

long-time and dedicated member of The Mountaineers. He was a graduate of its basic and intermediate climbing courses. For many years he was on the Climbing Committee, serving for some time as the chairman, and was an instructor in both the basic and intermediate climbing courses. He was the first business manager of The Mountaineers from 1968 until he retired in 1981. He was active in the book publishing of The Mountaineers and contributed significantly to its becoming a successful enterprise. After his retirement, he was honored in 1982 by The Mountaineers' Service Award, given each year to the member who is deemed to have given the most outstanding service to the organization.

Howard ran a successful small business, the Stansbury Chemical Company. For ten years he was a member of the Mercer Island School Board, also serving a tour as president of that board. He was an outstanding Scout Master in his home community of Mercer Island for fifteen years. In his successful Scouting program, he counted more than 50 boys who became Eagle Scouts during his tenure. He was an avid outdoor leader, taking Boy Scouts into the wilderness and into the mountains as a major part of their Boy Scout experience.

Howard served as Chairman of the Cascade Section in 1977 and was a Councilor of the American Alpine Club from 1978 to 1981. He took great interest in the affairs of the Club. His untiring work and positive contributions have made a great difference to the community, to The Mountaineers and to the American Alpine Club.

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SAMUEL FINLEY THOMAS, M.D.

1913-1989

Samuel Finley Thomas was born in Paris, France on October 2, 1913. He died in Salt Lake City on May 31, 1989. He received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1935 and his M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1940. During World War II, he served as a major in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army Air Force. Dr. Thomas practiced medicine in New York City, specializing in neurology and psychiatry. He was on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in New York from 1946 to 1975, when he retired as Director of the Neurology Division. He was a staff member of the Neurology Institute of New York City from 1975 to 1980. He was also a Professor of Neurology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University.

Dr. Thomas was an avid climber. He climbed extensively in the Alps and the Dolomites, where he made first ascents of the east face of the Campanile Adele and the west face of the Campanile Bettega. He also climbed in Washington and Oregon. But it was particularly in his beloved Wasach Mountains of Utah that he roamed to find spiritual strength. He joined the American Alpine Club in 1939.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, a daughter and a stepson.