

used mostly nuts, though we placed two bolts for belays. The wall went mixed and we made the summit at dusk, rushed by a storm. We descended to camp, a blizzard on our tails.

JOHN SVENSON, *Unaffiliated*

Coastal Mountains, Southeastern Alaska. By eleven o'clock on July 13, Rich Mathies, Jerry Barnard, Jim McCarthy and I were on the beach at the snout of the Baird Glacier, where it almost meets Thomas Bay, not far from Petersburg. Our approach up the North Baird Glacier required two days, half of it on skis. By the evening of the third day, we were well settled and had received our precious airdrop. Base Camp was situated on the edge of an expansive icefield punctured by sharp and impressive peaks. The climbing was typified by difficult route-finding up broken, avalanche-tracked glaciers, followed by technical rock climbing on the peaks. Classic summits and narrow ridges of excellent rock prevailed. In the course of 16 days, we climbed five peaks and made major attempts on two others. Our most difficult pitches were unrewarded, as we were thwarted on the two major summits of the group: at roughly 6900 feet on the south buttress of P 7925 and at 7000 feet on the south ridge of its neighbor to the north, P c. 7500. (All altitudes are taken from the USGS Sumdum B-2 quadrangle, Alaska.) The climbs we made were all first ascents: P 7118 via north and northeast ridges by all, P 7436 via southwest ridge by all, P 6570 via southeast snow slopes by all, P 6770 via south ridge by Mathies, McCarthy, Fowler, and P 6385 via east face by Mathies, Fowler.

BRADLEY FOWLER

North Baird Glacier and Ratz Peak Area. Six Canadians, Roger Neave, Franz Bislin, Bill Perry, Mike Walsh, Bob Tustin and I, explored the North Baird Glacier on the Stikine Icecap to Boundary Peak 73 and crossed over to the south arm of the Dawes Glacier and approached the Noel-Mussel and Ratz area with the intention of climbing Mount Noel (10,040 feet). We were in the area at the end of July and early August for 16 days but were plagued with very bad weather. A satisfactory route to cross from the North Baird Glacier to the Dawes Glacier was found over a pass of 7000 feet. Later the two peaks on to the north and south of the pass were climbed, the southerly one being marked as 8030 feet, tentatively called "Rambler Peak," on the Sumdum (B-2) quadrangle, and the northerly peak marked at 8012 feet. Both were first ascents. The advance camp was at the bottom of the southwest ridge of Mount Noel, which proved to be a fine route to approximately 8500 feet. From that point, the ridge became very broken and the icy conditions on the rock slowed us down. Another route was selected to follow the glacier immediately to the east of that ridge which leads up between the summits of Noel, but bad weather prevented a second attempt and the

food ran out before the weather cleared again, forcing us to retreat back to the North Baird Glacier. On return we divided, and Neave, Perry, Trustin and I made an ascent of a peak immediately to the northwest of Boundary Peak 73 at 8200 feet and approximately one-half a mile from Boundary Peak 73, on the same ridge. Bislin and Walsh climbed a prominent peak on the southwest of Boundary Peak 73 and approximately five miles distant, marked on the same map as 8140 feet. Both ascents were first ascents. We then returned to Thomas Bay on skis. Altogether we only had five days suitable for climbing out of 16, two of which were consumed in packing out. Skis were used and found to be invaluable.

RALPH HUTCHINSON, *Canadian Alpine Club*

Washington—Cascade Mountains

Chimney Rock, Main Peak North Face. Mike Anthony and I climbed the eastern-most chimney on the north face. The chimney was unusual in that it cut very deeply into the peak. The ascent was done on August 10 in a whiteout. We encountered some ice inside on the second lead of the 320-foot chimney. Descent was made via the standard north-face route. F8.

LAWRENCE NIELSON

Black Pyramid, Northeast Face. Dave Davis and I did a new 5-pitch climb on this crag. Grade II, F6.

GREG MARKOV

Prusik Peak, Lady Godiva Route. On May 28 and 29, Stephen Mitchell, Charles Sink, and I climbed Prusik Peak's west face. The climb was done entirely clean with over forty chocks and involved about 40% aid. Begin climbing in cracks on the right-hand side of the face for two-and-a-half leads. Dihedrals on the right side of the face lead to a good ledge two pitches from the top. Traverse right and ascend a dihedral, then a crack and chimney system to the summit. Rack of forty chocks from #1 stoppers to #8 hex. NCCS IV, F9, A-3.

ALAN J. KEARNEY

Big Four, North Headwall. In 1973 Ron Miller and Ben Guydelkon climbed this route. NCCS III, F8.

Whitechuck, East Face. In 1973 Ron Miller and Ben Guydelkon climbed the east face proper. Class 3 and 4.

Mount Chaval, North Ridge. Jim McCarthy, Phil Leatherman, Paula Kregel and I climbed Mount Chaval's north ridge in mid-August. Well-