

Talks at the Harvard Travellers Club by Brad Washburn

(H. Bradford Washburn, Jr. has spoken to the Club on more occasions than any other member. The closest, at 12, is H. Adams Carter.)

1. The Ascent of the Grépon, December 3, 1929. Meeting 185.
2. Mountaineering and Exploration on the Fairweather Peninsula in Southern Alaska, December 16, 1930. Meeting 194.
3. Mountain Photography in the High Alps, February 16, 1932. Meeting 204.
4. Aerial Adventures in the Yukon, and a winter crossing, on foot, of the St. Elias Range to Yakutat Bay, November 26, 1935. Meeting 235.
5. Ascent of Mts. Lucania and Steele and crossing to Kluane Lake, Yukon Territory, October 19, 1937. Meeting 250.
6. Ascent of Mt. St. Agnes in the Chugach Range, Alaska, April 11, 1939. Meeting 263.
7. Alaskan Glacier Studies, May 14, 1940. Meeting 272.
8. Army Air Force Work near Mt. McKinley, Alaska, February 26, 1946. Meeting 292.
9. A Visit to China in 1948, May 18, 1948. Meeting 310.
10. The White Tower Expedition to Mount McKinley, October 5, 1948. Meeting 311.
11. Ascent of Mt. McKinley from the Southwest, October 16, 1951. Meeting 335.
12. First Ascent of the South Buttress of Mt. McKinley, November 16, 1954. Meeting 360.
13. Mt. McKinley Cook Controversy, December 11, 1956. Meeting 377.
14. Matterhorn, McKinley and Everest, March 11, 1997. Meeting 700.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 7, 1929

Dear Mr. Wigglesworth: -

I don't know whether the club would be interested in a purely sporting subject or not. Two films, one of which I have and another which a young friend of mine has, each taking about 40 minutes to run off might make quite an interesting evening. Mine is the film taken on the Mt. Logan Expedition in 1925, and the other was taken by Bradford Washburn of the ascent of the

Grépon, a difficult rock climb at Chamonix
this past summer. Both of these films
are good of their kind. The Logan film,
although enlarged from 16 m.m. is fairly
good photographically, and unusual and
interesting as to subject matter. The Grépon
film is excellent photographically and quite
dramatically made up. I happened to be on
the Grépon one of the days on which they
took a portion of the film, and I can testify
to the ~~efforts~~ ^{labors} they went through to get it.

I could make an evening on Logan alone, but
perhaps as it is not a new subject, the two
films run right through into occasional
remarks would be more appropriate.

I hear, by the way, that Osgood Field
has gone or is going to Russia to take movies.

Sincerely yours,
Henry S. Hall

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- Washburn

Brad's 1st talk

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(Mailed at 7 pm Nov. 21 -
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Boston

Nov. 21,

Dear Mr. Wigglesworth:-

Bradford Washburn will
be glad to show his Gepon films at
the Harvard Travellers Club on Dec. 3.
He will bring his projector and will
operate it himself for both his
and my films.

Both of us will attend
the dinner, be as my guest.

Sincerely yours

Henry S. Hall Jr.

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- Washburn

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Nov. 26, 1930.

Mr. Bradford Washburn,
A-42, Lowell House,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Washburn:

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The Harvard Club would like to have you address them at their next meeting, to be held at the Harvard Club at 8:15 on Tuesday, December 16th, to tell us about your trip to Mt. Fairweather and to show us some of your pictures. Mr. Laurence Lombard, who flew to Alaska and hunted on Admiralty Island during the fall, we hope will share part of the evening with you and the plan is to have him talk for about a half to three-quarters of an hour at the beginning of the evening and your remarks and pictures to follow.

I understood you to say that you had five 35 m.m. reels and I presume it would be necessary to cut out some of this as we would want the whole evening to take not more than two hours and that would mean about an hour and a half for your portion of it.

Dr. Richard Strong, the President of the Club, requests me to extend an invitation to dine with him at the Harvard Club that night preceding the meeting at 6:30 o'clock.

Looking forward to seeing you then and hearing about your adventures, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

GAL-KAC

George A. Lyon.
Secretary.
P. O. Box 2287,
Boston, Mass.

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A-32 LOWELL HOUSE
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November 28, 1930

Dear Mr. Lyon:

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th. I shall be very glad to lecture to the club on the 16th of December and also to dine with Dr. Strong before the meeting. I shall, as you suggest, limit my talk to about an hour and a quarter by omitting all but one or two of the slides. The moving pictures are not full reels and, although there are five of them, they do not take more than about ~~fifty-five~~ minutes to run off.

Thanking you again for your letter and invitation

I remain,

Most Sincerely Yours,

H B Washburn

Dec. 1, 1930.

Mr. H. B. Washburn, Jr.,
A-32 Lowell House
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Washburn:

I am delighted to know that you are going to hold Dec. 16th for us and that you will dine with Dr. Strong. Will you please advise me whether you will require a standard size projector or 16 m.m. so that I can make the necessary arrangements. I presume you will need a lantern for standard size slides.

Very sincerely yours,

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Hod Parvillier Club

December 2, 1930
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Dear Mr. Lyon:

Your letter of yesterday has been received. I use standard size film and standard slides as well. I also spoke to the lantern man before he left the other night & he understands everything, I believe. I hope that we shall be able to inaugurate the new plan of having the screen in the center of the end of the room - it would certainly be a great improvement.

Very Sincerely,

H. B. Washburn, Jr.

HENRY B. DE V. SCHWAB
MERRICK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Feb. 10, 1932.

