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September 7, 1926
A. L. L. company in the Sierra Club.
June 30, 1927

Helen M. Le Conte, Berkeley
Mary Elizabeth Thurn, Berkeley
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Joseph N. Le Conte, Trinity
Nelson Nelson, Los Angeles
Carroll A. Nelson, San Francisco

Sierra Club Outing Party Aug 1-1927
We came over Colby Pass yesterday. Good trip.
William A. Hossfield, San Francisco
Chalmers F. Laughlin, Los Angeles
Philip A. Karel, Los Angeles

August 14th, 1927

September 17, 1927
Walter A. Starke Jr.
Piedmont, Cal. D.T.E. House, Stanford. Climbed alone on the rock and a half from
Junction Meadow, Mount Tamalpais, covered with new snow.
We are fortunate to have an active and involved group of committee chairpeople for the 1977 year. Our first management committee meeting was a good one. It produced discussion and ideas for programs, for conservation activities, for mountain records, and for training. We will meet the first Monday of each month at the Angeles Chapter office and I hope that interested SPS members will attend and join the action.

Now is the time for leaders to start planning the summer schedule. If the present drought lasts, the Sierra will be even drier than last year, with consequent early access to the back country.

Bill T. Russell

COVER PHOTO

Half the fun of reaching the summit is knowing that the rest of the trip is downhill; the other half is perusing the register, especially if it dates back to early days like Mt. Brewer's. Photo courtesy of Carl Smith.
The annual banquet took on a special meaning this year, because it was held in commemoration of our twentieth anniversary as a Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Section. Among the 160 persons attending were many distinguished members from the early days of the section. The following former chairmen were introduced by the 1976 chairman, Duane McRuer:

| Frank Sanborn | 1956 | John Robinson | 1965 |
| Bud Bingham   | 1957 | Sid Davis     | 1967 |
| Chuck Miller  | 1958 | Horace Orly   | 1972 |
| Jerry Keating | 1960 | Diana Dee     | 1974 |
| George Shinno | 1961 | Doug Mantle   | 1975 |
| Miles Brubacher | 1962 |               |     |

Duane also showed slides of some of our more prominent members and former members including several of our only honorary member, the late Norman Clyde.

Duane announced that four of our members had been honored by the Angeles Chapter with 1976 awards as follows:

**Jerry Keating - Outings Leadership Award**
The highest outings leadership award conferred by the Angeles Chapter, for long term and outstanding leadership in furthering the enjoyment and safety of the Angeles Chapter outings program.

**Dick Akawie - Phil Bernays Service Award**
The highest service award conferred by the Angeles Chapter for long term and outstanding service to the Angeles Chapter in fields other than conservation and outings.

**Dennis Lantz - Outings Leadership Service Award**
Award conferred for noteworthy service to the Angeles Chapter in outings leadership.

**John Robinson - Media Award**
Award conferred to an individual professionally employed in the media field who has consistently displayed concern for environmental, conservation, and wilderness values.

We are very proud that these meritorious gentlemen are members of the Sierra Peaks Section.

Door prizes, arranged for by Betty Kabler and Chuck Stein, were awarded as follows:

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Westridge Sports  The Ultimate Challenge  Ella Haselton  
Los Angeles  Sierra Nevada Natural History  John Robinson  
Climbing in North America  Doug mantle  

A-16  A-16 Daypack  Dorcas Vasilik  
Los Angeles  

Hostelhaus  $10.00 Gift Certificate  Dick Akawie  
Manhattan Beach  

We are indebted to the donors of door prizes and to Betty McCosker who made and donated a beautiful wreath made of fruit which was won by Nathan White.

An outstanding program was presented by Mike Graber who showed slides of his two summers of climbing in Alaska.

The $8.50 charge included a steak dinner, program and a copy of the Special 20th Anniversary issue of The Echo. Those not attending may purchase this special edition by mail ($1.00 to the treasurer) or at a regular SPS meeting for 50¢ (save cost of mailing).

Our thanks to all those who worked to make this a most successful event and especially to Betty Kabler who put it all together.

Ted Pinson, SPS Secretary

"Hey! My lower back pain! It's gone!"
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TORRE EGGER FIRST ASCENT SCREENS IN MAY

The Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee announced an illustrated slide lecture by Jim Donini, featuring the first ascent of the 'Torre Egger' in Patagonia.

