NEW AMENDMENT PROPOSES CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
by Jerry Keating

A new amendment to the section by-laws was proposed at the Sept-
ember meeting. This proposed amendment simply would add one more
requirement for section membership that at least half of the qualifi-
ying climbs be made on trips scheduled by the SPS. It would in
no way affect any persons now SPS members.

The amendment is designed to encourage prospective members to
participate in scheduled climbs while they are qualifying. In
this way the prospects can learn more about the section's purpose,
organization and safety standards.

At present it is possible for a person to become a section mem-
ber without ever participating in an SPS activity. This situa-
tion leaves the door open to persons who have no interest in the sect-
on other than the prestige that membership in it affords.

The amendment is not intended to evaluate scheduled and non-sched-
uled trips. However, the business of the SPS is scheduled out-
ings, although it welcomes the opportunity of disbursing informa-
tion about non-scheduled trips.

"At least half of the climbs" means three or more. This number
could well be attained in two trips with the SPS. The section's
program is broad enough to meet most of the interests of newcom-
ers. In summary, the prime idea behind the proposal is to encour-
age prospects to know and be known by the section to which they
seek membership.

THE SECRETARY REPORTS
by Charlotte Parsons

When a recent issue of the Sierra Club Bulletin (February, 1958) refe-
rred to "the booming Sierra Peaks Section", the description was an apt
one. Not only have peak climbing and backpacking reached tremendous propor-
tions, but a gratifying number of new members have been joining our
ranks as well. Since the first of the year 23 have applied for membership,
bringing our total to 125 as of Oct 13th.

Emblem-seeking has also taken many members into magnificent areas which
they otherwise might not have visit-
ed. The 12 who received their S.P.S. emblems in 1958 are: Sam Fink, Walt
collins, Paul Estes, Jon Shinno, Tom Ammons, Don Hamilton, Charlotte Par-
soms, Jerry Keating, Durl Parkinson, Mary Ann Eide, Charles Gerckens, and
Bill Heusel. We now have a total of 50 emblem members.

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SPSer Miles Brubacher and Maureen Adkins were married in Cobham, Eng-
land in July and spent the summer touring Europe. On Sept. 8th they com-
pleted the climb of the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

The stork brought Nancy and Jerry Keating a 7 lbs., 4 oz. baby boy last
August 18th. The name: David Brian.

George Wallerstein moved to Berkeley
and is interested in starting an SPS chapter up there. His new address is
2420 Virginia St., Berkeley, Calif.

John Robinson has left the mainland
to reside on Balboa Island. He has
taken up sailing and no longer climbs
for points.
SIERRA RUBBISH CLEANUP: AN ORNAMENal NOTE TO SIERRA PEAKERS

Some 3 tons of tin, an estimated 26,000 cans and other debris discarded by campers in the Kernsarge Pass region were collected by a crew of 28 Sierra Club Work Party members between August 17 and 23.

The crew of volunteers, five to fifty-five years of age, filled 150 burlap sacks with flattened cans, foil, and glass found mostly around Bullfrog Lake. A special contingent of skin divers searched for litter in the surrounding lakes.

Cans were strewn in open view and were piled behind logs, between granite rocks, and in part covered raw pits beneath the meadow sod. One tin sign found in good condition was dated 1937, showing that decomposition of the metal is extremely slow at 11,000 feet elevation.

Fred Eisler of Santa Barbara, the leader of the cleanup crew, said: "I hope that our efforts encourage other campers to take a personal interest in helping to keep the wilderness clean. There is only one best way for handling trash. Each person must carry out the cans and bottles he brings into the mountains. Burying the debris destroys the meadow sod and leaves unsightly, easily eroded pits. And trying to hide the junk is poor housekeeping too."

KING OF 9 MILE CANYON DETHRONED

Sierra Peakers entering the Southern Sierra nowadays can do so without sorrow. The King of 9 Mile Canyon is in custody. This lived at Pine Camp, the usual meeting place for SES trips into Domeland. The following is the UPI dispatch on the matter.

"Emery Bales, self-styled king of 9 Mile Canyon in the Southern Sierra, goes on trial in Visalia November 12th on five felony burglary charges. Bales, whose home is near the road leading to Domeland, has pleaded innocent to the charges before Judge J.G. Machetz of Tulare County. Bales is accused of forcing his two teenage daughters, stepdaughter, and wife into sexual bondage by dangling the bones of an old Indian skeleton before them."
SCHEDULED TRIPS

MT. EMERSON (13,263'), Aug. 16-17 by Dr. Andrew J. Smatko

After a leisurely hike of about three miles up the Piute Pass trail, an assorted group of hikers and climbers reached Loch Leven where most spread out campsites and relaxed. Several more went on over Piute Pass and on into Desolation Basin to climb Mt. Humphreys. That afternoon a soaking rain did just that to everybody, but the weather cleared that evening.

