deep ^{440 below plain} 3950' across rim of much broken limestone
Holes drilled in bottom through recent silt into pulverized sandstone
below that only solid bed rock No sign of volcanic rock

little magnet attraction *23 holes & shafts*
Origin
Volcanic explosion steam or gas. Heat power of explosives.
Time rate of change. Comparison in calories per gram
Steam about 600, dynamite 1100? Hydrogen 3.4×10^4
Atomic bomb 2×10^{10} Impact of meteorite 5×10^5
~~Hydrogen 3×10^{10}~~ black powder about 730
or volcanic origin

near San Francisco volcanic field
somewhat like basin of Zuni Salt Lake which contains
2 cinder cones and a lava flow 1 m across 150' deep
may be due to salt solution J. G. 13: 85-194
According to Roberts lies on a line of minor folding

195 ✓
For meteoric origin

considerable meteoric material found in rim
extreme fracturing of rim rock
pulverization
like features of moon. Solar parabolic velocity = 26.5 m/sec
earth's velc. about 19 m/sec. sum = about 45 m/sec. diff.
about 8 m/sec
Energy at 40 m/sec = 300 + x equal mass of nitroglycerine
Siberian meteorite devastated ^{ated} circle of 25 m radius
Claimed that several meoric fragments penetrated in drill
hole on S rim at 1376
Heat enough to vaporize a meteorite

195 ✓
High Plateaus of Utah

Should begin with Vermillion ^{Chocolate cliffs} cliffs *E. boundary - edge Tertiary*

X Geology and topography, 3 major cliffs, Vermillion, White, Pink
minor Chocolate and on Cretaceous sandstones
faults lava caps Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks in Eocene
Zion Nat. Park

Uninta Basin

Area N of Book cliffs

Geology and topography

Cretaceous and Tertiary
Taviputs plateaus

Book cliffs = Mesa Verde Roan cliffs higher = Eocene border

Structure

rocks mainly horizontal
monoclines dip E
local domes, laccoliths
faults, generally down to W.

Topography

Flatish uplands part lava capped
Dissected to varying degree by canyons
Broken by scarps
Erosional with outliers, spurs due to firmer rocks, ss mainly
along faults, generally simpler *Oregon*

1951
Mountains

Local dome uplift Zuni
Laccoliths-Henry
Volcanic Mt. Taylor

1953
Volcanic necks

Sections-Grand Canyon, older rocks plus volcanics

High Plateaus to 11000 elev. Younger rocks plus volcanics
Uinta Basin-structural, cliffed
Canyon lands, most dissected
Navajo- less dissected, very arid
Datil- largely volcanics

1950 1952

Grand Canyon section

Definition- area of older sediments and volcanics of San Francisco region

Boundaries

Province boundary on W and S
E arbitrary line in E Arizona
NE Little Colorado R and Echo cliffs
N= foot of high Plateaus

Geology

pre-Cambrian through Kaibab ls plus volcanics
Monoclines and prominent faults area of highest uplift of strata

Topography

Grand Canyon-problem of Tonto and Esplanade benches Origin?
Plateau levels with scarps rise to E. Kaibab at Canyon station
San Francisco volcanic plateau-cones, flows
Crater Mound, problem of origin
Eastern monocline causing break in canyon at Lees Ferry

Mindy

Definition= area of prevailing horizontal sedimentary rocks and lavas
 Plateau or plateaus?
 Climate? relative elevation? - *mentioned me 5000-11000*

Boundaries

- E and N-mountains
- S erosional escarpment above lower ground, locally obscured by lavas
- W escarpment along faults above lower Basin-Range country

Geology

- Pleistocene- glacial drift on highest plateaus, alluvium, dunes, etc.
 younger lavas(basalts)

Tertiary

- Bridger-lake dep.
- Green R. oil shale
- Wasatch-limestone, calc. ss, etc=Pink cliffs
- Flows and intrusions

Unconformity

Cretaceous

- Laramie ss , yellow-gray cliffs 250-400
- Lewis shale 500-1000
- Mesaverde ss , yellow-coal-Book Cliffs 300-1000
- Mancos shale, ss badlands, hogbacks 2200
- Dakota ss , white-hogbacks to 100
- McElmo shale 197-565

Jurassic

- maroon ss, sh, cliffs 973-1430
- gyp zone, scarp 100-450
- Navajo ss, white WHITE CLIFFS 1260-1400
- Todolito ss , sh, maroon 125-215
- Wingate ss VERMILLION CLIFFS 250-400

Triassic

- Chinle s h, ls, etc. 185-200
- Shinarump ss, gray, yellow, bench 10-125
- Moenkopi sh, ss, chocolate buttes 304-480

Permian

- Kaibab ls bench 400-600
- Coconino ss, white cliff 250-350
- Hermit sh 267-332
- Supai, ss, white, red, Esplanade 1250-1400

Mississippian

- Edwall ls(blue) cliff 600-700

Middle Cambrian

- Muave ls cliff 450-475
- Bright Angel sh 25-375
- Tapeats ss Tonto Platform to 285

Unconformity

Algonkian

- Unkar ss, qz, sh, ls tilted to 4780

Archean

- Vishnu schist cliff ----

THE PRE-CAMBRIAN of the GRAND CANYON

Introduction - The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River is the only area in the world where such a complete and exposed section of the Pre-Cambrian Algonkian rocks are found. These excellent exposures offer the geologist a classic means by which he can determine the stratigraphic succession and position of the Algonkian rocks.

History of the Area - Major J.W. Powell was the first person to record these rocks. They were noticed by him during his explorations of the Colorado River and its tributaries. In his report of 1875 he stated that hard vitreous sandstones of many colors overlie the granites and are separated by the large non-conformity from the overlying Carboniferous sediments. A thickness of about 10,000 was estimated by Powell for these sandstones. Below these sedimentary rocks are crystalline schists which Powell refers to as granites.

The Geographic Position of these Rocks - The portion of the Grand Canyon in which the Pre-Cambrian rocks exist is located in northern Arizona between 36° and $36^{\circ} 17'$ N latitude and $111^{\circ} 47'$ and $112^{\circ} 05'$ W longitude. Most of this is in the valley portion of the canyon, between the mouth of Marble Canyon and a point south of Vishnu's Temple, a little west of where the Colorado River changes its course from the south to the northwest. It is completely within the depths of the Grand Canyon, east and southeast and south of the Kaibab plateau.

Nomenclature of the Grand Canyon - The name "Grand Canyon Group" was given by Major Powell to the rocks which lie below the Tonto sandstone and above the "Grand Canyon schists".

Charles D. Walcott modified Major Powell's classification, but generally followed the same system.

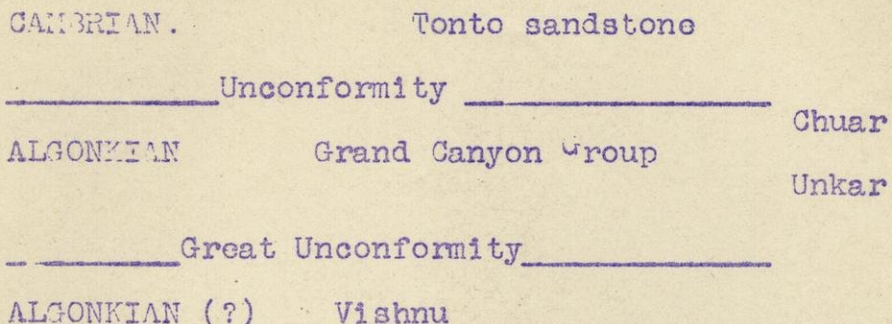
L.F. Noble and Charles Keyes renamed the Grand Canyon group of Powell maintaining only the Chuar series of Powell.

On the following pages, the stratigraphic section of Powell and Walcott, and that of Noble and Keyes will appear. Following each table will be the lithology as given by each of the original authors.

Below is a general picture of the Grand Canyon Group. (G.K. Gilbert)



Stratigraphy and Lithology - Powell and Walcott, with Walcott preparing the material as first related by Powell show the following section to be the Pre-Cambrian of the Grand Canyon.



The following is this detailed lithology of the Chuar Section. This is beginning from the top at the base of the Cambrian.

| <u>Lithology</u> | <u>Thickness (Feet)</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| Sandstone, massive, reddish-brown, becoming shaly near the middle and passing down into reddish, sandy shale, and shale with few thin compact sandstone layers | 200 |
| Shale, black, thin layers, crumbling on exposure, with two 50-foot members of massive gray limestone on lower half | 525 |
| Limestone, hard, buff, with irregular oolitic massive cherty bands predominating in places | 4 |
| Shale, black, with few compact layers and thin, earthy limestone | 33 |
| Limestone, gray | 8 |
| Shale, black above, variegated below, showing light drab, pea-green, vermilion, chocolate, and buff colors, with few thin layers of sandstone | 740 |
| Limestone, concretionary, massive | 10.- 25 |
| Shale, reddish-brown on reddish-brown sandstone thinly bedded in its lower part | 165 |
| Shale, brown, sandy, passing down into chocolate and dark pure shale, alternating with brown and greenish, sandy shale; layer of oolitic iron ore near top | 300 |
| Shale, in part sandy with thin layers of limestone, one 4 feet thick near bottom containing Stromatopora .. | 325 |
| Shale, chocolate-brown, dull and yellowish-green, sandy and clayey, with thin sandstone layers and 21 feet of limestone in thin layers near middle and base | 625 |
| Shale similar to above but with less sand and more clay and lime, 54 feet of limestone included | 500 |
| Shale, dark and slabby, gray limestone, with 5-foot bed of gray to buff, friable sandstone near base | 22 |
| Shale, black, with chocolate and greenish sandy layers and hard beds of sandstone, local thin gypsum deposits. | 100 |
| Shale, brown, sandy, including three feet of compact, mottled buff limestone | 18 |

| | |
|--|----------|
| Shale, black, brown, and chocolate above; chocolate, green, maroon, and drab below, and with layers of sandstone and sandy shales toward base | 830 |
| Sandstone, brown, in beds 8 to 18 inches, passing down into sandy and pure shale with layers of buff and chocolate sandstone, and drab shale passing down into ripple-marked sandy shale | 110 |
| Limestone, in part chocolate with irregular concretionary and bituminous layers near base | 50 |
| Shale, mostly pure and dark with one member of deep maroon; drab, yellowish green and dark shales with a dark chocolate member lying 100 feet of drab and dark greenish shale, with some sandy layers and thin sandstones; carries locally a 6-inch bed of limestone near base | 450- 650 |
| Average total | 5120 |

The following section is the detailed lithology of the Unkar. This extends from the base of the Chuar to the top of the Vishnu.

| <u>Lithology</u> | <u>Thickness (Feet)</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| Limestone, massive gray to reddish (magnesian), passing down into limy sandstone | 50- 150 |
| Sandstone, light gray, yellowish-brown; purplish-brown and partly cross-bedded below | 125 |
| Sandstone and sandy shale, reddish-brown, ripple-marked | 200 |
| Basalt in 6 to 8 flows, 70 to 175 feet thick, separated by thin layers of sandstone | 800 |
| Sandstones, shaly, vermilion, rather fine-grained, ripple-marked and shrinkage cracked, with intercalated beds greenish-gray color, underlain by 700 feet of vermilion beds, mostly massive with sandy shale partings... | 1730 |
| Sandstone, chocolate colored, of which 800 feet are in a cliff of 5 massive members (slightly micaceous) separated by partings of shaly sandstone, chocolate above and greenish below | 925 |
| Sandstone, more or less shaly | 125 |
| Sandstone, friable and sandy, and micaceous shale..... | 300 |
| Sandstone with twisted and gnarled layers in top 15 feet; color gray with reddish spots; shaly in places | 150 |
| Sandstone, gray, hard, compact | 90 |
| Sandstone, massive compact, brown, buff, and purplish-brown (cliff) | 1200 |
| Sandstone, reddish-brown to vermilion, friable, shaly... | 200 |
| Sandstone, brick red, shaly..... | 250 |
| Sandstone, brown, friable, shaly, ripple marks and shrinkage cracks, with lower part more massive and fine conglomerate 10 feet at base..... | 380 |
| Limestone, light gray, with layers of shale | 8 |
| Sandstone, brown, with 2-foot bed of conglomerate | 30 |
| Limestone, reddish, cherty above; light gray and compact near base; 5-foot member of dark reddish-brown slate in middle | 31 |
| Basalt in one body | 80 |
| Limestone, light gray, compact, interbedded layers of chert or sandstone near base | 26 |
| Conglomerate, largely of pebbles of underlying pre-Unkar rocks on which it lies unconformably..... | 30 |
| Thickness of Unkar beds | 6830 |

The formation of the previous pages were described by Walcott. L. F. Noble has made a detailed study of the Unkar strata near Shinumo Creek in Grand Canyon. The following are the:

FORMATIONS OF UNKAR GROUP IN SHINUMO QUADRANGLE

Feet

| | |
|--|------|
| Dox sandstone: Micaceous shaly sandstones, red and vermilion above, gray green, purplish-green, and brown below; cross-bedded and ripple-marked, with shaly partings of green or gray color and some sandy layers; near base gnarled and twisted sandstone | 2300 |
| Shinumo quartzite: Alternating sandstones and quartzites, the sandstone mostly purple-brown, and quartzite white and hard, forming two principal cliffs, some sandstone layers gnarled and twisted | 1564 |
| Hakatai shale: Mostly red shale, upper part sandy, with 100 feet of blue shale below middle; some beds altered to jasper | 580 |
| Bass limestone: White limestone with blue shale intercalations in upper third, and of calcareous, red shales near lower part | 335 |
| Hotauta conglomerate, composed of local pebbles and arkosic, mostly reddish matrix, varying in hardness | 1- 6 |
| Total thickness..... | 4785 |

By using previous works and by further detailed study L. F. Noble and Charles Keyes have compiled the following Pre-Cambrian Section of the Grand Canyon:

| | Series | Formations | Thickness | Rocks |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| PROTOZOIC | TAGONIC | Interval | | Unconformity |
| | Kwaguntan | Nunkoweap | 200 | Sandstones |
| | | Walhalla | 250 | Shales |
| | | Echo | 100 | Limestones |
| | | Carbon Butte | 1000 | Shales |
| | | Solitude | 25 | Limestones |
| | | Oveja | 175 | Sandstones |
| | | Interval | | Unconformity |
| | Chuaran | Final | 600 | Shales |
| | | Marble | 15 | Limestones |
| | | Venus | 625 | Shales |
| | | Oso | 500 | Sandstones |
| | | Jupiter | 1700 | Shales |
| | | Interval | | Unconformity |
| | | Gunther | 150 | Dolomites |
| | Chiquito | 325 | Sandstones | |
| | Interval | | Unconformity | |
| Cardenasan | | 800 | Lavas | |
| | Interval | | Unconformity | |
| Grand Canyon | Dox | 2300 | Sandstones | |
| | Shinumo | 2000 | Quartzites | |
| | Hakatai | 600 | Shales | |
| | Bass | 300 | Limestones | |
| | Newberry | 100 | Lavas | |
| | Hotauta | 50 | Conglomerates | |
| | Interval | | Unconformity | |
| ARCHEOZOIC | | | Gneisses | |

The lithologies of the section of the previous page follows, proceeding from the base upwards.

The lithology of the Grand Canyon Series is detailed in the Shinumo Quadrangle by Noble. (Page 4)

Cardenasan: The Cardenasas lavas consist of eight flows which are about 800 feet thick. Each is separated by a thin sandstone strata 1 - 15 feet thick. Marked erosional unconformities are found on the top and bottom of the lavas. The lavas are extrusive. The erosional unconformity is a specific datum-plane to which all above strata must be referred.

Chiquito: The Chiquito sandstones follow above the lavas. The lower beds are shallow water deposits with abundant ripple marked horizons. Massive sandstones are above, followed by shaly sandstones.

