

annual report as the world's premier source of data on mountaineering accidents. When he retired from the chairmanship in 1974, the Club honored him for his diligence by election as an Honorary Member.

Unlike many climbers who, despite great accomplishment, lack the golden touch of tact and diplomacy, Ben was invariably courteous and understanding in every variety of circumstance. He also possessed a vast repertoire of off-color limericks, with which he was able to lighten many a stressful situation. Tall, handsome, and physically strong, Ben was endowed with a gentle and quiet nature, coupled with the inventiveness of his heritage. A quintessential Yankee, Ben was a tenth generation New Englander who spoke little, but said much.

Ben is survived by his second wife, née Stefana Puleo, five daughters by his marriage in 1942 to Sarah Brooks Upham, and nine grandchildren, several of whom show promise as alpinists.

"We know the Lord his soul will keep
Among the mountain tops, asleep."

A. J. KAUFFMAN, II and W. L. PUTNAM, III

LEONARD A. KALAL 1919-1996

The embodiment of the spirit, the joy, all that is wonderful in mountaineering—that is the persona of Leonard Kalal, remembered by his many friends in the mountaineering community at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Joseph and Anna Jirik Kalal, graduated from Christian Brothers High School in Glencoe, Missouri, and St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, then taught high school mathematics in Chicago and at Boys Town, Nebraska.

During World War II, he worked at the national nuclear laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It was here that Leonard and the mountains found each other, and a lifelong bond was formed.

He then had an assistant professorship in philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley, did some graduate work at Stanford University, and worked with Dr. Jonas Salk on the development of the oral polio vaccine.

Further graduate studies, and his love for the mountains, drew Leonard to the University of Colorado in Boulder. With a masters degree in physics, he taught at the University of Colorado, then at Eastern Washington College, then returned to CU to complete a doctorate in the Philosophy of Science.

In the late 1950s, Leonard became Head Guide of the Mountain Recreation Department of the University of Colorado, a summer program that was started in 1920 to give the large numbers of students attending the burgeoning summer programs at the university a safe and rich experience in the high country of the Rockies. Under Leonard's superb direction, the program flourished for 25 years, with an unblemished safety record, and giving memorable and meaningful experiences to thousands.

Leonard's easygoing and philosophic style of leadership always kept the program on an even keel. Should mishaps arise, such as the breaking down of a university truck bringing supplies, or a sudden summer snowstorm, or a route traversing a long scree slope, Leonard would smile, and shrug, and declare, "This, too, is mountaineering!" And his followers would take heart, and follow, ungrumbling.

Always a highlight on the weekend trips was the Saturday night campfire, with frivolity and song for hours. Leonard's repertoire seemed endless, starting with the usual American camp songs, then into countless German folk and drinking ballads, and some English, Russian, Latin, Norwegian, Hungarian, Spanish, and other folk and religious songs thrown in for good measure!

Dr. Kalal taught philosophy for many years at the Colorado School of Mines, in Golden, until his retirement in 1989. A lingering illness robbed him of the strong, lithe body that took him "with grace and alacrity" to so many summits, leading so many loyal and loving followers. He leaves a legacy of mountaineers, who learned to respect and honor the mountains, and to pass on this sacred legacy to others.

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THOMAS J. GARGAN, SR.
1920-1996

During this past year we lost a dear friend and mentor, Thomas J. Gargan, Sr. He was born in Golden, Colorado, attended Golden High School, Notre Dame University and Regis College and received his Master's degree in business administration from the University of Denver. He served in World War II for five years. He was a senior account executive and held other management positions during his 27-year tenure at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Colorado. He retired in 1982, only to start Gargan and Associates, his own employee benefits firm.

Thomas leaves behind a long list of accomplishments. In 1938, he worked for a camp for handicapped children, now located near Georgetown. He and his wife Tina helped pioneer the first experimental Easter Seals handicap camp for crippled children in Colorado's mountains. He was always a supporter of camp Santa Maria and camp St. Malo, which offered mountaineering experience to underprivileged children. He spent 33 years in the Boy Scouts organization in Colorado, most programs involving Colorado's wonderful outdoors. In 1972 he was awarded the St. George Emblem, the highest adult Catholic Scouting Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, and in 1973, was the Archdiocese chairman of the scouting committee. He was a member of the executive board of the Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America since 1974. He also received the Silver Beaver and Bronze Pelican awards from the Denver Area Council of Boy Scouts.

He was appointed by the Mayor of Denver to the Urban Renewal Board of Commissions and was directly involved in the revitalization of lower downtown Denver preserving historic landmarks, creating the Tabor center and the combined campuses in Auraria for the University of Colorado at Denver and Metropolitan State College. This commission laid the groundwork for subsequent redevelopment of lower downtown including Coor's field. He succeeded in preserving the Golden High School building (now the home office of the American Alpine Club) as a historic building.

He was a charter member of the St. Patrick Day Parade which is now the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the country. He reactivated the local chapter of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. He also founded and was chairman of the new chapter of the Irish Cultural Institute of Colorado. He was elected Man of the Year by the University of Notre Dame alumni. He received the Service to Mankind Award by the Denver Sertoma Club. He was chairman of the board of the Lupus Foundation of Colorado and with his son, Tom, initiated the Annual Benefit program. He was Chairman emeritus of the Serra Trust fund for vocations.

Thomas's concept of "success" came from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "To laugh often and much;