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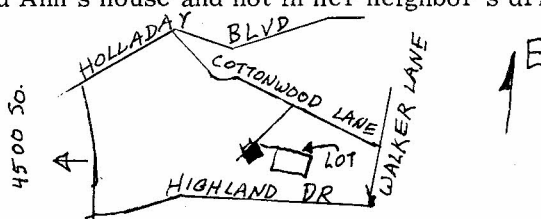
MOONLIGHT SKI TOUR TO PARK CITY -- (Intermediate)
This relatively short tour will start in Big Cottonwood Canyon at the Guardsman Pass road. A full moon works wonders on snow, and the downhill skiing is as outlandish as one might think. Meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 5:30. For information, call Dennis Caldwell (278-2100).

Jan. 5
Sun.

BRIGHTON - SILVER FORK -- (Intermediate) This short, scenic tour will start at the top of the Mt. Millicent lift. From Twin Lakes, it is a short climb to the beginning of the downhill run past Honeycomb Cliffs to Silver Fork. The terrain is suitable for adventurous beginners. Meet at the bottom of Mt. Millicent lift at 9:15 a.m. Leader: Dale Green (277-6417).

Jan. 5
Sun.

WINTER SOCIAL -- Nonskiers as well as skiers are welcome to our first Sunday night social of the season. For you new members, these informal come-as-you-are-from-the-slopes gatherings begin at 6:00 p.m. or so. Dinner and beer are provided at an extremely reasonable price. Let me emphasize that you need not be a skier nor be fresh from the slopes. This first social will be held at the home of Ann McDonald, 5344 Cottonwood Lane (277-0816). Please park in the field behind Ann's house and not in her neighbor's driveway.



Jan. 11
Sat.

AVALANCHE TRAINING SCHOOL -- This will consist of a two-part course in avalanche precautions for ski touring parties. The morning session (9:00 - 12:30) will be devoted to lectures and films covering the basic principles. In the afternoon (1:30 - 4:30), we will go out on the hill and practice probing and rescue techniques. Bring money for a lift ticket, avalanche handbook (\$0.75 - \$1.00), and the cost of the course (about \$2.00). This is a worthwhile endeavor strongly

- Jan. 11 - Cont recommended for those who tour.
 Sat. Meet at the new Gold Miner's Daughter (Alta) at 8:45 a.m.
 For additional information, contact Dennis Caldwell
 (278-2100).
- Jan. 12 DAY'S FORK -- (Advanced) This tour starts from Alta and
 Sun. climbs the south slopes to the east of Flagstaff Peak and gains
 the divide between Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons. From
 here, a steep and challenging couloir provides an excellent
 opportunity to put to use the knowledge imparted on Saturday.
 The run is delightful. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood
 Canyon for car spotting at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Gale Dick
 (359-5764).
- Jan. 15 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- After the business
 Wed. meeting, we will see slides of Del and Carol Wiens' trek in
 the Himalayas. Note the different meeting place: the Mountain
 Fuel Supply Company building, 180 East 1st South, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18 MT. WOLVERINE -- (Beginner - Intermediate) This tour will
 Sat. leave from the top of the Mt. Millicent lift and proceed to
 Twin Lakes Pass. From there, one proceeds up the ridge to
 the top of Mt. Wolverine. (The first half of the trip is quite
 suitable for beginners, who would then retrace their steps.)
 For the intermediate and advanced skiers, the run from the
 summit back to Brighton is enjoyable. Meet at the bottom of
 Mt. Millicent lift. Leader: John MacDuff (484-1634).
- Jan. 18, 19 ASPEN WEEKEND SKI TRIP -- This year we will plan a trip
 Sat., Sun. during the "low season" when crowds taper off so that ac-
 commodations should be easier to get. Bus fare will be \$15,
 and daily lift tickets are reported at \$6.75, which goes for the
 four major areas at Aspen with 21 lifts. The trip will leave
 Friday evening no later than 6:00 p.m., with late arrival in
 Glenwood Springs for the night. We will have an evening "on
 the town" Saturday night and will have to return from Aspen
 by 4:00 p.m. to arrive in Salt Lake by midnight. Accommoda-
 tions should run \$5.00 per night. Call Ed Cook (355-5522) or Caro
 Carol Wiens (487-2584) for reservations and information. We
 must have your reservation by December 20th.
- Jan. 19 MINERAL FORK SNOWSHOE TRIP -- From Big Cottonwood
 Sun. Canyon, a very interesting canyon leads south toward the divide.
 The terrain in the lower part is ideal for snowshoes and pro-