On Sunday morning 18 started up Mt. Emerson via a class 2 route. Near the top of a wrong chute it was necessary to traverse for a few hundred yards over easy third class rocks to get into the proper chute and thence up easy class 3 to the summit. Clouds intermittently hid Mt. Humphreys but enough good weather prevailed to satisfy the camera fiends. A good scree run down the SW slope returned the 17 who made the top to camp.

MT. BREWER (13,577'), Aug. 30-Sep. 1 JWR

37 backpackers followed leader Chuck Miller up the tiring but scenic 12 miles and 5000 feet from Cedar Grove to Upper Sphinx Lake on Saturday. 30 of them were fresh enough on Sunday to reach the top of Mt. Brewer and get one peak closer to their merit badges. The weather was delightful. 6 hadn't had enough and ascended North Guard also. Jon Shinno bagged three peaks that day, climbing South Guard too after some fancy route finding. The summit is not obvious from below. Monday it was down and out.

TUNNABORA Pk. (13,593'), Sep. 13-14 BB

The new route to Tunnabora Peak was intended to attract climbers interested in more than just a scramble or peak bagging. No records seem to be published on an ascent from the northwest. Only five people turned out for the weekend trip: George Shinno, Charlotte Parsons, Frank Bressel, Barbara Lillie, and Bud Bingham.

General route description: Class 2-3. Beginning at the mouth of George Creek (6500') we packed up canyon to the first major tributary leading south with year around stream (9500'). Then ascending trailless on the west side of the creek on fairly steep slab and side hills we reached a timberline camp in a small meadow. This is 500' short of 11500' Harmot Lake. Our ascent to Harmot Lake was made on easy slab and ledges on the west side of the canyon to the inlet. The east shore of the lake provided nearly level walking to the inlet. The headwall of the cirque was reached by easy marraine and snow covered slopes.

A choice of two major chutes lead nearly to the summit. The right hand or most southerly chute was used. Slab was found near the edges of the chute; This provided good footing and no dangerous rocks were dislodged. The west ridge of Tunnabora Peak was gained and this left 200' of nearly level walking to the summit. The round trip was 12-14 miles. Clear skies and cool weather made the remote route through George Creek very pleasant.

MT. RIXFORD (12,890'), MT. GOULD (13,001'), DRAGON Pk., (12,995') Sep. 27-28 by Roger Gaefke

20 Sierra Peakers lead by John Robinson did an easy three mile backpack from Onion Valley to Flower Lake. Since the group arrived in camp early it was decided to climb Rixford. This was done by a class 2 contour over talus from Kearsarge Pass. General consensus was "I'll never climb that crud heap again." However, a fine view was obtained of the Rae Lakes Basin and surrounding peaks. (Continued)
(Mt. Rixford continued)

Sunday morning the group climbed Gould by hiking up the easy ridge north from Kearsarge Pass. 14 of 15 made it. From here eight of the more virile went on to climb Dragon by traversing the class 2 ridge from Gould. The last 40 feet was high third; A rope was used on the descent.

Misters Cooley and Dedoforde climbed their sixth qualifying peaks on this trip. Frede Jensen submitted a list of 25 for section membership.

SEQUOIA TABLELAND, Oct. 4-5 by Frank Sanborn

Beautiful, clear, warm Indian Summer weather greeted the 15 members and guests of the SP3 who shouldered their knapsacks at Wolverton Meadow on Saturday, October 4th and hiked into the back country of Sequoia National Park. Led by Frank Sanborn and ably assisted by Chuck Miller, the group paused for a break at the spectacular Watchtower (a 2000 ft. sheer rock overlooking Tokopah Gorge), passed Heather, Emerald, and Aster Lakes, then reached trail's end at Pear Lake. From there they traversed granite slabs to a timberline campsite at 10200 feet. The restful quiet of this wilderness ten miles from Giant Forest was broken only by the howling of coyotes.

Ten of the group, led by Frank, spent the afternoon exploring the Tibetan-style landscape of the tableland between Pear Lake and Triple Divide Peak. From the isolated Shangri-la valley of Table Meadows, we climbed to the rock parapet northwest of Ghost Mountain. From this vantage point views north to Godard and North Pal, east to Brewer, and south to the Kaweah Peaks were enjoyed. It was so warm that evening that several of us had to unzip our sleeping bags.

