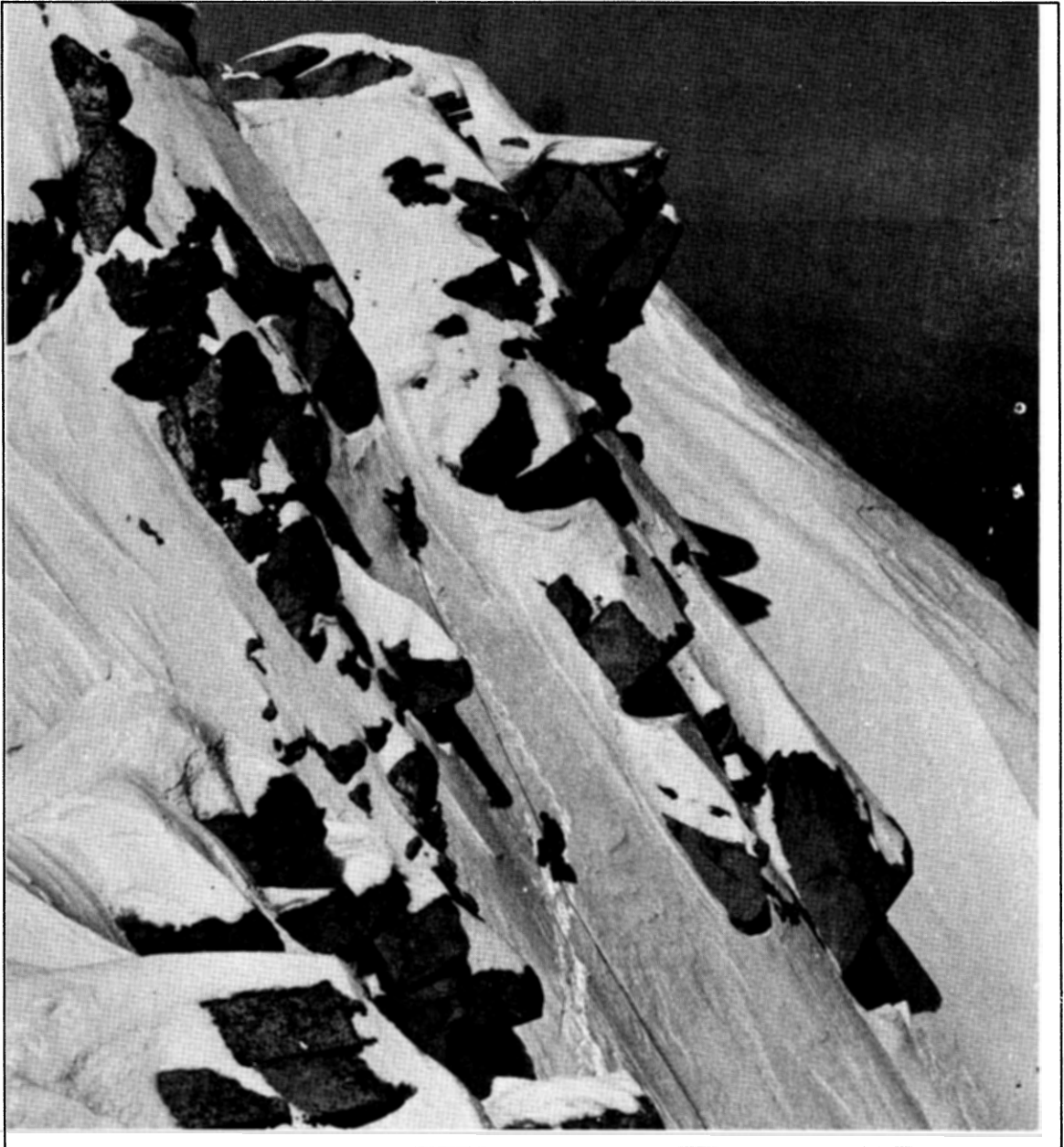


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club activities for nov 1971

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration is generally not required for members participating in easy or intermediate hiking (Rating below 7.0). Unless specifically stated, advanced hikes (Rating above 7.0) require registration

with the leader. Adequate equipment is an absolute must. You cannot participate in these events if you have not shown your ability on other hiking activities and if you do not have adequate and well broken in boots with good Vibram type soles and suitable protective clothing. Special equipment like an ice axe etc. may also be specified and you are required to be able to handle such equipment. Remember that these restrictions are set for your own safety and that of your fellow members. For rules regarding participation of children consult the May Rambler. Register for bus trips with the leader only by sending a deposit to the address listed. Leaders cannot register anyone without a deposit.

For bus trip cancellations less than a week prior to the trip, the Club must retain a \$5.00 registration fee.

Nov. 4
Thurs.

ICE SKATING. Strengthen those ankles for skiing by taking a few turns on the ice at Hygeia, 1224 E. 21st South. Skating is from 8 to 10 (if you can last that long) and then it's only a short jump to the Hacienda for beer. If 12 people show, we get a discount admission rate bringing it to 75¢. So meet just inside the door before 8:00 p.m. and count noses. If there are 12 or more, simply identify yourselves as W.M.C. members as you go through the line and get the discount. If there are fewer than 12, the admission is \$1.00. In either case, skate rental is 50¢. Dress warmly as the rink is open on two sides. (No leader necessary.)

Nov. 5
Friday

YEAR-END RIVER RATS PARTY - River Rats you have one last chance to relive this years float trips before getting out your skis! We will have slides of each of the trips this year. Come out and see the rivers that you did not run this year so that you can plan for next years trips. At the Lodge (50¢) at 8:00 p.m. and don't let a little snow stop you. Beer (25¢) and snacks.

GRAND CANYON HIKERS !! - Please come to the lodge on Friday November 19th. It is impossible for the leader to answer all your questions regarding this trip over the phone. We will discuss any questions you might have after the movies.

MID-WEEK HIKERS - Please come to the "Grand Canyon Movie Night" at the lodge on November 19th. We will try to work out plans for the continuation of easy hikes during the cold weather season. This is done on request of a number of club members. If you are interested, please come. Time: 7:30.

