

Climber's Guide to the Cascade and Olympic Mountains of Washington, Second Edition, by a committee of the Cascade Section of the American Alpine Club, chairman George R. Sainsbury, illustrations by Dee Molenaar. American Alpine Club, 1961. Price \$5.00 (\$4.00 to members of A.A.C.).

After the sellout of the previous editions of the "Beckey Guide" it was decided to completely revise and up-date the material. The new edition describes some 980 routes as compared to around 580 in the 1949 edition. Essentially all known climbs have been covered, including those on practice rocks. The route descriptions are the result of a committee effort and naturally there is some lack of uniform viewpoint and style. An extensive review and checking procedure has been very successful in eliminating gross inconsistencies and the guide is probably as accurate as it is possible to produce for a range so large and complex as the Cascades. The line drawings by Dee Molenaar are the outstanding feature of the new edition. The preparation of a guide of this scope is a tremendous effort and the climbers and mountain travelers of Washington will be indebted for many years to come to George Sainsbury and his committee (of which Fred Beckey was, of course, a primary member and contributor).

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Pikes Peak Atlas, by Robert M. Ormes. Boulder, Colorado: Johnson Publishing Co., 1959. 28 pages with 21 sketch maps. Price: \$3.50.

Few people know the Colorado Rockies as well as Bob Ormes (Author of *Guide to the Colorado Mountains*, Denver: Sage Books. Price, \$3.50.) and there is no one more at home than he in the hills just west of his hometown, Colorado Springs. The intimate knowledge of years plus a world of affection have gone into the making of *Pikes Peak Atlas*.

The lively text sketches the adventurous background of the city and its environs. General Palmer, the founder, was an enthusiastic horseman and the trails he built at the turn of the century survive to this day with scarcely a lick of work done on them in the meantime. Early miners, ranchers and timbermen played an important part in opening up the remoter mountain regions. Many of the roads and pathways once used by them lead off from the old Cripple Creek stage road and from the two narrow gauge railway lines, now abandoned, that linked that hoary gold camp to the outside world. Walkers of a hardier era than the present used to fan out in hordes from the summer cabin colonies of Jones and Crystal Parks, of which only ruins now remain. Today one can climb Pikes Peak and a score of lesser summits by the trails they enjoyed and ramble endlessly through the upland valleys as they did, but without sight or sound of another soul.

Numerous sketch maps and ample directions open up these wonderful regions to the interested explorer of the present day. He may find the format of the *Atlas* rather cumbersome. It is large (approximately 12 x 18 inches) and built to last. But when rolled up and stuck into a pack it is hardly more awkward to carry than the loaf of French bread one of my early Swiss guides used to tuck into his knapsack when en route to a hut. As both are items that come in very handy later on, the slight bother involved seems entirely worthwhile.

ELIZABETH S. PARTRIDGE

High Sierra Mountain Wonderland, by Wampler, Heald and McDermand.

Privately published by Joseph Wampler, Box 45, Berkeley 1, Calif. 122 pages, illustrated. Price \$2.00.

Seldom has such a small book contained so much. The high country traversed by the John Muir Trail forms the approximate area described. The authors are experts on their respective subjects. Six well-composed and highly interesting chapters by Weldon Heald cover Topography, Geology, History, Climate and Botany. Charles McDermand writes well about fish and fishing in one chapter. For the fisherman this one chapter justifies the book. Joseph Wampler introduces the reader to birds, animals and maps of the region, and to John Muir in a few intimate sketches, terminating the book with two informative chapters on how to enjoy the Sierra Nevada and how to visit it. A complete bibliography brings the book to a close. The great number of illustrations will stimulate the interest of the prospective visitor. The authors, each in his own way, have through their words succeeded in creating a true image of the "Range of Light."

EINAR NILSSON

A.M.C. White Mountain Guide. Sixteenth Edition. Published by the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy St., Boston, Mass., 1960. 494 pages, 17 maps. \$4.50.

This sixteenth edition of a guidebook first published in 1907 has been completely revised since the last (1955) edition. A major change in arrangement puts the most visited regions, starting with the Presidential Range, at the beginning of the book. The maps are folded differently, making reference to them more convenient; the titles are printed so that they can be read without unfolding the map. An enlarged Franconia map in a frontcover pocket as well as the usual large-scale Mount Washington map cover the most frequently traveled White Mountain trails. The usual smaller maps adequately portray the rest of the region.

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