On Sunday we retraveled our steps leisurely. Six of the group climbed the north side of 11,211' Alta Peak while the rest of us sun-bathed at Pear Lake. Upon returning to the cars it was found that a bear had ripped out a front window of Clark Smith's new Chia to get at some honey on the front seat. What a mess! Other than this incident, it was a fine Fall trip to our beloved Sierra, unmarred by storms or cold.

NON SCHEDULED TRIPS

Editor's Note: At the risk of criticism and/or hurt feelings the editor has taken it upon himself to keep this section of the paper within veldy bounds. Several write-ups have been left out and others have been shortened. This is no reflection on the integrity or journalistic talent of the "slighted" authors; It is simply an economy move to keep the Echo from becoming of thesis stature. Reaction to this possibly highhanded editorial initiative should be directed to the Echo for the next editor to act upon. The present one is retiring at the end of the season.

The following is a list of pointers to future authors of articles on outlaw jaunts.

(1) Limit write-ups to trips of special interest: mountains seldom climbed and/or new routes up old peaks. Forget repetitious ascents: i.e.- Darwin by standard route or Whitney by trail (unless it's January).

(2) Contain more useful info such as route, camp facilities, climbing difficulties, and less literary padding and feather-bedding.

(3) Keep articles as short as possible while maintaining interest. Surveys say 9 out of 10 long articles bore.

(4) Get articles to the editor before the deadline. The next one is Dec. 15th. Circle this on your calendar.
THE WHITE DIVIDE, Aug. 4-12 by George Wallerstein

Gordon Gates and George Wallerstein took an eight day trip into the White Divide area. Crossing Lamarck Col and proceeding through the Evolution Basin they reached Martha Lake southwest of Goddard on the third day. Swatting mosquitoes they crossed over the pass south of the lake to South Goddard Canyon climbing Mt. Reinstein enroute. From here they made some first ascents on the White Divide, climbing Peaks 12209' and 12509'. Peak 12479', which had appeared to be difficult, was easily ascended by a hidden chute. Their return route was down North Goddard Canyon to the junction of the San Joaquin, then up Piute Creek and out over Piute Pass.

CLIMBING IN THE WIND RIVERS, Aug. 5-15 by Frede Jensen

During a Sierra Club High Trip to the Wind Rivers, I climbed the following 4 peaks on or near the Continental Divide.

**Dome Pk.** (11,210''), Aug. 7: A very easy climb along a stream to a saddle and from there via talus and granite slabs to the summit.

**Gannett Pk.** (13,785''), Aug. 9-10: The highest peak in Wyoming was climbed by 8 people from a camp just below Stonehammer Lake. After a long cross-country haul and an ascent up a gully where we saw some mountain sheep, we had to cross an extremely wet and slushy glacier, then proceed up a chute of rotten rock. The final ascent was made via rock and snow. The weather had cleared and the Grand Tetons was in view, Matterhorn-shaped and spectacular. Part of the descent was made by flashlight (one!) which was rather unpleasant.

**Fremont Pk.** (13,730''), Aug. 12: From camp at Island Lake a group of 3 climbed this historically famous peak in 5 hours, a class 3 scramble.

**Sagajavea Pk.** (13,607''), Aug. 13: This was climbed by 6 from Island Lake. The ascent included glacier-crossing and third class rock, and several false summits. Again, the return was by flashlight.

**HUAR, DAY, KEELER, WHITNEY, Aug. 16; EAST FACE OF WHITNEY, Aug. 17** by Jon Shinno

The participants: Lito Tejada-Flores and Jon Shinno.

Threatening clouds on Saturday morning and sprinkles the night before convinced us to forego an attempt on the east face of Huar. Instead we set out from Whitney Portal with intentions of climbing Huar from the trail. The ascent was so easy that we also climbed the Day and Keeler Needles and Whitney itself. After this all-hiking day we made camp under a picnic table at the Portal to get out of the rain.

Rising early the next morning we hiked by Mirror Lake and over Pinnacle Pass to the notch above the 1st Tower, where we roped up for the climb of the East Face. The eventful climb rendered necessary the use of three 5th class pitons: two in Shaky Leg Crack and one in a narrow squeeze chimney at the head of the Grand Staircase. We finished the climb in four hours with 6 extrated pitons added to our collection. Once on the summit the weather closed in, making us abandon our planned descent of the East Buttress, so we came crasching down the Mountaineer's Route (entirely on rock and tin cans) and the North Fork of Lone Pine Creek accompanied by showers and a tiny bit of snow.

