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began wrestling with an unknown number of gendarmes. They climbed up, down, over, around, across, and through gendarmes the rest of the morning. The rock was excellent. As they had suspected, their difficulties were behind them; so at 2:00 P.M. they were sitting around the summit cairn signing their names in the register. After gorging themselves on the can of plums which Dick had left on the summit earlier in the summer, they rushed down the C.M.C. route, ran down the grassy slopes, and at dusk reached their rowboat which had been left at the mouth of Leigh Creek. With real contentment they took turns rowing back across Leigh Lake, watching the south ridge in the sunset.

LEIGH ORTENBURGER

ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUBS

A. A. C., Cascade Section. In the spring, just prior to the departure of the K-2 expedition, Dee Molenaar and Pete Schoening, of our Section, gave an excellent account of the plans for the trip and had available for examination various items of equipment.

Dee, Pete, and Bob Craig were all guests of honor at the annual fall meeting of the Section. At the same meeting Vic Josendal showed an interesting set of slides taken on his ascent of Mt. Robson during the 1953 season. Ralph W. Johnson of Seattle was elected Chairman of the Section for the coming year.

Several members of the Section took an active part in local mountain rescue activities during the past year. Ome Daiber and Ralph W. Johnson are members of the board of the newly formed "Mountain Rescue Council." These men, with George McGowan, engaged in two television shows on mountain safety, presented in Seattle; and these and other Section members have given many talks to climbing organizations, the Boy Scouts, and many other groups, on the subject of safety in the mountains.

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A. A. C., Sierra Nevada Section. Under Chairman Will Siri, Vice-Chairman Allen Steck, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard

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Houston, the Sierra Nevada Section held four meetings during 1953. Included in the activities were programs by Maurice Herzog on Annapurna, Norman Dyhrenfurth on Everest, Dee Moleenaar on K2, Fritz Lippmann on McKinley, and Willi Unsoeld on the Grand Teton. During the summer climbing months local members engaged in climbing on Mt. McKinley, Mt. Robson, and on many peaks in the Sierra Nevada, the Yosemite Valley, the Tetons, and Canada. Two members also served as guides in the Grand Teton National Park. Several members were engaged in preparations for the attempt on Makalu in 1954 with the California Himalayan Expedition. Membership in the Section now stands at 64, with an average attendance at meetings of about 25.

RICHARD C. HOUSTON

Chicago Mountaineering Club. Sixteen new members during the year brought the total membership to 140. Ten local outings were held from April through October with attendance of 273 members and 200 guests. During the outing period, the Iowa Mountaineers scheduled a few of their trips to coincide with ours so that the groups could share in climbing experience. Members and guests were given rock-climbing and safety instructions under the supervision of the Outing Chairman, Paul Stettner.

Our 6th biennial outing was held during the first two weeks of August in the southern Wind River Range of Wyoming. An advance party of eight set up camp at Lonesome Lake at the head of the North Fork of the Pope Agie River, elevation 10,187 feet. Fifty-seven participants reported a successful outing. Snow-school instruction and demonstration was given by Outing Chairman Paul Stettner. Good weather prevailed; parties climbed the numerous peaks in the area, including Lizard Head (12,842 ft., the highest peak), Pingora, Pyramid Peak, Mt. Washakie, and War Bonnet. The success of the outing was marred by the death of Karl Bollinger, a new member, who came to us after having had considerable climbing experience in his native Germany. The accident occurred on War Bonnet peak.