



Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting and banquet of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association was held in the Al San Club on Wednesday evening, October 14th. 31 members and one guest attended. After dinner Sandy Vair conducted the business meeting. A report of the past year's ski trips and day trips was given by Wally Drew. Ted de Waal reported on the weekend trips. The summer holiday trip was described by Sandy Vair. Bernie Taylor Schipperus gave the Treasurer's report.

Silver pins for special service to the Ramblers in the field during the past three seasons were awarded to Pam Turner and Ted de Waal.

Finally came the most exciting part of the evening, the election of the new executive. Sandy Vair was re-elected to his 4th term as Chairman by acclamation. Wally Drew and Ted de Waal were nominated for Vice Chairman and Wally was re-elected to his 4th term. Pam Turner and Jean Nicholls were nominated for Secretary and Jean was elected, to succeed Mary Hodgkinson. Gerry Schlee was chosen by acclamation to succeed Bernie Schipperus as Treasurer. The seven nominees for the remaining two elective executive positions were Ted de Waal, Henk Oliekens, Pam Turner, Ruth Kirk, Bill Kiborn, Ed Lynn and Rhona Springer. Pam and Ted were elected.

The evening which we saw the Ramblers dressed in their best was rounded off by dancing. Additional appointments to the executive will be made at an executive meeting early in November.

The following is a condensation of the Treasurer's report: Our income for the 1959 fiscal year was \$309.75. Our expenses were \$205.85, leaving a net income of \$103.90. Our balance sheet as of October 14, 1959 showed \$354.01 in cash and \$135.23 worth of equipment and pins, for a total assets of \$489.24.

MEETINGS

From now until Christmas Ramblers meetings are held Tuesdays at 8 P.M. instead of the usual Wednesday evening. Meetings are still at Alpine Smylie's at 1026 - 16th Avenue N.W. A programme is presented at each meeting and everyone interested is invited to attend. The following programmes were presented at October meetings:

- Oct. 7 - Movies on Europe and on local climbing by Peter Taylor.
- Oct. 14 - Annual General Meeting and banquet.
- Oct. 20 - Slides on Ontario and the Rockies by Dick Ranaghan and Ted de Waal.
- Oct. 26 - Lecture and demonstration of ski equipment by Ted de Waal.

SKI TRIP LEADERS

Winter Programme Chairman	- Wally Drew	AV. 9-6145
Ski Trip Leaders	- Tom Moffat	AL. 5-6573
	Sandy Vair	AV. 9-0475
	Tom Thurston	AV. 9-9740
	Ted de Waal	AV. 9-2442
Assistant Ski Trip Leader	- Jean Nicholls	AM. 6-3123

For information about skiing or ice skating trips phone Wally Drew after 6:30 P.M. If it is necessary to cancel from a trip, please phone the leader of that trip.

MEMBERS

The following members have changed their phone numbers since the last issue of "The Peck Rat". The new numbers are listed below:

Liz Roth	No phone yet.
Bernie Schipperus	CH. 4-1274
Heddy Wagner	No phone
Anita Witte	AM. 2-4047

Additional number:
Helen Leach AM. 2-4047

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!!

Design Contest for Ramblers Banner

The purpose of this contest is to get a design for a Ramblers' banner, suitable to be flown from tent poles, used as a marker on routes, trail heads, etc. and in any other appropriate ways.

The requirements are as follows:

1. The word "RAMBLERS" in full should appear somewhere in the design, and the initials "R.M.R.A." may also be used if desired.
2. The maximum vertical dimension should be 12 inches, but designs may be drawn to scale.
3. Only members of the R.M.R.A. are eligible to enter the contest.
4. Entries must be submitted under a nom de plume or alias (to ensure secrecy when being judged) and all entries must be received by the Chairman, Sandy Vair, by December 15th.
5. Prize will be refund of membership dues for the year.
6. Winner will be announced at New Year's Eve party.

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

That wonderful long article in the last issue of "The Pack Rat", describing the summer camp, was written by Mary Hodgkinson. Mary has also typed and duplicated all recent issues. Many thanks to Mary.

For information about the Ramblers phone Sandy or Nancy Vair at AV. 9-0475 or Jean Nicholls at AM. 6-3123.

Wally Drew.

FALL TRIPS

October 4 - Two Pines Aspen Hike

We drove out to Bragg Creek this cool grey morning over roads made muddy by the thawing of the night's snowfall. "We" includes Diane Winny, Lillian Garland, Isobell and Bill Kiborn, Roy Sward, Ted de Waal, Ed Lynn, Walter Bodenmuller, Dick Ranaghan, and Wally Drew. We rambled up the ridge called Two Pines, across a creek full of beaver dams, and up a hill called Last Break. These are just north of Bragg Creek. Skies were grey and the woods were wet with slush but views were extensive and the aspen colours were at their prime. Ed hit the nail on the head when he called the trip "a Ramblers slosh".

