

made many fine climbs in the 1955-1956 season, including a new route on Mount Cook, which he did with Peter Robinson and Hamish McInnes.

HAROLD WALTON, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* Only one meeting was held by the Sierra Nevada section during 1959. On March 20 an enjoyable evening was spent at the Nilsson home, where Richard Houston presented a lively account of an expedition to the Bella Coola range of British Columbia. New officers for 1959-1960 elected at this time were Dr. Howard Parker, chairman; Lee Stopple, vice-chairman, and Leigh Ortenburger, secretary-treasurer. The membership now stands at 70, the highest to date. Various section members made significant climbs in Africa and Peru, on Mount Logan and Mount Robson in Canada, and of Mount Slaggard and Mount McCauley in the Yukon, the two highest unclimbed peaks in North America.

LEIGH ORTENBURGER, *Secretary*

*Alaska Alpine Club.* In April a six-man party reached the summit of Mount Silvertip (9500 feet) at the eastern end of the Alaska Range after climbing a 100-foot pinnacle of rime ice at the top. We believe that this was the second complete ascent of the peak. In May a week-end trip was made to the Black Rapids area in 30-below weather. In June a three-man party attempted unclimbed Mount Kimball in the Alaska Range, but failed to find a route to the summit. In August a group of four made the first ascent of Redoubt Volcano (10,197 feet) in the Chigmit Mountains of the Aleutian Range. A work party has repaired the suspension cable crossing of the Delta River near Black Rapids Glacier, and a trip to Poop Out Peak in the same area was scheduled for October.

Officers for the year were Gene Westcott, president; Charles Deehr, secretary-treasurer, and Neil Davis, senior advisor.

EUGENE M. WESTCOTT, *President*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The main club activities, the spring ski camp and the annual summer camp, proved highly successful. Ski camp was held at Mount Assiniboine from March 27 to April 5, with 34 people in attendance. All non-perishable food was taken in by pack train in the fall, and the fresh meat and bread were flown in by helicopter just before the camp. Those attending took the bus from Banff to Sunshine, from where they skied approximately 22 miles to Assiniboine by way of Citadel Pass. Owing to the limited accommodation, a number of people had to be turned away, and it is possible that within the next few years two ski camps will be run in different areas to accommodate as many interested skiers as possible.

The annual summer camp was held in the Bugaboo area of the Purcell Mountains. The camp was located at the Forks, 25 miles west of Spillimacheen on Bugaboo Creek, and afforded one of the most spectacular views to be had in any mountain region. There were 170 members and guests in attendance. With ideal climbing weather, ascents were made of Anniversary, Pigeon Spire, Marmolata, Bugaboo Spire, Eastpost, and Snowpatch.

We were honored to have in camp Mr. Armand Pachoud, vice-president of the Swiss Alpine Club. Mr. Pachoud was part of a group which was organized in Europe by our member, Paul Blanc, now living in Geneva, Switzerland, and which, after our camp, visited Lake O'Hara and climbed Mount Victoria.

A group of club members under the leadership of Hans Gmoser was successful in climbing Mount Logan, the first all-Canadian group to do so.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Clubhouse at Banff was celebrated on August 2. Many members and guests were present to make this a memorable occasion.

W. C. LEDINGHAM, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Appalachian Mountain Club.* During 1959 members of this club were active in almost all mountain ranges of the world. Club trips were made to Africa, the Canadian Rockies, and many more regions closer to home.

Various of the club sections have instituted their own programs for white water and rock climbing. Some new construction has been undertaken in the A.M.C. huts under the management of George Hamilton.

The Mountain Leadership Committee has been more conspicuously active than most of the other club functions. It has been pioneering various aspects of mountain safety education with training films, posters, pamphlets, leadership clinics, and a certification program for five gradations of leadership ability.

WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, *Corresponding Secretary*

*Chicago Mountaineering Club.* Activities continued much the same as in years past. The membership now stands at 146 with 57 qualified rope leaders.

The club held local climbs about once a month throughout the year. Most of these were held at Devils Lake, Wisconsin, with others at Mississippi Palisades State Park near Savannah, Illinois; an abandoned quarry near Joliet; and a week-end of ice climbing at Starved Rock State Park near Ottawa, Illinois. No serious accidents were encountered during the year. An eight-man safety committee is responsible for qualifying leaders and