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### SUMMER CAMP

Activities of Club members at the Summer Camp in the Spearhead Range were greatly curtailed by persistent rain—in fact the weather set a record in this respect.

The night of August 9 was spent at Rainbow Lodge, Alta Lake; and camp at the head of Singing Creek was reached the following afternoon. Next day was spent chiefly in establishing camp.

On Tuesday morning eight members under leadership of Mr. Neal Carter, turned out for the trip to Mt. Overlord. The route taken did not follow the attractive one north of Red Mountain and up Fitzsimmons Glacier which was the route of the first ascent of the mountain; it involves considerable loss of elevation but affords magnificent views and real climbing. Instead, the south slopes of Red Mountain were crossed to the neve of Fitzsimmons Glacier, thence to the base of Refuse Pinnacle, the crumbling western defence of Overlord which calls for careful climbing; beyond it an easy ridge leads to the summit, 8,500 feet. The summit commands an outlook across unexplored mountains north and east.

The intended "easy" trip the following day was to Mt. Whistler, 7,200 feet, but an unexpected succession of minor summits and hollows made the trip somewhat tedious in spite of fine views. Eleven persons were on the trip.

Thursday the weather was bad. Friday witnessed the second ascent of Mt. Diavolo, first climbed by Mr. Neal Carter and Mr. C. T. Townsend. Misses Marjorie Dresser, Peggie East and Josephine Spence had the honor of being first ladies to make the difficult ascent which compares on a smaller scale with the arete of Mt. Tupper, the summit ridge resembling The Table. The second and slightly lower peak was climbed and named satirically Mt. Angelo (8,000 feet). The approach to Mt. Diavolo is over Refuse Pinnacle, across the glacier to a narrow ridge of ice and snow, then up a nearly vertical knife-edge of shaly rock.

Saturday to Monday the weather was bad, but a cloudless morning on Tuesday invited an early start in expectation of the conquest of Mt. Cheakamus, a virgin peak east of Diavolo, up which no obvious route shows. The rites of grease-painting were carefully performed, and then clouds swept up out of the Upper Cheakamus Valley, forcing abandonment of the original plan, and a compass course was steered across the fresh snow which masked the crevasses of the glacier behind Mt. Overlord.

After lunching on a rocky ridge, the four-teen members of the party continued on through the deceptive mist which made it necessary to feel each step. A steep gully was descended where even with care quantities of loose rocks were dislodged. The peak stands between the headwaters of Cheakamus and Fitzsimmons rivers, and was named after Bob Fitzsimmons, veteran prospector whose name the stream bears. This was the first ascent.

The committee in charge of camp consisted of Mr. R. E. Knight, Mr. Neal M. Carter, and Mr. J. H. Speer.

Mr. Hardcastle proved to be an excellent cook and offered a number of good suggestions for future camps. While a cook was found to be a wonderful convenience

by those used only to camps where they were their own cooks, it is certain that happy memories were recalled of jolly times wrestling with food around rebellious fires.

Those attending camp were Misses Amy Walker, Marjorie Dresser, Olive Hardy, Peggie East, Josephine Spence, Elizabeth Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Messrs. Bruce Clegg, Dudley Foster, Eric Fuller, J. Hudson, J. G. Rimmer, and Mr. Clark of the Natural History Society. Messrs. John Huggard, M. M. Dodds, and J. Barnes, went into the Black Tusk and made the long trip across Cheakamus Valley to the camp, much difficulty being encountered in finding it in the thick fog as they had not been over the ground before.

Mr. Newton ascertained the height of Mt. Overlord by hypsometrical and corrected aneroid readings as 8,500 feet, Mt. Whistler as 7,200, camp as 5,500. The estimated height of Red Mountain is 7,900; Refuse Pinnacle, 8,100; Diavolo and Angelo, 8,000; Fitzsimmons, 7,900; Cheakamus, 8,000. Two peaks in the Spearhead Range are higher than Overlord as read by an eight inch spirit level from Overlord, while Wedge Mountain appears to be still higher.

