

rank. One remembers a characteristic bit: told in the middle 1930's when he sought to enter the Foreign Service that individuals with his walking disability could not be accepted, he pointed out that the country's then highest ranking foreign service officer—the President of the United States—was even more crippled, a polio victim in a wheel chair, but this was not deemed sufficient to interfere with his official duties! Art must have made his point tactfully for he entered the State Department in 1939. Thereafter followed an interesting career with many foreign assignments, including Canada, China, Korea, Uruguay, Spain, Australia, Ireland, and Malaya. He was in the American Consulate in Seoul, Korea, at the time of Pearl Harbor, and while interned in Tokyo witnessed the Doolittle raid from his place of detention. (Following this, he said, his Japanese captors' attitude became noticeably more polite!) He was eventually repatriated, but returned again after the war as Political Advisor to the Commanding General occupying South Korea. During the Korean War he was Officer-in-Charge of Korean Affairs in the State Department, Washington.

Next to his wife, Evelyn, and his two daughters, mountaineering was Art's great love. Vacations saw them in the Andes, the Wind River Range, trout fishing in Ireland, or in the New Zealand Southern Alps, wherever there were wilderness and mountains. And so Art lived his life in the foreign, the out of doors and wild places of the world. He selected a poem to preface his section of *Men Against the Clouds*, and this perhaps he might wish to leave with his climbing friends.

"And time will close about me, and my soul stir to the rhythm
of the daily round.
Yet, having known, life will not press so close, and always I
shall feel time ravel thin about me;
For once I stood
In the white windy presence of eternity."

TERRIS MOORE

MARGUERITE SCHNELLBACHER COVENEY

1900-1962

"If you would seek her monument or final resting place look in our hearts." These words in the beautiful memorial sent out by her family were to many the first knowledge that Marguerite was even seriously ill. The month before, in apparent good health, she and her husband had entertained the Council of the American Alpine Club at their beautiful new home in Vermont. Twenty days later an exploratory operation followed and as she faced the end of the trail she did so with quiet courage and serenity as she had always faced the crises of life.

Marguerite was born in Newark, New Jersey on Washington's Birthday in 1900. She lost her mother at the age of nine and was brought up by