Gunther: The Gunther dolomite is a ledge forming formation which grades upward into dolomite from a calciferous sandstone at its base.

Jupiter: The Jupiter shales are above the dolomite. They are dark colored, often being black.

Oso: Above the Jupiter shales are the sandstones and shaly sandstones of the Oso formations.

Venus: The Venus temple is of about 600 feet of dark brown and green shales of the Venus formation.

Marble: The Marble limestone is only 15 feet thick but contains some signs of life (Stromatopora) This limestone also forms a ledge in the shales which surround it.

Final: The Final shales are brown, more or less sandy shales. Some thin limestones are found within these shales. The full thickness of these shales is not known because of an unconformity at their top.

Ovejo: A sandstone, bedded in the middle and shaly at the top and base.

Solitude: A massive, concretionary limestone forming a ledge projecting outward from the shales and shaly sandstone is the solitude limestone.

Carbon Butte: The Carbon Butte shales are black, forming the sides of a butte below a cap of sandstone.

Echo: The Echo limestone is the principal limestone in the Pre-Cambrian of the Grand Canyon. It consists of three ledges, separated by shales. Some Cryptozoan like fossils occur in the lowest sections.

Welhalla: This is a series of black shales about 200 feet thick.

Nunkoweap: These massive sandstones are the highest rocks exposed in the Pre-Cambrian section.

These lithologies conclude the sedimentary Pre-Cambrian rocks of the Grand Canyon. Above these are the post Pre-Cambrian sediments.

Below these sediments are the Pre-Cambrian crystalline schists. They are called Vishnu by all geologists who have worked in the Grand Canyon.

Vishnu Schists: The Vishnu schists and the other crystalline rocks below the Grand Canyon pre-Cambrian sedimentary rocks are Archean in age.

Three main types of rocks are found in the Archean complex. All of these are schists.

1. Quartz schists that grade into mica schists
2. Quartz schists that grade into quartz-hornblende schists
3. Hornblende schists

Quartz diorite, granites and pegmatic dikes occur locally within the Archean complex.

Very little is known concerning these Archean rocks.

It is known that they have undergone metamorphism folding and faulting to a high extent in order to be as they are found. Because of the intensive reactions that have taken place within these rocks it is impossible to know anything relating to their original occurrence.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE GRAND CANYON

Faults and some folding represent the structural geology of the Grand Canyon.

The West Kaibab fault is the predominant feature of the area.

Many small faults are found in the Unkar strata.

All of these faults are pre-Cambrian in age.

Wheeler's fold is the only large fold in the pre-Cambrian.

Other faults and folds occur in the region, but all are younger than pre-Cambrian.

THE GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF THE GRAND CANYON

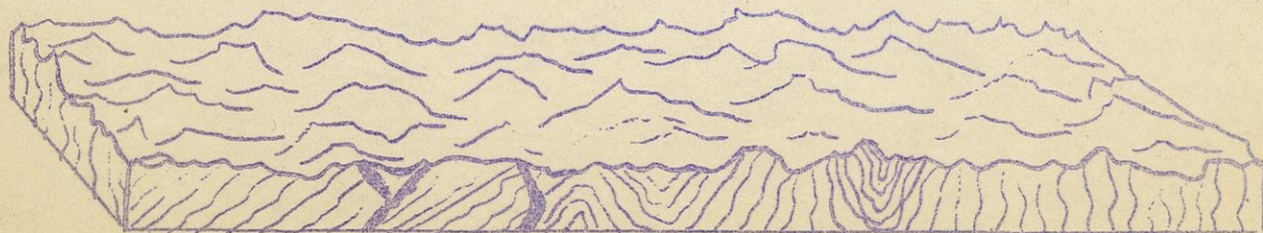
Four separate periods are evident in the pre-Cambrian history of the Grand Canyon. In order of youngest to oldest, they are:

1. Post Algonkian erosion
2. Algonkian deposition
3. Pre-Algonkian erosion
4. Archean igneous activity.

The igneous and sedimentary stages have already been discussed. The other stages have caused the major unconformities in the Grand Canyon.

Hinds calls these stages the Ep-Archean and Ep-Algonkian. The unconformity between the Vishnu schist and the Algonkian sediments is the Ep-Archean surface. The unconformity between the Algonkian sediments and the Paleozoic sediments is the Ep-Algonkian surface. During each stage active erosion and peneplanation took place. The maximum relief on each erosion surface is 50 feet.

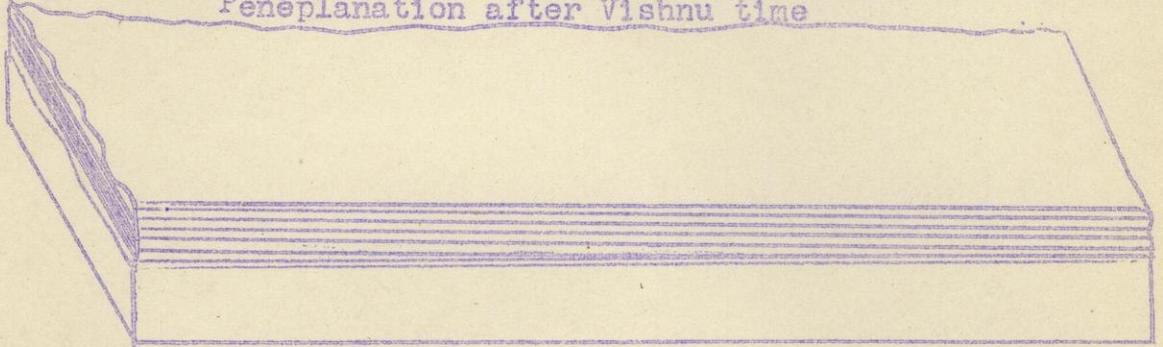
Below is a diagrammatic view of the stages of the pre-Cambrian history of the Grand Canyon:



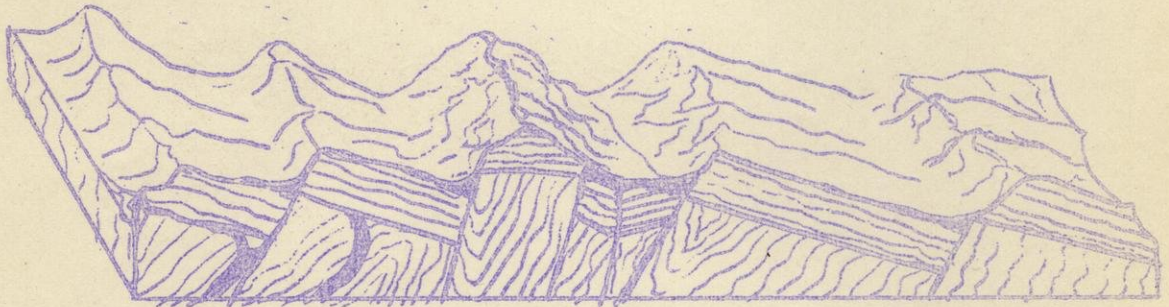
A. During the folding and metamorphism of the Vishnu schist.



B. During the period of intense metamorphism of the Vishnu gneiss
Peneplanation after Vishnu time



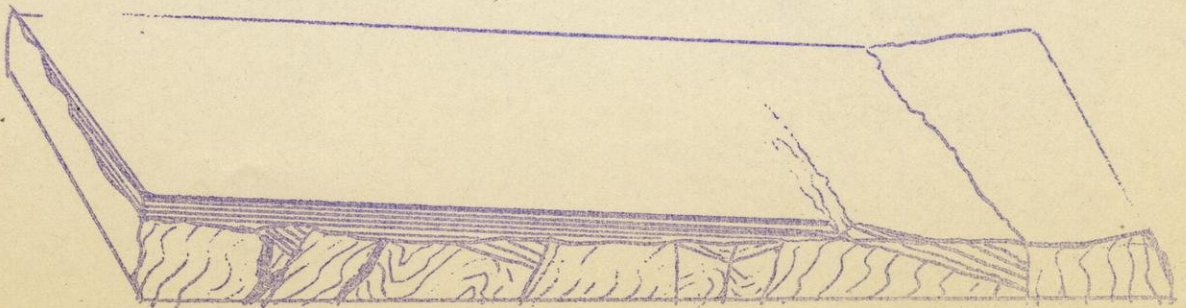
C. After deposition of the Grand Canyon (Proterozoic) system



D. After the Grand Canyon Disturbance had formed ranges of block mts.



E. Near peneplanation of the close of Proterozoic time.



CORRELATION and PROBLEMS

The Grand Canyon series, the Llano series of Texas and the Algonkian series of the Lake Superior region show similar lithologic series of strata, however a definite correlation cannot be made until a factor more reliable than lithology is obtained. It is ~~xxxx~~ probable that the Keweenaw series of Lake Superior and the Grand Canyon series represent the same time interval. This is the only correlation that can be made.

The interpretation of the complex erosional history of the Grand Canyon is the major problem of the Grand Canyon series.

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1934

Canyon Lands

Definition

Boundaries = border of maximum dissection S side San Juan canyon N to ^{to}oan cliffs, W to higher plateaus

Topography

entrenched meanders natural bridges in ss

Why so much dissected? ^{some broad} valleys at E as Grand Junct, Col.

Mesa Verde- Great Sage Plain- Monument uplift with buttes of Triassic

Laccoliths, Henry Mts etc. Navajo Mt. *Comb Ridge*

Anticlines, Circle Cliffs, San Raphael Swell

See Prof. Paper 164 also Jour. Geol. 34: 29-57 on meanders

1953
1957

Navajo Section

Definition= less dissected area E of Grand Canyon and S of Canyon Lands

Boundaries as above

Topography

Mesas, Cuestas, escarpments, canyons, washes, volcanic necks,

Black Mesa =Cretaceous outlier

Chuska Mts, = horizontal Eocene ss

San Juan Basin = syncline containing Tertiary

Painted Desert= Triassic red shales, petrified wood

See Prof. Paper 188

Datil Section

Definition-why discriminated??

Topography

Zuni uplift like Balack Hills escarpments Grand Canyon sequence

Zuni salt lake

Volcanoes-Mt. Taylor volcanic necks

History of Colorado Plateau

- (1) Late Cretaceous-Eocene monoclines formed-Laramide Revolution
- (2) Erosion interval part of Dutton's Great Denudation. Climate unknown
- (3) Lake deposits of Eocene age deposited across beveled folds-some stream deposits
- (4) Uplift possibly pre-Miocene-faulting down to W. Drainage superimposed
- (5) Erosion interval, another part of the Great Denudation. not a peneplain
- (6) Eruption of lavas, part basalts-Miocene? preserved level? spots pediments, not peneplains
- (7) Second fault movement accompanied by eruptions of andesite and rhyolite in San Francisco Plateau Second eruptions
- (8) Erosion interval of early Pleistocene leading to so-called Mohave peneplain third part of the Great Denudation Meandering streams
- (9) Pleistocene basalts erupted
- (10) Pleistocene uplift and renewed faulting with continued eruptions some of them later than the Grand Canyon. entrenched meanders formed. No trace of Colorado River in Great Basin until late Tertiary or early Pleistocene as shown by pebbles
- (11) Glaciation of some of the higher plateaus Probably more water in rivers during glaciation of adjacent mountains.
- (12) in recent years erosion is destroying flood plains and making them into terraces-cause???

See A. J. S. 235:239: 241-260
G. S. A. 56: 151-180, 107-150

A. J. S. 174: 109-129

ATS 244: 817-835

J 6. 52: 381-387

~~355-513~~

Cannot meet labs but will have maps and directions on table.

If possible record last set and return. Another set due this week. Do not accept after Friday Another set ready for Jenkins in middle left drawer

BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE

DEFINITION. region of isolated roughly parallel mt. ranges separated by detritus-filled basins, i. e. a region so arid that streams do not forward much debris to sea. Stress CLIMATE

BOUNDARIES

- Highland of Colorado Plat to east-mainly fault scarp
- Middle Rockies to NE. mainly a fault scarp
- Edge of abundant ranges on north-gradational line
- Foot of Cascade-Sierra range to west, in large part fault scarp
- To SW exclude the higher and larger ranges of the coastal belt although structure and valley filling is continuous

SUBDIVISIONS

- Great Basin-largely a great group of interior basins although some drainage to sea in northwest
 - Sonoran desert-region of large basins with few mts.
 - Salton trough-structural and top. depression bounded by mts. on NE
 - Mexican Highland-like the Sonoran district but higher and more mts.
 - Sacramento section-transitional to Colorado Plat on N. and Great Plains to E. map on p. 10
- Treat briefly and point out on maps Lobeck and geological

GEOLOGY

Deformed sedimentaries and intrusives older than Cretaceous. folds, faults. much igneous rock - *Jurassic intrusives*
 Volcanics plus some pre-Cambrian igneous
 Valley fill-conglomerate, sandstone, volcanic-sedimentaries, lake deposits, salt, gypsum, clay, etc. Older parts cemented and considerably deformed, largely by tilting, drag along faults rather than by close folding
 Age from Miocene to Recent. Faults in age down to Recent
 Glacial drift on some of higher ranges Pleistocene lake basins - *reclaim*
 Volcanics, age to Recent *Some Tertiary intrusives*

TOPOGRAPHY

1951 Typical ranges 50-75 m. long, no great variation in width or height.
 Stress abrupt sides, straight bases aside from local details.
 1953 Slopes cut by erosional valleys
 1945 Basins-half to 5/6th of area. Slopes up to 700 f.p.m. not easily seen in contrast with mts. alluvial fans with mud flows Centers of bolsons hold playaxs or salinas. Many of supposed fans are really pediments with shallow "gravel" on a smooth rock floor. Extent of these not always known. More abundant to south Dunes small and local. Salton sea and Nevada. DESERT pavement
 1950 1949
 here 1941
 EVIDENCE of faults along mts. (a) recent scarps (b) faceted spurs (c) discordance of mt. borderwith internal structure (d) profiles of valleys of ranges (e) lines of springs (f) tilted peneplained (more likely pediments which had original slope) (g) displaced lavas

340-355

HISTORY

Physiographic history tied to that of sediments in valleys and to earth movements

Key lies in ORIGIN of BASINS.

Alternatives- (1) diastrophic (2) erosion by water with later blocking by fans (3) excavation by wind

(1) Geologic record proves (a) intermittent earth movement throughout Tertiary and Quaternary time (b) sedimentation by streams and in lakes in diastrophic basins under generally arid climate The relatively humid intervals were in Pleistocene, apparently coincident with continental glaciations. Start of Colorado River in present location during Pleistocene. (?) Dissection along Colorado gives sections of bolson deposits giving key to history. Recent faulting proved only where displacement of a land surface can be ~~proved~~ *demonstrated*

1951

1948

(2) Geologic record prohibits second hypothesis.

