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**SUMMER CLIMB PRODUCE SIX NEW MEMBERS AND EARN EMBLEMS FOR SEVEN VETERANS**

By Mary Ann Eide

A busy summer climbing season has swelled the SPS' ranks to 148 members and boosted the number of emblem holders to 40.

Latest new members are:

- Eunice Dodds and her 15-year-old son, Johnny, 1963 Nana Ave., Berkeley 7, who completed their requirements on the Koip - Gibbs trip. Jim Dodds and 18-year-old Ned Dodds already had qualified, so the entire Dodds family now belongs to the SPS.

- Lothar Kolbig, 1768 Whitefield Road, Pasadena, whose list included three emblem peaks - Mt. Humphreys and Darwin and Olanche Peak.

- John Cunningham, 10791 1/2 Wilkins Ave., L.A. 24, who listed Mt. Winchell among others.

- Dan Cummings, 1590 Greenbrier Rd., Long Beach 15, who also listed three emblem peaks - Mt. Williamson and Humphreys and Olanche.

- Don McGeein, 5739 Redman Ave., Whittier, who submitted a list that also won emblem status for him. The only emblem peaks that were missing were Matterhorn Peak and Mt. Abbot and Goddard.

The six other emblem climbers are Tom and Trudie Hunt (who also won the HPS and DPS emblems), Dick Mosley, Fred Jansen, Nancy Keating and Dick Jaji.

**ANTI-LITTER EXPEDITION FINDS 2½ TONS OF TIN CANS, GLASS ON MT. WHITNEY**

More than 2½ tons of litter was removed from Mt. Whitney August 8-16 by the Burl Parkinson Memorial Anti-Litter Expedition. The haul included 4,000 pounds plus of tin cans.

Tom and Trudie Hunt were leaders.
MOVIES OF CLIMBS IN CANADIAN ROCKIES TO HIGHLIGHT ANNUAL BANQUET DEC. 1

By Cliff and Maurine Myers

Movies of climbs in the Canadian Rockies will be presented Tuesday night, December 1, by Lothar Kolbig as the highlight of the SPS third annual banquet.

The films will be obtained from the Chicago Mountaineers. They provide an opportunity to see mountain-crafting "north of the border" in a scenic area.

Every SPSer should be present to show his appreciation of efforts of the 1959 officers.

Details on time, cost and menu will appear in the next issue of the Echo and will also be included when the election ballots are mailed.

Last year's banquet attracted 42 persons to the Smokehouse Restaurant in Burbank. A program of 3-D slides was featured.

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MEMBERS URGED TO CONTACT SOCIAL HEADS TO ASSURE COMPLETE PROGRAM OF SLIDES

Anyone who has slides which would be of general interest to the SPS membership and would like to show them at a future section meeting is urged to contact Social Committee Co-chairmen Cliff and Maurine Myers at 8108 Spaulding St., Long Beach 7, or Geneva 4-8751.
We arrived at lovely and crowded Giant Forest in time to throw our sleeping bags down conspicuously among the elaborate tents and homelike encampments, where squirrels chased each other endlessly at the base of towering sequoias. Remembering the summer campfire in the early ‘50s when a ranger had shown us lovely slides of the Rae Lakes—which had started our family off on the Sierra, mountain climbing and Sierra Club adventures—we traipsed to the ranger program to view a slide series on the varied wildlife of the area. In our absence the largest of the mammals, a California brown bear, contentedly and easily had consumed $3 worth of pork chops intended for our four-man backpack supper.

At Crescent Meadow at 7:50 a.m. July 18, only one old-timer, Peg Sullivan, greeted us, and we trembled for our commitment of a dozen meals at the Bearpaw tents. But by the time the deadline arrived about 25 newcomers had assembled for the long (11½-mile) and very hot backpack to the camp. As we skirted Crescent Meadow, one girl turned back to dump her pack at the car, preferring to risk a "no vacancy" sign to the strain of a heavy and sagging pack.

No further problems developed until just before lunch. At this point, I, as the assistant to leader Tom Hunt, was behind with an elderly man and wife, friends of a new Sierra Club member. We had stopped for him to rest when he slumped in an unconscious position. His face was gray and his respiration shallow. After we loosened his clothes, slapped his face, bathed him with canteen water and dragged him to a prostrate position, he revived gradually. However, he was slightly incoherent.