The program will screen May 5th, 7:30pm in La Canada. Tickets are available at the Sport Chalet 'Sportland'. Admission is 50c.

The ice-capped granite spire, Torre Egger, rises nearly a vertical mile out of the Patagonian Ice Sheet at the tip of South America. Accounts of the expedition which led to the first ascent of this extraordinary mountain were featured in recent issues of the 'National Geographic' and 'Mountain Magazine'.

The program, beautifully illustrated, is about that climb and also about Patagonia, its people, terrain - a vast wilderness where glacier, forest, and desert merge a scant 1200 ft. above sea level.

Donini's program is the first in what will be a continuing series about first ascents to be sponsored by the Club's Mountaineering Committee. Further information can be obtained from its chairman, Norman Kingsley, 790-4275.

Here's a spring trip that was planned too late to get into the schedule. Walt Kabler is leading this to satisfy an ALTC experience trip requirement. Sign up so you can stay fit for the summer.

APR 16-17 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS

E: Lone Pine Pk (12,994'): Avoid the scree by cramponing up the 3rd class ice on this prominent peak. 2000' backpack to camp Sat on snow or whatever; 2500' to the summit on Sun and out. Crampons (no insteps, please!), ice axe, and skill to use them. Leader: WALT KABELER. Asst: DICK LABRECQUE.

Walt's address is PO Box 3263, No. Hollywood, CA 91609. Day phone 885-3431; evening (except for Tues. and Thurs. when he teaches nights) 664-9340.

MARCH 11-12-13 FRI-SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS

M: South Lake Area (Inconsolable, Goode, or Contact): Participants must be qualified for an M rated trip and must have snow camping experience. Contact leader, ROY KEENAN (213 547-5913) or co-leader BOB BOYLES (213 377-6679)
The August 1976 issue of *Summit* magazine has an informative article on techniques of river crossing by Bill March. Of particular interest is a method of belaying a party across with a rope which does not require hardware or rigging of any kind. This later feature is important, remembering the river crossing accident due to rigging failure on the SPS trip to SMITH/CRAIG previously described in May-June 1975 ECHO. I should think a very light line (\(\frac{1}{4}\)" goldline or equivalent) would be adequate for this method of crossing. March's description and illustrations are quoted and shown below.

Tom Jeter

**Crossing With a Rope**

1. **Continuous Loop System**

   Once a decision has been made to cross a river, a technique or method must be chosen. The best way to cross a river is to use a rope to safeguard the people crossing. An exception to this rule is when there is a danger of the rope snagging on a rock in the river. If the rope snags the person crossing may be held under the water and his rescue may be impossible. In Diagram 1 a continuous loop system is used—the leader C ties on in a loop passed high under his armpits and sets off across the river, supporting himself on the upstream rope held by A. A is not tied into the rope but may be protected by a sling tied to a tree.

   Downstream, a third person, B, also not attached to the belay rope, passes the rope through his hands as C crosses. In the event of C losing his footing and is swept away, A pays out and B pulls in C, always remaining downstream. If you try and pull a man onto the bank from upstream of him, he will be dragged under. When C reaches the far bank he slips out of the loop and pays the rope through until it is passed to B on the other side. B then steps into the loop and crosses over diagonally downstream being belayed by A and C—if he slips A pays out and C pulls B in downstream. The last man, A, crosses supported upstream by B and pulled in by C if he falls in.

Editor's Note: The current issue of *Summit* contains a comment on Bill March's article in the "Letters to the Editor" section for those who are interested in one reader's response.
Editor's note: Barbara Lilley has proposed four list peak additions to the management committee. In order to give her suggestions coverage and elicit membership response, the Echo reproduced her letter below. Miss Lilley intentionally submitted her ideas early in the year to give the section time to schedule trips and individuals opportunity to scout them themselves before they are placed on November's ballot. She also recommends that additional criteria be considered: "a new area for the SPS" and "special consideration" such as peaks named after a person who contributed greatly to mountaineering (Farquhar, Ansel Adams, etc.). The proposed peak additions would not necessarily have to meet all five qualifications, perhaps only four out of five, the current criteria being elevation, dominance of an area, view, and inaccessibility.

TO: SPS Management Committee

Having climbed a number of peaks throughout the past two years, I hereby submit the following four peaks as candidates for the SPS Qualifying List, to be voted on by the membership (that lets you off the hook, of course!). I have attempted to list pro and con reasons but whoever writes the argument against any of these peaks should have climbed it too—and not just object to adding a new peak because they are trying to finish the list!

