

RESCUE GROUP IN FUND DRIVE

Equipment Needed By Safety Council Here

By E. P. Chalcraft

Launching of a campaign to raise funds for purchase of special "mercy" equipment needed by the Mountain Safety and Rescue Council was announced Saturday.

But there's a story behind the story — for the program stems from a committee composed of persons whose lives have been intimately and deeply touched by the rescue work of the Council.

Chairman of the fund-raising group is Alan G. Grant, 3809 Cascadia Ave., whose son Bob was rescued after being seriously burned by lightning on Mount Stuart this year. Also on the committee are Phillip Brickoff, 2004 California Ave., whose son Paul was killed by the lightning storm that injured Grant, and Albert Rodes, 2716-32d Ave. S., whose son Dusty Rodes was with young Brickoff and Bob Grant.

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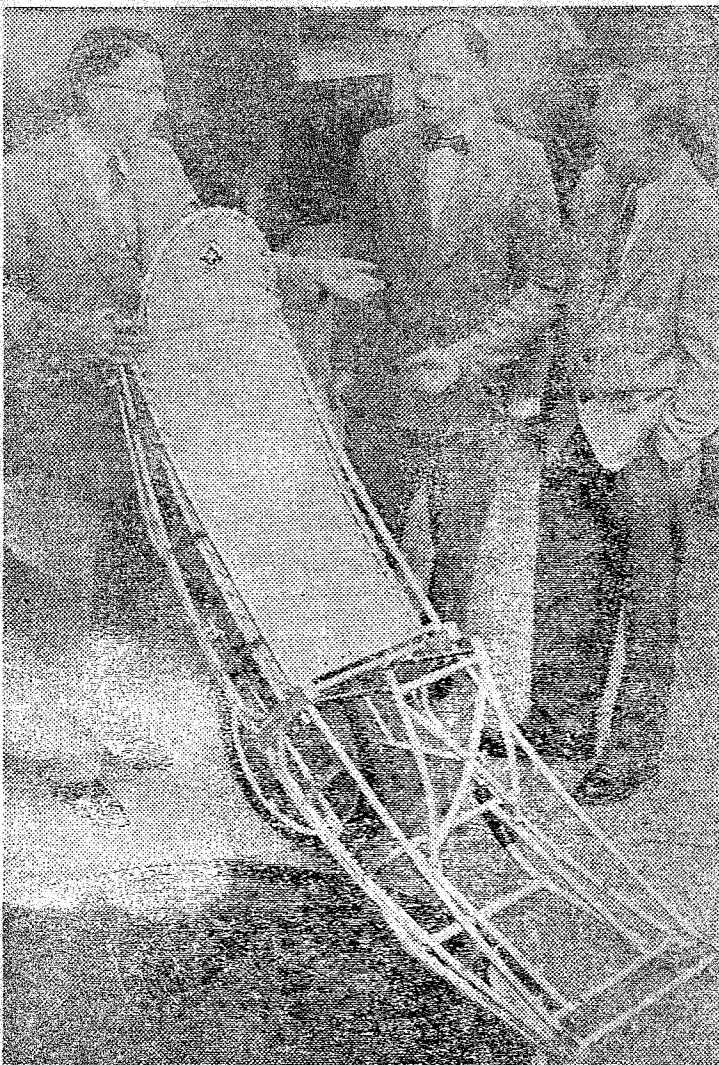
Then there is the Rev. Thomas E. Jessett, 5903 Fremont Ave. His son, Arthur, was killed when he fell into a deep crevasse on Mount St. Helens.

Morris Ensey, 3026-4th Ave. W., who was brought out by the Mountain Safety and Rescue Council after he had been hurt in an accident on Del Campo Peak, is on the committee. The sixth member is Rear Adm. Arthur Ayrault, of Tacoma, whose daughter, Elizabeth, was rescued from Little Tahoma in Mount Rainier National Park.

In a statement outlining the need for rescue equipment, the committee pointed out that the Mountain Safety and Rescue Council is a volunteer organization and that its members serve not only without pay but without reimbursement for their expenses and time on rescue missions.

"A call comes for help," the committee said. "An attorney leaves his office, a doctor leaves his busy practice, a mechanic leaves his shop, a contractor leaves his work—a rescue operation has been commenced.

"This may be completed in a few hours or 2 or 3 days. There is no way of knowing. Tired men return at the end of the mission to resume their various duties. Sometimes rescue workers are not able to save a life—but often their's



MERCY EQUIPMENT—Alan Grant (left) on behalf of himself and the Rev. Thomas E. Jessett, presents special alpine litter to Wolf Bauer (right) chairman of Mountain Safety and Rescue Council, and Dr. Otto Trott, Council physician.

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is the rich reward of a life saved because they dropped everything and gave expert assistance when needed.

"For efficient operation many things are needed—radios, medical supplies, stretchers and various specialized forms of equipment. In the past these men have bought these with their own funds or made them from available material. But today more and more people are taking to the great outdoors and the Council rescue teams need more and better equipment.

"What we want is to establish a permanent fund to finance the work of the Mountain Safety and Rescue Council," Grant explained.

"We ask that everyone who wants to have a share in helping the unselfish, vitally important work of the Council send their contributions to the Council's treasurer, Lou Heusser, 4004 E. 115th St., Seattle 5."