

attended meets and excursions regularly until about 1935. He contributed numerous articles to the *Journal*, discussing such topics as geology, meteorology, and his favourite subject, place-names, in addition to that delightful Irish cameo "The Hungry Grass of Galtymore" in Vol. XIII. He assisted his brother in the preparation of the S.M.C. Guide to the Cairngorms. Reticent, quiet and retiring, yet ever helpful when asked for advice, W. M. Alexander was an unfailing source of information on the life and customs of the North-East.

JOHN ANGUS

John Angus, Advocate in Aberdeen, one of the senior Members of the Club, died very suddenly at his home on May 10, 1961. He joined the Club in 1931 and he and his wife were generally members of the cheerful parties which would gather for New Year Meets at the Invercauld Hotel, Braemar, in the 1930s. He was a keen walker to whom a day on the hills provided a happy relaxation from the busy life which he led in the city. During his later years he had to give up any strenuous walking on the hills, but still retained his interest in the Cairngorm Club and was invariably present at our Annual Dinner.

In his profession John Angus specialised in Court work and was a familiar figure in the Sheriff Court at Aberdeen for the past forty years. He was latterly an Honorary Sheriff-Substitute and at the time of his death the President of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen.

A. C. W. LOWE

Mr Augustus C. W. Lowe of Lochiel, Boat of Garten, who had been a member of the Club since 1919, died on August 4, 1960, in his 70's. Although unable to attend the outings from Aberdeen, Mr Lowe occasionally either joined those which entered Speyside or met the Club on the Cairngorm tops. He also went out with H. D. Whitehouse on the latter's visits from the South.

Before his retirement in 1952, Mr Lowe was Food Executive Officer for Inverness-shire. He has since served on the Inverness County Council and was Chairman of the Badenoch District Council, taking an active interest in all matters concerning the development of Speyside. The magnificent library of books, on Scottish subjects and on all aspects of mountaineering, which Mr Lowe had built up demonstrated his keen interest and wide knowledge of these subjects :

the Club has been fortunate in having been presented with a selection of these through the generosity of our member, Mrs Ann Edge.

HAMISH MCARTHUR

On August 15, 1958, the Club lost one of its most enthusiastic and experienced members, Hamish McArthur, who died in his tent in the Lahul Himalaya during the expedition described elsewhere in this number. Our sympathy goes out to Millicent, his wife and our fellow-member, who was at base camp when Hamish collapsed at Camp 4 on an unclimbed 20,000 foot mountain.

Much of Hamish's early climbing was done in the Scottish mountains with Cairngorm Club members. His interests widened with the re-opening of the Alps in 1946, but until he later became Secretary of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, he was a regular attender of Club Meets. Tall and loose-limbed, a strong walker and a rock and snow climber of more than average ability, Hamish was a natural leader and an able organiser. Many will recall with pleasure his comradeship on the hills and the camaraderie in the evening which did so much to make the immediate post-war New Year and Easter Meets so successful. He was an able speaker and had a fund of party tricks—some will perhaps remember his antics with a ski-stick—but his high spirits never overstepped the mark.

In the Alps his expeditions, mostly unguided, were well planned and sensible. The Editor had five seasons in the Alps with the McArthurs, and recalls in particular a walk from Chamonix to Saas Fee, a traverse of Monte Rosa and Lyskamm, and visits to the Bernina, the Oetztal, the Stubai, and the Lienzer Dolomites. In other years Hamish climbed in the Monte Viso and Mont Blanc areas, in the Dolomites, in the Bernese Alps and in Jugoslavia. While a student, before his serious mountaineering began, his travels took him to Newfoundland and the African Copper Belt. From the Alps Hamish turned to the Himalaya and found in the Lahul an area of unmapped mountains suited to the small parties which he favoured. He described his first trip at an Annual Dinner, and members then had evidence of his photographic ability and of his interest in mountaineering literature.

Hamish McArthur was elected to the Alpine Club in 1951, joined their committee in 1957 and was appointed librarian in 1958. He was born in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, in 1913, and took a degree in