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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

If not, why not?

The next 4 trips commencing April 20th

April 20th-21st. Dome Mt. from Cabin.
Leader, A. Lambert. Endman, H. Somerville.

April 28th Traverse of Lynn Peaks.
Leader, C. Dawson. Endman, P. Lockie.

May 4th-5th Mt. Coquitlam. Leader,
A. O. Cooper. Endman, D. McKee.

May 11th-12th Echo Peak via Gully.
Leader, E. Henderson. Endman, A. Spouse.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 20th, 1929.

Mr. F. W. Johnson was in the chair with 66 members present. Minutes of last Semi-annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr. Golman.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Geo. T. Wallis which showed that the Club was in good financial standing. Bank balance as at December 31th, 1928. —\$544.94.

Mr. Ford moved that the report be accepted with a vote of thanks; this was seconded by Mr. Watts and carried.

Mr. O'Connor moved that the Librarian be allowed a small yearly amount to purchase books for the library.

Mr. Watts moved an amendment that the buying of books be left to the executive. This was seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried.

Mr. Ford gave a very satisfactory report of the Cabin Committee's work for the year and Mr. Dodds moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Ford, Mr. Watts seconded the motion which carried.

Mr. Dawson then moved a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary, which was seconded by Mr. Westall and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Honorary President, Mr. J. Porter, B.E.; President, Mr. F. W. Johnson; 1st Vice-President, Mr. L. C. Ford; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. W. C. Westall; Secretary, Mr. L. G. Golman; Treasurer, Mr. G. T. Wallis; Editor, Mr. P. L. Tait; Reporter, Mr. C. A. Dawson; Librarian, Mr. H. O'Connor; Executive Board, Messrs. A. G. Harvey; A. J. O. Cooper; M. M. Dodds; F. A. Spouse; R. H. Simmonds. Chairman Cabin Committee, L. C. Ford.

Moved by Mr. Wallis that no member be allowed to sleep in downstairs rooms and that the ladies have complete use of the front (west) verandah, seconded by M. Dodds and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Irving that a money box be installed in the Club Cabin for donations for the Cabin Fund. Seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried.

Mr. Dodds moved that in future the executive appoint the leaders and get them together to revise and make up our Club trips; seconded by Mr. Dawson and carried.

11.20 p.m. Movement to adjourn; carried.

At the executive meeting of March 7th the following were elected to active membership in the B.C.M.C., Misses. D. Denison, E. Higginbottom, K. Smith; Messrs. C. Anderson, T. Fallowfield, C. See, A. T. O'Reilly, W. Hastie, D. McKe, W. G. Lambert, W. Spicer, D. Gore, C. Ledingham. Graduating, Miss E. Watson.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st

On the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson, 1250 Comox Street, a most enjoyable time was spent at their home by 48 members and friends, at what was one of our popular social evenings. This gathering was a success from the Ladies' Auxiliary's monetary view point but *more so* from the standpoint of delightful and interesting entertainment. While members were gathering, those already seated were busily engaged in trying to remove arrows from hearts or links from links in various kinds of wire puzzles. Memory tests and other forms of amusement kept up a lively interest and "many thanks" are due "The Andersons" and the Social Committee for a very happy evening enjoyed by all present.

THE EASTER VISIT TO CHURCH MT.

Many people have a great deal to say about the weather—but nobody seems to do anything about it. Such was the case with three B. C. Mountaineers who started in search of the way up a new peak viewed from Glacier Cabin (of the Mt. Baker Club) three weeks previously in brilliant sunshine reflecting from a snowy peak freshly covered in the early hours of the same day.

Good Friday was very changeable; what with some rain and considerable snow and occasional bursts of sunshine one knew not just what to do about the weather.

Saturday morning at Glacier, the forests, hills and valleys lay under a mantle of fresh snow; later the sun shone; the robin and lark, the wren and the black-throated sparrow burst forth into song as if trying to awaken to newness of life the buds that seemed afraid, yet anxious to open, but were awaiting the morrow before announcing the resurrection to life again after the long winter's sleep.

The clouds closed in, again the snow fell but this was not to deter the three who had decided on attempting the climb of such an interesting peak. Motor-ing up the road about 5 miles to the Forest Rangers' Lookout Trail, they started at 11.40 a.m. on foot. The trail is 5½ miles long and enters some very fine forest scenery. This trail vies in beauty with the Heliotrope Trail and magnificent trees on the way to Mount Baker across the valley and on over the ridge.

In spite of deep snow the three plodded on until a 4,000 foot point was reached from which the ridge below the peak was dimly discernable through the heavy snow then falling. Owing to eight inches of fresh snow on a heavy crust on a steep slope making safe going impossible, discretion seemed to exert a powerful influence over the party and they reluctantly turned back. Making a series of short cuts the return was speedy until a maze of fallen trees and rotting logs sprinkled lavishly with devils' clubs impeded progress. The presence of footprints of deer, bear and cougar showed animals to abound in this area and added interest to the climb especially as these showed clearly an excited deer being followed by a powerful and dreaded enemy, the cougar. The

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return to a hearty meal with the prospect of a dance being held at the cabin that same evening made a holiday trip unusually interesting. Several fine snow scenes were secured, one of especial interest showing two of the party in a huge ice cave on the mountain-side.