- Jan. 19 - Cont
Sun. vides an excellent opportunity for non-skiers to see the winter glory of the Wasatch. Meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:15 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger (485-2639).
- Jan. 19
Sun. WINTER SOCIAL -- For a relaxing evening, come to Milt and Louise Hollander's home, 2561 Valley View. Turn east off Holladay Blvd onto Valley View (4810 South). Then turn north on 2555 Valley View (marked Dead End) and go past the stone post and "No Trespass" sign right into the lane to the third house east. Parking is limited beyond the sign. Wasatch Club signs will be posted to help you further. If you still need help, call Milt and Louise for more details (277-1416).
- Jan. 20
Mon CANYONLANDS ROAD CONTROVERSY -- 8:00 p.m. Conservationists and the Park Service need help to prevent overdevelopment of Canyonlands National Park by the economic interests. Come to the Little Theater, University of Utah Union, to hear Mr. Bates Wilson discuss this problem.
- Jan. 25
Sat. NOMINATION BANQUET -- Don't miss the one and only dressy outing of the year. Come with or without dates to the Panorama Inn, 6121 Highland Drive. The cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to live music will follow dinner and nominations. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of candidates for next year's Board, but come prepared to nominate your candidates from the floor. Price per person, excluding drinks, is \$4.75. This includes a sirloin roast dinner, set-ups, tax, and tip. BYOL. Please register with Carol Wiens (487-2584) before 10:00 p.m., January 23.
- Jan. 26
Sun. LAKE BLANCHE -- (Advanced) If you are planning only a few tours this year, don't miss this one. From Alta the climb up to Cardiff Pass is made by continuing along the ridge toward Mt. Superior. We then proceed onto the north slopes and finally to the top of the North Ridge of Superior. The run down to the S curve in Big Cottonwood Canyon is one of the finest in the Wasatch. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:15 a.m. Leader: Alexis Kelner (359-5387).
- Jan. 28
Tues ESCALANTE WILDERNESS PROPOSAL -- 8:00 p.m. Bring friends, relatives, and neighbors to the Little Theater, University of Utah Union bldg, for a slide show and the first public presentation of our Escalante Wilderness proposal.

Feb 1
Sat.

BUTLER AND PORTER FORKS - MT. RAYMOND --
(Intermediate) This is a new tour, which starts from the middle of Big Cottonwood Canyon up Butler Fork to the Mt. Raymond Cirque. The view of Twin Peaks and Broads Fork is spectacular. Those wishing more exercise may continue to the summit of Mt. Raymond, where another fine view awaits. The descent will be made down Porter Fork, which is also in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:15 a.m. Leader: Dennis Caldwell (278-2100).

Feb 2
Sun.

WINTER SOCIAL -- Don't miss this one at Dail and Noreen Ogden's, 5347 Cottonwood Lane. Turn east up the lane that is across from 5340 South (Ann McDonald's street) and follow it straight to the end. If you need additional directions, call Dail and Noreen (277-4387).

Feb 22, 23
Sat., Sun.

JACKSON WEEKEND -- Ski tourers, lift skiers, and socializers - ride the Wasatch Cannonball to Jackson for a lively weekend. NOTE: Guests are invited to ride the bus. We will stay at the Antler Motel at the reasonable rate of \$3 - \$4 per person. Make your reservations by calling Ed Cook (355-5522) or Carol Wiens (487-2584). The bus will leave at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 21st, from a location to be announced in the February Rambler. Bus fare will be \$10.00.

