Dick Beach climbs mountains for fun and health.

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NEXT COPY DEADLINE:
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We welcome two new members to the Sierra Peaks Section. They are:

Les Stockton
414 12th Street
Santa Monica, California

and

Robert Dailey
Room 402A
220 North Broadway
Los Angeles, California

CONSERVATION EMERGENCY

The Olympic Park Associates in Washington State are requesting our help to prevent a logging operation in Olympic National Park.

The Merrill and Ring Timber Company has filed intent to log 155 acres and about one million board feet of forest in the Bogachiel Valley within the boundaries of Olympic National Park. The National Park Service has denied access across one-fourth mile of park land to the private in-holding enclave, but this will be only a temporary expedient.

The only way to save this entrance to the Bogachiel Valley is for the Department of Interior to condemn this property, then purchase it.

The Bogachiel Valley is an outstanding wilderness valley of the park. Within this corridor is the finest remaining stand of Sitka Spruce to be found anywhere - including Alaska. It is an immense heritage as a part of a wilderness national park.

Will you write letters urging condemnation proceedings? Write your senator or representative, and:

SECRETARY STEWART UDALL
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.
GRAND MEN AND THE CANYON

An unusual eight-page tabloid called "Grand Canyon Record", has recently been published. Dick Carmack, editor of the Eloy Enterprise, has searched nearly a century of newspaper files to chronicle the folly and victory of men visiting the Grand Canyon. The tabloid, available at Eloy and the park, sells for 50 cents.

Some of the highlights:

May 24, 1869. "At 9 this morning, Major John Wesley Powell, the one-armed hero of Shiloh, and party of 9 other men left this community (Green River, Wyoming) to brave the rapids and canyons of the Green and Colorado Rivers. Dire results are predicted for this venture with most agreeing that Powell and party will perish in the Big Canyon, if indeed they get that far, probably by drowning where the river ducks underground and flows for many miles beneath the surface of the earth."

An 1894 advertisement. The Cracked Earth Society invited support from all who believed "that the Great Grand Canyon of Arizona was formed by a cataclysmic upheaval which cracked the earth wide open and thus formed the grand canyon. It is apparent to even an untrained eye that this is the only method by which this gigantic, gaping hole could have been wrought."

October 29, 1896. Two parties successfully rode the Colorado through Grand Canyon in flat-bottom wooden boats. The party of Colonel Stanton was making a survey of a railroad that he proposed to build down the river.

February 22, 1902. One J. A. Walker proposed putting a giant water wheel on the Colorado River to provide electric power to the mill and mines of the Quartzsite Mining Co.

January 14, 1910. A flood down Cataract Canyon left the Havasupai Indians homeless, and the Coconino Sun predicted, "It is very probable that the government will have to secure another location for these Indians."

Spring 1928. What seemed to be a gigantic centipede 548 feet long was seen slithering down the Kaibab Trail. It was, in fact, one of the new suspension bridge cables, carried from the rim to the river by 50 walking men.

September, 1937. A serious scientific expedition, headed by Dr. Harold E. Anthony of the American Museum of Natural History, climbed Shiva Temple in the belief that the isolated plateau had never been conquered. Also, it was suspected the plateau was home for a host of evolutionary independent species; perhaps, even, the saber-tooth tiger. On top, the expedition's most alarming discovery was a discarded empty cardboard box, labeled "Kodak."

June 1, 1966. Tommy Manis, 10, rode his bike off the rim, fell 120 feet, and survived.
ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The Angeles Chapter this year will host the May 4 and 5 Board of Directors Organizational Meeting, the Sierra Club Council Meeting and the Sierra Club Annual Dinner.

Meetings, which will be held at the Surf Rider Inn in Santa Monica, are open to all members.

Senator Thomas Kuchel will be the speaker for the Annual Dinner.

Limited reservations are available for the Saturday night banquet at the Miramar Hotel, also in Santa Monica. For dinner reservations, send a check of $6.75 each to:

Ed and Ciancey Olcott
3451 Tilden Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90034

Include with your check a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of the tickets. Deadline for ordering is April 27.

If you would like to provide hospitality for out-of-town guests, please contact Ruth Schrader, West Los Angeles group.

TRIP REPORT

Dear Fellow Members:

It would be sad indeed if, during these winter months, you forgot that special sensation obtained only by climbing a Sierra Peak. This trip took place in 1966 and was unscheduled. However, (since we're short on trip reports right now anyway) may this serve to refresh your memories. -- Ed.

June 18-19, 1966  THE BATTLE OF OLANCHA PASS  John J. Linden

Eight footsore peak-baggers were challenged and routed by a mere thousand or two cattle for trail rights. After one minor victory in the beginning, the pack-bearing hikers hurriedly scrambled up and out of the way to begin a difficult contouring by-pass operation. Several of the man vs. beast confrontations produced surprising feats of agility by the previously pooped participants.

All of this thirst-producing activity occurred at the end of a successful climb of Olancha Peak during a non-scheduled trip on June 18 and 19, led by John Linden and George Toby. For Anne-Marie Murray and Bob Strommer, it was a first Sierra Peak (and they're hooked!). Wolfgang and Ingrid Schmidt, Ben Neffson and Charles Ammann were the other group members.

Camp was established west of Bear Trap Meadow on a 10,000 foot point. An afternoon of scouting verified the route to the summit, and the rest of the time was spent getting water, firewood and loafing. We easily reached the summit by 9:30 the next morning, and everyone was photographed standing on the overhanging ledge.

There was still good water from the springs at Whiskey Creek in the pass, a slow trickle in Bear Trap and Brush Creek Meadows, and even several small patches of snow at the summit.

The usual number of bruises were incurred, but cares and cows seemed to be forgotten as everyone appeared later in "high spirits" at the Snow Pack Cafe.
MOUNTAINEERING RECORDS

The Mountain Records Subcommittee, Mountaineering Committee, is replacing certain original records in peak registers.

Volunteers are needed to provide the following information on peaks:

Information on the naming of the peak; climbing routes; first ascents by various routes; unusual ascents; and other significant information.

If you are interested in helping with this project, fill out the coupon below. The Committee will send you a sample format, a copy of the original register, and will see that your information is placed on the summit of the mountain.

TO: Bill Engs
215 San Carlos Avenue
Piedmont, California 94611

NAME OF PEAK:
1st choice ____________________________
2nd choice ____________________________
3rd choice ____________________________

Yes, I would like to help with the register program. Please send details and materials. I will return all archival material when I have finished my write-up.

Name ___________________________________________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________ Zip __________

Please check one:
I have access to a copier (Xerox, etc.) ____ I have a copy of A Climbers Guide/High Sierra ____ 1st edition ____ 2nd edition

I am unable to write but would like to place write-ups on the following summits some time in the future:

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