

TWO FROM SEWARD CROSS ICE CAP THE HARD WAY

Seward has finally been represented in Harding Ice Cap crossings—and the hard way too. After six weeks of careful planning—with reconnaissance flights included—Father Everett Wenrick, 31, vicar of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Sandy Wiswell, 20, serving aboard the SORREL, made the trip.

The pair started 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 up Lowell Canyon and over the saddle behind Big Bear Mountain. It took them 2½ days to reach the shelter on the Ice Cap. They report they spent the first night in a self-constructed "snow cave" as they were on about a 60 degree slide area. This part of the trip was done using a variety of climbing equipment including ice axe, rope, etc. The weather the

first day was good but visibility was so poor the second day they found difficulty seeing each other at the end of the 75 foot rope, and they traveled by compass point.

The Sewardites spent two days at the shelter cabin waiting for the weather to improve—while there they went by snow machine to a crevass some four miles away and did some exploring using their climbing equipment.

Sandy Wiswell carried a pack between 65 and 70 pounds—"being the younger and better able", Father Wenrick jokes. Wenrick carried about 55 pounds and states that all of the equipment they took was needed at one time or other. "I would

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