After this experience, with my mind full of memories of staying with Avocado Smith as he suffered similar heart attacks on Queen Mountain in Joshua Tree National Monument, I hurried to rejoin the main party. It was decided to leave the family of three, the father having recovered sufficiently to stay quietly at the wooded watercourse.

With this inauspicious beginning, we proceeded in the heat to Bearpaw Meadow. One hiker suffered from a recent bout with the flu, one from new boots, one from the softness of L.A. living. As the sun rested in the shade of the bridge before the final 700-foot pull to camp, Muriel Pope, secretary of the Mule Pack Group, had no trouble convincing us of the value of stock carrying the load under which we were struggling.

It was late by the time the last hiker had arrived at camp for either a simple supper over hot coals or an ample--but canned--meal at the tents. We all rigged our food in the trees for the night, then assembled on the ledges by the tents to watch the evening glow on the Great Western Divide. Bearpaw Meadow proprietors then dumped an assortment of garbage over the cliffs. The clatter of cans and refuse startled a bear waiting expectantly below. We were aware that much education and enforcement of a really "clean" camp campaign was needed, or especially, in our national parks.

The schedule had promised a moonlight hike to Hamilton Lake, but only Peg Sullivan and Rosalind Underwood (who had joined us after climbing Alta Peak on Friday with Bea Wheelock) had the energy to complete the 10-mile circuit.

Our return was hot and blister-producing—even for the veterans who said they never had suffered blisters. But it was beautiful and uneventful. One woman bravely limped all the way in borrowed mocassins, her heels swollen with painful water blisters.

We had 25 non-SPSers for this Sierra trip which had been advertised as a beginners' hike. We were handicapped by unusually hot weather. But we are convinced of the following:

--That more trips should be scheduled which are relatively easy. These trips should not necessarily involve a peak climb.
--That this trip was perhaps too long and at too low an elevation.
--That the two-pound SPS first aid kit contained nothing to cope with a suspected heart attack, diarrhea and widespread blisters.
KOIP PEAK-MT. GIBBS

By Jerry Keating

Yosemite National Park's high country attracted 11 Sierrans July 25-26 for climbs of Koip Peak (12,979) and Mt. Gibbs (12,764), both qualifying peaks.

The party assembled Saturday morning at the Tioga Pass Ranger Station and motored a short distance to the start of the Mono Pass Trail. A 5½-mile backpack through rolling forest and meadow country placed the party at a lake just west of 11,000-foot Parker Pass. Wood was plentiful, and one climber found the lake was warm enough for a brief dip.

Eight members of the party climbed Koip that afternoon via a second-class route up the north ridge, and two climbers made a 20-minute traverse to Kuna Peak (12,960). Old airplane wreckage was found strewn between the two peaks. Both summits offered good views of the Ritter group and as far north as Matterhorn Peak despite a sprinkling of rain. The return to camp was accomplished on the trail linking Koip and Parker Passes.

After a mild evening, nine members of the group backpacked to the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River and climbed Gibbs via the west ridge. The ascent gave SPS qualifying status to Bunice Dodds and her 16-year-old son, Johnny, of Berkeley. A swarm of butterflies and mostly clear weather greeted the group on the summit.

The descent was made through slab-dotted meadows between Gibbs and Mt. Dana, and everyone reached the cars by 4 p.m.

Leaders for the trip, which provided a pleasant change from the rugged east side approaches, were Jerry Keating and Monroe Levy.

MT. WHITNEY! VIA MOUNTAINEER'S ROUTE

By Rich Gnagy

Twenty Sierrans left Whitney Portal at 7:30 a.m. July 11 for the summit of Mt. Whitney (14,495). By 11 a.m. the next day, all 20 had reached the summit and were hiking back to the cars under threatening skies.

Everyone reached camp by 11:30 a.m. Saturday after a pleasant four-hour hike up the somewhat trailless North Fork of Lone Pine Creek. After lunch the more ambitious made successful assaults upon Mt. Russell (14,190) and Thor Peak (12,301).

The climbers were routed from their sleeping bags at 5 a.m. Sunday and left camp shortly after 6 a.m. Lack of snow in the couloir above East Face Lake increased the rockfall hazard, so great care was exercised.

The prevailing weather made a prolonged stay on the summit unattractive, although the occasional showers—both solid and liquid—only added spice to a successful week end.

