CARLIN. S CORNER by Jerry Keating

If results of the Memorial Day weekend trip are an indication of what to ex-pect this summer, the SPS should enjoy a fine season. The record turnout of 66 persons, 53 of whom reached base camp, was an all-time high for a scheduled outing. 58 qualifying ascents were made during the three days.

This trip satisfied peak baggers (3 knocked off three qualifiers in one day) as well as those Sierrans who like to lounge in camp or fish. The climbing difficulties ranged from the easy walk up Candlelight Peak to a high 3rd class pitch on Mt. Le Conte.

The section should keep in mind when planning holiday trips that a major SPS responsibility is getting more people into the Sierra. Activities should be planned for those who want to enjoy the mountains but who are unable to keep up with the "thundering herd".

Fall trips were discussed June 8th at the first meeting in Lamon Grove Playground Auditorium, and tentative plans were formed by the 42 persons present.

The first trip most likely will be October 8-9 to Taylor Dome (8783') in the Southern Sierra. John Robinson's party was snowed out April 23-24, so he is rescheduling the dome.

On October 22-23, climbs are planned at Hesperia Home (9005') and Cohoon Rock (9350') in the southwest corner of Secoia National Park. This will be the first scheduled trip to this area, and the roadhead at 3500' near Clough Cave should be safe.

Crag Peak (9555') will be climbed.
WALT WHEELOCK JOINS

Newest member of the SPS is Walt Wheelock, vice-chairman of Angeles Chapter and no stranger to mountains. He climbed his first qualifying peak, Mt. Whitney, in 1938 and his 6th, Siretta Peak, June 12th.

"This 22 year span for six peaks hardly entitles me to be called a peak bagger as far as the Sierra is concerned," conceded the police lieutenant who lives at 1129 E. Palmer Ave., Glendale.

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PERSONALS

Two future SPSers entered the world during June. Robyn Ann Robinson, 7 lbs 13 oz., born to Joan and John June 11th. James Alan Keating, 7 lbs. 8 oz., born to Nancy and Jerry June 15th.

Among the many people at the Kern Plateau, June 11-12, was Tom Gunn of Menlo Park, accompanied by his wife of six weeks. Congratulations, Tom, may you have a long and happy married life.

Howard Jackson joined the growing list of matrimonalized SPSers, marrying Peggy Fitzsimmons June 4th.

Frede Jensen completes his Sierra career with the SPS in a few weeks. A UCLA graduate student for the past three years, he returns to his native Denmark in August. Frede has seldom missed a climbing weekend during his stay; it won't seem the same without him.

"Look, fellows—we can't all be first!"
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Do you know of a worthy prospect for our Executive Committee (Angeles Chptr.)? Then mention his name to any member of the Nominating Committee, which is now drawing up the slate for the November election. Members are Don Minassian, chairman, Chuck Ballard, Bernice Bedol, Dorothy Cutler, Herb MacEwen, Sy Ososky, George Shinno, and Rudy Wittek.

- Dorothy Cutler

TRANS-SIERRA KNAPSACK TRIP "meat"

The club is scheduling a trans-Sierra knapsack trip the week of July 23-30th. A chartered bus will be taken from Fresno to Cedar Grove, where the hiking begins. The knapsack will follow up Bubbs Creek to Charlotte Creek and then follow this stream cross country to Charlotte Lake and on up over Glen Pass to beautiful Rae Lakes. Plan to go cross country over Baxter Ridge to Woods Lake, then over Sawmill Pass to US 395.

This trip appears to be of the type that should appeal to SPSers. Those interested contact Henry Crall, 211 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.

FALL SCHEDULE IN PLANNING STAGE

At present the SPS has tentative plans for three trips in the Fall schedule (See Chairman's Corner). Anyone with trip ideas for the period Oct.-Jan. contact Frank Sanborn pronto!

RAMBLIN' WRECK (With apologies to Georgia Tech)

I'm a ramblin' wreck from many a trek,
And a heck of a mountaineer,
A heck of a, heck of a, heck of a, heck of a, heck of a mountaineer;
Oh, I'm a jolly good climber, of heights I have no fear;
I'm a ramblin' wreck from many a trek,
And a heck of a mountaineer.