October 10-12 - Many Glacier and St. Mary Lake

Because of the cold weather only four of us went on the trip to Glacier National Park, Montana over the Thanksgiving weekend. The four were Gerda Leer, Lillian Garland, Gerry Schlee and Wally Drew. Wally, who once spent five months in the Glacier Park area, was showing the area to the Ramblers.

~~We left Calgary Saturday noon and spent the afternoon driving to~~ Babb, Mont. with a stop in Cardston to see the Mormon Temple. Going south the snow flurries of Calgary were replaced by sunshine, but it was still cold and there was snow on the ground so it was decided at Babb to get a cabin instead of camping out. Gerda knew of some cabins set back in the aspens off the highway between Babb and St. Mary. They were makred by a closed store on the east side of the highway 4 miles south of Babb (and 5 miles north of St. Mary). To get to the cabins we drove up the small hill behind the store. The cabins were shut down for the winter, but since we had sleeping bags the elderly man opened up a nice one-room log cabin for us. It cost \$4 for the weekend (50c per person per night). That included firewood and electric light, and furniture, but no linen or cooking utensils. The large wood stove was adequate for cooking and heating. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay there and recommend it to the Ramblers making off-season trips to that area.

It started warming up Saturday night and Sunday morning it was chinking. We drove to Many Glacier where there was a wind and rain storm. Consequently our hike was up the Cataract Creek valley where we were protected from the gale. We hiked past Swiftcurrent, Josephine, and Grinnell Lakes and finally to Morning Eagle Falls. The good trails went through nice forests. We saw a number of small avalanches before returning via the high trail. With rain pouring down all day and several inches of melting snow underfoot we were soaked, but enjoyed the all-day hike just the same. When we returned to the cabin for dinner and an evening of "horse play" the sun was shining and the snow was all gone. The night was moonlit and mild. Lillian dried the supper dishes including Wally's fork with plastic handle in the oven. The heat melted the plastic inot a flat sheet. Unfortunately Gerda's fork was caught in this molten plastic to become trapped there when the plastic cooled and hardened. In trying to separate the forks Gerda's was broken. Gerry proved very adept at hopping around with his sleeping bag on - sort of like a kangaroo.

to the top of Logan Pass and regretted that we didn't have our skis. In mid-afternoon we returned to the cabin for a late lunch and packing. We gave the cabin a final tidying-up. Our biggest problem was all the "dead" flies - piles of them. The catch was that they came to life when the cabin was heated by stove or sun. We hope we made their hibernation more permanent when we poured boiling water on them.

We drove back to Calgary Monday evening after a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Lillian had bought the food with Pam Turner's aid and had kept us well fed by acting as chief chef. That northeast part of Glacier National Park is recommended for future Ramblers Thanksgiving weekend trips. They could be run as combined hiking and skiing trips, with everyone staying together in the cabins. The cabins are 172 miles south of Calgary. There were still nice fall colours around Lower St. Mary Lake and Babb.

October 18 - Yamnuska

On this beautiful Sunday morning Ted de Waal led Wally Drew, Diane Winny, Bob Baxter, Ed Lynn, Gerry Schlee, Lillian Garland and two guests, Pat Silverman and Helene Josephs, up the back of Yamnuska. The party started out along the old quarry road, trudged along the A.C.C. cliff band and proceeded to ascend the long grass slopes to the rock wall above where they ate lunch. Then all but Helene and Pat continued up the rocks to the top of the Grillmair chimneys where a thrilling view could be seen down through a tunnel in the rocks. A party of climbers could be heard proceeding up the face of the mountain, but could not be seen. The group then advanced to the summit, where they signed their names in the records kept in a cairn, and enjoyed the excellent scenery. An uneventful return was made with the exception of the arrival of Anita Witte who was late for the rendezvous that morning. Apparently she hitchhiked to Yamnuska with some people and they attempted to follow us up the mountain. We all returned to the cars to find Peter Taylor, a recent guest at a R.M.R.A. meeting when he presented his climbing film to us. He informed us that there were several parties climbing on the face of the mountain and so it seems that between the Ramblers and these other climbers, Yamnuska had quite a day of being stopped on.