**MT. HUMPHREYS (13,936''), Aug. 16-17** by Charlotte Parsons

Despite a rainstorm the night before and intermittent clouds on Sunday, 8 8PS climbers reached the summit of Humphreys via class 4. In addition to Bill Heusel who led, they were George Shinno, Chuck Gerckens, Al Finney, Dick Shea, Burl Parkinson, Bob Tepel, and Charlotte Parsons. At the top of the chute the group met 8PS members Lynn Gray and Harvey Hickman who were descending.
Pete Hunt, Andy Smatko, and John Robinson spent 8 days in the Evolution Basin and environs climbing 11 peaks.

Highlight of the trip was the day spent in the Ionian Basin climbing Scylla and Charybdis. Entering the seldom visited basin via a col in the Godard Divide a mile southwest of Muir Pass, we beheld a scenic panorama of rugged black rock and sparkling blue lakes bounded on each side by the agony monolithic giants Scylla and Charybdis. Climbing Scylla first over loose metamorphic and volcanic crud, we found we had been preceded two days by Don Clarke. The trip across the Ionian Basin to the northwest spur of Charybdis was a memorable one with beautiful vistas down the Enchanted Gorge past Chasen Lake - a spectacular blue gem bounded by sheer black walls. Charybdis brooded darkly and ruggedly over us as we stopped for lunch by a miniature waterfall. The ascent of this peak was 2nd class except for the last 300 feet, which was loose 3rd. The view from the summit almost vertically down into the Enchanted Gorge is a sight to behold. We returned to our camp at the Muir Pass hut over Black Giant Pass after a most interesting day.

Other peaks climbed were Emerson (on the way in), Goethe, Haeckel, Wallace, Fiske, Huxley, Black Giant, McGee, and the Hermit. On the latter we encountered the loosest crud we've yet had the misfortune to experience - very steep, loose rocks held together by soft dirt. The Climbers' Guide says to ascend this horrible chute all the way to the summit ridge; we descended by a much better route and highly advise it for the ascent. About a third of the way up the chute and just before it divides take an obvious slanted ledge on the right (north) that leads out of the chute onto the main face directly below the summit. Then pick a route directly up over steep but negotiable class 2 and 3 for about 900 feet to the summit block, which is 4th class.

OVER TABOOCSE PASS, Aug. 30-Sep. 1 JWR

The 3 day Labor weekend found Andy Smatko, Tom Ross, and John Robinson trudging the long, loose grind over Taboose Pass to visit Bench Lake and climb four peaks in the area.

The first day was hot and long - not very enjoyable. The road for some illogical reason ends way out in the desert so the trail over the 11300' pass is a long one. Cardinal Peak (13,397'), a heap of loose crud just north of the pass, was somehow ascended that afternoon by the tired climbers.

Sunday saw us rise early from our timberline campsite and proceed past Bench Lake, one of the Sierra's nicer puddles, to Arrow Peak. The climb is lengthy class 2 but a worthwhile view is had from the top due to the peak's central location.

Monday we packed back up to the pass, then took a "side trip" to Stripped and Goodale Lts. Stripped is a class 2 trudge but is interesting as its description fits its name. Goodale is an almost never climbed mountain of several summits. The 2nd class one is not the highest. Two pinnacles of easy 3rd provided us with a spirited argument over which deserved the register. The northern one won out.

As was the case on most of the peaks I've climbed this summer, Don Clarke had preceded us a short time before.

Mt. TOM (13,652'), Sep. 6 by Tom Ross (abridged)

Burl Parkinson and Tom Ross climbed Mt. Tom in a thunder and lightning storm. They came close to electrocution on top and Tom's hair is reported to have been standing straight up. They climbed down rapidly with every rock buzzing. Tom was unable to take any pictures on the summit, the first time this has happened.
Mt. RITTER (13,114'), Sept. 7 by Mary Ann Bide

Very cloudy weather on 9/7/53 found 4 Sierra Peakers and 2 potential members ascending Mt. Ritter. The summit view was quite dramatic with heavy clouds over the Sierra in all directions. Luckily the storm didn't break until all were down off the snowfields. The next day, as the group went out, a trail crew utilizing dynamite near Shadow Lake was met and stimulated one climber to compose an epitaph for the possible "ill-fated Anneus party who missed the lightning on Ritter but were caught by the trail blast." However, everyone made it out to civilization without a scratch.

