

● Another Mission Unit

CALIFORNIANS will be glad of the completion of the restoration of the La Purisima Mission near Lompoc, which adds another unit to the chain of missions in the state in a condition which can be appreciated.

State and national park services and the CCC combined to make this restoration possible. The restoration is a part of a large state park, and was recently dedicated as such.

The missions of California constitute an attraction which is one of the strongest for California residents and tourists alike. They represent one of the best associations which we can have with a past California that is gone for good.

Muddle-headed name changers and Coney island architecture has about done for most of the flavor of an earlier California, and the missions are the more appreciated. The same sort of callousness that is so prevalent today all but destroyed the missions for us too.

The building skill of the Indians under the direction of the mission fathers proved strong enough to make buildings that withstood the depredations of men, weather and time.

California is not the only state with early missions. Arizona has some fine examples, even older than ours. But it is in California that most of them are found, and in the best state of preservation or restoration.
