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OCTOBER EXECUTIVE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the executive was held at 648 Seymour Street on October 2. Messrs. W. Hastie and P. O'Rielly were admitted to the Club as Graduating members. The official winter schedule of trips was brought before the meeting and approved. Particulars of these trips appear elsewhere in this issue. Seeing that our Reporter, Mr. Dobson, will no longer be able to carry on his duties, owing to the fact that he is residing out of town, Mr. Ted Taylor was appointed by the executive to carry on for the balance of the year in this capacity. Mr. Taylor's house phone number is Bayview 4907-R and his office phone is Seymour 357. Leaders of all

trips are reminded again that reports of trips must be given to the Reporter, verbally or in writing, at the end of each trip. The executive have changed the day of the month for their meetings. Same are now held the first Thursday of each month instead of the first Tuesday as at present. This change takes place immediately.

WOOD BEE, OCTOBER 6-7

The coming of rain on a Saturday morning generally means a poor week-end for climbing, and our work-bee lived up to all expectations. In spite of the poor weather a good-sized crowd were on tap at our mountain home on Saturday night, ready to begin work on the Sunday morning. With the coming of dawn, came rain, which dampened the spirits of everyone, but in spite of this a good crowd turned out and got a good bit of wood cut, split and piled under the verandah. As the day wore on others came up from the city and helped. Some were busy cleaning up the cabin, inside and out, which all goes to show that our home is the cleanest on the mountain. And yet it looks as though more time might be spent on the wood pile, so don't forget, fellows, any time you are up there and have a few spare moments, you can find saws, axes, etc., out in the store room and there are lots of fallen trees around the cabin which would look one hundred per cent. nicer cut and stowed under the cabin.

OFFICIAL WINTER PROGRAMME

The following is a complete list of winter trips which come under the guidance of the Club for the coming winter.

1928—NOVEMBER 3-4. Mystery trip from Club cabin. Leader, Mr. Westall. End-man, Mr. Ford.

NOVEMBER 17-18. Larsen's Trail from Club cabin. Leader, Les Golman. End-man, Geo. Mailleu.

DECEMBER 1-2. East Goat Ridge from Club cabin. Leader, Geo. Wallis. End-man, Jim Barnes.

DECEMBER 16. Hollyburn Ridge. Day trip only. Leader, Charlie Dawson. End-man, Bill Henderson.

1929—JANUARY 5-6. New Year's dinner at the cabin.

JANUARY 12-13. Crown Peak from Club cabin. Leader, Frank Johnson. End-man, Jack Horan.

JANUARY 26-27. Mystery trip from Club cabin. Leader, Mickey Dodds. End-man, Bill Hendry.

FEBRUARY 9-10. Trip to Lion's Cirque. Leader, Jim Irving. End-man, Allan Lambert.

FEBRUARY 24. Lynn Peaks. Leader, Harry Somerville. End-man, Bert Griffin.

MARCH 9-10. Skyline Ridge. Autos to Glacier Wash. Leader, Ted Taylor. End-man, Percy Lockie.

MARCH 24. Draycott Gully, on east end of Goat Ridge, returning by way of the cabin. Day trip. Leader, "Brick" Spouse. End-man, Elliott Henderson.

MARCH 30-31. Mts. Seymour and Runner. Leader, Art Cooper. End-man, Roddy Gaudet.

Mention might be made here that the mystery trips, something new for the Club, are starting from the cabin and will not be hard trips. Only the leader and end-man know where they are going, the rest find out as they go along.

WHOSE DIRTY DISH IS THAT?

Maybe you have heard this spoken at the cabin, maybe you haven't. It has come to my notice lately that some members are getting into the habit of having a meal, clearing the table and leaving their dirty dishes on the sink board for the next fellow. Now, I ask you, is that fair? I think I have been guilty of this offence myself, but since I have heard what others say about the culprits I begin to realize that everyone must clean their own dishes. Think this over, folks, and next time you

are up at the cabin try and remember-- "Don't leave them for the next fellow, he might not do them."

—F.A.S.

CAMP REUNION—OCTOBER 19

Even if those who went to camp didn't climb any mountains, which they did, they certainly got some wonderful pictures. Ranging from the vest-pocket size right up the scale to enlargements, this group of pictures was something nobody had any right to miss. A group of enlargements by Mr. Westall is worthy of special mention, this particular set being toned off with a deep rich finish which sets off the subject very clearly.

Having viewed all the pictures we turned our thoughts to dancing, after which sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the ladies. Then we all joined in with the community singing, started by our male sextette, which was followed by more dancing.

A hearty vote of thanks are due Charlie Dawson for the loan of his palatial home for the evening. We certainly appreciate it, Charlie.

Mr. Golman asked that if anyone wants copies of pictures taken by Mr. Oliver, in camp, to please get them through the Secretary, instead of writing direct for them.

A VISIT TO MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Waking in a Tacoma auto camp on a clear sunshiny morning, the first in weeks, we decided it was an ideal day to visit Mt. Rainier. Visibility was splendid and the mountain soon loomed up in the distance as we travelled along the concrete highway to the boundary of the National Park, a distance of 56 miles from Tacoma.

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the concrete and travelled on a well kept gravel road. At the toll gate we paid our dollar and received a wind-shield sticker entitling us to free entrance to the park for the balance of the season. Other literature was given to us containing detailed information of the park, and the numerous trails and glaciers on the mountain. Until Longmire is reached the scenery consists mainly of a splendid stand of timber, comparing very favorably with our trees in Stanley Park, except that it is quite an extensive forest.