1945

(3) Wind excavation a distinct possibility but most hesitate to endorse because of reputation of Keys, its chief advocate

1953

~~xi~~ Points for: (a) dust storms common (b) bottoms of some playas show wind dissection (c) wind basins common in other parts of west where favored by loose soil (d) old red loess came from deserts Points against: (a) dunes not common (b) wind-worn mushroom pillars etc. etc. very rare. Old inscriptions in caves unfavorable (c) desert pavement unfavorable (d) not enough loess to east (e) dust soon returned from the mts. by next shower. (b) erosion by wind only down to water table

1950

1941

Much of the old controversy came because of lack of knowledge of basin sediments " " " " " pediments and mt. front also early physiographers sought to introduce peneplains into a region of restless crust plus aridity. They also tried to put events into definite order rather than a complex sequence with much overlapping

1954

1942

1949

1952 GREAT BASIN

DEFINITION Includes 100 separate basins Basins of Pitt and Klamath drain to sea

BOUNDARIES see map

GEOLOGY see map

TOPOGRAPHY Block mts. of southern ~~xxxxx~~ Oregon= displaced lava, so recent faulting Pleistocene ~~x~~ lake basins near to higher ranges Evidence of beaches etc. "Louderbacked" mts along foot of Sierra. Fault scarp of Wasatch

Mts to N of Wasatch = part of the

355-393

BASIN AND RANGE 3

*Hand Sat report on
on Friday but
not later*

April 24, 1940

Review Great Basin

HISTORY Older folding and thrusting
 Filling of basins-climate-how known
 Pleistocene-humidity vs cooling
 Evidence of standing water ~~xxx~~ vs alluvial fans
 Two high levels long known in Bonneville and Lahontan
 (now thought may be four.) Evidence connecting the
 time as glacial.
 Evidence of stillstands of level.
 Overflow of Bonneville and erosion of outlet
 Results of complete drying on amount of salt
 1948 Keyes theory of diversion of ~~xx~~ Snake River into
 Bonneville. Weak point-too many other lakes
 Postlake uplift of basin commonly ascribed to
 relief from load of water-weak point there
 1950 was certainly movement in recent time at places
 where there was no lake! Not so easily demonstrated
 Variation of level of Great Salt Lake in historic time-
 effect of irrigation-Salt Lake cut-off
 Search for potash-use of physiography in- ended by
 discoveries in red beds of New Mexico through oil
 1946 exploration

W. branch (Canaat Creek?)

SONORAN DESERT

DEFINITION Low altitude and few ranges-desert basins predominate-
Sonoran Gila Mohave

BOUNDARIES North edge of interior drainage *absolutely mt ranges*
 east edge of higher land and more abundant mts.
 south extends into Mexico
 west either province boundary or range of mts
 NW from Yuma

GEOLOGY Mainly valley fill near to mts. on rock pediments
Mts. largely granite and volcanics

1942

TOPOGRAPHY Mts. generally without straight edges-much frayed
 Undrained bolsons also filled basins with more or less
 through drainage.

HISTORY Stages in development "Integration" of drainage
 Fig. 133, p. 370
 Development of pediments under rising base level of
 valley filling Arroyo Sheet floods (cause or effect)
 Lateral swing of streams

Problem of Colorado River

Passes through bolsons most of which have only a thin top layer which is horizontal Cuts through mt. ranges Boulder Dam in one of these not in Grand Canyon Comparison with Nile River in mud, volume etc.

30x as muddy as Ohio, 109 mi 125' deep, annually History of Colorado as per Longwell and Blackwelder

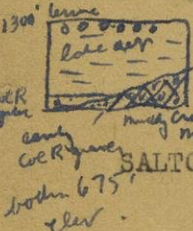
Mud p. 376

p 376

- (1) Older or pre-Miocene deformation
- (2) Miocene faulting; change to arid basins Filling by lake and stream deposits plus volcanics Salt, gypsum, etc.
- (3) more faulting and folding affecting the older bolson deposits
- (4) Pliocene normal block faulting including the Grand Wash fault at ~~an~~ edge of Colorado Plateau
- (5) Basin filling, early Quaternary ending with a limestone formation
- (6) Local faulting-formation of Colorado River in present location-superimposed across buried hard rock ranges Question/ did uplift of Rockies or coming of continental glaciers cause increased humidity? If so was there any Colorado in Tertiary time? And if there were where did it go? Compare with History of Great Plains. Get after the grads and majors on these points they should have read both these papers also one on origin of pediments
- (7) Integration of Colorado River basins by the new through drainage and erosion of Grand Canyon (Canyon cycle) - further better noted & far south up here
- (8) Gravel terraces or partial fillings may correspond to interglacial intervals rather than to glacial outwash so far from any ice Some faulting not in
- (9) present day erosion into terraces and pediments Longwell How old in the Col. R? AJS 244: 817-835

Grade

to me prepared



SALTON BASIN

Definition Area around the subsea basin extension of Gulf of Calif.

Boundary Range of mts. NW. from Yuma. Other side the province boundary

Geology. Dam of Colorado R. sediments. Old beach line of Salton Sea. Accident of 1907. Dune areas. New all-American canal

History. Same as Sonoran Desert except for blocking of end of Gulf.

MEXICAN HIGHLAND

Definition Half mt. half plain of which half bolson, rest with open drainage.

Boundary. Largely altitude next to Sonoran desert Edge of Colorado Plateau to N. Apparently continuation of Grand Wash escarpment. Obscured by lavas Aubrey Cliffs Mogollon Plateau. (Have geol. maps of New Mexico and Arizona on board to discuss this Sacramento faulted plateaus to east.

Geology. Bolson fillings Gila conglomerate Bed rocks largely volcanics but much older rock. Some important mining districts (Glass Mts. of Texas = westernmost Appalachians connecting in subsurface around the pre-Cambrian of central Texas to Ouachita Mts. of eastern Oklahoma)

Topography Basins which could drain to sea but rarely do Tularosa basin alkali flat. relation of water table to possible depth of wind excavation gypsum dunes Springs form mounds by catching dust. Jornada del Muerto Plains of San Augustion.

History of Rio Grande They should be able to locate these on map SACRAMENTO SECTION

omit history for next time. Announce that discussion will be large Exam will cover work since last one. Room 119

comanche states huge up

1950

plains from bolson - mud

396-409

Sierra-Cascade Province

Definition- range of mts. inside the great valleys and ^{limiting} ~~separating~~ Basin*Range and Co
Columbia Plateau ~~from~~

Boundaries S end = Tejon Pass
W topographic except in Oregon where = W limit of andesites
N international boundary
E topographic

Divisions

Sierras up to limit of continuous lavas ^{NB} at Feather R in California
Cascades north of that

Sierras

Definition= mountain range, massive, continuous for 400 m.+

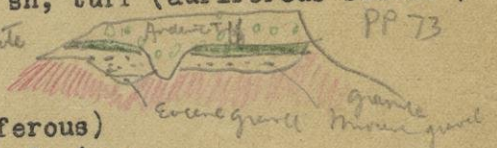
Boundaries-see above

Geology

Paleozoic metamorphics
Jurassic-Triassic metamorphics, slate, ls, sh, tuff (auriferous slates)
Jurassic intrusive granite
Cretaceous marine (small area)
Eocene ss in foothills - some gravel
Miocene gravels covered with lavas (auriferous)
Glacial drift, outwash, etc. some existing glaciers

*reverse
order*

lygite



Topography

- ① Eastern face, fault scarps split toward N into main Sierra and Carson Ranges with L. Tahoe between
- ② Three ranges in far north, E to W. Diamond, Grizzly, Clermont
Diamond lines up with Carson to S
- ③ Subdued upland often miscalled a plateau - relief to 3000 ft granite
- ④ High Sierra Peaks near headwaters of streams
Gold Belt on metamorphics much lower than area on granite
in south part some have distinguished broad valleys between upland and canyons
- ④ Canyons of which only Yosemite and ~~Fetch~~ Hetchy are unusually cliffed depth to 5000ft

409-430

History of Sierras

(1) Post Jurassic uplift and intrusions

(2) Late Cretaceous folding

(3) Erosion during Eocene or later to the "peneplain" or "broad valley" stage stage 1 of Yosemite now preserved in Upper Y. falls relief, 3000 ft.

(4) Tilting to west caused deposition of auriferous gravels in late Eocene and Miocene
Some claim two ages of gravel (Prof. Paper 73)

(5) Eocene to late Miocene lavas, burying gravels, diverting streams
700'

(6) Tilting of fault block up on E causing erosion of stage 2 of Yosemite or "mountain valley stage" Pliocene. Preserved in Indian and Illouette falls

(7) Pleistocene uplift in same way causing stage 3 of Yosemite or "canyon stage" preserved in Bridal Veil Valley

(8) Glaciation in several stages deepening and widening the canyons on shattered zones. Correlation with continental glaciation??

X (9) Little Ice Age

Southern Cascades

Definition= area between metamorphics of Sierra and higher mts. to N.

Boundaries W side against metamorphics of Klamath Mts.; E. is indefinite

Geology= lavas with some uplifted Tertiary on W.

Topography/ = principal mountains are volcanic, Mts Shasta, Lassen, etc. etc.
flows mainly andesite

Northern Cascades-why the order????

Definition= area of metamorphics like Sierra

Boundaries= E and W. topographic, S= line of N.P. RR. or border of more flows

Geology= metamorphics and intrusives like Sierras and possibly connected.
some local young volcanics

Topography= rugged mts. which in distance resemble plateau dissected to maturity.
deep glaciated valleys, cirques, horns, L Chelan fiord, young volcanoes
Mt. Baker, Glacier Peak; granitic= Mt. Stuart

~~Callow 94~~

430-441

Middle Cascades

Definition

Boundaries E. = edge of andesite

W = edge of valley or edge of lavas

N = N. P. rr.

S = line near Mt. Pitt

Column

Recent volcanics

Glacial drift

Miocene-Pliocene "Cascan" andesites

Miocene basalt (Col. R. Basalt)

Tertiary intrusives

Tertiary sediments, marine and cont.

Cretaceous marine

Jurassic intrusive

Carb. volcanics

Paleozoic sediments

Geology

Volcanics, mainly andesite, vary in age to Recent

Bury old lines of folding and uplift, some Tertiary in Col. valley

Topography some concealed basalts

Volcanic cones and flows, eroded volcanics-caldera of Crater Lake

Even skyline

History - ~~Problems~~

Folding involves as young as Miocene (Pliocene now established?)

Feneplaination or Methow surface. Type is the smooth sides of folds in basalt at Kelly Hollow near Yakima now called pediments

for= even skyline

Against= non-adjustment of streams

skyline is not level. Mature surface under basalts has been confused with post-volcanic erosion

Effect of porous mantle of volcanic ash locally retarding erosion on divide

Uplift(?) and erosion to present maturity

Glaciation and modern vulcanism

Special problems-

Course of Columbia River across Cascades.

Is it antecedent or diverted by volcanics from an ancient course to S

Hodge considers present course too young for antecedent

Landslides in valley, Cascan flows undeformed

Origin of Crater Lake-explosion vs subsidence

Known ejecta of young age not enough to fill depression and make cone although they are in large amount

subsidence due to stopping of boiling over not all drainage.

1952

Loomis & Baldwin GSA 63 - 1-24, 1952

- 1 Eruption of basalts with ^{uplift} ~~uplift~~ ^{on low terrace - includes limonite beds - & more marine sed.} ~~predominant~~ ^{valley where Col. R. now is.}
- 2 later uplift to basalt - Col. R. then established near margin of basalts
- 3 folding of Cascades - Tertiary from deep in downfolded areas - some ^{basal} ~~volcanic~~ ^{volcanics} (early Pliocene)
- 4 later Pliocene - Cascade volcanics contemporaneous with Tertiary sed. ^{sea level} ~~level~~
- 5 repeated uplift - lower of Col. R. gorge - now uplift near center 2500'
- 6 sea level at -600 - Portland gravels - glacial erratics ^{may} ~~may~~ ^{rise} ~~rise~~ ^{afterward} ~~afterward~~ ^{contemporaneous} ~~contemporaneous~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{Seablaids} ~~Seablaids~~
- 7 uplift to ± 400 ft to present condition

442-458

Pacific Border Province

Definition= ranges and associated valleys W of Cascade-Sierras and Basin-Range

Boundaries-foot of Cascades or border of lavas to E.

foot of Sierras-Tejon Pass, NE side of larger mountains omitting Salton ~~Sea~~ to Gulf of California

Geology-

pre-Tertiary = "basement complex"

some of mountains same as Sierras (Klamath Mts)

~~mainly Tertiary~~ Jurassic intrusive, Carb. volcanics, metamorphics

Franciscan complex, also pre-Franciscan metamorphics *legume*

Cretaceous marine

Tertiary continental and marine, all folded, faulted

Pleistocene drift and stream deposits, some marine in Calif. *marine* + terraces

volcanics of Tertiary and ~~younger~~ age

Subdivisions

Olympic Mts.-Puget trough incl. Willamett valley- Wash-Oregon coast ranges-

Klamaths- California Coast Ranges- Great Valley, Angeles section-

~~Lower California~~ Lower California

Puget -Willamett trough

Definition= topography

Geology- glacial drift, mainly sand, very thick, much outwash

ocene (coal-bearing)

volcanics, in part ~~of~~ Columbia River basalt

Topography

Drift-pitted outwash cut by valleys and in part drowned inlets, canals, prairies, mounds, terraces, shells, moraines

Rock hills, in part basalt

alluvial fill

History involves at least two ages of drift - ice kept valleys open. age??

Olympics

Definition

Why so little known

Geology-higher mts. = pre-Eocene igneous and metamorphic complex - *unimportant*

Tertiary sediments on margins *even lower 2000-5000'*

extensive volcanics

*Moore sediment
Plumes - Pleistocene destruction*

Topography

Some high peaks, glaciated

General upland or inferred upland "penplain"

valleys and lower terraces on Tertiary

458-471

Oregon Coast Ranges

Definition= range north of Klamath hard rocks

Boundaries= Coast on west
valley to east
hard rocks to S
Chalis R on N.

Geology

All Tertiary sediments

Pleistocene-warping and gently folded sediments
marine terrace deposits (gold and chromite)

Pliocene= time of mountain making, few sediments

Miocene= time of folding, submarine eruptions, some sediments

Eocene= sediments and volcanics, folding, rests on pre-Tertiary complex

Folding branches out of Klamath - in Washington trends to NW, S of Olympics

Topography

Upland once called a ~~plateau~~ plain, *sediments, siltstone, shale, sandstone* may be wave-cut terraces, in part.

Transverse valleys, double with entrenched meanders

Marine terraces to 1500 ft. - warped.

*main terraces 150-170, 300-350, 500, 800-1000, 1500
all formed with a falling sea level.
filled valleys, reexcavated during last uplift*

Klamaths

Definition= area of old hard rocks much like Sierras

Boundaries, strictly geologic-lavas to E.

Geology relation to Blue Mts., to N. Cascades

Tertiary- clay, sand, gravel

Cretaceous folded conglom, ss, sh.

Jurassic-metamorphics and granitic intrusion some flows

pre-Jurassic metamorphics and basic intrusives, serpentine, greenstone

parts of structure unknown

Topography

Transverse drainage

Two story valleys, upland or "peneplain" on ridges - *same as Sierras*

marine terraces

2 maps of Coos Bay etc

*+ one in Klamath in drawer marked
(Coast Range)*

*metamorphosed
conglomerate, sandstone,
siltstone, shale*

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Valley of California
Definition-boundaries

Geology- Pleistocene and Recent alluvium on Tertiary
Best known in S. Part

Recent alluvial deposits, buff silt, , clay, arid climate 600 ft
Tulare formation with two distinct lake deposits in upper 600 ft
stream gravel-interglacial total thickness 500 to 3300 ft.
older lake deposits, glacial

Great unconformity = time of formation of Coast Range?
San Joaquin clays, Pliocene or Pleistocene, with some varved
clays ascribed by some to earlier glaciations but of uncertain
interpretation thickness 3300 ft
Etchigoian marine Pliocene

local uplift at Marysville Buttes, an eroded volcano

Topography

old alluvial fans of borders= redlands
Low plains or modern alluvial deposits
River lands or natural levees of present streams

Flood Basins or areas inside natural levees
Island country or delta of rivers into Bay
San Joaquin has more east drainage so crowded to West
Tulare lake basin now dry most of its time.

