

climbed with Les Wilson in February. Galen Rowell introduced many of us to sandstone with his pictures of the Great White Throne in Zion, but we also saw plenty of granite action on Castle Rock Spire, climbed with Fred Beckey, and on Wapama Rock in Hetch Hetchy, which Rowell climbed with Joe Faint. Our Yosemite meeting featured a talk with climbing ranger Pete Thompson, and a fascinating glimpse into Yosemite climbing years ago by Raffi Bedayn. This meeting had a large attendance of non-members who were climbing in the valley, and we plan to repeat a meeting there next year as a way of getting new climbers familiar with the Club.

GORDON BENNER, *Secretary*

*Appalachian Mountain Club.* One of the highlights of this year's activities was the ascent of the West Buttress of Mount McKinley by two groups: a party of five including one woman led by Reed Markley, and a party of seven including two women led by Ed Nester. The past mountaineering training camps in the northern Selkirks were apparently successful. A similar climbing camp may be held again next year.

As in the past, the Mountaineering Committee of the AMC held training programs for beginners and intermediates in rock, snow, and ice climbing. Many trips were scheduled to the usual climbing areas, and several promising new areas were also investigated. In addition to the McKinley expeditions, members climbed in the Tetons, Bugaboos, Wind Rivers, and the Andes. First aid and technical rescue practice sessions were run at several rock climbing areas again this year. Besides the more technical aspects of the sport there is continuing interest in winter mountaineering on New England's higher mountains, principally the Presidential group in New Hampshire and Mount Katahdin in Maine. These areas with their plentiful snow and exceptionally severe weather provide an excellent training ground in preparation for the peaks of the western United States, Alaska, and South America.

REED W. MARKLEY, *Chairman, Interchapter Mountaineering Committee*

*British Columbia Mountaineering Club.* The club experienced another active year of climbing and exploration in 1969, with members reporting about 30 new peaks and 15 new routes. Eighty-seven trips and three camps were scheduled, with attendance usually good when blessed by the weather. The main camp was held in the Taseko Lake area; the ski camp consisted of a high traverse through the unexplored complex south of the upper Lillooet River; and the expeditionary camp roamed the Homathko Snowfield. Members were also active in Peru, Nepal, on the Lillooet

Icecap, and on both the summer and winter expeditions to Mount Waddington.

A "parabolic A-frame" shelter has been constructed in memory of the late Dr. Paul Plummer in the Waddington Range. This hut stands on the divide bounding Tellot Glacier immediately west of Claw Peak and is open to all who come to the area.

The supplemented edition of *A Climber's Guide to the Coastal Ranges of British Columbia* is now available, and the supplement may be obtained separately. The club hopes to have its guide to selected hikes in southwestern British Columbia ready by 1970, and Glenn Woodsworth should have a revised version of his *Guide to Squamish Chief and Vicinity* out for the 1970 climbing season. In conjunction with other clubs, a trail building program is continuing, and a mountain training program has started in the Vancouver area.

New routes reported by club members include The Red Tusk (north ridge); Marble Canyon, Pavilion Ridge; Harvey Mountain (north face); The Beehive (southwest face); Ledge Mountain (south face); and Mounts Rexford (north face), Ionia (west face); Habrich (southwest nose), Grenville (north ridge), Rideout (north face), Hozomeen (northwest buttress of southwest peak).

RICHARD R. CULBERT

*Chicago Mountaineering Club.* During the summer the club conducted its 14th western outing, with Jack Weisman as chairman, in the Grenadier range in southwestern Colorado. Base camp was in Elk Creek Valley and was attended by 56 people. Ascents were made of Vestal, Trinity, North Peak, and Peaks 2 and 3. Also several members, including Olle Swartling, Roger Wiegand, Chuck Armstrong, and Frances Mullen (who drove down the Pan American Highway) joined the Iowa Mountaineers in the Cordillera Blanca in Peru. The spring dinner meeting featured Maynard Miller as guest speaker, who lectured on some aspects of his scientific exploration in the St. Elias range in Alaska.

GEORGE POKORNY, *Director*

*The Colorado Mountain Club.* The outstanding feature of recent years has been the steady, rapid increase in club membership, which has amounted to 50% within the last four years. The membership currently totals about 2800 members, of whom about 1700 are in the Denver group.