Mt. WILLIAMSON AND THE HORNS, Sep. 13-14 by Jon Shinno

In very pleasant, cool, but cloudless weather Peter Hunt and Jon Shinno enjoyed a leisurely backpack over Shepherd Pass to the Williamson Bowl. We camped at a rocky site by the first lake, just east of Mt. Tyndall. There was no wind at all.

At daybreak we started up the west slope of Mt. Williamson, finding the "inverted shield" without difficulty. Taking the chute to the right, we then followed the line of least resistance to the summit. We subsequently traversed to Peak 14,211, climbing through a notch between the plateau and the peak and ascending it by an easy class 3 route up the northwest side. From here to peak 14,150 we erred and followed the arete, which involved four class 4 pitches and a 60' rappel. The return was down the northwest side class 3, to the top of peak 14,211 again, over the summit of Williamson again, down to camp and out to the car, which we reached at 9:30. Our feet were sore.

Mt. CORCORAN (13,733'), Sep. 20-21 by Barbara Lilley

An ascent of Mt. Corcoran via Tuttle Creek was made by Sy Ossofsky and Barbara Lilley Sept. 20-21. The road ends at about 7000' and a trail continues up the south fork for about another 1000', past a nudist camp (too bad, it's been abandoned for a long time!). After ascending steep gravel and talus slopes, camp was made at timberline (11000'). Tuttle Creek forks here; the left branch leading to Mt. Langley and Tuttle Pass and the right to Corcoran. Ascent of the peak, one of the pinnacles between Langley and Leconte, was finally accomplished, after a false start, by the south face (class 3). The descent, via the northwest face and north chute, was class 2. On the return an hour was spent at the end of the road harvesting delicious pinion nuts.

Mt. WILLIAMSON (14,364'), Sep. 20-21 by Charlotte Parsons

The 3rd nonscheduled climb of Mt. Williamson in two weeks was made by Bill Heusel, Paul Hunter, Russ Hohn, and Charlotte Parsons. This was Russ' 6th qualifying peak for section membership. Charlotte had been up George Creek on the Tumamcara trip the week before and therefore (supposedly) knew exactly where all the stream crossings were.

EAST FACE OF DARWIN, Oct. 4-5 by Bill Heusel (abridged)

Tom Ross and Bill Heusel climbed the East Face of Mt. Darwin from camp at Midnight Lake after backpacking in from Lake Sabrina.

The lengthy route, not recommended for beginners, involved scree covered class 4, powder snow-covered ledges, and two 5th class pitches without hardware. The summit was reached at 2 p.m. in time to view a storm over the nearby Palisades. Night overtook them on the descent and they were forced to rappel three 60' pitches in the dark. Camp was reached by the tired climbers at 11 p.m. This was Bill's 10th Emblem Peak.
Mt. Clark, Oct. 4-5

by George Wallerstein

Over the weekend of Oct. 4-5 George Wallerstein and some friends from Berkeley packed in from Yosemite Valley via the Illist Trail and Vernal and Nevada Falls to a camp at 9000' at the base of the north-west ridge of Mt. Clark. Starting at dawn Sunday they climbed the peak via the North Cirque and Northeast face route, reaching the summit before 9 a.m. By noon they had returned to camp and "death marched" the 13 miles back to the cars before dark.

Disappointment Pk. (13,917'), Oct. 11-12

by Bill Sanders

The unusual late season good weather made possible a pleasant ascent of this peak by Bud Bingham and myself. The route taken was the one described in the Climbers' Guide as the east couloir. Our opinion is that this route is classed too low. The guide states that the route is 3rd class with "difficulty" encountered at the bergschrund. This difficulty turned out to be about 150' of 4th class climbing with hardware desirable for anchoring belays.

This route needs clarification. A large east couloir leads to the notch just left (SE) of the peak. The next couloir to the right does not lead all the way to the summit ridge. At the base of this couloir is a chimney which becomes visible only upon close approach to the bergschrund. This was our route and the chimney was the "difficulty".

Mt. Morgan (13,743'), Oct. 12

by Carl Heller

Doug Huse, Sam Gregory and the author started from the Rock Creek roadhead on the Eastern Brock Lakes trail. From the lakes we climbed the ridge via a prominent chute and then traversed the easy ridge to the summit. The descent was in the chute west of the summit which is not recommended unless one enjoys loose rock.