

# Club Activities

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*A.A.C., Cascade Section.* This was a somewhat unusual year for the section in that there were two "Annual Banquets." The first one, in February, presented two speakers. Gary Rose showed slides of recent climbs in the Bella Coola Mountains of British Columbia, and Nick Clinch gave an illustrated account of the American Antarctic Mountaineering Expedition to the Vinson Massif. The second dinner occasion was held in November, when Al Randall and members of the joint American-Japanese expedition presented an excellent motion picture of their climbs in the Mount Bona area of the Wrangell Range in Alaska. In addition, several business meetings were held during the year with accompanying slide shows.

ROBERT N. LATZ, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Oregon Section.* The testing of ice screws and pitons on Mount Hood under Jack Baldwin's supervision has continued. The results will be published in the Club's 1967 accident report.

Fred Ayers and Bob Pierce spent most of the summer climbing in Peru. Bob Lee led an expedition into Quintana Roo. John Day was appointed U. S. Director for the Fédération Internationale de Ski to oversee and promote cross-country skiing.

NEIL BALDWIN, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* The year 1967 saw our section's membership grow from 68 to 84, probably the largest annual gain in recent years. The section served as host to the annual meeting and dinner in Berkeley. Francis P. Farquhar, who for years has been a cornerstone of the Sierra Nevada Section, was awarded honorary membership at the annual meeting. The dinner, the second ever held in the West, was a social and financial success, with the third highest attendance (113 members and 191 guests) in club history. Beside the annual meeting and dinner, we met as a section three times during the year, enjoying a variety of programs on the Cordillera Huayhuash, the Eiger North Wall in winter, climbing in Poland, McKinley in the spring, Lucania and Steele, and Glen

Denny's superb film, "Nyala." Section members climbed in Alaska, Yosemite, the Tetons, Africa, the Canadian Rockies, and the Andes. Leo LeBon led a successful outing to Nepal in the fall.

IRENE ORTENBURGER, *Secretary*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The Club did not hold its annual summer climbing camp as such in 1967, but was the prime organizer of the Yukon Alpine Centennial Expedition, in celebration of Canada's Centenary, which in the end combined the Club's summer camp with that of the expedition. The first phase of the expedition was the climbing of "Good Neighbor Peak" (Mount Vancouver's boundary summit) by a team of four Canadian and four American climbers. Coincidentally, this climb was also to mark the centenary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia by the United States. The second phase was the climbing of 13 virgin peaks in the Centennial Range of the St. Elias Mountains, one peak being named for each province and territory in Canada and one called Centennial Peak to represent the Centennial Expedition. All peaks were climbed except Mounts Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A team of four climbers was assigned to each peak, making a total of 52 climbers in all. The third phase was the two general camps of two weeks each from July 15 to August 13 with 182 people participating. In spite of poor weather for the first camp, much climbing was done, and one ascent was made of Mount Walsh. The weather during the second camp was much better, and in spite of heavy clouds to the south of the Steele-Walsh ridge, it was mostly sunny at camp. Three more ascents were made of Mount Walsh, two of Mount Steele, and one of Mount Wood. The first ascents were fairly evenly divided between the first and second camps. Altogether, 19 peaks were climbed from the main camp, of which 14 were first ascents. The expedition climbed 33 peaks, of which 27 were firsts. It was supported by fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, a new accomplishment in mountaineering for an expedition of this size. Personnel and supplies were all airlifted from "Mapel" station on Quill Creek to the main campsite beside Steele Glacier. The entire expedition was a resounding success with everyone doing his part to make it so. No accidents occurred during the expedition either from climbing or with the aircraft. With 250 people involved in the St. Elias Mountains, this is surely a record to be proud of.

The annual ski camp was held at the Wates-Gibson Memorial Hut at Outpost Lake in Jasper National Park. The weather was not ideal, but the skiing was generally good. Trips were made to Eremite Valley, Amethyst Lakes, and the Fraser Glacier, while ascents were made of Mounts