October 25 - Wind Creek

On this grey fall day there was a good turn out of 17 people for the last Ramblers hike of the season. They were Anita Witte, Diane Winny, Pat Silverman, Helene and Shirley Josephs, Shiela Lindley, Lillian Garland, Liz Roth, Ruth Kirk, Isobel and Bill Kiborn, Ted de Waal, Ed Lynn, Gerry Schlee, Bob Baxter, Dick Ranaghan, and Wally Drew. Wally was the trip leader. We started up the Wind Creek truck road as we have done several times before, but instead of branching off up the power line or up the West Wind Creek road, we continued on up the Wind Creek road. A lunch stop was made on a rocky flat beside Wind Creek. Because the woods were wet it was safe to make a fire. Some of the group evidently got too warm and dry by the fire because they indulged in a water fight after lunch. Ted and Bob threw splashing rocks from the opposite bank and were challenged mainly by Ed and Gerry. Soon many others joined Ed and Gerry, but aided by higher ground Ted and Bob held their own. Ruth was busy taking movies, which should provide hilarious entertainment at a future meeting. While some spent the time drying off by the fire, Ruth, Pat, Shirley, Shiela, Bob, Dick and Wally went on to the end of the road on Wind Creek between Mt. Lougheed and Mt. Allen. Helene wasn't in the water fight, but she accomplished the same degree of wetness by accidentally sitting in the creek. She spent the next hour with her bottom projected toward the fire. In the meantime Anita fell asleep and was immediately buried under rocks and provided with a rocky cross by other Ramblers. To top off the amusing day Ed fell off a log and got his leg caught between branches. Ted rescued him by chopping a branch away with his ice axe.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Nancy and Sandy Vair were hosts to the Ramblers at their new home, #46 Rosery Drive, on Friday evening, October 30 for a party. Pam Turner, Jean Nicholls and Barb Thompson also did a lot of work in organising the party. Many of the girls prepared and bought food. In addition to being a costume Halloween party, the purpose was to honour the most recently married Rambler couple: Bernie and Rudi Schipperus. There were 38 adults and the Vair and Baxter baby girls at the party. So many Ramblers came in clever and elaborate costumes they had made that there is not room to list them all here. Lillian Garland, Margaret de Wit and Ruth Kirk were disguised beyond recognition when they arrived. After we had had some of Jean's delicious punch, Wally Drew called two square dances early in the evening. Pat Silverman was the only one to win a prize in a game. Jean Nicholls, John Hickey and Sandy Vair entertained with a demonstration that looked and sounded like something between gymnastics and professional wrestling. After dancing and eating, the party ended up with a sing song at 2 A.M.

WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING

On Friday evening, October 9, Bernie Taylor and Rudi Schipperus went to Banff, where they were married in a semi-secret wedding. Only a few close friends and Bernie's immediate family were present. Anita Witte was the only Rambler in attendance. A former Rambler, Chris Fearn, and her fiance were also there. Bernie and Rudi met in the Ramblers when Rudi joined the club last winter. They went on some Rambler ski trips together during the spring, but most of the courtship occurred outside of the club. We expect to see them on ski trips again this winter and wish the best of everything to Bernie and Rudi Schipperus. Their honeymoon was in Banff over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The next day, on Saturday October 10, Lucis and Tom Moffat became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. They have named him James David Moffat. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 12½ ozs. and was 21½ inches long when they uncured him. They are calling him 'Jamie'. Mother and son are doing fine.

Aia Kalinina wishes to express thanks to the Ramblers for their "Get Well" card, and especially to those who visited her in hospital. She is now fully recovered after convalescing in Saskatchewan.

The latest news from San Diego, Calif. is that a former Rambler, Margaret Hartmann, is engaged to a resident of that city.

Another former Rambler, Betty Guenther, has left Kitimat, B.C. and gone home to the Fraser Valley. Her address is: 876 Blackburn Road, R.R. #4, Sardis, B.C. She visited Dorothea Meyer in Prince George.

Charlie Neill is now doing an M.Sc. course in Civil Engineering (Hydraulics) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He explains that Hydraulics is "finding why the water gurgles down the bath-plug". He will be pleased to hear from any of us who get to Edmonton. His address is: 11258 - 73 Ave., Edmonton and the phone number is GE.9-1347.

We saw a lot of Ron Baylie (Alpine Slowly) and a little of Bill Moran in Hans Gmoeser's recent movie "Vagabond of the Mountains". It showed a lot of the Mt. Logan expedition of which Ron was a member.

Joan Reeman is back from her vacation in California.

Helen Lonvik has left for her final year at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Next spring she will be a geologist.

Joe Behringer is on his way home to Switzerland, after spending the first few days of November in Calgary bidding farewell to some of his Rambler friends. He is going to Switzerland via the U.S.A. and Mexico and plans to visit Margret Hartmann in San Diego. ~~Joe plans to return to Calgary in late winter and has already paid his 1960 Rambler dues.~~ In the meantime his address is: Frohlichstrasse 40, Zurich 8, Switzerland.