

to a dead end, and while trying to find another way he must have fallen. The details are lacking, but as nearly as could be determined by the rescue group he fell 50 feet straight and then tumbled another 150 feet down the rock slope.

*Source:* Newspaper; Report Rocky Mountain National Park.

*Analysis:* Lone climber, inexperienced, attempting more than he should.

*Colorado—Rocky Mountain National Park: (2)* On July 13, 1952 J. Henry Fortenback (45), received a laceration of the temple caused by a dislodged rock above the cables of Longs Peak. Clifford Doty (30) also received a bruised left knee and leg from the same cause, and in approximately the same location. Such climbing hazards were remedied considerably following these two accidents. Park rangers removed as many of the loose rocks as possible above the cables in order to prevent subsequent mishaps.

*Source:* Report Rocky Mountain National Park.

*Colorado—Rocky Mountain National Park: (3)* On August 7, 1952 Charles Mahan (20), slipped on a steep snowfield on Ypsilon Mountain while on a Y. M. C. A. Conference hike. He slid into a rock pile, fractured his left collar bone, and lacerated his left knee. The aid of a number of rangers was enlisted in order to facilitate his removal from the scene of the accident. Conditions forced the party to wait until the next day to remove him by stretcher.

*Source:* Report Rocky Mountain National Park.

*N. B.:* An almost identical accident happened on the same peak last year. It is not known whether it was the same snowfield or not.

*Colorado—Boulder:* Blain St. Clair, a freshman business student, checked out with the Mountaineer's Register sometime in early 1952 at the University of Colorado and started up "the back route of the rock" alone. He reached the top and started down the front by rappel. On completing the rappel he could not free his rope so continued without it. Reaching the top of the 1911 Gulch he decided to descend in the gulch instead of by the more exposed route which he had ascended. About two thirds of the way down the most difficult part of the gulch he lost his balance while changing position and fell. He stated that he first fell head first and then ended up feet first. A small ledge arrested his fall. He called for help unsuccessfully and finally negotiated the remainder of the descent in spite of difficulty at the bottom of the gulch. He checked back at the Mountaineer's Register in time to prevent a party being sent in search for him. St. Clair had received a lacerated lower lip requiring one stitch, abrasions of the left hand, a large bruise on the right hip, a bruised knee, and shock.