I'm a ramblin' wreck from many a trek,
And a heck of a mountaineer,
A heck of a, heck of a, heck of a, heck of a, heck of a mountaineer;
Like all jolly good climbers, I drink my Wyler's clear;
I'm a ramblin' wreck from many a trek,
And a heck of a mountaineer.

-- Charlotte Parsons

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MT. GAYLEY (13,510 ft.), MAY 14-15 

by Bill Sanders

24 SPS*ers enjoyed generally good weather on this trip. The warm weather and clear skies was broken only by a brief snow flurry late Saturday afternoon which cleared up before dark.

Seven eager beavers started out for Temple Crag Saturday afternoon. The five who reached the summit traversed a short but quite exposed stretch of third class right at the top.

Nineteen early risers started for Gayley just after six a.m., Sunday. At this time of day the snow was quite hard and a strong kick was required to make a foothold. On the way down later in the day hikers plunged in up to a foot deep more often than not. On the descent those who were willing to endure a numb posterior enjoyed a series of seated glissades that covered a good proportion of the distance to camp.

Two rope lengths of third class were climbed by the sixteen who reached the summit. The view was superb. Clean fresh snow contrasted with dark rock in a huge arc in this most spectacular area. In full view across the main Palisade Glacier were Agassiz, Winchell, Thunderbolt, and the mighty North Pal and Sill. Across the South Fork basin towered Peak 13,956, Middle Pal, and the Thumb.

All those present agreed that this was a most rewarding trip. The return to the cars was accomplished by most by 4:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND IN THE WHITNEY AREA, MAY 28-30 

by Jerry Keating

53 persons took advantage of the long Memorial Day weekend to participate in the SPS' highly successful backpack to the Maysan Lake area. Thirteen others, many of them children, enjoyed car camping at Whitney Portal under the leadership of Emily Bear.

The total turnout of 56 was an all-time high for the section and demonstrated the value of trips which allow a variety of activities ranging from loafing to peak bagging.

Bob Bear on Saturday led the backpackers to camp at a small lake below Maysan, which still was coated with ice. The campsites was free of snow, and firewood was easy to find.

Since camp was reached in time for lunch, nine climbers did Lone Pine Peak (12,951 ft.) and several others Candlelight Peak (12,006 ft.) that afternoon. A lightning storm necessitated a quick retreat from Lone Pine and kept the 10th member of the party from reaching the summit.

The main climbing day was Sunday. Tom and Trudie Hunt led 13 persons to Lone Pine Peak while a larger group headed by Bob Bear and John Delmonte set off for Mts. LeConte (13,960 ft.), Mallory (13,870 ft.), and Irvine (13,790 ft.). A couloir near Maysan Lake was the access to the three high peaks, the most interesting of which was LeConte. After entering a steep chute on the west side of the peak, the party was confronted with one pitch that came close to fourth class. An hour was spent passing the pitch since no rope was carried. But everyone made it, and 23 names were added to the register.

Nine persons traversed to Mallory as the sky began to turn dark, while seven bagged Irvine on the same afternoon. Only three members of the party got all three in one day. Had they been slower they might not have made it since snow began falling about 4 p.m., and lightning flashed several times.

Despite the brief snowfall—and a briefer one Saturday—the weather presented no problems. Lowest temperature recorded at night was a mild 35 degrees.

On Monday Charles Gerckens led a party of four to Mt. Irvine as the rest of the group returned to the cars. The summit was attained without incident, but the descent was marred by a freak accident. While resting at about 13,400 feet, Jack Lewis, 25, dislodged a large rock which struck his ice axe. The axe, in turn, penetrated his leg and caused a painful wound. Fortunately, Lewis was able to return to the car under his own power.
CHERRY HILL & SIRRETTA PEAK (KERN PLATEAU), June 11-12  by Tom Amneus

On Saturday at 1:45 p.m. 20 Sierrans and friends started up the road from Horse Meadow to Cherry Hill for what may be a record late start on a Sierra Peaks trip. After accumulating a generous supply of dust from passing cars, we left the road and climbed through the brush on the southwest slope to the top, where a fine view of Sirretta Peak and Big Meadow was enjoyed. We then went down through partially logged areas on the south ridge to the stream leading back to camp via some beautifully sculptured granite pools and potholes.

The campfire featured talks by Ardis Walker of the Kern Plateau Association, Stan Ewanowski, Chief Ranger for Sequoia National Forest at Kernville Headquarters, and Dave Brower, our executive secretary, who outlined the many threats to the national forests.

