

Club Activities

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A.A.C., Cascade Section. Outstandingly good weather during the summer of 1958 brought feverish activity to the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Mount Fury's west peak, the last unclimbed peak in the Picket range (see article in this *Journal*), was topped. A.A.C. climbers placed new routes on the North Face of Mount Baker, the East Ridge of Inspiration Peak, and the Northeast Face of Mount Shuksan. The long, hot summer put the glaciers into full retreat. On the South Cascade glacier of Sentinel Peak, for example, the ice dropped twenty-four feet to reveal a small forest which had been buried for a thousand years.

A prime Section activity has been a revision of Beckey's *Climber's Guide to the Cascade and Olympic Mountains of Washington*, for the first time in ten years. This revision, undertaken first by Ralph Johnson, is now under the able guidance of George Sainsbury. Fifteen A.A.C. members have spent countless hours reorganizing the text to include all new ascents, road changes, and trail information. The Council has given Dee Molenaar its approval to proceed with illustrations.

Several meetings were held during the year, the most notable being the annual banquet in Seattle, November 18, when Nick Clinch and Pete Schoening presented colored slides of their successful Hidden Peak expedition. At an informal meeting December 30 Maynard Miller showed pictures of climbing in Skye and England, and of his Arctic flights last summer.

WARREN B. SPICKARD, *Chairman*

A.A.C., Rocky Mountain Section. During 1958 the Section had two visitors from among the national officers: President John Oberlin, in May, and Editor Francis Farquhar, in November. On both occasions informal meetings of members were arranged.

HAROLD F. WALTON, *Chairman*

Appalachian Mountain Club. During 1958, members of the Club were active in all the major mountain ranges, including the Himalaya. Club trips were run to Europe, Alaska, the Gaspé, and to many nearer destinations. A complete schedule of climbing trips was organized for rock climbing, winter

climbing, etc., and the white-water group was very active. The Club's camps had a good season; August Camp was held in the Kennebago-Sugar Loaf-Bigelow region north of Rangeley, in Maine.

Trail work was limited to trail clearing and reconditioning of shelters; no new construction was undertaken. The end of the year marked the retirement of Joe Dodge, manager of the Club's hut system, after thirty-six years in the huts, the last thirty of them as hut manager.

The Club's library continued to grow, and the Club headquarters were used for numerous meetings. Lectures were given on the Himalaya, England, the Alps, Hudson Bay and Mount Robson, Africa, the Caucasus, the Canadian Rockies and Selkirks, and various other subjects representing the breadth of the members' interests.

KENNETH A. HENDERSON, *Corresponding Secretary*

Chicago Mountaineering Club. The Club's official outings were limited to local practice climbs at nearby areas. Two week-end winter trips were held at Starved Rock State Park, near Ottawa, Illinois, where conditions were ideal for the formation of solid, frozen waterfalls. One of the best ice climbs there is in French Canyon, where an ice wall about 50 feet high is formed in a series of steps. The Club also held practice rock-climbs at Mississippi Palisades State Park near Savanna, Illinois, and at Devils Lake State Park near Baraboo, Wisconsin. Bill Primack is compiling a guide to the practice climbs in these two areas.

A group of our members joined the Iowa Mountaineers' outing in the southern Wind Rivers near Lander, Wyoming, with a base camp at Lonesome Lake. Felix Hagerman led Warren Pagel, John Davidge, and Olle Swartling on a second ascent of Block Tower from the west side. Other noteworthy climbs were made on Shark's Nose, Pingora, Warbonnet, Wolf's Head, and Lizard Head. Other members climbed in the Tetons; three attended the Sierra Club's trip to the Cordillera Blanca of Peru; and several were with the Iowa Mountaineers in Europe.

GROVER HARTSUCH, *Outing Chairman*

Colorado Mountain Club. One hundred and eleven hiking and climbing trips were participated in by over 2000 persons from the Denver Group during the spring, summer, and fall months. One of these trips in August was a joint one with the Forest Service. Some 40 persons gathered at the foot of the newly named Mount Kreutzer (13,120 ft.), on the Continental Divide in the Sawatch Range, to honor the memory of the first forest ranger in the United States, William Kreutzer, appointed 60 years ago, August 1898.