

M. Erb; the Hermit Ridge, from Rodgers to Hermit, including the Truda peaks; and the Asulkan Ridge, consisting of seven peaks. In the Hermit group Tupper, Sifton, Grizzly, Cheops, and Cougar were climbed, all by the usual routes. In the Sir Donald group, Avalanche, Eagle, Sir Donald, South Terminal, and Green's Peak were climbed. A group hiked to the Glacier Circle cabin, in the Dawson group, but because of bad weather there was merely a good attempt on Mount Selwyn. Bob and Peggy West, who made the first ascent of Fortitude this year, missed us there by only a few days.

While the group was away in Canada, other club members were not idle. One weekend in August, J. Calvin Giddings, Bob Snider, and Bob Powers climbed Devils Tower and distinguished themselves as the first Hoofers to do it. The weekly practice climbs went on throughout the summer and will continue, to a lesser degree, throughout the winter.

SUSAN F. WARD

*Dartmouth Mountaineering Club.* The DMC was very active during 1956, particularly in the West. The focal point of this activity was the Teton area, where club members climbed for six weeks in the summer. Among the many climbs was the first ascent of the north face of Red Sentinel, by Gerry Cabaniss and Barry Corbet, in the third week of August. This route starts 20 feet east of the chimney which forms the northwest corner, and proceeds straight up to a belay ledge three feet wide. From there the route is mainly a difficult traverse to the last part of the regular route, which is followed to the summit.

In early September Jake Breitenbach, Charles Plummer, and Barry Corbet climbed the lower Exum Ridge of the Grand Teton as far as Wall Street. Weather precluded the completion of the climb, but the climbers regarded it as the most enjoyable in their experience. Other noteworthy climbs were the Jensen Ridge of Symmetry Spire and the south buttress of Nez Percé. Three attempts on the south buttress of Mount Moran were turned back by weather. On the return trip East, Breitenbach, Plummer, and Corbet stopped at the Needles in South Dakota. They made a new "route" (one 30-foot pitch) on Balcony Point and made numerous first ascents on the smallest pinnacles. Breitenbach and Corbet also climbed Devils Tower, in Wyoming, the same week.

In New England the DMC conducted its regular rock climbing classes. New routes on Owls Head and Whitehorse Ledges were worked out, and the Laurentians and Shawangunks saw limited action. At present the DMC

seems to be riding a boom of enthusiasm and for this reason is making ambitious plans for the future.

BARRY CORBET

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* Last summer found club members relatively inactive in comparison with the activities of the summer of 1955. There was no major expedition organized by the club to South America or to the Himalayas, nor was there a climbing camp. However, several members were on independently organized expeditions. A party composed of Mike Wortis, Steve Jervis, Leo Slaggie, and Dave Toland attempted to climb Mount Assiniboine, but was turned back by bad weather conditions. The party then went to the Tetons, where its members climbed Symmetry Spire by the Jensen Ridge and the Durrance Ridge. Jervis, Wortis, and Toland then visited Devils Tower, which they climbed by a route recently laid out by Army climbers.

Ken Henderson organized a trip to Iceland which included Caspar Cronk and Frank Gaebelein. Hvannadalshnukyr, Hekla, Herðubreið, Snaefell, and Loðmunder were the major peaks climbed. Earl Whipple, after attending the Canadian Alpine Club camp at Glacier, B.C., climbed in the Coast Range. With another climber, he climbed high on the south face of Mount Waddington, spending one night on the face before turning back for lack of iron. Other members climbed in northern British Columbia and in Alaska.

Locally, the club had an active fall season. Besides trips to nearby rocks with instruction for beginners, there were excursions to the Shawangunks in New York and to Mount Washington in New Hampshire. The club continues to stress safety, giving first-aid classes and belay practice. A telephone line was laid in Huntington Ravine to supplement the first-aid cache which was installed last year. Plans for the 1957 summer include another climbing camp to train new leaders and to introduce some of the younger members to expedition mountaineering. The club also hopes to have a small party in Peru.

CASPER CRONK, *President*

*MIT Outing Club.* In addition to the frequent practice climbs held locally, a summer trip was made to the Tetons, in Wyoming. Using Jenny Lake and the MITOC hearse as base camp, eleven of us made eight ascents of Teton peaks in August. The climbs included Symmetry Spire, Middle Teton, Storm Point, Ice Point, South Teton, Grand Teton, Mount Woodring, and Peak 11,266.

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