

air mattress and sleeping bag. Searcy was later rescued by helicopter and taken to hospital where he was found to have minor cuts and lacerations of his arms, legs, and head. He had suffered a concussion, a hairline fracture of the jaw, a broken wrist, several broken teeth, and a badly bruised body.

*Source:* Earl F. Levin.

*Washington, Big Four Mt.* On June 5, a large group (8 or 9) made up of several parties climbed Big Four Mt. The majority of the climbers were experienced mountaineers, and the climb was made by several routes. Climbing conditions were hazardous due to avalanches which forced the parties onto the ridges. Due to these conditions and the length of the climb, the summit was not reached until late in the day.

About 7:00 p.m., during descent of the upper portion, Edith Williams (20s), with slight climbing experience, was astraddle a small ridge for safety. An avalanche descended the adjacent gully carrying a large rock which struck her thigh, giving her a severe bruise. Miss Williams was able to descend the major portion the following day slowly under her own power. Because the party had not returned by noon of the following day (a Monday) the Seattle Unit of M.R.C. went into operation. A helicopter was procured from McCord A.F.B. and directed to Big Four Inn meadows by M.R.C. observer. Evacuation of injured from lower portion of mountain was effected, rendering assistance by the large party of M.R.C. unnecessary.

*Source:* Paul M. Williams.

*Washington, Cascades, Monte Cristo Peak.* On July 15, Val Comstock (66) and two companions were descending from the summit to join another party. The steep but excellent snow conditions and the beautiful weather encouraged sitting glissades. On one glissade Comstock miscalculated and slid into the moat at the bottom where the snow had melted back from the rock. His fall of 15 feet to the rocky bottom left him temporarily unconscious and badly bruised. Because of the remoteness it was 12 hours until the first rescue party arrived and another 11 hours until he reached the hospital.

*Source:* Kenn Carpenter.

*Washington, Guye Peak.* On September 23, Brian Martz, Janet McDonnell, Linda Cartwright (23), and Ed Goodman (31) set out to climb Guye Peak. All four members were experienced and graduates of Pete Schoening's climbing class at the University of Washington. Martz and McDonnell were climbing on one rope, and Cartwright and Goodman on another. The two ropes had climbed well up the peak and were ascending a chimney on the west side of the peak. The Martz rope had chosen an easy route up the chimney and was above the other rope and around a rock outcropping from them, so out of visual contact. Goodman and partner chose a more difficult route up the chimney, and apparently Cartwright was leading. The Martz rope reported hearing the sound of crumbling rock, followed seconds later by Goodman's cry of, "No, no, no."