On Sunday, 55 hikers left camp via the stream and after passing through some badly torn up areas where logging operations had obliterated the trail and destroyed much of the ground cover, arrived at the untouched country, where the stream again had its beautiful natural setting. The contrast was very striking.

After we scrambled over the final summit rocks of Sirretta Peak (9938'), leader Monroe Levy announced that 54 had made the summit. This is either an SPS record or close to it. *(Ed. note: This is an SPS record for a summit climb, surpassing the 50 that reached the top of Olancha in 1957.)*

After a pleasant lunch hour during which Peter Hunt named the distant peaks and Tom Amneus conducted a short map reading and orientation session, we retraced our steps to camp.

As to the logging operations, it seemed as if the lumber company had used considerable care to keep the forest looking as good as possible where it would be seen by most campers. Where single trees were removed in these areas, it was evident that damage to nearby bushes and trees had been kept to a minimum. However, logging has to be conducted for profit and it will be most unfortunate if damage similar to that witnessed on the first portion of the hike occurs over the rest of this beautiful plateau.

SENTINEL DOME EXPLORATORY TRIP, June 18-19  by Dick Mosley

A warm, sunny June 18 morning found 14 explorer-type SPS ters and guests chomping at their bits near a corral in Sequoia National Forest. Spearheaded by Peg Leg Ossofsky, we started out at 8:45 on a good trail through heavy pine forests. Three hours, 5 miles, and 1600 feet later found us in Rowell Meadow (8900') for lunch, where a few loyal sun-bathers took advantage of the beautiful weather.

The remainder of the 12 mile backpack into Sugarloaf Meadows was made in three and one half hours, reaching our campsite (7300') on Sugarloaf Creek at about 4:30 p.m. After dinner Chuck Gerckens led the more ambitious half of the group high up on the shoulder of Sugarloaf Rock (stopped short of the top only by a couple of 4th and 5th class pitches) where a fine view of the Sentinel Ridge, including the top of Sentinel Dome and Mt. Brewer, was appreciated. After returning to the campfire just as dark, the leaders decided that the six to eight mile Sentinel Dome roundtrip from camp in addition to the hike out on Sunday would be impractical for most of the group.

Following a leisurely breakfast Sunday morning, we started the return trip for Rowell Meadows at 8 a.m. on a different trail via Williams Meadow. 2200' was gained from camp to the saddle (9500') immediately south of Mitchell Peak by noon. Here, six SPS ters made a 45 minute ascent by trail to the Mitchell Peak Forest Service Fire Lookout (10,375'). A good panoramic view and shutter-snapping preceded a record 15 minute return to the saddle. Everyone had returned to the cars by 3:45, having covered 12 to 14 miles to end a full weekend of moderate backpacking.
17 people gathered by 10 a.m., Saturday at Wolverton Meadow. The group proceeded at a leisurely pace via Panther Gap to Alta Meadow, about 7½ miles from the cars and at the base of Alta Peak, arriving around 2 p.m. The weather was clear and pleasantly cool, and there was plenty of wood and water at the meadow. That afternoon a few people explored around the vicinity; others preferred sunbaths or naps.

Sunday morning by majority decision the group carried their packs to the summit via the trail. Everyone enjoyed the view of Farewell Gap, Mt. Whitney, Milestone Mountain, and what seemed to be Goddard, Darwin, and the Pailsades. The peak was then descended on the north side via slabs and occasional snow patches to Pear Lake, where the trail was picked up. Lunch was had a mile down the trail below the "mosquito belt" and the trail was followed past Heather Lake and the Watchtower, where everyone paused to enjoy the spectacular view of the Tokopah Valley and the Tableland beyond. Everyone arrived at the cars by 4:00, just in time to be detoured out via the Kings Canyon road because of the fire near the park's southern entrance.

Lamarck Col, a slight dip in the main crest west of Bishop, was the SPS headquarters over the Fourth of July holiday as 31 climbers added Mt. Darwin to their emblem list.

Led by Lothar Kolbig, the party backpacked to the barren campsite Saturday and endured sub-freezing weather before beginning the ascent at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Fixed ropes were installed in the couloir leading from the Darwin Glacier to the summit ridge, allowing everyone to reach the peak without technical difficulty.

The return to camp was marked by a three hour hail and lightning storm, but everyone arrived at the 13,000-foot site before 6 p.m.