Leaders were Rich Gnagy and Dick Mosley, who earned his SPS emblem on Whitney.

MINARET CIRCLE HIKE

By Tom Amneus

Fifteen Sierrans and guests met August 1 near Devils Postpile and had time to view the unusual formation before starting the hike to Minaret Lake.

We were enjoying a rest stop at the cascades above Johnson Lake when John Delmonte increased our number to 16. The party completed the backpack shortly after noon and had ample time to explore or loaf at Minaret Lake.

The circle was completed Sunday after covering Cecile, Ediza, Shadow, Rosalie, Gladys and Trinity Lakes as well as some unnamed potholes.

We were greeted at the cars by Mrs. Delmonte and Judy Delmonte. They treated us to cold watermelon. It is suggested that this idea be adopted on all future knapsack trips. Besides being very refreshing, it is an excellent way to check that everyone is back: Just cut one slice for each person on the trip; when all pieces are gone everyone has returned (Of course, no Sierran would take a double serving!).
Twenty persons left the Symmes Creek roadhead Saturday morning, June 27, to climb Mt. Keith (13,990). Next day, after a long, hot backpack to Anvil Camp and a loose scree scramble on the mountain, eight members of the group stood on the summit. Two others scaled nearby Junction Peak (13,903). Probably because Keith is such a long, loose haul, it is seldom climbed. The original register was still there, and it dated back to 1898. The party was amazed to read that Andy Smatko had climbed this "crud heap" twice.

**MRS. WILLIAMSON, TROJAN, BARNARD**

Ascents of three major peaks in the Independence area attracted SPSers from as far away as the Bay Area over the three-day Fourth of July holiday. Main objective was massive Mt. Williamson (14,384), an emblem peak.

Clear, hot weather marked the 5,000-foot backpack up George Creek Friday. Several interesting stream crossings, as well as considerable bushwhacking, provided a challenge in the lower part of the canyon. Despite the difficulty of the backpack, all but one participant reached camp.

All 32 climbers who started for the summit Saturday were successful. Two hardy men made Williamson, Mt. Trojan (13,966) and Mt. Barnard (14,003) in one day and then backpacked to the cars. Nine other names were added to the registers on Trojan and Barnard and two to the one on Williamson before the trip ended.

The elevations of the peaks in the area provided an interesting topic for the campfire. An early proof of the new Whitney Quadrangle shows many elevation changes, particularly among the higher peaks. Notable example: Barnard is listed under 14,000! Whitney is dropped from 14,495 to 14,493.

The weather was perfect, and the r than a couple of minor mishaps (for instance, Maurine Myers had to climb in white oxfords because she brought two left boots) fun was had by all.

**MT. BAGO**

Sixteen backpackers met August 8 at Onion Valley for a trip previously unscheduled by the SPS to Mt. Bago (11,869). The party crossed Kearsarge Pass and had lunch at Bullfrog Lake. Rather than camp at Charlotte Lake, the group went higher to a campsite beside a small lake just east of Bago. The site was secluded and there was no problem in finding wood as is the case in the heavily-travelled Bullfrog-Charlotte Lake area.

Black clouds and a few sprinkles kept the climbers apprehensive of a downpour at dinner time. By evening, however, skies were clear again. A leisurely quarter-mile trip brought the group to the summit on Sunday. Although the peak is below 12,000 feet in an area composed of many 13,000-footers, it offers an excellent view. Particularly impressive were views of Bubbs Creek, South Fork of the Kings River gorge, north end of the Great Western Divide and the north face of the Kings-Kern Divide.

Fifteen minutes down a scree slope brought the party back to camp. A swim for some and lunch at Bullfrog Lake rounded out the trip.

**MT. EISEN**

The SPS' first scheduled climb of Mt. Eisen (12,200) on the Great Western Divide attracted 11 Sierrans August 22-23. All but one reached the top. After backpacking 3,200 feet up from Mineral King Saturday, the party had lunch on Glacier Pass. Five climbers took in Sawtooth Peak (12,540) before descending to 10,000-foot Spring Lake. Cloudy skies prevailed Sunday as the party hiked to Black Rock Pass and traversed along the divide to the summit. No one had signed the register since 1954, and the absence of a pencil may have been responsible for the void. Light rain began falling as the group approached camp, and it continued most of the way to the cars.

