

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

Mount Jackson to replace the now-defunct unit at the Mizpah site.

Public service has been a dominating consideration in the work of the A.M.C. for 88 years. While the huts have been an integral part of this for 76 years, other considerations, such as trail maintenance, education and conservation have always occupied equal roles in the total effort. All were increasingly stressed in 1964. Least known in the latter field has been the Club's graduate forestry fellowship at the University of Maine. Now in its ninth year this full grant has been a pioneer in the needed link between forestry and recreation. Three past recipients of this two-year fellowship are working today in the states of Wisconsin, Maryland and Maine to better unify these complementary, yet conflicting, demands on America's open spaces.

C. F. BELCHER, *Executive Director*

*The British Columbia Mountaineering Club.* The 1964 climbing season was an active one for Vancouver's British Columbia Mountaineering Club. Fifty-two trips of varying difficulty were scheduled, and a 10% increase over last year's attendance presages an even more ambitious program in 1965. Despite the summer's record-breaking poor weather, exploration continued at a heartening pace, especially in the Coastal Ranges. Approximately 45 first ascents there have been reported by club members, and quite a few new routes were also completed. Outstanding events of the season included the first ascent of an 11,000-foot peak "discovered" recently by surveyors in the southern Canadian Rockies; and the ascent of Serra Five tower, which had been regarded as the highest unclimbed peak in provincial Canada. The club's summer camp in the Taseko Lakes (Falls River) area was most successful with 30 climbs completed, of which 16 were first ascents, several of which were summits of over 10,000 feet elevation. Besides areas already mentioned, other regions actively explored by club members this year include the Remote Peak Group of the Waddington Range, the "Pantheon Range" east of Klinaklini River, the northern rim of Monarch Icecap, and the northern Bella Coola Valley.

A forthcoming guidebook to the Coastal Ranges of British Columbia should be on the market before next summer.

DICK CULBERT, *Climbing Committee Chairman*

*Chicago Mountaineering Club.* During the past year the club again sponsored monthly outings at Devils Lake, Wisconsin, and Mississippi Palisades, Illinois. Club membership is larger than ever with attendance at outings running very high. The large number of novice climbers has