

Transcript

CCC Crew Member ascends Harney Peak

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Event: George Roe, former CCC members revisits Harney Peak

Rick Hudson, Black Hills National Forest Recreation Group Leader (videographer)

George Roe, former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) member

Heather Ballinger, Mr. Roe's friend

Justin Cutler, Mr. Roe's friend

heavy breathing, wind noises

Ms. Ballinger: You can lean on that

Mr. Roe: Oh Boy!

Ms. Ballinger: Look at that

Mr. Roe: Lookie there

Ms. Ballinger: Look at that. Look, he's taking a picture, and I'm holding the cane (*laughter*) I'm just saying

Mr. Cutler: You know what, I'm gonna say we're almost there

Ms. Ballinger: Yes

Mr. Cutler: We're getting close

Ms. Ballinger: Yes

Mr. Roe: We're awful close

heavy breathing, wind noises

Mr. Cutler: We're not supposed to be on the phone up here *laughter*

Mr. Roe: This is the highest point east of the Rockie Mountains and west of the Bittermans in New York

Mr. Roe: Yup. Well this is like standing on the bridge of a ship. *laughter*

Ms. Cutler: Yes it is *laughter*

Mr. Roe: Windows in front of you

Rick: So did you help do some of the mortar work?

Mr. Roe: No, no that's all redone

Rick: OK

Ms. Cutler: But what, what did you, what was your job? Were you ..

Mr. Roe: I mixed the mud

Ms. Cutler: You mixed it.

Rick: OK

Mr. Cutler: I was a mud mixer

Rick (*laughing*)

Mr. Roe: and other things ... No we had certain guys laying the stone

Rick: Yeah

Mr. Roe: They were old, a little older too than I was

Rick: Yeah, so how old were you?

Mr. Roe: I was 18, 19

Rick: OK

Mr. Roe: 1939, I was 19

Rick: Yeah, and you used to run up every day, and run down in the afternoon?

Mr. Roe: That's five days a week

Rick: Huh

Mr. Roe: Five days a week and thought nothing of it

Rick: Now how many ... did you work a whole year, or both years?

Mr. Roe: No, no we only worked summer time

Rick: Oh, just summer time

Mr. Roe: Winter time you quit. That's why I was trying to figure out, uh we had a tent with a wooden deck in it for our concrete sacks and tools and stuff like that and the Ranger caught us all one day, at noon when we was eatin. He said now I'm gonna ask every one of you guys, "Who took my pipe?" And every one of us denied taking the pipe. When we tore that little shack down in the fall of ... had to be the fall of ... '38 I think, underneath the floor was a pack rat nest and his pipe and a bunch of other stuff was in it.

Rick: *laughing* That's great

Ms. Cutler: *really low voice talking, laughing*

Mr. Roe: Sure been nice ain't it?

Ms. Cutler: mmm hmmm

Mr. Roe: Whoooie ... and the ride up wasn't bad at all

Ms. Cutler: Nope

Mr. Roe: Well, let's descend

Ms. Cutler: OK