- Nov. 10 Wed. MOUNTAINEERS JAM SESSION - Join with your fellow climbers for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will review past season's accomplishments as well as entertain discussion on next years mountaineering program. Also, an excellent slide show is planned including George Lowe's slides of the Cordillera Blanca in Peru and Don Black's slides of Mt. McKinley. 8:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Beer and refreshments.
- Nov. 13 Sat. WINE-TASTING PARTY - Come join the Keirs, Saturday night, Nov. 13th at 8:00 p.m. at the WMC Lodge for a fun wine-tasting party. Bring your favorite liquer or wine to share with others. Special Added Attraction will be the showing of the film on Glen Canyon, "The Place No One Knew."
- Nov. 14 Sun. WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE TO LAKE MARY OR CATHERINE PASS BEGINNERS TOUR - This is an easy tour running through the wooded slopes of the Broghton Bowl. The length of the tour will be determined by the enthusiasm of the party. All beginners, Nordic skiers, and snowshoers are welcome. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Nov. 17 Wed. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Come one, come all, to the General Membership meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Dr. Burt Janis, recently returned from the Cordillera Blanca in Peru, will show his much acclaimed 35mm color slides. It is important for every member to support Lodge usage, so come up early and barbeque, snow or not!
- Nov. 18 Thurs. ICE SKATING - same arrangement as on November 4th.
- Nov. 19 Friday MOVIE EVENING AT THE LODGE - This evening is especially designed for all prospective Thanksgiving Grand Canyon hikers. We will show some pictures of previous hikes in areas contemplated for this year. If there is time available, other Grand Canyon pictures may also be shown. Details for the hikes will be discussed. So, if you plan to come along, be sure to be at the lodge this evening. If you don't want to come along, or you can't go, take a vicarious Grand Canyon trip at the movies. There will be a 50¢ charge for the lodge. Bring your own refreshments! Time 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Sun. ALBION HUT FROM ALTA VIA CATHERINE PASS - Beginner-Intermediate. This is an easy tour, especially if the Albion lift is in operation. The scenery is wonderful and the



Grand Canyon - photo by Evelyn Bruenger

downhill skiing pleasant. The length and route will be determined by the enthusiasm of the party. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: David George 364-7025

Nov. 22 SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER MEETING - 8:00 p.m., 569 South 13th East.
Mon. Snowbird will make a presentation on their ski area development in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The main purpose of the meeting will be to describe the current activities and to provide an accurate and official description of the plans and rationale for future development. There will be ample opportunity for questions so that a constructive dialogue may be established between the developers and conservationists.

Nov. 25 GRAND CANYON - This year's annual Grand Canyon Hike will be
Thanks- different. If you have built up some strength and endurance
giving (you don't have to be a +10 hiker), you are invited to come along. The main trails at this week-end are usually over populated and look like Main Street. Not for you! We are planning a relatively easy trip down the Grandview Trail, then across Horseshoe Mesa, where you can explore some old mines or some caves in the Redwall Formation. The evening should find you in the cottonwood area which has good water. The next day can be spent leisurely or exploring and you can walk around Horseshoe Mesa and back out Saturday. This is a truly fine trip and you should take advantage of this opportunity

A second group will take an advanced hike down the Hance Trail, cross the Tonto Plateau (hopefully without any major confrontation with wild burros) and meet the Grandview Group on Horseshoe Mesa. The Hance Trail is only and without any exception for the endurant and experienced hiker. No non-members and no teenagers on this route. To give you an idea what the Hance Trail is, I would like to quote a paragraph from the booklet on "Inner Canyon Hiking."

"The Hance Route (Red Canyon) is only 7 or 8 miles to the river but requires more time and effort than the Tanner's twelve. This is no doubt the most perverse of all South Rim trails due to repeated efforts necessary to relocate the route. If nothing else, the Hance is a fine exercise in close use of a topographic map. The trail, or what remains of it, is characterized by a total inability to see what lies ahead, total disappearance of the way every few hundred feet, and a seemingly illogical route of travel. The trail veers to the right, doubles around corners, and plunges abruptly downward in the most unexpected places."

Nov. 28 GAD VALLEY - A REQUIEM - Advanced - Snowbird should not be
Sun. in operation at this time but the slopes should be well-groomed for the downhill run. We will tour up the Peruvian-

Gad Valley Ridge, getting a complete full of the tram, restaurant, chairlifts, and of course, the multi-story "village" Descent will be via Gad Valley, snow and Snowbird permitting. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: David George 364-7025.

Dec. 4 Sat. SKI-TOURING AND SKI-WAXING PARTY - Beginners and Experts are all welcome. A discussion of ski-touring equipment and techniques will be held along with a slide show and much merriment. Those owning Nordic equipment should show up for an authentic base-waxing orgy. B.Y.O.B., snacks provided. Admission 50¢, your host, David George. Call 364-7025 for more details.

Dec. 5 Sun. LAKE SOLITUDE - Beginners Ski-Tour - A pleasant jaunt along wooded gentle slopes, snowshoers welcome. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: ?? See December RAMBLER or call David George, 364-7025.

news and notices

BABY-SITTING

Once again we are attempting to organize a weekend (daytime and/or overnight) BABY-SITTING CO-OP for those who have small children and who like to get out. Interested Mountain Club members may call Liz Choules, 582-0383 (evenings, for best results) or Greta Reed, 485-9587.

THANKS

... to Kay Berger and Rose Morrison for typing this months issue.

... to Linda and George Rathburn and helpers for mailing the October RAMBLER.

DEADLINE

for the December RAMBLER is November 15th. Please have your articles and schedules TYPED and mailed or delivered to Ruta Dreijmanis, 1941 Woodside Drive, Apt. A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117 -- 272-1412

"THE PLACE NO ONE KNEW"

The 16mm sound film on Glen Canyon "The Place No One Knew" is available for loan. Please contact Denna Wright if you would like to use it. 272-1177.