1. Mt. Shinn (11,020'), Blackcap Mtn. Quadrangle

Although low in elevation, this peak is probably the most qualified of all four as a candidate for the SPS list. It is the dominant peak of its own "mini-range", it presents a spectacular view from Florence Lake; there are no other SPS peaks in the area; its approach requires traveling through completely new territory to the SPS (after the ride across the lake, of course); the area which it is located is infrequently used, and it requires route finding on the cross-country approach to base camp. Mt. Ward, a lower peak but perhaps a better climb, can be ascended on the same weekend. It would not normally be feasible to climb Mt. Shinn and another currently listed peak on the same 2-day weekend. This peak was scheduled and led in June of 1975 by Gordon MacLeod.

2. Graveyard Pk. (11,520'), Mt. Abbot Quadrangle

Although not a new area for the SPS, this peak is a better climb than Silver Peak (Class 3 summit area) and makes a good combination to do in conjunction with Silver Peak from the Devil's Bathtub; however, these peaks are far enough apart that they could not normally be climbed on the same day. Graveyard Peak shows up as quite a prominent peak when viewed on the drive-in on the Lake Edison road and its addition would provide two SPS peaks for the long "Class 3" drive into Lake Thomas Edison. For those who climb Graveyard Peak only, then the approach via Graveyard Lakes would be a new one for the SPS. Although popular, the area is really not overused. This peak was scheduled and led in August 1976.
LETTERS

3. Columbine Pk. (12,652'), Mt. Goddard Quadrangle

I have heard several comments to the effect that Columbine Peak was worthy of being on the SPS list, to which I agree, and since this was scheduled and led in September, 1976, I hereby propose it. This peak towers above Dusy Basin and really looks impressive as one climbs up the westside trail to Bishop Pass. It is far enough away from Mt. Giraud that it would not normally be feasible to climb both in the same day, yet would make a good combination with Mt. Giraud in a two day weekend (or with Isosceles Pk., a challenging 4th class climb). Although Bishop Pass is heavily traveled itself, the route to Columbine (and Knapsack Pass) leaves the trail right at the pass and one travels cross-country thereafter (with less used camping areas below Isosceles Pk.). The quota and parking problems at South Lake can be avoided by climbing this peak in late September or late June. The peak can also be climbed while crossing Knapsack Pass on an extended trip; good camping is available 500-800 feet below the south side. The name of this peak, after one of the most beautiful flowers in the Sierra, might also prove attractive to the voting membership.

4. Mt. Shakspere (12,151'), Mt. Goddard Quadrangle

This peak turned out to be a far better climb than Observation Peak, with a third class approach to the summit area which required some route finding. Although it is close enough to Observation that both can be climbed in the same day from a camp at Deer Meadows or closer, it does require a 3 or 4 day weekend to reasonably climb both. There is only the one other peak (Observation) in the area and the climbing approaches require crossing different terrain; if one climbs Shakspere only, the approach from Deer Meadow is entirely different. If one uses the Knapsack Pass route and then camps on the lightly used trail leading to Amphitheatre Lake, the heavily used Muir Trail area is avoided except for the crossing at Deer Meadows. This peak was also scheduled and led in Sept. 1976.

I hope these suggestions haven't come in too late; I have been away on vacation much of September and am just now getting caught up on my "paperwork." Thanks for your consideration of them.

Sierrally,

Barbara Liley

Norm Kingsley, Chairman of the Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee, submitted to the Echo minutes of the bi-annual meeting, which appear on the next page. Following his report is a description of the organization, its goals, and responsibilities for those who are unfamiliar with its activities.
Mountaineering Committee of the Sierra Club (hereafter called SCMC) meeting called to order 0935 Nov. 13, 1976, at Kajima & Assoc., Los Angeles. Persons attending flagged with asterisk on attached SCMC member roster. (Fourteen persons attended)

MINUTES: MSC - after they were distributed and read, of April 3 '76 meeting: approved

COMMITTEE CHARGE: functions read by attendees. Discussion on role of SCMC, suggested changes made. Shinno moved there be permanent Skiing Sub-Cmte, MSC. Mark Gobel, Sigmund Meieran will co-chair it. Items 2 and 3 in SCMC 'charge' amended, item 4 lost word 'all'. Add to item 10, "monitors historical material placed into Bancroft Library". New 'charge' attached.