California Coast Ranges

Definition

Boundaries S = San ~~Ran~~ Rafael mts. at border
N = change to older hard rocks
E and W = topographic

Geology

Quaternary alluvium and marine sediments, folded and terrace
younger flows
Pliocene-Pleistocene continental and volcanic (tuff, flows, etc)
Tertiary marine including much ss, tuff
Cretaceous marine, ss, sh
Jurassic granite
Franciscan (Jurassic-Triassic) complex of sediments and
volcanics, ss, chert, serpentine, schist
pre-Franciscan sediments, igneous, intrusives

Topography

1957 parallel ranges ending against a coastal fault at NW.
straight, crests fairly even, few rolling uplands
marine terraces to 1500 (2300?) ft.

Willis has 3 types, uplifted blocks, tilted blocks, arched
uplifts

many active faults shown by scarps, blocked drainage,
shifted valleys, landslides. Possible confusion
with normal erosion of resistant formations

1450 change of climate to greater aridity filled lower parts of valleys
and eroded heads

Streams consequent, subsequent, inherited from former surface,
confusion of capture with antecedent streams

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History of coastal ranges

Record very complex with many unconformities between folded formations
strata broken into fault blocks

no long quiet periods although possible maturity of erosion in

Pliocene ?? *but folding is largely Pleistocene (10)*
Quaternary first marine deposition-then folding, then high elevation,
(9) submergence, then (11) rise again with sea partly catching up

In Oregon Coast Range

- (1) dep. of early Pliocene, deformation, erosion, dep of later Pliocene
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5) erosion up to middle Pleistocene= uplift of coast Range
- (6) 2 stages of valley cutting below modern sea level
- (7) dep. in earlier valleys-marine invasion and erosion forming terraces
- (8) erosion of second valleys
- (9) modern submergence or rise of sea level with alluvial fill
- (10)

Smith gives for Oregon:

Eocene-unconformity-Oligocene- unconformity- Miocene-
uplift and erosion with basalt eruption- Pliocene
peneplain-uplift higher than now- submergence and
formation of Pleistocene beaches-uplift- recent sub. or rise
of sea level

This does not check

Limestone - Limestone is used in the manufacture of sulphite cooking liquor to the extent of 440,000 tons annually. Of this total, we use 173,000 tons, the source of which is local.

Lime - The major percentage of lime is consumed in the sulphate and soda processes. An efficient lime recovery in these processes precludes a much greater usage. Some lime, essentially dolomitic, is used for the preparation of sulphite cooking acid. It is also a basic ingredient for producing calcium hypochlorite bleach liquor and in the bleaching process, and for the cooking of rags and straw.

Current annual usage is 500,000 tons, about twelve percent of the total production. About 50,000 tons are used in the Western industry.

Salt Cake - Salt cake, sodium sulphate, reduced to the sulphide, is the basic component of the sulphate pulping process. Its concentration is maintained at a predetermined level in the cooking liquor to produce the particular pulp desired in the mill. This chemical is derived from three sources: natural, synthetic, and by-product.

The sulphate process depends for its economic success entirely upon the efficiency of chemical recovery. Inasmuch as this percent recovery varies quite widely, we can only say that salt cake usage likewise varies over relatively wide limits. Normally, from approximately one hundred seventy-five to four hundred pounds per ton of finished pulp are required.

The industry current consumption, practically the entire production, is 650,000 tons. Pacific Coast usage of about 60,000 tons is mainly from natural deposits in California.

Soda Ash - Soda ash, sodium carbonate, is a source of alkali in preparation of the sulphate and soda cooking liquors. One purpose is to adjust to the final causticity, reducing the sulphidity to the desired percentage. In the soda process, soda ash is the essential chemical for liquor makeup.

A further, very important use is that it is the alkali used in the cooking of rosins for the preparation of rosin size. Soda ash, in conjunction with other alkalis, and miscellaneous materials, is used in the de-inking process for the reclaiming of waste papers.

Current consumption is about five percent of the total production at the rate of 150,000 tons annually, 10,000 tons of which are used on the Coast.

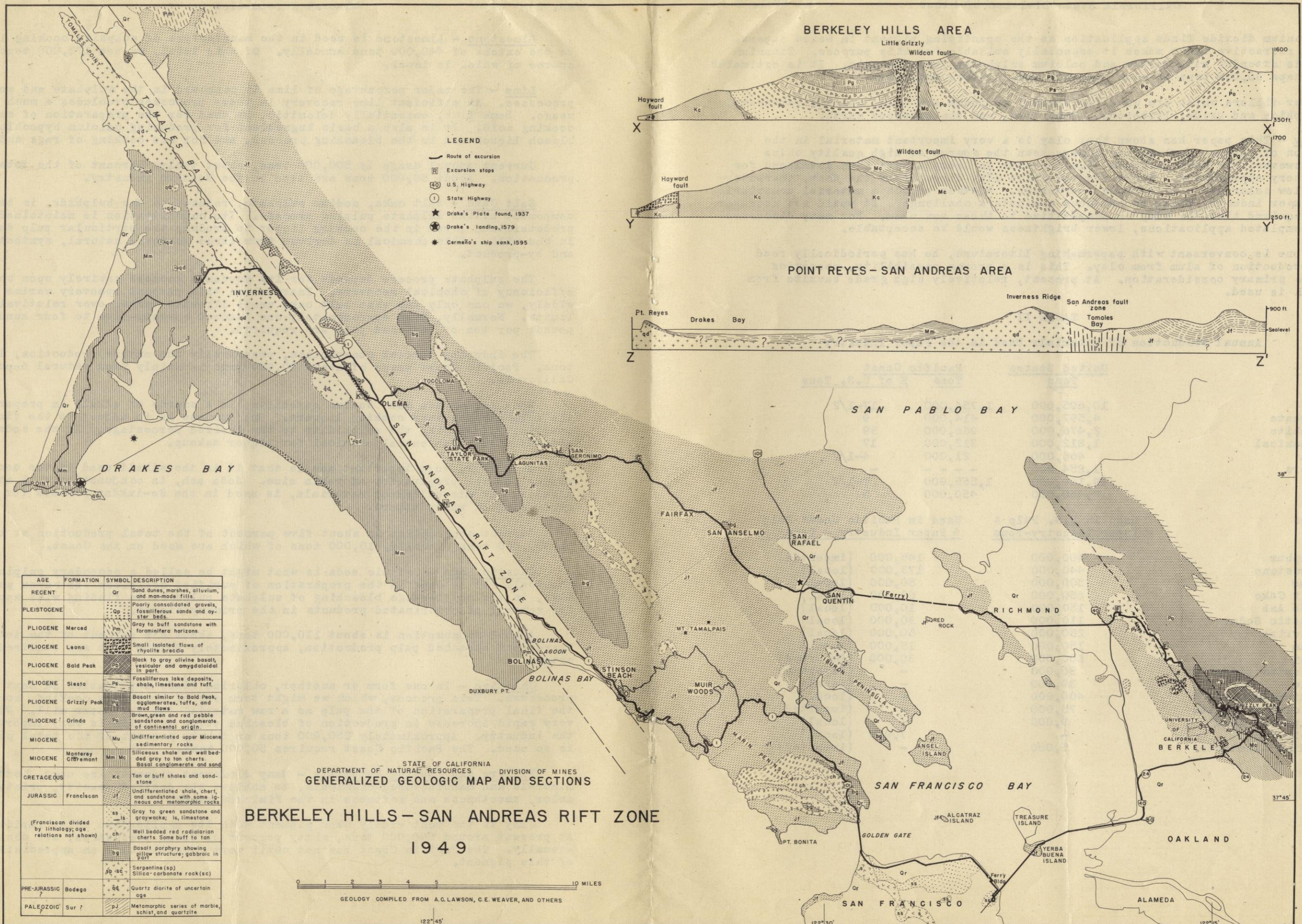
Caustic Soda - Caustic soda is what might be called a secondary pulping chemical. It is used in the preparation of purified cellulose for rayon pulps. Also, in the multi-stage bleaching of sulphate pulps it is finding wide application for removal of chlorinated products in the primary stages.

Annual consumption is about 110,000 tons, about six percent of the total. Based upon bleached pulp production, approximately 30,000 tons are required in this area.

Chlorine - In one form or another, chlorine finds application in most bleaching processes. This process, which we might term one of secondary cooking, accomplishes the final preparation of the pulp as a raw material for the paper mill. With the very rapid increase in production of bleached pulp, chlorine is very important in the industry. Approximately 250,000 tons or thirty percent of the total production is so used. The Pacific Coast requires 50,000 tons.

Fillers and Coating Materials - Many different pigments are used, both natural minerals and manufactured chemicals, to achieve the desired opacity, printability, color, smoothness and softness in the finished paper.

Clay is the most widely used pigment with its application being rapidly extended. At present around 600,000 tons, sixty percent of total production, are consumed annually. The Pacific Coast has not until very recently used an appreciable amount of this pigment.

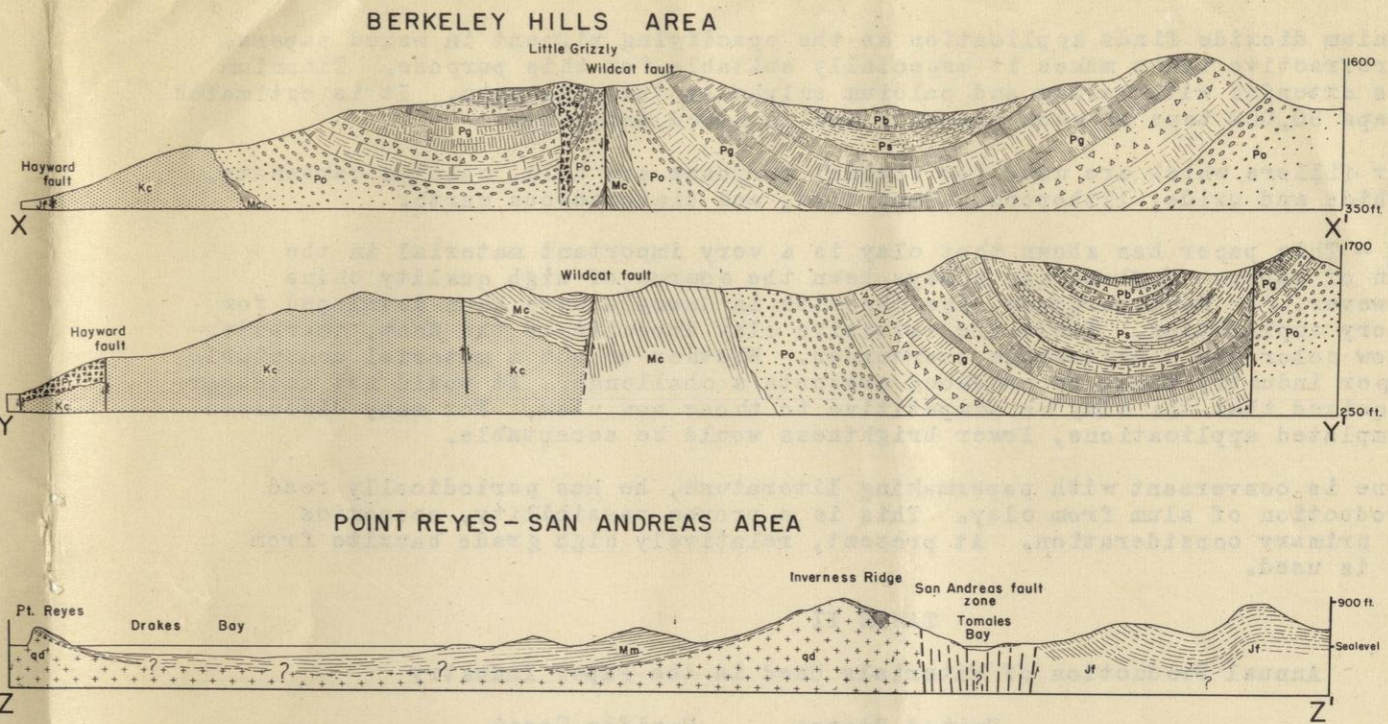


- LEGEND**
- Route of excursion
 - Excursion stops
 - 40 U.S. Highway
 - 1 State Highway
 - ★ Drake's Plate found, 1937
 - ★ Drake's landing, 1579
 - ★ Cermeño's ship sank, 1595

| AGE | FORMATION | SYMBOL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------|--------|---|
| RECENT | | Qr | Sand dunes, marshes, alluvium, and man-made fills. |
| PLEISTOCENE | | Qp | Poorly consolidated gravels, fossiliferous sands and oyster beds. |
| PLIOGENE | Merced | Pm | Gray to buff sandstone with foraminifera horizons. |
| PLIOGENE | Leona | Ple | Small isolated flows of rhyolite breccia. |
| PLIOGENE | Bald Peak | Pb | Black to gray olivine basalt, vesicular and amygdaloidal in part. |
| PLIOGENE | Siesta | Ps | Fossiliferous lake deposits, shale, limestone and tuff. |
| PLIOGENE | Grizzly Peak | Pg | Basalt similar to Bald Peak, agglomerates, tuffs, and mud flows. |
| PLIOGENE | Orinda | Po | Brown, green and red pebble sandstone and conglomerate of continental origin. |
| MIOGENE | | Mu | Undifferentiated upper Miocene sedimentary rocks. |
| MIOGENE | Monterey | Mm | Siliceous shale and well bedded gray to tan cherts. |
| MIOGENE | Orinemont | Mc | Basal conglomerate and sandstone. |
| CRETACEOUS | | Kc | Tan or buff shales and sandstone. |
| JURASSIC | Franciscan | Jf | Undifferentiated shale, chert, and sandstone with some igneous and metamorphic rocks. |
| | | ss | Gray to green sandstone and graywacke; ls, limestone. |
| | | ch | Well bedded red radiolarian cherts. Some buff to tan. |
| | | bg | Basalt porphyry showing pillow structure; gabbroic in part. |
| | | sp | Serpentine (sp). |
| | | sc | Silica-carbonate rock (sc). |
| PRE-JURASSIC | Bodega | Bd | Quartz diorite of uncertain age. |
| PALEOZOIC | Sur ? | pj | Metamorphic series of marble, schist, and quartzite. |

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Titanium dioxide finds application as the opacifying pigment in waxed papers. Its high refractive index makes it especially suitable for this purpose. Titanium dioxide is extended with barium and calcium sulphates for some uses. It is estimated that perhaps 30,000 tons of such pigments are required annually.

Other fillers which are used for special purposes are talc, calcium carbonate, zinc sulphide and oxide, lithopone, blanc fixe, and diatomaceous earth.

Clay - This paper has shown that clay is a very important material in the production of paper. England has always been the source of high quality china clay. However, for most purposes, the deposits in Georgia have been developed for satisfactory application. There are extensive clay deposits in the West, characterized by low color and considerable overburden. Whether or not a material acceptable to the paper industry could be produced presents a challenge. It would not necessarily be required that the clay be competitive to those now used. For many discussed and contemplated applications, lower brightness would be acceptable.

If one is conversant with papermaking literature, he has periodically read of the production of alum from clay. This is a proven possibility, economics being the primary consideration. At present, relatively high grade bauxite from the South is used.