The photograph on the cover shows Jeremy Curtoys looking at an unnamed arch in the Waterpocket Fold area of Escalante Canyon. Photo by Nick Strickland.

United States Ski Association

Whazza matter you'all -- don't nobody like pizza? You get lots of free pizza, lots of half-price lift tickets (at impossible times and in impossible places), lots of other things at reduced rates, and lots of malarkey for only \$3.00. We have a few suckers in the club, but they can't get these terrific bargains (for only a \$3.00 membership) unless at least 15 members join together. The rest of you suckers get going and send your \$3.00 check to the new membership chairman, Tricia Swift, at 4075 Powers Circle, Salt Lake City 84117.

CONSERVATION NOTES

by June Viavant

Canyonlands Road Plans

Last spring a National Park Service survey team studied road needs as part of the Master Plan of Canyonlands National Park. The team decided that a road over Elephant Hill would severely damage the natural landscape, resulting in extensive blasting, cuts, fills, and scars. Consequently, they decided not to put a road in to Chesler Park, but to make it accessible by foot trail. The road to the overlook of the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers was rerouted to the south.

This fall, some of the residents of southeast Utah are making a big noise protesting this decision. The National Park Service deserves praise, not censure, for a wise decision. (See the next section.)

National Park Road Standards

The Park Service has recently issued a new booklet, Park Road Standards, which develops the philosophy that Park roads are for leisurely driving only, and that the quality of the Park experience, and not the statistics of travel, must be the primary concern in road planning. This is a refreshing and far-sighted approach to the problem and one which we heartily commend.

Here is one excerpt from the publication: "When the Service is faced with a choice between creating a severe road scar in order to bring visitors to a destination point, or requiring visitors to walk a considerable distance - or considering an alternate transportation system - the decision should be against the road scar. It is quite possible that, at this point in the history of National Parks, new roads should be considered the last resort in seeking solutions to park access."

Another quote: "In summary, a road should not be considered until a most thorough and thoughtful determination has been made of the most meaningful way in which people can experience the park.

"A park road is not one that merely conforms to standards of technical road-building excellence. Preserving the integrity of the landscape, respecting ecological processes, insuring a fully rewarding visitor experience - these are the elements which dictate the means of visitor access and the development of design standards."

The Park Service should be encouraged to continue upholding high Park road standards. WRITE:

Mr. George Hartzog, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Grazing Fees

Wool- and cattle-growers are raising a public hue and cry over proposed increases in grazing fees on BLM and Forest Service land. What they actually want is to continue paying the same fee they have paid ever since 1933. The Departments of the Interior and Agriculture need to charge fair market value (have been charged with this responsibility by the Bureau of the Budget), and before making any changes, they have undertaken a 2-year study involving interviewing 10,000 individual ranchers and collecting more than 14,000 questionnaires.

Results of this study set fair market value for grazing rights per animal unit month at \$1.23. BLM is currently charging \$0.33 per AUM, and the Forest Service is charging \$0.49. (Obviously, some kind of inequity exists in the disparity between these two figures.) Actually, the going price for grazing leases on private land runs over \$2.00. The government agencies propose to reach this fair market price in small increments over a 10-year period. Thus, BLM's fee per AUM next year would be \$0.44.

Campground Fees

Secretary of Interior Udall has approved a series of cutbacks in National Park Service operations. The action was taken because of personnel reductions ordered by Congress and imposed by the the Bureau of the Budget. Udall pointed out that the new manpower restrictions forced a distressing choice between either reducing visitor services or lowering standards of service and protection for Park visitors and Park resources.

A program of reduced operations has been announced, including eliminating a certain number of permanent staff positions, consolidating management of small areas in close proximity, establishing split positions, closing some visitor centers on Mondays and Tuesdays, closing campgrounds entirely during off-seasons, and turning NPS campgrounds over to concessioners for operation on a fee basis.

