

Arranging for small boats to travel up the inlets, the notoriously bad weather, weeks of beating their way through thick British Columbia bush, dangerous stream crossings, insects, grizzly bears, relaying 70-pound packs without modern equipment or food, miles of glacier travel, plus a lack of financial resources, all required unusual perseverance. Phyl always carried at least her share; Don was hampered by war injuries. They gathered data on flora, fauna, insects and glaciers. Don drew up maps based on compass readings and photos they both took. He published *The Unkown Mountain* based on these experiences in 1948. It was republished in 1975 by the Seattle Mountaineers.

They made various first ascents on these expeditions, including the north-west peak (13,200 feet) of Mount Waddington. The true summit was close and only 60 feet higher, but the gap between them seemed impractical. In 1934, they repeated the northwest peak but still couldn't reach the main summit. A handsome adjacent mountain, one of their first ascents in 1928, was named Mount Munday in their honor.

Phyl was active with the Girl Guides of Canada from 1910 on, serving as an adviser, training leaders and receiving their highest award, the Bronze Cross, for her part in the rescue of a boy who fell from a precipice.

In the 1950s, Phyl was hostess at the Alpine Club House in Banff and was Editor of the *Canadian Alpine Journal* from 1953 to 1969.

She was an honorary member of the Ladies Alpine Club (London), Carlisle Mountaineering Club of England and the Appalachian Mountain Club, as well as the American Alpine Club. Her honors included Order of Canada, Centennial Medal, Dame of Grace, Order of St. John (for ambulance service), Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Victoria and the Leaders' Silver Rope of the Alpine Club of Canada (one of three women to achieve this).

She is survived by her daughter Edith, son-in-law Brad Wickham, two granddaughters and her sister Betty McCallum.

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1899-1990

Erik F.B. Fries died on November 7, 1990 at the age of 91 years in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Dr. Fries received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1930 in biology. After working for a publishing company as a consulting editor, he joined the faculty of the City College of New York 1933 and taught biology there until his retirement in 1966, except for his service in the Navy during World War II. He was also a research assistant at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. He published papers on pigmentation cells and color changes in fish.

Dr. Fries joined the American Alpine Club in 1961. He climbed in the Wind River Range and the Tetons of Wyoming, the Rockies, Bugaboos, and Selkirks of Canada and the Alps. He was active in the Shawangunks of New York State. He is survived by his wife Eleanor and two step-children.