Leaders for the trip were Chuck Miller and Miles Brubacher.
NONSECLED TRIPS

MT. MILLS

By Andy Smatko

Pete Hunt, Bill Sanders, John Robinson and Andy Smatko took off from the high Rock Creek roadhead June 20 with ambitions to climb Mt. Mills (13,468) the same day and Mt. Gabb (13,711) the following day.

The party climbed to Ruby Lake, deposited packs and proceeded by Mills Lake to a point opposite the north-northeast ridge leading from Mills where a feasible third class route presented itself. This point was about one-quarter mile from the Mills-Abbot saddle, a striking saddle with a toothed pinnacle in the middle of it. The route angled westward up toward the ridge. After the minor inconvenience of a sharp notch, the summit was reached at 1:30 p.m. Superb views were obtained, but an approaching storm limited the summit stay to only an hour.

The return was made via a steep, loose doubled chute (class 2-3) which emptied about 200 yards or so from the chute coming down from the Mills-Abbot saddle. This chute can be identified by twin snow prongs extending into the Mills wall. It is the first break in the Mills wall north of the Mills-Abbot saddle.

The climb brought out the lazy streak inherent in most Sierra Peakers. It was decided to pass up Gabb. Instead, an easy climb of Mt. Starr (12,870) was made on Sunday from Mono Pass. This peak should be on the qualifying list for two reasons: When viewed from near Mills the profile of Starr is imposing; from Starr's summit one can see eight of the emblem peaks, more than from any other summit.

A simultaneously hot and cold swim at Diablo Hot Springs relaxed the climbers' tired muscles before the hot drive home Sunday afternoon.

TEMPLE CRAG, NORMAN CLYDE PEAK, DISAPPOINTMENT PEAK

By John Robinson

Temple Crag (12,999), Norman Clyde Peak (13,956) and Disappointment Peak (13,917) were ascended by five peak baggers during the long Fourth of July week end. The party was composed of Barbara Lilley, Sy Ossofsky, Doc Wade, Andy Smatko, Pete Hunt and John Robinson.

Temple Crag, the world's highest 12-thousander, was climbed from the south by Andy, Pete and John on Friday. The peak was easy scrambling except for the exposed, knife-edge summit ridge.

Norman Clyde was not as easy, thanks partly to mistakes in the Climber's Guide, and required all day to ascend. Following the advice of the Guide, we ascended the steep snow chute all the way to the ridge. We were stopped on this route by time-consuming fifth class, so we descended several hundred feet, crossed the face and reached the top via a fourth class route. The (Continued on next page)
TEMPEL CRAG, NORMAN CLYDE PEAK, DISAPPOINTMENT PEAK (Continued)

route was made interesting by crossing several steep chutes of clear blue ice via foot and hand holds chopped by Sy Ossofsky. Disappointment Peak was good third class except for about 120 feet just above the glacier. This pitch was steep, loose fourth class that was time-consuming on the way up. Going down we repelled over this spot.

The trip was made in fine weather but marred by millions of mosquitoes at the lower elevations.

MTS. PICKERING, CHAMBERLAIN AND NEWCOMB, JOE DEVIL PEAK By Carl Heller

George Barnes, Ivan Weightman, Frank Buffum, Clint Spindler and Carl Heller, all from China Lake, hiked into the Consultation Lake the evening of Friday, July 24, in preparation for climbs of four peaks.

The route Saturday was over Arc Pass and down toward Sky Blue Lake. Travelling above the lake, we climbed the north slope of Mt. Pickering (13,481). The ridge to Joe Devil Peak (13,323) was second and first class, and the traverse took one hour. We had hoped to go over to Mt. Chamberlain (13,175) and Mt. Newcomb (13,484) in the afternoon, but a hailstorm forced us to set up camp on Perrin Creek. Incidentally, there is a lake at 11,500 feet which the survey party missed.

We climbed Chamberlain Sunday and traversed the second-class ridge to Newcomb. Visual survey of the Pickering-Newcomb ridge indicates a short fourth class pitch with a several hundred foot drop as an alternate.

From Newcomb we traversed east about a half-mile before dropping to upper Crabtree Lake. We were lucky to find a third-class route down this face, which is generally steep. The best route would have been from the saddle between Chamberlain and Newcomb.