TABLE II

Annual Production of Materials Used in the Paper Industry

| | <u>United States</u> | <u>Pacific Coast</u> | |
|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| | <u>Tons</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>% of U.S. Tons</u> |
| Pulp | 10,605,000 | 1,754,000 | 17-1/2 |
| Sulphate | 4,597,000 | 414,000 | 9 |
| Sulphite | 2,476,000 | 966,000 | 39 |
| Mechanical | 1,812,000 | 312,000 | 17 |
| Soda | 466,000 | 21,000 | 4-1/2 |
| Others | 1,254,000 | - - - - | - |
| Paper | 19,180,000 | 1,565,000 | 7-1/2 |
| Board | 8,450,000 | 450,000 | 5 |
| Chemicals | <u>Used in U.S. Pulp & Paper Industry-Tons</u> | <u>Used in Pacific Coast Pulp & Paper Industry - Tons</u> | |
| Sulphur | 400,000 | 145,000 | (imported) |
| Limestone | 440,000 | 173,000 | (local) |
| Lime | 500,000 | 50,000 | (local) |
| Salt Cake | 650,000 | 60,000 | (local) |
| Soda Ash | 150,000 | 10,000 | (local) |
| Caustic Soda | 110,000 | 30,000 | (local) |
| Chlorine | 250,000 | 50,000 | (local) |
| Alum | 150,000 | 15,000 | (local) |
| Clay | 600,000 | 30,000 | (imported) |
| Titanium pigments | 30,000 | - | (imported) |
| Talc | 30,000 | - | (local) |
| Sodium Silicate | 400,000 | - | (local) |
| Calcium Carbonate | 75,000 | - | (imported) |
| Sulphuric Acid | 9,000 | - | (local) |
| Asphalt | - | 7,000 | (local) |
| Sodium Aluminate | 5,000 | - | (imported) |

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Angeles Section

Definition= coast extension of Basin-Range geology

Boundaries

includes marine lowlands of coast and larger block mts.
excludes Salton Basin and granite block of Lower California

Geology

alluvial and marine unconsolidated sediments

Pliocene-Pleistocene marine to over 20000'

Oligocene-Eocene marine

Cretaceous marine

Franciscan *complex*

Granitic basement pre-Franciscan

Volcanics Tertiary

Structure- folded, extensive faulting

no marked difference from Coast Range to N

San A Rift inside mts.

Topography

Lowlands on alluvium *and some*

anticlinal uplifts shown by radial drainage

mountains with some even uplands-fault borders in part

History

all strata including early Pleistocene folded, faulted } Early surface cut
with deposition in lower parts } by Ferris surface

Galivan surface formed after complete burial of some mts. by Pliocene

Sulphur M surface of Ventura region is late maturity
area submerged to 1300 ft.

Uplift left 9 terraces differences on islands

Terraces warped, continued faulting, folding to present

Southern California section

Definition= block of Jurassic intrusive extending into U.S. *to San Angeles*

Geology Quaternary terraces

Pliocene-Eocene sediments and volcanics

Cretaceous *none*Triassic volcanics *Franciscan*

Jurassic intruded into older schists

Topography- block like Sierras but lower. Marine terraces
plateau broken into blocks by faults, some late Tertiary
gravel now faulted

History- last deposits (marine) are Pliocene-early Quaternary a surface of old age
with monadnocks-uplift and folding-marine terraces- uplift and erosion

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Final examination

11 June 54

Write on 10 only and please indicate which you left out. Leave postcard for grade

- (1) Describe the origin of the features of Puget Sound including both the major and minor forms such as the shoreline.
- (2) Describe not less than three lines of evidence which indicate that faulting and other earth movement is still in progress on the Pacific coast.
- (3) Compare two theories of origin of the gorge of Columbia River through Cascades
- (4) Give two arguments for and three against the importance of wind erosion in Basin and Range province
- (5) Give three evidences of the ability of Colorado River to erode the Grand Canyon and ~~two~~ two alternative ideas some suggest for its origin.
- (6) What three different types of mountains occur in Columbia Plateau giving and locating examples of each
- (7) Show with diagram-cross section the relation of the upland surface of Southern Rockies to Colorado Piedmont and High Plains
- (8) Compare three different hypotheses of crossing of Uninta Mountains by Green River.
- (9) Give two possible explanations of the topography of mountains of central Idaho.
- (10) Describe the terraces along the rivers of Missouri Plateau and two possible explanations of their cause.
- (11) Explain with diagram the bearing of Boston Mountains of erosional history of Ozark Plateau giving at least two hypotheses
- (12) Outline in proper order the events of history of topography of Ouachita Mountains
- (13) Give in proper order the major steps in development of topography of Sierras in vicinity of Yosemite Valley
- (14)

briefly

Locate as definitely as possible and tell ORIGIN of: (a) Break of the Plains, (b) Devils Tower, (c) White River Badlands, (d) Bitterroot Mountains, (e) Mt. Shasta, (f) Dominguez Hill, (g) Henry Mountains, (h) Lewis Range, (i) St. Francis Mountains, (j) Olympic Mountains.

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Twelve weeks examination

7 May, 1954

Write on four questions only and please show on cover which they are.

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- (1) Locate (province, section, state) and explain origin of briefly:
(a) Sacramento Section, (b) Mesa Verde, (c) Tonto Platform, (d) Vermilion Cliffs,
(e) Wasatch Mts., (f) San Francisco Mt., (g) Grand Wash Cliffs, (h) Wind River
Basin, (i) Bighorn Basin, (j) Lake Missoula
 - (2) With regard to problem of origin of the basins of Basin and Range Province state:
(a, b, c) three possible modes of origin, (d) why a controversy arose over these,
(e) significance of the deposits within the basins on this problem.
 - (3) With regard to the drainage of Colorado Plateau state: (a) time relation to
monoclinical folds, (b) relation to deposits of Tertiary age, (c) time relation to
faulting, (d) time relation to vulcanism, (e) age of present course into
province to west.
 - (4) Outline in proper order 4 major stages of history of Columbia Plateau.
(omit details of controversial portions)
 - (5) In regard to Crater Mound, Arizona: (a) describe, (b)(c) (d) state three major
hypotheses which have been advanced for its origin, (e) state line of evidence
which indicates a violent process rather than a slow one.
 - (6) Explain following facts briefly: (a) talus is scanty along many of the cliffs of
Colorado Plateau, (b) Many of the canyons of Colorado Plateau display entrenched
meanders, (c) (d) give two possible explanations of sloping uplands of Uinta
Mountains, (e) most extinct lakes of Basin and Range Province have modern
lakes in their basins.

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Midsemester examination

5 April, 1954

Write on 4 questions only and please show on cover which they are.

- (1) With respect to Grand Coulee: (a) locate, (b) describe briefly covering nature of sides, division into sections, slope, etc. (c) give commonly accepted theory of origin, and (e) state relation to the Scablands.
- (2) With respect to Northern Rockies: (a) Describe briefly the topography contrasting with Southern and Middle Rockies (b,c) give two lines of evidence advanced to demonstrate that the crests represent remnants of a former even surface, (d,e) give two important objections to above theory
- (3) Locate as definitely as possible and give origin of: (a) Snake River Plain, (b) Baxter Basin, (c) Grand Canyon of Yellowstone River, (d) Thousand Springs, (e) Tetons, (f) Bighorn Basin, (g) Coteau du Missouri, (h) White River Plateau, (i) Wind River Basin, (j) Lake Missoula
- (4) In respect to the Scablands of Washington state: (a, b) two facts agreed on by the majority of those who have described the area, (c, d, e) three major theories with a brief explanation but without comparison of merits.
- (5) (a, b) Give two alternative explanations of the origin of the smooth flanks of the basalt ridges near Yakima, Washington
(c) Explain the greater prominence of glacial erosion features in Glacier National Park than farther south
(d) Explain levelness of Snake River Plain
(e) Explain why east face of Rocky Mountains is due to relatively recent erosion of an ancient uplift
- (6) (a) Account for the disregard of mountain uplifts by the rivers of Wyoming Basin, (b) ^{locate} ~~state~~ one apparent exception in this region, (c) account for the course of Columbia and Snake Rivers in the Columbia Plateau, (d) account for the ~~meanders~~ ^{meanders} of streams which cross the ridges near Yakima, Washington, (e) account for Royal Gorge of Arkansas River in Colorado.

(meanders)

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Six weeks examination

March 8, 1954

Write on 4 questions only and please indicate on cover which they are.

- (1) State briefly the location by province, section, state, etc. of:
(a) High Plains (b) Loess Plains (c) Cypress Hills (d) Little Rocky Mts., (e) St Francois Mts., (f) Callahan Divide, (g) Edwards Plateau (h) Llano District, (i) Athens Plateau, (j) Magnet Cove
- (2) With respect to Ouachita Mts. state briefly: (a) major types of rocks which make ridges, (b) (c) two inferences which might be drawn from "two story" topography giving diagram of same, (d) (e) two possible and probable origins for water gaps of major streams.
- (3) With respect to problem of badland topography state: (a) origin of the term badlands, (b, c) two important areas thus far studied, (d) kind of material in which eroded, (e) cause of rapid erosion which is cutting into old subdued surfaces.
- (4) With respect to the Southern Rockies state briefly: (a) geologic date of the major uplift, (b) evidence of more than one time when the mountains were of low relief, (c) relation of these times to conditions in Great Plains, (d) cause and distribution in general of hogback foothills, (e) effect of glaciation on scenic features.
- (5) In respect to the Ozarks state briefly: (a, b, c) name three different levels of uplands and their relation to geology, (d) (e) two possible ages of the upland surface found in Missouri.

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Final Examination

June 11, 1953

Write on any 10 and please indicate which you left out. Please leave postcard for your grade.

- (1) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin of each briefly:
(a) Dominguez Hill, (b) Olympic Mts., (c) St. Francis Mts.,
(d) Magnet Cove, (e) Chief Mt.
- (2) Compare merits of two hypotheses of origin of Crater Lake. *had*
- (3) Explain briefly origin of Puget Sound.
- (4) With respect to importance of wind erosion in semi-arid west state two arguments in favor and three against.
- (5) List three different types of mountains which occur within Columbia Plateau.
- (6) List three different types of mountains which occur within Colorado Plateau.
- (7) Account for the drainage relations of Wyoming Basin and Bighorn Basin. *had*
- (8) Explain relations between the upland levels of Southern Rockies and the High Plains using diagram. Cite proof.
- (9) Describe the terrace levels found in northern Great Plains giving two hypotheses of their origin.
- (10) Compare two hypotheses of the crossing of Cascades by Columbia River.
- (11) Describe geology and topography of Black Hills using diagram section.
- (12) Give the evidences of the competency of Colorado River to erode the Grand Canyon opposing the popular idea that it is due to earth movement.
- (13) Give two points for and three against the former existence of a peneplain in northern Cascade Mts.
- (14) Take one of the photos--give its number; tell what event or phenomenon in western United States it illustrates; give its probable location.

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Examination

May 8, 1953

Write on 4 questions only and please indicate on cover which you left out.

- (1) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin briefly of:
(a) Henry Mountains, (b) Zuni Mountains, (c) Lake Lahontan,
(d) Espinade, (e) Death Valley, (f) Mesa Verde, (g) White Cliffs,
(h) Kaibab Plateau, (i) Hurricane Ledge, (j) Painted Desert
- (2) Complete following statements giving in single sentence the best proof of each:
(a) Some of the lakes of Basin and Range are not as salty as others which also have no outlet because---
(b) It may be incorrect to conclude that the formation of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado represents a separate cycle of erosion than does the erosion of the surrounding country because---
(c) A large portion of the erosion of Cretaceous and older rocks of the Colorado Plateau occurred in pre-Eocene time because---
(d) Entrenched meanders of San Juan River indicate---
(e) Most of the extinct lakes of Basin and Range province occur near to surviving lakes because--
- (3) Give points for and against two alternative hypotheses of the relation of stream courses near Yakima, Washington to the age of deformation of underlying materials.
- (4) List 5 evidences of occurrence of concealed faults along bases of mountains of Basin and Range province. ^
- (5) Outline the problem of origin of Crater Mound, Arizona, considering three hypotheses with points for and against each,
- (6) State the major hypotheses of origin of topography of Basin and Range province considering points for and against and the basis of the controversy. cause

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Midsemester examination

April 8, 1953

Write on any 4 questions only. Please indicate **on cover** which they are.

- (1) (a) Distinguish between hogbacks and cuervas (b,c,d,e) explain 4 reasons why hogbacks occur only along certain portions of the Rocky Mountain Front.
- (2) With regard to the problem of Green River through Uninta Mountains state (a,b,c) three major hypotheses, (d,e) most important reasons for rejection of two of them.
- (3) With respect to the problem of origin of the Scablands of Columbia Plateau state: (a) facts about them generally agreed to, (b) their distribution, (c)(d)(e) three major hypotheses with brief explanation of each.
- (4) Locate as definitely as possible and tell briefly the origin of:
(a) Yellowstone Lake, (b) Absaroka Range, (c) Grand Canyon of Yellowstone,
(d) Great Bend of Columbia River, (e) Townsend Valley, Montana,
(f) Moses Coulee, (g) Craters of the Moon, (h) American Falls,
(i) Owyhee Mountains, (j) Cypress Hills.
- (5) Complete following sentences in reasonable length giving proof of each:
(a) No evidences of Tertiary fans has been found on west of Rocky Mountains because-----
(b) (c) Two possible explanations of the smooth flanks of the basalt ridges near Yakima Wash. are-----
(d) The mountains of northern Idaho were deeply eroded before the eruption of the Columbia River basalts because-----
(e) The east face of the Teton Mts. is so scenic because-----
- (6) Explain two reasons why the scenery of Glacier National Park is more striking than that of Rocky Mountain National Park.

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Six weeks examination

March 9, 1953

Write on four questions only and please indicate on cover which they are.

- (1) Locate as definitely as possible in regions studied this semester a good example of each: (a) hogback ridge due to novaculite, (b) escarpment due to erosion of alluvial fans, (c) granite monadnock, (d) entrenched meanders, (e) intermontane valley filled with alluvial deposits, (f) young volcanic cone, (g) two-story topography, (h) gorge due to superimposed stream, (i) volcanic neck.
- (2) With respect to badlands state: (a,b) two major areas in Great Plains, (c) necessary material, (d) favorable type of climate, (e) relation to erosional history.
- (3) Account for the course of Missouri River through Great Plains.
- (4) Explain history of the present topography of Southern Rockies giving 5 major steps in proper order.
- (5) Explain why the Great Plains are separated from Central Lowlands and compare merits of four different lines of division which have been suggested.
- (6) State briefly the origin of (a) Gang Plank, (b) Nebraska sand hills, (c) terraces along Yellowstone River, (d) Big Snowy Mountains, (e) Boston Mountains.

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Final examination

June 12, 1952

write on any 10 questions indicating on cover which you left out. Please avoid office or telephone calls before Monday noon.

- (1) Give in proper order steps in history of topography of Sierras as demonstrated in Yosemite Valley
- (2) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin of: (a) Moses Coulee, (b) Break of the Plains, (c) Lewis Range, (d) Red Hills, (e) Bitterroot Mts., (f) Novaculite Uplift, (g) Mt. Hood, (h) Magnet Cove, (i) Coteau des Prairies, (j) Death valley
- (3) Using diagrams give steps in proper order of development of topography of San Juan Mts.
- (4) Describe and account for topography of Puget sound region.
- (5) Explain origin and history of Salton Trough (Imperial Valley)
- (6) Explain points for and against hypothesis of peneplanation in (a) Northern Cascades and (b) Oregon Coast Range.
- (7) Describe the Los Angeles section in respect to geology, topography and history including what province it resembles.
- (8) Compare two hypotheses of origin of Crater Lake
- (9) Account for drainage pattern of Wyoming Basin except Green River.
- (10) Give points for and against conclusion that cliffs of High Plateaus of Utah were formed in a different cycle than was the Grand Canyon.
- (11) Compare four possible explanations of the fact that the Boston Mountains rise abruptly from the uplands to the north.
- (12) Describe and locate examples of three different types of mountains which occur within Columbia Plateau.
- (13) Outline in proper order of events the history of the topography of the Ouachita Mountains including cause of the drainage pattern
- (14) Describe the Black Hills in respect to geology, major topographic features, and major events of history of the present topography.

