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TWO TRIPS TO HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND

Mt. St. Helena

A car pool at West Gate close to 7:00 AM Sunday for those who would care to slounee (you don't slink, you don't bounce, rather, an unsteady tripping) around on the lower slopes of Mt. St. Helena. This will be no mileage marathon, but a combined exploration and historical guided tour through the biggest dogwood and shortest poison oak you ever saw!

The first stretch will be at the Old Balo Mill historical marker on the approach to Calistoga. (The grindstones are in place now and fifth year engineering students may gain a notion of how the place was run.)

The car caravan halts at the summit of the Calistoga Middletown road, just opposite the Silverado Squatter's Hotel. A nearby quicksilver mine will be devined for. We then circle east and a grand right and left. Over a ridge, lunch or moss-covered stream boulders (a boost for the dental trade), down the creak, and a ripe orange for the first happy hiker who finds the road leading back to the cars.

P.S. Not much chance to get lost, the peak is readily visible and has been there for years.

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IT'S ELECTIONS!

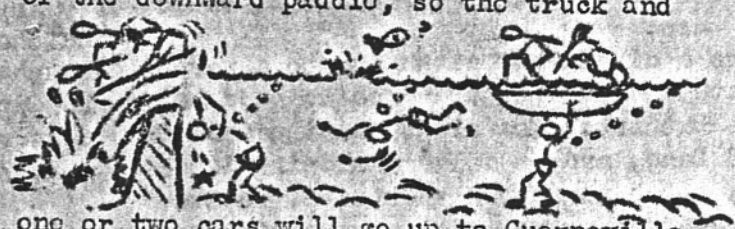
On May 5 the Nominating Committee finally emerged from its smoke-filled conference room and revealed the results of its lengthy deliberations. 15 candidates for the Supreme Exalted Ruling Council (also known as Ex-Committee) were posted on the bulletin board, and write-in nominations were added by the membership at large.

The election procedure of the UCHC is really quite simple to any qualified corporation lawyer. In April and November of each year the Ex-Committee for that semester appoints 5 people to get the ball rolling. These people nominate 12 or more candidates, (Con't. Pg. 4, Col. 1)

RUSSIAN RIVER CANOE TRIP

As most of you already know, there is going to be a canoe trip this weekend. You also know it's going to be on the Russian River. But did you know that it is not necessary to know how to canoe, as the trip will be all downstream? Now just how is this possible? Really it's very simple once you know how. Just load the canoes into a certain yellow truck and drive to the start of the trip.

Due to the number of canoes it will be necessary to make two trips to the start of the downward paddle, so the truck and



one or two cars will go up to Guernoville on Friday night with the rest of the cars following on Saturday morning. (Leave Berkeley before 7:00 AM). We will all meet in Guernoville, leave as many cars there as possible, double up and then drive to the starting point. As the first load of canoes will have already been brought up by the time you arrive, the second load will load you.

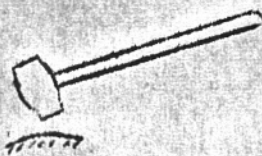
Canoe rental will be \$.50 higher this trip, or \$3.00 per person. The only bit of advice I can give you is wear a bathing suit, and wrap your goods in something fairly waterproof as water is apt to be splashed about.

Last week-end the river was perfect and this time should be equally so. There are still some wild-flowers and the trees are all fresh and green. So, be sure to come on the best trip so far; at least it was last semester's best, and this should prove even better.

RGM

SORRY —

Due to our limited budget, several stories were omitted this time but will appear June 5th.



WHAT'S UP?

BIG WHIGS DOIN'S

Meeting was properly called to order on May 12, 1952, at 5:05 with only one member missing.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed the club has \$53.43.

Under old business a club cup was discussed but it was decided too expensive now so will be shelved until more information is obtained. A motion was also passed to discontinue The Living Wilderness.

With new business a lively discussion was held upon the merits and demerits of having a mountain committee rather than a section. This is to be decided at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Signed, Sec'y.

Fran Petschek

Higher — Cathedral Spires

When I woke up Monday morning my fingertips felt raw, an unusual sensation even for a rock-climber. The day before, four of us had climbed the Higher Cathedral Spire, the most classic climb in Yosemite Valley. Larry woke us up at four and by about eight we were at the base of the climb after coming up the long slopes from the valley, mostly on snow. Here we put on tennis shoes and roped-up with Larry and Dick on one rope, Jerry and I on the other. An easy pitch led to the first large ledge, called First Base.

Here a direct-aid pitch led to a very delicate and balancy traverse to good holds at the Bathtub. The climb continued on to Second Base, and on a large sloping ledge above, which we dubbed shortstop, we ate lunch tied to a tree with a mass of ropes which lay about our feet in an organized tangle. A ways above herewe came to a narrow ledge with fine view of the valley, and of the talus vertically below some 500 feet. An airy traverse ending in a sort of tunnel led to a ledge below the summit block. Here Larry and Dick started up a crack, but Jerry and I traversed further and found a more hospitable crack to ascend. A few minutes later we were on top leering down at our companions who were having trouble getting up their crack. A rope thrown down to them speeded things up and soon we were all on top and madly coiling our climbing ropes for it was getting late and were anxious to get down. According to the register we were the first party to come up since a Stanford Alpine Club group last fall. The last few hours had seen the sky around us filling with clouds and now we were on an island of rock in a gray sea—unable to see the talus, Cathedral Hook or even the nearby summit of the Lower Spire.

Five fast rappels brought us to the surface of the earth again, and a run-slide down the snow to the road.

-DQG

SANTA CRUZ BEACH PARTY

Yes, it's next weekend; the biggest and best Santa Cruz party ever. A full day and spent on sparkling beaches and an evening of fun, food, and... the Leans mansion. Yes, as a person who has been there before what a good time it can be. Just the thing to relax you for the long grind of finals. Arrive Saturday morning and spend all afternoon picnicking on the beach, also swimming for the hardy. After the beach, return to the house and get ready for a stupendous dinner and evening filled with singing and dancing. Sleep eventually under the stars to rise to another day filled with fun on the beach and Boardwalk.

Yes, that's the setup and it would be too bad if you missed it, now wouldn't it?

Well, there is no reason you should. All you have to do is take pen or pencil and scribble your name on the sign-up sheet. There is a supply of maps to show you the way, available in the club office, so there is no excuse in not coming.



We will meet at the Leans' house Saturday morning and then adjourn to the beach for a picnic lunch and swimming. After we have had enough of the beach, we will return to the house and wash it off. Dinner will be prepared by anybody that happens to wander into the kitchen at the right time. There will be no charge for the main course, but we will be expected to buy French bread, salad, dessert. I will get the wine from Almaden, so don't bother with drinks for dinner.

We will be sleeping out so bring your sleeping bag. Also, it would simplify breakfast if you could bring stoves, and mess-gear. Food, too. After breakfast we will go down to the Boardwalk, then swimming and another picnic. Having had our fill of the beach, we will return to the house and wash it out, and then bid the town adieu, returning to the grind of finals ready for anything.

So, C U in S.C. on Saturday, May 24th.

-R.G.J.

SUMMER'S COMIN' WON'T BE LONG NOW!

Just a reminder to all you lovely people that now is the time to sign up for the high trip. This year's trip is guaranteed to be one of the best experiences of your life--just ask anyone who has gone in the past.

Full details will be in the next Boag Track, but the trip is definitely in Evolution-Palisado-Blackcap Basins area.

We need signups now so plans can get rolling early. There will be a meeting (Cont'd. p.3, col. 2)