From the lake we climbed to the old Whitney Pass, which is the flat spot on the ridge—not the lowest notch. This is a fairly good knapsack route with vestiges of the old trail on the east joining the switchbacks of the present trail at the bottom.

Of incidental interest: The Hitchcock ridge from the main crest appears to be first or second class and could probably be easily traversed out and back in a day.

ROYCE, MERRIAM PEAKS By Barbara Lilley

Ascents of Royce Peak (13,253) and Merriam Peak (13,077) were made during the week end of June 27-28 by Sy Ossofsky and Barbara Lilley. The two climbers found the peaks worthy of scheduling.

The trail to Pine Creek Pass begins at a pack station on the edge of private property owned by mining interests. The trail becomes a steep jeep road in about a half-mile and leads to another mine. From there it continues to the pass. The total distance is nine miles with a gain of approximately 3,800 feet.

Although the pass is at 11,200 feet, there is limited firewood and camping space by two small lakes.

The peaks were climbed Sunday by going to the saddle between them. Both routes up from the saddle are class two. An ice ax was helpful in getting up the snow chute leading to the saddle.

The return to the car from camp was made in three hours. Although the climb up the jeep road is tedious, the area above Pine Lake is beautiful and apparently seldom visited.
CLYDE SPIRES, MT. WALLACE, MT. HAECKEL

By Carl Heller

Four China Lake climbers assaulted three peaks in the Evolution area on Sunday, June 21. After starting at Drunken Sailor Lake, the party split up above Echo Lake. The ascent of Mt. Wallace (13,377) and the traverse to Mt. Haeckel (13,435) by Russ Huse and George Barnes was as advertised in the Climber's Guide.

Ernst Bower and Carl Heller climbed the snow chute just left (south) of the large granite spire of Clyde Spire (13,287). The chute was icy near the top, and the two used a rope on the rocks. The spire was the one named South Clyde Spire in 1933 and hadn't been climbed since. The northern spire of the same group is visible from the southern one, and the two climbers reached it on a second-class traverse. The final 20 feet presented exposure and moderate difficulty. A belay was necessary.

Traversing the ridge to Wallace, the two reached an old rappel point and used it. The remainder of the ridge offered difficult walking.

PEAK-BAGGING VACATIONS

By Maurine Myers

Several SPS members on vacations met July 27 at Tuolumne Meadows to add a few emblem peaks to their lists. Jerry and Nancy Keating were ahead of the others, having already conquered Mt. Sill (14,162) and Mt. Ritter (13,157). Dick Jali also had climbed Sill from the Palisade Glacier before arriving in Yosemite. Eleven names were added to the register on Mt. Lyell (13,114) after the party backpacked to Upper Lyell Base Camp and ascended the peak via the east arete. The route provided some high third-class work on good rock. Mt. Maclure (12,988) was reached by four SPSers.

The group split up after returning to Tuolumne Meadows, with the Keatings, Monroe Levy, Dan Cummings, Marge Gall and Dick Jali heading for Matterhorn Peak. Cliff and Maurine Myers, and Ricky Barker drove to Florence Lake and climbed Mt. Godsd (13,968) from Goddard Canyon. Plans to do Mt. Kaweah were abandoned because Goddard had proved too much for two pair of hiking boots. Instead, the Myerses, Stocking, Barker and Cummings bagged Mt. Abbot (13,715) after the battered boots were repaired in Bakersfield.

MATTERHORN PEAK FROM THE WEST

By Jerry Keating

Six SPSers took advantage of summer vacations July 30-August 1 to hike through northern Yosemite and climb Matterhorn Peak (12,281) from the west. The group backpacked on trail the first day to a lunch stop in Virginia Canyon. The six left the trail after lunch and established a camp about two miles up Spiller Canyon. The site was near a deep pool in Spiller Creek, and everyone enjoyed a dip in the warm water. Spiller Canyon provides good cross-country knapsacking and a direct western approach to Matterhorn. Timber extends well up the canyon, and water is plentiful.

The climbers ascended to a ridge the next morning and then dropped into the upper reaches of Matterhorn Canyon. The peak was attained via the Burro Pass route described in the Climber's Guide. However, the descent was made directly into Spiller Canyon via some fine scree slopes.

To climb the peak this way, one should hike to near Spiller Canyon's headwall, which is on the crest, and then ascend the larger rocks to the summit (second class). The summit can be seen from the upper end of the canyon. This canyon has no trail in it, and it offers grassy hiking for its full length.

