CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN
by Chuck Miller

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report on an accident that occurred on a recent SPS trip written by the Safety Committee. In it there is a good description and analysis of what happened. Although it certainly isn't desirable for any accident to happen, perhaps as long as it did we can look on the bright side and see what advantages it might have brought. I think if nothing else it has emphasized that our safety program is timely but that a set of rules no matter how complete can not assure safety unless they are accompanied by the necessary experience by everyone on a trip to meet the requirements of the rules. In other words, it appears to me that our next step to achieve an effective safety program is to set up instruction and training programs and to provide organized opportunities for practice of the skills required for mountaineering. Since this is offered in the field of rock climbing by the RCS, it is felt we should concentrate our efforts on other areas of mountaineering skills not presently receiving such attention. These are ideas that should be discussed by the section and if such a program is adopted by the membership it will require the help and enthusiasm of all of us. What do you think?

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One pair of crampons were found at Glacier Notch on the Mt. Sill climb. Owner contact Bud Bingham in Sept.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
by Charlotte Parsons

With the climb of North Maggie Mountain on June 29th, Richard Shea and Dick Jali completed their requirements for membership. Monroe Levy's sixth qualifying peak was Mt. Kaweah on July 5th. This brings our total roster to 110.

Paul Estes was the 21st member and first of the season to earn his SPS emblem. Tom Ameeus became number 22 with the climb of Mt. Abbot Aug. 24.

Three members have climbed all 2 of our emblem peaks. They are Tom Ross, John Robinson, and Andy Staud.

3 TRIPS IN FALL SCHEDULE

The SPS is planning three scheduled trips for the October through January period.

On the first weekend of October, Frank Sanborn is leading a backpack into Pear Lake in Sequoia National Park. The weather should be good but if it isn't look out!

On November 1-2 Chuck Miller is scheduling a car camp on the South Fork of the Kern River opposite Downland. Rockhouse Peak (8367'), one of the more recent additions to our qualifying list, will be climbed on Sunday.

Another new qualifying peak, the Spanish Needle (7879'), is being led by Bill Sanders on Nov. 16th.

BEGINNERS CHECKOFF LIST AVAILABLE

In order to help the beginner on his 1st knapsack trip with the SPS, a list of equipment, clothing, etc., to take on a two day knapsack into the Sierra has been prepared.

To obtain a copy write to Charlotte Parsons, SPS secretary.
Late news: John Shanno became emblem holder #23 with the climbing of Mt. Abbot with Lito Tejada-Flores. The climbing of Mt. Dade on Aug. 3rd made Clifford and Maurine Meyers of Long Beach new members.

Charlotte Parsons

"I THOUGHT YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME!"
The purpose of this report

This report is to advise the members of the SP3 as to how this accident occurred, and to analyze it for the purpose of preventing accidents in the future.

The material for this report

Both the leader of the trip, John Robinson, and the assistant leader, George Allerstein, submitted reports of the accident. In addition, the accident was discussed at the June SP3 meeting at Sierra Club headquarters. During the discussion John Robinson and several trip members were present.

An account of the accident

Early Sunday morning the group started out for the peak from the base camp. The ascent was made via a snow-filled chute just east of the peak. The rain group reached the peak and returned to the head of this chute. Then it headed for another chute further east with George Allerstein for a glissading decent. This other chute was decided on for the decent because it had a runout at the bottom and contained no rocks. Meanwhile the slowest members of the party, a group of five, reached the head of the chute used for the ascent and were accompanied to the peak by John Robinson. Members of the rain party forged ahead of George Allerstein and reached the head of the chute to be used for decent at intervals in scattered fashion. They immediately attempted glissading... several of the members lost control in the glissade and slid head over heels down the chute. Finally John Robinson and his slow group reached the head of the chute of decent. Learning of injury below they carefully walked down kicking steps on the way.

Injuries sustained

All but one of the glissaders who lost control suffered only superficial cuts and bruises. George Allerstein jabbed the point of his ice axe clear through the upper part of his leg. He was glissading and realized he was going too fast to remain in control. As he switched to the arrest position his foot apparently caught in the uneven snow surface causing him to jab the ice axe into his leg.

