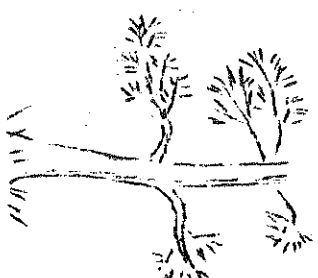


LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS



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DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA ASSN., E. 10820 Maxwell, Spokane, Wa. 99206

LAND FUNDLAHS, AFTER A GOOD START

This issue of the bulletin was purposely delayed so we could bring you the latest on the current land acquisition project. Toward the raising of \$28,000 our treasury now has a little over \$6300. Sam Angove, County Parks Department superintendent, has promises of donations of \$14,000. This leaves about \$7200 to raise. Progress was fast at first but donations have slowed to a trickle. People seem to forget to support money-raising drives during the summer. Does this have to be so? And let's not forget that the forces which destroy natural areas and open space are most active in summer. Every dollar we raise now will be worth four dollars when state and federal matching funds are approved. Please send in a donation NOW.

The land acquisition situation in the Hills is at present a fluid one. Negotiations to date have not produced an agreement for buying the original tract to the south of The Nature Conservancy's eighty acre nature preserve. We are working with Spokane County Parks Department on alternative lands, which have also been in our overall plan since we started seven years ago to save the Hills. One owner has already indicated willingness to sell at the offered price. According to Sam Angove, the application for matching funds will be presented at the autumn meeting of the Interagency Committee. This gives us just a bit more time. The more money we can raise, the more of our hills we can save. Please do not delay. Send your gift now to:

David Lenters, Treasurer, D. H. N. A. A.
North 816 Bates Road
Spokane, Wa. 99206

Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association. Remember: Your gift is Federal Income Tax deductible. It also makes you a member of the Association. We welcome your presence at meetings, the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman.

The Nature Conservancy's representative from its national office, Pat Noonan, met with us and Sam Angove in June and indicated that that organization stands ready to help us again in the Dishman Hills. We need more support of The Nature Conservancy. Why not fill in the application below and join NOW?

I wish to help further in the saving of natural areas and open spaces.
Please enroll me as a member of THE NATURE CONSERVANCY as checked below:

Annual member	\$5	Make checks payable
Sustaining member	\$10 or more	to THE NATURE CON-
Contributing member	\$25 or more	SERVANCY and send to
Life member	\$300 or more	us. We will send
Patron	\$1000 or more	them in for you.

Name _____

Address _____

Tax deductible,

The Hills are especially beautiful now because of the abundant (!) moisture we have had. Vegetation is very green and flowers are more plentiful than in previous years. Flowering time has been delayed and extended by the cool, wet weather. All ponds still have a foot or two of water in them, most unusual for July, and up to a few days ago some of the intermittent streams were still flowing. On the other hand, the heavy rains emphasized the need to relocate some trails, which have suffered erosion. But put on your walking shoes and see your hills. If you come in by Kiwanis Camp Caro, Bernice Oglesbee, caretaker--and charter member of D. H. N. A. A.--will show you the improvements the County has made to the lodge, the steps the Boy Scouts have made, and maybe even the loads of dry firewood donated by Dellen Wood Products and brought by Dave Lentes and Gary Brewster. (Gary, also a charter member of the Association, is back after two years in the Navy.)

Speaking of plants, several additions have been made to the list for the Hills. A clump of Squaw Currant (Ribes cereum) makes this family represented there now. A few Highbush Cranberry (Viburnum opulus) shrubs have been found, one in full flower in June. This is an introduced but most attractive species. So far 286 species of flowering plants, conifers and ferns and fern-related plants have been cataloged for the Hills. Ray Boynton of the Spokane Mushroom Club recently reported at least sixty species of mushrooms and other fungi in the Hills and expects to have the list ready for us before long. If you are interested in his list or in other information on the plants and animals of the area, please let us know. Also, we still have an excellent color slide program on the Hills, for showing to groups at no charge. Call WA 6-7949 to make arrangements.

To arrange for using Kiwanis Camp Caro for supervised young people's groups, call Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department, 456-4730. To call Camp Caro directly, dial WA 4-6545.

Have a good summer!

Tom Rogers

Tom Rogers, vice-president, D. H. N. A. A.
(Vice-presidents ought to have something to do!)