The party camped in Virginia Canyon that night, and returned to Tuolumne Meadows the next day in five hours. The first day's mileage was 18 (all but 2 on trail). The second day's was 12 (all but 3 without packs). The final 15 miles was on trail.
RED SLEAT, RED & WHITE MOUNTAINS

By Bill Sanders and Barbara Lilley

The seldom-visited McGee Creek area was the scene of action for Barbara Lilley, Si Ossofsky and Bill Sanders July 11-12.

We found that the "indistinct" trail to McGee Lake described in the Climber's Guide had been worked over. It was in good condition and quite distinct. There is a good campsite just before reaching the lake. It is complete with table, stove and tin can dump.

From our camp at Big McGee Lake, we started out on Sunday morning toward Red Slate Mountain (13,163), which we reached via a first-class route in about three hours. Since we had promised ourselves an easy weekend, it was only after some "discussion" that we decided to make the two-hour traverse to Red & White Mountain (12,850). This third-class traverse is not recommended since it involves two miles of shale.

The sedimentary rocks in this area make the mountains quite colorful. This color contrasts with the green meadows and flowers. A scheduled trip to the area would be quite worthwhile, even though the driving distance is great. Red & White could best be climbed by eager beavers on Saturday afternoon. Red Slate is not a long climb for Sunday, allowing plenty of time for the return to the cars.

BEAR CREEK SPIRE

By David Cubberley

A small group of Sierrans led by Les Waters and Dave Cubberley on July 11-12 made the first Sierra ascent scheduled by the Riverside Chapter in many years.

Seven climbers backpacked through Little Lakes Valley Saturday to Dade Lake (11,600), just north of Bear Creek Spire (13,713). Sunday morning, five members of the party climbed (via the knapsack route described in Starr's Guide) to the crest at 13,200 feet. From there the party followed the northwest slopes to the summit. The climbing rope was useful for a belay near the summit and later a short rappel. Approaching thunderstorms cut short the party's stay on the crowded summit block.

Although Riverside Sierra Peakers are limited in number, they make up for their size with enthusiasm.

NORTH PALISADE

By Carl Heller

Eight members of the China Lake NORS Mountain Rescue and Search Group climbed North Palisade (14,242) June 27-28 from the Palisade Glacier.

One section ascended via the U-Notch and the other via Clyde's Couloir and the north summit. Familiarization for a possible rescue was an important purpose of the climb.

A non-ambulatory patient would be difficult to remove from the northern ridge. The decision between Clyde's Couloir or the U-Notch for the descent would not be easy.

INCONSOLABLE PEAK

By John Robinson

Inconsolable Peak (13,501), which is seldom climbed, is the high point of the jagged ridge east of the Bishop Pass Trail. I climbed it July 10 via three false summits from South Lake and descended by a very steep and loose chute to Chocolate Lake. The best way to climb Inconsolable is from Seventh Lake on Big Pine Creek. The summit ridge is third class and the view is very good.
A 2½-week climbing trip began July 14 for John Robinson, Andy Smatko and Tom Ross. The first ascent was made July 16 when the three climbed Mt. Thielsern (9,175) from camp at Diamond Lake. The last 75 feet posed good third-class climbing close to the sheer east face.

The other peaks were Mt. St. Helens (9,677), Mt. Shuksan (9,127), Mt. Baker (10,750), Glacier Peak (10,541), Mt. Olympus (7,954) Three Fingered Jack (7,848), Mt. Jefferson (10,495), Mt. Washington (7,802), North Sister (10,042), Middle Sister (10,055), South Sister (10,034) and Mt. McLaughlin (9,510). The peaks involved 70,000 feet of climbing, 220 miles of hiking.

Mt. Baker was the most spectacular climb. We bivouacked on trail to Kulshan Cabin near the base of the mountain. Just below the cabin there was a hazardous stream crossing due to high water and slippery rocks. We left at 2:45 a.m. the next day and climbed to the Coleman Glacier. We proceeded directly through fields of large crevasses to the saddle between Colfax Peak and the main mass of Mt. Baker itself, then directly up steep, icy snow to the summit rim. Our return trip was highlighted by an ice avalanche from the north face of Colfax, and I was fortunate to photograph it. We made a rapid, wide detour below the limits of previous avalanches.