GEOLOGY 130
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Examination

May 9, 1952

Write on any 4 questions indicating on cover which they are. (4 only answered)

- (1) Give essential basis of four hypotheses of origin of Scablands of Columbia Plateau. 3
- (2) State at least 3 evidences of (a) concealed faults along bases of mountains of Basin and Range Province and (b) two evidences of recent faulting.
- none* (3) With respect to the drainage of Colorado Plateau state briefly evidence of its relation to (a) monoclinial folding, (b) Tertiary sediments, (c) faulting, (d) volcanism, (e) time of filling of basins of Basin and Range Province.
- (4) Locate as definitely as possible and state origin or significance of:
(a) Grand Wash Cliffs, (b) Wasatch Mts., (c) Esplanade, (d) Wind River Canyon,
(e) Absoraka Mts., (f) Craters of the Moon, (g) Redwall Cliff, (h) White Cliffs, (i) Tularosa Basin, (j) Mesa Verde National Park
- (5) Describe evidence for an significance in physiographic history of Lake Bonneville
- (6) Compare merits of three hypotheses of origin of enclosed basins of Basin and Range Province.

GEOLOGY 130
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

April 7, 52

Midsemester Examination

Write on four questions and no more. Please show on cover when they are.

- (1) With reference to the "Tertiary Basins" of Northern Rockies (a) describe them, (b) explain basis of controversy over their significance, (c) compare with similar features of Middle and Southern Rockies.
- (2) With respect to the course of Green River through Uinta Mts. explain (a) three hypotheses, (b) points for each, and (c) points against each.
- (3) Account for the Grand Coulee of Washington excluding the Scabland Problem except as it directly involved.
- (4) Complete following ~~statements~~ statements giving best single proof of each (no more counted than a single sentence of reasonable length each):
 - (a) Opinion is turning to the explanation of many sloping but smooth mountain uplands as pediments rather than as warped peneplains because---
 - (b) The history of the ridges near Yakima, Wash., is simplified by the modern interpretation of their smooth sides because--
 - (c) Superposition will explain course of Wind River because--
 - (d) The Gang Plank indicates that---
 - (e) Glacier National Park is more scenic than Rocky Mountain National Park, Col., because---
- (5) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin of: (a) Baxter basin, (b) San Juan Mts., (c) Yellowstone Plateau, (d) Spanish Peaks, (e) Lake Missoula, (f) Teton Range, (g) American Falls, (h) Thousand Springs, (i) Coteau du Missouri, (j) Big Horn Basin.

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GEOLOGY 130
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March 10, 52
March 10, 1952

Write on four questions and no more. Please show which you left out.

- (1) Complete the following sentences giving briefly (limit a single sentence of reasonable length) best proof of each statement:
 - (a) The Coastal Plain probably once buried the Ouachita Mountain because--
 - (b) The Boston Mountains do not fit into the hypothesis of a fairly recent "Ozark peneplain" because--
 - (c) The High Plains once extended farther north than now because---
 - (d) The High Plains once extended farther east than now because---
 - (e) The Edwards Plateau was uplifted above the Coastal Plain in fairly recent time because--
- (2) Locate by province, state, section etc. (as specifically as possible) and give briefly origin of: (a) Gang Plank, (b) Pikes Peak, (c) Salem Plateau, (d) Missouri Coteau, (e) Callahan Divide, (f) St. Francis Mts., (g) Athens Plateau, (h) Comanche Plateau, (i) Hot Springs "peneplain", (j) Pine Ridge
- (3) Describe in proper order not less than 5 major steps in combined history of Southern Rockies and central Great Plains.
- (4) Account for formation of badlands and give two major localities in Great Plains.
- (5) Give evidence for and discuss origin of "San Juan peneplain".
- (6) Explain why Great Plains is separated from Central Lowland and discuss location of the dividing line.

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Final examination

June 6, 1951

Write on any 10 questions and please indicate which you omitted. In interest of speed of grading please avoid office or telephone calls before Saturday. Leave postcard for your grade either now or in mailbox.

- (1) Compare two possible origins of the rolling upland of the Salem Platform involving each a different geologic age.
- (2) (a) Describe and (b) account for Grand Coulee, Washington
- (3) Explain two hypotheses of the present course of Columbia River across the Cascade Mountains.
- (4) Account for the present course and geologic age of Missouri River in Great Plains in regions studied this semester
- (5) Locate as definitely as possible a good example each of: (a) vulcanism within historic time, (b) remnant of High Plains still extending to their source, (c) fault block mountain wholly of lava, (d) mesas capped by "natural brick", (e) bolsons now eroded by through stream.
- (6) Explain origin and describe topography of Payette Section, Columbia Plateau.
- (7) Explain in proper order with diagrams major steps in development of present topography of Colorado Front Range and Colorado Piedmont.
- (8) Describe topography, structure and history of Angeles Section of Pacific Coast.
- (9) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin of: (a) Marysville Buttes, (b) Absaroka Range, (c) White Cliffs, (d) Craters of the Moon, (e) Henry Mts.
- (10) Give evidence for and against the former presence of peneplains in both Sierra-Cascade Mts. and Pacific Coast Ranges.
- (11) Outline the proofs you could present to prove that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was really formed by the work of the present river.
- (12) Describe the major topographic features (no details or local names required) of the Ouachita Mts. and explain history of the present topography.
- (13) Account for (a) present course of Wind and Bighorn Rivers, (b) erosion of present course of Colorado River through Basin and Range Province.
- (14) Account for the hanging valleys of Yosemite Valley, California.

GEOLOGY 130
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Examination

May 4, 1951

Write on 4 questions and no more. Please indicate which they are.

- (1) Explain not less than 5 lines of evidence which indicate the presence of concealed faults along bottoms of many mountain ranges in Basin and Range Province.
- (2) Enumerate in proper order with adequate explanation the major steps in history of topography of Colorado Plateau
- (3) Explain briefly not less than ² points in favor of and 3 points against large-scale wind excavation of the basins of Basin and Range Province.
- (4) Compare merits of two major hypotheses of origin of Meteor Crater, Arizona
- (5) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
 - (a) The slight amount of talus below many of the cliffs of the High Plateaus of Utah is due to---
 - (b) Entrenched meanders of Colorado Plateau indicate-----
 - (c) Basin filling has gone on for a very long time in Basin and Range province because---
 - (d) vulcanism has been a long-continuing process in Colorado Plateau because---
 - (e) Mature topography on the summit of a mountain range of Basin and Range Province indicates---
- (6) Locate in provinces studied this semester and tell origin or nature of:
 - (a) Hurricane escarpment, (b) Chuska Mts., (c) Lake Lahontan,
 - (d) Uintah Mts., (e) "Great Denudation"; (f) Mt. Trumbull,
 - (g) Painted Desert, (h) Vermilion Cliffs, (i) Kaibab Plateau,
 - (j) Axial Basin.

GEOLOGY 130
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Midsemester examination

April 2, 1951

write on any 4 questions and no more. Please indicate on cover of bluebook which questions you answered.

and state origin briefly

- (1) Locate as specifically as possible including province and section:
(a) Balcones Escarpment, (b) Llano District (central mineral district),
(c) Ochee Mountains, (d) Gros Ventre Mountains, (e) craters of the Moon
- (2) Locate in provinces studied thus far this semester a good example each of:
(a) sandstone hogbacks, (b) mountain front due to thrust fault,
(c) result of brecciating out of lignite beds on topography, (d) gorge due to
glacial diversion of river, (e) fault scarp (recent) of mountain range,
(f) hills of loess, (g) extensive badlands, (h) lava plain, (i) effects of
a recent igneous intrusion, (j) meandering valley.
- (3) Compare merits of two major hypotheses of course of Green River across
Uinta Mountains.
- (4) With regard to three of the four theories of origin of the Scablands of
Washington state (a) name of the originator,
(b) basic idea of the hypothesis, (c) points for each, and (d) objections
to each of the theories.
- (5) Complete following sentences giving proof of each statement (no more than
a single sentence of reasonable length will be considered):
 - (a) Observed subequality of summit levels of Northern Rockies may
be due either to --- or ---. (please omit details)
 - (b) Sloping uplands of the Uinta Mountains are now called pediments
because----
 - (c) The High Plains once buried the entire eastern face of the
Rocky Mountains because-- central
 - (d) The basin of the Colorado River of Texas is placed in the Great
Plains because---
 - (e) No deposits comparable to those of the High Plains have been
discovered on the west side of the Rocky Mountains because--
- (6) Compare relative merits of two hypotheses of history of basalt ridges
near Yakima, Washington

GEOLOGY 130
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"Six weeks" examination.

March 5, 1951

Write on any 4 questions and no more. Please indicate on cover of your bluebook which they are.

- (1) List in proper order the major steps in history of development of topography of Ozark Plateau.
- (2) Locate as specifically as possible and tell origin of the following:
(a) South Park, (b) San Luis Valley, (c) Springfield Plateau,
(d) Little Rocky Mountains, (e) Nebraska sandhill region, (f) Mesa de Marva, (g) Spanish Peaks, (h) Race Track, (i) Longs Peak, (j) Devils Tower.
- (3) Discuss occurrence and theories of origin of the terraces of Missouri Plateau.
- (4) What evidences indicate manner of origin and time or times of formation of the Rocky Mountain upland.
- (5) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
(a) The Missouri River in the Great Plains is not in its preglacial location because--
(b) The Ouachita Mountains were much subdued before deposition of sediments of adjacent Coastal Plain because---
(c) The San Juan Mountains are more picturesque than the Front Range because----
(d) The High Plains once extended farther east than they now do because--
(e) The High Plains must once have extended farther north than they now do because---
- (6) Locate in areas thus far studied this semester a good example each of:
(a) existing glacier, (b) hogbacks formed by erosion of novaculite, (c) glaciated alluvial fan surface, (d) laccolith, (e) "two story" mountain topography, (f) pediment terraces preserved by lava cover, (g) portion of Rocky Mountain front without hogbacks (h) little eroded volcanic cone, (i) plateau on coal-bearing sandstones, (j) ridges due to erosion of dikes.

GEOLOGY 130
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

Final examination

June 6, 1950

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at office or by telephone but leave a postcard.

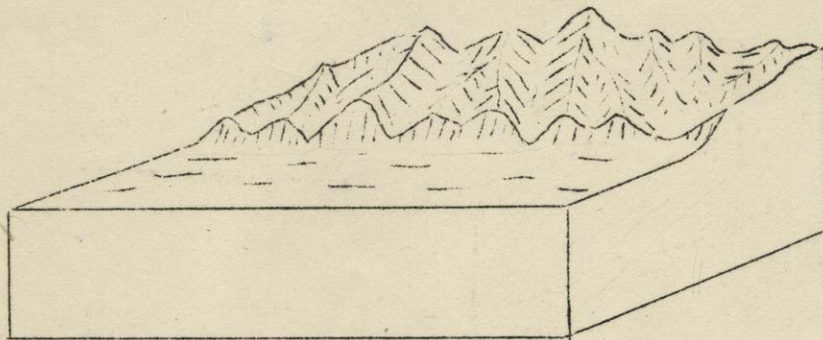
- (1) Describe and explain origin of the Grand Coulee, Washington.
- (2) Discuss two possible interpretations of the rolling uplands of the Ozark Plateau.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving proof of each in reasonable length:
 - (a) The High Plains once extended farther north than they now do-----
 - (b) Typical "Basin Ranges" are bounded by faults because---
 - (c) The line between Columbia plateau and Basin and Range is located by---
 - (d) Ridges due to resistant rock in the Ouachitas demonstrate that the dip is the same on both limbs of many folds because-----
 - (e) The subdued topography on the crest of many Basin Ranges proves recent faulting because---
- (4) Compare merits of two possible explanations of Crater Mound, Arizona. ✓
- (5) Discuss points for and against theory that the enclosed basins of the Basin and Range Province are due to work of the wind. ✓
- (6) Older literature is full of reference to former peneplanation of the Northern Rockies. List evidences for and against this hypothesis.
- (7) What two explanations have been advanced for the present course of Columbia River through Cascade Mountains? Explain each.
- (8) Account for course of Missouri River across the Great Plains.
- (9) Locate examples in Great Plains of (a) volcanic cone, (b) laccolith, (c) mesa capped by lava, (d) plateau capped by limestone, (e) terminal moraine of continental glacier.
- (10) Account for origin and present topography of Snake River plain.
- (11) Outline with necessary diagrams in proper order the major steps in the development of present topography of Wyoming Basin and Middle Rockies.
- (12) Illustrate with diagrams the surface evidence of anticlines in the foothills of the Middle Rockies. (a) why hogback foothills are present along only part of the borders of the Southern Rockies.
- (13) Compare topography, rock structure and history of Angeles Section of Pacific Coast and adjacent part of Basin and Range. Explain why a line of division is made and where.
- (14) Locate and give origin of: (a) Marysville Buttes, (b) Hot Springs plateau, (c) Absoraka Range, (d) San Francisco plateau, (e) Boston Mountains, (f) Sacramento Section, (g) Great Divide Basin, (h) Lake Bonneville, (i) San Clemente Island (j) Bitterroot Mountains.

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May 5, 1950

Write on any 4 questions and no more. Please indicate which you left out. Grading may be delayed by field trips.

- (1) Locate as definitely as possible and tell origin of or define:
(a) Zuni Mountains, (b) Henry Mts., (c) Lake Bonneville, (d) Wasatch Mts.,
(e) "Great Denudation", (f) Mt. Taylor, (g) Painted Desert, (h) San Francisco Mt. (i) White Cliffs, (j) Pink Cliffs
- (2) Compare merits of several possible explanations of course of Green River through Unita Mountains.
- (3) Explain and compare points for and against two hypotheses of drainage history in Yakima district, Washington.
- (4) Complete following statements into a single sentence of reasonable length which expresses the proof of each:
(a) Faulting has gone on over a long period of time in Colorado Plateau because---
(b) Vulcanism has gone on over a long period of time in Basin and Range province because---
(c) Benches on sides of Grand Canyon of the Colorado indicate-----
(d) The fact that the same lava flow is present both at foot on and summit of the mountain range demonstrates that-----
(e) Talus is scanty at bottoms of many of the cliffs of Colorado Plateau because---
- (5) (a) Discuss problem of the age of Colorado River in Basin and Range province
(b) What facts has erosion by Colorado River in Basin and Range province disclosed which bear upon history of the topography?
- (6) If you answer this question place your name on sheet, fold and enclose in your bluebook.
(a) Fill in a possible explanation of the geology and structure on edges.
(b) Give history demonstrated.



GEOLOGY 130
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Midsemester examination

April 3, 1950

Write on any four questions (note option in No. 4) and please indicate which ones they are on cover of your bluebook.

- (1) Discuss and compare merits of at least two of the major hypotheses which have been advanced to explain the Scablands.
- (2) In provinces studied thus far this semester locate as definitely as possible a good example each of: (a) hogbacks with strata dipping toward the mountains, (b) mountains ^{Blue} due to erosion of a granite intrusion (at time of mountain uplift), (c) buttes and mesas ^{Columbia} capped by natural slag, (d) gorge of an antecedent river, (e) gorge of a superimposed river, (f) gorge due to recession of falls, (g) gorge due to recession of a spring, (h) mountain front due to recent faulting, (i) mountains of eroded lava flows, (j) loess hills.
- (3) Complete following statements giving best proof of each (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length will be counted):
 - (a) The mountains of southwest Idaho resemble a plateau because--
 - (b) The east face of the Bitterroot Mountains is so straight because--
 - (c) The Craters of the Moon may be older than they appear because--
 - (d) The mountains of Idaho were deeply eroded prior to the extrusion of Columbia River basalts because---
 - (e) Glacier National Park has such steep-sided mountains because--
- (4) Discuss BRIEFLY (a) definition, (b) boundaries, (c) general geology, (d) major topographic features of EITHER
 - (1) Middle Rocky Mountains or
 - (2) Payette section of Columbia Plateau
- (5) Where (locate specifically as possible) is and what is origin of:
 - (a) Edwards Plateau, (b) Llano Estacado, (c) Blue Mountains,
 - (d) Moses Coulee, (e) Tertiary basins (general).

