

Canyon of the Wind River Range, 3-18 August 1946. Eighty persons participated, including members not only of the C. M. C. but also of several Eastern clubs. Seven of the 80 are members also of the A. A. C.: J. V. Ambler, R. C. Black, III, M. B. Howorth, Lt. Col. A. H. Jackman, Mary Merrick, Evelyn Runnette and Carl Blaurock.

Trips were scheduled daily to the various peaks and points of interest of the region. Most of the major peaks were climbed at least once, including Turret, Warren, Dinwoody, Pinnacle Ridge, Sphinx, Gannett, Koven, Bastion, Helen and Fremont. Among the spots visited chiefly for the views and photographic possibilities were Horse Ridge and Klondike Lake. As usual on C. M. C. Outings, the less experienced participants—ordinarily the majority—were led to the principal points of interest by designated club leaders, while small groups of capable members undertook the more unusual trips and sportier climbs. A new route up Koven by the N. ridge was climbed by two separate parties, and a new route was made also on Bastion.

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*Wind River Range, 1946: Gannett-Dinwoody Group.* Nearly 200 climbers and skiers visited the Gannett Peak Camp in upper Dinwoody Canyon during the 1946 season. In August, which proved to be the popular climbing month, 80 attended the Colorado Mountain Club Outing, which was held during the first two weeks, and 38 participated in the first Annual Outing of the Chicago Mountaineering Club, which opened immediately afterward. From the camp owned and operated by Floyd Wilson near the Dinwoody and Gannett Glaciers, climbers were able to reach the highest peaks in the range within a comparatively short hiking period. Except for Mt. Doublet, ascents were reported on all the near-by major peaks N. of and along the Continental Divide.

A great deal of attention has been given to Gannett Peak, the highest in Wyoming, but no new routes were reported. Between 20 and 30 parties reached the summit, most of them by the well known route which begins at Dinwoody Glacier and passes around the "Goose Neck" on the upper E. ridge. One party of 30 (C. M. C.) completed the ascent by this route, with Carl Blaurock and C. A. Peregrine leading. At least seven parties made long traverses of the peak from the Gannett Glacier over to the Dinwoody side.

One important climb, probably a first ascent, was that of the Bear's Tooth (12,200 ft.) from North Dinwoody Canyon by Don Winterborne and Robert Parker. After overcoming several difficulties on the N.E. face and reaching the top, they used an easier route toward the W. for descent. This striking peak is well known to residents of the Wind River Valley, although its name does not appear on either the forest or the topographic map.

First ascents were made of the three "English Dames," the most imposing towers on the Doublet-Warren ridge, by Hans Kraus and Roger Wolcott. The W. tower, nearest Doublet, proved to be the most difficult of the three—grade six.<sup>1</sup> One pitch of 30 ft. was artificial. The middle tower was somewhat easier—grade five. A rusty piton part way up the third tower indicated a previous attempt by unknown climbers. Delphine Wilde joined the party on the ascent of the third tower. The traverse of the three "English Dames" was made on 15 August 1946.

A number of new routes were reported also on the following peaks:

*Mt. Theodore Koven* (Peak 8). A N. face and ridge route was made by Charles Grant, Jerry More and Horace Van Valkenburgh. This route, with variations, was used by several later parties. A S.-N. skyline traverse was followed by Robert Parker, Gibson Reynolds and Phil D. Smith.

*Rampart Peak* (Peak 9). Two ascents of this peak were reported, the earlier being a snow and ice climb from the N.E., and the second an ascent of the precipitous E. face by Charles Grant, William Farrell and David Ragle. The latter climb led directly from the upper Gannett Glacier to a point just N. of the summit cairn.

*Bastion Peak* (Peak 10). Apparently two different routes were employed in ascents of the N. face—one by a C. M. C. party led by A. H. Jackman, another by a Chicago group led by Joe Stettner.

*Mt. Woodrow Wilson*. A new ascent of this peak was made by Hans Kraus, Roger Wolcott and C. Harrison Snyder on 20 August 1946. The ascent was by way of the sheer S. face (central rib) from a camp on Upper Titcomb Lake. The climb was reported as a difficult grade five. A traverse from the summit of Woodrow Wilson N. across Pinnacle Ridge to the Gannett saddle was completed by William Farrell, Phil Smith, Jr., Rodney Smith and Phil D. Smith.

*The Sphinx*. A second ascent of the very airy S. or skyline ridge was made by Hans Kraus, Delphine Wilde and Roger Wolcott on 11 August 1946, from a bivouac on upper Dinwoody Glacier. A partially new traverse, beginning near the S. end of the E. face and ending at the N.E. foot of the peak, was reported by Robert Parker and John Speck. Reaching the crest of the

<sup>1</sup> For this note, additional data on the "English Dames," Mt. Woodrow Wilson, Sphinx and Mt. Helen have been supplied by Roger Wolcott. The system of grading difficulty is that used in the Alps and Dolomites. Roughly, grade three is moderate rock climbing; grade four is difficult, the obvious point at which one wishes to change from boots to sneakers; grade five is very difficult; and grade six is considered the hardest that can be climbed. A detailed description of the climbs appeared in *Appalachia* for December 1946.—Ed.