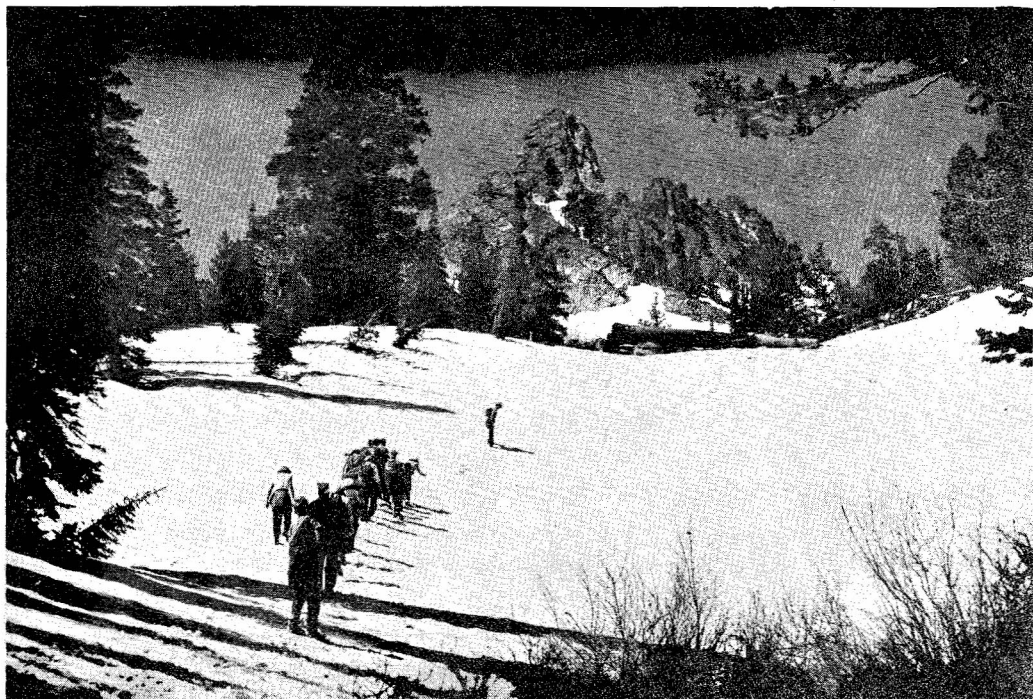


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## TRIP SCHEDULE

February, 1961

There are four cross country events scheduled. Because of snow or avalanche conditions these trips may be changed by the trip leader, or even cancelled if there is an element of danger. Therefore, please contact the trip leader or call Club Headquarters prior to any trip for such information. It will also be appreciated if the trip leaders keep Club Headquarters informed of any changes which become necessary.

- February 5      Gad Valley Tour. For intermediate skiers. Be sure to bring climbers and lunch. Register by 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 3. EM 3-7150.
- February 12     Alta - Brighton - Alta tour. Please note that this is just backwards to the announcement in the last Rambler. For various and good reasons it was decided to do it this way. The Lodge at Brighton will not be open. This is an inter-mediate tour. Bring climbers and lunch. Register by 6:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10. EM 3-7150.
- February 15     General membership meeting. You will receive a special notice telling you where, when, and what about.
- February 19     American Fork - Twin Peaks tour. For intermediate skiers. Bring climbers, lunch. Alexic Kelners, leader. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 17.
- February 21     We are going to have a swimming party. Time to treat those weary ski muscles to a change of pace and loosen up the kinks. The pool at the Y.W.C.A., 322 E. 3d So. has been reserved for us between 9:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. The charge is pro-rated on the number who attend. Probably about 50¢ per person. Bring swimming suit, towel. And ladies, bring bathing cap. Leader: Dave Sundstrom. No need to register, but do come.

February 25, 26 Brighton Lodge open. On Sunday there will be a tour to Mt. Wolverine. This will be nice for beginners who don't mind getting into a little powder snow. Bring climbers, of course. Dave Sundstrom will host at the Lodge. Register by 6:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24. Will let you know then, about the commissary.

March 5 Mt. Superior - Lake Blanche tour. This is a long run for advanced skiers. Register by 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 3. EM 3-7150.

### TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Snake Creek Hut Tour - - - January 15  
by Terry Arney

After three stops and starts of the lift, nine people with skis and one with snow shoes conquered Mt. Majestic. The clear sun-blue sky displayed the natural setting in a beautiful way. The people who had not made this trip before were pleased and surprised by the beautiful view of Heber Valley and the Provo Peak - Mt. Timpanogos area.

We found that it was warmer outside than it was in the hut; so we took our lunches outside for a picnic in the snow. One group shed their skis and climbed a large rock for a lunch spot. A quick repair job on John's binding with Dave's ice axe readied us for the descent to Brighton. The snow conditions were excellent, compared to the Brighton slopes, but the combination of breakable crust and un-breakable crust gave us some thrills and spills.

We all agreed that this was a successful trip, but some snow is needed in the near future to assure more of the same. Those attending were: Dave Sundstrom, John MacDuff, Vern LeFevre, Bruce Christensen, Ron Perla, Jim McElroy, and friend Bonnie, Laird Crocker, Terry and Diane Arney.

## Cardiff Canyon and Mill D. Tour - - January 8

by John MacDuff

The trip began at Alta when Carl Bauer, our trip leader, passed a sackfull of Life Savers to the group. After fortifying ourselves with them we began our ascent to Cardiff Pass. In spite of a number of stops to watch the races across the canyon, take pictures, tighten climbers, etc., we reached the top in good time. Actually, these many pauses were rest stops but we were ingenious enough to think of all kinds of excuses to avoid calling them such. Lee Steorts quote - "To rest is not to conquer", from the White Tower, reminded us during one of our picture taking stops that we were not fooling anyone. We were glad to reach the top and dig into our packs and find what surprises our better-halves had thought up this time. Pity the poor batchelors who knew all the time because they had to pack their own chicken sandwiches. (They were probably eating caviar -the Ed.)