After the accident

George Allerstein had first aid materials and was able to bandage himself. He painfully walked to the roadhead while others carried his equipment. His leg is now healing rapidly.

Causes of the accident

1. A major cause of the accident was lack of proper organization in the party. At the point where the accident
1. Carelessness and inexperience.

These were contributing causes of this accident. It hardly needs to be said that carelessness is out of place in the mountains. Inexperienced persons should take full advantage of practice sessions with the ice axe on SPS trips. They should not assume that they can glissade any slope after a couple of tries at self-arrest on an easy slope.

Could conformance with SPS Safety Standards have prevented this accident?

My answer is yes. The standards provide that participants are responsible for staying with the group. It is provided that leaders inform members of this responsibility. On ice and snow trips it is provided that leaders exercise on the spot judgement of ice and snow conditions.

Ask yourself

This report is useless unless the reader asks himself, "What would I have done?" "If I were the leader would I have cowed the group in such a way that the accident might have occurred?" "If I were a participant would I have fared ahead of the leaders?" "Would I have taken a chance on being injured?" This was the first accident for the SPS. Let's try to make it the last.

W. G. Sanders
June 17-18

From the American Expeditionary Forces, 1918-1919

June 17-18

FARM IN K.PLK (J.P.2T)
These two factors brought disaster to the assistant leader and near-
disaster to several others. George Wallerstein slipped during the descent,
went out of control, and stabbed himself through his leg with his ice
axe. Luckily, the artery and muscles were missed, so he was able to slowly
and painfully limp back down to the cars. Several others went out of
control and tumbled also, but luckily they were not injured except for
a few scratches and bruises. A full report of the accident is enclosed
elsewhere in this issue.

**SUMMIT LAKE, June 28-29.** by Frank Sanborn

On Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, 27 Sierra Peakers and friends
hiked the fairly easy eight miles from Balch Park into Summit Lake, on
the southern border of Sequoia National Park. Led by Frank Sanborn and
Chuck Miller, the group enjoyed a leisurely day Saturday at Summit Lake,
9600 feet up in this heavily forested, semi-alpine region of the Sierra
east of Porterville. Crossing the Tule River on the way in was not such
a problem as anticipated, since logs and prominent rocks made it unnec-
essary to ford the stream. Clear, cool weather was experienced; the sun
was warm but the shade quite nippy. Large snowbanks dotted our camp
area beside the lake, and the wild country behind still lay under a
deep blanket of snow.

Although the lake was the objective of the trip, 16 persons climbed
nearby Mt.taggle (10,600') on Sunday. It is an SPS qualifying peak.
Frank led a group of four on an exploratory cross-country jaunt over to
Hidden Lake, while Chuck Miller led the peak baggers. Many of us shared
a fine Chinese dinner at Gang Sue’s in Porterville on the way home.

**MT. KAVEAH (13,815’), July 4-5-6.** by Bill Sanders

This trip turned out to be rugged as advertised. During the three
days the main group logged about 45 miles and traversed four major
passes besides climbing the peak. Two groups took an extra day so the
number of ascents is impressive: 16 topped the Great; 8 ascended the
Black; and 9 gained the summit of the Red. Of 34 starters 24 made at
least one ascent. We were glad to see seven China Lakers included in
our group on this trip.

The view from the top included the entire High Sierra as far north
as Darwin.

There is one fact that remains in dispute though. Some claim unequiv-
ocracally that the Great was proved to be the highest of the Kaveahs by
sighting across the water surface in a large lid. Others are unconvinced
since the Red certainly looks much higher from the summits of the Great
and the Black.

**LAKE EDIZA, July 12-13.** by Tom Hunt

The turn-out on the Lake Ediza trip, July 12-13 was small; this was
unfortunate as the weather was perfect and the usual amount of snow
made the region very photogenic. 12 persons, led by Peter Hunt, enjoyed
the snow climb and glissade descent of Mt. Ritter, while the remainder of
the party had a leisurely visit to Iceberg Lake; the 7 members of this
group spent their time trying to catch sight of John Robinson and Bill
Sanders in their ascent of the Clyde Minaret, but to no avail. The lead-
er of the trip arrived home at 2:15 am. This is about par for "begin-
ners" trips; but there were some beginners, even first-timers, and they
were most enthusiastic. Such trips seem to serve a need.
Before the first snow blizzard, the expedition moved south to the slopes of Mt. St. Helens, where they set up camp. With the snow already on the ground, the climb to the summit was expected to be challenging. The team, led by Mary Ann, had prepared meticulously, and everyone was eager to make it to the summit.