RECORDER PLAYERS

Recorder players--beginning to expert! Meet Sunday evenings. Phone Bob Wright 272-1177 for information.

mt olympus

by Dixon Smith

October 10th

WMC MEMBERS

Albion Basin is threatened with condominiums. Must this favorite picnic and walking area be blighted by the development of a few acres of private land? Not necessarily. There is something you can do; Senator Moss has introduced a bill, S. 1144, which would provide funds for the Wasatch National Forest to acquire 3,000 acres of critical land, presently in private ownership. write to:

Senator Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

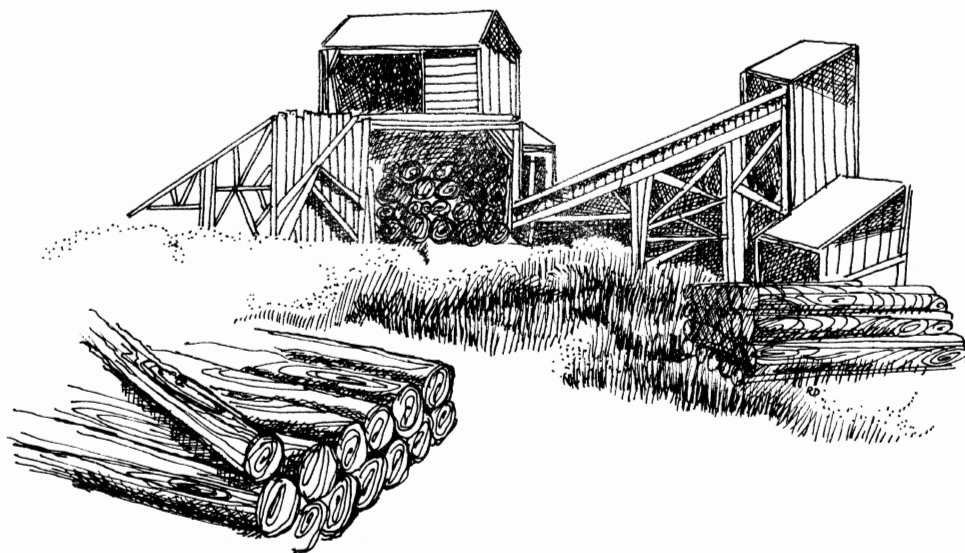
expressing your support of
S. 1144.

**if you don't
write now
you may be
tortured by
guilt for the
rest of your
life!!!**

Some 20 hikers assembled at the 'Movie' on a perfect fall morning for the final club assault of the year on Mt. Olympus. The sky was clear, the temperature cool, and the autumn colors bright. The more adventurous climbed aboard the leader's bus for a short ride up the hill to the start of the North route from his backyard. The rest of the group drove to the start of the South route at Tolcats Canyon.

Both groups started up the trail at 8:30 a.m. and planned to meet at the South summit at 12:30 p.m.. But the groups were comprised of too many well conditioned and eager hikers. The South hikers reached the South summit at 11:20 a.m.. The North hikers, urged on by 12 year old Dixon Smith, Jr., who kept calling for more speed, reached the North summit at 10:40 a.m.. The North groups, **after** doing all 4 peaks of the North, joined the others at the South summit at 11.50.

After a well deserved rest enjoying the clear (upper) atmosphere of the valley we left the summit at 12:30 p.m. and most reached the cars on Wasatch Blvd. by 3:00 p.m..
PARTICIPANTS: North Route-
Dixon Smith(leader); Dixon Smith, Jr.; Charles Keller; Carl Schwenk; Jack Spear; Alan Fritzberg; Dale Gardner.
South Route-
Marge Yerbury (leader); Dwight Nicholson; Joan Nicholson; Gus Hanniball; Peter Goss; Stan Rowland; Rosemary Rowland; Virginia Hilliard; Nancy Scofield; Tom Gallagher; Tom Johnson; Mike Treshow; (little) Mike Treshow.



**leaves
from the
old wasatch**

THE MILL FORKS

The Wasatch Mountains, with its abundant stands of timber and the many, steep streams to provide water power, became the primary source of lumber within a short time after the Salt Lake Valley was settled. Many small sawmills were built and operated in the canyons, but their production was minimal, often providing little more than what was needed by the owner or operator himself. In order to provide greater quantities of lumber for building purposes, the Big Cottonwood Lumber Company was formed in the early 1850's. Its organizers included many of the prominent pioneers: Brigham Young, Feramorz Little, A. O. Smoot and Daniel Wells. Wells, together with Bishop Kesler is credited as being one of the early explorers of Big Cottonwood Canyon, probably in an early search for timber supplies and mill sites.

The first mill built by the company was begun in 1854. Establishing a procedure followed for all of the company's mills, it was given an alphabetic designation, and named Mill A. It was located at the fork known today as Mill A Gulch. The going rate for labor on Mill A was \$2 per day. The mill was operating the following spring when it provided lumber for Mill B, then under construction farther down the canyon. Mill B was at or very near the confluence of Mill B South Fork, or Borek

Fork, and Big Cottonwood Creek. Mill C was purchased by the company from John W. Cooley for \$4,000 in July 1856. It was located near the present Storm Mountain reservoir.

