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The Christmas season is with us and our thoughts turn to our friends and how we can make them happy. While doing so we are prone to forget the strangers within our gates, many of whom are in dire need of the necessities of life.

"Social welfare work is simply organized effort to bring heaven a little nearer earth; to so improve conditions of living that poverty, sickness, suffering, misery, shall be reduced to a minimum; to put into general practice the golden rule—all for each and each for all—bearing one another's burdens and thus fulfilling the Divine Law."—J. J. Kelso.

Let us practice the Christmas Spirit.

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Will leaders please advise our secretary of all graduating members on official trips.

The Club Cabin was recently presented with a fine enlargement of the snow-covered Lions and surrounding mountains of the North Shore, taken by our good friend Robt. Gibson, who is a past-master in the art of photography. Thanks are due Mr. Gibson for this valuable addition to the Cabin decorations.

Thanks are due a recent visitor to the Club who presented the Cabin with a framed picture of a section of the Japanese Alps.

### LETTER TO THE B.C.M.C.

Miss Adele Siddeley sends greetings and wishes every member a Merry Xmas. She wishes to thank Vi for sending the new book on Garibaldi, describing this year's camp and to congratulate Les. G. G. on the Sketch of Harold's dream or nightmare, stating she thinks it better than any of Bairnsfather's of the "Better 'Ole," etc.

### LECTURE AT CABIN OF NOV. 23rd.

The first of the series to be given at the Cabin during the winter was well attended, there being twenty-two members present. Mr. Cooper was the speaker, who gave out some valuable information on climbing and the use of the ice axe on snow-slopes and glaciers. As a result of the speaker's remarks on the use of the rope, considerable interest was evinced next morning when members showed a keen desire to learn how to tie the different knots used in the rope under climbing requirements. At 10 a.m. eleven started in the rain for the peak of Grouse, among them being four graduating climbers; Misses Gibson, Morris, Thompson and Newell.

The completion of a climb as a finish to the lecture programme proved a profitable and pleasurable week end.

### LET'S MENTION THE BULLETIN

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## THE TREASURER REPORTS

Calling attention of members to paying dues before Christmas has brought a ready response from several already. Many others follow suit, thus making George's Christmas that much more cheerful. Thanks! Wishing you the same.

—George

## NEW YEAR'S DINNER AT CABIN

The annual *turkey* dinner at the *Club Cabin* will be served on Sunday, January 12th, 1930, at noon. Tickets must be purchased from the Cabin Committee before Sunday, December 29th; and as the number of tickets is limited to 50, members should secure these early.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

December 7th and 8th

We were pleased to have a visit from three members of the Seattle Mountaineering Club in the persons of Miss Mary Dunning, Miss Faye Derry and Mr. Gus Hudson. They are to visit us again when the *turkeys* are being apportioned in January.

## CAPILANO CANYON, NOV. 17th

The initial photographic trip of Club members was a decided success. The weather had been promising nothing for several days but Sunday morning the sun shone for the first time in a long while. A party of eleven leaving the car at the Capilano road crossed the river at the black bridge and wandered up the canyon along the railway tracks. All nature was clothed in her autumnal colors and helped make the trip most delightful. The river was re-crossed at the suspension bridge,

a bit of fun being provided on the wave-like motion produced on the bridge by the antics of some of the party. A short distance up the pipe line road, the forest of the canyon was entered. A few low-hanging clouds dropped a bit of moisture about 11 o'clock but that did not dampen the spirits of the trampers (and here it might be added that such a trip is not made without considerable climbing being necessary), nor did it prevent good photos being taken. For canyon photography, dull skies or a hazy atmosphere is more suitable for good pictures than bright sunshine, especially where the canyon walls are high.

After reaching a huge rock extending into the canyon (just below the 2nd canyon), and out into the sunshine, a halt was made for lunch. It might be said that this trip turned out to be a real picnic and everyone seemed to be perfectly happy—especially at lunch time. Art made a fire (where he found dry wood was a mystery), and strong tea was served along with a piece of Arthur's fruit cake. Three of the number wandered to the Cabin for tea, the remainder viewed the Second Canyon and wandered up stream, some picking black currants and spring beauties, eight meeting and returning on the 5 p.m. ferry after the ride from the river by the Capilano car number 3. All agreed a very enjoyable day was spent and some day in early spring a similar trip to Seymour or Lynn Canyon will be attempted, for either of the latter named places is well worth a day's visit especially in the early summer when the flowers are in bloom.

Those attending were Misses Vi Jones, Elsie Dee, Doris Boyce; Messrs. Don

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**GARIBALDI PARK**

It seems unfortunate that the recent projected meeting to form a Garibaldi Park Association had to be postponed. It will be interesting to many club members to know that there is a possibility of a road being put through from Horseshoe Bay to Garibaldi Park. What would it mean? Now we are shut off from free access to Seymour and Lynn Valleys it might be then possible to jump into your auto Saturday afternoon, sit around a camp fire on Black Tusk Meadows, re-counting old experiences in the Park and after dreaming of the next day's manoeuvres to get up, and do your stunt on the Tusk, Castle Towers, or go for a trip on the Lake, visiting one of the glaciers or climbing Red Mountain, and after the usual hearty meal return to your home before midnight, Sunday. That is a dream which, it is possible, will be a reality if we all do our bit to help it along when this association is formed.