GEOLOGY 130
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"Six weeks" examination

March 6, 1950

Write on any 4 questions and no more. Please indicate on cover which they are.

- (1) List in proper order the major steps down to present in development of the present topography of Great Plains and Southern Rockies.
- (2) Where (be as specific as possible) is and what is origin of: (a) Devils Tower, (b) Likes Peak, (c) Athens Plateau, (d) Spanish Peaks, (e) Fishers Peak, (f) Pine Ridge, (g) Highwood Mts., (h) St Francis Mts. (i) North Park, (j) Pine Ridge.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than one sentence of reasonable length considered):
 - (a) The High Plains were the product of a semi-arid climate because---
 - (b) Cirques are better developed in the San Juan Mountains than in the Front Range because---
 - (c) The present course of Missouri River originated during the Glacial Period because---
 - (d) The course of major streams in the Ouachita Mountains is now ascribed to superposition because---
 - (e) The upland level of the Ozark Plateau is commonly described as a dissected peneplain because---
- (4) Account for the origin and distribution of the major areas of badlands in the Great Plains.
- (5) Discuss the problem of origin of the partly gravel-covered sloping uplands and "mesas" of the Southern Rockies.
- (6) Where in provinces thus far studied this semester could you find a good example of (locate as specifically as possible): (a) young volcanic cone, (b) terminal moraine of continental glacier, (c) hogback ridges formed by resistant layers in overturned folds, (d) subsequent valley on "red beds", (e) synclinal valley, (f) bed of glacial lake, (g) "two story" topography, (h) modern alluvial fans, (i) mountains due to laccolite, (j) mountain front without any hogbacks.

GEOLOGY 130
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

Final examination

June 6, 1949.

Write on any 10 questions and no more. Please indicate which you left out. Please leave postcard for grade and avoid office or telephone calls.

- (1) Contrast the merits of two different explanations of the origin of Crater Lake, Oregon.
- (2) Explain in proper order the major events of the history of the topography of the Sierras. Use diagrams where needed.
- (3) Contrast the merits and objections of three hypotheses of the origin of the Scablands of Washington.
- (4) Explain the origin and present extent of the High Plains.
- (5) Compare the topography of the Northern and Southern Rockies and account for the differences.
- (6) Give physiographic significance and location of (a) Boston Mountains, (b) Springfield plateau, (c) St. Francis Mountains, (d) Salem Plateau, (e) "shutins" of Ozarks.
- (7) (a) Using diagram explain effect on topography of overturned folds giving locality where displayed.
(b) State two major types of rock which cause ridges in Ouachita Mts.
- (8) Using diagrams explain in proper order major steps in history of the topography of Southern Rockies.
- (9) Account for origin and describe history of changes in Yellowstone Lake.
- (10) Give observations which could be made in field to prove that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado is erosional and not constructional.
- (11) Account for the course of Colorado River through Basin and Range Province giving evidence of its geological age.
- (12) Give physiographic history and location of (a) Devils Tower, (b) Pine Ridge, (c) Black Hills, (d) Llano Estacado, (e) Little Rocky Mts.

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PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

May 6, 1949

Write on any 4 questions and PLEASE INDICATE ON COVER OF BOOK which they are.
Due to field trips there will be delay and grading these books.

- (1) Locate as definitely as possible including province, section and state and tell origin or physiographic significance of:
(a) Circle Cliffs, (b) Navajo Mountain, (c) Chuska Mts., (d) Zuni salt Lake, (e) Tularosa Basin, (f) Virgin River, (g) Hurricane Fault, (h) Salton Sea, (i) Moses Coulee, (j) Humboldt River.
- (2) Describe the evidence and significance of Lake Bonneville.
- (3) Compare relative merits of three hypotheses of origin of the enclosed basins of Basin and Range Province.
- (4) Explain evidences which demonstrate faulting along ^a bases of the Basin Ranges including reason for scarcity of direct evidence.
- (5) Complete following sentences (no more counted) giving best proof of each:
 - (a) Smooth sloping mountain summits are now interpreted as pediments because----
 - (b) The scablands are admitted to be the products of erosion by glacial waters because----
 - (c) Long duration of aridity in the Basin and Range Province is demonstrated by ----
 - (d) The courses of many of the rivers of Columbia plateau is better explained by antecedence than by superposition because--
 - (e) Relatively recent uplift of the Colorado plateau is shown by----
- (6) Compare relative merits of hypothesis of ^a origin of Meteor Crater, Arizona (also known as Coon Butte).

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PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

Midsemester examination

April 4, 1949

Write on four questions and no more. Please indicate on cover of bluebook which you answered.

- (1) Explain the difficulties of finding a satisfactory explanation of course of Green River across Uninta Mountains.
- (2) Compare evidences for and against the explanation of the summit levels of Northern Rockies as a dissected peneplain.
- (3) Account for the origin of Grand Coulee, Washington (not scabland problem).
- (4) Where could you find a good example each in districts so far studied of:
(a) very young volcanic cone, (b) hogbacks with dip slopes toward the mountains, (c) island of pre-volcanic rocks which projected through flows, (d) intermountain basin filled with Tertiary sediments, (e) anticlinal mountains, (f) mountains due to erosion of flows, (g) plain due to joining of many alluvial fans, (h) loess plains, (i) young basal plain, (j) watergap of antecedent stream.
- (5) Where and what is origin of: (a) Baxter Basin, (b) Big Horn Basin, (c) Absaroka Range, (d) Yellowstone Plateau, (e) Great Bend of Columbia R., (f) Gang Plank, (g) Teton Range, (h) Bitterroot Mts, (i) Blue Mts. (j) American Falls
- (6) Complete following statements giving best proof of each (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered, more is a demerit):
(a) Modern opinion is turning to the explanation of many sloping mountain sides which are erosional as pediments rather than peneplains because--
(b) Southern Rocky Mountains once rose only a moderate height above adjacent plains because--
(c) The Northern Rocky Mountains may have had same post-Tertiary history as Southern Rocky Mts. because--
(d) (e) Two reasons for the steep and picturesque east face of Northern Rocky Mts. are ----

GEOLOGY 130
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF EASTERN UNITED STATES

"Six weeks" examination

March 7, 1949

Write on four questions only and please indicate on bluebook which they are.

- (1) Discuss origin of and relation of High Plains to Rocky Mountains including conditions found in Missouri Plateau.
- (2) (a) Give the evidences which indicate that the topography of Ouachitas is result of more than one cycle of erosion.
(b) Outline major events of physiographic history under this view.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving definite proof of each statement (NOT MORE than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
 - (a) The position of the dunes along Arkansas River in Great Plains shows--
 - (b) Hogbecks are confined to certain portions of Rocky Mountain front beca use---
 - (c) The Badlands represent rejuvenated erosion because ---
 - (d) The Ouachitas may once have been buried by sediments of Coastal Plain because--
 - (e) The upland of Ozark Plateau may be older than Pennsylvanian because--
- (4) State as definitely as practicable the location of and give origin of:
(a) Athens Plateau; (b) St. Francis Mts.; (c) Red Valley; (d) Missouri Coteau; (e) Edwards Plateau; (f) Mesa de Maya; (g) Pikes Peak, (h) Llano District; (i) Comanche Plateau, (j) Red Hills
- (5) List in order the major events in physiographic history of San Juan Mts.
- (6) Discuss problem of best location of east boundary of Great Plains.

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June 14, 1948

Final examination.

Write on 10 questions only and please mark which you left out. Please be brief and to the point. Leave postcard for your grade.

1. Compare merits of two explanations of history of Crater Lake, Oregon.
2. Account briefly for and locate by province, sections and state (s):
(a) Boston Mts., (b) Springfield Plateau, (c) St. Francis Mts.,
(d) Hot Springs Plateau, (e) Novaculite ridges.
3. Explain reasons for the controversy over the Basin-Range Problem and indicate probable solution.
4. Outline briefly the major events in the physiographic history of Sierras including Yosemite Valley.
5. What two interpretations may be offered for the smooth, sloping uplands found on many mountain summits of the west; compare implications of each.
6. Compare merits of two explanations of history of the Yakima district, Washington.
7. Account for the courses of major streams of Wyoming Basin (except Green River).
8. Describe the evidences of relatively recent crustal movement in Coast Ranges and state implication upon physiographic history.
9. What explanations may be offered for the known alternation of building up and erosion by streams of Great Plains.
10. Account for briefly and locate by province, section and state (s):
(a) Absoraka Mts., (b) Marysville Buttes, (c) San Francisco Mt.,
(d) Henry Mts., (e) Lake Bonneville.
11. List points for and against interpretation of summits of northern Cascades as a dissected peneplain.
12. Account for and locate by province, section, and state (s): (a) Ship Rock, (b) Race Track, (c) Missouri Coteau, (d) San Juan Mts.,
(e) Uinta Mts.

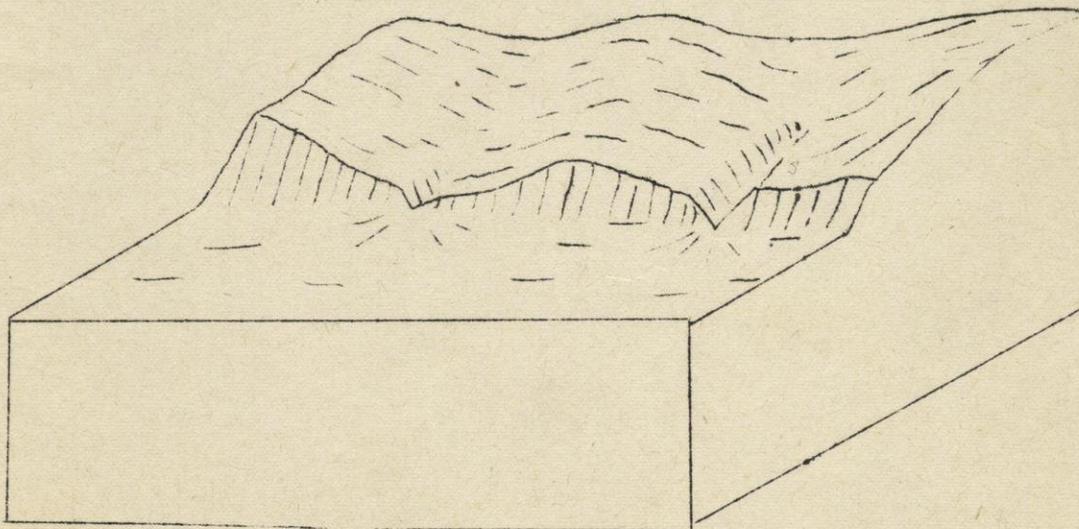
GEOLOGY 130
PHYSIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN UNITED STATES

Examination

May 7, 1948

Write on any 4 questions and please indicate which one you left out.

- (1) List and compare merits of major points for and against the importance of wind in excavating the basins in Basin and Range Province.
- (2) Where in western United States could you find a good example each of:
(a) escarpment with triangular facets; (b) eroded laccolithic mountain;
(c) domed strata eroded into a basin; (d) basin separated from sea by delta;
(e) erosion topography due to glacial meltwater; (f) extensive area where pediments occur; (g) canyon of stream superimposed by basin filling;
(h) hills due to erosion of loess; (i) mesas of lake sediments capped by lava ; (j) mesas capped by ancient glacial drift.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement:
(a) Entrenched meanders of Colorado Plateau demonstrate--
(b) The shattering and fusing of the rocks at Meteor Mt., Arizona prove that--
(c) Saline or evaporite deposits of middle Tertiary age in lower parts of Basin and Range Province demonstrate--
(d) The fact that the cliffs on resistant formations are nearer together in the Grand Canyon than they are on south side of High Plateaus of Utah has been taken to mean--
(e) The relatively low salinity of some of the lakes of the Basin and Range Province indicates--
- (4) Discuss briefly the problems raised by the course of Green River across the Uinta Mountains.
- (5) What conclusion as to geologic history and structure may be drawn from the following diagram?



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Midsemester examination

April 5, 1948

Write on 4 questions only and please indicate which you omitted.

- (1) Compare merits of two hypotheses of physiographic history of northwestern part of Columbia Plateau.
- (2) Compare points for and against the conclusion that Northern Rockies were once eroded to a peneplain.
- (3) Discuss relative merits of at least two theories of origin of the Scablands of Columbia Plateau
- (4) Locate in provinces thus far studied this semester a good example each of:
(a) mountain front with hogbacks which are formed by strata dipping toward the mountains, (b) Mountains formed by erosion of batholith, (c) buttes capped by natural slag, (d) "horns" or sharp peaks due to glacial erosion, (e) recent spatter cones, (f) plain formed by recent alluvial fans, (g) gorge due to superimposed river, (h) valley due to recession of falls, (i) mesa capped by lava flow, (j) recent fault escarpment,
- (5) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
(a) The west face of the Wasatch Mountains is so straight because----
(b) Few streams cross Snake River Plain because--
(c) The smooth sides of the anticlinal ridge of Uinta Mountains are now termed pediments because--
(d) The Rocky Mountain Front is an erosional and not a direct result of earth movement because ---
(e) The northern Great Plains are more eroded than the central Great Plains because---

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Six weeks examination

March 8, 1948

Write on four questions and no more. Majors in geology or geography must include at least one of the first two questions. Please indicate which questions you answered.

- (1) Outline in proper order the major events of physiographic history of Great Plains and Southern Rockies indicating the relations between them
- (2) Compare the merits of two hypotheses of the age of the upland of the Ozark Plateau.
- (3) Where (state province, state, etc) are and what is origin of:
(a) Devils Tower, (b) Colorado Piedmont, (c) North Park, (d) Gang Plank,
(e) Highwood Mts., (f) Little Rocky Mts., (g) Pikes Peak, (h) South Park,
(i) Goshen Hole, (j) Athens Plateau.
- (4) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length counted):
(a) The High Plains once extended farther east than they now do because--
(b) The position of the Loess Plains with respect to the Sand Hills of Nebraska prove that ---
(c) The present topography of the Pecos Section was formed during Pleistocene time because---
(d) The San Juan Mountains are more picturesque than the eastern ranges of the Southern Rockies because--
(e) The Missouri Plateau once drained toward the northeast because--
- (5) Discuss briefly the geology, topography and physiographic history of the Ouachita Mountains.
- (6) Discuss the problem of best location of east border of Great Plains.
- (7) Explain the origin and distribution of badlands in Great Plains.

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Final Examination

May 17, 1947

Write on 10 questions in all. Please mark on cover which you left out. Graduates and majors must include at least one of first two questions.

1. Compare merits of the theories of Allison, Bretz, and Flint on origin of the Scablands.
2. (a, b) Give two topographic evidences of anticlinal structure which are found in the Los Angeles district (c) What is topographic expression of anticlinal structure in foothills of Rocky Mts.? (d) What does Pine Ridge tell of the physiographic history of northern Great Plains? (e) Show with diagram the topographic expression of a resistant formation in an overturned fold.
3. Complete the following sentences
 - (a) The Grand Canyon of the Colorado was formed in a different cycle of erosion than the escarpments of the High Plateaus of Utah because
 - (b,c) This mountain range is bounded by a fault because - (two reasons)
 - (d) The Colorado Plateau is differentiated from the Basin and Range Province because
 - (e) The Henry Mts. are known to be -- because
4. Discuss two distinct theories of the origin of Crater Mount or Coon Butte, Arizona.
5. Account for and locate examples of (a) three kinds of mountains in Colorado Plateau and (b) two kinds of mountains within Columbia Plateau.
6. Outline in proper order essential steps (geological dates not required) in history of Sierras including Yosemite Valley.
7. Present the arguments you could advance to refute the idea that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was made by local earth movements, say faulting.
8. Account for topography of the Puget Sound district.
9. Discuss briefly the geology, topography and physiographic history of California Coast Range. (Exclude Angeles and Lower California sections)
10. Locate as definitely as possible good examples in western U. S. of
 - (a) triangular facets, (b) pediment, (c) antecedent stream crossing anticline, (d) recent faulting, (e) recent vulcanism within historic time, (f) wave-cut terrace on coast, (g) cirque, (h) area below sea level, (i) sandstone cliffs, (j) badlands.

