

**ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN 1959
NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
CANADA**

Alberta, Banff National Park, Mt. Rundle—On August 10, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Weisner, Mr. Paul Bloland, all of Minneapolis, and Miss Ruth Seefeldt of Des Moines, members of the Iowa Mountaineers, attempted to climb Mt. Rundle.

They were driving to the Iowa Mountaineers' Camp in the Bugaboos, and simply stopped off to stretch their legs. The accident happened about noon as they neared the summit. Mr. Bloland and Mrs. Weisner were slightly ahead, and Mr. Weisner was helping Miss Seefeldt.

He mounted a two-foot step, then turned to help her. Some loose rocks moved a big one which struck Miss Seefeldt in the chest knocking her off balance. She slid face down for about 750 feet down the gully and over some slabs. She was unconscious when the others reached her, and died about three hours later. The Weisners went for help.

Source: Mrs. Phyl Munday.

Analysis: Few parties rope on Rundle, and roping is generally considered unnecessary. But Chief Warden Walter Perren said he felt Miss Seefeldt would have been safer roped.

Alberta, Banff National Park, Abbot Pass—Four Montreal climbers, Bernard Poisson, Erwin Hodgson, Richard Willmott and Rodolphe de Repentigny, traversed Mt. Victoria from the north on July 23. They stayed overnight at Abbot Pass.

Next morning they set off unroped to descend to Lake Louise. de Repentigny left the hut a little after the others, and was hidden from their view by the lip of the glacier. The others waited 15 minutes for him at the second crevasse, then Willmott returned. He found de Repentigny had fallen 60 feet into the first crevasse.

They recovered his body and took it to the hut.

Simple as the trip down from Abbot Pass may be, the moral of this accident is obvious.

Source: Paddy Sherman.

UNITED STATES

Colorado, Mt. Olinger, Turkey Creek Canyon—On June 27, Philip E. Jensen (17) fell while descending Mt. Olinger in Turkey Creek Canyon southwest of Denver, Colorado. Jensen was killed in the 400 ft. fall which resulted from a piton failure. He was the leader of a four-man party that included his brother (14) and two other friends.

Reports indicated the party had successfully ascended the rock face, about 600 ft. high, and were on their second rappel when the accident