

George Francisco succeeded Thaddis Gable as president, and Tom Gibbons succeeded Bill Oberteuffer as Climbing Committee chairman.

JACK GRAUER, *Vice-President*

*Sierra Club of California.* Yosemite Valley was the scene of what was certainly the outstanding rock climb of 1958. On November 12 Warren Harding, George Whitmore, and Wayne Merry completed the longest tension climb of all time by scaling the vertical 3600-foot south face of El Capitan (6750 ft.). The final push of this climb, which required 13 days of continuous climbing and bivouacking, climaxed a year and a half of off-and-on activity. (See article in this *Journal*.)

Other club members ventured to British Columbia, the Tetons, and South America, as well as to other more conventional climbing-areas in and around California.

RICHARD C. HOUSTON

*Spokane Mountaineers.* A Canadian summer outing at Moraine Lake below the Wenkchemna Peaks highlighted a busy year. Memorable ascents included Mounts Temple and Victoria and a grand traverse from Marble Canyon, B. C., via Fay Hut and the col between Peaks 3 and 4. Three visits were made to Montana's Cabinet Wilderness Area, where ascents were made of Elephant Peak and Ibex. Other successful climbs were made on Sacajawea and Matterhorn, in Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, and on Hood, Rainier, and Baker. Photographer Joe Collins and three others explored the national parks and monuments of Utah and Arizona. Notable indeed was their triple approach to Rainbow Bridge—by trail, riverboat, and air.

The Fourth of July occasioned a lively convention of climbers on Park Creek just outside the proposed Glacier Peak Wilderness Area. Mount Buckner and the Bedayn route on 9300-foot Mount Goode were climbed, while a Spokane-Wenatchee party essayed Goode's original 1936 chimney-climb and the easier Darr variation.

WILLIAM C. FIX, *President*

*Wisconsin Hooper Mountaineers.* Devils Lake was the site for numerous outings in the spring, summer, and fall seasons. We are currently gathering material for a guide to the climbs in this area. Several week-end trips were also made to the Mississippi Palisades. During the winter there were slide-showings of the year's trips and several lectures on such topics as "First Aid in the Mountains" and "Snow and Ice Safety Techniques."