

was a happy time, as his son, Robin, was a member of the same expedition.

Bill was recognized as one of the finest optical-mechanical engineers in the United States. Although dedicated to these professional and technical pursuits, he remained deeply interested in exploration and mountain activities, always encouraging it in others, especially in young people. He was a fine alpine skier and a graceful figure skater. For hobbies, he enjoyed square-dance calling and sailing on his 37-foot Seafarer. He enjoyed especially having all of his family together at their lovely farm home.

His was a varied and worthwhile life, symbolizing professional excellence. Although his technical accomplishments were outstanding, Bill's expeditionary work gave him great joy and satisfaction. He treasured his contributions to JIRP; the significance of the Antarctic Expedition Medal, awarded to him with Finn Ronne by President Ford in a 1975 White House ceremony, and the fact that a chain of islands off the Antarctic Peninsula was named for him by the Royal Geographical Society. A mountain in the sector of Antarctica which he explored also bears his name. A beautiful peak in the Devil's Paw sector of the Juneau Icefield is to be named in his memory, a dominant summit that he knew well as it is hard by the pioneering route which he shared with us into the Alaska-Canada Boundary Range 31 years ago.

All who knew Bill have privileged memories. Our sympathy goes to his mother and brothers and to the family he held so dear . . . his wife, Nancy, and his five children . . . Wm. R. Latady, Jr. (Robin), Kevin, Heather, Althea and Leslie.

MAYNARD M. MILLER

MAYNARD COHICK

1938-1979

Maynard Cohick lost his life September 19, 1979 on Annapurna I in an avalanche that claimed the lives of two other climbing members of the party.

Maynard, 41 years old, was born in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania and led a full and exciting life. Before becoming involved in expedition climbing, he had experienced sky diving, bicycle racing, deep-sea diving, dirt-bike competition and even wrestled an octopus. After sailing from Hawaii to New Zealand, Maynard participated as a crew member in the 1961 Trans Tasman Yacht Race from New Zealand to Australia. This tremendous zest for living led him to mountaineering. He reached the summits of Mount McKinley, Nun, Pik Kommunisma, and was only a few days from the summit of Annapurna I.

Maynard Cohick was an exciting, outgoing individual and had a special charisma about him that made him a well liked expedition member on all of his adventures. Always fit and a lover of competition, he earned the respect of his fellow climbers by always doing a little extra, being the "eternal optimist" even in the worst of conditions, and constantly displaying a positive attitude toward expedition goals. Maynard had a love of the mountains and for the challenge and beauty they offered to him. This love brought the best out in him, much to the benefit of his climbing companions.

A practicing attorney in Republic, Missouri, he had helped many people in a variety of ways. After seventeen years of marriage, Maynard leaves his wife Jeanne and three children: Steven, Julie and Jennifer.

For all of us that climbed with Maynard Cohick, it was the development of a new friendship to be cherished. He will be greatly missed by many.

PATRICK O'DONNELL

PHILIP C. BETTLER

1917-1979

Philip Bettler, a longtime member of the American Alpine Club, died of cancer on June 29, 1979. Phil joined the Club in February of 1949 and maintained an enthusiastic interest in the Sierra Nevada Section for the next 30 years. Phil and his wife Gretchen regularly drove the 200 miles from Reno to the San Francisco Bay Area for meetings.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma in 1940 in physics, he returned for a MS in 1946. During the war years, 1942-1944, Phil worked at MIT in radar research. Phil had a unique experience in 1945-6 by spending the winter months on the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire as a weather observer. Many a later mountain trip would hear the heroics of the weather men during 150-mph winds and extremely low temperatures.

In 1946 Phil moved west to do graduate work at the University of California in Berkeley. Here his interest really turned to climbing and skiing and he joined the Sierra Club. After five years in Berkeley, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska beckoned, and Phil headed for the cold north at College, Alaska. After engaging in cosmic ray research for three years, with a summer on Mount Wrangell, he returned in 1954 to graduate work at Oregon State University, receiving his PhD in physics in 1959. During this time he married Gretchen Thilo, an ardent skier from the Berkeley area. The University of Nevada offered him a position in 1961, where he remained until his retirement just before his death. In 1971 Phil and Gretchen spent eight months in West Berlin at the Fritz Haber Institute.