Most creditable work has been done by Mr. Carter in compiling a map showing summits, drainage, glaciers, and prominent ridges of the country embraced between Mt. Castle Towers, the P. G. E. Railway, Mt. Turner, and the Upper Cheakamus River. Data for this was also secured on a trip to the north side of the range by Mr. Carter last year. Most of the major unclimbed peaks of the range can be reached most advantageously from a camp on the north side of the range at "Glacier Meadow," reached by way of Wedgemount Creek from Mile 42 on the railway.

East of the headwaters of Cheakamus River (the east branch) is an extensive glacial region still awaiting exploration, but any route of approach promises to be long and difficult owing to the deep interlocking valleys and lack of continuous direct ridges. Owing to the time which would be consumed

merely in the approach to any of the outstanding summits, it is unlikely that it will claim the attention of climbers for some time to come.

From the point of view of climbing weather prevented accomplishing as much as usual at an annual camp. However, no possible climbing day was lost.

What might be termed the social side of camp life was most enjoyable. The best of good fellowship animated the whole camp, exactly the atmosphere which ought to prevail in such a gathering, and it is safe to say that all those who shared in the outing will vote that it was worth while for the pleasant recollections and the friendships made.

#### EXPLORATORY TRIPS

Members making trips of an exploratory nature are requested to prepare an account, accompanied if possible by representative pictures of the regions, to be kept by the Librarian for purposes of reference and record in order that work of the Club may not be lost more or less. While such accounts will, of course, vary in character according to the ideas of the authors, it is hoped the aim kept in mind will be to convey accurate information how to get there, the nature of the country traversed, and interesting districts beyond.

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Mr. P. R. Lockie, who is working at Powell River, spent a few days in and around Vancouver early in September. Lacking climbing companions he has not yet been able to tackle interesting mountains inland from Powell Lake.

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The home address of Celmer Ross is 816 Superba Ave., Venice, Calif. He is working with the Metro-Goldwin-Mayer Studios. He will be glad to hear from old friends in the Club.

#### ANNUAL DINNER

The annual anniversary dinner of the Club will be held Saturday, October 25. The place will be announced in the next issue. The dinner committee is Mr. L. C. Ford, Neal Carter, H. O'Connor, and Miss Henley.

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**NOTABLE ASCENT OF MT. BAKER**

Over the Labor Day week-end five members of the Club climbed Mt. Baker by the north face, part of it being a route never before taken as they made the entire climb on ice, succeeding in negotiating the ice-wall of the summit ice-cap. The members of this party were Mr. W. G. Wheatley, Eric Fuller, Dudley Foster, Harold O'Connor and W. Videl. Mr. Wheatley led.

The route taken was from Heliotrope Ridge across the Roosevelt Glacier to near the Bastille Ridge, thence up the steep tributary glacier. The unusual amount of bare ice increased the difficulty, and the summit was not reached until 6:45 p.m., the greater part of the descent being made in darkness with the help of the only light in the party. Cordial recognition is due the fine spirit of two members of The Mountaineers who, after their own climb of the mountain by the regular route, ascended the glacier with lights to expedite the return of the "B. C. M. C." party.

Under the leadership of the Director, Tom Fyles, the main Club party climbed more or less by the usual route, enjoying some fine ice work among the crevasses owing to the absence of snow. Weather was perfect throughout the trip, the visibility splendid, so it was thoroughly enjoyable.

**OUR WEDDING CORNER**

Miss Alice E. Lowry and Mr. Cecil G. Brooke were married Sept. 13 at St. Marks Church by Rev. A. H. Sovereign. On their return from a motor trip south, they will reside at 4523 10th Ave., West. Both are Club members, and they have our best wishes.

**THE NORTHERN CORDILLERAN.**

No more copies of the Northern Cordilleran are left for sale. This was the Club's first venture in publication of what was hoped to be an annual journal. Up to the present it has not been found possible to repeat the attempt, the cost being prohibitive with the present number of members.

**GENEROUS DONOR AIDS CLUB LIBRARY**

Miss E. S. Harwood, of Uplands, California, accompanied the Club party on the climb of Mt. Baker, and so enjoyed the trip and her companions that she forwarded the Secretary a cheque for \$25.00 with the suggestion that it be used to add to the library. There are a number of books of outstanding interest which ought to be in the library and a selection is being made.