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11. Discuss relative importance of wind erosion in western U. S. giving examples.
12. Discuss two theories of origin of Crater Lake, Oregon.
13. Outline with diagrams the history of the topography of the Southern Rockies as interpreted in text.

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April 16, 1947

Write on four questions only and please indicate which you answered.
Majors in geology or geography must include at least one of first two questions.

- (1) Compare relative merits of three major hypotheses of origin of "Basin Ranges"
- (2) Explain in proper order with diagrams the major steps in physiographic history of the Colorado Plateau.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each (NO MORE THAN a single sentence of reasonable length considered.)
 - (a) Colorado River did not occupy its present course through the Basin and Range province before Pleistocene time because---
 - (b) Many of the escarpments of the Colorado Plateau have very little talus because---
 - (c) Faulting has continued for a long time in Colorado Plateau and Basin and Range province because---
 - (d) Crater Mound appears to be the result of a "high power" explosive because--
 - (e) The climate of the Basin and Range province was once more humid than it now is because----
- (4) Where in regions thus far studied could you find a good example of:
(be as specific in location as possible):
 - (a) volcanic neck, (b) recent fault scarp, (c) uneroded laccolith,
 - (d) antecedent stream, (e) pediment, (f) playa, (g) young cinder cone,
 - (h) cirques, (i) basin below sea level, (j) anticlinal valley
- (5) Discuss location of the boundary between Basin and Range and Columbia Plateau province.

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Midsemester examination

March 19, 1947

Everyone is to write on four questions only. Majors in either geology or geography must include not less than two of first three questions. PLEASE INDICATE ON COVER OF BLUEBOOK WHICH YOU WROTE ON°

- (1) Discuss hypotheses offered for the problem of the course of Green River through Uinta Mountains.
- (2) Discuss different ideas on the relation of the Tertiary basins of Northern Rockies to the mountain summits or "peneplain".
- (3) Describe and account for the Grand Coulee (do not include Scablands in general.)
- (4) Explain why hogback foothills occur only along portions of the Rocky Mountains
- (5) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length will be considered):
 - (a) The east face of the Tetons is so straight and abrupt because---
 - (b) Scablands were made by glacial waters because---
 - (c) The Craters of the Moon appear younger than they probably are because--
 - (d) Yellowstone National Park is included in the ---Rockies rather than in the Columbia Plateau because---
 - (e) The mountains of central Idaho differ in topography from those of Colorado because---
- (6) Compare relative merits of two different interpretations of physiographic history of Yakima District of Columbia Plateau.
- (7) Where in regions studied this semester could you find a good example (locate as definitely as possible) of each of following:
 - (a) volcanic cone, (b) hogbacks due to thrust faults, (c) pediment,
 - (d) island which projected above volcanic flows, (e) intermontane basin enclosed by lava flows, (f) exhumed pre-Cambrian mountains, (g) anticlinal mountain range, (h) bed of glacial lake, (i) loess hills,
 - (j) falls in horizontal lavas .

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Six weeks examination

Feb. 19, 1947

Everyone is to write on four questions only. Majors in either geology or geography must include not less than one of first two questions. Please mark on cover of your bluebook which questions you wrote on. Place your name on unused books and leave them for later exams.

- (1) Discuss explanations of the relation of the uplands of the Southern Rockies to the surficial deposits of the High Plains to east.
- (2) Compare two possible explanations of the two distinct summit levels found in Ouachita Mountains.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement:
(no more than a single sentence will be counted)
 - (a) Cirques are much more abundant on the east sides of the Southern Rockies because--
 - (b) The High Plains must once have extended farther north because---
 - (c) Smooth uplands of the San Juan Mountains are now recognized as pediments instead of peneplains because---
 - (d) The upland of the Salem and Springfield plateaus may be an exhumed ancient peneplain because---
 - (e) The Edwards Plateau was once at about the same elevation as the Coastal Plain because--
- (4) Where (be as definite as possible giving state, province, and section) could you find in areas studied this semester a good example each of:
 - (a) sand dunes, (b) volcanic neck, (c) mesa capped by gravel, (e) ridge of novaculite, (f) water gap, (g) butte capped by slag, (h) badlands, (i) entrenched meanders, (j) monadnock, (d) hogback
- (5) Compare theories to explain present drainage of Ouachita Mountains.
- (6) Define, bound, describe briefly geology and topography of EITHER
 - (a) Raton Section OR (b) San Luis Valley.

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Final examination

May 18, 1946

Write on 10 questions; majors in geology or geography must include not less than two of first three questions. Please indicate which ones you wrote.

- (1) Compare merits of five processes which might aid in producing the observed subequal summit levels of many western mountain ranges.
- (2) (a,b) Give two topographic evidences of anticlinal structure which are found in the Los Angeles district (c) What is topographic expression of anticlinal structure in foothills of Rocky Mts.? (d) What does Pine Ridge tell of the physiographic history of northern Great Plains? (e) Show with diagram the topographic expression of a resistant formation in an overturned fold.
- (3) Describe and account for the coulees of Columbia Plateau (omit scablands).
- (4) Present the arguments you could advance to refute the idea that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was made by local earth movements, say faulting.
- (5) Account for topography of the Puget Sound district.
- (6) Explain two different possible histories of Teton Range, Wyoming.
- (7) Discuss briefly the geology, topography and physiographic history of California Coast Range. (exclude Angeles and Lower California sections)
- (8) Discuss possible explanations of course of Columbia River through both Columbia Plateau and Cascades.
- (9) Locate as definitely as possible good examples in western U. S. of (a) triangular facets, (b) pediment, (c) antecedent stream crossing anticline, (d) recent faulting, (e) recent vulcanism within historic time, (f) wave-cut terrace on coast, (g) cirque, (h) area below sea level, (i) sandstone cliffs, (j) badlands.
- (10) Outline events in physiographic history of Sierras including Yosemite Valley. Use diagrams where they will help.
- (11) Discuss relative importance of wind erosion in western U. S. giving examples
- (12) Explain the essential differences between peneplains and pediments giving examples in western U. S.
- (13) Complete following sentences giving proof of each: (a) The Rocky Mt. Front was once buried under stream deposits because--- (b) The High Plains once extended farther east because---- (c) Hogbacks are absent along east face of Rocky Mts in Glacier National Park because--- (d) Mountain glaciation makes mountains more scenic because--- (e) Edwards Plateau is included in Great Plains because---
- (14) Discuss two theories of origin of Crater Lake, Oregon.
- (15) Locate as definitely as possible and give physiographic significance of: (a) Mt. Rainier, (b) Llano district, Texas, (c) Zuni Mts. (d) Klamath Mts. (e) Yellowstone Lake, (f) Goshen Hole, (g) Callahan Divide, (h) Race Track (i) Missouri Coteau, (j) Golden Gate.

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Examination

April 17, 1946

Write on 4 questions only and please indicate on cover of book which ones you wrote on. Majors in geology or geography must include not less than one of first two questions.

- (1) Compare the merits of three hypotheses of origin of the enclosed depressions of Basin and Range Province.
- (2) Compare merits of two theories of origin of Crater Mound, Arizona.
- (3) Discuss evidences which demonstrate climatic changes in Basin and Range Province during Tertiary and Quaternary time.
- (4) Complete following sentences giving best single proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
 - (a) The Northern Rocky Mountains were deeply eroded before the Columbia River lavas were extruded because---
 - (b) Talus is scanty in much of the Colorado Plateau because---
 - (c) Interpretation of the smooth sides of the anticlinal ridges as pediments simplifies the physiographic history of Yakima district because---
 - (d) Uplift of Colorado Plateau in relatively recent geologic time is indicated by---
 - (e) Colorado River was not in its present location in the Basin and Range Province before Pleistocene time because---
- (5) Describe 5 evidences of concealed faults along bases of ranges of the Great Basin.
- (6) List and explain major steps in physiographic history of Colorado Plateau from close of Cretaceous time to present.
- (7) Locate as definitely as possible and give physiographic significance of:
 - (a) Henry Mts., (b) San Francisco Mt., (c) Chuska Mts.,
 - (d) Mesa Verde, (e) Kaibab Plateau, (f) Wasatch Mts.,
 - (g) Lake Lahontan, (h) Townsend Valley, (i) Poverty Flat,
 - (j) Great Divide Basin

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Midsemester examination

March 20, 1946

Everyone is to write on four questions only. Majors in either geology or geography must include at least one of first two questions. PLEASE mark on cover of your book which questions you answered.

- (1) Compare merits of three different hypotheses of origin of the Scablands of Columbia Plateau.
- (2) Discuss evidence for and against existence of one or more dissected peneplains in Northern Rockies.
- (3) Account for courses of rivers of Wyoming Basin in relations to mountain uplifts including Uinta Mts.
- (4) List four distinct types of bed rocks and other underlying material found in Southern Rockies and describe topography found on each.
- (5) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length considered):
 - (a) The Craters of the Moon may appear younger than they really are because---
 - (b) The summit uplands of Uinta Mountains are now recognized as pediments instead of ----- because---
 - (c) The upper portion of Grand Coulee is due to fall recession because---
 - (d) The presence of Boston Mountains is unfavorable to theory that Salem Plateau is an upraised and dissected peneplain of Tertiary age because---
 - (e) Snake River Plain is so level because---
- (6) Give location as definitely as possible and state physiographic significance of (a) Big Horn Mts., (b) Idaho batholith, (c) Absaroka Mts., (d) Fayette Section, (e) Mesa de Maya, (f) North Park, (g) Lewis Range, (h) American Falls, (i) Yellowstone Canyon, (j) Balcones escarpment.
- (7) Outline briefly the essential steps in history of topography of Southern Rockies (Front Range only).

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Examination

Feb. 22, 1946

Write on four questions only; majors in geology or geography must include at least one of first two questions. Please indicate which questions you left out.

- (1) Discuss origin of the High Plains including possible reasons for their present extent; include relation to the uplands of Southern Rockies
- (2) Discuss more than one explanation of the age relation of the uplands of Ozark Plateau in Missouri to the Boston Mountains. Diagram.
- (3) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement (no more than a single sentence of reasonable length will be counted):
 - (a) The grass cover of the sand dunes of western Nebraska indicates--
 - (b) The Ouachita Mountains were penplained before Lower Cretaceous time because--
 - (c) The "two story" topography of the Ouachita Mountains is commonly regarded as indicating--
 - (d) The San Juan Mountains are more scenic than the Front Range because--
 - (e) Inclined but smooth upland surfaces have been regarded as either (give two explanations but do not discuss merits)---
- (4) Where and what are (make locations as specific as possible and give physiographic interpretation): (a) Devils Tower, (b) Little Rockies, (c) Longs Peak, (d) Baxter Basin, (e) San Luis Valley, (f) Cypress Hills, (g) St. Francois Mountains, (h) Springfield Plateau, (i) Athens Plateau, (j) Edwards Plateau
- (5) Discuss factors which gave rise to Badlands in Great Plains including their distribution.
- (6) (a) Explain effect of overturned folds on topography using diagram, (b) explain why hogbacks occur only along portions of Rocky Mountain Front.
- (7) Discuss reasons for locating the east border of Great Plains as given by Fenneman.

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Final examination

May 18, 1945

Write on 10 questions in all. Majors in geography and geology must include at least two of first three questions, optional with others. Please indicate which questions you left out.

- (1) Discuss merits of at least five processes which might aid in producing the observed subequal summits of many mountain ranges. 0
- (2) Discuss significance of the surface beneath the Pennsylvanian formations of Ozark Plateau in respect to present uplands including Boston Mts.
- (3) (a) (b) What two topographic evidences indicate anticlinal structures in Los Angeles district? (c) What topographic expression indicates anticlines in foothills of Rocky Mts.? (d) What does Pine Ridge tell of former extent of High Plains, (e) What is topographic expression of an overturned fold containing a resistant formation? 0
- (4) Account for and locate as definitely as possible: (a) Ouachita Mts, (b) Springfield Plateau, (c) St. Francis Mts., (d) Little Rocky Mts. (e) Raton mesas *spread*
- (5) Account for and locate examples of (a) three kinds of mountains in Colorado Plateau and (b) two kinds of mountains within Columbia Plateau *in respect to range*
- (6) Outline in proper order essential steps (geological dates not required) in history of Sierras including Yosemite Valley.
- (7) Complete following sentences giving best proof of each statement:
 - (a) The Edwards Plateau is included in Great Plains because--
 - (b) The Snake River Plain is so flat because--
 - (c) (d) Hogbacks do not occur at all points along the foot of the Rockies because (two reasons)-
 - (e) The Ouachita Mts were once buried by the Coastal Plain sediments because--
- (8) Present proofs that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was formed by the river. 0
- (9) Discuss topography and physiographic history of Puget Sound district. 0
- (10) Discuss effects of continental glaciation on topography of Great Plains both inside and outside the limit of drift.
- (11) Where (be specific) in western U. S. could you find a good example of:
 - (a) recently active volcano, (b) marine terrace, (c) loess plain, (d) drowned valley, (e) entrenched meander, (f) *arete*, (g) valley produced by recent faulting, (h) glacial lake bed, (i) kettle lake, (j) hanging valley not due to glacial erosion
- (12) List physiographic evidences which demonstrate recent faulting in Basin and Range.
- (13) Discuss the topography, scenery and physiographic history of Yellowstone Plateau
- (14) Account for drainage in relation to rock structure in (a) Columbia Plateau, (b) Colorado Plateau
- (15) Explain two different possible histories of origin of Teton Range, Wyoming 0

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Examination

April 16, 1945

Write on four questions in all; majors in geology or geography must include at least one of ~~first~~ first two questions. Please mark on cover of your bluebook which questions you wrote on.

- (1) Compare relative merits of two major theories of the origin of the depression at Crater Mound, Arizona.
- (2) Compare relative merits of three hypotheses of origin of the enclosed basins of the Basin and Range Province.
- (3) Complete following ~~questions~~ sentences giving the best single proof of each statement:
 - (a) Vulcanism has occurred over a long period of time in Colorado Plateau because use---
 - (b) Faulting has occurred in Basin and Range Province over a long period of time because use---
 - (c) Benches on sides of Grand Canyon of the Colorado are due to differences in resistance of rock formations and not to uplifts because----- \nearrow was not \searrow
 - (d) Colorado River ~~has not~~ in its present location below the Grand Canyon in middle Tertiary time because---
 - (e) Green River does not occupy the location which it had before the folding of Uinta Mts. Because---
- (4) Where (be as specific as possible) and what (from standpoint of origin) are:
 - (a) Sacramento Section, (b) Henry Mts., (c) Pink Cliffs, (d) Snake River Plain, (e) Painted Desert, (f) Marathon District, (g) Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, (h) Absaroka Mts., (i) Moses Coulee, (j) Baxter Basin
- (5) Explain the physiographic evidence of concealed faults along many Basin Ranges.
- (6) Where (be as specific as possible) could you find in provinces studied this semester a good example each of:
 - (a) triangular facets, (b) large area of sand dunes west of Great Plains, (c) dry falls, (d) playa, (e) pedimented mountain range, (f) young fault block mountain made of lava flows, (g) sandstone escarpment, (h) plateau of horizontal sedimentary rocks capped by lava west of Great Plains, (i) stream capture, (j) anticline in sedimentary rocks shown by hogbacks.
- (7) Outline in proper order the essential steps in physiographic history of EITHER Colorado Plateau or Columbia Plateau (one only)