On the second day, the climbers encountered a series of obstacles, including loose rocks and steep inclines. Despite these challenges, the team continued their ascent, determined to reach the summit. As the day wore on, the wind picked up, making the climb even more difficult.

By the third day, the climbers were nearing the top. They had to traverse a narrow ridge, which was treacherous due to the strong winds. However, they pressed on, determined to reach their goal.

On the final day, the team reached the summit just as the sun began to set. They眩selfed at the top, taking in the breathtaking view of the snow-covered mountains and the surrounding landscape. The achievement of reaching the summit was a testament to their hard work and determination.
By a south of the peak, there the nine spent an hour or so mountain-gazing towards the north with the aid of Tom and his map, including contemplation of the snowpack visible in the Kaweah and Whitney areas. Clouds over Kern Peak made a dramatic sunset scene.

The peak climb was made quickly early Sunday morning. Later, all thoroughly enjoyed cool creek footbaths at the cars; that cowpath can be hard on one’s toes!

**BIRCH MOUNTAIN (13,663'), THE THUMB (13,388'), June 13-14** by Bud Bingham

The Birch Creek area and the crest was invaded by a threesome June 13-14. Without reliable trail information, brushy slopes were encountered to nearly 9000'; the trail was then found. An ascent of the Thumb was completed the first day on soft snow. One of the most rewarding views of the Palisades and glacier was had late in the afternoon. Light clouds and long shadows provided an excellent opportunity for the cameras and enthusiasts.

Leaving our Birch Lake Camp early the following day, crampons were used on a north-westerly chute to nearly the summit of Birch Mtn. Without snow the climb would have been rather boring due to lengthy talus chutes. Don Clarke, Vern Jones, and Bud Bingham signed the register for the first time in 12 years. Among the last to climb Birch were Niles and Louise Werner and Freda Walbrecht.

One interesting note is the absence of timber on the entire route from Owens Valley to the lake. Willow covers the only means for campfires at the lake and this is poor. With a small group we were able to see wildlife was much greater; A band of 13 Bighorn Sheep were seen at 9000', Ticks were out in alarming numbers and they found Don the most juicy.

**CANDLE LIGHT (12,000' plus), 14 June** by Carl Heller

6 people from China Lake climbed this peak from Whitney Portal on the 14th of June. Leaving the trail just above Lone Pine Lake we climbed a chute leading up and to the left. Entry to the chute required one moderately difficult pitch, but the remainder of the climb to the ridge was easy. The ridge west was an interesting climb on slabs covered with fieldspar mosses. We led to an eastern summit and a 100 foot drop was necessary before climbing the true summit. Two chutes dropped north and south from the notch. The southern chute gave us a 2000' glissade into Meyers Canyon.

**MCADIL (13,800'), June 21** by Burl Parkinson

4 young men, Peter Haney, John Robinson, and Freda Jensen, and you're truly left Whitney Portal at 8 am for base camp at Consultation Lake. After a short lunch stop we left for Arc Pass around the east side of the frozen lake. Above the pass we ascended some steep snow and rocks to the base of middle peak. After passing the summit to the south and west, Peter lead us down 30 feet of good 3rd class to the col between north (highest) and middle peaks. Then we ascended north peak by easy 3rd on the west side. The summit blocks are large and the rock formation is solid. There is a good amount of exposure. The climbing of Mcadil is recommended only for those qualified.

**Mt. MENDO (13,691'), June 27-28** JWR

7 climbers successfully ascended Mt. Mendel the last weekend in June. 5 of them (E. Lilley, B. Sanders, R. Shaney, P. Hunt, J. Robinson) did it by the standard loose 3rd class route on the southeast face. By Ososky and Lito Tejada-Flores decided to try a first ascent (they thought) of the Mendo Ice Chutes. After many hours of chopping their

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way up ice, snow, and rock they reached the summit to find that two
Sierra Clubbers from the Loma Prieta Chapter had done it just the week
before. Never-the-less it was quite an accomplishment, as anyone who
has viewed the ice chutes from nearby Mt. Lamarck will testify.

