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NEW YEAR'S VISIT FROM MOUNT BAKER CLUB AND A LITTLE HISTORY

What a treasure is a home! The finishing touches have not yet been put to the Club's new home on Grouse Mountain, but we have already been able to offer the hospitality of our roof to the Mount Baker Club. We welcomed them warmly, but it was not the formal full dress welcome which we have had in mind since we started to build, for the date, and the suddenness of the opportunity would not permit of it. It was the day before New Year's Eve that the Chairman of the Outings Committee of the Mount Baker Club, Mr. Arthur A.

Edson, had to call off a trip to their own Kulsban cabin on Mount Baker on account of the heavy fall of snow. Hoping to reorganize the trip, he telephoned to know if he might switch it to our cabin. Of course he might, and a telegram was sent him that afternoon:

"That Highland halls were open still
To wildered wanderers of the hill."

or words to that effect. It was on New Year's Eve that his party, comprising eight, came over.

It was a good time to visit the cabin, but not a good time to meet our members, for the two seasons of the year when home ties draw our members away from the cabin, are Christmas Day and the New Year. True it is that for four years the cabin was a hospitable and merry place at Christmas, for one Christmas Day, 1920, six bachelor members with no home ties, consecrated the old cabin as their home for that day, and they sat down to such a dinner as would delight the palate of an epicure, but they had the cabin to themselves. Next year but five sat down, for one had left Vancouver, and the next Christmas, for on Christmas Day, 1920, One of the four is dead, and in 1923, but three met. And that was the end. And so our friends from Bellingham were looking for shelter, but were not expecting a party. They were met at the ferry by two of our members, Dr. Urquhart and H. O'Connor, acting as a reception committee, and they arrived at the cabin at midnight to find the lamps lit and the fires burning, while a representative of the Cabin Committee poured out hot tea. Perhaps it should have been hot coffee, for that drink is more in order on the other side of the line.

These men and women were good fellowship personified, and we were delighted to greet them. Members who had been attracted to the Plateau to see the ski-jumping, came down to the cabin on the following day (Sunday) and met them, while other members came up on the Monday morning.

On the Sunday the party enjoyed a climb in the snow up to the chalet. That day the weather was beautiful. It was very cold with plenty of dry snow right down to Lonsdale Avenue.

A pleasant time was enjoyed at the cabin, and flashlight pictures were taken. We saw the party off from Mosquito Creek where they had parked their autos, on the Monday afternoon, but by that time the cold spell was over, and it had turned to heavy rain.

We hope to see the Mount Baker Club over in force when the psychological moment arrives, and we have the stage set to give them a grand reception.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER 1928

The community dinner to celebrate the New Year was held at the Cabin on Sunday, January 8th. It poured with rain both on the Saturday and the Sunday, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the members, that there was an attendance at the dinner of thirty-six. In spite of the rain, everyone was in good spirits, and all said that the dinner was fine, which was not surprising, for Mrs. Dobson cooked it. There was turkey and plum pudding in abundance, and a whole box of first class eating apples.

Those at the dinner were: Mrs. Dobson, Violet Jones, Min. Trenouth, Win. Corry, E. McCreery, Renee Maccaud, Winifred and Phoebe Chambers, Edith M. Henley, Janet Lewis, Jean Genier, Franky Riddoch, Evelyn Baynes, Peggy Slade, B. Higginbotham, Edna Bird, Jim Norman, A. J. O. Cooper, M. Whitaker, K. H. Grimsgaard, Ira Swartz, G. W. Henderson, Jack Horan, Harry Somerville, Robert Gibson, P. L. Tait, Chas. Sharp, Thos. Urquhart, F. W. Dobson, J. Irving, W. Hendry, Reg. Ford, Alf. Shipp, H. Griffin, L. C. Ford and Harold O'Connor.

CROWN MOUNTAIN IN WINTER

It is always considered an honour to make the first ascent of Crown Mountain for the year. Last year, a Club trip led by Arthur Cooper, made the ascent on January 16th, in dense fog and very heavy snow. This year the first ascent was made on January 22nd. The successful party comprised Miss Franky Riddoch, and Messrs. Harry Somerville, Jack Horan, L. C. Ford, Elliott Henderson (all members of the B.C. Mountaineering Club), and Stan. Henderson (a former member of the Club). The first named four left the Club cabin at 7:45 a.m., and were back at about 4:30 p.m. While eating their lunch at the snow post on Crown Mountain, they were overtaken by the other two, who had caught the first ferry from the city, and together, they made the peak. When almost on the top, a rope was used, as the rocks were ice-coated and slippery.

Previous heavy snowfalls had turned to ice, under the influence of heavy rain, succeeded by frost; but on the Sunday night, there was a heavy fall of new snow, which lay loosely on top of the ice without binding, to a depth of from one to two feet. Going up Crown, trail breaking was heavy, and it was occasionally found necessary to cut steps in the ice underneath the newly fallen snow. The snow posts, both on Dam and Crown Mountains registered the same, viz: seven feet. The weather was pleasant, although a little snow fell at intervals during the morning.

A very intelligent collie dog joined the party at the chalet, and made the peak in their company, although his ardour had to be restrained at the top, as it was liable to endanger members of the party while negotiating the slippery rocks.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING, JANUARY 18

At this meeting the following were admitted to Club membership: Mrs. Donald J. McIntosh (formerly Miss E. H. "Bessie" Skelley), and Messrs. Robert Gibson and William Hawksworth.