Plans to climb Mt. Mendel (13,691') were abandoned Monday because of uncertain weather and the strain of Mt. Darwin. However, a dozen or so climbers scrambled up Mt. Lamarck (13,417') before returning to the cars at North Lake. The decision to skip Mendel proved wise, for the area became shrouded in black clouds shortly after noon.

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LATE BULLETINS

(Received after the Sierra Echo went to press on July 5th)

NEW MEMBER: Don Anthrop, 2715 Regent, Berkeley 5, TH 3-7711. Don's six peaks include Lyell, Cathedral, Bear Creek Spire, Humphreys, Agassiz, and Tyndall.

TENTATIVE FALL SCHEDULE REVISED:

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OLANCHA PEAK (12,135\') SCHEDULED BY RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, June 11-12
by Dave Cubberly

Thirteen assorted Riverside Sierrans and guests assembled on Saturday morning, June 11 at the foot of Olancha Pass. Six hours later, seven miles further, and 4500 feet higher, thanks to the leadership of Bob Capps, camp was established near a tiny, nearly dry stream overlooking the Kern Plateau. Dinner was initiated with a soup tasting contest featuring almost as many flavors as people.

On Sunday morning we arose early to climb through green meadows and wooded slopes to a final scramble on the peak. All 13 of us brunched on the summit and enjoyed the impressive view of Owens Valley and the desert ranges to the east, the gently wooded ridges and meadows of the Kern Plateau to the south and west, and the Mt. Whitney and Kaweah groups to the north. Cris Karstens bagged her sixth qualifying peak to become eligible for SPS membership, and four youngsters, 10 years or less, claimed their first emblem peak. With regret we headed down to the scorching desert floor. All were in their cars heading for home by 4:30.

We have a small but interested group as far as Sierra Peaks are concerned in the Riverside Chapter, and have scheduled about two trips a year. We would be happy to welcome any Angeles Chapter guests on these trips which are described in our schedule.

**NONSCHEDULED TRIPS**

**BASIN MTN. (13,240\') & MT. MORGAN (13,748\'),** May 14-15  by Andy Smatko

These two 13,000ers were the object of a weekend trip May 14-15. On the morning of May 14 John Robinson, Tom Ross, Al Finney, Jack Lewis, and I started up the road from the locked gate towards lower Horton Lake. On arriving at the lake we met Carl Heller and two other China Lake climbers who were going on to climb Mt. Tom that Saturday and Basin Sunday.

The route up Basin Mtn. is obvious and class 2 most of the way, with easy class 3 along the summit ridge and on the summit itself. The view of Mt. Humphreys is awesome and enough reward in itself. Our stay was shortened by advancing clouds and we beat a hasty retreat.

Mt. Morgan was climbed the following day from the Rock Creek roadhead. This high peak is easily climbed from anywhere on the north but some care should be exercised in choosing the right spot to ascend to the ridge as it can be discouragingly loose climbing. Cool weather and spectacular views met us on top. Mt. Morgan is the highest mountain in the Rock Creek area and would make a good snow climb in the spring.

**JUNCTION PEAK (13,903\'),** May 21-22  by John Robinson

This was my final chance to climb before family obligations would tie me down for several months, so I decided to make it a good one. Junction is one of the best--and ruggedest, so Frede Jensen, Al Finney, and I decided to try it.

Saturday, amid a wind storm that blew dust to 17,000 feet, we backpacked the long trail from Symmes Creek roadhead to Anvil Camp at timberline. Frede wanted to climb the peak then, but after hiking half a mile Al and I talked him out of it.

Rising early Sunday after a windy night, Frede and I (Al stayed in the sack) followed the trail to 12,100\' Shepherd Pass, then traversed around just behind the crest to a steep, loose chute leading up the south side of Junction. Ascending the chute, we were greeted by an icy wind on the summit ridge. The last 300 feet of this ridge is class 3 with some exposure in spots. Our fingers practically froze as we removed our gloves to negotiate these pitches. We remained on top just long enough to sign the register, then beat a hasty retreat to get down and out of the wind. Seldom has a wind been so miserable.

We roared back down to the cars in record time and got home at a reasonable hour.
Saturday, May 28, Bill Sanders, Barbara Lilley, Tom Ross, and I leisurely strolled over Kearsarge Pass to a campsite about one mile above Bullfrog Lake. This was chosen because of the lack of wood at Bullfrog Lake.