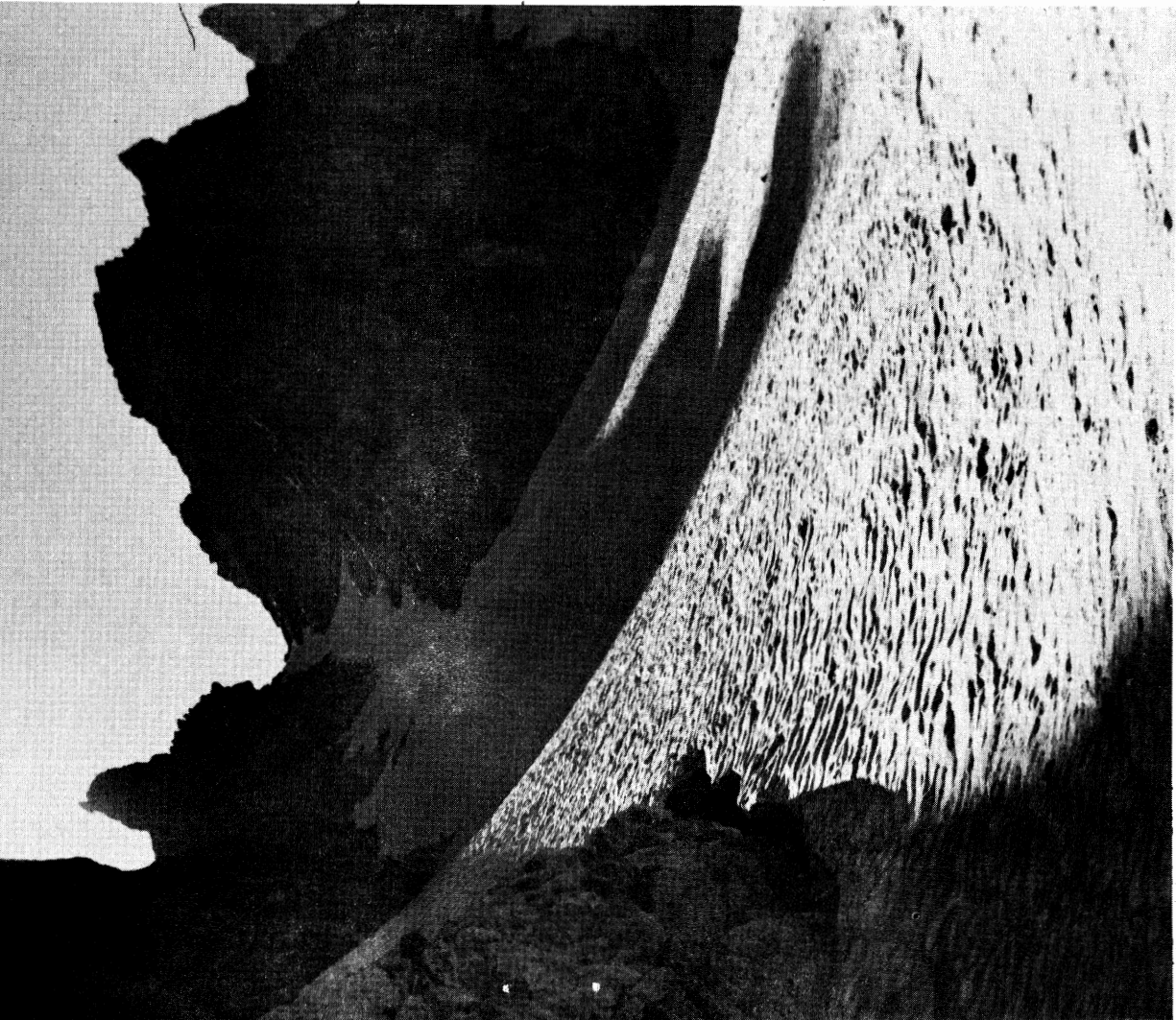
Mill D was built in late 1855 on the stream now known as Mill D North Fork, while Mill E farther up the canyon, was built during the summer of 1856. By this time laborers were receiving as much as \$3.50 a day.

Two additional mills were built and named according to this lettering scheme. Mill F was built on the large flat below Silver Lake, while Mill G was built at the mouth of the South Fork of Big Cottonwood Canyon, later known as Mill G South Fork, or Cardiff Fork.

The mills were operated by the company as late as the early 1860's before they were sold, dismantled or replaced. It is interesting to note that Frederick Kesler superintended the construction and repair of the first 5 mills and probably all 7 of them, receiving 10% of the cost of the mills as his pay.

These mills were by no means the only ones in the canyons; many others were built before, during and after the period of the Big Cottonwood Lumber Company's operation. There are no material remains to be seen of any of them, but these 7 contributed heavily to our Wasatch heritage by leaving their names behind to remind us. Mill A, Mill B, Mill D, Mill F, ...each one a Leaf from the Old Wasatch.

entinel guards the Teton Glacier in the late afternoon - photo by Larry Swanson



pfeiffer- horn

September 25th

by Dixon Smith

a group of 9 hikers met at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 a.m. for the pleasant walk to Red Pine Lake and the more strenuous scramble to the top of 11,326 foot Pfeifferhorn. After the leader unwisely chose to park below the usual White Pinetrail starting point because of Snowbird sewer construction, the group bushwhacked up to the White Pine Lake jeep trail. (My apologies to Don Carlton who was wearing shorts).

Some of the more eager hikers rapidly pushed on to Red Pine Lake while Gerhard Henschel, the perfect gentleman as always, escorted Cathy Wood and Carolyn Humphrey to upper Red Pine Lake,

Upon gaining the ridge we all wondered if we were not assualting Everest instead of an 11,000 ft. peak in Utah. Winds of 40-50 mph numbed us to the bone. A quick dash to the summit, with no dallying, was followed by lunch nestled in the saddle away from the "breeze".

The return was via Maybird Gulch. During the descent, when just off the saddle, there appeared in the distance a trail marker. In the middle of nowhere this called for

closer investigation. But alas the trail marker turned out to be sleeping Milt Hollander who had hiked up to join us. After traversing over into Red Pine and around to White Pine, we joined Cathy and Carolyn descending from Red Pine Lake.

