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SHADOWS OF THINGS TO COME

August 8-9. Rock Spring Shelter. Leader: Johnnie Reed. Climbing and hiking in the Blue Ridge according to weather and inclination. There will be a central commissary. Please let Johnnie or Peg Keister know well in advance if you would like to go. See Johnnie out climbing Sunday or call Peg (OL 2078).

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Yup, we're back in circulation again in spite of heat and the absence of many of our members. We have received cards from Jim Bullard, who is having a fine time biking and climbing in Switzerland and Italy. We're looking forward to the inside story when he gets back. Jane Showacre and the Karchers have returned from their Canadian Rookies jaunt, having left the Kauffmans up there somewhere, with news which will make exciting reading sometime soon. Sterling Hendricks, Arnold Wexler and Don Hubbard are now in the Monashees in British Columbia. Frank Sauber is off to the incomparable Tetons. Jerry Jankowitz, Sioux Hughes and George Kamm are at the Canadian Alpine Club camp at Assiniboine, where they will reunion with Art Lembeck. Hope all these lucky people will give a thought to those of us who are sweating it out in Washington and finding what solace we can at Carderock and the Dickerson quarry.

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UP ROPE HEARS ABOUT HEARDS

Os and Frances Heard, plus 2 3/4 lesser Heards, spent a few days with the China Lake Section of PATC after a hurry-up drive across country in their new Plymouth Suburban. Frances and small fry camped with Win and Steve in their air-conditioned quarters while Os and Art went up to the air-conditioned Sierra to exercise those post-Matterhorn muscles. Ray VanAken, Sierra Club climber, and Wes Cowan of China Lake were also in the party which spent Saturday night at about 9500 ft. near Kearsage Pass.

Next day the alarm watch went off at 0430 and the climbers at 0505. Practically the entire climb was made on snow up two long couloirs to the summit rock mass. Crampons and rope were just extra weight because the moderately hard snow was deeply pitted by the sun into what amounted to irregular steps. The upper 200 ft. was on excellent granite and just a scramble. Two book-type registers of cast metal, one California Alpine Club (unused) and the other Sierra Club, are bolted to the highest point (13588). The fine views of the surroundings from White Mountain and the Minaret country to the Palisades and Whitney regions were duly recorded by Os and we hope will be viewed by the Washington gang when the Heards return to base. They departed China Lake 24 June headed for more northerly Pacific area mountain regions before the long trek home.

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