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MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 22

After the prolific packs produced by the panel at the last MCA meeting, the program committee has come up with a "do-it-yourself" canapè party for the next Mountaineering Club meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd. Each member of the Club is asked to bring his favorite camping dish - a sample serving not potluck size portion. A tasting party will be the order for the evening. Perhaps, there will be a prize for the most delicious though least appetizing looking selection. The Armour Co's representative will be on hand to demonstrate their new camping products.

Also, for the new members of the Club, Gene Horning will summarize briefly the ingredients of a pack for a one-day hike and for an overnight trip, and Bill Davis will elaborate on the requirements in equipment for Rock Climbing School.

A final reminder that at the last meeting it was voted that the meetings would begin at 7:30 p.m. All those voting "aye" on this motion are expected to be present and in their seats by 7:29 p.m. on the 22nd. The rest of us will get there when we can!

CLIMBING SCHEDULE:

- Thursday, May 24th: The First Climbing School session will meet at the Rocks (approximately 22 miles south of Anchorage on the right hand side of the Seward Highway) at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 26th: A one-day, easy hike (but a long drive) into Ptarmigan Lake. For information contact Marge Prescott. Tel. Phone numbers above.
- Wednesday, May 30th: MEMORIAL DAY. Mary's Mountain Trail Brushing Trip. The group will meet at 7 a.m. on the parking lot at the Safeway store, corner of 9th and Gambell.

CAP: There are numerous advantages to members of the MCA who want to take part in rescues in belonging to CAP. These have been discussed amply before but will be briefly brought up at the next MCA meeting where applications for membership in CAP will be available. A fee of \$12 a year is charged. Since it will be necessary to send 2 photographs and also fingerprints with each application, ways of taking those will be provided during the Coffee Break on May 22nd. MCA and ARG members who join will not be called out for all missions but will have uncomplicated transportation when their special services are needed.

MAPS: with thanks to Johnny Johnston
New USGS maps of Talkeetna A-5, 1:63,360 - 1958 survey and Tanana, 1:250,000 - 1956 survey have been published. The quads of Anchorage covering Eklutna and the area behind O'Malley Rd. 1:63,360 are available at the local USGS office.

- CONGRATULATIONS - to Jackie and Gene Horning on the birth of a daughter.
- A QUICK RECOVERY - to Trygve Erickson who was injured last weekend while doing the TWIST!

MCKINLEY:
From the Anchorage Daily Times in the merry month of May are headlines reading:
"Helicopter Takes Victim from Peak"
"Mercy Crew Climbs McKinley"
What year would you put on the date on this paper?
It goes on to say under a picture of the mountain: "DRAMA ON MT. MCKINLEY: Arrow and numbered dots tell story of rescue on Alaskan peak. Arrow (1) shows where four-man climbing party fell 1,000 feet to approximate point (2)."
Still think it's 1960?

The article continues: "Four men inched their way up Mt. McKinley today in a desperate attempt to save a mountain climber who was left gravely injured in a lonely cold tent last Sunday. The man in the tent is one of three survivors of a 1,000 ft. fall which killed the fourth member of their party May 15." Two of the survivors told of: "conquering the Southern Buttress for the first time and the start back which was so tragically interrupted. It was just a silly little accident. One of Sawyer's feet slipped - probably because his cleated on spikes and their grips. He tumbled away and disappeared and a lot of the men with him..."