About 6:30 on May 29 the four of us dropped down along the trail to Vidette Meadows and then followed a knapsack route to the beautiful Vidette Lakes. We contoured on over the easy saddle just east of Deerhorn. From here the climb of Deerhorn is not feasible. We dropped down 6,800' and ascended an easy chute up the SW side of the mountain towards the low saddle between the Minster and the ridge coming off of the NW summit of Deerhorn. About 100' below the saddle a broad chute leads up to the right towards the jagged ridge. One passes below a sharp notch about 100', and then crosses over a low rib into another chute and then up to the crest of the ridge itself. At the ridge we then started to traverse onto the north wall of the NW summit when it began to snow, a peal of thunder advised us to "get off." The exposure on this north side of Deerhorn is considerable and a rope is advised. We returned to camp at 10:45 p.m. — a long exhausting day.

Next day we hiked to Charlotte Lake and from a point a mile beyond we started to contour on the right for the ascent of Mt. Gardiner. Tedious contouring and some treadmilling brought us to the summit just SE of the higher peak. From here we traversed on the left side of the ridge line to the start of the knife-edge leading to the summit. What a knife edge! The exposure was severe in several spots along this 300' traverse and a rope would have felt comforting. There is good rock with generally adequate holds.

MT. GARDINER (12,907') & AN ATTEMPT ON DEERHORN, May 28-30 by Andy Smatko

SPANISH MOUNTAIN (10,051'). May 28-29 by Bob Lovett

My wife and I took an "unscheduled" hike over Memorial Day which may be of interest to Sierra Peakers. For some time we had wanted to hike into Spanish Mt. a 10,051' peak in the Tehapipe Dome country south of Crown Valley. Its major attraction is that its south side is the highest canyon wall in the U.S., dropping off at a slight angle some 8,000' into the Kings Canyon gorge.

Our approach was from the northwest. We left our car at Crabtree Pock Station just south of the newly opened Wishon Reservoir. Crabtree is reached by driving in from Fresno via Shaver Lake and McKinley Grove. It's about 80 miles and takes about three hours.

We left our car about 7 a.m., dropped down into the north fork of the Kings and started a 10 mile hike to our campsite at Spanish Meadow, going by way of beautiful Statum Meadow. Care must be taken not to get off on a side trail to Smith Meadow, since the secondary trail is deeply grooved and the main trail hardly distinguishable.

The following morning we started for the peak. At this time of the year the trail was under snow and water. You don't see Spanish Mountain until you have hiked up to a saddle some three miles from Spanish Meadow. Then you have about two miles and 1000 feet to go. The view from the peak is magnificent, particularly to the south.

Evidently there is little hiking done to this peak. There is no official register and one is sorely needed. In a wet peanut can I found a 1946 calling card of Anton Nelson's. He had come in almost due west along Rodgers Ridge which I understand is much faster and easier. The view would be almost constantly along the gorge.

My wife and I returned cross-country to our campsite, traversing a long snow-covered ridge and cutting off about two miles. We came down in about 15 minutes over what had taken us about an hour to climb. We came out to the car the same day.

I hope that Sierra Peakers look into Spanish Mountain. It's really worth the effort.
MT. FRATER (13,328'), MT. BOLTON BROWN (13,529'), May 28-30 by Carl Heller

The Occasional Peaks Gang gathered from China Lake, Santa Monica, and Palo Alto for a reunion in Tinemaha Canyon. From the roadhead we walked up a side canyon to 8000' and then dropped into the main canyon. There is a long, flat portion filled with aspen, willows and grass which is very pretty and open enough for walking on the north side. Above this is a steep portion which we were able to climb on snow to a good campsite at the stream fork (10,500'). This site has only willow shrubs for fuel but is grassy and the only good place. Incidentally, the entire canyon lacks pine trees and could use a Johnny Pine Seed to plant a few.

At this time of year the ascent to the ridge is easy up a broad snow chute between the two peaks. Prater is easily reached to the south across a low notch with an easy class 3 pitch.

Reaching Bolton Brown to the north is a little more difficult. We walked to the end of the flat section and had a short but difficult class 3 traverse about 100' below the ridge on the west side. We returned down the same snow chute used for the ascent as the steeper chutes looked dangerous with fresh snow slides very apparent.

