

guides on club outings must be approved by the Safety Committee.

The Chicago Mountaineering Club held a special meeting on 1 October 1948 to discuss safety and training. Six classes were held between that date and the end of May 1949.

East. The Appalachian Mountain Club is in the process of organizing courses and talks on mountaineering problems. It is expected that rock climbing, and the special rescue problems involved, will receive particular attention.

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club has initiated a series of talks and articles on safety. A number of members who work in governmental laboratories, and who assisted in tests for the Army during the war, have continued to be interested in testing equipment and techniques. It is reported that one member, an electrical engineer, has undertaken a study of electric storms and the best methods of protection. In view of the disastrous accident on Bugaboo Spire last summer, this is decidedly pertinent.

National. The National Park Service has been keenly aware of the dangers to be encountered in the mountains, especially after the accidents in the Tetons last summer. Various suggestions have been offered: (1) trail markers to warn climbers of hazards ahead and inform them of the equipment they should have, and (2) pamphlets or bulletins, to be distributed in the Parks where climbing is carried on, with data on requirements and conditions. In September 1948 the National Park Service sponsored the Mountain Climbing and Rescue Training School at Mount Rainier National Park.* It is hoped that the school will be held again in 1950. Since this training is intended primarily for Park personnel, and since accommodations are limited, only a few outsiders can be invited; but an outline of the course, if it were made available, would undoubtedly be of great interest and value to local climbing organizations.

ACCIDENTS IN 1948

Alaska: Mt. Juneau. On 14 May 1948 Ralph E. Mott, a sailor on shore leave, without adequate training or equipment, became sep-

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