INSURANCE: Discussion about 400% chapter's insurance premium increase. SCMC sees no current threat to mountaineering activities; no climbing/mtng outings spawned litigation of late. MSC - that SCMC needs a permanent insurance sub-Cmte, and that S.D.'s Jim Richardson be asked to chair it.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT: Wedberg outlined 150% overspending on FY-75/76 budget, due to $500 donation made to A.A.C. Rope Deterioration Study fund being charged to that, instead of previous fiscal year. Reported SCMC earned back $53,56 from 'rescue card' sales.

MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT: Lantz told of SP5 placing new summit registers on Sierra Peaks using Chuck Geckens-developed containers. Reported theft of many registers from heavily traveled peaks. Discussion of possible removal of registers, MSC - that registers be left in place on all except "endangered from oversize" peaks. SCMC requests Geckens submit invoice for $120, covering new register containers.

NEWSLETTERS: Most chapters climbing sections not receiving newsletters from other climbing sections. Seems only Bay Area's 'Pitch', AnChap 'Mugelnose' and S.D. sheet are circulated. Let's exchange newsletters, folks!

ACCIDENTS IN NO. AMERICAN MOUNTAINEERING: these AAC booklets to continue to be distributed to club climbing section. MSC - that henceforth, SCMC distribute, but charge $1.00 per, for send ANAM orders to SCMC Chair, Box 262, La Canada CA 91011 w/prepayment.

ADMINISTRATIVE: sub-Cmte head Bill Engs moved to Crestline from Pullman, W.N., continues to handle correspondence, was commended for outstanding job in past; will assist, with Wing, Le Conte chapter with climber certification, LTC, MTC and trail maintenance materials.

CHAPTER INTER-COMMUNICATIONS: Effectiveness discussed. S. Diego, S. Gorgonio and Angeles Chap's share Taquitz area, notify each other of all outings so no 'collisions' occur; cited by SCMC as setting a good example.

COUNCIL OUTINGS POLICY: Lengthy discussion of Abads council report detailing new guidelines that seek to restrict chapter outings solely to that chapter's geographical area. Rocky Mt. Chap's preamble to new policy found unacceptable by SCMC: too limiting. Unanimous agreement by delegates of chapters attending there's no redeeming value to current Outings Policy. It is based on assumption that Club members are totally ignorant of environmental values. Delegates agree active Sierrans as those found in their sections need not be subjected to environmental command/control procedures and administrative regimentation. MSC - that all climbing sections request their Chapter's Council Rep to push for rejection of 'Outings Policy'.

McRuer to work up position paper articulating SCMC's stand against current regulations. This to be circulated via Chair and Abad to all chapter Council Reps, and circulated to SCC delegates.

RESCUE SUB-CMTE REPORT: Shinno said 3,000 'rescue cards' remain. Expects heavy depletion at upcoming rescue-seminars. Will attempt to recover cost of cards, 1.5% each. See last paragraph for information on how to attend next SCMC rescue seminar.

A.A.C. REPORT: Mendenhall stated Rope Deterioration Study findings due December. She corresponds with AAC's rep to UIAA in Geneva, and equipment expert in Toronto. Reported on UIAA, its functions, how it can help Sierran climbers, how to use their alpine huts in Europe et al.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, '77 at Ang.Chap. Hq., 2410 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles; 0930 sharp. RSVP soonest. That evening, dinner party at Lantz's, food & drink at nominal cost. On 17th, attend all-day rescue seminar at Mt. Rubidoux (self-help to effect own rescue, aiding victims, bring to safe ground, etc.) Transport furnished. RSVP w/Lantz, 16262 E. Whittier Bl, Whittier CA 90603 by Norman Kingsley, SCMC Chair
THE SIERRA CLUB MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE - 1976-77

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Rescue - George Shinno
Records - Dennis Lantz
Secretary-Treasurer - John Wedberg
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Training Criteria - Fred Wing

The Mountaineering Committee attempts to continue the Sierra Club's tradition of conservation-minded mountaineering begun by such early Club leaders as John Muir, Joseph LeConte, Walter Starr, Will Colby, Francis Farquhar, Clair Tappean, Bestor Robinson, Dick Leonard, et al.

