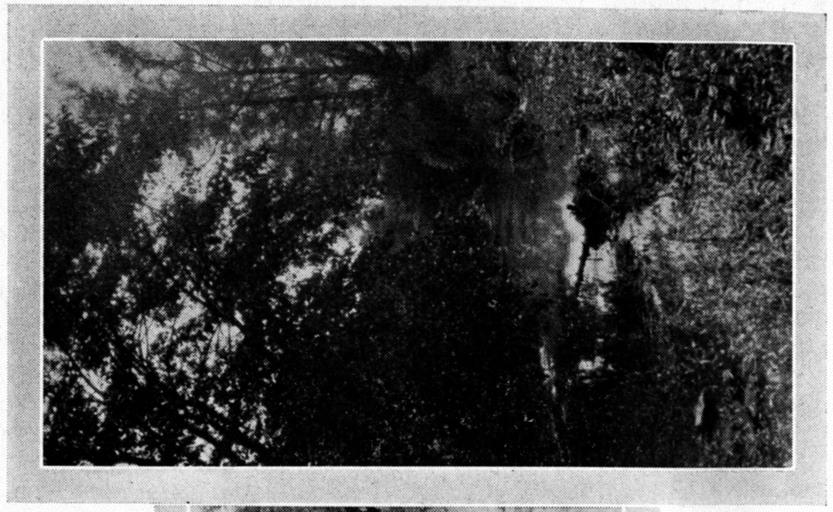
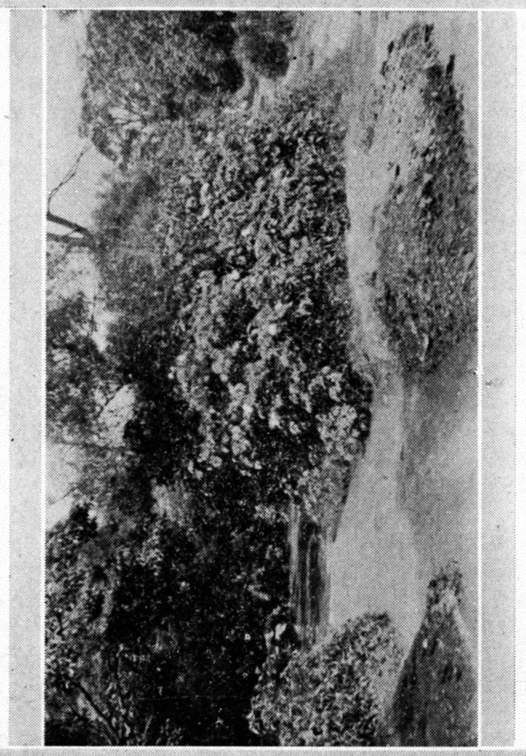
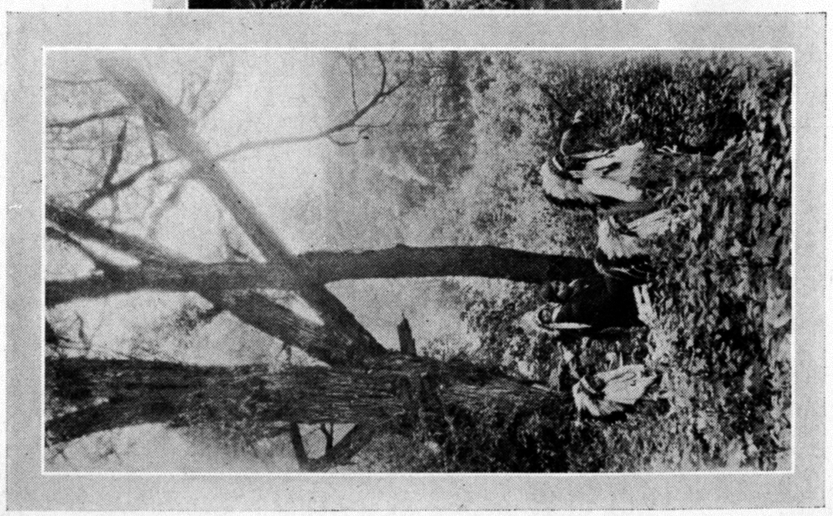






Scenes on Cat Fish Run, South Park, (below and right)

Blackfeet Among Native Flowers, North Park, (left)

the increasing number of song, insectiverous and game birds and smaller native animals.

In South Park we have twenty-six buffalo, an increase of eight over the number originally purchased, whereas in North Park, starting with a similar herd of eighteen head, we suffered a loss of five. Deer with which we have stocked both parks show but a slight gain, due to ravages of stray dogs, sickness and other causes, taking their toll.

In answer to the general demand for information concerning the parks, through the courtesy of the Union Trust Company, a small booklet was prepared and distributed throughout the county. This booklet gave a general description of the parks with detailed information as to the various groves in both parks, and was beautifully illustrated.

In answer to the request for information with respect to golf courses, five thousand small booklets discribing the South Park golf course were printed and distributed.

In view of the many events which have been staged in the county parks by religious, civic, commercial and social organizations it was deemed wise to acquaint the people of the park attractions through the medium of the moving picture.

Two reels are in possession of the Bureau and are being displayed before large gatherings throughout the county from time to time. One reel which consumes about forty minutes shows in detail the parks as a whole, which may be shown to those interested in park developments, whereas the other picture contains only active scenes taken in both parks during the past year, the showing of which requires about twenty minutes. Both are in popular demand. Either picture will be displayed to any large gathering upon request at the City Office of the Bureau.

During the past two years a large acreage in both parks which has formerly been used for farming purposes has been cultivated and during the year of 1929 20½ tons of hay was baled for the use of horses and buffalo in North Park, whereas in South Park 70 tons of hay, 11½ tons of straw, and 606 bushels of oats were raised, a surplus of hay, which has been sold to the City of Pittsburgh at market price. The cultivation of the soil, therefore, has saved the county a very considerable sum of money. Large quantities of stacked hay were harvested and fed to the buffalo herd.

During the past two years the following additional acreage has been acquired by purchase or condemnation proceedings instituted for the reasons indicated below:

Ewing—90.0 acres, acquired condemnation, entrance from Brownsville Road eliminate Linhardt Road from golf course, access to golf course and golf shelter. Relocate Linhardt Road. Additional golf lands.

Studt—18.619 acres, acquired condemnation, relocation of entrance to Catfish Run Road at junction with Library Road.

I. B. Willits—12.082 acres, acquired condemnation, removing active coal mine and tipple from further operation in a prominent location in the park and use it as an educational feature to acquaint visitors with working of typical Western Pennsylvania Coal Mines.

Sullivan Nest—47.1185 acres, acquired condemnation, main entrance to Park on Library Broughton Road to Administration