The request received from several members that the main floor of the Cabin be surfaced with a layer of one inch boards was favorably considered but unavoidably laid over until next Executive meeting, for the obtaining of prices, etc.

A list of names of members in arrears with last year's subscription was considered—definite action on same to be taken later, as it was thought many local members only required a personal call, and out of town members written to and reminded that an unpaid subscription (even for a small amount) causes a lot of "book-keeping" carrying the figure forward, besides the trouble and expense of mailing the "Bulletin" to a member (?) who has virtually resigned, but who "can't be bothered" with the civility of notifying the Club of his decision to quit.

Art. Cooper and "Brick" Spouse were appointed a committee to draw up the Summer Climbing Schedule in order that same may be ready for the approval of the General Meeting.

The dates for Summer Camp will be considered at the next Executive Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, March 20th (the place and hour will be announced in the March issue). The date is chosen already in order that members may have timely notice to nominate officers—which nominations must be made according to the regulations in force for the past several years, no change being made in same. Nomination papers

to be signed by five active members in good standing, and also signed by the nominee, who, likewise, must be an active member in good standing, and such paper be in the Secretary's hands three weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Our March issue would not give the members sufficient notice for this, but it may carry a list of the nominees. The present editor has not time to attend Committee meetings and consequently is retiring from Office at the General Meeting.

CURRENT EVENTS

An illustrated lecture on the flowers of the Coast Range will be given by Mr. Fred Perry in the O'Brien Hall on Thursday, February 16th, at 8 o'clock p.m. Special prominence will be given to the flora of Garibaldi Park. Mr. William Clark of the Vancouver Natural History Society, has prepared an exceptionally good series of coloured lantern slides from photographs taken in the region last summer. Members would be well advised to keep the date open and attend if possible. There will not be any charge. Bring your friends.

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The Club Dance has been arranged for Friday, February 24th, at 9 p.m., at the Peter Pan Ballroom, 1636 Broadway West, by the committee appointed to attend to same, Charlie Dawson, Percy Lockie, and Harold O'Connor. What can you do to make this dance a success? Can you dance?

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Wednesday evening, March 14th, is reserved for the third of the series of Social Evenings arranged by the ladies of the Club. Keep this date for us. Full particulars later.

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SUGGESTIONS TO PHOTOGRAPHERS

By A. C. PHILLIPS

It is not so easy to get the results with our camera in the mountains as it sometimes appears. Weather conditions have something to do with this, exposure, time of the year, etc. One of the most important things is to see that your lens is clean, as a dirty lens causes diffusion, and the finished print will not be clear. Clean the lens with a soft linen cloth.

One thing to remember in getting what you want is timing; be as near correct as possible, for example, taking 1/25th Second, stop at F.11 for close up view on the mountains at this time of the year, and until the beginning of April, would be correct; for mountain tops at a little distance use Stop F. 16, always keeping the time at 1/25th, from then on until August, if weather is clear, use Stop F. 16 for close up, Stop 32 for distance views.

You will find this time to be correct for snow as well as for distant views. For cloud effects with back to the sun, time 1/25th, Stop 32, will give the best results. Facing the sun with lens in the shade of trees, time 1/50th, Stop 32 for white clouds.

For lower altitudes open the stop to the next number, from, say, 1/25th Stop F. 16 to Stop F. 11.

On dull, clear days in summer use the larger stop, the same as for winter. Inside pictures require an exposure of from 10 seconds in daytime to 10 minutes (with a 100 watt light) at night time.

In looking for a view picture it is sometimes best to move to some advantage point so as to include in the picture trees on the side of the view, they always add to the artistic effect. In photographing streams, if possible, have the best of the stream in the centre of the picture and crossing it diagonally.

Good results will be obtained if you follow these suggestions fairly closely, and better prints you will have, and from your best negatives enlargements can be made for wall decoration as constant reminders of your pleasant trips, near and far, in the B. C. Mountains.

GOAT MOUNTAIN TRIP

The start on the Sunday morning, January 29th, was a little late, the party not getting away until 8:30 a.m. The warm weather had melted the snow, and there was none met with on the descent of 500 feet to the Larsen's trail. The weather was dull, but fine for the first hour, but from then on, rain fell throughout the trip. Views were not entirely absent, and a great part of the usual panorama could be seen from the lookout above the first cable on the Larsen's trail, but we were looking at Nature in distress; she was mournful and weeping, and showed little of the brilliant beauty which we have seen so often from this charming spot on a bright summer day.

The chalet was reached not long after 11 a.m., and a halt was made to see if the rain would stop, but as it came down more heavily than ever, six of the party fell out, while the remainder continued to the top of Goat Mountain, as originally planned.

They reached the summit at 12:40 p.m., and the rain had changed to driving snow, so after taking a photograph of the group, the party speeded back for home. Good speed was made, for they were back in the cabin by 2:15 p.m.

The following made the trip up Larsen's trail: Mrs. Dobson, Edna Bird, B. A. Higginbottom, E. Baynes, K. Grimsgaard, and Doris Denson, while the following continued on in the rain to the top of Goat Mountain: John Dean, Carl Ansell, D. V. Gore, T. S. Urquhart, W. Hawke, W. L. C. Ford (Leader), and Geo. Maillieu and G. W. Henderson (End men).

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