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CAMP GRUB, by *Elon Jessup*, an Out-of-Doors Cooking Manual (E. P. Dutton & Co., New York). This book by the author of Snow and Ice Sports goes exhaustively in the subject of camp grub for all sorts of outdoor trips, as well as all pertaining to the cooking of it. There are many plain and simple diagrams which will make the details clear to the reader. The subject is dealt with in an eminently common-sense way, and even the thoroughly practised camper is certain to find a number of new ideas in Mr. Jessup's collection of various methods of being well-fed on any kind of trip. This book has been added to the library. (Received through the Associated Bureau of Mountaineering Clubs.)

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**A CORRECTION**

Doubtless there is enough loyalty in the Club to a fellow-member to approve putting on record here a correction of the impression being spread in Canada by American publications and news services that an American woman was the first woman to reach the top of Mt. Robson. Mrs. Don Munday was the first, preceding the other woman by some 15 or 20 minutes; while those who know Mrs. Munday realizes she is not the one to wish to press unduly the distinction, the first person is first, and this is so well recognized in well-informed mountaineering circles that on a first ascent, for instance, the guide steps aside just short of the highest point to let one of his party be the first to reach the top. On Mt. Geikie, Val Fynn, leader of the climb, stepped aside to let C. G. Wates, leader of several attempts, be first up. As long ago as the first ascent of the Matterhorn, Whymper and a guide unroped and raced each other for the distinction of being first, which at this distance now seems nearly as unbecoming a lack of sportmanship as the claim which this paragraph is written to correct.

**A VETERAN IN THE HILLS**

The Hon. President, Mr. J. Porter, made a trial climb of Cathedral Mountain at the beginning of September with Mr. W. Taylor, in order to find out what was possible in his own case after a long period of indoor work with little practice. They walked from the end of the Lynn Valley car line, by way of the Seymour Valley to Burwell Lake, arriving about 5:30 p.m. Mr. Porter's pack weighed nine pounds. There were two pauses for rest, amounting to 25 minutes altogether, on the climb to the lake. The next morning they started unloaded from the outlet of Burwell Lake, reaching the divide in 85 minutes, and the summit of Cathedral two hours later without making any stop, merely keeping at a steady and moderate pace. The climb was made in rubber soled canvas boots. They stayed up for an hour and a half, and then returned to the Lake, where they had coffee

before going on to the Falls, which they reached about 7:15, not more than pleasantly tired.

The climb would have been no test for young members of the Club in regular practice; but it shows what can be done by a man no longer young who has the advantage of a careful and considerate companion and not too many thickets of berry bushes to force his way through.

**WHAT ABOUT WINTER FIREWOOD**

If you intend to use the Club Cabin this winter, how about putting in an appearance the week-end of Oct. 4-5, and lending a hand at the wood "bee" on that date. Meals for Saturday evening and Sunday morning and noon will be the famous community style—leave name in Club Box, 610 Granville St. for grub list.

A decision has been reached to subscribe to the Alpine Journal (British), a semi-annual publication which will be a splendid addition to the library.

Mr. A. H. Huber of the Swiss Alpine Club, has been twice the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Munday on Grouse Mountain. He is member of the Section Uto of the S. A. C., and it is of interest to recall that Uto Peak at Rogers Pass is named after this section of the club. Mr. Huber has climbed from boyhood days, winter and summer. He hopes to stay in Vancouver and "begin" climbing again—he had the misfortune to fall in the Alps, and the amazing fortune to recover from injuries regarded as necessarily fatal.

**ANOTHER FIRST ASCENT**

Mr. L. C. Ford, and a former Club member Mr. Fred. Perry, made the first ascent of a high granite peak southward from Hope, but a detailed account of the trip has not been received.

**OUR NEW MEMBERS**

The following new members, all active, were elected at the Executive Committee meeting, Sept. 15:—Mr. S. H. Baker; Mrs. Newton; Miss Josephine Spence; Miss Elizabeth Foster; Mr. J. B. Ellis.

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