This seems like a drastic occurrence. We have long taken for granted free public campgrounds in the National Parks. Should we pay for campgrounds?

FLASH

As the Rambler goes to press, we are invited by the Sierra Club to a meeting at the Little Theater at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20th, to hear Bates Wilson talk about Canyonlands' roads.

MOODY CREEK THANKSGIVING SURVEY TRIP

by June Viavant

It was snowing when we left Salt Lake City on Thanksgiving eve. It was snowing when we returned the Sunday after Thanksgiving. In between, we had crisp COLD weather and a thoroughly delightful trip.

We had just left behind the falling snow, near Loa, when we had a flat tire - at 11:30 a.m. What Luck! About the fourth car to pass was George and Linda Rathbun. After changing the tire, we drove on together to Capitol Reef National Monument, found the campground closed with a lock and chain, and since we would never trespass, we slept (NOT camped) at the sign that said "Picnic area - No camping."

The word is out! Lyman Lewis is the man to have along on a camping trip. He had a wonderful warming fire going early next morning and was the first one up and building a fire every morning thereafter. Besides that, he bakes biscuits!

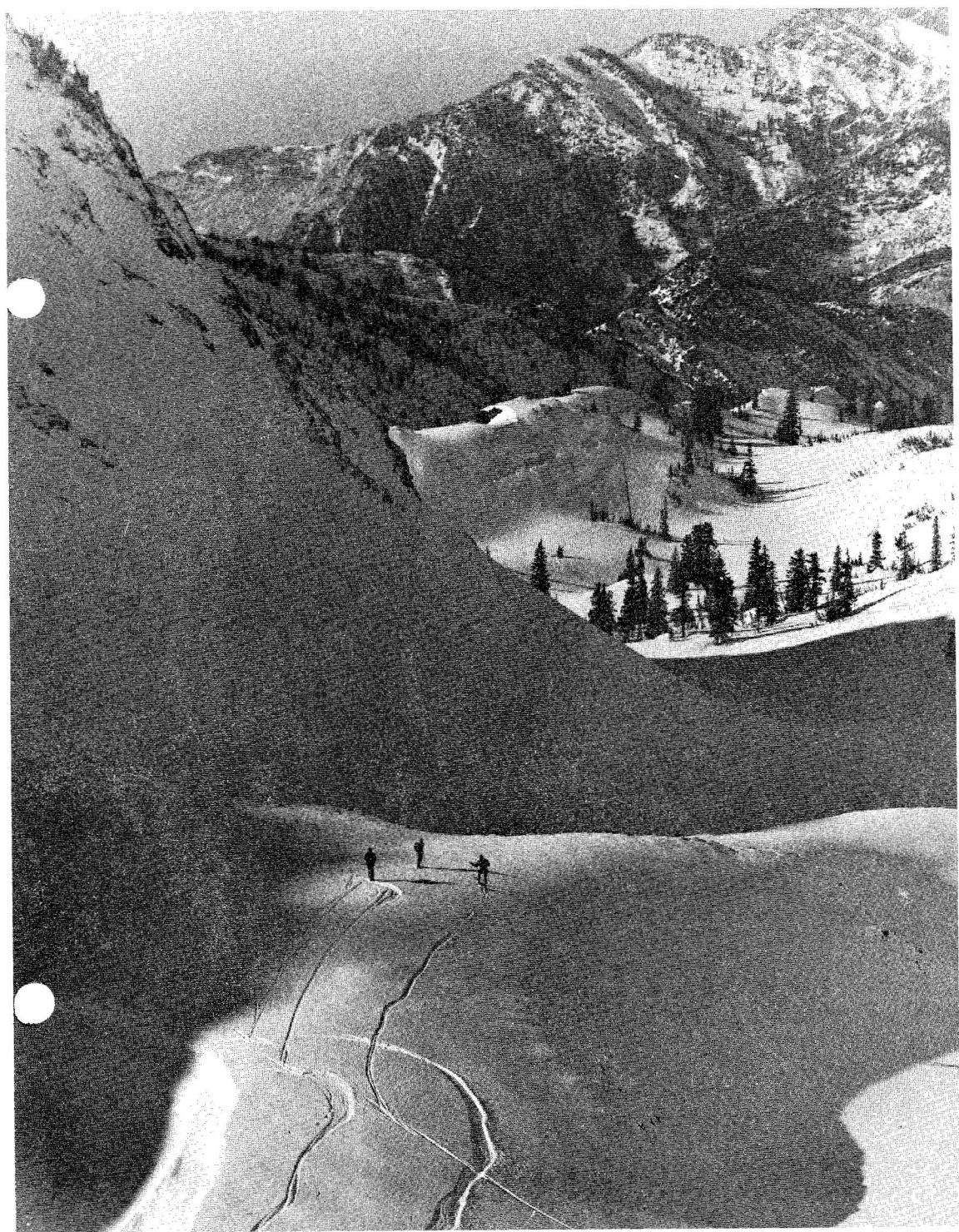
We met Tricia and Charlie Swift and Dale Green the next morning (they had been in that illegal campground), cooked breakfast, and started down the Noton Road to the Burr trail, and then to the end of the Moody Creek

