

well attended and profitable, and the reception for M. Terray hosted by the Al Stecks was the highlight of the early summer.

Section members participated in expeditions to the Peruvian Andes, to Alaska, and to the Eastern Himalaya, as well as in climbs in the more accessible ranges of North America. The Section welcomed the idea of direct financial grants to small expeditions attempting to climb formidable new routes, and believes that this policy has aided in attracting many new members to the Club's roster. The Section hopes that it will be possible for the Club to continue this policy of financial assistance. New officers will be elected in early 1965, and the Section looks forward to another year of activity and mountaineering achievement.

RICHARD IRVIN, *Secretary*

*A.A.C., Southern California Section.* During 1964 the section completed its first year with a membership of 40. Three meetings were held, and one lecture was sponsored. Section members were active on Mount McKinley and in the Peruvian Andes. In October Tom Frost, Yvon Chouinard, Royal Robbins and Charles Pratt made the first ascent of the sheer southeast, or North America face of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley after a 10-day assault.

In January Boyd Everett, Jr., presented his slide lecture on the first ascent of the southeast spur of Mount McKinley. Nick Clinch gave his illustrated talk on the first ascent of Masherbrum at the May meeting. In June Lionel Terray presented his outstanding films of climbs in the Andes, and a thrilling ski descent of the north side of Mont Blanc. At the fall meeting held in November, 40 members and guests gathered to hear Tom Frost's slide lecture on "High Firsts in the Alps." This was followed by Chet Errett's pictures of his Mount McKinley climb, and Yvon Chouinard's slides of the conquest of the southeast wall of El Capitan.

PARKER SEVERSON, *Chairman*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The 1964 Ski Camp was held at Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park and "Sunshine and Powder," enchanting words to a skier, describe a very fine holiday for those who attended. Snow conditions were variable, but in general the skiing was superb with wide open slopes visible for miles. Ski trips were scheduled to Baldy Hills, Opal Hills and over Little Shovel Pass as well as trips down the lake and into other areas.

An entirely new area to the Club was the site of the 1964 summer climbing camp in the French Military Group in southeastern British

Columbia. Excellent weather permitted a record number of climbs being posted, while several first ascents were made, one of which was in the Italian Group to the south of where we were camped. The rock in the area is very poor for climbing, being loose and crumbly. Ascents of Aosta, Petain, Nivelles, Foch, Joffre, Elk Glacier Peaks and several unnamed peaks were made. The campsite was on Petain Creek one-half mile from Upper Elk Lake and was one of the best sites we have ever had. Camp registration reached a total of 176, with six members from the Waseda Women's Club of Tokyo, Japan, attending for the two weeks.

W. C. LEDINGHAM, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Alpenbock Climbing Club.* In January the club sponsored Barry Corbet's colored slide showing "Assault on Everest." A turnout of 350 people attended this outstanding program, and proceeds from it were given to the Mount Everest Foundation to help defray costs of the American expedition.

The summer season found a number of members in Teton National Park, where Bob Irvine and Rick Reese were seasonal park rangers. Ted Wilson along with Steve Ellsworth and Mark McQuarrie completed new climbs on the granite around Salt Lake. The Bell-Tower route, after defying two earlier attempts, fell to Ellsworth and McQuarrie. Rick Reese and Rich Ream climbed on Haystack and Steeple Peaks in the Wind Rivers.

The club's outstanding program was a two-day technical rock-climbing seminar under the instruction of Royal Robbins. Twenty-five of the area's top climbers attended. Practice in both free and artificial aid climbing was done with emphasis on technique and safety. This program was so successful and interesting that it will be planned on a yearly basis in the future.

Bob Springmeyer was elected president for 1965, with Rick Reese as Activities Director.

RICH REAM

*Appalachian Mountain Club.* Growth in all of the work of the A.M.C. has been stressed in past reports. 1964 was no exception: membership reached 9,500; two new first editions were published in one year — *Alpine Flowers of New England* and the *A.M.C. Massachusetts-Rhode Island Trail Guide*; our New York Chapter collaborated with the American Alpine Club in presenting the first edition of *A Climbers Guide to the Shawangunks*; the first new Club hut in 32 years was erected at Mizpah Springs on the Presidential Range; and two shelters were built on nearby