CLIMBING IN THE NORTHWEST, June 28-July 13 by Frede Jensen
St. Adams (12,307'), Mt. Hood (11,245'), Little Tahoma (11,117')

On June 28-29 Mt. Adams was climbed from the north. We hiked in
Saturday on the Killer Creek trail to camp at Timberline. The weather
was heavy and overcast and remained so throughout the weekend. The peak
was reached after a 3 hour climb from camp via the purnice ridge and
the large summit snowfields. Due to adverse weather conditions only 3
out of 9 were the peak, and the descent was an extremely wet affair in
heavy snow and rain.

Less characteristic of the Northwest was the climb of Mt. Hood on
July 4-5, favored as it was by perfect weather. The climb was scheduled
by the Seattle Mountaineers who did their utmost to make this easy
climb appear tough. Schedule: camp on Still Creek campground. Up at 2 a.m.,
no breakfast. Drive to Timberline Lodge. Climb starts at 3:15 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. A leisurely 6 hour climb took us to the summit
from where we enjoyed a spectacular view of the Northwest volcanoes.
and a 2 hour descent on soft snow finished off a wonderful weekend.

On July 12-13 I went on a scheduled climb of Little Tahoma, third
highest peak in Washington, located on the east shoulder of Mt. Rainier.
We backpacked 4 miles to camp at Summerland (5420'). The climb began at
3 a.m. in Camp. We ascended to Neary Crest, crossed the Fryingpan
and the White Glacier, and went up some slopes of extremely rotten
rock. A final 20 foot notch with exposure on either side required roped
climbing with great precaution, as the rock was rotten. We made the peak
and enjoyed a real close-up of towering Mt. Rainier. A 16 hour round-
trip took us back to the cars.

RED AND BLACK KAWAHS (Technicolor Trip), July 3-5 by Andy Smatko

On July 3rd Peter Hunt, Bud Bingham, John Robinson, and I went over
Caribou Pass from Mineral King, down to Columbine Lake, thence over
an unknown notch into Big Five Lake Basin, on over another ridge into
Little Five Lake Basin, over another ridge and finally down to our
camp in the Big Arroyo. From here on July 4th we climbed the Black
Kaweah (13,750') via the west-south-west-north ridge. Although tech-
ically listed as class 3, one must be extremely careful on account of
the very loose nature of the rock. Numerous steep chutes and ridges
must be traversed to reach the summit. From the top a tremendous view
was enjoyed. Upon returning to camp in the Big Arroyo we met the main
party.

Next day Vern Joss, Bud Bingham, John Robinson, another chap, and
I climbed the Red Kaweah (13,754'). Listed as class 3 in the guide, we
found it quite easy. In searching a class 2 route can be worked out.
From the summit we saw the main party atop the Great. We returned to
Mineral King July 6th over Black Rock Pass and Timber Gap.

BLACK CLIMBING IN THE KAWAHS, July 4-8 by Carl Heller

Some Sierra Club members from China Lake formed a separate group
for this trip and have a few observations to add to the general story.
We climbed the Black on Saturday (the day after the above party) and
the Red on Sunday. Both climbs are listed as Class 3, but the Red route
appeared only class 2.

On Sunday afternoon we met a Park Guard Patrol at the cabin in the
Big Arroyo. They had just ridden over from Whitney. The 26 man SFS
group was cut off in the mountains 6 days before summer ended when the

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Banger Murphy wrote down the details for his report. This SPS trip will therefore obtain official recognition in the Sequoia Park records. This patrol, which carried radios, would have been very helpful if anyone had been sick or injured.

The members of our group were Doug Huse, Dick Breitenstein, Bob Stein, and Carl Heller.

THE MITER (12,784'), MT. CORCORAN (Middle summit 13,733'), MT. HODADIE (13,800'), MT. IRVINE (13,790'): July 11-12

A group (Russ & Doug Huse, Jerry Kennard, Stuart Young, & the writer) hiked to Consultation Lake Friday evening. Saturday the group climbed to Arc Pass and separated.

