

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

Castner Glacier area by the east ridge, and a group visited the Mather-Brooks region of the Muldrow Glacier in McKinley Park.

A 12-foot, A-frame hut was carried in and erected eight miles up the Castner Glacier at the Princess branch. The hut has been named the Thayer Memorial Hut in honor of Elton Thayer, a founder of the club who was killed on a traverse of Mount McKinley in 1954. The hut is open to climbers using this area, in which several one-day climbs are possible.

Officers for 1961-1962 are: Buck Wilson, president; Les Viereck, vice-president; Teri Viereck, secretary-treasurer; Gene Wescott and Keith Jones, councilors.

GENE WESCOTT

*Alpine Club of Canada.* The spring ski camp was held in the Little Yoho Valley, where the Club's Stanley Mitchell Hut was used as a base. Ski conditions were very good, and as usual for this area, more persons registered for the camp than the hut could accommodate. This is one of the finest ski areas in the Rockies, where the long ski runs in dry powder snow are a thrilling experience.

The annual summer camp was held in the Goodsirs group at the head of the Ice River Valley in Yoho National Park from July 15-29, with 164 people attending. The nine-mile trail to camp was very good, with a gradual gradient and no excessive ups, downs, or rough creek beds to contend with. Unfortunately the weather was very poor, with only four really good climbing days. However, there were no flies or mosquitoes at any time, which helped in part to compensate for the wet days. Despite the poor weather everyone enjoyed himself and started planning optimistically for a dry weather camp at Maligne Lake in 1962. Peaks climbed from the camp included the North and South Towers of Goodsir, Chancellor, Vaux, Hanbury, Ennis, Martins, and Teepee. Although the weather was poor in the Goodsirs, elsewhere in the Rockies it was very good, particularly in the north, where at least 25 people successfully scaled Mount Robson.

W. C. LEDINGHAM, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Appalachian Mountain Club.* Club members climbed in almost all mountain ranges of the world during the year 1961 with particular emphasis, as always, in the mountains of North America.

The Club's membership rose to new levels with an increase of several hundred over 1960. Honorary memberships were extended to Dr. Arthur Stanley Pease, to Kenneth A. Henderson and to Fritz Wiessner.