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G.A. Lyon Esq.
c/o Harvard Travellers Club
41 Walden Street
Concord
Mass.,

My dear Mr. Lyon :-

I have just received Notice Number 5 of the Harvard Travellers Club, and feel that I should mention an unfortunate error therein in connection with the announcement of the forthcoming lecture by Bradford Washburn Jr.

The Notice states " - - - - Bradford Washburn Jr., a member of the Club and leader of the 1931 Mt. Fairweather Expedition, - - -". Now Washburn was not the leader of the Expedition of 1931 which made the first ascent of Mt. Fairweather; he was not even on that Expedition at all. The members of the 1931 Expedition were Messrs Ladd, Taylor, Carpe and Moore, of which the latter two alone attained the final summit.

Ladd, Taylor and Carpe first attempted the mountain in 1926, being defeated at an elevation of about 9000 ft. A party gotten up by Bradford Washburn and employing a professional guide did make an attempt on the mountain in 1930, but turned back at a height of about 6700 ft. on the same route as the pioneers.

Since the Notice has gone out to all members, the only way to correct this error would be to mention it when the speaker is introduced at the Meeting of Feb. 16th. Without desiring to create any embarrassment on that occasion, I venture to express the hope that this will be done in a tactful manner at that time. I say this both as a member of the Harvard Travellers Club and as President of the American Alpine Club, in the interest of correctness and justice to four members of the A.A.C.

Very truly yours

Henry B. de V. Schwab

September 14, 1934

Mr. Bradford Washburn
3 Mason Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Brad:

Congratulations on climbing Crillon. I understand you have some very interesting results from your glacier studies of this summer, as well as some beautiful photographs, and I hope you will give a talk to the Harvard Travellers Club this year. How about November twenty-seventh? We have not seen any of your Crillon pictures, and it is my thought that, as the members would like most of all to have a talk which is both informative and interesting, the glacier studies would supply the bulk of the information, and the climbing narrative would supply the entertainment. I hope very much that you will do this.

Yours very sincerely,

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HENRY BRADFORD WASHBURN, JR.
3 MASON STREET
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September 18, 1934

Dear Tom:

Thanks a lot for your letter. We certainly had a grand time on Crillon---some day you'll have to come up and spend a week or so at Crillon lake and see if you dont think that we have a pretty grand place for skiing. On account of the pressure of scientific work at the base camp I only got eight days on the mountain out of a total of six weeks at the lake---The Seattle strike put us so far behind schedule that it ruined the amusement pretty much for me except that we werè able to make the top in a very concentrated assault in that week. Ad Carter who, along with five of the others, lived all summer practically at the high camp was camped on ice and skied for 29 consecutive days in July and August!

I dont want to talk to the Travelers Club in November unless there's no other date later on available, or some special reason for it. I am trying desperately to pay back for my personal expenses of the summer this fall before Christmas and I dont want to take any non-paying talks till I've

Spencer Washburn

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gotten all my debts thoroughly out of the way. I will have to talk at the HMC dinner and I have already promised to talk at a ski dinner in November. I'd rather take some February or March meeting for the Travelers Club---also I'd rather talk to the Travelers Club after the scientific results of the trip are more thoroughly tabulated than they will be in November....it will take till January or so before they are all well in hand. We have lots of material on glacial motion that is pretty revolutionary when compared to modern concepts and I think when all of this is worked up into finished form the Travelers club ought to be interested in having it a part of the talk.

I'll see you before long,

Sincerely,

Brad

Speakers
- Washburn

77 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts
September 19, 1934

Mr. Bradford Washburn
3 Mason Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Brad:

Thank you for yours of September 18. We will accordingly schedule you for a later talk, and leave the date indefinite for the moment. I am sure that the Travellers Club would appreciate some of the scientific results of your summer's work, and can quite appreciate your desire to present the popular part first to pay audiences. I shall mention to the Council the fact that you are seeking to cover the cost of your trip through giving lectures, and perhaps some one of us may think of an engagement for you.

I hope your lecturing won't interfere with your coming to the Travellers Club meetings. We have a lot of interesting material for this year, and I am looking forward to a particularly good year. At the October meeting Walter Wood is going to talk on the "Fiord Region of East Greenland.

Yours very sincerely,

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Washburn

H. Bradford Washburn, Jr.
3 Mason Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

82 Devonshire Street
Boston, Massachusetts.
September 13, 1935

Dear Washburn:

Confirming our conversation of last night, the Harvard Travellers Club are delighted that you will speak to them and show your pictures on Tuesday, November 26th, 1935. The meeting will be at the Harvard Club as usual. Either Tom Cabot or I will get in touch with you before the meeting.

I was delighted to hear your lecture and see your photographs last night. They were wonderful. Many Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

John K. Howard

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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park
Boston 14, Massachusetts

September 10, 1952

Mr. Henry S. Howe, Secretary-Treasurer
Harvard Travellers Club
89 Broad Street, 3rd floor
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Harry:

I am highly in favor of your suggestion about holding the 50th anniversary dinner of the Travellers Club here at the Museum on November 18. We have held quite a number of events of this sort in our main second floor hall and they have worked out very successfully. There is a remote chance that we might be able to have the new Morse Hall done by mid-November, in which case it could be held there.

We normally charge \$35 to permit an organization to hold a dinner at the Museum, providing that the whole plant is not opened and in operation. Our charge for opening the whole plant, as well as the dinner, has been \$100. There are so many members of the Travellers Club closely associated with the Museum that we would be happy to make a confidential exception in this case and permit the Club to hold its dinner here, as well as enjoy the entire Museum in operation before and after the formal events of the evening, for \$35.

We are tentatively assigning the date of November 18 to the Travellers Club, and I hope you will let us know as soon as possible after you have had an opportunity to reach a definite decision.

Very sincerely yours,

Bradford Washburn
Director

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