The writer walked down and climbed the Miter. Then he climbed to the pinnacle of Corcoran nearest LeConte. Several higher summits were visible and lured by a large cairn he traversed to the middle summit. Under the influence of the altitude and a mistaken register he continued the error by leaving a notebook. It is to be hoped that no other SPS member will be so fooled before the writer returns and corrects the situation.

The main group meanwhile climbed Hodadie and Irvine and reassembled at Arc Pass for the hike back.

SOUTHERN PALISADES, July 12-13

by Barbara Lilleley

The weekend of July 12-13 Sy Ossofsky, Harvey Hickman, and Barbara Lilleley packed up the South Fork of Big Pine Creek and made camp on Finger Lake. The exceptionally warm weather brought out hordes of hungry mosquitoes. Saturday afternoon Sy and Barbara climbed Middle Pal (14,040') by the regular class 3 route and enjoyed some wet sitting glissades on the glacier below. Sunday, accompanied by the mosquitoes, all three went over South Fork Pass, descended about 200 feet and scrambled up the Thumb (13,138'), class 2. Excellent sitting glissades were obtained on the descent to camp. Mosquitoes inspired a fast pace to the car!

As there is no book in the register on Middle Pal, it is recommended that anyone climbing it this summer take one up.

BANNER PK. (12,945'), CLYDE MINARET (12,261'), July 12-13

JWR

These peaks were ascended as a corollary to the scheduled Lake Ediza trip. They proved interesting ascents in good weather.

Banner was climbed Saturday by Buri Parkinson, Tom Ross, and John Robinson following a rapid pace set by Jon Shinnac. Leaving Agnew Head- ers at 8:05, we had to practically run to keep up with Jon, and arrived on top at 1:55. While recuperating up there we were buzzed by a plane.

Sunday Bill Sanders and John Robinson climbed the Clyde Minaret at a much more reasonable pace. Although stated to be class 4 by the guide, we found only one pitch that might be so classified. It was basically a 3rd class climb; the major difficulty was crossing the bergschrunds at the top of the glacier.

MT. AGASSIZ (13,891'), July 19-20

by Barbara Lilleley

July 19-20 a short pack-in to one of many lakes in the Bishop Pass area was made by Lynn Gray, Barbara Lilleley, and George Harr. While Lynn and George tried fishing Barbara climbed peak 13,210 (NE of Agassiz). Sunday Lynn and Barbara climbed Mt. Agassiz from Bishop Pass. Barbara glissaded down 2/3 of the peak on snow but Lynn had neglected to bring an ice axe so he walked down.
DEERHORN MTR. (13,275'), July 19-20 by Don Clarke

This is an interesting summit, but seldom climbed. An ascent in July was the first since 1950. Attempting to follow route #2 in the Climber's Guide it was necessary to drop about 150 feet down the south side to pass a deep notch on the west ridge. The east side of this notch is probably 4th class, and the north side of the ridge is much worse.

Route #4 gives a clue to an easier approach to the summit ridge. From about 11,000' on the Harrison Pass trail ascend a steep chute to the gentle scree slope forming the west ridge. Instead of climbing toward the ridge between the Minister and Deerhorn as in route 2, ascend the first prominent chute to the east. Near the head of this chute, about 150' below the crest and at the base of the cliff, traverse east past and 50' below the notch to a broad chute with light colored granite. Climb the slabs in this chute to the ridge line. The ascent so far is easy class 3.

Many people will want a rope between the top of the chute and the northwest summit. The snow was firm on the north ledges, making a traverse to the notch between the two summits easy to find. The route over the NW summit. The traverse between the two summits is easy and obvious.

MT. DARWIN AGAIN (13,630'), July 19-20 by Tom Ross

On the weekend of July 19-20 Burl Parkinson and Tom Ross drove to North Lake to climb Mt. Darwin. At the Lamarck Lakes we visited the Sierra Club Base Camp and were treated to cantelope and ice cream, and they promised us dinner when we returned Sunday. We camped at Lamarck-col (13,000') and climbed Mt. Lamarck as a warmup.