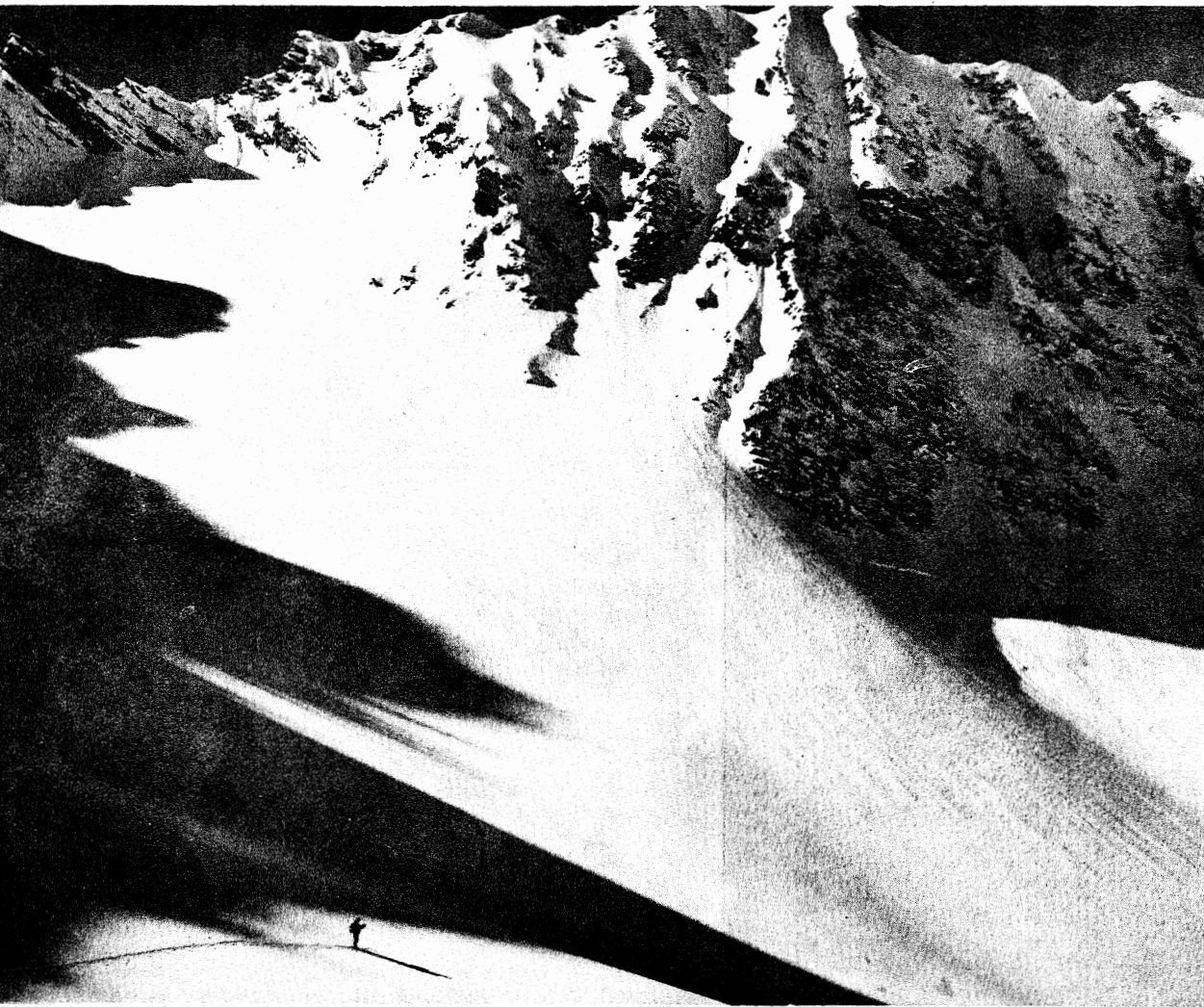
PARTICIPANTS: Dixon Smith (leader); June Zongker; Lauren Williams; Marge Yerbury; Gerhard Henschel; Don Carlton; Cathy Wood; Carolyn Humphrey; Fran Flowers and Milt Hollander.

lodge

by Phil Berger

Our annual WOOD GATHERING PARTY which was erroneously billed as a work party, had a fair turn out under the circumstances. Once again we beat the snow by a week. We were able to fill the wood bins to capacity. I want to give a special thanks to the HOVINGHS' for the loan of their pick up, since no one showed up with a truck I don't know what I'd have done if Pete hadn't offered the use of his truck for the day, (he had to work).

THANK YOU - Dave Hanscom, our man with the chain saw; Wolf Snyder; the Daurell family; Dotty and Jim Byrne; Dan Thomas; The Hollander family; Dan & Maria Snively (cousins of the Hollanders); Andy Schoenberg; Margaret Strickland; Barbara Lovejoy; Ron Zee; Bill Smith; Ruth Henson; Don Carlton and my usuals - Mike, Robin, Kay and Jennifer - and anyone else I may have missed!



During '71

by Dave George

The ski-touring season is fast approaching and it has become time to start preparing for this

season's treats. This year plans are being made to schedule more tours to the Oquirrh

Mountains, Uintahs, Tetons and other ranges of interest. The club interest in such trips will determine the nature and extent of our touring. I am open to any suggestions for novel tours and of course, leaders are always in demand.

One of the more novel aspects of ski-touring that we plan to engage in this year is Nordic touring. This, for those uninitiated in the jargon, is ski-touring using very light-weight skis, light boots with non-release bindings, and waxes instead of Alpine touring equipment, (normal full-size skis, heavy ski boots, release bindings and climbing skins,) in that the energy expended to travel with the light skis is much less than with regular skis, and the skill necessary to travel on these skis is minimal. However, Nordic skis are not well-suited for most of our normal Wasatch Mountain tours for several reasons. First, it is rather difficult to ski downhill with them. They sometimes cannot be or are not waxed properly, making the steep uphill climbs of the Wasatch difficult, if not impossible and most importantly it is more enjoyable to use them on terrain that one would normally not ski-tour because of a lack of downhill runs or the long distances involved.

The foothills of the Wasatch, the Uintahs, Yellowstone and some areas of the Tetons offer the rolling terrain suited to Nordic skiing.

Several waxing sessions will be scheduled during the winter to learn the rudiments of the sport, and all interested members are invited to attend. The ski-touring-ski-working party scheduled for December 4th will have more information on both Alpine and Nordic skiing.

**general membership
meeting**

nov

17

big black and grandview peak

September 19th

by Marily Bateman

After waiting 45 minutes in the brisk coolness of the greater Salt Lake Valley at Pete's Shop, the hike leader, Carl Bauer, and one hearty hiker made their way to Mueller Park in Bountiful where they met 3 other hikers. We started our hike at 8:15 a.m. and almost immediately we were bushwacking our way up a very steep hillside and trying to keep track of the well-concealed and overgrown trail. Stewart's new hiking boots were cached one-half mile up the trail for a pair of trusty tenny runners. Our leader, Carl, enlightened us as he pointed out various flora along the trail including service berries, elder berries, and choke cherries, which were sampled. Other bushes brought to our attention were the red of the Mountain Ash and the blue berries of the Dogwood. Carl also pointed out the differences between the Douglas Firs, spruce trees, and the easy-bending branches of the limber pines. There was a

lot of the sweet scented Mountain Mahogany along the trail. Also in our travels we scared up a surprisingly large number of Grouse and also saw a Water Ousel and Rock Wren and small hawk.

After reaching Big Black Mountain, we could see our destination, Grandview Peak, which seemed only an hour away. We hustled along the ridge and found that the peak was deceptively far away; hence, it took us 2 hours to reach the top and that last 200 yard climb was something else! We finally arrived on top at 3 p.m.. Grandview is the highest point between Twin Peaks and Ogden, and we could see the Uintas far to the East, a profile of the Brighton-Alta area, great Salt Lake and beyond the Salt Flats, the Morgan Valley, and an unfortunate view of Kennecott...

Carl came supplied with a bag of sour balls that were distributed often among the hikers to keep our energy up as we climbed some near vertical hillsides, hopped back and forth across the stream, bushwacked, ridge climbed, and rock scrambled we ascended approximately 6,000 feet and the round-trip hike was about 16 miles.

