

# Everybody's mountain chronicled in book

Mt. Hood probably has more history than any two or three other mountains in the country. Jack Grauer ought to know. He's just completed a book on everybody's favorite mountain: "Mount Hood: A Complete History."

"Early Oregon pioneers on the Barlow Road went right by the front door of Mt. Hood," Grauer said. "Mt. Hood and Oregon history go hand in hand."

Unlike most Oregonians, Grauer doesn't just sit back and admire the mountain.

"I've led 67 climbs for the Mazamas," the veteran mountain climber said. "I always love Mt. Hood a little more each time."

Actually, Mt. Hood isn't considered that difficult a climb, Grauer said.

"It is the second most-climbed mountain in the world," he related. "Mt. Fuji, jama in Japan is the only one with more climbers."

Although most people ascend the south side above Timberline Lodge, more difficult are the Wy'east route or Cooper Spur on the west side, the author said.

It took Grauer about a year to research and write the book. It is his first book but he's now doing research for one on the Columbia Gorge.

"I ran into a great deal of conflicting reports," he sighed. "Sometimes I had to go back two or three times to get a fact ironed out and sometimes I never did get it ironed out."

"Now that it's written I could add to it."

What Grauer calls one of the most "incredible" stories in his book is that of the house on the summit.

An early house, the one called Ft. Deposit where the first Barlow party sheltered, has never been located.

"If we'd have gone at it in the 1920s, we might have discovered the location," he said.

Grauer's is the last history to be done on the mountain. An earlier one, "Wy'east the Mountain," was written by Fred McNeil in 1937.

The book has 300 pages with 164 photographs.

It has the full story of the



Jack Grauer and friend

Barlow Road and the early days of Government Camp.

"Elijah (Linge) Coalman is in it with all four feet," Grauer laughed. "His father was superintendent of the Barlow Road."

There's also a bit of intrigue with the story of Perry Vickers, the first person to be murdered on Mt. Hood. Vickers was the first person to really live on Mt. Hood, living in Summit Meadows where he ran a hotel and store.

For an outdoorsman like Grauer, it wasn't always easy to keep behind the typewriter.

"After you sit with your nose in a book for a year you sort of long to be on the mountain," he smiled.

"The pioneers coming over the Barlow Road always considered Mt. Hood the place they wanted to revisit. It's the same with everybody, I guess, because no other mountain has a city so closely attached to it—like the Portland area is attached to Mt. Hood."

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Miss Westfall was graduated from Sam Barlow High School and studied at Mt. Hood Community College. She is supervisor for Aetna Insurance, Portland.

Howell is a third year geology student at Western Washington State College, Bellingham.

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