

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at 74 South Audley Street, on October 5, 1948, at 6.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the Chair, and about 45 members attended.

The PRESIDENT announced the deaths of M. Paul Montandon, Hon. Member (elected 1918); Mr. A. F. de Fonblanque (elected 1892), Lt.-Col. E. L. Strutt (elected 1895); Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale (elected 1909) and the Rev. R. L. Langford-James (elected 1919). Tributes to Col. Strutt were paid by Mr. R. W. Lloyd and Professor G. I. Finch.

The PRESIDENT referred to the retirement of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. F. Oughton, and proposed that he should send him, in the Club's name, their good wishes on his retirement and their thanks to him for his long service. This was warmly agreed.

Referring to the postal ballot regarding the times of General Meetings, the PRESIDENT said that there was a majority in favour of 8.30 P.M., but in view of the substantial minority vote in favour of 6.30 P.M., it was proposed for the present to hold the Meetings at alternate times. This motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

NEW RULES : The proposed new rules were then discussed one by one, and, subject to a number of amendments, were passed.

The Regulations for the Winter Dinner were proposed and adopted.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held on October 12, 1948, at 74 South Audley Street, at 6.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the Chair and some 50 members attended.

There being no business for discussion, the PRESIDENT called upon M. André Roch to deliver his lecture, which was illustrated by a cinematograph film in colour, on the Lohner-Sutter Expedition to Garhwal, 1947.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. R. B. Goodfellow, Wing-Commander Beauman, and Dr. C. B. M. Warren took part.

The PRESIDENT, in conclusion, remarked on the great difficulties that must have been experienced on Nanda Gunti, and congratulated M. Roch on his superb photography.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at 74 South Audley Street, on November 2, 1948, at 8.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the chair, and there was an attendance of about 65 members and 35 guests.

The deaths were announced of Dr. Noel L. Hood, elected 1906, and Dr. G. T. Western, elected 1914.

Mr. R. B. Goodfellow then addressed the Meeting on the subject of the Club's Summer Meet at Kleine Scheidegg, and a number of slides and films were shown by Mr. Goodfellow, Dr. C. B. M. Warren, Mr. W. K. J. Pearson, Mr. Davis and Mr. Schelpe.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. G. A. Dummett, Mr. Goodfellow, Mr. G. F. Peaker and Mr. Peter Lloyd took part.

The PRESIDENT congratulated the leaders of the Meet on the work accomplished and proposed a vote of thanks to the exhibitors of slides and films.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at 74 South Audley Street, on December 8, 1948, at 6.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the chair, and about 50 members attended.

The election was announced of Mr. H. S. K. Stapley.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. A. E. W. Mason (elected 1908) and Mr. R. S. Morrish (elected 1914). Tributes were paid by Mr. R. W. Lloyd, Mr. G. E. Howard and Dr. N. S. Finzi.

The Hon. Secretary announced the election of the following officers for the year 1949 :

Vice-President : Professor G. I. Finch.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. W. Lloyd.

Elective Members of Committee : Mr. D. L. Busk and Mr. John Poole.

In the absence of any other names, the following were declared reelected :

President : Dr. T. G. Longstaff.

Vice-President : Dr. Raymond Greene.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. A. D. Malcolm.

Elective Members of Committee : Messrs. I. G. Aitchison, H. E. Cooke, B. R. Goodfellow, C. G. Markbreiter, T. A. H. Peacocke, R. Scott Russell, Campbell H. Secord.

Auditors : Mr. H. R. Herbert proposed and Mr. R. S. Dadson seconded, that Mr. H. L. Pryce and Mr. G. Starkey be elected auditors for the coming year. This was carried.

NEW RULES : The Meeting confirmed the re-drafting of Rules 8, 12, 14, and 26, as presented by the Committee, and the PRESIDENT proposed and Mr. P. J. H. Unna seconded, that the proposed New Rules, as so amended, be adopted as the Rules of the Club. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. E. Howard urged that space be found to hang at least a selection of the old dinner programmes. Various proposals were put forward by Members and it was agreed to make space to hang some of these programmes.