Robert Stein, and Kermit Ross joined Ernst Bauer and I for this trip.

WEST OF THE WHITNEY CREST, June 11-19 by Andy Smaiko

On Saturday, June 11, Graham Stephenson, Fred Jensen, and I touted heavy packs from Whitney Portal over Arc Pass and dropped down the gentle southern side of the pass past a frozen lake and on down to a point about 2000' below the outlet of Sky Blue Lake where the highest timber is located and also a nearby stream. One should stay over toward the east in the lowest portion of the valley in dropping southward from Arc Pass, because if one stays high and towards the west, the descent to Sky Blue Lake may involve 3rd class route finding.

Sunday the three of us climbed up to a bench a few hundred feet above and west of Sky Blue Lake and traversed towards the north slope of Pickering (13,485'). This slope is class 2. Head for an obvious saddle just east of the summit and go over easy blocks to the summit. Just before reaching the summit we were startled to hear a shout from somewhere south of us. We could not see anyone but supposed it emanated from the throat of Tom Ross who was to have joined us on Monday. We continued along the ridge to Joe Devol Pk. (13,425'). The Pickering-Joe Devil ridge is mostly class 2 with a little easy 3rd in spots. We kept hearing an occasional shout from our as yet unseen climber. We descended towards the Pickering-Joe Devil saddle about half way and picked a broad chute heading down towards the small lake about 1200 feet below and at the foot of Mt. Chamberlain (13,169'). We had decided it would be easier and faster to ascend Chamberlain in this manner than to traverse the saddle between Pickering and the ridge between Chamberlain and Newcomb. As it turned out this is by far the preferable route if one climbs all four. The climb of Mt. Chamberlain from the south is class 1 & 2. From Chamberlain we traversed along the ridge towards Mt. Newcomb (13,410'). One must use caution as in spots this ridge is exposed class 3 - but only in a few places. This ridge petered out into a broad sandy class 1 slope up to Newcomb's summit. From here we descended eastward towards a sharp notch 150 yards from the summit and descended class 2 to Sky Blue Lake.

In the Climbers' Guide it is stated that Mt. Newcomb can be climbed from Mt.-Pickering via the intervening ridge and lists it as class 1. This is far from the truth. This ridge is in spots quite exposed and is in these areas class 3. The east side of this ridge is a sheer 1000' drop.

On returning to camp we were greeted by none other than Tom Ross.

On Monday we four dropped down the beautiful Rock Creek Basin, picked up a trail and followed it to Izalida Meadow where it junctioned a trail leading to Army Pass. We dropped our packs amid ferocious mosquitoes, climbed to the pass and traversed over to the summit of Cirque Peak (12,900'). We dropped straight down the northwest slope of Cirque to the trail and back to camp.

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Tuesday, June 14th, we followed the trail westward and then northward to the saddle just northeast of Mt. Guyot (12,300'). From here we made the easy class I ascent of Guyot. Back in the saddle again we picked up our packs and hiked on to the Crabtree Meadow Ranger Station. This was a fairly strenuous day.

Wednesday we followed a trail most of the way towards the Crabtree Lakes, but stayed high contouring. The summit of Mt. Hitchcock (13,104') was not evident and we headed for a red saddle thinking the top was nearby. However, future parties should head left (northwards) about 350 yards before the saddle to go straight up this easy peak. Returning to camp we met the first human since we came over Arc Pass. We picked up our packs and proceeded on to Timberline Lake.

Thursday we went straight up Mt. Young (13,177'), class 1, and then across the class 1 to 2 saddle and up Mt. Hale (13,493'). The south slopes of these two mountains are easy, but the north faces are sculptured by steep buttresses.

Friday we climbed to Trail Crest and three of us climbed Mt. Muir (14,015'). We went on down to the Portal afterwards, satisfied with the results of a wonderful trip into a seldom visited area.

INCONSOLABLE PEAK (13,501') & MT. GOODE (13,092'), June 18-19 by Andy Smatko

Saturday, June 18th, Tom Ross, Frede Jensen, Graham Stephenson, and I drove to Parachute Camp near South Lake, took the trail to Green Lake and climbed Inconsolable Peak in a stiff wind. This is a very pleasant way to climb this peak.