PLATE 78

ARTHUR BREWSTER EMMONS III
1910-1962

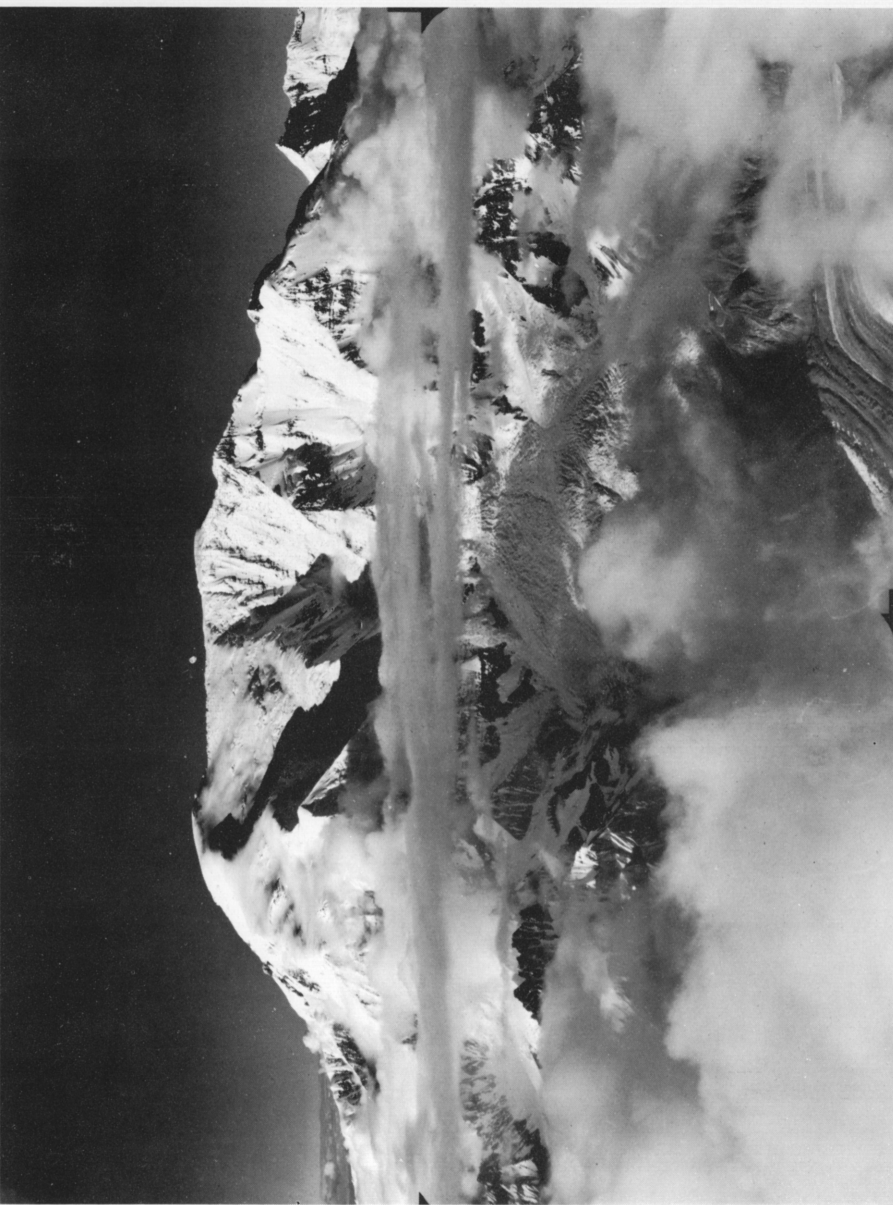


PLATE 79

Photo by Bradford Washburn

MOUNT BLACKBURN, Alaska, first ascended in 1912 by DORA KEEN HANDY, 1871-1963.



PLATE 80

MITRE, Cordillera Vilcabamba, showing its pointed summit.

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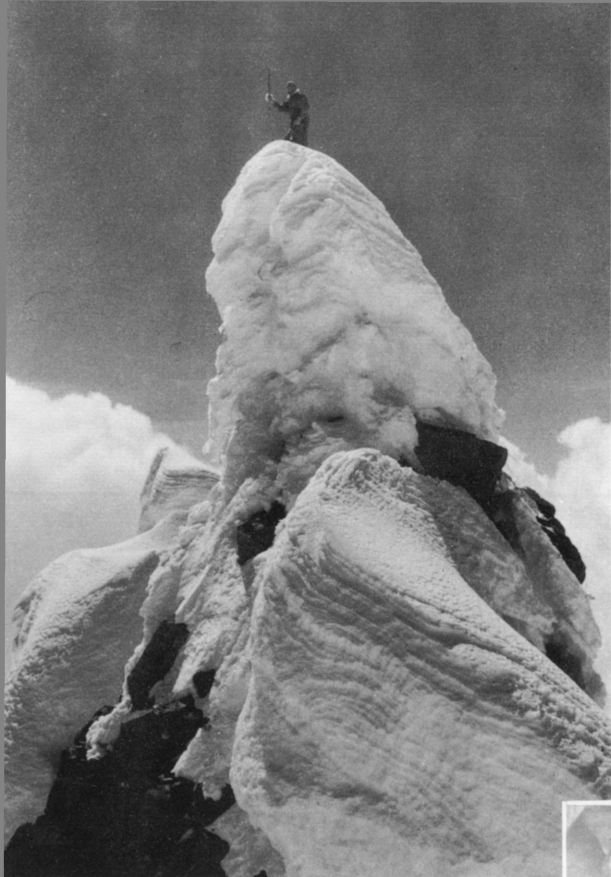


PLATE 81 *Photos by Brian Hearfield*
On the summit of PUMASILLO.

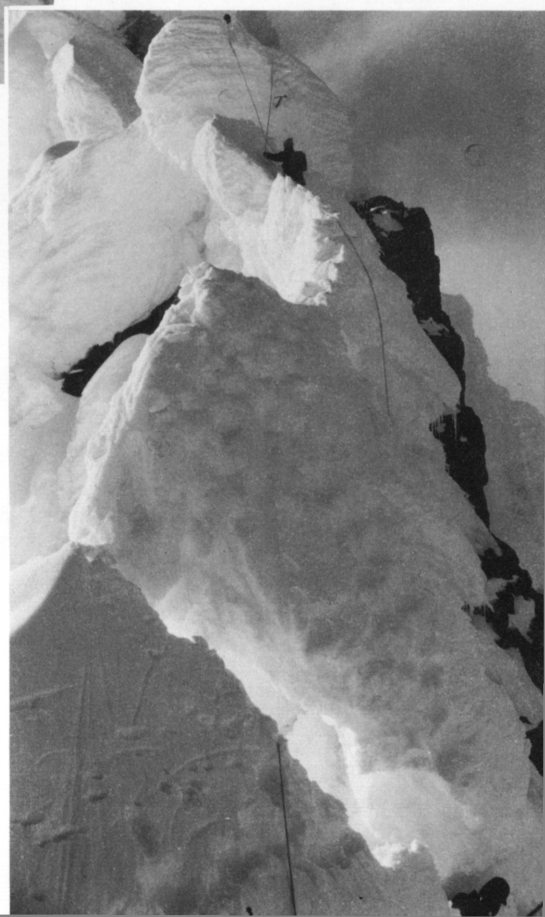


PLATE 82

The corniced ridge from CA-
BEZA BLANCA to SACSAR-
AYOC, Cordillera Vilcabamba.

her father with the aid of a Swiss housekeeper. After her father's death, she made her home with her married sister, Lillian E. Lambert and her family. She graduated from Bradford Academy; Teacher's College, Columbia University and the Bouvé School of Physical Education in Boston.

