

of the Army's Mountain and Winter Warfare Unit. Finally, one of the principal club concerns during the school year is the publication of the annual journal, which is well known to climbers throughout the country. The 1960 issue will run well over 100 pages with more than a dozen principal articles.

FREDERICK MEDRICK, *President*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* The club was very active during 1959, both locally and on the "big mountains." There were several club expeditions, the principal one of which was the Nepalese expedition with John Humphreys, John Noxon, Frederick Dunn, and Caspar Cronk.

In August the H.M.C. sponsored its biennial climbing camp in the form of a three-week, 50-mile traverse in the Purcell Range of British Columbia. Before the camp Craig Merrihue, Michael Wortis, Leo Slaggie, Boyd Everett, and Keith Kerney attempted to climb the northwest arête of Mount Robson. The attempt failed several hundred vertical feet below the summit owing to poor snow conditions. Robert Page, Richard Wylie, and Albert Nickerson climbed Mount Victoria on another precamp trip, as did Craig Merrihue after the Mount Robson attempt. After the camp there was additional climbing in the Tetons and also in the Boulder, Colorado, area.

Other summer trips were made by Doug Anger to the Battle Range of British Columbia; Henry Hall to Europe; Adams Carter to Peru; Leif-Norman Patterson to Scandinavia and with William Gardiner to Switzerland; Boyd Everett to Alaska with Larry Nielson; Nile Albright to Alaska and Mount Rainier; and Gordon Benner as assistant leader on the Sierra Club Wind River trip.

The local climbing schedule was crowded with the usual enthusiasm for rock and ice climbing. During the course of an unusually cold winter all five ice gullies on Mount Washington were climbed.

The largest issue to date of *Harvard Mountaineering*, Number 14, was published in May. In cooperation with the Appalachian Mountain Club and the U. S. Forest Service the club has been organizing a technical rescue team to cover New England climbing areas. In addition the club continues to sponsor its usual leadership program and first-aid instruction.

ROBERT A. PAGE, JR., *President*

*Iowa Mountaineers.* The Club enjoyed an unusually active and successful year in 1959. Twenty-one week-end outings were sponsored including 10 instructional climbing outings to the Mississippi Palisades State Park in Illinois and to Devils Lake State Park in Wisconsin. The Sunday Amana,

Iowa dinner-hikes were especially popular and attracted an average of 55 participants. One hiking group consisting of an equal number of men and women traveled 29 miles in 10 hours. Sixteen professional adventure film-lectures were sponsored with an average attendance of 556 members and guests. Among the lecturers were Maynard Miller, Colin Wyatt, and Hans Gmoser.

The Summer Camp under the leadership of John Ebert was held in the Bugaboos of British Columbia from August 11 through August 28. Fifty-seven members participated. The club completely outfitted its own base camp and high camp and provided its own trucking service. The weather was excellent for the first four days and then gradually worsened, so that most of the climbing was accomplished under highly adverse conditions. Nine of the major peaks in the area were ascended by from one to nine different climbing parties; among these peaks were Snowpatch, Bugaboo Spire, Marmolada, and Pigeon Spire. The climbing leaders included Allen Auten, Whitney Borland, Harvey Carter, and Arthur Spaulding from Colorado; Bill Echo of Idaho; Felix Hagerman and Rod Harris from Illinois; Hans Gmoser and Bruno Matteotti from Canada; and the outing leader.

The 1960 summer camps will be held in the Sawtooths of Idaho from August 8 to August 18 and in Castner Glacier and/or the Valdez area of Alaska in early August.

JOHN EBERT, *President*

*Mazamas.* The Mazamas found the weather very unkind in 1959. Not for many years have so many climbs been stormed off. Rainier, Whitehorse, Lincoln, Lacrosse, Adams, Diamond Peak, Unicorn Peak, and several climbs on nearby Mount Hood were all blanked out by the weather.

However, with over 50 climbs scheduled during the year, there were still many successful ascents. An outing to the Baker-Shuksan area gave many members a chance to climb these two prominent peaks in northern Washington. Also explored and climbed on this outing were peaks just to the north, Tomyhoi, Larrabee, and Goat Mountain. In early August Ed Dolan led another outing in the Northern Cascades in the Dome Peak area, where the party climbed Dome Peak and Spire Point. Further climbs were halted as a result of a fall by Bill Oberteuffer, who was rescued by helicopter. Further ill luck occurred when Bill Bush fell on the tricky trail coming out and broke an arm.

In the fall, a new lodge was constructed on Mount Hood to replace the well known log building which burned in December 1958.