

average listener was not interested. In one of his articles in the *Journal*, "The Ascent of Mt. Huygens," he has happily combined astronomy and climbing by describing the scientific problem of reaching the moon and climbing one of its 18,000-foot mountains. The writer once had the pleasure of examining some of McCoss's astronomical work and was amazed at the mathematical problems he had tackled and the accuracy with which they were worked out. Though he chose a commercial career, one could not help wondering if he would not have made a successful scientist.

During the first world war McCoss joined the North Scottish R.G.A. and was in action at Messines, Ypres, and at Vimy Ridge. He also served in the army of occupation.

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DORIS RHIND.

ON August 7, 1952, Doris Rhind came to Dundonell with the intention of climbing An Teallach. On August 9, while proceeding along the ridge with two friends, she made a step from a rocky portion to a ledge below. She appeared to lose her balance and fell, first over rocks and then into a mist-filled gully, which at that point descends steeply to Loch Toll an Lochain. She was killed apparently instantaneously. An R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Party arrived late on Sunday and located the body, which was brought down on Monday, August 11.

After graduating at Aberdeen University Doris taught science and mathematics at Torry Junior Secondary School and was to have held a similar position at Aberdeen High School for Girls after the summer vacation. Children knew her as a jolly companion and a good sport, and she was liked and respected by both staff and pupils. She was a member of the Central School F.P.'s Club and served not only on their Committee but also as Secretary of their Dramatic Club. Trinity Church also had in her a willing and enthusiastic worker and loyal supporter, and her loss will be felt keenly by these various organisations.

A love of nature and outdoor pursuits, awakened when she was a Girl Guide and Sea Ranger, grew even deeper, and it was for Doris a very happy moment when she first joined the Cairngorm Club three years ago. She soon became a regular attender at Club meets. To the arduous and less pleasant tasks of cleaning Derry Lodge when it was taken over by the Club she gave diligent and generous assistance which is remembered with gratitude. Most of her climbing was done among the Cairngorms, but during the summers of 1950 and 1951 she carried her love of her native hills to the mountain paths of the Bernese Oberland and the Austrian Tyrol.

Doris had a warm personality and made many friends. We remember how her presence would brighten any gathering. Her unfailing sense of humour would often send a climbing party into fits of helpless laughter, and who could lead a sing-song better than she? Yet she had a more serious side to her nature and loved the solace of good books and fine music. We have lost a friend who enriched our lives immeasurably, but a wealth of happy memories will always be ours.

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