It maintains the Club's active interest in, and acts as the spokesman for the Club's mountaineering programs. It keeps the Club in mountaineerings forefront by publishing ASCENT magazine, with the committee members in advisory roles.

Functions listed in the 1967 Handbook, are as follows: works to stimulate mountaineering through the summit records program and publication of a club mountaineering periodical, 'Ascent'; encourages mountain safety through training programs and mountain rescue organization.

The Mountaineering Committee is charged with:

1. Functioning as a clearing house for the dissemination of general and technical mountaineering information to the various mountaineering/skiing sections within the Club, Chapters, and general public.

2. Disseminates and reviews all mountaineering and technical training manuals as necessary prior to their use within mountaineering/skiing sections of the Club.

3. Acts as the Club's spokesman for mountaineering matters (as distinguished from outings, conservation, etc.)

4. Assists Chapters in the development, then coordinates the uniform application of mountaineering (ski-touring included) safety testing criteria among active sections of the Club's Chapters.

5. Evaluates the safety and utility of mountaineering equipment used on Club outings, and on local and national levels by Club entities.

6. Assists Chapters in the development, then coordinates mountaineering training programs in use by various mountaineering sections within the Club, as necessary.

7. Acts as the liaison link between the many varied mountaineering/skiing groups and sections found within the Club's Chapters, and between the Club and the American Alpine Club, UIAA and foreign mountaineering organizations.

8. Attempts to furnish expertise on mountaineering matters to any agency within the Club, or without, that requests it.

9. Furthered the Club's mountaineering image in the eyes of the general public.

10. Places summit registers on Sierra and other peaks, maintains the Summit Records program

11. Coordinates the Club's Mountain Rescue activities with relevant national mountain rescue organizations, and disseminates up-to-date rescue/survival information and procedures.

12. Fosters and encourages awareness of survival and safety methods, techniques, throughout the Club, so as to lessen overall rescue incidence; encourages adherence to the wilderness ethic by all mountaineering participants.

(addendum to Item 10:) and monitors historical material placed into Bancroft Library.
PRIVATE CLIMBS

MT. CLARENCE KING

September 18-20, 1976

Mt. Clarence King is magnificent. Symmetrical form, sheer eastern face, interesting summit block, scenic overlook of Sixty Lakes basin - all features that combine to make this climb one of the finest in the Sierra Nevada.

During mid-September 1976, Dave Vandervoet, Ret Moore and I made a three day climb of Clarence King via a cross country route from Kearsage Pass over Mt. Gould, then down a long talus chute near Dragon Peak into the Rae Lakes. These few words represent many hard hours of steep boulder hopping with full packs that must be personally endured to be fully regretted.

Our route was not optimum because we left the Kearsage trail prematurely at the pass rather than continuing for another mile or so before climbing to the plateau north of Mt. Gould. After descending to unnamed lakes below Dragon Peak, we contoured over rough talus toward Rae Lakes only to be blocked by steep cliffs above the lake. In retrospect, we would have headed north and followed an established trail from Dragon Lake into Rae Lakes basin. Then again, such intelligent action would eliminate the adventure associated with finding your way out of a pickle.

Once in Sixty Lakes basin the route to the base of Clarence King is not too obvious as you must gain a broad granite platform to get near the mountain. The normal 80 ft. topo map contour lines conveniently miss the 79 ft. drop on all sides of the platform. Our final route followed a staircase stream bed from the unique rectangular lake below Clarence King. From the lake, a visible left ascending diagonal ledge traverses across the southern ridge of the mountain. Actually, there are two visible ledges but only the lowest one provides easy gain to the summit ridge. By trudging upward behind the west side of the ridge we came to within 100 ft. of the summit.

All rock faces now assumed near vertical angles. For Ret and myself the progressively increasing fourth class rock was a challenge, but for Dave and his mending shoulder, it became a solid barrier. He stopped, prudentely deciding not to overextend himself; probably the toughest decision made during the whole trip.

We climbed through a chimney that leads to the alcove below the summit block. By throwing a 5/16 Goldline over the summit, we set up an effective top rope for safe belay. After squeezing through a narrow joint, I laid hands on the summit and mantled on top.

