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LEGION CLIMB IS A SUCCESS

SUMMIT REACHED BY 111 CLIMBERS

Those Participating Reached 249—Recreational Stunt Wins New Enthusiasts

—Mayor Baker Booster

The second annual Mount Hood Climb of the American Legion ended successfully Sunday with 111 of the party of 249 participating in the base camp activities reaching the summit. Weather conditions were ideal, and only about 10 of those starting at 5 a. m. on the arduous ascent dropped out of the lines. While the atmosphere around the mountain was clear, dense smoke from Oregon and Washington forest fires off to the north prevented good views of the Washington snow peaks.

At the campfire program Saturday night the following speakers expressed appreciation of the efforts of the local Legion Post: Ed J. Rivers, former national president of the Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses; Geo. L. Baker, mayor of Portland; Col. Creed C. Hammond, who was present as representative of the general; Geo. A. White, Secretary of State; Sam A. Koser; Harry Nelson, adjutant of the Oregon department, American Legion. A concert was given by the Knights of Pythias, having in their city, and community singing was led by Mike Brennan, of Portland.

Taps were sounded at 10 o'clock, and members of Company C, 186th Regiment, formed an armed guard around the camp. Sentries forced those arriving after taps to sleep outside the limits of the camp, in order that the climbers might not be disturbed. Several groups of stragglers reached the camp after midnight.

Every speaker around the huge bonfire, which lighted up the mile high forest and was reflected by the cascades of Tilly Jane creek singing below the camp, declared that they would dedicate themselves to the task of making the mid-summer mountain climb an annual national feature of American outdoor life. The visitors were given a taste of the fruits of the Mount Hood Loop Highway, which will be open to traffic by next year's spring. Surveyors are now engaged in laying out a six-mile lateral road from the Loop road by way of the Legion camp to Cloud Gap Inn, and it is anticipated that this improvement will give the Legion climb a great stimulus.

Mayor Baker, who decided the ascent to the summit a task disproportionate to his avocations, and Mrs. Baker, both of whom visited the crevasse and ice cascade of Elliot glacier, declared the event one of the most interesting of their lives. "After participation in the American Legion climb," said Mayor Baker, "one gains a new respect for Mount Hood, and the closer association wins a reverence for its magnificence."

It was significant that many of the climbers this year were regulars of the sport. Among them was Mr. Koser, who says he is going to take part in the annual sport until old age robs him of the joy. Guis Weygandt, who has made 115 trips to the summit, declared that he had never ascended a more willing and enthusiastic party to Hood's top.

Although the Mount Hood Climb was established only a year ago, when it drew to the scenic highland wilds on the northeast side of Mount Hood about 150 nature lovers, it bade fair this year to grow faster than its founders anticipated. Every prospect of two weeks before the climb this year indicated attendance of about 500 climbers. The forest fire now burning up Herman creek laid a dense pall of smoke over the mid-Columbia lowlands, however, and threw a damper on the enthusiasm of prospective recreationists. When the day finally came for leaving for the mountain camp, the sun of this district ascended to the zenith of the heavens with no greater effulgence than a winter's moon in a hazy sky, and scores who had planned the trip changed their plans at the last moment. It was not until the start of the Legion climb of this year drew practically all of its attendance from outside points. Except for the K. of P. band and members of Company C, who policed the camp, Hood River was represented by a mere handful of citizens. The local folk lay their absence to the smoke. When the final count was made of those around the campfire it was found that only 251 were present.

Members of Hood River Legion Post, however, express no discouragement over the lack of attendance, and they will make preparations next year for a doubling up or maybe a quadrupling of the attendance of this season.

Although the task of reaching the Legion camp and the added exertions of hiking up the trail to the top of Cooper Spur and thence ascending step by step over the vast snowfields to the end of the 2,000-foot lifeline, where the real test of physical stamina begins, the 99 men and women who successfully essayed the sport all returned to Hood River enthusiastic. Those who declined the strenuous task of a journey to the top declared on starting on the long motor trip back down the trail to the valley that the ruggedness of the mountain and there at eventide to see the marvelous changes in coloring as the sun's rays gradually lift themselves from the shadows of the forest on up beyond the last line of brave mountain pines, those hardy confers that seem to send out every foot and branch in a grappling hold on rock and sand, to resist the raging storms of winter, to behold this slow ascent of the sunlight, while all around you is becoming a blacker shadow, is an inspiration. And this was an experience that the climbers were given on Saturday. They left Hood River in a caravan of motor vans early Saturday morning. It is over 20 miles to the end of the mountain road, where the party leaders shouted, "All off for the long hike!"

At the road's end began a trail 2½ miles long up a gigantic hogback between the Tilly Jane creek and Sand canyon. The trail, rough and dusty, the crowds of shuffling climbers sending up a dust of volcanic ash as fine as flour, snaped the vigor of the hardest recreationist. It begins at an elevation of 3,700 feet, and one rises en route to 7,000 feet on Finch Spur. From this summit, the party dropped again into the wooded flats along the upper reaches of the Tilly Jane. When the big point was topped, and this little descent was begun, sighs of relief were heard from 200 throats. But even the trail climb is worth all the effort one puts into it. At the left of the climbers appears the 3,000-foot deep Sand canyon, which receives its name from the giant deposits of sand on its east side. Here slides have scarred the canyon like the clawing of some devil huger than the mind of man can conjure up. Off up toward the snow peak several ribbon waterfalls leap over sheer precipices. Occasionally the wind currents catch the water ribbon and spray it far out down into the abyss.

