

and difficult terrain, is asking for trouble. If Wells had worn his belay rope while he was climbing down the last 12 feet, he could have been secured quite easily. All members of the party had taken the Mountaineers' climbing course. Darkness and fatigue from a long, severe day undoubtedly contributed to the fall. Certainly they were overzealous in trying to climb the three peaks in one day. Here was the place for the leader to say, "Let's try it tomorrow." Here also is an illustration that, while mountaineering clubs themselves cannot control the activities of members, certainly they can do much to indoctrinate them in the principles of safety.

*Northern Cascades, Washington: (2) Snoqualmie Pass District.* On 14 September 1947 a girl fell from Guye Peak while she was descending unroped, in the dark. She was seriously injured. She had done no previous climbing, and the two others in the party had only slight experience. Apparently they left the pass rather late, were caught on the summit after dark, and descended by night instead of waiting for daybreak. They were not members of the Mountaineers.

*Source of information:* The Mountaineers, Seattle, Washington.

*Analysis.* Such a late start violated one of the fundamentals of mountain safety, and to continue on over steep terrain unroped and in the dark was a doubly serious error in judgment. Whether or not accidents of this kind can be effectively minimized by a system of registration at Ranger Stations, or by the placing of signs on trails, is a matter to be considered carefully. (See later recommendations.)

*Northern Cascades, Washington: (3) Mount Index.* During the first week of October 1947, there occurred a tragic accident which has not yet been fully explained. Two young men named Franklin and Westphal, each 17 years of age and with a minimum of climbing experience, set out on the normal route up this difficult peak. They had no extra food, and they wore light jackets and lightweight cotton shirts. They carried only 25 feet of rope. They have not been seen since. Their jackets were found later at a camp beside a lake. The only other traces were a few scattered orange peels at the