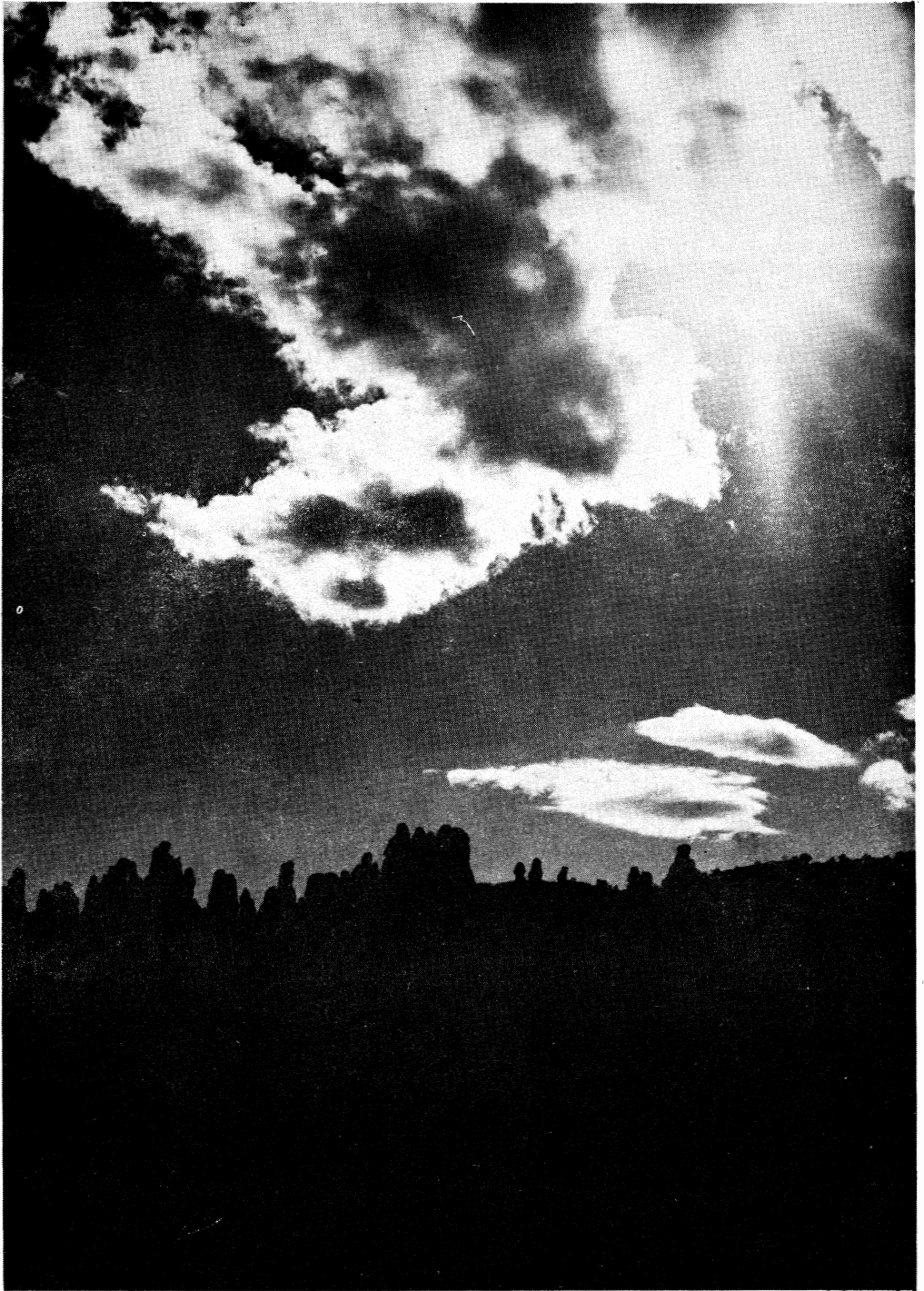
The hikers finally returned to home base at 7 p.m. just as the darkness of evening was setting in. In conclusion, the famished and slightly weaker hikers made their way to Lee's Cafe in Bountiful where they dined and helped compose this write up. Nothing like a good hike, in good company, concluded with a good meal!

PARTICIPANTS: Carl Bauer; Stewart Roberts; Clark Layton; Virginia Hilliard; and Marilyn Bateman.

cataract canyon

by Susan Chaplin

The Doll House - photo by Bob Everson



"Fun, fun, fun," said Bob Everson, swaying amid ranks of almost empty seats as the WMC bus negotiated central Salt Lake's most challenging maze of avenues. We were heading toward Price, Utah for the last supper before the last trip of the year.

Price proved not only a place for an all American meal of greasy top quality, but a chance for Arie Hindbo to witness one of the town's motel guests indulging in her evening bath. Of course this was not intentional; Arie merely thought the motel was the restaurant and wanted to see if the rest of the club was there.

After these worthwhile events, the bus bored on into the gloom of a moonlit, though partly cloudy night, toward Potash. Here amid a terrestrial air drop of sleeping bags, life preservers, and ammo boxes, the rafts were inflated in preparation for tomorrow's 70 mile motor trip to the first of Cataract Canyon's formidable rapids.

Thursday was a day of rest when club members could regain lost hours of sleep. That evening a cold front made its lusty debut at 4 a.m. miraculously transforming tents alternately into balloon and vacuum cleaners.

Friday was grey and cold, and still lashed together, the boats ran the first rapid sliding in with great finesse to the enticingly named "Skinny Beach". Here, after a lunch of pudding and crackers guaranteed to infect even the iron-stomached with either botulism, ulcers or both, Lloyd lead a hike up to the Doll House. Less energetic people covered themselves with sand in an attempt to thaw out after the previous evenings intimacy with the elements.

Saturday, colder than ever, provided biologist Tom Juleson with the unique opportunity to study the river

bottom as he disappeared for 30 seconds in the water. Everything had gone well up to this point, but it seemed that the last rapid of the day; Bit Drop was hungry for victims and following Tom's plunge, with an attitude of healthy competition, Borrie tried to outdo him by breaking her glasses. Pat showed the Frenchman's true colors by managing to keep his hands on his wife in a time of crisis. This was very effective as Isabelle only remained out of the raft for a grand total of 4 seconds.