Road. We only had 60 miles to drive but took nearly all day because we had to stop to take pictures and take 20-minute excursionary hikes to the Waterpocket Fold (that turned out to be 2-hour hikes).

We backpacked about a mile down the dry wash of Moody Creek and then set up camp beneath some lovely orange Wingate cliffs. At this point, our various packs disgorged a 15-pound, fully cooked turkey, some real gravy, three pecan pies, two cans of cranberry relish, pickles, celery and carrots and a Clorox bottle of white wine. (The idea of backpacking a turkey was really Fred and Eveline Bruenger's, last year, but we felt pretty cocky anyway. Ask Dale Green how much weight he gained on the trip!)

It was truly unbelievable how much 6:30 that night seemed like 9:00, how 6:55 seemed like 10:00, and how 7:30 seemed like midnight. If nothing else, we got long nights of sleep every night.

Friday we backpacked to the spring (Have faith - there'll be water, Charlie"), which was frozen solid (Too bad - we'll boil river water, Charlie") and on to the river. The river was a sea of floating ice, it was that cold. Fri-



day afternoon some of us hikes upriver, climbed some rubble up the cliff, and discovered the most amazing cave (not an overhang - it was 40 or 50 feet deep and barely 6 feet high) and some Moki footsteps. Dale and George Rathbun reconnoitered downriver to determine whether we could reach East Moody canyon without having to ford the river. The Viavant boys came all that way to play in the sand with their trucks. Linda Rathbun volunteered to tend the fire and boil water - kettles and canteens and Clorox bottles full!

George and Dale returned with reports of dry feet, petrified wood, and magnificent river cirques; so Saturday, the whole group sallied forth for a full day's investigation of East Moody Canyon.

Saturday night, Charlie informed Tricia that she would really have to MOVE out of that canyon next morning,

as he wanted to be home by dark, and he inspired us all. We were up at 7:00, on the trail by 8:00, and at the cars by 10:30 or 11:00. Snow fell on us the last mile or so, and we were glad to get the cars going and out of the wash that constituted the last 2 miles of road.

Escalante survey trippers, Moody Creek area: Tricia and Charlie Swift, George and Linda Rathbun, Dale Green, Lyman Lewis, Bill, June, Chris, and Jim Viavant.

Big Thompson Mesa and Water-pocket Fold area (which pioneered a new access route to the Fold and located the way to the incredible arch on the front cover: Nick and Marie Strickland, Sam and Diane Young, and Jeremy Curtoys.

