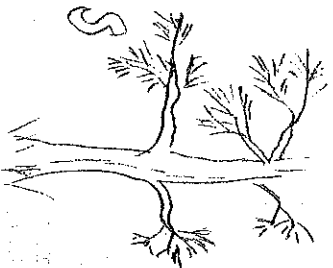


LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS



September 1971

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

Thanks to many generous contributions from Dishman Hills boosters, our association has been able to pledge \$7000 for further land acquisition this fall. This, with \$7500 in donations that A.D. (Sam) Angove, superintendent of Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department, has obtained, the county will use in applying for further state and federal matching funds to buy additional wild land in the Dishman Hills. Sam is aiming at adding about 100 acres adjacent to the 204 acres already owned by Spokane County and by The Nature Conservancy. However, the acres actually added depends upon how much is in the fund--just now it is \$11,500--for the county's one-fourth of the land cost. State and federal funds would make up the other three-fourths. Appraising costs must also be met. Sam estimates that \$9000 additional should take care of acquiring 100 acres.

SHADOWS

Lacking this, a large portion of this desirable wild land will have to be left ~~out~~ of the application. We have until November 15 to raise as much of this as we can. Please send whatever you can as soon as possible. Every dollar will bring three more to the project. You may use the form below. Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association. Don't forget that donations are fully Federal Income ~~tax~~ deductible.

David Lentes, treasurer

Dishman Hills Natural Area Association

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I am donating \$_____ . Please enroll me as a project member.
I wish to become an active member. I enclose \$_____ for dues. (Annual: \$5;
Sustaining: \$10; Contributing: \$25; Life: \$300; Patron: \$1000 or more.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

which made possible the saving of the first land, the 80-acre Nature Preserve, stands ready to loan us money if need be, to help Spokane County buy more land in the Hills. We need more members for this important organization. Its dues schedule is the same as ours--see above. But please make your check payable to The Nature Conservancy. Send it to us and we will send it on for you. Dues and donations to it are of course also fully Federal Income Tax deductible.

AUTUMN LEAVES HIKE INTO HILLS ON OCTOBER 17

The annual Autumn Leaves hike into the Dishman Hills will start at Kivanis Camp Caro at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 17. Go south on Sargent Road, just west of Dishman Theater, past the playground to the end of the road. You will be able to see improvements Spokane (please turn the page)

COMMITTEE MAKES NATURE PRESERVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

George Hudson, chairman of Inland Empire Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, met with its Dishman Hills Committee in mid-August to discuss protection of its 80-acre Nature Preserve. The committee consists (please turn the page)

AUTUMN LEAVES HIKE

country has made in Camp Caro. We will visit land already acquired and that which we hope will be bought this November.

Besides colorful autumn leaves, we ought to be able to see wild asters, blue gentians and yampah, the plant once used as food by the Indians. The ponds still have water in them because of the above-normal rainfall this spring and fall. Most birds have migrated out but chickadees, nuthatches juncos and crossbills should be seen. White-crowned sparrows may be moving through from Alaska and the golden-crowned kinglets are already here from the mountains. We might even see the uncommon Townsend's Solitaire.

COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

mostly of members of Dishman Hills Association. The following summarizes the main recommendations, presented to the chapter by Dan Knierim at its meeting in Pullman, October 2:

Trails: The Southwest Trail should be improved and relocated slightly to prevent erosion and keep people from walking in the water channel. The Loop Trail should be detoured around a low spot which collects (continued in next column)

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water. Signs should be placed to explain what is being done and also why the area must be closed to vehicles and horses. Building of additional trails in the Nature Preserve was not recommended at least for the present.

Protection against vehicles and horses: The committee recommended stopping vehicles (motorcycles are the main problem) at the entrances to the Hills and noted that signs placed by Spokane County have been fairly effective. However, signs at other entrances were recommended. Diverting of horse traffic will be possible when the Scenic Overlook Trail around the east end of the Nature Preserve is improved and marked.

(Editor's note: we do not seek to keep horses out of the remainder of the Hills, only out of the 80-acre Nature Preserve, to give it maximum protection.)

Buffer zone: The committee recommended acquiring more land around the nature preserve for a buffer zone to take up much of the use impact. To this end it recommended assisting the efforts of Spokane County to buy more land, specifically to help in the raising of \$9000 more through donations, which, to be effective this fall, will have to be in hand by November 15.

To reserve Camp Caro for young people's groups for overnight camping, either inside or outside the lodge, call Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department, 456-4730.

Mrs. Bernice Oglesbee, caretaker, will be happy to assist your group in having a wonderful campout.

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