She was always strong and active with a great love for the out-of-doors. She was an expert horsewoman as well as a fine skier and mountaineer. In 1923, as one of the members of the Horseback and Camping Trips organized and led by Caroline Hinman in the Canadian Rockies she came to know and love that region and returned again and again. She got her first taste of climbing then and followed it up with a trip to New Zealand where she also climbed. She was home only a month or two when she went to Switzerland to join Lillian Gest and her parents in Grindelwald. There Marguerite really fell in love with climbing. She returned and spent many months there and in the Dolomites mountaineering, skiing and developing into a very fine rock climber.

From 1935 through 1938 she was a regular attender at the camps of the Alpine Club of Canada. Probably the most noteworthy of her many fine climbs were the ascents with Polly Prescott when they traversed Mount Edith Cavell and did Mount Louis. This was the first time that these peaks had been climbed by women alone. In 1938, she and Polly Prescott organized a trip to the then little visited Bugaboos where they made a number of guideless first ascents with a party which included Percy Olton, Lawrence Coveney and Sterling Hendricks.

Marguerite was always interested in photography and for some years owned and operated the Mary Christine Studio in East Orange, New Jersey where she was living. She specialized in portraits of children and was also interested in photographs of animals.

During these years she was an active member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and a regular attender of their weekend rock-climbing trips from New York City. She was one of the first women qualified as a rope leader.

In 1941 she married Lawrence G. Coveney whose work as a foreign trade executive involved considerable travel. A few years after their marriage they moved to San Francisco and had a home in Burlingame, California. She and her husband continued much outdoor activity, mostly skiing with long tours in the High Sierras. She was also active in her church and in community affairs. About 1953 they returned to the east and took up residence in Summit, New Jersey. They have one daughter, Lelia, who is now a freshman at Smith College.

In 1955, the Coveney's attended the Mount Robson Camp of the A.C.C. and returned the next year to the one held at Glacier. They combined these trips with excursions in the Cascades and with visits to their many friends in the West. With their great love for the outdoors, it was not so

surprising to their many friends when they bought and moved into their new home at South Royalton, Vermont. Marguerite will be greatly missed by her many friends in both East and West.

LILLIAN GEST

EDWARD OLIVER WHEELER

1890-1962

Brigadier Sir Oliver Wheeler who died in March, 1962 was the son of our late member Arthur O. Wheeler and the father of our member John O. Wheeler. Arthur O. Wheeler joined the American Alpine Club in 1903 and died in 1945. Oliver joined in 1952 and John in 1950. Grandfather and son had been founders of the Alpine Club of Canada in 1906, and first President (1906-1910) and President (1950-1954) respectively and both were made Honorary Members. John was a Vice-President of A.C.C. 1960-1962. Grandfather and son were surveyors and the grandson is a geologist. All three climbed in their work as well as for pleasure.

Oliver, after earlier work in the Canadian Survey and following distinguished service in the Royal Engineers in the first war, joined the Survey of India in 1919. In 1938 he became Director, and from 1941 to 1947 was Surveyor-General of India, until his retirement. In 1943 he was knighted.

He was a member of the first Mount Everest Expedition in 1921, chiefly as surveyor, and was largely responsible for the first detailed map of the Everest region, a portion of which was published in the third book, *The Fight for Everest*, in 1924, making use of the photo-topographical method first extensively used in Canada. His work of five months, both survey and reconnaissance on this expedition, carried out despite the handicap of ill health which he refused to give in to, constituted a remarkable tour de force. His actual climbing had been done largely in Canada, from the age of 12 to about 20, and on occasional visits later on leave. He had climbed with Sir James Outram, Val Fynn, Tom Longstaff, A. H. MacCarthy, and sometimes with the guides Edward Feuz and Conrad Kain who referred to him as "one of us" and as a fellow climber of comparable ability, a rare compliment from a guide in those days. He joined The Alpine Club in 1911 and in 1956 he was made an Honorary Member. He leaves his wife, and their son John of the Geological Survey of Canada.

HENRY S. HALL, JR.

HERBERT E. SAMPSON

1871-1962

Herbert Sampson was born and educated in Toronto and moved to Regina in 1909 where he died on September 16, 1962. He was graduated