

time for instruction. Lectures given in the clubrooms, augmented by slides and movies to explain the various techniques, are followed by a trip to practice the given subject whenever possible. On field trips, an effort is made to have one instructor for each three students so that each person can obtain individual help and attention. No destination climb is attempted on field trips, but a climb of some mountain often is held the preceding day for those who wish to make it.

Experienced climbers in the club give the course lectures, and a veteran climber is named as leader of each field trip. The latter divides the class into climbing teams of three, appoints instructors for each team, assembles necessary equipment, and handles other details.

"We have had very good luck with this type of instruction," reports Ed Kennedy, chairman of the mountaineering committee. "Every course develops some good climbers and about one out of four who finish the elementary course graduates from the intermediate course. Most of those who do not finish the course have had little previous experience in mountains and do not like climbing as well as they had thought they would."

George MacGowan, club president and one of the pioneers in this course of study development, said that the course helps bring new members into the club and makes safer, more enthusiastic climbers of those brought in.

The club has obtained a copyright on its "Climber's Notebook," but other clubs in the Federation are welcome to use it, Mr. Kennedy explained. The Wasatch Mountain Club recently purchased 20 copies and expects to conduct a course along these lines during the "in-between" season in early spring.

Ray McGuire.

Resolutions Enacted At the Convention

1. Maintenance of Public Campgrounds.

Whereas, the maintenance of sanitation and fire protection in some public campgrounds has had to be neglected and some camps are threatened with closure in the immediate future because of the inability to continue the maintenance work formerly provided by the Civilian Conservation Corps; and

Whereas, there currently is an increase in the use of such campgrounds due, among other things, to concentrations of population for defense purposes; and

Whereas, in view of the considerable investment to establish such campgrounds, it is sound economy to maintain them; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs go on record as urging the Congress of the United States to make adequate provision for continued maintenance of sanitation, fire protection, and other measures of public safety in the existing public campgrounds in the National Forests and National Parks.

2. Against Opening National Parks and Monuments to Mining, Grazing and Hunting.

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is definitely opposed today, as in the past, to relaxing established standards by opening the National Monuments and National Parks to mining, grazing or hunting, and be it further

Resolved that the Federation oppose the passage of S. 260 (Hayden) and H. R. 2675 (Murdock), relative to mining in the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

3. Opposing Senate Bill 1030.

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs go on record as

opposing the passage of S. 1030 (Johnson) relative to national forest grazing lands; and be it further

Resolved, that the Federation urge that the management and administration of such lands be retained in the hands of the government and not be delegated to any group of private individuals.

4. Appropriations To Safeguard Forest Ski Areas.

Whereas, the public health and safety are endangered by the lack of sanitation and other facilities essentially required for skiers on the Donner recreational area and other congested public ski areas situated on national forest lands in California; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urge the Forest Service to construct in such areas sanitation facilities adequate for the protection of public health; be it further

Resolved, that the Federation urge its representatives and others in the Congress of the United States to make adequate appropriations to the Forest Service for such facilities; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Budget, and the Chief of the Forest Service.

5. Commending National Park and Forest Officers.

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs commend the officials of the National Forest and National Park Services for their genial cooperation with the Federation and member clubs and for their attendance and participation in the affairs of the 1941 Convention.

6. Appreciation to Trails Club of Oregon.

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express its appreciation to the Trails Club of Oregon for the use of its facilities and for

the excellent program it has conducted for the 1941 Convention, and for the careful provision made for the comfort and enjoyment of the delegates and guests.

7. Work of Past Officers and Committees.

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year for the services they have so enthusiastically and generously performed.

Comment on Convention From Member Clubs

From the California Alpine Club "Trails" for October, 1941:

"... My impression of the trip and convention—a fine plane ride, lots of rain, beautiful scenery, delightful hospitality from the Trails Club, too many bugles at reveille—but fine food and good fellowship. Emma Reiman, delegate.

From the "Chemeketan," Salem Oregon for September, 1941:

"... A registration of more than 130 did not tax the capacity of the host Trails Club of Oregon, for housing everyone in comfort, feeding them wisely and well, and providing hilarious entertainment for the hours of relaxation. . . . Rain was general and made picture-taking impossible . . . Delegates kept their noses to the grindstone . . . A view of this convention at work and at play typifies it as an all-American gathering of those who take their strength from the hills.

From California "Out-of-Doors" for September, 1941 (Written by M. Smedberg, delegate, Contra Costa Hills Club):

"... Although unusual weather prevailed the entire three days of the convention, it was nevertheless one of the finest gatherings enjoyed so far by the Federation. The Trails Club beautiful