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trench at 7,800 feet; then on June 1st the 23-day assault of Logan began and six men of the party stood on the summit at 8:00 P.M., June 23rd, two having turned back earlier because the toes of one had been frostbitten.

The detailed story of the Mt. Logan Expedition is fully told in the 1925 *Canadian Alpine Journal*, but the foregoing brief account is given to complete the outstanding climbing record of Billy Foster. It was the climax and swan song of our serious climbing together and, true to all his activities about which I had personal knowledge, his presence in the party was essential to the success of the expedition for, although I was officially designated the leader of the party, I made no important or vital decision, after we had begun the climb, without first seeking his advice and approval and, as he well realized, his mere presence was a great stimulus in keeping up my strength and courage.

William Wasborough Foster will best be remembered by his casual acquaintances for his good humor and ready wit that always lightened the cares of the day and were so appropriate around the campfire. At the meetings of his various clubs and organizations, he could always be depended upon to make valuable contributions to the discussion of any subject under consideration.

The following are the memberships he prized most highly: Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Director of the Canadian Geographical Society, life member of the American and Canadian Alpine Clubs, member of the Alpine Club, and Honorary President of the Alpine Club of Canada at the time of his death.

His intimate friends will remember him best as an outstanding man whom it was a rare privilege to know.

ALBERT H. MACCARTHY

GEORGE MacGOWAN 1902-1954

Friends of George MacGowan were saddened at his passing on November 26, 1954. His death resulted from a coronary thrombosis while playing a game of handball, a sport which he had actively followed for many years. George leaves a wife, Jane, and two children; a son, Douglas Hugh, and daughter, Laurie.

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Raised in the Northwest, George MacGowan received his education in Seattle and later became a partner in the insurance firm of William H. Harmer Company.

Always an enthusiastic mountaineer, he began his serious interest in climbing in the early thirties. During this period he served as President of the Seattle Mountaineers, Inc., and a number of times as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was active in organizing the Cascade Section of the American Alpine Club and presided as its first Chairman. Later, he was also a Western Vice-President of the Club.

Mountaineering was not all fun for George as he was among the first to offer his services in the Mountain Rescue Council, which was organized to carry on rescue work and to promote safety in mountaineering. His early climbs covered most of the Cascade and Olympic ranges. He spent many of his later years in other well known Canadian climbing areas like those of Garibaldi, Lake O'Hara, the Tonquin Valley, Maligne Lake, the Selkirks, and the Bugaboos in Canada. Other regions visited were the Wind Rivers and the Grand Tetons in the Rockies. His climbs followed the most difficult routes and included some first ascents and a new route on the Grand Teton. During World War II he served his country in the Mountain Troops, Company G, 87th Infantry Regiment, and helped to organize the first climbing school.

George will be remembered by his friends as a climber's mountaineer and he will be missed greatly. Under all circumstances his ever-ready wit and cheerfulness stimulated those with whom he was associated. He leaves very many friends whose lives his friendship has enriched beyond measure.

WILL H. BORROW, JR.

ELTON STERLING THAYER

1927-1954

Elton Sterling Thayer was born March 30, 1927, at Readsboro, Vermont, and was killed in a climbing accident May 16, 1954, on Mt. McKinley, McKinley Park, Alaska.

After residing in Vermont during childhood and early youth,