At Longmire, which in the winter is the headquarters of all sports, our first really good view of the mountain was obtained. Looking up a valley the tremendous bulk of the glacier-clad peak met our gaze and offered great promise of untried wonders when seen from a short distance. Although we had not noticed the climb, we were now at an elevation of 2761 feet and from here the grade became steeper until a height of 3908 feet was reached, at a point several hundred yards below the snout of the Nisqually Glacier. My wife expressed deep disgust at the poor showing the Glacier offered, as it was merely a high wall of what appeared to be mud, there being none of the expected blue ice and snow.

There ended the good road and from that point to the Inn we bumped and joggled over a road nearly all under construction. This used to be a one-way road, which is now being widened and will eventually be of the same fine construction as that below. The last few miles to the Inn is travelled through a valley consisting almost entirely of alpine meadows, with the mountain in the background and a winding glacial stream in the center.

The Inn is situated on the end of a ridge at an elevation of 5557 feet and from here

radiate numerous trails and hikes to all parts of the mountain, including the summit. We packed our lunch and set out to obtain, if possible, an unobstructed view of the peak and found such a place at about 6000 feet, right on the edge of the tremendous chasm gouged out by the progress of the Nisqually Glacier. We simply sat and gazed, trying to absorb in detail the awe-inspiring panorama unfolded before us, but to properly even look at this mountain would take weeks, so we satisfied ourselves by taking some snaps and getting a general impression of the peak. We could trace in general the route to the summit, and the ranger's look-out cabin at an elevation of approximately 12,000 feet, was clearly visible. To the south Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood reared themselves above the horizon and in the foreground were Lane and Pinnacle Peaks. Waterfalls and creeks were all around us giving evidence of the many rivers which have their source on the mountain.

The waning afternoon reminded us that we should be on our way, and with reluctance we started back to our car. As we descended we could see on all sides the beautiful alpine meadows surrounding the Chalet and we wished that the innumerable varieties of flowers were then in bloom.

In closing we might say that any of our members, who have a car and a long weekend at their disposal, would be well repaid by a trip to Mt. Rainier National Park. The distance for the entire trip should not exceed six hundred miles. It must be remembered, however, that cars can be taken to the Inn, as a general rule, only during the months of July, August and September, and during the closed season, Longmire is considered the end of the road.

—A. TAYLOR

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OUR TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET

The best ever. That just about describes our twenty-first anniversary banquet held in the Aztec Room of the Hotel Georgia on Saturday, October 27. After grace, said by Mr. Harvie, one hundred and thirty members and guests sat down to tables appropriately decorated with young alpinists, candies, made in Club colors, and flowers. From the menu, it would be very hard to figure out just what one might expect for supper, but when the waiters got busy it was just one grand procession of the best of everything.

Immediately after supper Les Golman led us in a sing-song, got up specially for our guests. Then our President, Mr. Johnson, proposed the toast to the King, followed by a toast to President Coolidge, in honor of our guests from across the line. Then two of our members brought out a huge birthday cake, a real one, in which the first cut was made by our President, after which everybody present was served with a piece. You can imagine the size of the cake when it yielded one hundred and thirty good-sized pieces.

Following this Mr. Westall was called upon to propose the toast to the B. C. Mountaineering Club. Mr. Westall recalled briefly the hardships encountered in the early climbing days in the local mountains. In the pioneer days such peaks as Crown, The Lions, and Seymour took the best part of a day to reach the top, while to-day they can all be climbed from the city, and return, in the short space of twelve to fifteen hours. The speaker then mentioned our new home on Grouse, which has taken the place of the old cabin built some seventeen years ago, saying that it was a very fitting climax to our "coming of age" to be able to possess such a fine home.

Mr. Dawson was then called upon to propose the toast to our guests which was responded to by Mr. Cleveland, who gave us a brief account of some of his early trips in the local hills, mentioning dates as far back as November, 1894. Then Mr. Cleve-

land spoke on the water-sheds of Greater Vancouver, dealing briefly with the negotiations entered into between the Government and the Water Board for the protection of our water supply.

In proposing the toast to Our Sister Clubs, Mrs. Golman spoke of the true spirit of mountaineering as brought out in the one word Brotherhood. Honor, Peace and Freedom is the message conveyed by the mountains to the true mountaineer, which makes one forget the petty things of life, and aspire to help in the betterment of the community, which in turn will tend to the advancement of the nation. In responding to this toast Mr. Fisher, better known to most of us as "Happy," expressed the wish to see us enjoy ourselves among the mountains of Washington just as much as we would our local mountains. Mr. Graves of the Alpine Club of Canada spoke briefly on the international spirit which prevailed in their camp at Horse Tie, Creek this year. Representatives from New Zealand, Australia, England, Scotland and Japan being present, showing the international comradeship which prevails throughout the mountaineering clubs of the world.

Following the speeches came a Spanish dance put on by two of our members, Pheobe Chambers and Harold O'Connor, after which we all joined in with another song. Then another dance and another song.

Our President, Mr. Johnson, was presented with a beautifully burnished ice ax and an illuminated address, as a token of appreciation of his popular services in the celebration of our twenty-first birthday. Mrs. Johnson was the recipient of a bouquet of flowers. Following this came motion pictures of activities in summer camp this year. The evening was finished off with a dance.

We are indebted for this, the best banquet ever held by the Club, to our banquet committee, and I take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the members for the splendid time which we all enjoyed.

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