Mt. Olympus also was spectacular. Despite adverse weather forecasts, we decided to chance packing in for the climb. We hiked 5½ miles through beautiful rain forest and stayed at one of the many shelters along the trail. We expected to cover 13 miles the next day and reach the shelter near the Blue Glacier. However, en route we decided to make a summit attempt because the weather is very capricious in the area. Dropping our packs after nine miles, we continued on a devious S-shaped route past the IGY station on the Snow Dome and finally reached the West Peak (highest) after some third-class climbing on fair rock. Hugh crevasses prevented us from taking a direct route. The return to our packs took until 9 p.m. and we logged 26 miles of hiking and 7,200 feet of elevation gain.

We joined a party of Mazamas for the Mt. Shuksan ascent. We camped at Lake Ann, which was still frozen, and from there began climbing the following day at 1:30 a.m. A fair trail led to the base of the Fisher Chimneys. Third-class chutes slickened in spots because of wet moss and mud. From the top of the chimneys a very steep ascent was made of Winnie's Slide to the Lower Curtis Glacier. Since the Hourglass route appeared hazardous for a large party, we circled to the right, then up the Upper Curtis Glacier before heading left along the summit snowfield to the base of the summit rock pyramid. This section involved 500 feet of third-class climbing. One 11-year-old boy's hand was injured by a falling rock. On the descent from the pyramid, we came down a fixed rope in a steep couloir. Actually, the rope was fixed in three different places in the couloir. We enjoyed steep glissades, one of which was on Winnie's Slide. It is at least 65 degrees near the top. Four Mazamas made it standing up! We packed out from Lake Ann and reached the cars at 10:30 p.m. tired and wet.

After cleaning off a week's filth at Kennedy Hot Springs one day, we backpacked to a campsite for Glacier Peak. Thin wisps of clouds were visible across the moon that night, but we thought nothing of it. A recently-blazed trail led us up a wooded ridge the next morning. The ascent was made directly up the west face. A thousand feet below the hoary summit rocks we were clobbered by cold winds and light rain squalls. Nevertheless, we raced on to the frigid summit and then made a quick descent with the help of several long glissades. The round trip took 10 hours.

Our last climb was Mt. McLaughlin above Hugh Klamath Lake. We hiked on the six-mile trail to the summit and were fortunate to snatch the victory from some Girl Scouts as we raced to the peak just ahead of them. We were fortunate to have had favorable weather. It permitted us to climb all 13 of the peaks.
JUNCTION PEAK, WEST VIDETTE, WEST SPUR

By Tom Ross

After climbing to Forester Pass (13,200) July 5, I climbed the southwest face of Junction Peak (13,903) via a route that offered some high third-class pitches. Shirt-sleeve weather was enjoyed on the summit.

I camped in Vidette Meadow and the next morning went up Vidette Creek to climb West Vidette (12,229) and West Spur (12,685). West Vidette is mostly second class with some third class near the summit. There was no register on top, so I placed one before climbing West Spur. This peak had not been climbed since August 8, 1940—19 years!

MT. WYNNE, MT. PINCHOT, STRIPED MTN, GOODALE MTN.

By Carl Heller

Robert Stein and Carl Heller chose the long Fourth of July weekend to climb four SPS qualifying peaks, Mt. Wynne (13,179), Mt. Pinchot (13,495), Striped Mtn. (13,189) and Goodale Mtn. (12,790). The first three are all on a ridge that doesn't dip below 12,000 feet and constitutes a high road short-cut from Pinchot Pass to Teboose Pass. While not recommended as a backpack route, this route was all second class except for some third class on both approaches to Mt. Pinchot.

Perhaps not many SPSers are interested in botany, but the ridge was rich in high mountain flower species. Nearly all the species that bloom above 13,000 feet were found on the ridge. The route would make a good nature trail.

PERSONALS (IN BRIEF)

John Robinson, Roger Geefoek and John Wedberg ponder the effects of marriage on their climbing careers ... Frank Sanborn studies the possibility of making a mountaineer out of his new daughter, Cynthia Ann ... Charlotte Parsons wonders who burglarized her home during a Northwest trip ... Tom Condon takes over as chairman of the Angeles Chapter rescue committee ... John Biewener moves to Denver ... Chuck Miller serves as head of chapter annual banquet committee.