

of these early expeditions and showed slides. Those of us who had the opportunity to visit with the Somervells found them to be stimulating and exciting people.

Our members continue to be active in conservation, mountain rescue, and mountain climbing and skiing, largely through the well-established local groups which we support. Plans continue for the accumulation of a special collection of mountaineering and alpine literature in the Denver Public Library.

FRANK C. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* The Sierra Nevada Section met four times in 1961. On January 20, the following new officers were elected: Lewis Clark, chairman; Jules Eichorn, vice-chairman; William Hooker, secretary-treasurer. Following the business meeting, Henry Kendall showed one color film of Chopicalqui and Nevado Uta in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru, and another he took while climbing the Lost Arrow in Yosemite. On April 28, Nick Clinch presented slides of the 1960 Masherbrum Expedition, and Norman Dyhrenfurth described his plans for the 1963 Everest-Lhotse-Nuptse trip, of which Will Siri is deputy leader. Many successful climbs in the Waddington area of British Columbia were described by Steve Jarvis and Craig Merrihue on October 20. Gordon Benner was also a member of this expedition. At the next meeting, December 8, Jules Eichorn gave an illustrated account of his climb on the west buttress route of Mount McKinley. At this meeting there was a discussion of the National Park Service's proposed 14-day limit on camping and what effects it would have on climbers. Also discussed was the possibility of organizing a mountain rescue group.

Other activities of Section members include the first ascent of Mount McArthur in the Yukon by George Wallerstein, Seymour Ossofsky, Barbara Lilley, Don Monk, and Alex McDermott. Leigh Ortenburger was on Hillary's Makalu expedition and climbed above 26,000 feet before an accident forced the party to retreat.

WILLIAM W. HOOKER, *Secretary*

*Alaska Alpine Club.* The 1961 climbing season began with a January attempt on still unclimbed McGinnis Peak in the eastern Alaska Range. In March, eleven climbers made the first ascent of Old Snowy in the Castner Glacier area of the Alaska Range. Unsuccessful attempts were made in May to ascend an unclimbed 11,500-foot peak on the north Park. During the summer a party made a first ascent of Black Cap in the side of the Black Rapids Glacier and to climb Mount Russell in McKinley