

Thus, professionally, as in climbing, Hoerlin achieved distinction in solving problems arising at high altitude. It is ironic that during the last year of his life he was handicapped by deteriorating lung function which forced him to move from Santa Fe, NM (7000 feet) to Massachusetts.

Hoerlin is survived by his wife, Kate, three daughters, 17 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. He was a member of the American Alpine Club for many years.

GEORGE I. BELL

FRANK E. GAEBELEIN  
1899-1983

Frank Gaebelin, a long time member of both the American and Canadian Alpine Clubs, died in January 1983 ending a distinguished career in education. After graduating from New York University he received his master's degree from Harvard and was ordained by the Episcopal church, then becoming the founding headmaster of Stony Brook School on Long Island. He held that post for 41 years, finding time nevertheless to write fourteen books and many articles, receive three honorary doctorates, and maintain his talents as a concert pianist. His life was dedicated to church and school, and he spoke in many parts of the world on the Bible, social justice, and relationships between the arts and the church.

Frank climbed modestly but extensively in the United States, Canada and the Alps and was a frequent visitor to Club functions and library. He was dedicated to the young, always encouraging the spirit of Christianity though never proselytizing, and he will be long remembered by his students scattered throughout the world.

CHARLES S. HOUSTON M.D.

JOHN FRANCIS BRETT  
1893-1982

John Brett, a member of both the American Alpine Club and the Alpine Club of Canada, died in October 1982 in Montreux, Switzerland. His death was preceded by that of his wife Elizabeth in September of the same year. John spent his youth in Geneva and began his climbing in the Alps before coming to Canada in 1913. He was trained as an engineer, worked in Montréal for the Canadian

Pacific Railway, then joined the army and served in France with the Engineering Corps. He returned to Montréal, worked with the Montréal Water Board, and became an engineering consultant. He served as an army mountaineering instructor in the Canadian Rockies during the Second World War.

John's love of the mountains kept him active in climbing for many years of his life. He was particularly active with the Alpine Club of Canada; he was Eastern Vice-President from 1941 to 1947, and again from 1950 to 1954 and was President of the ACC from 1958 to 1960. He received a Silver Rope award for climbing leadership in 1948. He was an honorary member of the Geneva Section of the Swiss Alpine Club.

I was fortunate to have met John while climbing at Val David almost twenty years ago. Although at the time he did not lead the harder climbs, he was still prepared to follow many routes even into his late seventies. He was a tremendous example to all who knew him, no matter what their ages. His great love was the rock climbing in the Laurentians which he helped to discover and tirelessly promoted.

In 1942 in recognition of his founding of the Montréal Section of the ACC and his contribution to rock climbing in Québec, the club presented John with a Service Badge. He was touched by this and deeply grateful for having been remembered in this way. Before he died, his account of the founding of the Montréal Section and various climbing anecdotes which had originally appeared in the Canadian Alpine Journal in the fifties were republished in the Montréal Section Newsletter.

John will be missed by all who knew him as a climber and a friend. He enriched our lives in many ways whether or not we knew him personally. Perhaps the finest tribute we can pay him is that the mountain spirit he nurtured lives on through the club he supported and the section he helped to found.

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### ERNANI FAÈ 1911-1983

Ernani Faè was born in May 1911 in Belluno, Italy. From Belluno, the beautiful capital of the Dolomites, it is easy to reach the valleys and famous peaks. Thus, Ernani Faè, as a teenager, started to climb together with friends. In Belluno there were expert climbers, and excellent professional guides in the valleys such as Cortina. But he was too young to be accepted. Nevertheless, he progressed, animated by his love for his Dolomites and by his qualities as a natural climber.

At that time four names dominated climbing. Two were guides: Tita Piaz, nicknamed the Devil of the Dolomites, and Angelo Dibona, famous for great