The view was spectacular and further enhanced by the exposure on all sides of the summit block. A strong wind pouring over the peak discouraged standing and I gladly tied into a bolt holding the summit register. The bold outline of Mt. Gardiner to the south reflected the September sun. Eastward, the Sierra Crest and our return route over Glen Pass occupied the skyline. Climbing Mt. Clarence King shall always remain a special accomplishment for me. I think Dave will appreciate it all the more when his time comes.
On the morning of Sept. 20, Cuno Ranschau, Mark Frohli, and I drove up to Onion Valley under an overcast sky to try and clean out the Center Basin area. Our hopes for weather better than that of early Sept. weren't too high, under the grey sky. We followed the trail to Robinson Lake, and soon were boulder-hopping our way to the base of the chute leading to University Col. About 2/3 of the way up the loose-dirt chute, we took a right branch which soon brought us to the Sierra Crest, just south of University Peak. Cuno and Mark made a quick trip to the top of the peak, while I watched the clouds floating around Mt. Brewer to the west. We donned our packs as snow began to fall, and descended a classic scree chute down to Center Basin. All agreed that the University Col route should only be done east to west (at least after the snow is gone), due to the sand in the western chute and the tricky going in the eastern one. Camp was made at the large lake in Center Basin just in time to get into the tents as snow began to fall; it snowed until after dark.

We awoke to a brilliantly clear scene of snow dusted peaks and got an early start for Mt. Bradley. The route was up a huge chute directly under the summit, which at the top curves right and brings one to the crest just south of the peak. The upper part of the chute was interesting due to the talus and scree being partially covered by the new snow. Cuno found a chimney leading to a point just east of the summit, and we were soon on top. The view was fine, but the clouds beginning to form below us on the Owens Valley side sent us on our way, descending the same route until we came out of the chute and could work our way toward Mt. Keith along the base of the cliffs to the east. An ascending contour brought us to a small bowl northeast of Keith, and from here it was up through the snow to the summit, the last two hundred feet following rabbit (?!) tracks that went right to the top. The view to the northwest was fantastic - sharp peaks under scattered build-up - but to the southeast clouds were billowing right up against the peak, so there was no view, until after about 15 minutes on the summit the clouds dissolved and there were Williamson, Whitney, and Tyndall, snow-covered as if winter had come. But the clouds soon returned, and after leaving a film-can register, we were off down the peak, first in a northerly direction, and then due west, to the outlet of Lake 11,776, through a break in the cliffs east of that lake. I led the contour to the base of Center Peak, and on the ascent witnessed a rare sight - Cuno Ranschau moving slowly due to fatigue. However, the summit block revived him instantly - no exposure, but an interesting move to get up. All three of us enjoyed a leisurely return to camp after a good day's work in the mountains.

The next morning a quick descent to the Muir Trail under scattered cirrus clouds brought us to the start of the route on East Vidette. We ascended into the basin southeast of the peak, and picked out a route up to the east ridge, which we hoped to follow to the summit. The route up to the ridge turned out to be ducked, and after what seemed like a long way along the ridge top, the summit was reached.

We were back at our packs for lunch and went down the Muir Trail a short distance, to a point where we could skirt the northern cliffs of East Vidette across to Creek. Cuno picked a nice route across bushy, sloping terrain with plenty of scattered high clouds again, as we set off for West Vidette.

- a chute somewhat south of the summit, followed by an ascending contour toward the northeast ridge of Deerhorn. About a hundred feet of high 2 to low 3 made tricky by new snow we made tricky by new snow we the NE ridge, which was snow-free and made a very enjoyable route between the two summits of Deerhorn. Both were ascended, the lower good class 3 rock climb, while the higher was again enlivened by the
new snow. The clouds had moved off, and the return to camp was warm and pleasan

On Friday morning, Cuno stayed behind as Mark and I headed down to Vidette Meadow. After drying his gear, he went over Deerhorn and Harrison Passes and camped near Lake South America. Saturday he did Jordan and Genevra and packed out as far as Anvil Camp and had an early start back to LA on Sunday. Meanwhile, Mark and I reached Vidette Meadow via a faint trail, and from there slogged up to Kearsarge Pass, where Mark made a quick ascent of Mt. Gould, spurred on by lightning. It began to snow as headed down to Onion Valley, and the lightning was spectacular. During the last half mile to the parking lot the skies opened and an inch of snow/hail fell in about 10 minutes. The road was snow-covered down to the lowest switchback, and we discovered later that Hwy 14 had been closed near Red Rock Canyon by flashfloods from the same storm. The storm was a fitting conclusion to another Sierra season.

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