Sunday we climbed Mt. Goode. This is a tricky mountain to find. From Lower Bishop Lake proceed in a northwesterly direction up a looosse sandy slope to a sharp pointed summit. Mt. No Goode is much lower and to the southeast, also on the crest. The north face of Goode is very impressive and had one of the steepest snow chutes we have seen.

SIX POLEMONIUMS, June 25-26 by Jon Shinno

Sy Ososky and Jon Shinno started hiking from Whitney Portal very apprehensively on what we termed a "conditioning trip." Sy was "breaking in" his recently broken leg, and Jon had been away in the east all year attending school. Things went very well that day, Sy finding little trouble with his leg other than a tiredness due to inactivity. We left our packs at Trail Camp and proceeded up Mt. Whitney and Mt. Muir in the conventional manner, meeting several other Whitney conquerors on their way down who offered us words of encouragement as to the distance and difficulty of the climb to the top. The climb of Whitney was Sy's fifth and Jon's fourth.

Next morning at seven we hid our packs at the turn-off for Consultation Lake and climbed up to Arc Pass. In an attempt on Mt. Mallory we climbed a chute which led us north of the lower, NW summit and necessitated a third class traverse to the true summit. We descended the east ridge towards the edge of the LeConte Plateau and looked at a route over to Mt. Irvine. Sy decided he'd rather climb LeConte, so while he did that Jon climbed Irvine. When we met afterwards on the plateau, Sy thought that he should start back for the car because his leg was getting tired, so while he, with his collapsible aluminum walking stick, returned to Whitney Portal, Jon climbed LeConte by a third class route up a westerly chute, and also Mt. McAdie from Arc Pass, straight up to the lower summits and across the third class traverse to the high point, where unfortunately the register lacked a pencil. At seven we were on the road.
"West of the Whitney Crest" — A land of not-so-towering peaks but an intriguing wilderness nevertheless. Few lakes can match the splendor of Sky Blue; few streams the bubbling beauty of Rock Creek. Peaks like Guyot or Joe Devil are trodden upon not once in ten years — A last outpost of the vanishing wilderness.
Saturday morning, July 2nd, Tom Ross and I started from the Rock Creek roadhead, headed towards the saddle just north of Bear Creek Spire. From here one angles NW down a gentle slope. We camped about 400' above Lake Italy where scrub pine was sparsely growing. The camp was directly below Mt. Gabb. Dropping our Kelty's, we ascended Gabb the same afternoon, in constant threat of rain from the overcast sky. The weather cleared later.

Sunday, from camp, we ascended Mt. Hilgard. The route on this peak is obvious, just as it is on Gabb. Returning from Hilgard, we packed up and retraced our route back to the car. The climb of these two mountains is feasible in a weekend, but it is strenuous.

Since this left Monday open, we decided to climb Mt. Gilbert (13,103'). From the Treasure Lakes head directly west into a shallow canyon just beyond a low ridge and follow it up to where a steep 50-55 degree snow chute breaks the north wall of the crest. From the head of the chute the summit is towards the right and clearly visible. Mt. Johnson (12,858'), not on our qualifying list, is a spectacular peak and we felt that it would be a worthy one to add to it. The north wall of Gilbert is a sheer drop to the glacier below.

MCBEE, ROCK CREEK BACKPACK, July 2-4, 1960 by Jerry Keating

Six Sierrans passed up peak-bagging opportunities over the Fourth of July to explore a colorful area between Rock and McGee Creeks. The party—comprised of SPsers Dick Jali, John Cunningham, Monroe Levy and Jerry Keating in addition to Brent Gatch and Bud Luce—left one car at the 10,000-foot Rock Creek roadhead and drove the other to the 8,000-foot level of McGee Creek.

Steelhead Lake, from which Mt. Stanford (12,851') would have been climbed had not a thunderstorm developed, was visited during the backpack to camp at Big McGee Lake.

On Sunday, the six explored approaches to impressive Red and White Mtn. (12,850') and determined the southeast face offered an easy third class route. Hopkins Pass was ascended after lunch, and the backpackers wandered through grassy terrain bordering Hopkins Creek until they arrived at a campsite near Fourth Recess.

The backpack over Mono Pass to the Rock Creek roadhead was completed Monday in 3½ hours, allowing adequate time to drive home.

Feature of this trip was the ever-changing scenery: Reds and greens of McGee Creek, greens of Hopkins Creek, whites of Mono Pass and the blues of Little Lakes Valley. Total mileage was less than 25, with much of it on trail.