

~MILTON MCAULEY~

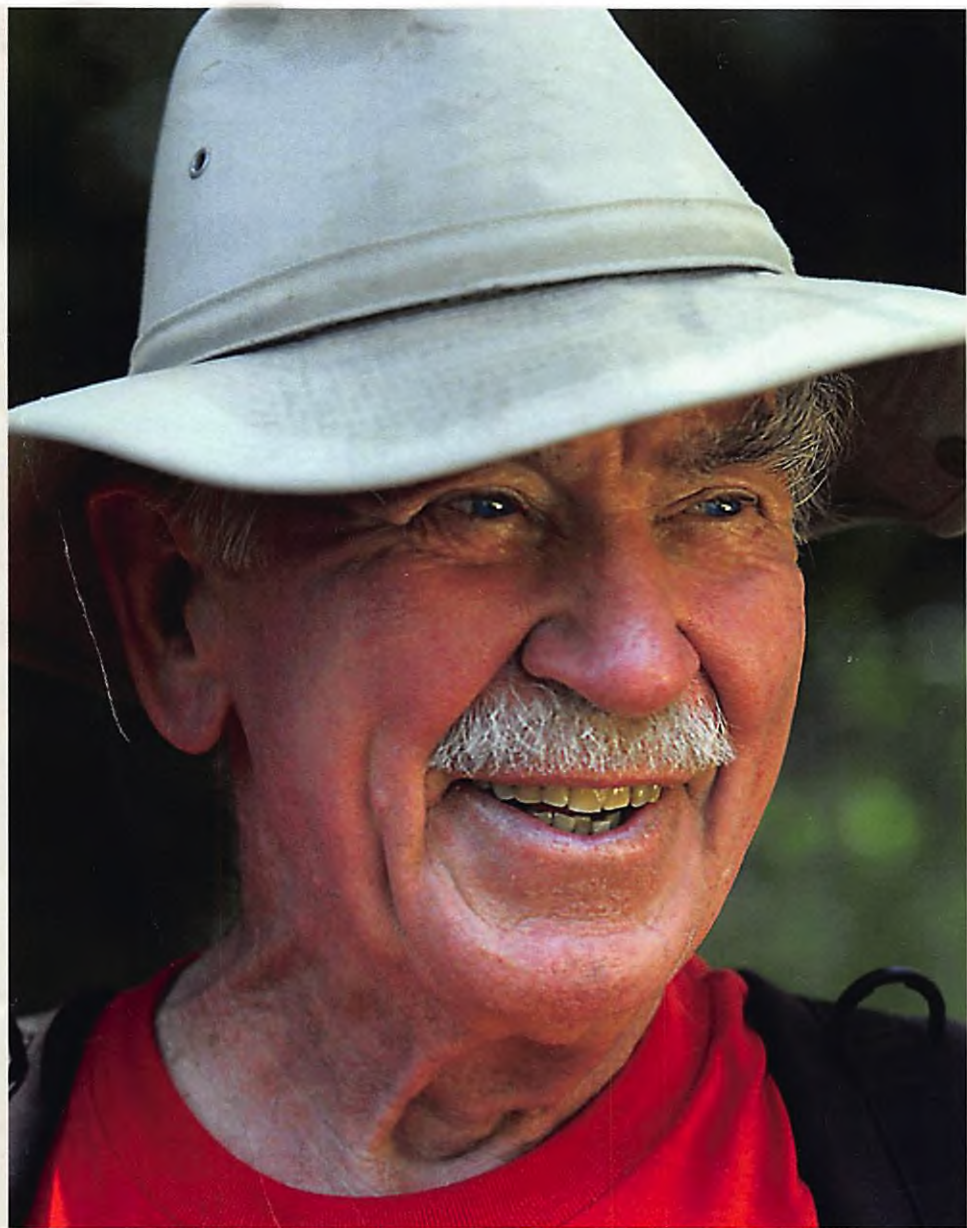
Milt was born on April 23, 1919 in Dunsmuir, California, nestled at the foot of Mt. Shasta. At age six, he moved with his family to Paunina, Oregon, and for a year, lived a small boy's dream of camping in the wilderness in a tent at the end of a railroad construction line. There he gathered huckleberries and learned the fine art of fishing. He spent his youth in Klamath Falls, hiking, fishing, camping and yes, attending school. At seventeen he and a friend took a thousand-mile bicycle ride to California, stopping and sampling at every cheese factory along the way. In college he studied forestry and prepared for the life of a ranger.

When World War II intervened he took a different path, as did many. Milt received his private pilot's license before joining the Army Air Corps at age 21. On March 16, 1942 he completed training, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and married the love of his life, Maxine—all on the same day.

Milt spent 21 years in the Air Corps and U.S. Air Force as a pilot and aeronautical engineer, retiring in 1961. During this time he and his family lived in Mesa, AZ (twice); Alamogordo, NM; Japan; San Antonio, TX; Urbana, IL; Goose Bay, Labrador; and finally San Diego, CA.

An engineering job with an aerospace corp. took Milt and family to Canoga Park in 1962. That job came to an end after 9 years. His enthusiasm for the outdoors led to his passion for the Santa Monica Mountains and his many roles in them as hiker, trailblazer, teacher and guide, environmentalist, trail maintenance enthusiast, author and publisher of seven hiking guidebooks to the Santa Monica Mountains. A self-taught botanist and author of *Wildflowers of the Santa Monica Mountains*, Milt initiated the Adopt-a-Trail plan, was a member of the Sierra Club (and was selected as one of the "100 Heroes of the Environment"), a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council, and one of the planners, builders and promoters of the Backbone Trail.

Milt was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend to many. He will be missed.



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