

2. Through the Council's efforts, Forest Service Registration for climbers in the northwest has been extended in scope and detail, and we are all well on the way to make the public ever more conscious of these self-protecting measures.

3. Through the vigorous campaigning of Major Griswold, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has approved and is supporting the work of this Council, and already three clubs have initiated safety and climbing standards and training into their programs. It is hoped similar councils will form in other areas.

4. Winter and summer mountain travel safety hints have been and are being given to the newspapers periodically, and school lectures and radio interviews further reinforce the safety program of the Council.

This conference was an exemplary success, and it is certainly the kind of program which should be enthusiastically continued. It is readily apparent that such an annual round-table offers the best medium for cooperative discussion of safety and rescue matters. The gathering at Snoqualmie Pass has proved conclusively that interest is high and that the subject is considered most important by all agencies and persons whose work or play takes them into the mountains.

REGIONAL MOUNTAIN SAFETY PROGRAMS

It is relevant to bring up reports on what some of the mountaineering clubs and related organizations in North America are doing to combat mountain accidents. Admittedly, not all climbing organizations are mentioned, because the set of replies to the Committee's requests for this information is incomplete. It is hoped that each year hereafter a "Status Report" on the current safety programs will be obtained so that each club may be aware of what the others are doing. The various chairmen of the Safety Committees of these organizations have been asked to serve as *ex officio* members of the Auxiliary American Alpine Club Safety Committee, so that even more coordinated efforts can be achieved.

The Alpine Club of Canada has local sections in all the principal cities of the country. Many of these sections conduct mountain training schools, each of which distributes to every member a booklet entitled "Safe Climbing" (published by the

Tararua Tramping Club of Wellington, New Zealand). The A.C.C. has implemented a complete safety program stemming from its central safety committee.

The Appalachian Mountain Club is continuing courses and lectures on mountaineering problems, dealing largely with rock climbing and the rescue problems involved. The rock climbing section of its New York chapter is doing exemplary work in teaching safety procedures on local cliff climbs. Much stress has been placed on the responsibility of the belayer. The credit for initiating this program is due largely to Fritz Wiessner and Hans Kraus. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club is conducting a series of talks and articles on safety.

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The British Columbia Mountaineering Club is cooperating with the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council of the State of Washington in developing consciousness of mountain safety among its members in the Vancouver region. This organization has had no fatal accidents in 40 years of existence and only two minor accidents in the past 20 years.

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The Chicago Mountaineering Club inaugurated a safety and training program in February 1949 and held six informal lecture and discussion periods during the spring. Attendance was gratifying, and all participants felt that the meetings were extremely worth while. The notes used as a basis for these lectures have been incorporated in a mimeographed "Safety Manual" which is now distributed to all members. It is contemplated that the Club will conduct a mountaineering or first aid course each spring. With the first spring rock climbing outings, the safety and training program was carried into the field, and much of the technique studied in the indoor meetings was put into practice on week-end trips to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, and the Mississippi Palisades State Park, Illinois. Proper belaying has been