The next morning we climbed to Darwin Glacier over hard snow and ice to the 3rd class couloir; near the top of the couloir we found a 60 degree cornice which we had to chop step on. From the summit views were fabulous and the weather was perfect. We returned by the same route and enjoyed a glissade on the glacier. The boys at base camp kept their promise and we enjoyed a full meal.

Even though this was my third ascent of Darwin I will go back again and again. It is my favorite emblem peak!

PEAK-BAGGING ON THE WESTERN AND KINGS-KERN DIVIDES, July 19-20 by Andy Smatko

On July 19th Frede Jensen, Bill Sanders, Pete Hunt, and I hurried to near the top of Shepherds Pass by virtue of having a mule carry our gear to just under the pass. We continued on over the pass to camp at timberline. That evening we were entertained by viewing several helicopters and airplanes scouring back and forth about 15 miles to the south. A week later we heard about the demise of a men who hiked over Whitney Pass and died of pneumonia 2 days later.

Next day - Sunday - we dropped into Kern Canyon (figuratively of course) and ascended Milestone Creek to near timberline. It still was early afternoon so we continued on and climbed Milestone Peak 6 much easier than it appears from a distance. The next 5 days saw peaks fall left and right to our determined onslaughts. Monday - Midway and Cable Mts. felt our proud heels. Tuesday - Thunder fell (quite an exposed 3rd class ridge between pinnacles). Wednesday - Jordan and Genevra yielded in a light snowstorm. Thursday - Stanford and Ericson were climbed in threatening weather. Friday was an easy day for us - just hiking from Lake South America to timberline on Tyndall Creek, although Junction and West Tyndall beckoned. Saturday Bill and Frede climbed Tyndall while Pete and I climbed Keigh via a 3rd class route. We met at 5 pm (Continued)
at Arvill Camp and decided to come out for a restaurant meal that evening. Result - 9 peaks in 6 climbing days. We are not supermen; it is easy to climb the peaks listed above.

ALONG THE KINGS—KERN DIVIDE, July 19-27 by Carl Heller

China Lake S.C. members Russ and Doug Huse and the writer spent 9 days north of the divide climbing 12 peaks. These were East V. Jette, Brewer, South Guard, Thunder, Jordan, Geneva, Ericsson, Deerhorn, Stanford, 13,440, Center, and University.

One of the peaks (Thunder) had not been climbed for 9 years, while another (Geneva) had been climbed earlier the same day by other SBS members. This group - Bill Sanders, Peter Hunt, Fred Jensen, and Ambrose - were sighted across Harrison Pass and an exchange of yodels were made.

A Sierra Club backpack group led by Tom Amues was met and the groups combined for the climb of Brewer. After leaving this group Sunday evening the only human contacts until Sunday at Onion Valley were a few yodels between summits. The Sierra above 10,000 ft. is still not too crowded.

Some hurried botanizing identified most of the index species (Jepson of the Boreal life-zone. It was intended to collect seeds, but none were mature except for some second year seeds of Phlox Douglasii var. Geespinasa in Deerhorn Pass.

The Climbers' Guide was generally correct in classifying routes. However, for Mt. Jordan the class 2 route should specify the route in the west face as the face itself is class 3-4. The route to Mt. Stanford from Deerhorn Pass seemed class 2; much easier than the traverse from Gregory's Monument.

HEADWATERS OF THE KERN KNAPSACK TRIP, July 19-27 by Tom Amues

On Saturday, July 19th, 8 knapsackers left Onion Valley and hiked over Kearsarge Pass in perfect weather to meet the packer with our supplies at Vidette Meadow.

The next day we were fording Rubbys Creek a character appeared on the far streambank, jumping up and down, slapping his thighs, and roaring with laughter at us. After we had crossed he advised us that a 100 yards or so upstream there was a big log on which to cross. However, we agreed that it was more fun wading than it would have been crossing on a log.

After setting up camp at East Lake four of us visited Lake Reflection. The view from the lower end of the lake came up to all expectations and was ample reward for the hike up the so-called trail to the lake. That evening we were joined by Carl Heller and Russ and Doug Huse who were climbing in the area.

