

# Mountain Rescue Council Praised For Daring Work

When Naydene Nutley, 20, Kennewick, was marooned for two days in the crater of Mount Rainier last week, a nonprofit, nonglory-seeking organization was galvanized into action.

It is the Seattle Mountain Rescue Council, with attorneys, bank officials, doctors and scientists among its 200 members.

Ome Daiber, veteran mountain-rescue worker, and Dorell E. Loeff, council president and bank official, flew over the crater in which Miss Nutley was camped and helped drop supplies to her from a Navy plane. Two Mount Rainier guides rushed to the scene.

When tame-looking mountains turn treacherous, the Mountain Rescue Council always is ready with experienced climbers and equipment.

Rescued climbers and the parents of those who lost their lives on mountain peaks are grateful. Some say a simple "thanks." Others weave the Mountain Rescue Council into their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Berne Jacobsen's son, Keith, 17, was killed five years ago on Snoqualmie Pass. Mrs. Jacobsen, active in the P.T. A., saw to it that funds from an all-city high-school dance were donated to the council in memory of her son.

## Others Are Grateful

Top supporters of the council's education program are the Rev. Thomas E. Jessett and Lou Hull, football coach, whose sons died in accidents



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whose sons died in mountain accidents. Both donated funds for a film on mountain safety.

Alan G. Grant, optometrist, whose son, Robert, was burned seriously by lightning during an ascent of Mount Stuart, headed a committee to raise funds for the purchase of equipment needed by the council.

Others who gave of time and money were Rear Adm. Arthur Ayrault, Tacoma, whose daughter, Elizabeth, was rescued on Little Tahoma; Morris Ensey, injured on Del Campo Peak; Philip Brikoff, whose son, Paul, was killed by lightning on Mount Stuart at the time Grant was injured, and Albert Rhodes, whose son, "Dusty," was with Brikoff and Grant.

Robert D. Parkhurst, veteran council member, was rescued by a Daiber-led party on Mount Shuksan, along with Dr. Paul Gerstmann, Puyallup. Gerstmann later joined the council.

Roy Harniss, whose leg was broken at Flapjack Lakes in Olympic National Park two years ago, is another who

"got the call" to join the council after being rescued.

Parents of Eugene L. Todd, Auburn, killed in a 250-foot fall off The Tooth in Snoqualmie Pass, donated their son's equipment and gave money to the council.

Council members work closely with the Washington State Patrol, and with Paine Air Force Base. They trained a Paine rescue unit and the two give mutual aid in emergencies.

The rescue of a University of Washington student from

Mount Si a few years ago resulted in an expenditure of 1,185 man-hours by 72 persons, plus the work of 32 Explorer Scouts who missed a day of school.

There are North, West and East Side units of the council. Members living nearest the disaster scene join the search first.

Once the rescuers crawled into a well at the home of H. A. Cummins, 2455 So. 150th St., to pull out a trapped duck. They got pecked for their trouble.

Survivors of mountain accidents are usually more grateful than ducks.

Mr. Jessett stood over the canvas-swathed body of his son on Mount St. Helens, thumbed through a Bible and said:

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Then Mr. Jessett told the mountain-climbers who pulled his son's body from an icy crevasse: "No one could have done more."

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