

# Club Activities

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*A.A.C., Rocky Mountain Section.* The financial affairs of the Rocky Mountain Section of the A.A.C. took a disastrous turn at the start of the year through a deficit incurred in connection with a lecture by Heinrich Harrer, excellent in itself, but involving too large a financial commitment for our little group and timed on a bad evening for good attendance. Let this be a lesson to other ambitious sections. This deficit was willingly underwritten by contributions of Section members so that the good name of the Club has not been smirched.

Stephen H. Hart succeeded Gerry Cunningham as Section Chairman at a business meeting in March, when we enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mel Griffiths on Greenland. We had a very pleasant evening with Dr. Charles Houston in May, at which time he showed slides and talked about the American K2 Expedition.

In January 1956 a nice profit on an excellent lecture by Capt. Tony Streather on the Kangchenjunga ascent repaired part of our financial damage and permitted us to repay a portion of the contributions by our members. We are grateful to the Appalachian Mountain Club for generously assisting with the expenses of this lecture.

STEPHEN H. HART, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* During 1955 the Sierra Nevada Section held four meetings, all of them in Berkeley. Talks were given in March by Nick Clinch and Bob Brooke on the 1954 Coast Range Expedition near Mt. Waddington; in May by Nello Pace on the Symposium on the Problems of Mountain Altitudes, which was held in April at the University of California; in October by Dick Irvin on his numerous 1955 climbs in the Canadian Rockies; and in December by Jack Graham on the 14,000-foot peaks of the Alps. Section officers chosen at the March meeting for the 1955-1956 term include Richard Houston, Chairman; Kenneth Adam, Vice-chairman; and Frederick Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer. During the summer members were particularly active in the Canadian Rockies, the Tetons, and the Corderilla Blanca of Peru. Membership in the section now stands at 64, with an average attendance at meetings of about 20. David Brower has been elected Western Vice-President of the Club for the 1956-1957 term.