Coyote Creek and Stevens Canyon exploratory: Pete Hovingh and Margo

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

With this month's Rambler should arrive the Escalante brochure, a major undertaking in the conservation field by the Wasatch Mountain Club. We have had valuable assistance from the Sierra Club and the Rocky Mountain Center on Environment.

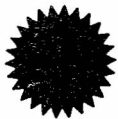
Tremendous effort went into the publication of this brochure; much more effort will be needed, for the brochure is just a beginning. It will probably take years to realize our goal of an Escalante Wilderness.

We hope you are proud of the brochure - that some of you are proud enough to respond with a contribution for the continuation of the Escalante work, and that others will volunteer to join the committee and get involved with the work, for we need you.

Jack McLellan (277-7214)

Nick Strickland (364-1568)

June Viavant (364-9684)



President's Column

by Dale Green

At the December 4th board meeting, the following by-law changes were made:

1. Delete by-law I-M, which eliminates the position of publicity director.
2. Delete from by-law II-H the following phrase from the last sentence: "and at the election meeting."
3. Delete from by-law III-A the last sentence: "Only members present shall be allowed to vote." Add the following: "Ballots may be obtained at the business meeting or by written request to the Board of Directors."

The nomination and election process for the board of directors is now as follows:

Nominees must be qualified members. A qualified member is defined in the by-laws as "a member who has participated in eight hikes, climbs, ski trips, cave trips, camping trips, or work trips regularly scheduled by the club" with compensation given for more difficult trips.

Before any person can be nominated, he must indicate a willingness to serve if elected. Nominations can be made by any member at the annual nomination dinner. Nomination for the board of trustees will be made at the nomination dinner. The nomination committee this year is:

1. Dave Cook (355-4086)
2. Fred Bruenger (485-2639)
3. Mike King (486-9705)

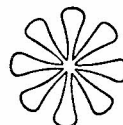
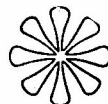
If you cannot attend the election meeting on February 19th, you may obtain a ballot by:

1. Visiting club headquarters at 425 South 8th West between February 1st and February 19th and request a ballot in writing. You may mark the ballot and leave it there or mail the ballot back to headquarters.
2. Request a ballot by letter by writing the secretary, Barbara Brown, 162 North 1320 West, SLC, Utah 84116.

Mailed ballots must be received at club headquarters by noon on February 19th to be counted.

Anyone interested in snowshoeing contact the Bruengers (485-2639).

COYOTE CREEK



by Suzanne Stensaas

While Nick Strickland, June Viavant, and the more adventurous tackled Davis Gulch, Marie Strickland and her young nephew, Shane Price, led eight of us to Jacob Hamblin Arch on Coyote Creek, a tributary to the Escalante River. This is an excellent trip for families who might want to explore this little traveled region that many club members hope will become a wilderness area. East of the town of Escalante, you turn onto the road to Hole-in-the-Rock and travel about 40 miles on unpaved road. We spent the night at Hurricane Wash and, in the morning, put on our packs and ambled an easy 6 miles. The first mile or two is down a gully that gradually grows into an arroyo and finally becomes canyon-like just before the confluence with Coyote Creek. One can see (and explore) Indian ruins or just enjoy the cottonwoods, ferns, and streaked canyon walls.

We had lunch and set up camp at a beautiful campsite facing the arch. On the other side of the arch, spring water

seeped out among maidenhair ferns and supplied us with ample water. After lunch, half a dozen of us continued downstream to Coyote Natural Bridge and Jug Handle Arch. The canyon walk was impressive, but these other two arches (2 miles downstream) are not as large or beautiful as Jacob Hamblin. We all enjoyed the evening around the fire and I particularly remember the light from the fire playing upon the high canyon walls.

The Sunday morning walkout (nearly level) took just over 3 hours, making this an excellent short outing for weekend vacationers. It is too bad that Escalante River is so far from Salt Lake, for the canyon tributaries undoubtedly have many other such canyons to be enjoyed.