Saturday made its demise on an isolated strip of beach after about half an hour's floating time from "Big Drop". This was after the swimmers had had time to dry out by a roaring fire farther up. After dinner, the evening's monotony was disrupted by fun-loving Bob who treated those who insisted on 'early-to-bed, early-to-rise' by a 10 o'clock serenade of Christmas carols. This was accompanied by the visual delight of sparklers and the treble talents of Ruth, Ruta, Bob, Joan and Dick.

Sunday morning's emulation of the North Pole was so successful that people mistook the sound of a passing jet for the pre-season warm up of the Alta Lodge chair lift! Sunday's final rapids, however, were by far the most beautiful of the trip being faintly reminiscent of home conceniences. They looked like soap bubbles in the icy dawn. After the last rapid, Lake Powell lay ahead, excluding its carpet of silvery gas to remind people that it was slowly filling up with decaying mud. Here, after the machinations of boat rearrangement, it was discovered that there was not enough gas to complete the trip out. This was soon remedied by a passing power boat. Our special

thanks to Corydon and Cecile Pieper, and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Leggett for saving us from a long paddle out.

The rest of the journey passed uneventfully...that is until the bus broke down about 100 miles from home! This, like the gas, seemed to be a minor problem. It was soon repaired by a group of fun-loving mechanics. Back at the Ice Plant people succumbed to a few moments of fatigue and drifting thoughts Monday morning's marathon in their various places of employment. George was happy despite all, though, saying "Things couldn't be better, I mean after all, I'm already dressed for work".

Arie thought it was a fitting ending to a good season of boating. "Nocht en wille ken alles tille" she said. In the language she used - long distance skating under frozen windmills in her home country, this means; if you really have FUN at something - then everything else is bearable.

RIVER RATS: Dick (leader) and Joan Snyder; Bob Everson; Mike Gallager; Ruth Henson; Lloyd McMahan; J. Dewell; Alice Tassinter; George Rathbun; Arie Hindbo; Tom and Carol Juelson; Bonnie Barr; Jack Campbell; Pat and Isabella Baudelaire; Susan Chaplin; Dan Sternberg; and Ruta Dreijmanis.

air dialogues

NEWS FROM THE UTAH ENVIRONMENT CENTER by Malin Foster

The Utah Environment Center is progressing rapidly with plans for Air Dialogues, a workshop on air quality in Utah co-sponsored by UEC and the

Environmental Protection Agency.

The workshop will be held November 19th in the Salt Palace. Its main purpose is to educate citizens on proposed implementation plans required by the 1970 Clean Air Act Amendments and to encourage knowledgeable participation in public hearings on the plans to be held November 29th.

Noreen Ogden, UEC Resource Coordinator, says the agenda for the event is firming up and that the discussion on Utah's air quality standards should be of considerable importance to laymen and technicians alike. Although this is not an official Wasatch Mountain Club function we are urging all environmentally concerned persons and organizations throughout the state to plan to attend.

Some topics to be discussed include the 1970 Clean Air Amendments, Elements of an Implementation Plan, the State Plan, and a panel which will evaluate and contrast the two. The Citizen's Role in such plans and activities will be an important part of the workshop. Question and answer periods will follow each of the discussions.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and proceed through the day. A condensed version of the program will be held in the evening for those who find it impossible to attend the day sessions.

Among speakers now committed for the program are Dr. Noel deNevers, currently serving with EPA at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and a speaker from the EPA Regional Office in Denver, Colorado. Lynn Thatcher, Director of the State's Bureau of Environmental Health, and his staff will present Utah's Plan. These presentations will be evaluated by a panel of

five, representing multi-disciplines, and coordinated by Gifford Price, Salt Lake Attorney. Professor Owen Olpin of the University of Utah's Law School will discuss the citizen's role. Program Moderators will include Wes Bowman of Radio Station KSL and Sandy Gilmour of KCPX-TV. It is to be emphasized that the workshop is one of the most important environmental events ever to be held in Utah and that those who wish to become properly informed participants in the November 22 hearing should definitely plan to attend.

If any feel they can be of assistance in program planning or desire further information about the workshop, they should contact Noreen Ogden at the UEC, 1247 Wilmington Avenue, Salt Lake City, 467-0433.

conservation on the home front

by Dennis Caldwell

For the benefit of those who are wondering about the current environmental status of the Wasatch and what, if anything, you can do about it this brief status report has been prepared. The divergent requirements of federal, state, and local governments, along with private land ownership present a complex situation. For this reason no single course of action can be expected to apply to every situation.

The cast of characters in this drama resembles a Shakespearean historical play, comprising the categories of officials, merchants, recreationists, and ----- conservationists, all of which, like most Shakesperian characters, have their good and bad sides:

- I. Officials
 - A. Forest Service
 - 1. Intermountain Regional Headquarters
 - a. Wasatch National Forest
 - b. Uinta National Forest
 - B. State Government
 - 1. Governor's Office
 - 2. Utah State Parks and Recreation
 - C. Local Government
 - 1. Salt Lake County Planning Commission
 - 2. Utah County Planning Commission
 - 3. Salt Lake City Water Department
 - D. National and State Legislators
- II. Merchants
 - A. Recreational
 - 1. Subdivisions and condominiums
 - 2. Ski areas
 - 3. Restaurants and lodges
 - B. Nonrecreational
 - 1. Mining
 - 2. Grazing
- III. Recreationists
 - A. Private Home Owners
 - B. Mechanized
 - 1. Automobiles
 - 2. Off-road vehicles
 - 3. Snowmobiles
 - 4. Helicopters
 - C. Unmechanized
 - 1. Hiking
 - 2. Climbing
 - 3. Ski-touring
 - D. Downhill skiing

- IV. Conservationists
- A. Warriors
 - 1. Phalanx
 - 2. Guerrilla
 - B. Diplomats
 - C. Environmental scarecrows

We have chosen to concentrate our efforts on what may be called the alpine Wasatch, extending from Mill Creek Canyon to Provo Canyon, which includes most of the important recreational land in the Salt Lake area.