APPLE MEE PLANS MADE

MANY BUYERS ARE EXPECTED HERE

Delegates to Seattle Convention of International Association Will Be Entertained in Mid-Columbia

Apple shippers of this district met last week and completed arrangements for the entertainment of delegates to the annual convention of the International Apple Shippers Association to be held at Seattle in late July. It is estimated that 300 apple buyers from eastern and middle western points and several from England will come here following the convention.

The delegates are expected to arrive in Portland Sunday, July 23. The next day they will be brought by Portland hosts by automobile to Multnomah Falls, where Hood River citizens will receive them with their automobiles and bring them here over the Columbia River Highway. A dinner dance will be held Monday evening at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. On Tuesday morning the apple buyers will be taken on tours of inspection of packing and storage plants of local shippers and shown through the orchards of the valley. Then they will be escorted to Mosier for a visit to the plant of the Mosier Fruitgrowers' Association and a tour of the noted orchards of that district. A delegation of The Dalles fruit men will meet the buyers there and take them on to the Wasco county capital, where they will be entertained on Tuesday night.


The buyers will be returned here on Wednesday morning and escorted to ferry landings, where White Salmon and Underwood apple shippers and growers will greet them and entertain them for the day. A feature of the entertainment of the Washington growers will be buffet luncheons served at the big apple packing houses of the two districts. Various recreational features will be available for the visiting fruit merchants, many of whom, according to letters received by C. C. Crew, will be accompanied by their families. Fishing trips will be provided, and plans have been made for a party to ascend to the summit of Mount Hood. The Seattle convention of the apple buyers, local fruit shippers expect, will result in stimulation of the boxed apple business. It will bring growers and buyers in actual touch with each other and give them an understanding of the problems that confront both. Those attending the meeting last week included: P. F. Clark, C. H. Castner, W. R. Woolper, R. W. and F. S. Kelly, R. P. Loomis, E. D. Blanchard, C. H. Vaughan, William Irwin and F. A. Olmsted.

LUNCH CLUB HEARS PRAISE OF CLIMB

Truman Butler at the Tuesday Lunch Club at the Phoenician commended the legionnaires for what he characterized one of the biggest works in Oregon, that of making Mount Hood as popular as Mount Rainier is today. Mr. Butler urged all local men to get behind the Hood River Post and aid them in their future plans. He declared that the second successful climb put the feature of Oregon out door life on a permanent basis. All present Saturday and Sunday at the highland camp he declared had resolved to work toward making the climb an annual national recreational event.

A. M. Cannon also endorsed the climb. He declared that he had learned from a motor through central Oregon that many residents there would visit the Mount Hood resorts if they just knew about them. Guests Tuesday were: Dr. Alexander, W. T. Gerow, Los Angeles apple man; A. T. Jackson, of Hamilton, N. J.; and W. F. Bode, of Chicago. A resolution of thanks to the Phoenix Utility Co. for the installation of the dance of Saturday night was adopted.

C. H. Vaughan, vice president last year, was elected to the presidency of the Oregon State Bankers Association at the annual convention held in Portland this week. The convention was characterized as one of the most successful ever held in the state. It was held simultaneously with the annual meeting of the American Institute of Bankers, which brought delegates from every part of the country.



Human Interest

It may be said in defense of the old time banker that he was perhaps a better man than his contemporaries thought him to be, but the fact remains that human interest stories were not a part of earlier bank publicity and the banker of former times held a position of aloofness that was not creditable to him or good for the banking business.

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 Sunday school, Gospel of Luke, Chapter
 16. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.
 Senior B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Sub-
 ject, Deuteronomy, or last words of
 Moses. At 8 p. m. evening worship,
 Revelation, Chapters 4 and 5. A vision
 of Heaven as seen by John at Patmos.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.
 C. R. Delepino, Pastor.

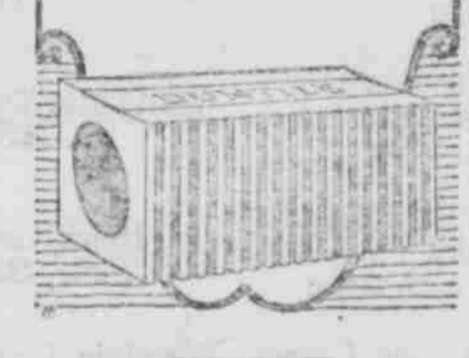
Ye Old Swimmin' Hole!

Several attempts have been made by public spirited associations and citizens to establish a swimming pool. All of them have lacked the everchanging, flowing water so absolutely necessary for a public resort of this kind. Incidents that happen and may happen and the urging on of friends that come to our place year after year have given us no alternative. We must either make improvements and run it on a business basis or close our beach to the public. So we have decided to find out just how far Hood River people will go to support a place of this kind and have gone ahead making improvements. That part of the beach set apart for children and those who cannot swim, has been enclosed by a net, supported from a log boom, anchored down, giving absolute safety. Dressing rooms and other buildings have been constructed and we are adding to them as the demand warrants. We wish to make it known that we would like to make this a Family Resort—in fact, it is almost exclusively so now and, keeping in line with this idea, we are making a small charge per family. At present we will call it as it has been known for years:

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