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RUTH MT., - June 4th and 5th.

Travelling under ideal conditions, and with a party that simply radiated ambition, the first official club trip to this 7600 foot mountain was very successful.

Rising at 2:50 a.m., we left Glacier cabin shortly after four and drove fourteen miles up the highway to Shuksan Camp, where we left the cars. Five miles on the Hennigan Pass Trail, a few anxious moments on a slippery log over Ruth Creek, devils club, tangled masses of alder, and finally a snow gulley, took us into an amphitheatre at an elevation of almost 6000 feet. We made a brief halt here and ate our second breakfast to the accompaniment of clicking cameras and the swish of miniature avalanches. The efforts of some to photograph avalanches were funny. After making a rather steep snow traverse under cliffs adorned in some places by quivering cornices, we finally gained the summit arete. The final 400 feet of the peak was a good rock climb with the long limbed people having a distinct advantage over the others. By 1 p.m. the endman had reached the top and was vainly trying to summon enough courage to stand up on the needle like summit. Visability unfortunately was poor, due to the low lying clouds which enveloped the peak throughout the day. The return journey was made in record time, the highlight being a 3000 foot continuous slide, which although hard on the nether garments was very enjoyable. At six o'clock we were back in Glacier cabin, a somewhat tired but contented group of mountaineers.

The following twenty members and one visitor made the trip. The Misses E. Gilbert, M. Sing, G. McCallum and L. Johnston, and the Messrs. H. Christie, E. Smith, L. Ford, W. Dobson, J. Irving, J. Betts, A. Cooper, C. Ledingham, W. Patterson, T. Carroll, H. Kauffman, J. MacKenzie, W. MacKenzie, B. Cook and P. Tate. With Percy Lockie endman and Bill Henderson leader.

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The GOLDEN EARS, May 29th.

At dawn on May 29th four club members were wiggling from their sleeping bags preparatory to downing a so called breakfast consisting chiefly of cold beans. Having obtained permission from the Abernethy Loughheed Logging Co., and faithfully promised to kindle no fires whatever we had packed in the night before from Allco to our bivouac on the old right of way, a mile or so from Lake Beautiful. Unfortunately the cabin at the lake is at present a total wreck, having collapsed under the weight of this years exceptional snowfall. After stowing away the cold beans etc., we started on our ambitious program of attempting the three peaks in one day. Snow conditions were very good at first and we made

excellent time up the valley. Distaining the usual procedure we swung to our left near the head of the valley and attacked the North Peak from a steep couloir that terminates in the col between the two peaks. At ten o'clock we were cutting steps up the final steep pitch of the higher N. Peak and a few moments later were resting on top. Several good standing glissades took us down to the ridge leading to the Middle Peak and from then on things began to get interesting. We were one hour in surmounting a fifty foot rock wall and further difficulties followed in short order. It was one o'clock before we stood on top of the Middle Peak looking at our supposedly next victim, but the South Peak was not for us that day. The connecting ridge was in very bad shape and after wasting several hours of our time combating bad snow cornices and other troubles, we held a council of war and decided to call it a day. A long slide took us into the valley once more and six hours later we were at Allco eating our first hot food of the day. W.H.

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NATURE STUDY TRIP

Mr. P. L. Tate reports that seven members and one guest, attended a nature study trip to Cypress Falls, on the week end of June the 12th. After the trip Mr. and Mr. Gifford served refreshments to the party at their home at West Bay. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Christie, Mr. A. K. Chives, Mrs. Westall, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford, Miss Bird, P. L. Tate.

Note: Of the flowers found on the trip those most numerous were, Claytons Spring Beauty, Linnaes Twin Flower, Heal All Lobelia, Spirea Ocean Spray, and London Pride.

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Arthur Cooper, our climbing committee chairman, reports that Harry Somerville is unable to lead the Golden Ears trip scheduled for the week end of June 18th and 19th and unless some ambitious young blood wishes to take the trip he will lead it himself. As far as is known at present there will be speeder accommodation for the first six miles.

The Moonlight tip to Mt. Gardner will be held on July 16th - 17th, not on the 9th - 10th as given in the summer program.

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DUES - Please read this.

The taxes on the club cabin are very high this year and Mickey would like to have everyone send in their dues which were payable in March as soon as possible. He reports that he has enough money to get by on but would like to have some margin.

Thank You.