

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



Electrical Engineering at Glasgow before joining the Factory Inspectorate, where his duties fortunately brought him to Aberdeen, and introduced him to the Club in 1941. In 1947 he transferred to the Ministry of Supply and was subsequently seconded to the Iron and Steel Board, where he held the responsible post of Chief Development Officer at the time of his death, being directly concerned with the organisation and rationalisation of the British steel industry.

#### J. B. McDONALD

J. B. McDonald will probably be best remembered for the very fine films of wild life in the mountains which entertained members at numerous indoor meets. Two in particular must be mentioned: the graphic record of a day's stalking and the vivid pictures of an eagle's nest near Derry Lodge. In the preparation of these films he was ably assisted by R. O. Mackay, who introduced him to the Club in 1939. Another of J. B. McDonald's climbing companions was Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton, with whom he climbed the Mitre Ridge in 1942.

J. B. McDonald was in business in Fraserburgh, and therefore not frequently seen at meetings or excursions. It was with deep regret that we heard of his death in 1958.

#### MARSHALL J. ROBB

Marshall Jeffreys Robb died in Aberdeen early in 1960 at the age of 71. Not many of our present members have had the pleasure of his company in the hills, for it is a number of years since he took a prominent part in Club affairs. He joined in 1919 and was active in the '20s and early '30s, for instance reporting to the *Journal* in 1923 on the novelty of one-day trips from Aberdeen to the Cairngorms by motor-car. He was a keen photographer who contributed several photographs to the *Journal*, notably at the time of the erection of the Macdhuì Indicator. He was a member of Committee during this period.

Marshall Robb was also a member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, and served on their Committee from 1932 to 1935. His other outdoor interests included angling. He was associated for many years with Dr J. F. Tocher, public and agricultural analyst for Aberdeenshire and other north-eastern counties, and succeeded him in 1946, but had unfortunately to retire a year later because of ill-health. In the course of his professional duties he gained a wide