On Monday we unfortunately had to say goodbye to Frank Irving who had not fully recovered from a previous illness and decided to hike out. Most of the party joined the China Lakers for the climb of Brewer after which we knapsacked to the Harrison Pass trail.

The next day we went over Lucy's Foot Pass which we all agreed was class 2 near the top. The weather was very kind to us. As we approached the pass the fog which had blanketed everything that day suddenly lifted and didn't close in again 'til just after we got over the top.

On the way to Milestone Creek a snowstorm struck, so we spent an hour or so under a tarp 'til the weather permitted travelling again. We had a most wonderful view of Milestone Pk. shrouded in rain clouds and felt that this was an area to which we would like to return at a future date.

The rest of the trip was taken up by a visit to Diamond Mesa near (Continued)
our only mosquito-free camp, the crossing of Foresters Pass which was
blanketed by snow on the north, a climb of University Peak with its
fine views, and the return to the cars thus ending the first group-
planned club knapsack trip from the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. Powell and Thompson, July 26-27  
by Barbara Lilley

Saturday morning Sy Ossofsky and Barbara Lilley packed into one of
the more beautiful and infrequently visited areas out of Lake Sabrina
the Baboon Lakes section. The trail to this area, branching off the
Midnight Lake trail, fades out after the first mile to become seldom
seen in. Camp was made at the second highest of the lakes, although
there is timber for limited camping at the highest (11,500'). Saturday
afternoon they ascended peak 12,700, enjoying good glissading on the
descent.

Sunday they climbed Mt. Powell (15,300' plus) via a snow chute on
the northeast side, which brought them to within a 5 minute walk of
the summit. After descending the chute via sitting glissade, they ascended the northwest face of Mt. Thompson (13,568'), a class 3 loose
top scramble, to its summit. With the exception of an ascent by Bob
Clarke in September 1957, these peaks had apparently not been climbed
since 1950. On reaching base camp swarms of mosquitoes again quickened the pace and the car was reached at 3:30.

Mt. Goddard (13,568'), Aug. 2-4  
by Frank Meyers

A 3 day solo trip to Mt. Goddard was made by Frank Meyers on August
2-4. Saturday an exhausting 22 mile hike was made from the roadway to
Florence Lake to 10,300' in Goddard Canyon. The ferry service was not
used, since this was a strong back-weak mind type of trip anyway.

Sunday the full pack was carried to 12,150' in order to make a long
trip via the knapsack route to Evolution Basin. This trip was aban-
doned as being too long and too snowy. About this time the soles were coming
loose from the boots, too. Mt. Goddard was climbed via a class 1 route
leading westerly from a point one-half mile south of the summit to the
top of the southwest ridge and thence to the top, which was reached at
2:30 pm in fine weather. Return was made to the junction of the Hell-
For-Sure Pass Trail, and the 20 mile hike out, with lashed or boot
soles, was made on Monday. The drive home was completed by 4:10 am
with the help of benzedrine. Total elapsed time: 83 hours.

Mt. Vandever (11,918'), Sawtooth Pk. (12,340'), Aug. 9-10  
by Tom Ross

Note: This was a scheduled trip but the article was received too
late to include in the correct section.

Since the scheduled leaders could not make this trip, Burl Parkinson
and I led these climbs.

It seems that instead of loafing around camp the majority wanted to
climb Vandever on Saturday, so Burl and I led the group up to Farewell
Gap in time to see dark clouds forming. We reached the summit as large
raindrops came down and hail fell as large as peas; Thunder was booming
in the distance but the storm soon passed and it was sunny again.

Vandever made Lois Stolaroff, a newcomer, her first mountain she had
ever climbed! George Shinno climbed his 6th peak, making him a member
of the SPS. Everyone who started made the summit.

Sunday dawned bright and clear, so at 7 a.m. Burl and I led the
small group up the steep Glacier Pass trail to the pass, thence to Saw-
tooth Pass and on to the impressive summit of Sawtooth. The view was
second only to Darwins'. Everyone again made the top. Sawtooth made
Mr. and Mrs. Heft's 6th Sierra peak, giving us two more members.

Enroute home everyone again enjoyed a good dinner at Gang Sue's.