Trip participants were leader, Marie Strickland; backpackers, Estelle TaFoya, Suzanne Stensaas, Peg Roundy, Clyde Gillette, John Riley, Jane Daurelle, Pat King, Al Mathews, and Shane Price.

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THE RAMBLER MAILBAG

by Roy Keir

[Two Rambler mailing parties in November helped unravel the mess.] Marilyn Huber and Stewart Ogden helped rework the mailing list and sort it into zipcode order. Susan Mickelsen re-typed almost all of the sorted list, with the final licks from Jane Kesler and yours truly. Finally, the labels were listed on by Karen Hancock, Benita Jackson, Jane Kesler, and Norma Richardson.

Having the list in zipcode order has eased the mailing job considerably, and my policy is to assemble a new crew each month to share the work

among as many people as possible. Response to my recruiting has been wonderful in both quantity and quality.

Now for the sneaky pitch: we have uncovered an error or two in the addresses, and we suspect that there may be a few more. When you write your nice note to Barbara Brown giving your correct address and the WMC password, also volunteer for the next Rambler mailing party. For 2 hours of light work in jolly company, you can personally correct your own address on the mailing list!

* BOOK REVIEW *

The Avalanche Hunters, by Montgomery M Atwater
McRae Smith Company, Philadelphia,
1968. \$6.95.

A book is always a little more interesting when it contains references to places and people you know. Such a book is Montgomery Atwater's The Avalanche Hunters. In case you don't recognize the name, Mr. Atwater was the first snow ranger stationed at Alta in the Forest Service's program of avalanche control. He arrived there in 1945, possessing precious little knowledge about avalanches, a subject in which precious little knowledge existed. Through his own interest, initiative, and ingenuity, and aided by Felix C. Koziol, former Wasatch National Forest supervisor and now an honorary life member of the Wasatch Mountain Club, he built the foundations on which avalanche control methods used in the entire western hemisphere have been based. In 1956 he left Alta to study methods used in Europe but soon returned to take the responsibility for avalanche control at the Olympic Games in Squaw Valley. He also has served as avalanche consultant from Alaska to South America.

In his book, Mr. Atwater describes events in his life between 1945 and 1967. Of greatest interest to members of the WMC are his early years of learning at Alta. He relates incidents that will chill the hearts of the most

hardened ski mountaineers, such as his riding an avalanche out of Lone Pine Gulley and down through Corkscrew. Others will warm the hearts of all who feel an affinity for the mountains, such as his description of the personalities of the mountain: "Baldy was a giant, good-natured, somnolent, and playful, but one of those playful swipes could knock you into eternity." Other tales will excite everyone who has ever strapped a pair of skis to their feet: "...once he gets up to speed he planes in (the deep powder), never touching the old base. This sensation of speeding around on an air cushion, of floating down a steep mountainside powered only by the force of gravity, is Alta's glory and the powderhound's delight." And still others will lead you to exclaim, "Hey! I know him!" when you read about Shane, Goodro, and Steorts searching for a bomber that crashed on Timpanogos. Why, he even mentions the WMC.

Although the book is not a text, you will learn quite a bit about snow physics and avalanche cause, effect, and control, often without realizing it. Mr. Atwater has an effective way of integrating technical detail into his anecdotes, bringing facts through to the reader without allowing the text to become dry or boring. Start reading the first chapter and you'll read the rest of the book.

--"Cornelius L. Klink"

PHOTO on page 8: Ski touring near Lake Blanche; photo taken by Alexis Kelner.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose the \$2.00 entrance fee and \$6.00 dues (spouse, \$3.00). The club event I have attended is _____ on _____ (date). I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the club as specified in the constitution and by-laws and as determined by the Board of Directors.

Name (printed) _____

Recommended by: _____

Signature _____

Member: _____

(If spouse membership, please include name of spouse (printed) _____ and signature _____

Director: _____

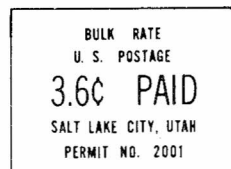
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