

taken on a climb of the Salathé Wall of El Capitan in Yosemite by Allen Steck. Climbing activity by members during the year included several important climbs in Yosemite, and participation in expeditions to the Cathedral Spires of the McKinley region in Alaska, to Yerupajá in the Cordillera Huayhuash, and to the Cordillera Blanca. The death of John Harlin, whose climbing originated in northern California, during the final stages of the successful direct climb of the north face of the Eiger was especially regretted by those section members who had known and climbed with him. The section welcomed the visits of mountaineers from other lands, including Eric Shipton, Gaston Rébuffat, Tom deBooy, and two French climbers, Jacques Dupont and André Gaunt, who were the first Europeans to succeed on El Capitan. And it is a pleasure to record here the presentation of the Wagner Award of the California Historical Society to Francis Farquhar for his superb, recently published *History of the Sierra Nevada*. The section has begun preparations for the annual dinner of 1967, which will be held in Berkeley.

IRENE ORTENBURGER, *Secretary*

*Alpenbock Climbing Club.* Our club, consisting of 25 members in Salt Lake City, had an active year in 1966. Ski mountaineering occupied most of the winter months in the Wasatch Range, while a few of the more hardened types did some winter rock climbing. Spring found most members warming up for summer activities on local rocks and sharpening rescue skills used for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. Rick Reese, Bob Irvine, Ralph Tingey, and Ted Wilson performed ranger and rescue duties in Grand Teton National Park. Teton climbing was highlighted by club members doing some of the fine classic routes in the park, such as George Lowe's climb of the Black Ice Couloir on the Grand Teton and the icy ascent of the west face of the Grand Teton by Rick Reese and Bob Irvine. Jim Gaddis and Ted Wilson directed a summer ski racing-mountaineering camp with headquarters at the top of Garnet Canyon in the Tetons, where young ski racers practiced racing and learned basic mountaineering. Other significant activities included trips to the Wind Rivers and George Lowe's participation in an expedition to the north face of Mount Alverstone. The year ended with a club-sponsored reunion of Salt Lake Climbers.

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