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## IN MEMORIAN

Perry A. Mead III

Merrell Mead sons of Dr. and Mrs. Perry A. Mead

Gregory DeVoe
son of Dave and Carol DeVoe
NEXT MEETING: The MCA has been temporarily displaced to the AMU campus. We will be in room 212, April $20^{\text {th }}$ at 8:00PM. Program is pending.

THE SHAKES: For out-of-towners and others who haven't heard yet ... the Perry Meads and Lowell Thomas's lost their homes completely. Baranof's Castle (Crew's home) is still standing soundly, but it is very near the 'new' bluff. The Crews' are holding the fort regardless. Rod Wilson flew from North Africa to find his home on $8^{\text {th }}$ Ave. creaking in the joints. And is still uncertain about its fate. The Bading residence on Campbell mudflats (the dam broke and the lake mingled with the tidal wave) stands on a 12" crevasse, and runs right through the house downstairs .. the floor is tilted enough for them to use as a ski slope.

By far the most interesting experience during the tremendous March $27^{\text {th }}$ earthquake was undoubtedly had by Ruth Schmidt who found herself with four others, trapped on Portage Lake. It took the party one and a half hours to find their way off the lake. By then it was dark. Still, Ruth claims she'd rather be on a lake than in the mountains during an earthquake. We'll have her story in a later issue of Scree.

Geologists admit that land levels have changed, but as yet there is no report about any major changes in the mountains, apart from the huge avalanches and landslides set off by the quake. Chances are Denali is still 20,300 ft. high. The Portage Recreation area is pretty badly damaged. Wonder what Byron Glacier looks like ... there may be some new 'firsts' in our glacier playground.

The West Buttress climb of Mt. McKinley under the leadership of Erik Barnes will be postponed until next year.

A frantic card was received from Vin Hoeman. 'I'd like to come up and help,' it says. Thanks, Vin ... come up sometime later, to stay! Good wishes were received from Howard and Ellnore Schuck.

Girdwood was probably a bettor placo than Anctior so . . although the ITIL DIF'bR burned to the ground and all the wiritows were broicen out of tore oundhouse at tho top of the llft, nobody was hurt.

I was driving homo with Paul Duncan when the quake lif. It was weird to o the parement waving up and do'm, but wa had no idea of the imnediate ffacts = Stopfed by an avalanche, wo roturned to Girdwood, and wore told here wes a slide in front of the lodge. I knew that lareo slides iad come o the bottom of the mountaln before, but I didn't krow wiat to axpeota shen 6ot there I found out.... there was a mass of snow sifteen feet deep at the otton terminal of the lift - pressod against the Ski Shop, truly annzingl learnod hany avalanches had out off the rond to the city - about 150 skior re trapped in Alyoska. There was no phone communiontion and no way to iset ord to relintives, but evoryono found a eood placo to stay and chere tas enou pod at tia lodice and tho Tigers Den.

ACter walking to the top of the mountain the noxt day, we sam the whale ttent of tho slido. Apparontly the whole rim of the lower bowl slid to the intor of tha bowl and from there proceoded down the eanyon. After filliag tha inyon it contimued to tho base of the mountaln, where it came to rest. To imax tils, all of Max's Mtn= slid, coveriny the traverse in the Dowl. The rth Fhoe also avalanched with $10^{\prime}$ deop rracture iines, jiving the chunks - a,ponrance of titije sugar cubes.

Most of tho sikiers reatalned in Alyeskn till Monday when the bridige just foro the railsoad tracks was repaired. I made my way out Sunday by walking ross and catciling a ride somewhere beyond whore the slides had beon cloared

IRCW MN12 RESCUE \#ORK AFIER TIIS EARTILQUAKE by Bill Davis
We are one of the fortunato families who live in a part of Anohorage wher hego was slight, We knew it was a bad quake but after it was over we had inkling of shat was happening elsowhere in town. I tried our phone, but wesn't working so Nancy and I set about to check our house and clean up th B.

A3 you know heroio things were happdning in other placos. Wo didn't have transistor with us and it was not until after dark that we first lieard of call for mountain climbers. By thon, we had worked our way toward frovice and MMU and I was directing traffic for a while in tho Bigantic snazI $r$ fle hospital. Finally, a oity truck caine alung with radio contact cownn, lle found out for me that olimbers couldn't 80 out until morning. I deod thin heat day might be long and hard, so caught a few hours sleep. Early Snturday morning I arrivod at the Public Safety Buililng a and soon ic. sut what had to be done. Even though most of the rescue work had alread 1 couplesed, overy building was to be searchod. Two ARG teams vero alroady the scone, so I sent them out at once. A eity map was laid out block by th, ta they wore santciied, wa erossed them off. When thay were searchad n wo ozossad them off in a different way.
In the aext 48 hourz, I saw almost every MCA, ARG and Donali Ski Yatrol er. नind an uncounted number of other volunteers. Some of thom had beon ing $\vdots$ ikaut pause sinca rriday night. I romamber tilinking that if padi $s$ ditat t stop, the would collapse from exhaustion. New search toams vould a ? an be senc to work. others would come back and refuse to quit ... so sond tiven out to anotber area. You could always toll a toam that lind boe arna $\ln$ n .... invel from lioad to too.