In this résumé it will not be possible to give a complete synopsis of all the local environmental issues; the most pressing ones at the present seem to be:

- 1. Land development
 - a. subdivisions
 - b. ski areas
- 2. Mechanized recreation
 - a. motorcycles and snowmobiles
 - b. helicopters

There have been several proposals for extensive subdivisions, specifically in Albion Basin. The Salt Lake County Planning Commission has temporarily halted these developments by imposing an interim 50 acre zoning restriction until they can formulate a detailed zoning plan for all the canyons. Last month a hearing was held to determine whether the temporary zoning should be extended for another 6 months. Various local agencies and organizations including the WMC presented testimony favoring the measure. The core of the opposition consisted of developers with vested interests.

The most important phase of the Commission's work will be undertaken in the coming months, as they deliberate over permanent zoning statutes.

There will no doubt be a generous assortment of petitioners seeking permissive exceptions. It has been rumored that the Snowbird Corporation is in favor of stringent zoning laws; however, the only communication from this quarter was a letter read at the conclusion of the hearing requesting confirmation of the county's assurances that they would themselves be exempt from any such restrictions.

The Gad Valley-Peruvian Gulch scene is one of burgeoning activity---a bit behind schedule according to reports. The future plans of this enterprise has provided considerable anxiety, and should be the focal point for public criticism of their operations. It is difficult to say what the final boundaries of Snowbird will be; at one time or another they have set their sights on most of the developable territory in American Fork Canyon as far West as Silver Lake Flat, as well as White Pine and a tramway to American Fork Twins if not Red Baldy. The Forest Service is currently trying to discourage the latter two projects, which to date have been the only plans resembling an official proposal.

The corporation is buying up considerable amounts of land in American Fork Canyon. At this writing the Uinta Forest seems to be winning a legal battle for a key tract of land East of Mary Ellen Gulch. This looks like an opportunity for us to encourage the Forest Service to forestall extensive development in American Fork Canyon and White Pine.

Last summer the Forest Service announced its resolve to exclude motor vehicles from most of the undeveloped areas

in the alpine Wasatch, except for existing dirt roads and a part of the Desolation trail system between Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Canyons. They are to be commended on this program; unfortunately no federal or local government agency currently can spare the necessary personnel to effectively enforce the measure.

The state's recently enacted recreation vehicle bill while a step in the right direction, fell considerably short of providing the public with adequate protection from the abuses of this pastime. Due to the different conditions under which they operate snowmobiles have not been subject to the same criticism as motorcycles, although their effect on bystanders is precisely the same. Perhaps the rumored plans of Grand Teton Park to eliminate oversnow vehicles if ski-touring continues to increase at its present rate is a good omen for eventual relief on this front.

With the above considerations in mind, we would propose the following guidelines for the Wasatch Mountain Club:

SUPPORT

1. Environmentally enlightened zoning regulations in the canyons which will discourage high density subdivisions and intrusive apartment buildings by expressing our views to the Salt Lake County Planning Commission.
2. Increased protection of National Forest land under the Wilderness Act. In particular, express our desire for a Lone Peak Wilderness Area to the Forest Service and to our national legislators.
3. Measures to protect the city's 185 square miles of water-

shed from deterioration due to overuse of the canyons by urging the Water Department to exercise its extraterritorial rights in a more vigorous manner.

4. The acquisition of funds for federal and state purchase of private property by contacting federal and state legislators.

OPPOSE

1. Further appropriation of federal land by private developers by expressing our views to the Forest Service, senators and congressmen.
2. Unwarranted public works projects that would impair the scenic and recreational value of the Wasatch, such as the widening of the Little Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyon roads by working with the Governor's office.
3. The incorporation of special interest groups into districts exempt from county zoning laws by expressing our views to the Salt Lake and Utah County Commissions.

Opinions the most effective methods for implementing these measures will run the full range of the list of conservationists. It will be worth while to cultivate a modicum of tolerance and flexibility; extended disputes and personal conflicts among ourselves can only benefit the opponents of our cause.

A group such as ours with limited personnel and financial resources would be well advised to avoid a martial posture; while such forceful methods have been decisive in waging conservation at a national level, they have achieved success only when backed by large organizations with sizeable bank accounts. Our greatest asset will be our ability to dis-

seminate information and advice both to administrators and to the public through the media of:

1. Letters
2. Newspaper articles and brochures
3. Public Appearances
4. Hearings
5. Personal contact with administrators and legislators.

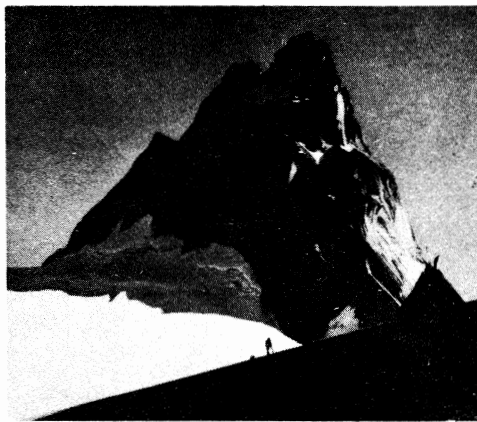
Sporadic testimony at occasional hearings is not nearly so effective unless it is followed by continued personal contact with those we are trying to influence. For this reason it is proposed that a diplomatic corps be formed for the purpose of maintaining liaison with administrators and legislators. Depending on the number of people available regular emissaries could be sent to:

1. Wasatch & Uinta Forests
2. Salt Lake & Utah County Commissions
3. The Four National Senators & Congressmen
4. The Governor's office on environmental affairs

The formation of a speakers bureau to disseminate the environmental viewpoint throughout the community is proposed. Initial attempts in this area have proved encouraging. With a well balanced program of slides there is a potentially great market for an entertaining presentation of the Wasatch story. These are but some of the ideas a few of us have been discussing; needless to say, without your active participation they can remain little more than ideas. Ask not what the Wasatch can do for you, but rather what you can do for the Wasatch.

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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 \$4.00 entrance fee and \$3.00 dues (spouse \$1.50). I have attended 2 outings (hikes, ski tours, cave trips, camping trips, rock-hound trips, work parties) and am genuinely interested in the out-of-doors. (Please note that social events (lodge parties, ski socials, etc.) are not included in the definition of outings.) I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club as specified in the Constitution and By-laws and as determined by the Board of Directors.

Name (print) _____

Outings attended: Date

1. _____

Signature _____

2. _____

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(Please note: you must have above signatures before your application can be presented to the Board of Directors.)

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