

was inaugurated during the summer. An evening program that illustrated proper equipment and its use was offered to an audience of nearly a thousand. Subsequently, there was a supervised "hike," under special leadership.

The winter program was also full. Ski and snowshoe trips, between December and May, attracted about 675 participants. The Winter Outing was held in April, as scheduled, at Naylor Lake near Georgetown; but an unscheduled early thaw precluded ski climbs of Mt. Evans and Bierstadt Peak. For the first time in winter, the C.M.C. used an air drop for supplies, supplementing with fresh frozen orange juice, etc., the stocks that had been cached at the cabins during the fall. The winter safety program continued, with a showing of the new Forest Service film, "Avalanches to Order," and classes in first aid given by Red Cross-C.M.C. instructors.

Members in smaller parties climbed in many areas. A new route, "The Window," was worked out on the E. face of Longs Peak (*Trail and Timberline*, Feb. 1951); and a snow and ice route, done perhaps only once before, on S. Maroon Peak. Some climbed in the Tetons; two or three parties climbed in Mexico; two members climbed the Devil's Tower. Two members were in Canada, part of the time with the A.C.C.; they climbed Columbia and made two attempts on Mt. Robson. Two other members were in the Adamant Group, where they made first ascents of Black Widow and an unnamed peak which they called "Dortan"; second ascents of Gog, Colossal and Yellow; and third ascents of Damon and Pythias and Pioneer, on which they found Palmer's original record.

Under the editorship of Robert Ormes, work on the guidebook is progressing. The hope is that it will be published in the early summer. Plans call for inclusion of geological and historical notes, to make the book more readable—more than just a climbing guide to the high peaks of Colorado.

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*Iowa Mountaineers.* In 1950 the Club enjoyed its largest membership—1322. The budget permitted purchase of essential new equipment, including a Club bus of special design and two 16-mm. cameras. Five 16-mm. color films of Club expeditions were edited and added to the library: "Sawtooth Wonderland" (2600 ft.), "Ascent of Devil's Tower" (1400 ft.), "Climbing in the Wind Rivers" (1600

ft.), "Climbing in the Pacific Northwest" (2300 ft.) and "Climbing in the Canadian Rockies" (2900 ft.). The clubhouse was redecorated, and provision made for the housing of guests. Two lounge beds were installed, shower and rest-room facilities being already available in the dormitory immediately behind the clubhouse. Climbers travelling across the country are invited to stop off.

The mountaineering classes and popular Sunday travelogues continued. A journal, published in November, included over 75 photographic engravings; and the bi-monthly bulletin was increased in size from four to eight pages.

The Summer Outing of 1950 was in the Canadian Rockies, in the month of August—a nine-day base camp at Lake O'Hara, and a five-day tour along the Banff-Jasper Highway. Forty-two members participated, and five major peaks were ascended. Guides included John Ebert, Ken Jones, Bob Merriam and Ernst Feuz. Domestic and international conditions permitting, the 1951 expedition will be to Mt. McKinley Park in Alaska.

It has become evident, during the past year, that the Iowa Mountaineers are influencing the lives of the students and the staff-members at the University of Iowa. Records show that over 25% of the faculty and staff, and 10% of the student body, are members of the Club. Even more impressive is the fact that, after association with the Club, students have changed their majors to geology or forestry. For example, last summer two graduate students who had been formerly enrolled as majors in engineering and commerce were conducting research in the Wind River Range and on the Columbia Ice Field. Twenty student members registered for geology field trips during the summer, and twelve majors in physical education served as counsellors in mountain recreational camps. Other students, owing to their training with the Club, obtain profitable work during the summer months. Last summer, two of our climbers served as assistant guides for Glenn Exum and Paul Petzoldt in the Grand Teton National Park; and another directed Floyd Wilson's Gannett Peak camp in the Wind Rivers. Many other members were employed in the National Parks and Forests. It seems fair to assume that most of these student members would be in other fields of activity were it not for their affiliation with the Iowa Mountaineers.

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