The Church Mt. climb will make an interesting week end 2 day trip (Saturday p.m. to Sunday p.m.) from Vancouver for any wishing to attempt it later in the season and should give unusual and exceedingly interesting views of Mts. Shuksan, Baker and Twin Sisters over the intervening ridges as this peak is over 6,400 feet high.

APRIL 6th-7th

A trip was scheduled for the West Peak of Crown, but did not materialize because of the impossibility of climbing due to the recent heavy fall of snow on Grouse and surrounding mountains.

We were treated, however, by a visit from Bellingham of nine members of the Mount Baker Club, who arrived at the Black Tank at Mosquito Creek at 9.45 p.m. Saturday. With eats, music, songs and dancing a pleasant hour and more was spent at the Cabin before turning in. A storm raged without but the cabin was comfortable. Sunday morning with several members, our visitors climbed to the Plateau and envied us the magnificent view we have over the city and Gulf and surrounding mountains both from the Plateau and especially from our cabin which we are delighted to learn they think simply wonderful.

They left us about 4.30 but have promised to come again and will surely be made welcome.

Thanks are due the Mount Baker Club for the fine addition to our Cabin library in the humorous book John Bunyan.

DRAYCOTT GULLEY

March 24th, 1929.

Leaving town on the 7.40 ferry Sunday morning, fifteen enthusiastic mountaineers took the Lynn Valley car as far as possible and then hiked up the Lynn Creek road to a point about three quarters of a mile above Cedar's abandoned mill, where we crossed the creek to the west side, up which we hiked to the junction of Draycott and Lynn Creeks. As soon as we turned into Draycott Creek we ran up against the usual wind-falls, etc., which mess up the creek at this point and don't seem to get any better from year to year. Once past this obstacle the usual mountain creek bed was our lot for the next hour and a half. By this time we had gained sufficient altitude, so that we could travel on the well packed snow instead of on the rocks. About noon we stopped at the junction where Draycott Gulley turns off to the south and the other branch continues on up to Forks Peak. Just as we were finishing lunch we were treated to a tapioca shower. Don't infer from this that it was the kind you can cook, it being instead, a heavy hail-storm, the appearance of the stones resembling tapioca to a marked degree.

Thinking that we were in for a heavy mountain storm as we were completely surrounded by clouds, we dressed accordingly, but after plugging up the gully for twenty minutes or so, the heavy coats, etc., were soon discarded again, as the storm blew over. Snow conditions in the gulley were ideal, there being just enough crust to make the going easy.

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One surprising feature noted this year was the lack of snow in the amphitheatre compared to a year ago when the writer and two other members were up in this gully. Snow is continually sliding from the surrounding ridges into this amphitheatre which creates an immense depth at this point. This year we were forced to climb a steep snow slope up the side of a thirty foot rock wall, while last year there was no sign of this cliff, it being completely snowed over. Once over this obstacle we enjoyed a fine snow climb to the top of the gully. As we came out on the east end of Goat Ridge the weather tried to clear up, but, while a few patches of blue sky appeared for a moment or two, the clouds remained with us for the rest of the day. Snow conditions on the ridge were ideal, the crust being hard enough to bear our weight and good time was made along the ridge to one of the small peaks east of the main peak. Here we spent about three quarters of an hour enjoying some wonderful sliding. Carrying on we reached Goat Peak at 2.45 p.m.

There were fifteen in the party. Leader, A. Spouse, endman, E. Henderson.

SKY-LINE RIDGE TRIP

March 9th and 10th

This is one of the few trips we can make using the Mount Baker Club Cabin at Glacier as a base. Six autos conveyed twenty-seven of our members during various hours on Saturday and Sunday to Glacier and a very comfortable evening was spent in the Glacier Cabin. I almost envied them their big fire place with its cheerful blaze, but my Scotch ancestry shuddered at the quantity of wood it consumed and I thought our heater at the cabin on Grouse was very satisfactory, notwithstanding. We must not overlook giving due justice to the soft spot in front of the cabin where two of our cars got stuck.

Sunday morning dawned clear with a heavy rain coming down diagonally and

everybody felt delighted with the prospects of a real old fashioned climb, but unfortunately the leader decided the air in one of his tires needed changing so everybody sat around wondering what to do. About seven or eight of the Mount Baker Club started for Skyline Ridge at 7.45 a.m. and others of our party went up the Heliotrope Trail. At 9.30 the leader decided the new air was adjusted to his satisfaction and called lustily for followers but they had departed and only two men were still for the Skyline Trail. The trail broken by the Mount Baker Club members was very welcome and speeded up the climbing. We met them coming down with the news that the snow in quantity and quality was the kind revelled in by men with big feet. At the end of their trail the real work began. The snow was really not too bad and the vistas under the snow-laden trees were alone worth the climb. At 2 p.m. we were somewhere between six and seven mile post and the leader was doing his best to keep up with the more energetic trail breaking of the other two and we held a council of war and decided in view of the time and the fact that it had turned bitterly cold we would turn back. Good time was made coming back for we could take advantage of the short cuts on the switch-backs and a good many short slides were enjoyed. As we got under the clouds we could see Church Mountain and as it cleared up a most beautiful view of this fine peak was revealed to us. With the appearance of the sun, slides started off that inountain and one good one was seen.

Twenty-seven in all made the trip to Glacier.

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Do not think of your faults, still less of others' faults; in every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong; honor that; rejoice in that; and, as you can try to imitate it; and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes.—*Ruskin.*

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