Mr. A. D. B. Side then read a paper on 'Mountaineering with the Army in the Middle East,' at the conclusion of which the PRESIDENT expressed the thanks of the Meeting to the lecturer.

The PRESIDENT and Committee were 'At Home' to Members and their Guests on December 9, 1948, at 74 South Audley Street, from 4 to 6 P.M., when there was an attendance of over 100.

The Annual Winter Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms, Kingsway, W.C. 2, on December 9, at 7.30 P.M. Covers were laid for

150 and the following were the official guests of the Club : H.E. the Swiss Minister, M. Henry de Torrenté ; the Nepalese Charge d'Affaires ; Sir Harry Lindsay, K.C.I.E., C.B.E., President of the Royal Geographical Society ; Mr. A. Harrison, President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club ; Mr. B. Donkin, President of the Climbers' Club ; Mr. J. C. Appleyard, Hon. Sec. of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club ; Mr. R. R. Jennings, President of the Rucksack Club ; Mr. T. Clutterbuck, President of the Midland Association of Mountaineers ; Mr. J. M. Hartog, President of the Oxford University Mountaineering Club ; and Mr. C. W. Brasher, Hon. Sec. of the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at 74 South Audley Street, on February 1, 1949, at 8.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the Chair, and there was an attendance of 70 members.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary announced the election of the following to the Committee :

Co-opted Members : Professor T. Graham Brown.
Wing-Commander E. B. Beauman.

Extra Members : Mr. J. M. Wordie.
Sir Edwin Herbert.
Mr. H. MacRobert.
Mr. H. W. Tilman.
Mr. Peter Lloyd.

The election to the Club of Mr. Eric C. Brooks was announced.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. A. E. Clarke, elected 1907 ; Mr. J. J. Eberli, elected 1908 ; Mr. B. Lawford, elected 1911 ; and Mr. Michael Roberts, elected 1936. Sir Edwin Herbert, Mr. F. H. Slingsby and Mr. W. S. Sharpe also spoke.

Mr. J. H. Emlyn Jones read a paper entitled 'Adventures in Exhaustion,' describing a traverse of the Weisshorn by the Schalligrat and N. arête and an ascent of the Täschhorn by the Teufelsgrat. In the discussion that followed, the causes and effects of exhaustion were debated, the principal speakers being Mr. Keenlyside, Lord Schuster, Professor Graham Brown, Mr. Goodfellow, Sir Edwin Herbert, Mr. Wordie, Mr. Markbreiter, Mr. Poole, Mr. Eaton and Dr. Macphee. The PRESIDENT, in concluding the discussion, congratulated Mr. Emlyn Jones on his address, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held on March 1, 1949, at 74 South Audley Street, at 6.30 P.M. The PRESIDENT, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, was in the Chair, and there were 60 members present.

The Hon. Secretary announced that permission for a scientific expedition to Nepal had been received by the Himalayan Committee, and a party consisting of Mr. H. W. Tilman (leader), Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Polunin and Mr. Scott would be going out this summer.

The deaths were announced of Mr. Allston Burr, elected 1911; the Rev. G. S. Provis, elected 1925; and Mr. J. G. S. Gausden, elected 1928. Tributes were paid by the PRESIDENT, Mr. M. N. Clarke and Mr. R. P. Mears.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had agreed to offer Honorary Membership of the Club to Mr. Claude A. Macdonald.

Mr. E. E. Shipton then gave a lecture on 'Bogdo-Ola,' illustrated by lantern slides, in which the routes from India to Sinkiang, via the Mintaka and Karakoram Passes were shown, as well as the local approaches to Bogdo Ola.

In the discussion that followed Sir C. P. Skrine agreed with the lecturer in thinking that Chakra-Gil was incorrectly triangulated and that the height was more of the order of Kungur. Mr. H. W. Tilman, Mr. Peter Lloyd and the PRESIDENT also spoke, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.