**THE CLUB CABIN**

**Saturday, December 14th**

Bring your cameras with you to the Cabin by 9.30 p.m. and hear a talk on photography. Bring your pet negative or film along and, if possible to arrange, a demonstration of how to get the best print from it will be given. The day following, with suitable weather, a return from the cabin by way of Capilano Canyon may be made.

—P. L. Tait

At the last executive meeting, Miss Beverley Thompson, and Miss Sproule and Tom Carroll were elected to Graduating Membership.

To Active Membership; Messrs. G. W. and John Mackenzie and Don Baker.

**CAMEL, OCTOBER 12th and 13th**

The weather was not particularly good but not bad enough to hold back those intending to make the trip. A small party left the Cabin at 6.30 a.m. and was augmented at various places such as Grouse and P. L. Tait's Cabin. At the latter place we had a bite to eat and went on to Crown. There still seems to be a good opening for somebody to build an aerial tramway from Goat Ridge to Crown and it would be well patronized. We had something more to eat on Crown and during this several showers sent everybody to cover under the big rocks which formed convenient shelters. Twelve decided to try the Camel and all made it. The Camel was considerably climbed over that day as the University Club also had a trip on and their numbers seemed never ending. The return was made leisurely and in several parties; the last arrived at the Cabin about 5 p.m. Unfortunately the leader has mislaid the list of names and if anybody can supply a complete list of those taking part in the trip will you please give it to P. L. Tait at O. B. Allan's or Ted Taylor at 916 Birks Building.

—A. Taylor

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## THE GOLDEN EARS FROM PITT LAKE

Set on the Eastern horizon and visible from Vancouver on clear days, a group of three striking peaks known as the "Golden Ears," have long thrown out a challenge to mountaineers. They have been the object of but few visits, however, owing to lack of knowledge of suitable means of approach.

Taking advantage of the long week-end at Thanksgiving, a private party of seven members left the city Saturday, November 9th for New Westminster and embarking on a little gas boat, travelled up the Fraser and Pitt Rivers through the tortuous channels between the extensive mud flats of Pitt Lake. Thus it was 8 p.m. amid a blinding wind and rain-storm before a landing was effected. Through the courtesy of the B. & K. Logging Co., the party was taken up to the camp in a speeder (elevation 800 feet). Here splendid accommodation was provided and good meals, hot and cold showers, feather beds and white pillow cases, were indeed welcome.

After a real logger's breakfast, the party was taken to an elevation of 1750 feet by speeder. The morning was clear, but the peak, covered in new snow, promised hard conditions. A wooded ridge was followed to an elevation of about 4000 feet. Across a 2000 foot valley appeared the South and Middle Peaks of the range, their precipitous cliffs powdered with the season's first snow. Numerous deer tracks were seen and a good picture of a fine doe was obtained. A long gully was ascended, continually becoming narrower and steeper, ending in nothing but a "jumping-off" place into the now fog-filled depths of the South East Valley. From this point the ice-sheathed rocks offered no feasible route to the summit of the North Peak. The lateness of the hour (3 p.m.) and a threatening storm compelled an immediate retreat. On the return after a

minor peak of 4650 feet was climbed, an unexpected succession of bluffs prolonged the ascent of the ridge and camp was not gained till 8.30 p.m. The return to town was made in rain the following day.

The trip is a long one and would need conditions suitable for rock climbing and also a 12 hour day. The members of the party were impressed by the kindness shown them, and were very grateful for the use of the camp and speeder. The highest elevation gained was about 5000 feet, while the peak appears to be in the whereabouts of 6000 feet. The members of this party were: K. Hoffman, C. Ledingham, J. Betts, W. Henderson, D. Gore, K. Grimmgaard and Art. Cooper.

—A.J.O.C.

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Will members, who have good films of interesting subjects pertaining to mountaineering have their enlargements made and mounted early for the Photographic Exhibition, the last week in February.

Those who have interesting camp scenes in Garibaldi, or elsewhere, have contact prints made for the Club's Album and send them in soon.

### FIRST LADY PILOT IN B. C.

Mrs. W. Gilbert (nee Jeanne Genier), who trained with the Aero Club of B. C. (Vancouver Branch) has completed fifteen hours of solo flying. This entitles her to her "ticket" or private license which was presented to her by Squadron Leader Earl McLeod, at a dramatic presentation *Impressions of a Modern Airport*, broadcasted over C.K.W.X., Tuesday, December 10th, 6.30 p.m.

Mrs. Gilbert, who is leaving for Eastern Canada shortly, intends to put in an additional thirty-five hours solo flying during the next few weeks.

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