We spent a pleasant hour on top basking in the warm sun and occassionally dusting the snow off us. Yes, the wind was blowing. We discussed the closing of Solitude, the poor people who had to wait in lift lines, flying, etc., etc., etc.

The descent is always more fun, so they tell me. So it was. Since this was my first tour I have no experience to compare the snow conditions with. However, from what I heard, it has at times been better, at times worse. It was rather crusty and thin, but in general, pretty good.

While still far up the canyon, Lee's binding came apart. This may have been a catastrophe for many, but not for Lee. He made an emergency repair and continued to slip and slide with the best of them. I hear that if he couldn't have repaired it, he could have skied out on one ski, probably better than some on two.

We reached our destination on time and all agreed it had been a ball. I'm sure we got some nice pictures, I did. The weather was wonderful. Animals ran for cover when Cal let vent to the urge to yodel. The bottom of the run was well cluttered up with sleigh riding kinders and their folks. These people were greatly surprised when we swooped

down on them from out of the desolation they thought was up Cardiff Canyon. Those enjoying the tour were: Cal Giddings, Carl Bauer, Vern LeFehvre, Lee Stoerts, John MacDuff and guests, Jim McElroy, Joe Denton, and Fred Robbie.

I was too bushed to go to the after ski social at Jim Macey's. I hear it was a great success - lots of fine food and hospitality. Wish I had gone and wish more of you had gone along for both events.

### CAINE's COLUMN

by Caine Alder

Included in my plans for the New Year of '61 is a short series of biographical articles on fellow WMC members. Clare Sundwall was selected to be my first subject, or victim, and I requested her to jot down a few facts and figures about herself. Reluctantly, she complied with my wishes. After reading through the supposedly "rough draft" I decided it was too good to be tampered with, and so it is here presented to you in original form - - -

"Utah is my native State and I started out the first few years in the mountains of Sanpete County. Later we moved to Salt Lake and I achieved a B.A. from the University of Utah. This was followed by one year of graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley, in the field of Social Work. For two years I was a social case worker for the Travelers Aid Society, receiving preliminary training with that Agency at Columbia University in New York City. Most of the time I bounced around the San Joaquin Valley in California trying to assist lost travelers, young, aged, or indigent, with their almost unbelievable problems. Runaway children, or girls who ended up in jail were special headaches.

Later I spent one semester at the College of Southampton, England. Sixty students throughout the United States were accepted to study Contemporary Britain on a goodwill exchange basis. Other students from Norway, Spain, Italy, Egypt, and France were also included in this study project which became an interesting experiment in Inter-

national understanding. During this semester we toured industrial areas, shipyards, historical sites, schools, Parliament, and had many interesting discussions with members of the Conservative and Labor parties. On the trip over, we were on the Queen Elizabeth, and very full of life for deck parties, dancing, etc., On the trip home, we spent 9 days in bed on the Britannia trying to re-coup our lost health, so relatives waiting on the pier would not be shocked when we staggered down the gang plank. The only disturbance was when we hitched on the tail of a small hurricane, Donna, and rode roller coaster waves for three days.

My present employer is the Department of Employment Security, where I am involved in inter-area placement of workers and recruitment for employers.

Several years ago the Austrian and Swiss Alps beckoned, and the desire was over-powering enough to put my car in hock, shoulder the skis, and take off with some good friends who had also mortgaged their belongings. This was the winter of the European "deep freeze", when temperatures were the coldest in 100 years - - and there was no snow. Ah well! The apre ski was jolly there, too.

Mexico is a special love of mine. Right now I am making a weak attempt to learn Spanish, so next time down there, I will be able to know what the muchachos are saying. Last time there, I ventured over to Yucatan to try spear fishing, and snorkel swimming off the Island of Cozumel. This was especially interesting at the time because Castro was still an insurgent in the mountains of Cuba. It was thought that some of his gun-running boats were putting into the docks at Cozumel and we sat innocently dangling our heels over the side as they worked on their vessels. Ignorance is bliss!

In spite of any adventures which may develop, that river trip down the Yampa will always remain the most hair-raising."

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Next issue there will be a thumbnail sketch of another WMC personality. It may be you.

## DIS -A and DATA

Our Bud Temple placed first in the Class B race for the Majestic Cup at Brighton. His time was 1:20.8. Bud always did look like a whiz on skis and now he has proven that he is. While at the races at Alta, we learned that he is the only racer who talks to every gatekeeper on the way down.

This is the last - - repeat, the last -- call for dues. The membership list will soon be out for this year. If your dues are not in yet, hurry, hurry, and send them to John MacDuff. (P.S. No dues, no Rambler. You wouldn't want that to happen, would you?)

During the Christmas Holidays WMC member Bob Goodro married Doreen Cox, of Draper. The happy couple are at home at 198 Canyon Road. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Does anyone have some interesting black and white pictures of club activities, be it skiing, hiking, partying, swimming, river running, or anything else. The Publications Director would like a call from you if you do.

Austin Wahrhaftig, our Conservations Director, has been spending almost as much time in Baltimore as in Salt Lake lately. He has been doing some special work in his field, which sounds interesting but is not understandable to most of us.

Jim Macey and Dale Green proved to be accomplished hosts at their after-ski socials. Check your schedule and be sure to come out to the next one, even if you are not skiing. Who is, these days?