



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS

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ENJOY YOUR NATURAL AREA NOW!

LAND FUND NEEDS GIFTS

The fund to save more wild land in the Hills is growing -- but slowly. Donations and proceeds from recycling are adding to the fund. Notable was the boost Mrs. A. W. Dolphin gave, turning over her entire tax rebate check to the Land Fund. We could use a lot more dedication like this. It's up to you and me to save these hills, so please give them the place they deserve in your spending. A gift now is an investment forever in the beautiful country at our doorstep. Later may well be too late. Please use the blank at the bottom of the page, other side.

HOW'S YOUR RECYCLING?

Aluminum, pop and beer bottles are the best money-raisers among recyclables now. Aluminum cans, TV and pie plates, foil, lawn furniture, scraps of siding and roofing, etc. are all 15 cents a pound. Take it to the Kaiser Can-Do Recycling Center, S. 159 Division, or to Reynolds Recycling Center, 2515 E. Trent, or to any Albertson's Supermarket. For bottles, take Lucky Lager and Heideberg to B. & B. Distributors, N. 1004 Ruby. Take Olympia to E. 306 Trent, and Rainier and Rheinlander to Joey August, E. 3038 Trent (back of building). Price is 50¢ per case of 24, sorted as to size and brand. For a variety of metals, Alaska Seal and Pacific Fur and Hide will buy them, including old car batteries. Check with each company for receiving hours. This goes for aluminum and bottles also. In recycled paper, white kinds

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The cool morning and evening hours are the most pleasant ones for strolls in the Hills in summer. Many a bird song will greet you in the early part of the day and in the cool of the evening you may hear the mysterious call of the poor-will and far-off howling of coyotes. You might even be treated to the quavering voice of a little screech owl or the hushy one of a great horned owl.

By midsummer many flowers have faded but one of the more spectacular ones, the mariposa or sego lily, dominates the open, grassy spots with its lavender cup, which may contain a diminutive butterfly.

Among the many birds nesting is the common nighthawk, a graceful, long-winged fellow with a conspicuous white bar across each wing. It doesn't make a nest but just lays two eggs in a little hollow on the ground. The incubating bird is almost impossible to see, so well camouflaged is she, but when you stumble upon her nest, she flops awkwardly away in an attempt to distract you. The tiny chicks remain motionless. Although they do not run about after hatching, their mother can take them to a shady spot under a tree when the weather gets too hot. Before August is over all of them will be on the wing hunting flying insects over the city and valley. In early September they will be flocking for their southward migration, not to return until late May.

PODUNK IS SOLD

In case you don't know Podunk, she is the little gray mare we bought last summer to use on the fire patrol. The buyer plans to ride her on the fire patrol, however, and we are putting the \$150 into the land

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(stationary, ditto, mimeo, etc.) is good at \$20 a ton but accumulates slowly. News-paper is only \$5 a ton but at least it will be reused instead of going into a landfill, and land costs money. The city of Spokane recently had to cut down trees and expand its landfill. (We used to call it a dump.) Anyway, if you are going by Spokane Recycling on Main just west of Freya, drop it off. They take corrugated (keep it separate) or "waste" (assorted kinds of cardboard, etc, that don't fit the other categories) but can't pay you for them. Our association has an account there so you can have them credit the proceeds from your paper to us. Please leave your name so we'll know who is helping. Every bit helps save those hills!

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Our purpose is to save some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy. We invite you to join personally in the effort by coming to our regular monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Camp Caro, South 625 Sargent Road (turn south just west of Dishman Theater).

HAVE SOME H₂O

This thought occurs to me: if even a part of the money spent on canned and bottled drinks, instead of just the recyclable value of the containers, were put into the Dishman Hills Land Fund, it would grow by leaps and bounds! Why not try drinking water more often? It's great, and non-fattening. So are the Hills! A newspaper would label this an editorial but it's really just an opinion, my own. What's yours? --- THR

HILLS INVITE YOU

The Hills are here for you to enjoy. Don't forget that Kiwanis Camp Caro at S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman, is available for young people's groups to camp. Call Spokane County Parks and Recreation Dept., 456-4730 for a reservation. It's an ideal starting point for a hike into the hills. Of course no reservations needed for hiking.

----- A "FIRST" FOR THE STATE

In early July we came up with the sighting of the first-ever Black-throated green warbler for the state. It's a tiny but colorful little bird that normally can be found in the eastern states and northwest into Canada.

The Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain area has been yielding several unusual things. Other unusual birds have been a Band-tailed Pigeon from the Pacific Coast area, and a Palm Warbler, normally from farther east and north. In one of the ponds, not yet safe from development as a sewage lagoon, is a little plant that has been found nowhere else in the state east of the Cascades. Among the Rocks of Sharon on Tower Mountain is a fern not known elsewhere in eastern Washington except in Pend Oreille Co. In the cool forest there are patches of the rather rare mountain moccasin flower, an orchid (*Cypripedium montanum*). For many reasons we believe the area is worth saving!

Our apologies if any requests for information or guided tours into the Hills have been overlooked. We know that one was, until too late and we are sorry. Please try us again. We have a very small "hard core" of active members, nearly all of whom hold down full-time jobs and sometimes we just plain get too busy. Excuses, excuses!

When you are through with this news bulletin, won't you please pass it on to someone else? And would the last person please put it in the box with other white paper for recycling? Did you ever stop to consider that all life on earth would have died out millions of years ago if it had done as poor a job of recycling as people do today? Let's keep the cycle of life going!